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AFTER THE CONVENTION.

The Baptists of North Carolina have recently closed, at the Tabernacle church of this city, one of the largest, most enthusiastic and successful Convention meetings in the history of the denomination in this State. The attendance, the personnel, the speeches, were inspiring; and, as the meeting was held in the Centennial year of modern Baptist missions, it may be said to have been epochal in its nature. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Hardaway of Oxford, N. C. Those who expected a sermon abounding in "glittering generalities," or a display of sky-scraping eloquence, may have been somewhat disappointed; but for clean cut logic, sturdy defence of Baptist and Bible principles, and for a faithful and fearless handling of the sword of the Spirit, the sermon must be pronounced, in all essential respects, an admirable one. Some brethren who are quite nervous at the thought of saying things on such an occasion as may be calculated to "wound the feelings" of brethren of other creeds, may have winced under some of the sentences that laid bare denominational differences, and that exposed some of the methods of modern evangelistic jugglery; yet the sermon was timely, in good taste, and its effect justifies the assertion that denominational sermons can be preached on such occasions, in strict conformity with loyalty to God's truth, and courtesy to those who may differ from us. Let us have more of them; they are refreshing in this day of maudlin unionism.

We were greatly gratified to notice the prompt manner in which the Convention organized on the first night of the meeting, so that when the body met next day it was ready for business without wasting precious time in tiresome preliminaries. This prompt organization had a good effect on the whole meeting, and enabled the Convention to give necessary time to the consideration of all important matters, and to adjourn even before the time fixed. Of course we were not tired of our guests, and would have been pleased to have them remain longer with us, but the prompt adjournment of the body when the business was finished was also a wise thing.

This reminds us to say that pastor Hall and his people, and all others who assisted them, deserve hearty commendation for the tact and ease with which they handled such a large gathering of our brethren and sisters, and the generous hospitality which they dispensed.

Chairman Marsh presided with his usual dignity. He has really improved since last session. His free use of the gavel, and his maintenance of good order, met the hearty approval, we think, of all who have a commendable pride in the dignity and decorum that should mark the meetings of the representatives of our great brotherhood in North Carolina. "So mote it be," and let it continue. There was quite a number of distinguished visiting brethren present, who by their speeches and counsel added much to the success of the meeting. We would like to call them again by name, but we content ourselves now by saying that we were glad to see them. Come again, brethren, and we will give you "the freedom of our city and the hospitality of our homes." Dr. Frost's speech, like the man, was above the average. So was Dr. Ellis's. Dr. Dickinson, the veteran editor of the *Religious Herald*, was with us, and others who wield the editorial pen. As usual, Dr. D. was "stirring up" the brethren. Occasionally he stirs up a "hornet's nest," but he has stirred up so many of them, and has been stung so often, that he has toughened it seems under the experience, and rather seems to enjoy it. We ourselves have had a hand in that business ever since the days of boyhood, when with other youthful companions "on a mission bent" we roamed the hills and valleys searching for the homes of the lively hornets, bumblebees and yellow-jackets. We have a vivid recollection of how it increased our locomotion when we were popped in the rear by some of the *spirited* insects whom we had disturbed, and the supreme joy that crowned our efforts, when, after repeated charges, victory was ours. This may seem to be puerile talk, but it has a moral which those who study the aim of religious journalism may readily see.

Dr. Tupper's speech on the enlargement of mission work was a model of chaste eloquence and courtly grace. There is no man among us more anxious to push efficiently the great work he represents, or more ready to adopt "improved methods"

of accomplishing it, if those methods be such as to commend themselves to the practical judgment and experience of his brethren.

Rev. Mr. Bagby's speech on the mission work in Brazil, and the present religious and political status of that country, was an admirable one.

Powell is always eloquent when he speaks on Mexico and her needs.

