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THE FIFTY-NINTH YEAR OF THE RECORDER

With this issue the RECORDER enters on the fifty ninth year of its publication. Its past is too well known to the Baptists of North Carolina to require a review at our hands. It speaks for itself, and needs no individual commendation. But few who read its first numbers are living now. Long since have its founders—wise men and true—passed away. They were among the best men that the denomination has ever known, and to them is due the strength and power of many of our institutions and organizations to day.

The RECORDER has grown with its years. In its fifty-eight volumes filed away is faithfully preserved the history of the wonderful growth and conservative progress of our denomination in North Carolina for almost six decades. It is a history full of struggles and full of triumph, and in those struggles and triumphs is the history of the RECORDER, for ever have the trials of the denomination been its organ's trials, and its triumphs its organ's triumphs. Thus from the beginning have they labored in the same vineyard for the same great end, in God-given Christian peace and harmony.

In the future we shall, we trust, by the divine guidance, devote our energies to the great work that God has committed to his people, the establishment of his kingdom and the salvation of souls, as we have in the past. Whatever be the times and seasons, the changes and events of this life, the editor, no less than the churches and pastors, has his one great mission in the service of God.

We expect to continue the course so long pursued unbiased by questions of policy or prejudice, and aided by the successes and inspirations of the past to increase our diligence in the task before us. We are ready to advocate and defend whatever tends to the glory of God and the well-being of our fellow man. For bickering and petty and personal strife we have neither time nor space. We wish to instruct, to lead, to encourage, and to serve the toilers in the Master's vineyard—to help the weak, and to direct the erring, to hinder no servant in the service of our Lord, while we shall faithfully warn the great denomination of which we are the servant of any change that would endanger the cause of Christ.

To the extent of our powers we shall aid the Convention and the Associations in their work, always remaining true to the Baptist principles and the imperishable truths of Jesus Christ, for the furtherance of which the RECORDER was established, and which it has served as faithfully as it could these fifty-eight years.

We believe in missions and in education as the great work of this and the rising generation, and we want the day to hasten when every church is a missionary society, and when our schools and colleges are filled with students.

With these few words, we enter on our fifty-ninth year, thanking our friends who have sustained us in the past, and praying God's richest blessings on his people everywhere.

NUMBER OF BAPTISTS IN THIS STATE.

The last "Census Bulletin" in the "Statistics of Churches" from the Census Office, Washington, D. C., giving the figures, in detail and summary, of all the religious denominations in the United States has been received. The facts about North Carolina, and especially about the Baptists of our State, should be of interest to all of our people. We give them, therefore, from the census tables of 1890 just published:

BAPTISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA.	
Regular Baptists (white)	153,648
Regular Baptists (colored)	130,850
Total Regular or Missionary Baptists	284,498

These figures are, to our knowledge, too small by many thousands. We take for an illustration and demonstration, Durham county. In this county the census gives seven churches, seven houses of worship valued at \$3,450, and 750 church members. We take up the minutes of the Mount Zion Association for 1890, and we find in Durham county for that year eleven churches, eleven houses of worship and 1,668 members. The church property was that year worth about \$28,500.

Here is a gain in one of the smallest counties in the State of four churches, 913 members, and \$23,000 in church property. We could go through the census and show mistake after mistake, which would enlarge the number of Baptists in the State over the report given, but the one illustration is enough. Berea with 147 members, Bethesda with 120, Cedar Fork with 189, Durham, First church, with 467, Durham, Second church, with 141, Durham, Third church, with 103, Rose of Sharon with 117, Roberson's Grove with 112, Red Mountain with 80, Sandy Level with 90, and Yates with 102, are the churches in Durham county and the number of members in each for the year 1890 as published in the minutes.

If we make the necessary corrections in the figures of the census for 1890, and add the absolute gain to the Baptists for 1891 and 1892, the number will reach somewhere between 325,000 and 330,000 members.

