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OF THE

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Kinston—George N. Cowan,* B. W. Spilman,* James M. Parrott.

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Reidsville—Charles L. Greaves.*
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Kernersville—John Stanford,* Stoneville.
Leaksville—C. A. Jenkins.*
Mount Airy—A. L. Betts,* C. C. Haymore.*
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Winston-Salem, First Church—H. A. Brown,* S. J. Montague.

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Knight's Chapel—C. E. Gower,* Auburn.
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Wakefield—A. A. Pippin.*

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Red Springs—R. A. Moore.*
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Carthage—W. C. Petty, George J. Dowell.*
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Hickory—W. R. Gwaltney,* Henry L. McCall, Robert V. Williams.

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McAdenville—B. L. Hoke.*

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SUMMARY.

Associations represented	49
Churches represented	209
Messengers enrolled	360

CONSTITUTION.

1. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of three male representatives from each white Association in the State and one annual male representative appointed by the churches for every ten dollars contributed to its funds, and of such male life members as have been made so by the payment of thirty dollars at any one time to the Treasurer for the objects of the Convention. No church shall have more than ten representatives. No one shall be a member of the Convention who is not a member in good standing of a Baptist Church in fellowship with us, and no other life member shall be made.

2. The primary objects of the Convention shall be to encourage and support Wake Forest College; to educate young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong; to encourage education among all the people of the State; to support the gospel in all the destitute sections of the State and of the Southern Baptist Convention; to send the gospel to the nations who have it not; to encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and a sound religious literature; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the proper care of indigent orphan children and destitute and aged ministers of the gospel, and to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. This Convention shall meet annually, on Wednesday after the first Sunday in December.

4. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary and an Assistant, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and Auditor, and five Trustees, all of whom, except the Trustees (who shall serve during the pleasure of the Convention), shall be elected annually by direct ballot.

5. The President shall preside and enforce order in accordance with Dr. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law. One of the Vice-Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President.

6. The Recording Secretary and his Assistant shall record the proceedings, collect and preserve statistics of the denomination, and publish and distribute the Minutes.

7. The Treasurer shall receive all funds represented in the Convention; make public acknowledgment of the same each week through the *Biblical Recorder*; give his bond to the Trustees; forward, at least once a month, all contributions to their destination; at every meeting of the Convention make a full report of his receipts and disbursements, and, on retiring from his office, turn over to his successor all moneys, papers and books belonging thereto.

8. The Trustees shall secure and hold the title to any and all property belonging to, or which may be acquired by, the Convention

and take a sufficient bond of the Treasurer. The terms, conditions and amount of the bond shall be fixed by the Trustees, and in case the Treasurer shall refuse or neglect to give his bond within thirty days after his election, the Trustees shall have power to elect a Treasurer. They shall report annually to the Convention.

9. The Auditor shall, prior to each annual meeting of the Convention, examine carefully all the receipts, disbursements, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the Treasurer's report.

10. The Corresponding Secretary shall solicit contributions to the objects of the Convention; assist the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools in the employment and payment of missionaries, and labor to promote the cultivation and development of Christian benevolence.

11. The Education Board shall, so far as it may be able, assist promising and indigent young ministers seeking to prepare themselves for the more efficient preaching of the gospel.

12. The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools shall encourage the churches to give liberally to all the objects of the Convention; so far as the means at its disposal will allow, supply all destitute portions of the State with faithful and efficient ministers of the gospel; give pecuniary aid, as far as can be secured, for building houses of worship at proper points in the State, and in cases where pecuniary aid can not be given, commend them to the beneficence of the churches; encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and a sound religious literature in the homes, in the churches and in the Sunday Schools; encourage Sunday School Conventions and Institutes; continue, and so far as it may be able and the growth of this work may require, enlarge the Baptist Book Store, and co-operate with all missionary and Sunday School work of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board shall appoint of their number a committee of seven, to whom shall be committed the Sunday School work, and the nomination for approval by the Board of a Sunday School Secretary or Secretaries to prosecute the work within the bounds of the Convention. The Board shall also appoint three of their number, who shall be the managers of the Baptist Book Store, and as may be necessary from time to time report its condition to the Board.