Bro. Herring, a returned missionary from China, was called out by the brethren, and we feel satisfied that he will have no ground to be grieved when one who has always loved him feels constrained to add that it would have been more courteous for him, under the circumstances, not to have advocated the views he did advocate toward the close of his speech. No one can question his honesty or sincerity, but one has a right to question the judgment of a young man who pits his own judgment against that of the assembled wisdom of his brethren. A young man should be careful how he assumes the role of a reformer, especially when he attempts a radical reformation by methods that are not new, but which have been tried long ago, and found wanting. May the Lord bless him, and those who think with him, and lead them with us all into the right way.

The report on State Missions was quite encouraging, and reveals the fact that our people are "marching on" to greater results and grander victories under the guidance of the Lord of hosts.

The report on the work of the Ministers' Relief Board was also encouraging, and we think we can see the dawning of the day when North Carolina will not be behind any of her sister States in providing for the wants of her aged and needy ministers, and the widows of those who have "finished their course," and entered into rest.

One of the spiciest discussions that occurred during the session of the Convention was under the head of the "Report of the Trustees of Wake Forest College." Dr. Taylor was at his best, and no one can blame an honest, talented man, burdened as he is with the cares pertaining to the office of president of our leading denominational college in North Carolina, for unbosoming himself and speaking freely in the presence of his brethren. Cannot and should not a father speak freely in the presence of his family, and say something about family duties, and even family losses and crosses, as well as family hopes and joys? His plea for the hearty support and patronage of his own denomination in sustaining the interests and promoting the success of Wake Forest College, was both timely and just.

Thanking God for our remarkable church and denominational autonomy, for the evident growth of our people in numbers, influence and piety, let us, with renewed hope, press forward in the performance of the work our Master has given us to do. May this year be the best in our history for souls won and results achieved.

DR. WILLIAM ROYALL DEAD.

Prof. William Royall, D. D., LL. D., of Wake Forest College, N. C., died suddenly in Savannah, Ga., on the third day of January, 1893. Dr. Royall had gone to Savannah to spend his holidays with his son-in-law, Mr. W. C. Powell, and was there in the home of his own loved ones when the messenger came for him. He was born in Edgefield county, S. C., July 30th, 1823, and was in his seventieth year when he died.

Dr. Royall was first elected as Professor of Latin and Modern Languages in Wake Forest College in 1859. He devoted twenty-five years of his life as a professor in that institution, in which position he served efficiently and satisfactorily till his death. He was eminently distinguished both as a preacher and an educator. He was indeed one of the most thoroughly accomplished and best equipped men for his work that we ever knew. Liberally endowed with the finer graces and better qualities of human nature, and having enjoyed excellent training and school advantages, and added to these the most methodical habits of study, he always went to his work, whether to the pulpit or the class-room, with thorough preparation. He was kind and sympathetic, and therefore easily approachable, but always dignified. Indeed, Dr. Royall was a high type of a college professor.

He was abundant in labor fruitful of results, as will be seen in a sketch written of him in 1880, in which he is said to have baptized over fifteen hundred persons, and had been pastor of twenty churches for terms varying from two to ten years. Many of these churches were served during his professorships. Indeed, about four hundred of the above-named persons baptized were in the connection of the Flat Rock church, in Franklin county, N. C., which church he served ten years.

Dr. Royall was a devoutly pious man,

thoroughly conscientious in all his work, entirely consecrated to the service of his Master. While we mourn our loss of such a friend we can but think of him as presenting one of the most unique, most completely finished lives, we ever knew. There is a sense in which sudden deaths are objectionable, in that they deprive us of the last parting words and counsels, but to one like the corn in the shock fully ripe, ready for the garner, as he was, the advantages far exceed the objections. Most of the devoted laborers in the Lord's vineyard rather prefer to "die in the harness." Better this than the wasting emaciation of protracted illness, or the excruciating pain of some torturing diseases, or the dreaded operations of attending physicians. Better too on the part of relatives who often have to undergo the painful anxiety "between the hoping and the dreading."

The day before his death, Dr. Royall in conversation with a dear lady friend, commented on the prayer to be "delivered from sudden death," and said he thought if it was the Lord's will it was more desirable to be thus called away.

God be praised for such a life, so full of labor, so rich in results! The Lord be praised for his great grace and faithfulness to his servant in accomplishing through him and completing in him so useful a life!

