

## 73d Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention

Held in City of Charlotte  
on December 9-13.

### ELIZABETH CITY NEXT YEAR

The Opening Sermon Was Preached by Rev. C. W. Duke of Elizabeth City—Rev. Marsh Was Re-elected President—Mr. Broughton and Rev. H. C. Moore Succeed Themselves as Secretaries—The Proceedings.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 10, 1903. The 73d annual meeting of the Baptist State convention is now in session in this city.

The exercises today will be held in the Tryon street Baptist church, and the program is as follows:

9:30 to 10 o'clock, devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. L. Greaves, of Reidsville.

10 to 11, Baptist Orphanage.

12:30 to 1, miscellaneous business and part report of the committee on order of business.

The convention will hold meetings at Tryon street Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and at Tryon street Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock. All the night meetings will be held in the latter church.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of which Miss Fanny E. Heck, of Raleigh, is president, will meet in the Tryon street Methodist church this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the first session last night, Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, was re-elected president of the convention and Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, and Rev. Hight C. Moore, of Chapel Hill, were re-elected secretaries. Other officers elected are: Vice Presidents, W. C. Dowd, Charlotte, T. M. Arrington, Rocky Mount, and R. A. Sennelle, Waynesville; treasurer, Walter Durham, Raleigh; assistant treasurer, J. M. Stoner, Asheville; auditor, F. H. Briggs, Raleigh; corresponding secretary, Livingston Johnson, Raleigh; trustees, W. C. Tyree, Raleigh; C. M. Cooke, Louisburg; F. P. Hobgood, Oxford; F. H. Briggs, Raleigh, and L. R. Mills, Wake Forest.

#### THE OPENING SERMON.

Tryon street Methodist church was crowded last night when the Baptists met in their first official session.

Rev. C. W. Duke, of Elizabeth City, preached the opening sermon. He spoke of the suffering that was essential to Messianism, of the trials of the Hebrew Christians and of the initial hindrance of the superseding of Judaism over christia ity. His theme was "The Glory of the Blessed Christ." Five modes reveal this to us and the first of these is divine revelation.

#### PROGRESS OF THE BAPTISTS IS NOTED.

The committee on enrollment reported 343 delegates present.

On motion of W. A. Graham, President R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, was reelected by acclamation. He thanked the convention briefly and with much feeling. Dr. Marsh has been elected president of the convention thirteen times in succession. In accepting his election he congratulated the convention upon the auspicious conditions under which the present convention has assembled. Never, said he, has the Baptist denomination made such progress. The years since we have met, said he, have recorded far more progress than any other similar period.

Mr. J. W. Bailey was instructed to cast the vote of the body for Mr. N. B. Broughton and Rev. Hight C. Moore as secretaries.

A motion to appoint a committee to nominate the remaining officers was carried by 121 to 25. T. M. Arrington, J. A. McCaughan, W. H. Woodall, G. T. Watkins, C. E. Cashwell, C. J. Dowell, A. A. Pippin and L. D. Watson were appointed on this committee.

#### THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Pending the report of the committee, Rev. Dr. A. C. Barron, pastor of the Tryon street Baptist church, gave the convention a genuine Charlotte welcome.

Dr. Barron said part:

"Mr. President and Brethren and Sisters of the North Carolina Baptist Convention: It gives me great pleasure to welcome you not only in behalf of the Baptists, but of the people of Charlotte. People of every denomination and no denomination have opened their homes gladly to you. At first we were a little bit timid—you suddenly assumed such huge proportions, looked as if all the 175,000 Baptists were coming. Somehow it got in the air that you were coming and several hundred of our cooks fled to the North. Now, if any of you are experts in that line you might render yourself useful by taking to the kitchen."

"But really we are glad you have come. We welcome you to the Queen City of the Carolinas—to the biggest city of its size in the South—a city full of business activity

and push. You were here nine years ago. Then the saintly and now sainted I. H. Pritchard was pastor of Tryon Street Church and Rev. L. R. Pruett of Olivet church. We have now four churches and twice as many members as then. We are glad you have come, because we recognize in you the servants of the Most High. You believe in the risen, living Christ. Oh, how we do need here to know better the living Christ. We are so absorbed in money getting and pleasure seeking as to lose sight of Him. Brethren, do you know Him? Then show Him to us. Some days ago I read that the late Dr. Dale, a famous preacher of England, was preparing a sermon on the resurrection of Christ, when suddenly he seemed to feel the touch of an invincible hand, and looked up into the face dearer and sweeter than all the faces. He sprang to his feet and cried "He lives! Jesus lives!" For a long time he walked up and down overpowered with a sense of the living, real presence of Christ. Brethren, we need to know Him as more real than our dearest and best earthly friends, and if you have learned Him after this fashion so live and act and talk that when you leave us, our people shall say, "Jesus has been here." May God greatly bless you and through you bless us."

Rev. B. W. N. Sims, of Waynesville, was called on to respond to the address of welcome, the president stating that Mr. Sims had been called upon without warning. He responded gracefully and eloquently.

#### THURSDAY.

Large audiences witnessed, with great interest, the three sessions of the Baptist State Convention in this city yesterday.

At all of the sessions, matters of large importance were discussed or attended to. Some results of the day's meetings are as follows:

The report of the secretary of the convention shows that \$82,568.88 have been contributed to the various objects of the convention, a gain of \$8,000 over the preceding year, and indicates that the present year is the most prosperous in the history of the Baptist church in North Carolina.

It was found that the Simmons bequest, which amounts to \$78,800, together with other bequests, will permit the erection of ten or twelve new buildings at the Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville. A layman has offered to give \$1,200 for an orphanage library building, and the churches have been asked by the convention to raise \$1,200 more for the same purpose.

Dr. J. R. Sampey raised over \$1,000 for ministerial education at the seminary at Louisville.

A laudatory resolution was passed, asking Archibald Johnson, editor of *Charity and Children*, not to leave North Carolina.

The president appointed in addition to regular committees, two special committees; one on temperance and one on the spiritual condition of Baptist churches in the State.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the Virginia idea of having the Southern Baptist Convention appoint a special commission to investigate and report on the obligation of the church in regard to negroes.

It was decided to raise \$20,000 for foreign missions next year.

It was reported that the women have raised \$11,322.95 for the different objects of the convention. Many other and interesting and important matters were considered.

Among the distinguished speakers who addressed the convention during the three sessions were Dr. E. M. Potat, president of Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; Dr. J. R. Rampey, of the Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky.; Dr. J. R. Willingham, secretary of the Southern Baptist foreign mission board; Dr. H. M. Battle, Greensboro; Dr. Flippo, of the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia; Rev. G. N. Cowan, of Kinston; Rev. C. J. Thompson, of Durham; Rev. J. C. Massee, of Raleigh; Rev. Mr. Bryan, a returned missionary from China, and many others.

#### FRIDAY.

Probably the most important action of the Baptist State Convention at the three sessions held yesterday was the wiping out of the debt of the Baptist Female University at Raleigh, and the increase of the amount subscribed for State missions from \$26,000 to \$30,900 for the coming year.

Certainly the most enthusiastic meeting of the convention yet held was that held in Tryon street Methodist Church last night when voluntary contributions eliminated the remnant of a debt of \$42,000. In two years and up to last night, enough donations had been made to reduce the debt to \$14,500. Dr. R. T. Vann, president of the institution, faced the convention with this proposition: He had agreed to raise \$10,000 if the convention, or Baptists, would give money to cover the remainder of the debt. Of this \$1,500 had already been contributed. Would the convention, before it left the church, free the college from debt? And the convention, almost

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## MEN OF AFFAIRS. The Washington Excursion and the Quill Pushers

### The North Carolina Delegation in Congress.

THE NEWS has the pleasure of presenting herewith, through the courtesy of The French Broad Hustler, a splendid portrait of each member of the North Carolina delegation in congress, excepting that of Congressman Thomas of the third district, which is not available at this writing. These are the men who, with The Maurice Joyce Engraving Co., the Southern Printers Supply Co., and The R. P. Andrews Co., of Washington D. C. put their heads together to give the Tar Heel editors a good time during their recent visit to the National Capital.