13. The Boards shall be appointed annually, and report to each session of the Convention.

14. The Convention year shall close one week before the annual meeting of the body.

15. The Boards of the Convention shall fix the compensation of their respective officers, and that of the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

16. The Constitution may be changed or amended by two-thirds of the representatives in attendance at any annual session voting in the affirmative.

MINUTES

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 9, 1903.

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention assembled at 7:30 p. m., in its seventy-third annual session.

The introductory sermon was, according to appointment, preached by C. W. Duke, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City. Theme: "The Glory of the Blessed Christ." Text, Hebrews 1: 1-3.

President R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, called the Convention to order, and named the following as Committee on Enrollment: R. H. Jordan, A. B. Caudle, J. S. Farmer, A. R. Love, W. G. Briggs, N. A. Dunn, J. L. Vipperman, R. P. Walker, and C. W. Mitchell. The committee at once performed its work, and reported two hundred and forty-three messengers present at this hour.

On motion of W. A. Graham, the unanimous vote of the Convention was cast for R. H. Marsh for President.

On motion of Baylrs Cade, the vote of the Convention was cast by J. W. Bailey for N. B. Broughton and Hight C. Moore for Recording Secretaries.

On motion, the following were appointed to nominate the remaining officers of the body: T. M. Arrington, J. A. McKaughan, W. H. Woodall, G. T. Watkins, C. S. Cashwell, G. J. Dowell, A. A. Pippin, and T. D. Watson.

Welcome was extended the Convention by A. C. Barron, pastor of Tryon Street Baptist Church. Response on the part of the body was made by B. W. N. Simms, of Waynesville. On motion of Livingston Johnson, the following were appointed a Committee on Order of Business: J. Q. Adams,

L. Johnson, J. B. Boone, W. R. Cullom, A. E. Brown, J. M. Stoner.

The committee to nominate the remaining officers of the body made the following report, which was adopted:

Vice-Presidents—W. C. Dowd, Charlotte; T. M. Arrington, Rocky Mount; R. A. Sentell, Waynesville.

Treasurer—Walters Durham, Raleigh.

Assistant Treasurer—J. M. Stoner, Asheville.

Auditor—T. H. Briggs, Raleigh.

Corresponding Secretary—Livingston Johnson, Raleigh.

Trustees—W. C. Tyree, Raleigh; C. M. Cooke, Louisburg; F. P. Hobgood, Oxford; T. H. Briggs, Raleigh; L. R. Mills, Wake Forest.

The following Charlotte pastors were introduced to the body: T. F. Marr, pastor of the Tryon Street Methodist Church, whose auditorium is extended to the Convention for its evening sessions; G. W. Belk, pastor Tenth Avenue Presbyterian Church; J. Knox Montgomery, pastor A. R. P. Church; M. P. Hardin, pastor Second Presbyterian Church; A. R. Surratt, pastor Calvary Methodist Church; L. A. Fall, pastor B Street Methodist Church.

The following visiting brethren from other States were also welcomed: B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, of Atlanta; J. N. Prestridge, editor *Baptist Argus*, of Louisville, Ky.; J. R. Sampey, Professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville; E. M. Poteat, President of Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; J. E. McManaway, representing the *Baptist Courier*, of South Carolina; N. L. Shaw, of Virginia.

The Committee on Order of Business made partial report, which was adopted, as follows:

9:30 to 10—Devotional Exercises.

10 to 11—Baptist Orphanage.

11 to 12:30—Ministerial Education.

12:30 to 1—Miscellaneous Business.

After announcements, the Convention adjourned, with benediction by T. F. Marr, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist Church.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 10, 1903.

The Convention reassembled at the hour appointed, and devotional exercises were conducted by C. L. Greaves, of Reidsville.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

By motion, the order of business was suspended for thirty minutes so as to permit the presentation of the report of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

The report was then presented by Corresponding Secretary Livingston Johnson, and received, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS,
1903.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Never before has it been the privilege of our Board to submit such a report as, under the blessing of God, we are permitted to present to this, the seventy-third session of the Baptist State Convention.