Gov. Holt's message is an elaborate and carefully prepared document, reviewing closely every department of the State government. The Governor takes a hopeful view of the condition of the country, and urges a generous support of all of our institutions and enterprises. We are glad that he can view the affairs of the government in so favorable a light. But we are fully convinced that the great mass of our people are greatly depressed. A series of bad crop years and the ruinously low prices of produce have brought the laboring classes, the farmers of small means, and all farmers who are in debt, into terrible straits.

Added to this is another serious consideration: that is, our people from one end of the State to the other, and in every nook and corner, have had paraded before them in highly colored form the awful calamities that have come upon them, until there is a restless, sensitive disturbance extending throughout the entire commonwealth. And we venture to suggest to our legislature that this is no time to increase expenditures, or to enter into new enterprises requiring expense, unless there exists imperative necessity for them. The condition of the great bulk of our people as well as the temper of the people forbid the increase of taxes, but loudly suggest retrenchment at every point when a wise economy will permit. Besides these considerations, it would be very unwise policy to increase expenditures now, except when necessity demands. Certainly this is no time for enlarging our institutions. Indeed, it would be wise to get clear of some of the pensioners on the State's bounty rather than introduce new ones.

We see from the Governor's message that the Oxford Orphan Asylum receives from the State yearly for its support the sum of \$10,000, and from the Masonic Lodge \$2,500. We have seen no statement of the amount contributed to the support of the Asylum from churches and individuals. The Legislature ought to know, it seems to us, what part other folks are paying to this institution as well as the part the State is paying.

PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS.

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... Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., has accepted the call of the First Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn.

... Rev. J. W. Watson requests his correspondents to address him hereafter at Chapel Hill, N. C.

... We were glad to see in our office last week brethren Lee and Holbrook, members of the Legislature from Surry county.

... Rev. W. A. Pearson left Rock Hill, S. C., last week for his new field of labor at Blue Field, W. Va.—*Baptist Courier*.

... Dr. John Mitchell has moved to Franklin, N. C., and requests his correspondents to address him at that place.

... Rev. J. L. Moffitt's address is changed from Old Fort to Stone Mountain, N. C. He is pastor of the Baptist church at that place.

... Bro. John G. Mills, son of Prof. L. R. Mills of Wake Forest, is now co-principal with Bro. Z. B. Saunders in the school at Waynesborough, Ga.

... Rev. A. D. Hunter of Carrsville, Va., writes: "I got here yesterday (the 5th inst.)." Bro. Hunter's correspondents will note the change in his address.

... The article of Judge Winston on the "Law of Self-Defence," as appears on the first page, was written before the message of the Governor or the report of the Attorney-General was out. We say this as a matter of justice to Judge Winston: he is no copyist.

... Brother C. B. Justice, who is pastor of the church at Rutherfordton, N. C., has induced his members to pledge so much per month for the different objects. He finds this plan is working admirably. Already his churches have raised more than they did all of last year.

... Dr. G. A. Nunnally may be induced to ask the withdrawal of his resignation and remain as president of Mercer University.—*Christian Index*.

... Drs. C. Durham, N. B. Cobb, Rev. J. B. Boone, Messrs. Newton Holding and J. D. Boushall went to Wake Forest last Thursday to attend the funeral of Dr. Royall.

... Rev. A. Cree of Roxobel, N. C., was panned by his people on Christmas. The ladies of Roxobel have since presented his wife with a beautiful White's sewing machine.

... Bro. C. D. Frink of Eldorado, Ga., writes: "When I read the RECORDER I feel like I have read a letter from home. I enjoy reading it more now I am away from the State."

... Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell preaches to three country churches in Cumberland county. He preaches monthly to each of these churches on the first, second and third Sundays.

... Moody and Sargey are said to have received \$1,200,000 in royalties from their gospel hymns." Hence we may expect to have many other evangelists and their gospel singers.

... Rev. John C. Hocutt took charge of the church at Burlington the first of January. He gives one-fourth of his time to the church in Graham, and the other three-fourths to Burlington.