SENATOR F. M. SIMMONS.



SENATOR LEE S. OVERMAN.



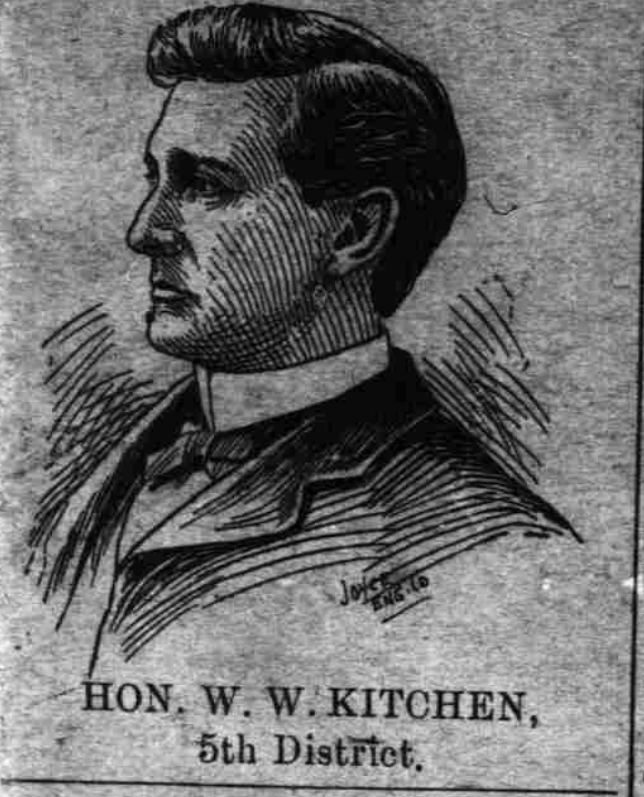
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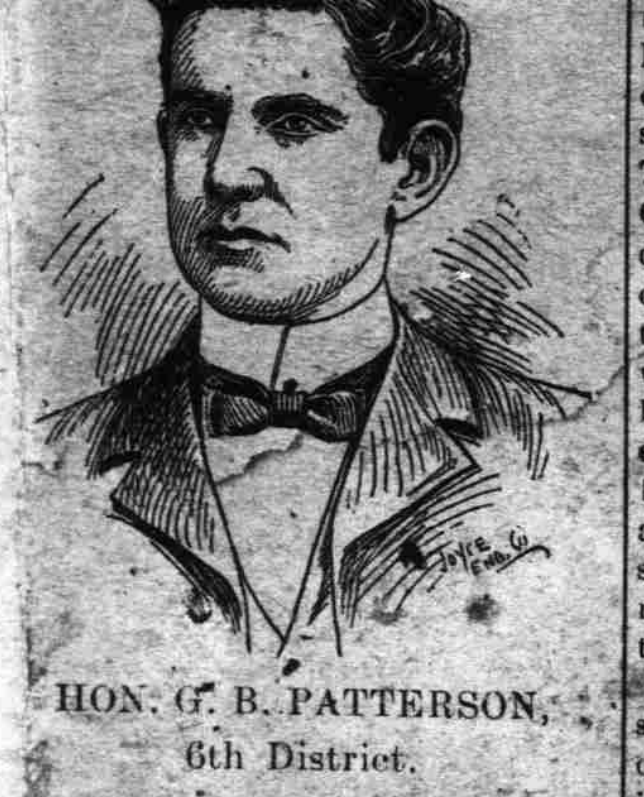
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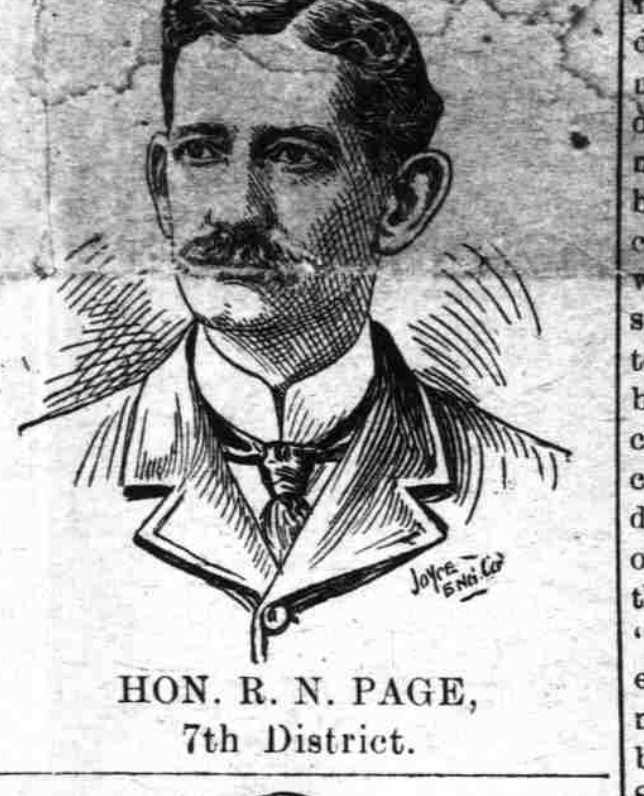