Reports of most gracious meetings have come from every quarter. Indeed this has been a year notable for its great revivals. In our churches and on our mission fields large numbers of souls have been won for Christ. The total amount contributed exceeds those of last year by \$8,000.00. This indicates that in time of prosperity our people have not forgotten the Giver of it all.

RETROSPECTION.

Nine years ago the Convention met in this city. The report of the Treasurer that year, as compared with his report for this year, shows gratifying progress. We gave

	1894	1903.
For State Missions	\$14,332.63	\$26,302.80
Foreign Missions	6,916.92	17,561.15
Home Missions	2,538.88	7,762.15
Education	3,153.75	4,071.48
Orphanage	9,937.40	25,600.86
Ministerial Relief	980.59	1,736.27
S. S. I. Col.	65.86
Students' Aid Fund	559.95	67.81
Total	\$38,420.12	\$82,568.38

The Baptist Female University had not then opened its doors. There had been raised toward paying for the lot \$18,380.00. We now have a magnificent plant, in the heart of Raleigh, worth \$150,000.00, with two hundred and fifty pupils. Wake Forest reported at the Convention nine years ago, an enrollment during the Fall Term of two hundred and seven. This year the enrollment up to date has reached three hundred. There were then one hundred and twenty-six children at the Orphanage; there are now two hundred and sixty. The Orphanage plant was then worth \$25,000; it is now worth \$150,000.

This glance backward, at what has been accomplished in less than a decade, should fire our hearts afresh with hope and courage for the future.

We ask your attention to the work of the present year. Two new Associations have been organized this year, the Surry and the Johnston County. The Surry was formed out of churches from the Yadkin and Elkin Associations, while the Raleigh, at its last session, passed a resolution for the division of the Association. As most of the churches in the new Association are in Johnston County they adopted the name of Johnston County Association. The territory covered by these old Associations being quite extensive, this division was doubtless wise. On the other hand, there is a movement on foot to unite some of the smaller Associations. The South River and Cedar Creek appointed committees at their late sessions to take into consideration the advisability of uniting the two bodies. Other small Associations are taking steps in the same direction. If many of our smaller Associations would unite, there would undoubtedly be more life and inspiration in the meetings of the larger bodies. The Bladen Association has dissolved, and the churches will join other Associations.

There are now fifty-nine Associations in the State, and many of them hold their meetings at the same time, making it impossible for the representatives of the Convention to reach some of them more than once in four years. The meetings held by the Associations this year have been unusually good. The attendance has been large, a remarkable unity has prevailed, and the spirit of progress was, perhaps, never so general. Every Association attended by a representative of the Board, increased its pledges to the objects of the Convention, and the others from which we have heard have also gone forward.

We have had a hundred and three missionaries on our roll, and nineteen Associational Missionaries co-operating with the Board and reporting to the Corresponding Secretary.

Following is a list of the Associations in which the missionaries have labored, and the number of missionaries in each of these Associations, together with the total amount of appropriations:

Associations.	Number of Mis- sionaries.	Total Appro- priation.
Alleghany and Grayson	1	\$165.00
Ashe	1	245.00
Atlantic	6	750.00
Beulah	1	200.00
Brunswick	1	90.00
Buncombe	2	250.00
Central	3	150.00
Catawba	3	75.00
Caldwell	1	150.00
Chowan	6	900.00
Carolina	1	100.00
Eastern	2	300.00
French Broad	1	200.00
Green River	3	375.00
King's Mountain	2	175.00
Liberty	2	350.00
Little River	2	150.00
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	6	575.00
Mount Zion	1	300.00
Montgomery	1	40.00
Sandy Creek	1	55.00
Neuse	5	1,225.00
Pee Dee	2	150.00
Piedmont	6	610.00
Pilot Mountain	2	215.00
Raleigh	8	975.00
South Yadkin	4	1,075.00
South Fork	2	225.00
Stone Mountain	1	75.00
Stanly	1	150.00
Tuckaseige	2	250.00
Tar River	17	2,900.00
Wilmington	2	220.00
Western	1	100.00
Yancey	1	100.00

It will be seen that we have missionaries in thirty-five of the fifty-nine Associations. A half-dozen others do Associational Mission work in co-operation with our Board.