... Rev. W. F. Watson preached in the Baptist church in Carthage on the night of the first Sunday. He was then on his way to Roxboro, his new field of labor which he has recently accepted.

... Bro. Pruett, the father of Rev. L. R. Pruett of Mt. Airy, for forty years a consistent christian, and for thirty years a deacon in the Boiling Springs church, King's Mountain Association, is dead.

... To be strong, we must believe in an inspiration that inspires, in an atonement that atones, in a regeneration that regenerates, in a salvation that saves, and in a damnation that forever damns.

... According to the U. S. census the Baptists have more institutions of learning, and more students, and more money invested for educational purposes than any other denomination in this country.

... Rev. C. C. Newton, missionary to Lagos, Africa, has returned to this country with his family, and will soon be in North Carolina. Bro. Newton returns with the consent of the Foreign Mission Board.

... The Carthage church is delighted with Bro. Newton, the new pastor. It is hoped that after he gets through college in June he may take some other churches which are now anxious to secure his services.

... Rev. J. B. Marsh writes December 31st: "The family will leave the old home (in Iredell county, N. C.) next week for Piedmont, S. C. The work there is opening up hopefully. Congregations large and attentive."

... Bro. W. C. Petty is now arranging to extend his railroad from Carthage in the direction of Troy, Montgomery county. When this enterprise is completed we shall have a new epoch in the history of the Trojans and Carthaginians.

... The South Carolina Legislature has passed a new liquor law, which seems to be unsatisfactory both to the prohibitionists and the liquor men. In our next issue we will give a synopsis of the bill with some comments on it.

... Bro. I. T. Newton, in behalf of the students of Wake Forest College, in a meeting for that purpose, gave utterance in said meeting to a well-deserved tribute to the late Doctor Royall. These remarks will appear in our next issue.

... Bro. W. T. Jones, who recently resigned his work in the Sandy Creek Association, is spending awhile with his father in Wilmington, and in the absence of a pastor, Bro. Jones has done some most acceptable preaching for the First church in that city.

... Bro. James I. Beach of Glen Alpine, says of the RECORDER: "I don't see how I could be without it. When it comes, I and my better half pull it apart; one takes one half and the other the other half, and we read until we read it through, and sigh for more."

... The colored Baptists are engaged in an effort to raise \$50,000 for the evangelization of Africa, and already about \$18,000 has been secured. How appropriate that the colored people of this country should seek to win Africa for Christ.—*Baltimore Baptist*.

... Dr. James Hickerson of Ronda, N. C., writes that on Jan. 8d Ronda Academy, at Ronda, Wilkes county, N. C., was totally destroyed by fire, caused by a defective flue. The Academy cost \$2,500. It will be rebuilt immediately. Prof. G. P. Harrill (Wake Forest) will spend the next thirty days in raising money to rebuild.

... The Seminary Conference, comprising all the Baptist theological seminaries in the United States, met in New York the last week in December. We hope for good results from the Conference, and among other things we hope all ground for jealousy and rivalry among the seminaries, and offering inducements to students of different institutions and sections of country, will be entirely removed.

... The Sunday-school of Leigh Street Baptist church, Richmond, Va., of which Rev. W. L. Wright is pastor, had an average attendance last year of six hundred pupils the year around, and seventy nine officers and teachers. His congregations are large, prayer meetings well attended, and the finances of the church in the best shape they have been in a long time. We congratulate Bro. Wright and his people.

Seaside Notes.

The seaside is full of interest. Its scenery is grand, awe-inspiring, sublime. Its breezes are healthful and invigorating. A summer sail and surf bath are enjoyable. Fishing and hunting facilities are superb. The flora and fauna of land and sea are attractive to the casual observer as well as the botanist and zoologist.

Of deeper interest is the study of the people. They are generally kind, open-hearted, and generous. Simple in habit and costume, they are hale and happy. Few are cultured, but they exhibit a surprising amount of brains and common sense. Their conversation is terse and epigrammatic. Their conversation is spiced with many nautical terms. They delight to tell of trips to New York, the Indies, England, the Mediterranean, and Africa. They also tell of many incidents occurring in our own waters that are as thrilling as tales of romance. Their stories of sad shipwreck and howling storm are hair-lifting and pathetic. Quick at repartee, they are not without a large fund of humorous anecdotes gleaned from tradition and personal reminiscence.

