

The Biblical Recorder.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1888.

We devote most of our space this week to the proceedings of the Convention. In order that our readers may get an idea of what was done, the Convention was a most gratifying success—a glorious meeting, and will be recalled with pleasure during the life-time of every delegate and visitor. All agree that this was in many respects the best meeting of the Convention in its history. The Greensboro church and the good people of that splendid city generously and most pleasantly entertained their Baptist brethren. It was our pleasure to find a home with our good brother W. S. Moore and his amiable wife. They will long be gratefully remembered by their guests.

Baptist State Convention.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The fifty-eighth annual session of the Baptist State Convention convened with the Baptist church in Greensboro this morning, November 14th, 1888. At the great Baptist hostesses, familiar faces and the warm fraternal greetings, the object of chief interest seems to be the new, beautiful and commodious house of worship which pastor G. W. H. H. has allowed to have built, of which all have heard and all are glad to see. Nothing but admiration is depicted on the faces of the delegates. Beautiful flowers adorn the pulpit, music books are distributed, and the most enjoyable arrangement that experience could suggest seems to have been made for the comfort of the Convention. The hum of voices before the call to order is rather unusual than otherwise. The communion of saints here is the most enjoyable feature of the Convention.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the 115th hymn, Gospel Hymns, is announced by Dr. Pritchard, and the key note of the session is struck:

"Am I a soldier of the Cross?"

and meets with the ringing response:

"I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, Supported by Thy Word!"

The Convention is called to order by President Pace.

Brothers L. L. Polk, H. A. Brown, C. E. Gower, N. S. Jones, W. A. E. Brown, and Herbert Williams are named as committee on Credentials. Committee reports 127 delegates present.

Proceeds to the selection of officers. Brothers A. G. McManaway, C. S. Faris, W. B. H. H., L. A. Brown, H. A. Campbell and A. D. Hunter are appointed tellers, through brother McManaway, report the election of brother W. H. Pace as President of the Convention.

In speaking of the position, the President speaks of the responsibility of his position, and of the responsibility of the delegates as well. He reviews briefly the condition of Baptist affairs throughout the State, and his preference for alteration in office, and undertakes the performance of the duties of his position.

The committee on Nomination of officers for the Convention—brothers H. H. Thompson, J. D. Huffman, J. C. Boushall, J. F. Tuttle, G. W. Blount, W. F. Marshall, J. E. Jones—report through Dr. Huffman: Vice Presidents—

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A communion was received and read relative to the debt on the Greensboro Memorial church from brother Noah Briggs of Scotland Neck, who has advanced and become personally responsible for money and interest amounting to about \$5,000. Remarks were made by Dr. R. R. Overby, Dr. J. D. Huffman, Rev. O. T. Bailey, and others. Bro. Briggs bears to be relieved of this debt, and the Convention thought it of first importance that his petition be granted. Bro. Briggs has expended more than \$27,000 in Baptist work in the State within the last ten years. The report of the Board of Education is read by the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. John Mitchell.

Then Convention adjourned. Benediction by Dr. C. O. Bittling.

NIGHT SESSION.

Notwithstanding the clouds and the mud, the people fill the auditorium. Quite a number of delegates have come in since the afternoon session. A beautiful voluntary is well rendered by the choir. No. 54 of Gospel Hymns is announced by Rev. J. S. Dill, of Goldsboro. It is inspiring to hear the great songs of Christianity, and the people sing in the afternoon session. A beautiful voluntary is well rendered by the choir. No. 54 of Gospel Hymns is announced by Rev. J. S. Dill, of Goldsboro. It is inspiring to hear the great songs of Christianity, and the people sing in the afternoon session. A beautiful voluntary is well rendered by the choir. No. 54 of Gospel Hymns is announced by Rev. J. S. Dill, of Goldsboro. It is inspiring to hear the great songs of Christianity, and the people sing in the afternoon session.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing "Come thou Fount of every blessing." Prayer, led by brother J. M. McManaway.