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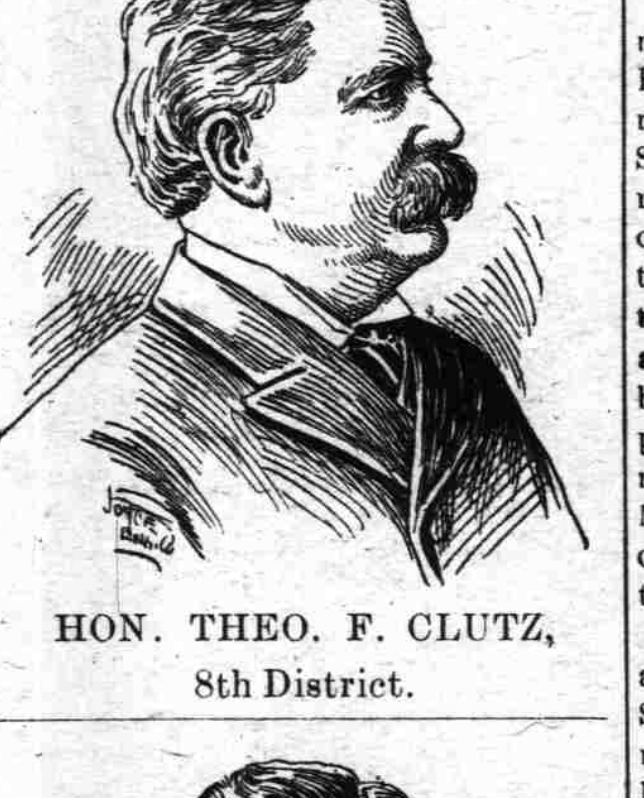
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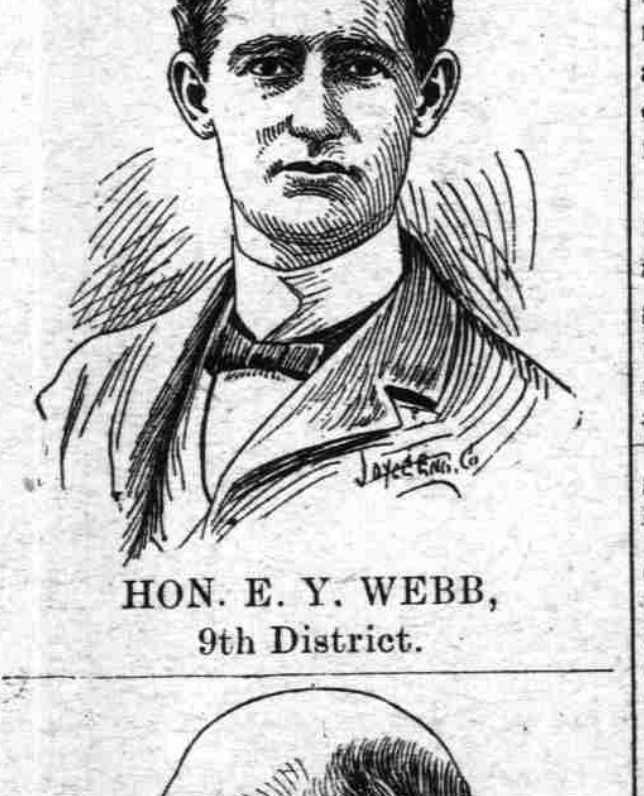
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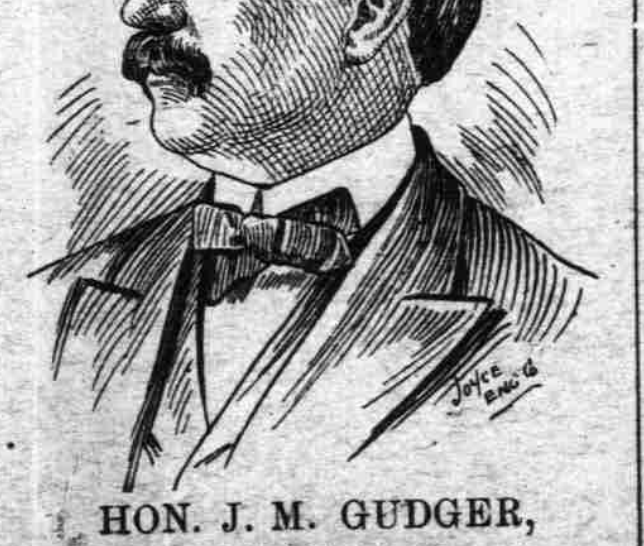
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7th District.



