

The Southern Christian Convention.

Program of the Fourteenth Regular Session of the Southern Christian Convention, Asheboro, Randolph county, N. C., May 2-6, 1902.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1902—11 A. M.

1. Devotional services, conducted by Rev. J. W. Wellons, Durham, N. C.
2. President's Address—"Onward"—Rev. P. H. Fleming, Burlington, N. C.
3. Organization, enrollment of delegates, election of officers, appointment of committees.
4. Address of Welcome, by Prof. E. L. Mcffitt, Asheboro, N. C.
5. Response, by Rev. I. W. Johnson, Suffolk, Va.
6. Adjournment.

3 P. M.

1. Devotional services, conducted by Rev. R. H. Holland, Holland, Va.
2. Report of Executive Committee, P. H. Fleming, P. J. Kernodle, J. W. Wellons, committee.
3. Report of Secretary of Christian Orphanage, Rev. J. L. Foster, Raleigh, N. C.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. Adjournment.

8 P. M.

Sermon by Rev. N. G. Newman, Newport News, Virginia.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 9:30 A. M.

1. Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Hatch, Pittsboro, N. C.
2. Roll call—minutes read and approved.
3. Report of the 20th Century Fund Committee, W. C. Wicker Ch'm., J. E. West, Sec., E. L. Mcffitt.
4. Report of Treasurer, J. A. Mills, Raleigh.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Adjournment.

3 P. M.

1. Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Elder, Bairfield, Ala.
2. Report of Publishing Agent, W. P. Lawrence, Elon College.
3. Report of Committee on Publications. Discussion of Report, 10 minutes, by Prof. E. L. Mcffitt, Chm., Asheboro, N. C. "The Minister and His Library," 15 minutes by Rev. C. C. Peel, Asheboro. Address, 20 minutes, "What the Public is Reading, and its Probable Effects upon the Church and State," Rev. N. G. Newman, Newport News, Va. General discussion.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. Adjournment.

8 p. m. Work arranged by Convention.

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 11 A. M.

- Sermon by Rev. D. A. Long, D. D., Graham, N. C. Administration of Lord's Supper, by Rev. J. W. Wellons, Durham.
- 3 p. m. Missionary address—"Porto Rico as a Missionary Field"—by Rev. J. P. Barrett, D. D., Norfolk, Va.
- 8 p. m. Sermon by Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., Suffolk, Va.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 9:30 A. M.

1. Devotional services by Rev. Dr. W. T. Herndon, Elon College.
2. Roll call—minutes read and approved.
3. Report of Committee on Schools and Colleges. Committee: Revs. W. W. Staley, D. D., W. S. Long, D. D., and Hon. E. E. Holland.
4. Nomination of Trustees for Elon College.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Adjournment.

3 P. M.

1. Devotional services, conducted by Rev. H W Elder, Richland, Ga.
2. Report of Home Mission Committee—Discussed by the committee, Rev J W Holt, Judge J F West, Rev J W Elder. Address: "The Importance of Home Missions in the Southern Christian Convention," by Rev J W Holt.
3. Report of Christian Missionary Association and address by Rev J O Atkinson, President, Elon College.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. Adjournment.

8 P. M.

1. Devotional services, conducted by Rev W G Clements, Morrisville, N C.
2. Report of committee on orphanage, and discussion of same by Rev. W S Long, chairman.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Adjournment.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 9:30 A. M.

1. Devotional services, conducted by Rev L L Lassiter, Lacey Springs, Va.
2. Roll call—minutes read and approved.
3. Report of committee Y P S C E; M W Butler, W T Herndon, J L Foster, committee. Address on Y P S C E, by Rev M W Butler, Raleigh N C
4. Selection of place for next meeting of Convention.
5. Election of delegates to Quadrennial convention.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Adjournment.

3 P. M.

1. Devotional services, conducted by Rev C H Rowland, Franklin, Va.
2. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions, J P Barrett, W G Clements, W J Lee. Address—"Needs

of the Foreign Field and the Influence of the Foreign Work Upon the Home Work," by Rev J P Barrett D D, Norfolk, Va. Address: "Our Duty to the Heathen," by Rev P T Klapp, Elon College.

3. Miscellaneous business.

4. Adjournment.

This program is tentative.

Meeting of Historical Society to be announced by the President, Rev W S Long, D D.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

BERKLEY LETTER.

Our work is moving along smoothly. The services last Sabbath morning and night were fairly well attended. There is a good field here in which to work, and plenty of material to work on. Our town is on the upward grade from an industrial standpoint, and people are moving here continually from the surrounding country sections. There is abundant opportunity offered here for all the religious work that one can possibly hold out to do.

Our Ladies' Aid Society and the Young People's Auxiliary are doing good work in raising money to help meet the financial demands of the church. Both societies hold their meetings weekly at the home of some member.

Our mid-week meetings are not as well attended as we should like to see, but there are a faithful few who are always there. Some who do not attend think their business of more importance than attending prayer-meeting. We doubt, however, whether anyone ever lost financially from attending religious services. God first, business second, should be our motto.

HERBERT SCHOLZ.

NEW LEBANON, VA.

Our Sunday school is well attended, but is increasing as the spring opens up.

Next Saturday, April 19th, is our second quarterly conference, when deacons are to be elected. At our first meeting for the year our collections ran a good deal above the quarterage.

Our prayer meeting is one of much interest. At one of our services recently, a young lady from another county, who is visiting at the home of one of our Deacons, professed conversion at the altar. Where Jesus is truly held up it is not necessary to have a protracted meeting. That souls may be saved, He says, "My Word shall not return void."