Brother J. S. Dill, of the committee on the Recommendations of the Board of State Missions, reported a set of new recommendations instead of the former ones. The committee on the Recommendations of the Board of State Missions, reported a set of new recommendations instead of the former ones. The committee on the Recommendations of the Board of State Missions, reported a set of new recommendations instead of the former ones.

Dr. Marshall read the report of the committee on Colportage. Discussed by Dr. C. O. Bittling, representing the American Baptist Publication Society. He makes a statement of the work of the Society towards this work. His experience is that the Society is neither political nor sectional. Supplementing brother Cade's sermon in telling how the masses are to be reached. The Board reported the employment of 14 colporters, who have sold 530 Bibles, 966 Testaments, 1,734 books, have given away 720 Bibles, 1,486 Testaments and 436,478 pages of tracts and papers. Dr. Marshall reported the employment of 14 colporters, who have sold 530 Bibles, 966 Testaments, 1,734 books, have given away 720 Bibles, 1,486 Testaments and 436,478 pages of tracts and papers.

(1) A sympathetic and real representation of the needs of the people. That men are God's children, fallen children indeed, but children. This truth asserted and proved from Old and New Testaments—most vividly by the parable of the prodigal son—God's love for all men or none.

(2) A representation of the gospel as given in the revelation of the Son, to every man in every condition a fair chance to become a child of God. This is the only way to the life. It is the only way to the life. It is the only way to the life.

(3) How may this enlightenment of the poor be achieved? First, not by dependence on the accepted theology of the day—this is a philosophy—they must be reached on their own terms, on modern methods of evangelism.

(4) But by a clear perception and representation of the true relation between this life and the life of the world to come.

The discourse was listened to with undivided attention, though it was read. It flashed with wit, aptness and authority. The speaker, apt quotation, and illustrations, and delivery with great animation. It evidently made a fine impression.

Convention called to order by the President. Consideration of the Greensboro church, and the method of change in the personnel of the ministry of the Convention, etc.

On motion, adjourned.

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After devotional exercises, conducted by Dr. Overby, President Pace called the Convention to order.

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FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Singing, "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Reading of 1884 and 1844 Psalm by Rev. G. S. Williams. Prayer by Rev. R. VanDeventer.

Report on Periodicals is read by Col. L. L. Polk, commencing the BIBLICAL RECORDER as the organ of North Carolina Baptists, Sunday and Children, The Gospel Herald, and the Presbyterian Journal, the Sunday-school publication of the Home Board at Atlanta, and of the Publication Society, and The Wake Forest Student.

Rev. R. E. Carrwell, of Georgia, and editor of the Gospel Recorder, Prof. J. H. H. H., of Wake Forest College, Rev. M. D. Davis, of the Presbyterian church at Winston, Col. Dockery, Dr. Jones, of the Female College at Greensboro, and Rev. M. Cheney, of Virginia, are recognized as in attendance on the Convention.

Special order is called, and Dr. Pritchard reads the report of the committee on the Orphanage. It sets forth that Baptists have been pioneers in important enterprises in the State, and that the Orphanage is a noble and commendable enterprise. It is a noble and commendable enterprise. It is a noble and commendable enterprise.

Dr. Marshall read the report of the committee on Colportage. Discussed by Dr. C. O. Bittling, representing the American Baptist Publication Society. He makes a statement of the work of the Society towards this work. His experience is that the Society is neither political nor sectional. Supplementing brother Cade's sermon in telling how the masses are to be reached. The Board reported the employment of 14 colporters, who have sold 530 Bibles, 966 Testaments, 1,734 books, have given away 720 Bibles, 1,486 Testaments and 436,478 pages of tracts and papers.

(1) A sympathetic and real representation of the needs of the people. That men are God's children, fallen children indeed, but children. This truth asserted and proved from Old and New Testaments—most vividly by the parable of the prodigal son—God's love for all men or none.