The Tar River Association covers more destitution than any other Association in the State, and hence a larger appropriation is made to that than to any other. It should be observed, however, that over sixteen hundred dollars of this amount is raised in the Tar

River as Associational Missions, leaving only thirteen hundred as a direct appropriation from our Board. In addition to this the Tar River contributes liberally to State Missions. When these things are considered, we are putting less than a thousand dollars in the Tar River above that which is raised in their own bounds. Associational Missions are included in the appropriations to the Tar River, because that body works in perfect co-operation with our Board, making all its applications direct to the Board and sending the names of all its missionaries, subject to the approval of the Board. Below is given a report of the work this year as compared with the report of last year:

SUMMARY OF WORK REPORTED ON MISSION FIELDS.

	This Year.	Last Year.
Number of sermons preached.....	8,112	8,304
Churches supplied	579	477
Outstations supplied.....	219	279
Religious visits made	22,305	11,587
Persons baptized	1,217	1,176
Number added by letter	1,041	994
Protracted meetings held	219	225
Professed conversions	2,361	2,222
Houses of worship building	38	52
Houses of worship finished.....	11	10
Churches organized	16	25
Bibles and Testaments distributed	560	442
Denomination Tracts distributed.....	27,065	2,356

There were forty-one more baptisms on mission fields this year than last and one hundred and thirty-nine more conversions.

FUNDS RAISED BY MISSIONARIES.

	This Year.	Last Year.
Paid on salary	\$11,568.18	\$11,539.54
Building and repairing churches	13,399.00	8,361.34
For State Missions	1,256.79	1,263.00
Associational Missions	633.23	381.37
Foreign Missions	1,249.52	703.37
Home Missions	659.40	492.00
Ministerial Education	377.07	472.35
Ministerial Relief.....	129.05
Sunday Schools	108.52	36.08
Baptist Orphanage	1,077.77	1,327.27
Parsonage	112.10	400.00
Other objects	4,328.18	2,854.18
Total	<u>\$34,769</u>	<u>\$27,959.55</u>

It will be observed by the above comparison that \$6,809.68 more was contributed on Mission fields this year than last. The increase is, to pastors' salary, \$28.64; to church building, \$5,037.66; and to the objects of the Convention, \$1,743.38. The greatest increase is to Foreign Missions.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ON MISSION FIELDS.

	This Year.	Last Year.
Number of schools	201	169
Number of pupils enrolled.....	12,506	11,096
Officers and teachers.....	1,160	1,008
Conversions from school.....	667	744
Church members in Sunday school.....	2,912	2,051
New schools organized	62	34
Contributed for expenses	\$2,195.82	\$1,763.99
For State Missions	45.04	13.92
For other objects	956.65	662.18

There is a discrepancy between the number of new schools reported and the difference between the number of schools this year and last. Sixty-two added to the number reported last year would make the number this year 231 instead of 201. This can be accounted for in two ways. There has been considerable change in our mission fields since last year. A number which were aided by the Board last year have become self-sustaining, and new fields have been opened up. This, in part at least, explains the change in figures. The other way in which it may be accounted for, is the difficulty in gathering accurate statistics. The Board believes that if absolutely accurate Sunday school statistics could be obtained, it would be shown that we have many more schools in mission fields than have been reported.

In its report last year the Board deplored the fact that there were not more schools reported from the mission fields. The Corresponding Secretary sent out a special letter to the missionaries urging them to press the Sunday school interests more vigorously on their fields. We are glad to note the improvement in this department of our work, as shown by the above comparative figures. Sixty-two new schools organized, an increase of 1,416 in enrollment, 861 more church members attending Sunday school this year than last, and an increase of \$760.12 in contributions, are some of the evidences of the growing interest in the Sunday school work on our mission fields.

MISSION CAMPAIGNS.

