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THE MISSIONARY CALL TO NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS.

As of old, to the Baptists of Antioch, in Syria, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them," so in the present century the Lord has spoken to the Baptists of North Carolina. Nearly half a century ago he said to us, "Separate me Matthew T. Yates for work whereunto I have called him."

How lovingly the brethren in the Convention at Durham joined in the invitation to the dear old man to visit us again, and sent him the inviting message! How we looked for the telegram to announce his coming, but, alas! when the message came, it said, not, "Yates coming," but "Yates dead!"

Another characteristic of our missionary, in which he resembled Paul, was his fondness for young men, and his desire to have them with him. Paul was accompanied by Mark, or Timothy, or Luke, or Titus, or Silas, or some other young man, or by several of them at a time.

In the years that have passed since their departure, again and again the call has come to us in North Carolina, and others of our brethren and sisters have been called of God to go to the other lands. To the whole State God has thereby sent a loud call to redoubled zeal in the cause of Foreign Missions.

In all the State, these repeated calls have been heard, and there has been a quickening of interest in this work, and a consequent increase in contributions. But so rapid has been the increase in the number of our missionaries, that it is not strange that our contributions have not at once reached a corresponding increase.

style of living and cutting down their own salaries, brings it within our reach. Let all help and it shall be done.

QUERY.

Please state through the BIBLICAL RECORDER for the benefit of thousands of Baptists whether it is wrong to hold Alliance meetings in churches! It is practiced all over the country. Some good brethren say it does no harm, while others think differently. Please answer as soon as practicable.

ANSWER.—We believe in the Alliance. The aims and objects of the organization, as far as we know, are good, and we favor the co-operation of the farmers with each other in the defense and the protection of their interests.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Bro. John R. Johnson, of Warrenton, is dead.

Bro. H. B. Collier, of Wooten, N. C., was in Raleigh last week and called to see us.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Corey, of Richmond, Va., is off on a trip to Europe and Palestine.

Rev. J. F. Tuttle, of Salisbury, has accepted the pastorate of the church in Plymouth, N. C.

Rev. Dr. Henry McDonald, of Atlanta, Ga., declines the call to the pastorate of the First church, Lynchburg, Va.

Bro. J. D. Joyner, of Franklinton, N. C., has recovered his health, and was in Raleigh on Saturday to the joy of his many friends.

Rev. J. L. White and Rev. J. N. Boothe are this week engaged in a series of special meetings with the First church of Durham.

The New Republic of Brazil has revoked the establishment of Roman Catholicism, and issued a decree in favor of Religious Liberty.

The Senior Class of Wake Forest College has invited Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Richmond, Va., to preach the class sermon next June.

Frank Leslie's Magazine for January contains a likeness of Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., and a most complimentary notice of his work as pastor in New York.

We are sorry to announce the serious illness of Col. J. M. Heck, Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner and Solomon Paes, Esq., three of our most prominent and useful citizens.

The nursery for the Baptist Orphanage, built by Bro. Dennis Simmons of Williamston, N. C., is completed and paid for. Bro. Simmons paying the entire cost of \$1,447.57.

Rev. W. B. Wingate, of Roxobel, not only sees that his brethren take and read the RECORDER, but he occasionally sends money in advance to be credited to future subscribers.

Bro. C. S. Wooten, of La Grange, N. C., has removed to Fort Worth, Texas, and will practice law. We commend him to our Texas brethren as a most worthy and reliable brother.

A revival is in progress at Poikton under the preaching of their pastor, Rev. J. P. Boyd, of the Baptist church there. When last heard from fourteen had made a profession of faith.

Rev. J. J. Hall, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, and family reached Raleigh on Friday 31st, and entered regularly upon his work on Sunday last. Large congregations greeted the new pastor.

Rev. N. S. Jones and Rev. J. R. Pace are two of the most diligent and successful pastors in North Carolina. Wherever they preach, the work in all its departments goes forward, and the churches prosper.

Bro. John D. Rockefeller of New York has given \$12,500 toward the endowment of the President's Chair of Shaw University, on condition that the denomination raise \$12,000 additional for the same purpose.

The good people of South Carolina are talking seriously of making Col. J. A. Hoyt, of the Baptist Courier, Governor of the State. He would make a splendid Governor—in fact, is the very man South Carolina needs.

Rev. Dr. A. E. Owen, of Portsmouth, Va., in a personal letter to us, says: "If Bro. Hall impresses the Tabernacle brethren as he has the people of Franklin, Va., the house will not hold the crowds that will rush to hear him."

Bro. W. H. Atkinson, of Fayetteville, under date of Jan. 30th, writes: "Brother Oliver began a series of meetings with his church to-night. Encouraging interest was manifested. Bro. Dill of Goldsboro will arrive here on Monday and preach for us some eight or ten days. The outlook is hopeful."

The discussion of matters pertaining to the Sunday-school Publications ends with this issue of the RECORDER. Dr. Griffith's official statement is full, complete, and should satisfy all who are in any way interested. Bro. Durham's answer to Bro. Pittman's questions will, we hope, satisfy Bro. Pittman.

The Board of Trustees will meet in Raleigh on the 15th to consider the different offers for the proposed Baptist Female University. The Board of Missions will meet on the 19th.

Recognition services were held in the Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle at 3:30 p. m. on Sunday, and addresses were delivered by Rev. C. Durham, Rev. Dr. Carter and the writer, welcoming Rev. J. J. Hall to the work in Raleigh and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

There is a little book on teachers, school trustees and pupils, "The Evolution of Dodd," price 25 cents, that ought to be read by every school teacher and school trustee in North Carolina. We have read it, and we heartily sympathize with poor Doddridge Watts Weaver, as we went to school to some of his teachers.

Rev. G. L. Finch, one of the missionaries, has this year organized two new Sunday schools, and hopes to organize another soon. Let this work be pushed as rapidly as possible by all of the missionaries of our Board and by others, and please report each new school organized so soon as it is done.—C. Durham, Cor. Sec.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, one of the principals of the Wakefield Classical and Mathematical School, has agreed to preach for the Fayetteville Street Baptist church, Raleigh, on the fourth Sunday of every month at eleven a. m. and every Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. This will in no way interfere with his duties as principal of his school at Wakefield.

Rev. Dr. Pritchard, of Wilmington, in a note to Bro. Durham, says: "Brother Peels is filling his house and baptized last Sunday. He is the man for the place. I am trying to get my church thoroughly organized on a missionary basis. Tolson writes me that he has accepted a call to Columbia, S. C. We are in great need of some good preachers in this section."

Rev. J. S. Hardaway, of Oxford, N. C., sent us a card on Jan. 30th, announcing the death of Rev. C. F. Humphries at his home in Oxford at six o'clock Thursday morning. Bro. Humphries was pastor of four churches in the Flat River Association, and had been for some years a good and useful minister of the gospel. A more extended notice will appear in another issue.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty, the talented and generous editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate, has of late greatly aided his Baptist brethren by delivering lectures for poor and struggling churches. He recently did this for one of the churches in Richmond, Va., to the great joy of his hearers. Wish we could have seen Dr. J. L. M. Curry while listening to Dr. Lafferty on "The Old and the New."

At the annual meeting of the Calvary church, New Haven, Rev. E. M. Potent, pastor, held on Tuesday, January 14th, the reports from officers and committees showed additions during the year then ending of forty-seven by baptism, twenty seven by letter, and a present membership of 669. The total benevolence was \$3,018.68. Present congregations are large, and conversions are cheering the hearts of pastor and people.—Watchman.

Rev. J. E. McDuffie, of Dayton, accepts the pastorate of the church in East Durham for half his time, and has entered upon the duties of his new field. Brother McDuffie parts reluctantly from the good brethren and sisters of the Sandy Level and Mt. Hermon churches, and commends them to his brethren in the ministry. He will continue to preach once a month for the churches at Robeson's Grove and Bethesda. These churches have good prayer-meetings and flourishing Sunday schools.

Rev. W. L. Wright preached at the Baptist church last Sunday morning and night. His subject in the morning was "Christ our Example—in Joy, Sorrow and Death." Two applicants for membership were received. The pastor appointed a committee of seven to devise plans and means for enlarging the church. A report will be made in two weeks from date of appointment. The present house of worship is too small, and it is necessary to enlarge. The money can be readily secured. At night the subject of missions in Cuba was discussed. After the sermon baptism was administered to several candidates.—Webster's Weekly, Goldsboro, N. C.

The family of Bro. J. K. Ferrell, of this city, have been greatly bereaved. The heads of the family were both removed by death last week. Brother Ferrell, his wife and two children were all sick at the same time. Sister Ferrell died on Wednesday, and Bro. Ferrell on Monday following at about one o'clock a. m. A helpless family of children are left fatherless and motherless by this dispensation of Providence. The deceased were both faithful members of the First Baptist church of Raleigh. Bro. Ferrell, for some time, had been an employee of the Raleigh and Gaston Stages, and was highly esteemed for his many good qualities. The sympathies of the community have been much enlisted in behalf of this distressed family.

A correspondent of the Baptist and Reflector says that Birmingham will invite the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is an excellent proposition, and unless we hear from Norfolk, Va., or Wilmington, N. C. to the contrary, we would be inclined to lend our influence, if we had any, to Birmingham. Our first choice would be to accept an invitation from Dr. J. L. Barrows and next from Dr. Pritchard, if they will only extend the invitations, and allow their brethren from the interior to reach the seaboard.—Baptist Courier. We hardly think it worth while to suggest or endorse a place for the meeting of the Convention in 1891. The policy of certain interested brethren is and will be to hold that meeting in Richmond, Va., Baltimore, Md., or St. Louis, Mo.

