

EDUCATED, CONSECRATED MINISTRY PRESENT NEED

No False Liberty to Weaken Convictions Wanted

BAPTISTS COMPLETE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Spiritual and Financial Advances Reported—Raised \$93,000 for Missions This Year—Committees Appointed by President Jones—More Ministerial Students at Wake Forest Than Ever Before—To-Night's Program.

With more than 500 enrolled delegates the first morning session of the Baptist State Convention was held in the Baptist Tabernacle this morning. The organization of the body, begun last night, was completed by the election of vice presidents and other officers and the work of the convention began in earnest.

The annual report of Corresponding Secretary Johnson was received with profound gratification. There has been a marked advance all along the line. The North Carolina Baptists have raised nearly \$95,000 for missions this year and the State Board enters 1906 without a cent of indebtedness.

Professor Dargan, of Louisville, Ky., gave the convention a stirring address on ministerial education and he did not fail, in his remarks, to sound a warning against the fad of liberality which would destroy Baptist convictions and minimize principles. His appeal for an educated, consecrated ministry was followed by a report from Professor Cullom, of Wake Forest, who said more young men were now studying for the ministry there than ever before.

Before adjournment at noon, in order that the convention might go in a body to attend the inauguration of President Poteat at Wake Forest, President W. N. Jones announced the committees. They are given in full in this paper.

To-night the convention will meet at 7:30. The subjects for discussion are "Woman's Work," "Foreign Missions" and the "Sunday School Work of the Southern Board." Dr. Frost, secretary of the Sunday school board, and Dr. Willingham, secretary of the foreign mission board, will be among the speakers.

The deliberations of the convention are being conducted in the most business like way. The order for the consideration of topics recommended by the committee is followed closely and when the hour assigned expires the next subject is promptly taken up.

The convention is thoroughly representative of the State's best citizenship. Unlike most great religious gatherings of this kind the ministers are not in a decided majority. Indeed, from the appointment of committees and the part taken in the discussions the lay delegates seemingly outnumber the clerical. When one considers that this is the busiest session in the year the importance of the sacrifice these lawyers, doctors, merchants, bankers and farmers made in coming to the convention is faintly realized.

Devotional Service. The opening devotional services of the convention this morning were conducted by Rev. C. W. Scarborough of Murfreesboro, one of the most consecrated Christians and the pastor of perhaps the most flourishing rural churches in the State. fervent prayers were offered by Rev. Dr. J. R. Willingham, of Richmond, Va., Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, of Fayetteville, and others.

New President in the Chair. Mr. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, called the convention to order at 10 o'clock. Mr. Jones, who is an able member of the Raleigh bar, is a member of the First Baptist church here, and president of the local Anti-Saloon league, was chosen president on the fifth ballot last night, after the names of Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Hon. E. F. Ayldett, W. C. Dowd, T. M. Arrington and Rev. W. R. Gwaltney had been withdrawn. The president is using a gavel, given by Maj. J. M. Cronshaw. It is made from the tree under which Matthew T. Yates prayed when a student at Wake Forest.

Officers Elected To-Day. The first business to-day was to complete the election of officers. Chairman T. M. Pittman made the following nominations and they were elected: Vice Presidents: F. P. Stogard, of Oxford; W. C. Dowd, Charlotte; G. L. Strickland, Raleigh. Recording Secretary: N. R. Broughton. Assistant Secretary: B. C. Moore. Treasurer: Walter Durbin. Assistant Treasurer: J. M. Stogard. Auditor: F. H. Briggs. Corresponding Secretary: Livingston Johnson. Trustees: W. C. Tyree, G. C. Briggs, N. Blige, Charles B. Aycock. History of Wonderful Growth. In submitting his annual report as Corresponding Secretary Rev. Livingston Johnson, made the striking comparison that when the convention was held in Raleigh in 1844 there were 51 delegates, 23 churches in the State and \$1,223.25 raised for missions. To-day there are 600 delegates, 1,816 churches, 184,332 members and \$94,955.49 raised for state, home and foreign missions and the objects of the convention. The women's societies raised \$17,158.48, an increase of \$2,570.56 over last year. "For the first time in ten years the State Mission Board begins the new year without a cent of debt," declared Secretary Johnson. "The Baptists raised \$20,061.10 for this year in North Carolina this year."

TWAS HAND OF AVENGING FATE

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HORRIBLE STORIES TOLD

Drinking Cossacks Pulled Out Peasants' Hair and Beards and Tore Pieces of Flesh from Their Faces. Corralled by Cossacks and Beaten With Whips.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—(Wednesday morning) via Khabarovsk, East Prussia, Dec. 7.—The news of the assassination of Lieutenant General Sakharoff, former minister of war, who was shot in the Governor's palace at Saratoff December 5th, had been preceded by the most horrible stories of the manner in which Sakharoff had been representing the agrarian disorders. He corralled peasants with Cossacks and then had them beaten with the soldiers' whips. In so doing, Sakharoff pursued the system adopted by Prince John Chioptenski, former governor general of Finland, in suppressing the agrarians in the vicinity of Kharkeff several years ago, when the prince caused the peasants to be whipped by relays of Cossacks and compelled them in turn to beat their comrades.

The assassin of Sakharoff has not been identified. When arrested the woman who committed the crime declared that she had executed a decree of the terrorist section of the social revolutionists. The following is a description of Sakharoff's arrival at Honoanachina, one of the villages of the province of Saratoff: "He came with Cossacks and artillery. The peasants were surrounded by Cossacks, and Sakharoff addressed them, demanding that they surrender their leaders. The village elder replied, but gave the general no information. The elder was immediately beaten until he lost consciousness. Sakharoff then retired to the court house, leaving the peasants at the mercy of the Cossacks, most of whom were drunk, and they began torturing the peasants, pulling out their hair and beards and even tearing pieces of flesh from their faces. Thirty-three peasants were thus maltreated."

Polish League of Leagues. Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 7. Thirteen unions of civil engineers, lawyers, teachers, physicians, clerks, etc., have formed a Polish League of Leagues as an annex of the Russian league of leagues. The local police have petitioned the chief of police for better pay, housing and treatment. They required a favorable answer during the week, otherwise they threaten to strike.

Accounts of Refugees. Vienna, Dec. 7.—Despatches received here from Lemberg say that large numbers of Russian refugees are coming in daily. There are 800 of them at Cracow. They all give exciting, terrified accounts of the occurrences in Russia. Many of the refugees formerly were men of considerable wealth and standing, but they left everything behind, and now are almost reduced to beggary. The people of Lemberg declare that murders and rioting continue at Kiev.

The refugees who have arrived at Podwoleczyska say that excesses against the Jews have occurred at Schernyynka and Serbinow. No details are given. The telegraph operators at Czornowitz say that the Governor of Odessa has posted notices in the streets to the effect that the slightest disturbances will immediately be put down with rifles. Large numbers of troops are stationed in and around Odessa.

An official statement says 8,000 persons have been killed at Odessa since the beginning of the troubles. Advice from Bucharest say the people of Moscow and Nikoloff are suffering from lack of water, bread, light and meat. Almost all the factories and Jewish homes in Rostoff have been destroyed.

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Col. D. P. Bosworth Dead. Marietta, O., Dec. 7.—Colonel Daniel Perkins Bosworth, one of the wealthiest and best known men in the old country, died in New York last night. He served as an active ensign in the navy during the Civil War.

Gone to St. Petersburg. Berlin, Dec. 7.—Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador to Russia, proceeded to-day to St. Petersburg.