But there are other Baptist brethren in the State, and the census taker has not neglected them because their numbers were small. We give them:

Primitive Baptists, white and colored	11,914
Original Free-will Baptists, (white and colored)	10,224
Baptist Church of Christ	659
Old Two Seed Baptists, (white and colored)	183

The Primitive or Anti mission Baptists are in sixty one counties. Their largest numbers are in Wilkes county, 1,141; Surry, 805; Ashe, 730; Wilson, 612; and Johnston, 508. There are only 414 in Edgecombe county.

The original Free-will Baptists are in twenty-one counties. Their largest numbers are in Pitt county, 1,664; Wayne, 1,164; Lenoir, 931; Pamlico, 915; Greene, 889; Beaufort, 743; Craven, 730; Johnston, 678; Wilson, 601, and on down in smaller numbers in the other counties.

The Baptist Church of Christ is located in six counties, viz., Alexander, Davie, Iredell, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin. Their largest membership is in Wilkes, 261; and Davie, 131.

The Old Two-Seed Baptists are located in three counties only, viz., Forsyth, Stokes and Surry. Their largest numbers are in Stokes, 133.

The total of all the Baptists in North Carolina, as given in the census for 1890 (not counting the Christian or Campbellite Baptists) is 313,494.

But, if the proper corrections were made, as indicated above, the number of Baptists of all names (counting the Christian or Campbellite Baptists, numbering about 10,000) will go right much above 350,000. The population of North Carolina is given at 1,617,947. There is, therefore, out of every five men, women and children in the State, at least, one member of a Baptist church. This shows great activity in State Missions in the past; almost unlimited responsibilities and opportunities now and in the future.

DR. STEPHEN B. WEEKS of Trinity College has written a book upon the early colonial history of our State, which has been published by Johns Hopkins University. In it he alleges that in colonial times no one was allowed to conduct a school in North Carolina unless he was a member of the Episcopal church, and to that fact is attributed "the backwardness of intellectual activity characteristic of the State to-day." Dr. Weeks also says in his book "that Presbyterian ministers were not allowed to perform the marriage ceremony till 1766, and when they did perform it, the fee went to the local minister of the church of England."

The editor of the *News and Observer* last week controverts both these statements, and says the first is "very incorrect," and that while there is much in Dr. Weeks' book to commend, "he was not content to narrate the story, but had an objective point to work up to." In regard to Presbyterian ministers marrying people the editor says he is uncertain how it was before 1741, but after that year the Presbyterian ministers could marry people, and if they could not, Presbyterian justices of the peace could, and there were a great many of them.

We do not know whether the editor of the *News and Observer* or Dr. Weeks is right about the matters mentioned, but so far as we have read the colonial history of this State and Virginia we are led to say that we would not be surprised if Dr. Weeks has authority for his statements. The Episcopal

brethren back in those old colonial times had a large opportunity, and these brethren, so far as we have observed, wherever they have had a chance have always been very "assumptuous."

Those who have been through the records of colonial times, and have written down their investigations, have generally brought out a great deal of intolerance on the part of the established church of those times. Some of the histories that have recorded these things have not been very well relished by some.

It may be that Dr. Weeks is wrong in regard to the matters mentioned above, but if it shall so turn out, there are still some matters along the same line that have been lodged in our mind that we would like to have additional information about, and while we would not ask a newspaper published for general readers to devote itself too much to the defence of any particular church, yet when the editor of the *News and Observer* has some space which he can properly devote to the matter, we should like to know whether or not ministers of other denominations than the Episcopal were put in jail in Virginia in colonial times for preaching the gospel, and whether they were also required in those times to give bond for claiming the same privilege in this State.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING AGENT.

Out of these hard times, of which we hear so much now, we are not only to get some useful lessons in economy, but other changes are to be made which will add to the interest of our State in its material prosperity. Necessity, after all, is what causes men to lay aside the old way of doing things, and look out for a better way of bringing things to pass. Nothing short of the impossibility of making cotton at the present low prices could have suggested the various resources which are just now being discovered in the soil of eastern North Carolina. At

SCOTLAND NECK.

a few years ago, the only crop for market thought of was cotton. Last week I heard more said about Irish potatoes than I did about cotton: hundreds of barrels are now being shipped, and the farmers are getting fine prices for them. I heard of a farmer in the trucking section who has this season shipped \$12,000 worth of cucumbers—a little fortune out of what many of us have supposed contained mostly colic, possibly cholera. I hear of acres of tomatoes and canning factories to be started later on, and a number of other things are to happen soon for the prosperity and enrichment of this portion of the State, which never would have been thought of if cotton had sold for ten cents a pound. Hon. Mr. "Hardtimes," representative "at large," is behind all this.

Bro. Vann is at Nag's Head, under orders to remain till he is thoroughly rested and strong again.

Captain Kitchen received his commission to go to New Orleans and look after the registering of the Chinese who come to this country, or, rather, who are already here. I don't think from the little speech the Captain made when he received his commission, that he would make a very good missionary to China. We hope, however, he may find his duties more pleasant than he anticipates. Capt. Kitchen is a true man, an ardent patriot, and his State owes much to the work and sacrifices he has made in its service.

It is refreshing to find a man these days who don't want anything. W. A. Dunn, one of the best lawyers of his age in the State, is satisfied to practice law six days in the week, and to listen to Dick Vann preach, and read the BIBLICAL RECORDER on Sunday. Sensible man.

Prof. Allen had a good school last session, and thinks his prospects fine for next session.

Soon after getting to Scotland Neck I heard Noah Biggs laugh, and was then certain I had gotten off at the right station.

Many friends in the State will learn with pleasure that Dr. W. McDowell has recovered his health, and considers himself thoroughly cured.

Bro. Hilliard was, as he always is, very kind and helpful to me in my work. The citizens here show a just appreciation of the valuable service he has rendered the town and community in making such a paper as the *Scotland Neck Democrat*. The factories, schools and various business interests of the town, owe largely what they are to the wise, vigorous and aggressive policy of this paper.

The cheerful presence of Dr. Liverman, A. McDowell, Frank Shields and John Futrell helped me to shorten the time for me to start to

GREENVILLE.

Among the first things these brethren asked about was, "Have you seen or heard from Bro. Lamberth?" The whole town, Baptists and others, seem to be thoroughly in love with him. Few men ever have the opportunity which seems to hang around Bro. Lamberth's ministry in this section.

Bro. B. W. Spilman is supplying here for the vacation. He was busy visiting and getting acquainted with the members, and so had a good opportunity to help me get subscribers for the RECORDER.

WELDON.

Here Brother Harman has a comfortable home, nice fruit, and a fine garden. Also,

he and one of his "hardshell" brethren have a potato patch between them. Bro. Harman is very much pleased with his work in Weldon as well as his church in the country. The ministry of the Tar River Association is notable just now both in number and ability. Bro. Taylor's people at

WARRENTON.

have just matured plans for the repairs of the church. The changes involve practically the building of a new church. A Sunday-school room, the reseating, putting in new windows, the re-adjusting of the floor, papering walls, &c., are among the specifications named. I was impressed with the business which characterized the meeting. This work, which is so important to the comfort, but especially so for the better facilities it will afford for doing the work of the church, will begin just as soon as the work of the architect and other necessary preliminaries are completed.

My week's work closed with a day spent with Bro. Van Deventer and his people at

HENDERSON.

I thought I could see a decided revival in the church interests here. Bro. Lassiter was in his usual fine humor and good spirits. Sister Parham has again taken her place in church work. The ladies have on every Friday night a sociable in the old church building where ice cream, music and pleasant conversation are attracting large numbers. Every week the proceeds of these meetings are applied as the church may determine. Bro. Van Deventer is much interested in Foreign Missions at all times, but especially so now, as there is no Corresponding Secretary to push this work. He is looking around among our North Carolina brethren for a suitable man to nominate for this position. Possibly some of the brethren may help him in this matter. J. C. C.

PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS.

We were glad to see Bro. J. L. Holland of Keyser last week.

Rev. J. F. Love of Roanoke, Va., has accepted a call to Suffolk, Va.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Skinner left Raleigh last Thursday for Morehead City.

Bro. J. M. Beaty of Smithfield made our office a pleasant call last week.

Bro. C. H. Spencer of Elizabeth City paid us a pleasant call on Thursday last.

Rev. Thos. Spurgeon occupied Rev. A. C. Dixon's pulpit in Brooklyn, on Sunday last.

Rev. Dr. L. G. Broughton has been given a vacation by his church, and will rest at Virginia Beach.

Rev. W. H. Edwards of Wake Forest was in to see us on his way home from his churches last week.

Rev. T. G. Wood is enjoying a short vacation granted him by the Murfreesboro church at Norfolk, Va.

We are glad to hear that Miss Eunice McDowell, who has been critically ill, is now rapidly recovering.

Rev. J. A. Howard of Reidsville is delivering lectures in different parts of the State on the life of Christ.

Spring Hill church, Richmond county, has offered its pastor, Rev. M. L. Kesler, a month's vacation in July.

The tract—"Our Board and its Work" is admirable. I can use at least one hundred copies to advantage.—C. B. Justice.

Rev. J. B. Boone preached his first sermons to the Windsor church on the 25th ult. to well filled houses.

We are very glad to hear of the success with which Rev. G. W. Harman is meeting with his church at Weldon.

Rev. J. K. Fant writes that the financial record of the High Point church for the current year is the best in its history.

Our colporteur in Cuba in eight years work sold seventeen thousand copies of the Bible or New Testament on that island.

Rev. W. R. Cullom passed through our office last week on his way to Danville, Ky., where he supplies for the summer.

Dr. J. M. Frost of the First Baptist church of Nashville has been given a vacation by his church to recover from illness.

We are glad to hear of the progress at Leaksville. The Baptist Sunday-school of that place numbers 209, writes a brother.

Rev. Oscar W. Haywood, pastor of the Baptist church at Morristown, Tenn., is visiting his relatives in Montgomery county, this State.

Rev. Clarence Dixon preached his first sermon last Sunday as supply for his brother Thomas, Jr., who is resting in Eastern Virginia.

The new church at Warren Plains is now approaching completion. The house is a good one, on a beautiful site, and they hope to dedicate it in the early fall.

We note with pleasure that Mrs. V. L. Pendleton has been chosen assistant lady principal at Hollins Institute, Virginia. A high compliment worthily bestowed.

The Baptist Tabernacle of this city has called Rev. A. M. Simms of McKinney, Texas, to its pastorate. At present it is not known whether he will accept or not.

Rev. M. A. Adams of Monroe has returned from the World's Fair, and lectured on the subject before his people June 27th. He intends to lecture on some subject every Tuesday night for some time.

We are glad to welcome our beloved Missionary, Rev. R. T. Bryan, and family, home from his field. He has been a zealous worker and deserves a good rest. His present address is Pearsall, Duplin county, but he will visit Durham.

Rev. J. A. Stradley of Oxford was in our office last week. He said: "I never knew money so scarce, or wheat and oat crops so good."

Prof. W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest is visiting his brother at New Haven, Conn. He attended the commencement of Yale University last week.

It may be surprising to the brethren, but it is a fact that the "sisters" are by all odds our promptest paying subscribers. And we thank them for it.

Rev. A. C. Dixon writes that on his return from North Carolina he was indisposed for some days with malarial fever, but is about well again now.

Rev. W. J. Fulford of Maxton has been granted a leave of absence on account of the state of his health, and will go to Cleveland Springs to recuperate.