HON. THEO. F. CLUTZ,  
8th District.



HON. E. Y. WEBB,  
9th District.



HON. J. M. GUDGER,  
10th District.

### W. S. O'B. ROBINSNN BALKS

#### When It Comes to Dining With a Negro.

Washington, Dec. 12.—"You may just tell the people of North Carolina that I came to Washington as a Republican and a gentleman, and that I am going back feeling the same way." Thus declared ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, at the Arlington Hotel to-night, when he observed the ethnological complexion of the banquet given in honor of the members of the Republican national committee by Chairman Hanna. The North Carolina committeeman suited the action to his word by returning immediately to his own hotel, where he laid aside his convention evening clothes. Judge Robinson had seen Judson Lyons, the negro Registrar of the Treasury and committeeman from Georgia, enter the dining hall, and he did not wait to ascertain whether Lyons would remain and break bread with the guests. During the afternoon it was suggested to Lyons that it might be well should he in keeping with the eternal fitness of things, remain away. But the negro committeeman was not able to thus differentiate between the social and political sides of the committee's sessions, and declared his intention to be clear.

The chief clerk at the Arlington, the scene of many of the really great social conventions of the national capital, let it be known early today that arrangements had been made to entertain the full committee. When the prospective dining of Lyons was taken to the hotel management on appeal from the clerk's office, it was stated that Lyons would not in the very nature of the case, have been entertained at a private table, but collectively, when the negro was there with the committee of the whole, so to speak, and there was nothing to do but to make room for him at the banquet board. "The banquet was held behind closed doors, and a score of newspaper correspondents climbed up to a window, opening on a side street, to find out whether Lyons really sat down with the assembled guests. They saw Lyons "lapping up champagne," as one of them expressed it opposite Brownlow of Tennessee, but it could not be seen who sat by his side. The popular verdict among Southerners is that Judge Robinson did about the right thing.

Congressman J. M. Gudger will not be made minister to the new republic of Panama; the President having nominated William Buchanan, of his own State, for this important mission. Secretary Hay and other officials were inclined to favor Mr. Gudger's promotion, but the President felt that, owing to the extreme delicacy of the diplomatic duties involved just now, it would be wiser to appoint a man of wider experience. Buchanan was at one time minister to the Argentine Republic. Mr. Gudger never made formal application for recognition, but it is known that he expected to receive it.

