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Baptists of The State Gather at Wilmington For Bi-Annual Convention

Reports Will Show Total Membership in State of Over 200,000 - Big Gain in Collections For Missions.

Committee On Entertainment Announce They Are Able to Care For All Who Will Come - Opening Session Tonight

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—Officers of the North Carolina Baptist convention, meeting in Raleigh, and lay delegates from the Raleigh churches left last night and today for Wilmington, to attend the annual sessions of the convention, to convene there tonight, continuing through the remainder of the week.

A number of them were accompanied by their wives and daughters, and the group, well-known for whole-hearted hospitality, will provide amply for their entertainment, in spite of the unfortunate complication between the pastor and entertainment committee of the Wilmington church and people of the city at large the past week.

Rev. Livingstone Johnson, corresponding secretary of the convention, will leave for the convention, and will be back in the city of the year's work until he reads it in the convention, and will say that in the matter of general progress the report would show total collections for missions aggregating about \$90,000, a gain of \$18,000 over the previous year.

In addition to this Prof. J. B. Carls, of Wake Forest College, spent the week in the field securing subscriptions to the endowment fund of the college, and has secured \$100,000 for this purpose. If the endowment subscription is rounded up to \$112,500 the college will receive in addition \$37,500 from the general education board.

In every assurance, Mr. Johnson says that this will be done before the convention closes at Wilmington. The Sunday school work, Secretary Johnson says, has been self-sustaining the past year, under the energetic direction of Secretary Hight C. Moore, of this department. There is general belief that Secretary Moore retires from this convention from the work, to become one of the general secretaries of the Sunday school department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Secretary Johnson says quite a number of the work in the various mission fields, this being a movement in which there is a general movement among all the leading denominations. The convention will consider the matter of temperance, but there seems to be no well defined plan as to the course that will be pursued, whether it will be a declaration for state prohibition by legislative enactment of a constitutional amendment, or a continuation of the policy of spreading temperance by local option under the present laws.

Room For All At Wilmington. Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 4.—A committee was appointed Monday by the board of this city to cooperate with the committee from the First Baptist church in securing homes for the large number of visitors who are expected to arrive today.

They will cooperate fully with the committee from the First Baptist church and there will not be the least trouble in entertaining all and many visitors than will be here for the convention.

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Associated Press. Greenville, S. C., Dec. 4.—A gang of seven pick-up men were run down and killed by a locomotive on the Greenville-Pasley line. Seven of the men were killed.

Failed to Reach Schooner. Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.—The schooner "The Hope" was unable to reach the schooner "The Hope" because of the bursting of a water main, but there was no water on the streets at this point when we went along there early in the night.

The testimony of the other witness was unimportant as they did not know much about the accident.

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