Rev. J. B. Newton and brethren S. B. Barnes, Jackson, and W. L. Beach, Emanuel, each order one hundred copies of the tract, "Our Board and its Work."

Rev. Jesse D. Moore, a recent graduate of Wake Forest College, was ordained to the ministry Sunday, June 25th, and will begin work as pastor at Beaufort shortly.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit from Prof. W. B. Royall, D. D., of Wake Forest College, as he passed through Raleigh on his way to the Eastern part of the State.

Owing to the very serious illness of Dr. H. M. Tupper, the meeting of the Board of Missions of the Northern Baptists, called for June 30th, has been postponed indefinitely.

Rev. Dr. A. T. Pierson of Philadelphia preached his farewell sermon to Spurgeon's congregation on Sunday, the 25th ult, and is at present resting in Switzerland.

The third annual meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of America will be held at Indianapolis July 13-16. Rev. A. C. Dixon is on the programme for an address.

I can place a dozen or more of the tract—"Our Board and its Work"—where something of the kind is badly needed. Our people want facts. This gives them.—A. L. Stough.

The degree of LL. D. was conferred upon John P. Greene, Ph. D., President of William Jewell College, Mo., at the recent commencement of Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

I am well pleased with Bro. Durham's tract, "Our Board and its Work." It contains the information our people need. I want three dozen for my churches.—E. D. Teeter, Locust Level, N. C.

Rev. Walter M. Gilmore is at present doing missionary work in the Nelson Association, Ky. He writes that his work is pleasant and situation congenial, but that he can't do without the RECORDER.

We enjoy the RECORDER as we would a breath of our dear old North Carolina mountain air, and we rejoice at the many indications it gives of prosperity and health.—Mrs. L. G. Crauford, Ocala, Fla.

Rev. D. B. Nelson tells us that Mr. Vanderbilt is going to build the Baptists a church at Biltmore, and present it to them in return for an inferior one which occupies a lot that he desires.—Charity and Children.

This statement—"Our Board and its Work"—will make more intelligent givers, and I hope more liberal givers too. I can use it in my churches to good advantage. Send me twenty-five copies or more.—C. E. Gover.

The Union Meeting of the South Yadkin Association is to be held in New Hope, Iredell county, on the 28th inst. As this is the first Union Meeting of the Association for over a year, it is earnestly desired that every pastor in the Association will be present.

A. J. Diaz, our leading missionary in Cuba, was born in 1852, and is the oldest of twenty four children born to one mother, who was married at the age of twelve years, and is now in good health, and looks young and fresh.

We regret to hear of the death of Rev. R. D. Harper at Castalia, N. C., June 26th. Bro. Harper was in the prime of life, and doing good work for the Master. An extended notice of his death will appear in our next issue.

We regret to hear of the dangerous accident which befell Mr. A. E. Owen, Jr., son of Dr. Owen of Portsmouth, while in a cellar filled with gas, which was ignited by the lighting of a match. We hope the injuries will not prove serious.

Rev. J. A. Howard, pastor of the Baptist church at Reidsville, has been given a vacation, and visit to relatives and friends in Georgia and elsewhere. Rev. Frank M. Royall, missionary-elect to China, will occupy his pulpit during his absence.

Maj. W. W. Vass of this city has resigned his position as Treasurer of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, held by him for forty-eight years with honor and credit, and will hereafter confine his attention to the lighter duties of secretary of the road.

Bro. W. S. Ballard will, within the next ninety days, complete and dedicate a church at Tillery's, on the Scotland Neck Railroad. The organization will consist of twenty-five or thirty members. They have a splendid Sunday-school, and the outlook for a strong church there is very good.

Eight persons were baptized by Dr. N. B. Cobb at Pittsboro last Sunday, after which the hand of church fellowship was extended to these and one more, making nine additions to the Baptist church at that place. The fence around the church has been painted in addition to other improvements and repairs recently made.