On Easter Monday, that awful windy day, during a service given for the benefit of the children of the Sunday school, our church took fire on the roof, and but for the speedy arrangement of a fire company, by those present, the building would have been destroyed. A hook and ladder company was formed by running to a neighbor's house for ropes and ladder, and lashing two ladders together to reach the roof, upon which a line of men was placed to pass up buckets of water, it was extinguished before much damage was done, for which we praise God.

Rev. J. W. Guy, of the Baptist church, Dendron, a wide-awake temperance man, is expected to lecture in our church on "Temperance" Monday night, April 21st, 8 o'clock.

O. M. COCKES.

HAW RIVER, MT. HERMON, AND MORRISVILLE.

Last Sunday was the regular appointment at Haw River. The brethren, sisters, and friends took me by surprise; for in my absence they had placed a beautiful carpet on the pulpit platform, altar and aisle of the church. I am never much surprised, however, at any good

thing they do; for they are all the time working for the Master's cause. I do not think that there is a better working church in the denomination than the Haw River Christian church. It is a pleasure to be among such people.

The appointment is at Mt. Hermon at 11 a. m. and at Amelia at 3 p. m. on third Sundays. These churches seem to have had an unfortunate Sunday this winter; for the appointments were missed both in February and March, owing to inclement weather. But we hope as the spring comes on we will see in these churches signs of true life.

The church at Morrisville is never very hot nor very cold, but always in the front rank with her apportionments for missions and other things.

W. G. CLEMENTS.

FROM UNION.

Often do we hear members of the church grumbling. It seems to be so all over the land where there are churches, not only the Christian churches but every denomination. We find that there is some one ready to bring up disturbances in the church. I have heard members say that they would not stay in the church because Mr. A. is not doing right, or maybe Mr. B. does not do his duty, or Mr. C. and myself do not "tie horses," and we can't agree. This seems to be the case in nearly every church, but I don't think that it is the right spirit. We ought to do right if possible even if every one in the church gets wrong except ourselves.

Let us notice our Master's words in Matthew, 13th chapter and 30th verse: "Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, gather ye together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat unto my barn." We notice that these words of our blessed Master tell us that the good and the evil must both grow together now. If there are any among us who are not right let us not stop working on that account. Let us work on and our blessed Master will separate the good from the evil at the harvest time. Nothing in this world will carry you through like good, pure, home religion. Don't try to keep house without it. You'll be a failure if you do. When I joined Union church, I joined to work and prepare for the harvest. And we should pray that when the harvest is ended we may be gathered to the many mansions above where the Father of love and life forever dwells.

R. H. JOYNER.

Isaacs, Va.

ISLE OF WIGHT AND OAKLAND.

Last Sunday was my regular appointment at Isle of Wight Court House and Oakland churches—services in forenoon and afternoon respectively. We stopped with Mrs. M. F. Hall, over at the Court House, and enjoyed her hospitable home. Sunday night we were with Bro. J. R. Delk, of Oakland church—and it was a pleasure to be in his home. Before we left, Monday a. m., Bro. Delk and wife very kindly gave us some substantial articles for our pantry. We stopped a few minutes to see sisters Phifer and

Wellons, at Exit, Va., and also received other articles for our dining room from sister Phifer and J. J. Whitley. We are very grateful for these expressions of esteem and hope for His blessings upon those who are so kind to us. We hope the work in these two churches is doing well. May the Lord lead us to greater effort.

Yesterday, April 8th, Bro. P. C. Holland, of Holland church, drove into our yard and began to unload something from his cart. I was attracted by the noise, and went to discover that he had eggs, chickens, hams, shoulders, sugar, flour, preserves, canned peaches, pickles, whortleberries, toilet soap, potatoes, lard, etc., etc., which came from the Holland church. Now I am unable to say what effect such an event has upon other preachers, but I can put myself on record as being delighted beyond expression, and words are inadequate to express my deepest gratitude. I feel more unworthy to be the servant of a people so kindhearted and generous. The actual value of the articles is a great help to us at this time. The esteem and confidence which prompts these dear people to be so thoughtful of our needs will serve, we hope, to make us more consecrated and faithful to our duty and our Heavenly Father. To this end may the Lord bless abundantly all who have contributed in any way to this collection of good and useful articles. My wife and I wish to record our thanks to every one who has extended a kindness in word, or gift, or deed. I believe there is no minister in our conference who has a charge with kinder hearted people in it, than the three churches I now serve.

I. W. JOHNSON.

Suffolk, Va., 4-9-'02.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

EDITED BY

REV. HERBERT SCHOLZ, M. A., BERKLEY, VA.

LESSON FOR APRIL 27.

GENTILES RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH.

Golden Text—Whomsoever believeth on him shall receive the remission of sins.—Acts 10:43.

Read Acts 11:1-18.

When the apostles and the brethren who were in Jerusalem and the country thereabout heard that Peter had gone into the house of Cornelius the Gentile, and had eaten with him, they were disposed to criticize rather harshly, because it was against the custom of a Jew to associate intimately with a gentile. They seem to have raised no objection to Peter's preaching to gentiles, but when he got to eating with them they thought it time to call a halt. On this account, when Peter returned to Jerusalem, after having baptized Cornelius and his family, those who were very strict in observing the Mosaic law, began to upbraid him for his untoward conduct. Peter being put upon the defensive, gave as authority for his conduct, the vision of the great sheet filled with all kinds of unclean animals and let down from heaven; also, the vision of the angel by Cornelius, and the words of the angel directing him what to do; also, the voice of God directing Peter to go with the messengers which Cornelius had sent for him. As a proof of the fitness of the gentiles to join the church, he declared the wonder of their baptism by the Holy Spirit, which took place while he was preaching to them. In short, there were four facts which Peter placed before his brethren for their consideration: viz., his own vision, the vision of Cornelius, the coming of the servants of Cornelius just at the end of Peter's vision, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost