

THE CONVENTION.

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the convention. In 1886, the convention added to this paper, under the auspices of the Home Mission board, a full line of Sunday school periodicals, now published as the convention series.

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board. After consulting with the committee I have the following to say. That in regard to the articles written as editorials for The Independent I have long felt that it was a mistake and the generous action of the board of trustees makes it easy for me to make this statement with a view to stimulating historical research with no thought that it would injure the Baptists and with no intention to disparage Baptist doctrine or practice.

2. That the article in Johnson's Encyclopedia has probably passed beyond my control but it will be very pleasing to me if I can honorably procure the elimination of what is offensive to any of my brethren.

3. In regard to the published statement about my advising that a kinswoman of mine ought to follow her husband into a Peto-Baptist church it was never my intention to indicate a belief that the family outranks the church of God. I believe that obedience to His commands is above every other human duty and that people in every condition of life ought to obey God rather than man.

4. On the historical questions involved I find myself out of agreement with some honored brethren, but what I have written is the outcome of patient and honest research and can do no otherwise than to reaffirm my convictions and maintain my conviction. But if in the future it should ever be made to appear that I have erred in my conclusions I would promptly and cheerfully retract. I am a searcher after truth and will gladly hail every helper in my work.

5. That I cannot more strongly assure the brethren that I am a Baptist than by what I have recently declared with reference to the abstract of principles of the board, in the fundamental laws of the seminary. I am heartily in accord with my Baptist brethren in every distinctive principle that they hold. My heart and life are bound up with Baptists and I have no higher thought on earth than to spend my days in their fellowship and service, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted W. M. H. WHITSITT.

Dr. Hatcher said when this statement was given to the board they sang "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord" and the trustees all came forward, many with tears flowing down their cheeks and gave Dr. Whitsitt their hands. The board desired to present this to the convention and to the press.

On motion of Dr. Eaton it was voted to put it in the convention proceedings.

Dr. Whitsitt had been standing on the corner of the platform during this time. Some member began singing "How Firm a Foundation" and there was a general rush forward to shake hands with Dr. Whitsitt. When Dr. Dargan came he hugged Dr. Whitsitt several others doing likewise. More songs were sung and almost the entire convention went forward to congratulate Dr. Whitsitt. It was a great ovation to a good man, and was the most memorable scene in the history of the convention. Dr. Whitsitt was deeply affected as people pressed around him shaking both his hands at once.

When quiet was restored Rev. R. J. Willingham made the fifty-second annual report of the foreign mission board in the main as follows:

The past year has been full of the blessings of our Heavenly Father on the work which He has entrusted to us in foreign lands. While in some respects it has been a year of great difficulties and trials, yet the Lord has prospered us continually.

China, as a result of the war with Japan, seems eager, as never before, to listen to the missionaries, and the reports from our workers in that country are very encouraging. The work in Brazil during the past year has been very prosperous, even though our forces in that country have been greatly reduced. Brother McCollum, our oldest missionary in Japan, reports the last year as one of the best in our work in that mission. In Mexico, while there have not been so many additions as in some former years, there has been considerable development of the churches in the work of supporting their own pastors and building their own houses of worship.

In Italy the work shows good advancement, though there are some of our most difficult fields. In Africa the awful climate has driven again some of our missionaries from the field, but the work goes prosperously on, and needs reinforcements as soon as possible.

No new missionaries have been sent out during the year, except W. P. Wint and wife to Africa, May 2, 1896, of whom we spoke in our last report. There are many applications from those who wish to go, but the means are lacking with which to send them. Rev. T. C. Britton and wife returned to China in December, 1896. They were enabled to go through the kindness of the ladies of North Carolina, who had raised a "Yates Memorial Fund" in honor of Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Yates, and these sisters decided to send Rev. T. C. Britton as their "Yates Memorial Missionary."

Table listing churches and their locations in various states like Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, etc.

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and Dr. Broadus again led in prayer. Miss Carrie White admirably sang a solo, and Dr. R. H. Venable preached the convention sermon from the text, Philippians, 2, 9-11. His subject was the Entertainment of Christ.

Professor Edwin Charles Dargan, of Louisville, made a thrilling plea for the students fund telling in tender tones how he was helped when a student by the First Baptist church of Wilmington. In response to his affectionate appeal the following gave:

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Prof. Brewer proposed the name of Dr. W. S. Ryland, of Kentucky, for membership of the executive committee. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Montague said the remarkable success of this session of the conference has been due to President Forbes' ability for a presiding officer and therefore proposed a vote of thanks from the body to him.

President Forbes responded in an appropriate speech. Dr. Ryland read letters from Dr. Riley of Hillman college, Miss., and Dr. R. C. Burleson, of Baylor University, Texas.

There being no further business the conference adjourned until its meeting next year.

IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE STUDY IN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY. The above was the subject of Dr. Thomas Hume's address before the conference, which came last in a crowded programme Thursday afternoon, and was heard with such evident interest and enthusiasm. It was, he said, not so much denominational teaching of the Bible, but the critical literary study of the Book of which he spoke. For the Bible is literature, standard, classical, universal literature. It has some of the oldest literature of the world and is of special value to those who study beginnings, origins. We have reached the points—what with monuments, inscriptions, all manner of records unveiled, that are confirmatory of the inspired record and with an approximation to the ideal text and better understanding of the varieties of metrical and prose forms in the original scriptures—when we may confidently handle it as lyric, epic, dramatic, or in the peculiar form of rhapsody or in the swift vibration from prose to verse. The influence of Bible syntax—the Hellenic co-ordinate sentence—structure which the old Saxon-English so nearly resembles, has been marked on the development of English style, from Alfred to Shakespeare and Daniel Webster and no one can estimate the gradual correctness, vitalizing, energizing effect of that wonderful diction of the English Bible, which is the resultant of the growths of 1,000 years of attempts at translating the mind of God into a mosaic speech fit to be the scholar, child's, people's odium. Yet we are gravely told a true classic and standard like this cannot be studied in college and university from some fear lest theology be taught in connection with it. Is there not a theology in Aeschylus and back of all that Greek and Latin treasure which saturates the youth's spirit while he may or may not be knowing the Bible? Is the morality the philosophy the aesthetic charm of the old mythologies and all that pagan life in literature to enter the soul of our student with the slime of the serpent over it all and there be no place for the world's Bible? Look then at the content, the thought, the philosophy, the ethics of this book and it claims study in the approved scholarly method. Buddhism and all the Oriental as well as Greek philosophy we do not scruple to profess to estimate and that original, primitive conception of God which even "higher critics" can not understand except as it has a divine revelation, cannot be given. This phase of the subject was elaborated with great care and distinctness of impression and elicited most favorable comment, as did the instance that the Baptist demanded a "Thus saith the Lord" in his "word" and therefore should rejoice in all scholarly and rounded interpretation which discovers the real word and presents it in live human literary form. The encrustations of metaphysics, physiology, man-made theology, will not cumber the page or becloud the mind or the supposed conflict of religion and science disturb the reason and faith of him who thus comes to know truly what this book, made up of sixty-six books is, as in genuine phrase it sincerely reflects all the life of the various periods of the past and speaks to man as man and "finds" him through reason, imagination, feeling and inspires him to find his God and his soul's life and freedom and perfect development. Let the book speak for itself and we believe it will make as independent seekers for truth and if that process make us Baptists, as we believe, we shall have the best testimony to our students of faith and practice.

THE COLLEGIATE COURSE. In our report of the college conference yesterday morning we gave the primary course of study suggested by Professor J. W. Millon, of Missouri. The following is the course he recommended for the collegiate course.

COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT. FRESHMAN CLASS. First Term—Bible Study; English; Higher Algebra and Plain Geometry; Physiology; Greek History; Caesar and Prose Composition; Greek; French or German.

Second Term—Bible Study; English; Higher Algebra and Plain Geometry; Roman History; Botany; Caesar and Prose Composition; Cicero, two Orations; Greek, Anabasis and Prose; Composition; French or German.

SOPHOMORE CLASS. First Term—Bible Study; English; Rhetoric and Composition; Higher Algebra and Solid Geometry; History of the Middle Ages; Cicero and Prose

Second Term—Bible Study; English; Rhetoric and Composition; Higher Algebra and Solid Geometry; History of the Middle Ages; Cicero and Prose

Third Term—Bible Study; English; Rhetoric and Composition; Higher Algebra and Solid Geometry; History of the Middle Ages; Cicero and Prose

Fourth Term—Bible Study; English; Rhetoric and Composition; Higher Algebra and Solid Geometry; History of the Middle Ages; Cicero and Prose

Fifth Term—Bible Study; English; Rhetoric and Composition; Higher Algebra and Solid Geometry; History of the Middle Ages; Cicero and Prose

Sixth Term—Bible Study; English; Rhetoric and Composition; Higher Algebra and Solid Geometry; History of the Middle Ages; Cicero and Prose

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Composition; German or French. Second Term—Bible Study; English; Rhetoric and Prose; Composition; Higher Algebra and Solid Geometry; The Protestant Reformation and the Third Year's War; Virgil and Prose Composition; Homer and Prose Composition; German or French.

JUNIOR CLASS. First Term—Bible Study; English Literature; Prigonometry, Plain and Solid; History of Europe, XVII and XVIII Centuries; Physics; Horace, Odes, Homer and Herodotus.

Second Term—Bible Study; English Literature; Analytical Geometry or Logic; History of Europe, XVII and XVIII Centuries; Tasius or Lox; Demosthenes and Lysias.

SENIOR CLASS. First Term—Bible Study; Advanced English; Psychology; American History, Advanced course; Political Economy, Laughlin, Cicero, De Amicte, etc.; Plato; Apology and Crito.

Second Term—Bible Study; Advanced English; Moral Philosophy and Evidence of Christianity; History of Art; American History, advanced course; Political Economy, Laughlin and Hill; Horace, Iatires, Spodes, etc.; Antigone and Medea.

Arrested for Embezzlement. Washington, May 7.—Robert H. Martin, formerly treasurer of the Columbian university, of this city, was arrested today on charges of embezzling funds of the institution. The complaint was made by President Whitman, of Columbian university and trustees Woodward and Green. The default is placed at \$20,850. Martin was released on \$5,000 security.

Berry Shipments Yesterday. The shipments of strawberries from along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad yesterday were about 5,400 crates. The Southern Express Company carried 2,000 crates on a special train that will arrive in Jersey City this morning.

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For information apply to Col. Roger Moore, Capt. J. T. Harper or Capt. S. W. Skinner, all of Wilmington, N. C. B. F. HALL, Trustee. "A DAY IN ROME." Lecture with Stereopticon Views by Prof. KARL P. HARRINGTON, A. M. of the University of North Carolina. Under the Auspices of Art Department of the North Carolina Normal. FIBBE - GARDNER - MEMORIAL 5 HALL. Admission 25 cents. MAY 14th, 1897 at 8:30 P. M.