We are glad to note that our Baptist friends are bestirring themselves. They have made some marked improvements in their places of worship. There have been a stove and new lamps put in, the church has been re-carpeted, and the stairways have been changed so as to come down into the building, instead of on the outside as heretofore. The seating capacity has been enlarged so as to accommodate at least a hundred more persons. This is wise, for last Sunday evening quite a number were unable to get seats at all. We wish all Christian people God speed in their work.—Washington Gazette, Jan. 30.

Rev. Samuel G. Mason died at the residence of his son in Richmond, Va., on Sunday morning, January 26th, at 11:30 o'clock. Bro. Mason was born March 1st, 1813 in Bedford county, Va., and entered the ministry in 1837. He came to this State as pastor of the Yanceyville and Trinity churches in Caswell county in 1859 and remained with them fourteen years. In 1873 he returned to Charlotte county, Va., but continued to preach for the church at Providence in Caswell county. Brother Mason went to Richmond, Va., in November last in order to be near his children and to receive medical treatment. He was very dearly loved by the people of Caswell county, N. C., and was greatly honored as a preacher. He was firm and true as a friend, a devoted husband and father, a zealous preacher, and an humble follower of Christ.

The fifty-fifth anniversary of the Euzelian and Philomathean Societies at Wake Forest College will occur on the 14th of February. The day's exercises will include a debate at 2 o'clock p. m., orations at 7 p. m. and a social gathering in the literary hall. The officers for the occasion are: President, Mr. T. L. Blalock, of Granville county; Secretary, Mr. G. W. Ward, of Perquimans county. The question for debate is: "Ought the United States at present have a Railroad Commission?" The question will be affirmed by Mr. T. W. Bickett, of Monroe, and Mr. R. L. Burns, of Moore county. It will be negated by Mr. J. O. Atkinson, of Raleigh, and Mr. E. W. Sikes, of Monroe. The orator for the Euzelian Society is Mr. J. B. Spilman, of Weldon; for the Philomathean Society, Mr. J. E. White, of Apex. The Philomathean marshals are Messrs. J. H. Pridgen, of Kinston; B. G. Kendrick, of Mecklenburg county; and H. J. Richardson, of Chesterfield county, South Carolina. The Euzelian marshals are Messrs. J. L. Kesler, of Statesville; W. R. Colloom, of Weldon, and H. C. Moore, of Caldwell county.

Our Presbyterian brethren are engaged in a very earnest discussion of the revision of their Confession of Faith. During the debate on Jan. 27th, Rev. Dr. Henry VanDyke, one of their ablest preachers of New York, uttered the following wise and sensible word against the doctrine of reprobation of unbaptized children: "It is a horrible doctrine. That adjective (horrible) is not misde—it is John Calvin's. He used it in the controversy with Grotius." No man could possibly say that all who died in infancy were elect, and Dr. VanDyke combated the argument of opponents that God would not elect infants because he saw that they would die in infancy. He had not one tear to shed, one sigh to offer, for the disappearance of that doctrine. Said he: "I save my tears for the mothers whose hearts have bled under that doctrine for the poor souls who have had their death beds shadowed and made horrible by this doctrine. This debate will not leave the church where it is. She is either to go forward or backward. I intend to teach that there are no infants in hell, and that there is no limit to God's love, and that no man is punished save for his own sin. I intend to teach that God loves all mankind, and with a love we can not fathom or understand. Is that Calvinism? Before God, I do not know, and I do not care. It is Christianity."—New York Herald.

Physical Culture at Wake Forest.

First, I wish to thank the brethren who have paid their pledges to our new department. I have the Bureau's receipts for the following sums which I have paid over to him: \$59.45 from Elder John Mitchell, \$5.00 each from Elders A. T. Ford, T. Hume, J. H. Lambrecht, J. S. Hardaway, A. D. Hunter, J. S. Dill, and Messrs. J. A. Kelly, C. E. Brewer, W. French and W. C. Petty, \$1.00 from Elder W. B. Waff, \$2.00 from "cash at Convention," \$50.00 from W. W. Vass, \$10.00 each from J. H. Taylor, J. B. Ceryle, and Elders E. H. Marsh and R. T. Vann, \$30.00 from J. S. Allen, and twenty five dollars each from W. L. Potest, N. B. Broughton, W. H. Pace, D. F. King and O. A. Rominger. I have also received the "scholarship" promised at the Convention, which will be worth more than the \$200 for which it was given, as soon as it becomes available. Other brethren will send in what they subscribed at an early day, and I will acknowledge in the RECORDER.