Senator Overman was last night among the guests at a dinner given by Senator Kean. This was one of the most brilliant of the social affairs given here during the present season, it having been attended by almost every member of the cabinet, Senators Hanna, Gorman and others. Neither Senator was at the caucus of the Democratic Senators today, but they will vote for Cuban reciprocity.

Congressman J. M. Gudger returned from the State capital this morning, and says he will be ready to go into the contest hearing whenever it will suit the majority of the committee. This contest is going to prove of absorbing interest, and some men high in councils of the Republican party are going to be drawn into the affair. They are going to aid and abet ex-Congressman Seattle in his effort to have Mr. Gudger ousted, with a view to promoting his candidacy for the Republican congressional nomination. There is no doubt that Seattle, like Mr. Blackburn, made some very strong personal friends while in Congress. C. J. Harris, of Hillsboro, who has declined to become a candidate himself, is doing all in his power to further the interests of Mr. Seattle. Mr. Harris had a conference today with General Clarkson, surveyor of customs of the port of New York, and incidentally under this administration surveyor of Republican Southern politics. Such men as General Clarkson would not mind seeing Mr. Seattle elevated to the position of leading his party in the State, as the gentleman from Asheville has been a consistent Roosevelt man, and never evinced any "lilly-white" proclivities during the brief season when this question was uppermost the Tar Heel Republican mind. There is undoubtedly some evidence that Mr. Gudger will have to go, if sufficient evidence can be found to give the color of justification to the proceedings.

### Delightful Visit to the National Capital.

#### ARE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

Congressional Delegation and Prominent Business Institutions Put Their Heads Together To Give the Newspaper People a Good Time—Steamboat Excursion, Trolley Ride, and Theatre Parties—Story Briefly Told.

About the most delightful trip the editors of North Carolina have ever taken was to attend the mid-winter meeting of the Press Association in Washington on Dec. 24. A large delegation of editors and their wives were present, in fact a much larger



HON. H. B. VARNER,  
President of the North Carolina Press Association.

dumber than is usually seen at any of the meetings.

The Association found comfortable quarters at the National Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue, only a few blocks distance from the Capitol. The management of this hotel left nothing undone that would tend to the complete comfort of the guests upon this occasion, and furnished a suitable hall in which to hold the business sessions of the convention. Many topics of interest only to the members of the association were discussed at this meeting, and between sessions enjoyable excursions were indulged in to the heart's content.

On Wednesday afternoon our party was given a delightful steamboat trip to Mt. Vernon, some fifteen miles South of Washington on the beautiful Potomac river. This, as is well known, was the home of Gen. George Washington, the father of his country and the Nation's first president. Mt. Vernon is beautifully situated on a commanding elevation overlooking the far-famed and historic Potomac. This is one of the most picturesque spots in the whole world. Ascending the hill from the boat landing we first paused at the entrance to the tomb, of George and Martha Washington, beautiful for its elegance and simplicity. Next we passed the stable, smoke-house, laundry and carriage house. In the latter stood the ancient and strangely constructed carriage once used by Father George and his excellent companion. A little further on we paused before the elegant old-time home of Washington. A guide directed us through the building, pointing out the living rooms of the family. The room in which Washington died, the first at the head of the stairs, is still kept just as it was at that time, nearly one hundred years ago. There are many things worthy of note, but our party traveled so rapidly it was impossible to make a note of everything. The place is replete with interest. It was a magnificent estate for that day and time; fine buildings, gardens and grounds. Everything is kept in thorough repair by the Mt. Vernon Association and the place is to this day the pride of the American people. Wednesday evening ye editors and their wives were "set up" to theatre tickets for Chases. The program for this occasion was intensely interesting and highly enjoyed by the party.

On Tuesday, after the close of the business session of the Association, our folks boarded the Seeing Washington Cars and made a 35-mile tour of the city. A competent guide directed the excursion and pointed out all the places of interest. To enumerate would require many pages of THE NEWS and the writer must desist for want of

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