In the Mount Zion Association a campaign was made by the pastors in the interest of our denominational work. This campaign

lasted for three weeks, and most of the churches in the Association were visited. All the objects of the Convention were discussed, and new interest was awakened among the churches in behalf of all our denominational enterprises. We wish to give our hearty endorsement to this movement, and commend it to the pastors and interested laymen in all our Associations. A State-wide campaign in the interest of Missions, education, the Orphanage and Relief Board, would do incalculable good in the way of enlisting our people, and bringing them into sympathy with all our work.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

A week ago the situation was distressing. It seemed hard to make the brethren realize the true condition of affairs, and it appeared that we would be forced to report a large indebtedness. Within the last week, however, the brethren seem to have become thoroughly aroused, and the financial report is much more favorable than we had dared to hope a few days ago that it could be. More money was sent in for State Missions last week than during any previous week in the history of the Convention. Last year the Treasurer reported \$23,674.35 for State Missions. One thousand, one hundred thirty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents was due by the Home Board at that time, but was not sent till after the books closed. That amount, properly belonging to last year, should be deducted from the amount reported this year. The amount reported this year is \$26,303.80; deducting the \$1,137.25 referred to above, leaves as the total receipts for this year \$25,171.55. This is \$359.95 more than was reported last year. As we received less from the Home Board than last year, the increase from the Churches is \$2,200.00 over last year.

While our hearts overflow with gratitude at being able to make this report, it should serve as a warning against the hazardous policy of leaving so much to be done during the last week. If last Sunday had been excessively inclement, this financial report would be very different. Let us learn to do our work systematically and not leave so much to be done in one week.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that the pastors and churches secure the services of our ministerial students at Wake Forest and the Seminary, when practicable, for supply work and to aid in meetings during vacation.

2. We would urge the pastors of our strongest churches to assist our missionaries on their fields, by holding meetings for them when

requested to do so. We believe this arrangement would be more satisfactory than to have the Board assign the pastors to the Mission fields as was done under the "Volunteer plan." This is a great opportunity for usefulness and we trust our pastors will consider it seriously.

3. In view of the new fields opening up in many sections of the State, and of the pressing and urgent appeals to the Board for aid, amounting to much more than we can meet with the means at our command, we recommend that the churches undertake to raise for State Missions next year \$30,000.00.

CO-OPERATION.

We appropriated this year \$300.00 to the work of co-operation. By this we mean work among the colored people, in which our Board, the Home Mission Board, and the Home Mission Society cooperate. This is the second year of the third term. According to our agreement we will appropriate to this work \$200.00 next year, which ends our contract with the other organization. It is expected that the Home Mission Board will undertake a more definite work among the colored people.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The subjoined report of the Central Committee gives valuable information as to what the women are doing through their Missionary Societies. The Woman's Missionary Societies do much to create in the churches interest in missions. From two average Associations in the central part of the State the following significant figures are gathered. Leaving out the stronger churches in both these Associations, it is found that in one of them the churches which have Societies average \$51.14 for Missions, while those without Societies average only \$15.05 for Missions.

In the other Association those with Societies give \$19.73, those without \$3.59. These figures show the stimulating effect of Societies on the churches.

The Societies also teach the great advantage of system in our giving. Last year the 351 Societies reported \$12,003.00 for Missions, or an average of \$34.00 each, while the 1,700 churches reported \$44,909.24, or an average of a little over \$25.00. It will be seen by this that the Woman's Missionary Societies gave a third more to Missions according to their numbers than the average church. This is because all the members give, and give every month. This is a secret in making contributions, that our churches need very much to learn. We desire to commend most cordially the excellent work done by the Societies. It is clear to your Board that this work deserves, and should receive, the hearty support and encouragement of all our pastors.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Sunday School Committee submits below the report of Mr. T. Neil Johnson, Field Secretary, and calls attention to the character of his work. He has rendered most valuable service—none the less appreciated because it has been quiet. We desire to record our regret upon his retirement.

The Committee respectfully recommends that the Sunday School work be continued upon the present organic basis, and that the financial support shall be derived, so far as possible, from contributions specifically designated for this purpose; and, further, that the State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools be instructed to make up any deficit in this cause not exceeding \$1,000.00 per annum. We recommend also that the Committee be instructed to engage a Sunday School Field Secretary.

N. B. BROUGHTON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF T. NEIL JOHNSON, SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

I hereby tender you a report of my work as Field Secretary, covering eight months of the past year, prior to my resignation.

To promote the inspirational side of my work I have delivered sixty-eight addresses in connection with six Institutes, six Conventions, nine Teachers' Meetings and one Association.

To foster the training side of the work I conducted training classes in nine of our colleges and academies last spring. I spent two weeks, on an average, at each institution, and two hours each day was devoted to lecture and practice in actual preparation and teaching of Sunday School lessons. The conditions for training, as distinguished from talk, were ideal. These students entered heartily into the practice-teaching, and here I did the best work of my life. Of those who entered fully into the study and practice-work for the entire two-weeks' course there were 218 young men and women, who go back to 151 different churches, located in forty-eight different counties of our State.

Respectfully submitted.

T. NEIL JOHNSON.

REPORT OF MANAGING COMMITTEE OF BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

Near the beginning of the present year we secured as Manager of the Book Store W. O. Allen, a man of life-long experience in the mercantile business. The Manager has given very close attention to the business. He has mastered every detail and has put as much energy into it as if it had been his own private business. The

Manager has submitted to your Committee a very plain and comprehensive report, giving an itemized statement of all accounts due the store and by whom, and all amounts due by the store and to whom. From this report we give a condensed statement, which will show the exact condition of the store to December first. Since that date a few accounts have been collected and payments made on bills we are due.

STATEMENT BY MANAGER OF BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

RESOURCES.

Bills due.....	\$1,992.34	
Furniture and fixtures.....	425.00	
Cash	549.17	
Stock	6,000.84	
		\$8,967.35

LIABILITIES.

Notes and bills payable.....	\$1,400.00	
Current accounts.....	3,084.34	
		\$4,484.34
Present worth.....		\$4,483.01

W. O. ALLEN,

Manager Baptist Book Store.

A comparison of this statement with that of last year would make it appear that the present worth of the Store is not as much as last year, but in fact it is considerably more. In 1901 the Board made a donation of \$700.00 to State Missions, in settlement of an account which the Store held against State Missions for the year 1900. No official notice was given to the former Manager of this action of the Board, and as he very properly held the account against the Board it was counted in the assets of the Store last year. The right to publish the Baptist Almanac was sold to the Book Store and was valued in the assets of last year at \$100.00. It appeared to the Manager that as three years had elapsed since the publication of the Almanac it was no longer a thing of value, and so it is not considered in the assets. Again, the accounts on the old ledger had been accumulating for years, and many of them were worthless, while those on the present ledger are worth a hundred cents on the dollar.

When all these things are considered, it will be seen that the present worth of the Store is about six hundred dollars more than it was last year. If all the account due the Store could be collected our indebtedness would be only \$642.83, leaving the stock

valued at \$6,000.84, cost price. We believe that at least 75 per cent of these accounts can be collected. That would leave \$1,100.00 to be offset by the stock worth at purchase price \$6,000.84.

One thousand dollars included in the indebtedness of the Book Store is money borrowed from a bequest to State Missions, which can be carried indefinitely, so long as interest is paid annually.

It will be seen by this statement that the Store is on an absolutely safe basis, and could at any time pay all claims against it.

There has been a feeling on the part of many of the brethren that we should close out the Book Store, or make it strictly a supply store, as it formerly was. The brethren who hold this opinion do not think that we, as a denomination, should engage in the general book store business any more than in any other general merchandise. We, your Committee, would recommend that the Board be allowed discretion in this matter to close it out if they think best, when in their judgment they can do so without loss, or restrict its business to supplying Sunday School and religious literature such as the denomination needs.

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON,

J. W. BAILEY,

R. N. SIMMS,

Managing Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Board has nothing more gratifying to report than the awakening among our people to the importance of Foreign Missions. The subject of Foreign Missions was perhaps never so popular nor interest in it so general in our State as it is to-day. At our Associational meetings the discussions of the reports on Foreign Missions have been deeply spiritual and unusually interesting. There was a marked advance in the pledges to Foreign Missions at nearly all the Associations. The anti-mission spirit which has for so long affected many of our churches, is slowly but surely giving way. A brighter day is breaking upon us, and we confidently expect that North Carolina will soon take her stand nearer the head of the list in her contributions to Foreign Missions.