The new department is a signal success. I doubt whether the same amount of money has ever been more wisely expended for the good of the College and its students. If a young man leaves here now without a vigorous body, as well as a thoroughly trained mind, it is no fault of ours.

THE BAPTIST FEMALE COLLEGE.

To this new and very important enterprise I have given no little thought since the Convention. Before me lie the catalogues of thirty of the most important schools for young ladies in the United States. A careful study of these and of other sources of information has convinced me of our need of great caution. It is all important that the foundation be rightly laid. Otherwise, our institution may become a burden instead of a success, and those who come after us may have to rebuild where we have failed. I earnestly hope that the College can open next fall.

But unless it is very clear that this can be auspiciously done, and on an adequate financial basis, I believe that it would be better to wait a year; and, meantime, to secure funds for buildings and endowment and the fullest possible information.

Two practical questions have been constantly in my mind. First, what sort of a college do we propose to establish? What is to be the scope and grade of its work? I find that some with whom I have spoken have very vague views at this point. But this is the fundamental question. We are in position to decide no other question about the college until we have settled these.

Now there are already at least four female colleges, more or less under Baptist control, in North Carolina. And I do not think that it would be right or expedient for us to inaugurate a new institution under the auspices of the State Convention, which would be strictly co-ordinate with these. In doing this, we would not only develop intense local opposition, but we would incur the danger of weakening or destroying schools which may, perhaps, in the aggregate, do a larger work than any one of the same grade which we can create.

I may be pardoned for saying that my own opinion is that the course of study in the new college ought to be essentially the same as that in any first class college for young men. Of course there would be differences, but they should be modifications rather than concessions. Four years' study for A. B., and five for A. M., should be required in the case of a girl who, when she enters, can read Virgil, and who can work equations of the second degree. If, temporarily, one lower class should be required in Mathematics and in Latin, I should not object. Further than that I should not be willing to go.

A very large patronage could hardly be secured immediately. But that would only be a question of time. The elements of successful growth would be present, reputation would be sure to come, and in order to the largest ultimate result we can afford to be patient.

Second. Where shall the college be located? A secular paper before me says, "the highest bidder" (of any town in the State) "can get the new Baptist female college." Now, if, on the whole, it seems best to locate the institution in a city or town, it would be right as well as graceful for those who would, incidentally, be benefited to contribute largely toward its establishment. But the amount "bid" by any place ought not to be the controlling motive for the location of the college. Other considerations are as important, and should be as potent as money. Of course, other things being altogether as satisfactory, the largest offer ought to secure the college.

But is it, after all, certain that a town is the best place for our college? I am not sure of it, though I am open, to correction. I have known five or six Baptist female colleges, in as many towns, in Virginia, but not one of them has ever done the work or achieved the reputation of Hollins Institute, which is in the country. The Baptist whose authority is probably worth more on this subject than that of any other man in the South has written as follows: "The question as to the best location of boarding schools for girls is one to which much attention has been given in recent years. After an experience of two centuries on this continent, the general conclusion has been reached that country locations, easily accessible to cities are decidedly preferable from many considerations. Many of the largest and best equipped schools, of recent origin, have been so located—notably Vassar College, of New York, and Wellesley College, of Massachusetts."

All I wish to do is to suggest that it may be an open question as to whether any proposition should be accepted. If, by locating the new college on from two to five hundred acres of its own ground in some central, healthful locality and on a railroad, we can rally to the college all the Baptists in our Convention, would not this moral and financial support be worth more ultimately than can be offered by any town? C. E. TAYLOR.

The Work of the Elkin Association.

At the last session of the Elkin Association, arrangements were made to establish an academical school.

We have decided to build at Trap Hill, and have raised about half of the money to build. If there is any warm-hearted Baptist who want to help a good cause, will you please send it to J. S. Stilly at Trap Hill.

We have secured the services of Rev. J. H. Yarboro of Forest City as teacher, and are going to open school the first Monday in February, 1890, in the Baptist church at Trap Hill, and use it till we can build.

Trap Hill is a lively little town about three miles from the foot of the Blue Ridge, and the Stone Mountain, one of the most sublime scenes in North Carolina, with a good moral influence, having a good Baptist church of fifty members who are alive to the work.

Bro. Crabb, our colporter, is doing good, distributing the Bible and other good books among our people.

Several of our churches are building new houses of worship. Poplar Spring is using their new house now.

There are two evergreen Sunday-schools in our Association, Trap Hill and Liberty Grove.

The Christmas trees furnished by these schools were everything that the heart could desire.

The meetings at Trap Hill and Gum Orchard during Christmas week were a success. I baptized three at Gum Orchard last Sunday. The general outlook for our Association is good.

The railroad will soon be completed to Elkin. The Baptist church at Elkin is doing well under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Myers.

Yours in Christ, C. E. TAYLOR. Benham, N. C., Jan. 15th, 1890.