They live chiefly on the products of sound and sea. Few are engaged solely in farming. The water resources are apparently inexhaustible. This county (Carteret) is a hundred miles long and has 11,000 inhabitants, yet it is said that one can go by water within a half mile of every home in its borders. Most residences have a water front. Roads are poor, the chief highways being creeks, bays and sounds. The carriages used are skiffs and sharpies. Fish are usually very abundant. Many tons are daily shipped to the Northern markets during the fishing season. A small crew sold a single catch of fish recently for \$169. Another crew of three men caught ten thousand pounds at one haul last week and realized a handsome sum. But occasionally the funny thousands are disposed of at very cheap rates, sometimes thrown away. More than once fine fish have gone at seventeen cents per hundred. The oyster, clam, and scallop industries are quite lucrative at times and are well patronized.

The cause of the Baptists in this section is advancing. In this county we have seven churches with four ministers and a membership of over five hundred. Rev. Duncan McLeod, the faithful and efficient pastor at Beaufort, expects to leave the coast soon on account of his wife's health. His energetic toil of more than three years in our midst will never be forgotten. Rev. B. H. Matthews, a recent graduate of Wake Forest College, occupies the field east of Beaufort. He is teaching school in connection with his ministerial work. He is pleasing his audiences in the sanctuary and his students in the school-room.

Our church in Morehead City is progressing finely. Two and a half years ago with more than a hundred members, it raised only two hundred dollars on pastor's salary, secured fifty dollars additional from the State Board, and had preaching twice a month. Now there is preaching every Sunday, and last year's contributions to various objects amounted to \$1,400. On Jan. 1, 1891, we had 147 members, including an arm in the country; on Jan. 1, 1893, we have here 191 members, and in the country (now an organized church) 29 members. This increase is the result of the Divine blessing upon the united efforts of the church. Rev. T. J. Leary, an aged, fearless, battle-scarred veteran of the Cross, has been of invaluable service to the youthful and inexperienced pastor. Capt. Alvin S. Willis, the wise and gifted superintendent, has toiled nobly and well in the Sunday-school. And many others, male and female, deserve recognition as faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard. Such a pastorate is a positive joy.

It may be well to add a word as to the immediate Baptist needs of this county. Amid many struggles we have been successful in the past; vaster possibilities lie before us. The way to grander achievement is open. The outlook is full of promise.

(1) We sorely need (with much of the means to support them) two men, who are strong, skilful, wise, and consecrated. A good field could be worked up west of Morehead City. Another invites attention east of Beaufort. Other sects are busy and these fields are rapidly drifting into their hands. "Come over and help us!"

(2) We need a good Baptist Academy located at some central and convenient point. We could scarcely inaugurate here a milder agency for the propagation of our principles. There is not an academy of high grade in the country, and hundreds of children are growing up in ignorance. Let the Baptists establish a high school and start an educational revival. Sowing of this sort can but anticipate an abundant harvest.

HIGHT C. MOORE.
Morehead City, N. C.

Jerkers, Shirkers—Turn Them into Workers.

I received near \$3,000 in private subscriptions after the collection during the Convention. The entire amount will be raised if every pastor will help us. It is my intention to return to North Carolina and assist those who may desire it. But let no one wait for me.

As constituents of the Southern Baptist Convention, we have assumed certain liabilities, and we cannot afford to prove recreants or defaulters. Let the "jerkers" and "shirkers" be turned into workers, and it will prove an easy task. If you love the Lord, prove it.

Mississippi is doing nobly.
W. D. POWELL.
Jackson, Miss., Dec. 30, 1892.

Dr. J. J. Hall received three members by letter into the fellowship of the Tabernacle church last Sunday.

Rev. W. B. Gwaltney passed through Raleigh last Monday on his way to Greensboro.