Glorious reports come to us from the foreign fields. Nine years ago when the Convention met in this city the Board called attention to the fact that since the last meeting Mrs. Yates, the beloved wife of our honored missionary, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Newton had all been called to their reward on high. It is the pleasure of your Board to report to this Convention that soon after our last meeting Brother William Cary Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Newton, with his accomplished wife and two little girls, sailed for Teng Chow, China, to which field they had been assigned by the Foreign

Mission Board. The call of Brother Newton from one of our most important pulpits to the foreign field has had no little to do with quickening the interest of our people in regard to Foreign Missions.

Nine years ago the Board stated that Brother Bryan, who had been at home for a much-needed rest, had returned with his family to Shanghai, China. Miss Lottie B. Price, of Asheville, went out with them for the first time.

These faithful missionaries, after an absence of nine years, are again with us enjoying a rest which they so much need and have so richly earned.

A resolution was passed unanimously at the Convention in Durham fixing the amount that we should undertake to raise at \$20,000. While we have not quite reached that mark, we have made a gratifying advance. Reference to the statement of the Treasurer will show that we report for Foreign Missions this year \$17,561.15. This is a gain of \$3,782.48 over last year's figures. As our special efforts for Foreign and Home Missions are made between January the first and May the first, we feel confident that by pressing the claims of Foreign Missions we can reach the \$20,000 by the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Following is the report of W. C. Tyree, Vice-President of Foreign Mission Board for North Carolina:

The Baptists of North Carolina have contributed this year for Foreign Missions about \$17,561.15. This is \$3,782.48 more than they contributed last year, and by far the largest amount we have ever given to this object. There is real cause for gratification and great rejoicing in this, for it is a most significant fact. Gifts to Foreign Missions really mean more, and express more, so far as personal and vital religion is concerned, than to any other cause. There is no alloy of selfishness in the motive that prompts such gifts, for no one can or does expect any direct or indirect return from them, but the unselfish motive is love for Christ and love for souls. And the motives for such gifts are not such as reason urges, for there are no immediate, certain and visible results to be expected, but to reason the results seem improbable or doubtful and the giving is done in faith. So love and faith are the real motives for Foreign Mission gifts, and the increase in such gifts is an evidence of our increase of these fundamental Christian graces among our people.

Many causes have, I think, contributed to this large increase. We had a great Convention last year and the Spirit's power was especially manifested when Foreign Missions were under consideration. The pastors and other delegates, who were there and united in prayer for God's blessings upon this great cause and upon Brother Newton, who was so soon to go to China, saw and felt the

evidence of God's presence and approval and went back to their homes and churches filled with zeal and a determination to do more than ever for this great work. Our faithful Secretary has done much to extend and increase the interest in this, as well as in every other, department of the Convention's work. The *Recorder* has been this year, as ever before, a great factor in arousing our people to a greater realization of their obligation to Foreign Missions, and to this end the *North Carolina Baptist* and *Charity and Children* have also contributed their part.

The steady and healthy growth of our Woman's Work and the Children's Mission Bands has also helped to bring this increase. But to no other influence is this great result so much due as to the faithful, persistent and devoted effort of the Baptist pastors in the State, who have informed their people and urged them to do their duty to this great cause.

These are the human causes, but, of course, it is most of all due to the influence of God's Spirit operating on the hearts of the people. I believe we may confidently expect to see gracious results in our churches from this growth of Foreign Mission spirit. The history of Christianity clearly shows that there is a vital relation between Foreign Missions and the spiritual growth and power of God's people. This is not only a work that God wants His people to do, but in the doing of it they exercise a spirit and make a sacrifice that God delights in and will certainly bless. Already the reports indicate that there have been more revivals and more conversions than usual, and we may hope that next year will bring a still deeper and more pervasive revival spirit among our churches.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has been passing through a trying period. For two years it has been the storm-center in our denominational affairs. The opposers of the organized work have, for two years, concentrated their fire of criticism upon the Home Board. Charges were freely and openly made that the Board had dealt unjustly with A. J. Diaz, late missionary in Cuba. These attacks from various quarters made it necessary for the Board to issue a statement, setting forth all the facts concerning their dealings with Dr. Diaz. This statement is clear and comprehensive; but from beginning to end there is not an unkind word. Any one who reads this statement carefully will be convinced that so far from dealing unjustly with Diaz, the Board left itself open to criticism for bearing with him so long.

These trials through which the Home Board has passed have

given the Baptists of North Carolina an opportunity of showing to the world their loyalty to all our denominational enterprises. The Home Board has never received such liberal financial support from our State as has been given it this year. Since our last meeting F. C. McConnell resigned as Corresponding Secretary of the Home Board and B. D. Gray has been elected to succeed him. We can assure Dr. Gray that he will receive from North Carolina the same cordial support that was given his predecessor.

It will be recalled that by a resolution unanimously passed at our last Convention we pledged ourselves to make an honest effort to raise \$10,000 this year for Home Missions. The Treasurer's report shows that we have contributed to Home Missions this year \$7,762.15, which is an advance of \$1,516.26 over last year. We hope and believe that when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Nashville next May we will report the \$10,000 all raised.

We append the report of J. C. Caddell, Vice-President of the Home Mission Board for North Carolina:

HOME BOARD.

We welcome an opportunity to call to the attention of the Baptist people of our State to some evidences of the continuous growth of the cause of Home Missions in our State. We trust this department of our work is keeping pace with the annual increase of our population, the multiplication of our material interests and with the increasing demands upon us to teach and develop our own people in the principles of the Gospel. When we view the history of Home Missions in our State, we have much to be thankful for in the past, and even more to inspire us to faithful efforts in the future. Home Missions has been justly classed as basil work in North Carolina. Through its beneficent spirit some of our strongest and most influential churches have been organized and maintained to the point where they have become strong and self-sustaining agencies in our denominational progress.

Wherever the battle for the establishment of Christianity has been fiercest and the planting of churches most difficult, there you will find the track of the Home Missionary, who, in his poverty, his faith in God and his love for the souls of men, he preached the Gospel for the salvation of the people. Just as the home training of a people must determine, to a great extent, their social standing, their educational progress and their material prosperity, so must the religious efforts of our people to establish and maintain strong churches at home, organizing our people along religious and educational lines, determine the extent of our influence in bringing the heathen from darkness into the marvellous light and liberty of Christianity.

Our hearts are sad when we realize how many opportunities have passed unimproved since our last Convention for the lack of adequate means to occupy the fields which are indeed now white unto the harvest. However, we would express our gratitude for the progress we have made in this department of our work, for, in spite of the drawbacks to the efforts of the Home Board, our progress has been steady and encouraging, so that this is the best year we have recorded in the more than fifty years of our work in the State.

Last year we raised for this work \$6,245.89. Already the Treasurer's books show that we have raised \$7,762.15, which is \$516.26 more than was contributed last year. Let us take courage for the year which is to come, with gratitude for past achievements and brighter hopes for the future; let us go forth and do valiant service in the cause of our Master by establishing and supporting churches in easy reach of every man, woman and child within the limits of our Commonwealth.

Then, in addition to the blessings which will come to our own people, we shall be enabled to carry out the great command—to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Grateful for the past, and hopeful for the future, "in the name of our God we set up our banners."

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

JOHN E. RAY,

President Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS.

The close of the year 1903 completes the eighteenth report rendered by the Woman's Central Committee of Missions to the Baptist State Convention. The report rendered in 1886 gave a total of \$1,000.95; the report rendered to-day gives a total of \$11,322.95. Between the years 1886-1903 these Societies have given to Missions, through the Baptist State Convention, the sum of \$95,246.14.

We can to-day report an organization of five hundred Societies, scattered through almost every Association of our State; working under the same form, giving to the same objects and praying for the same ends; each branch understanding the plan of work and bending its energies to meet it, Societies being continually added to the number already formed; the whole united in perfect harmony in thought, hopes, plans and mutual love. It is our belief that a more harmonious and united body can not be found through

the length and breadth of our country. There is little risk in prophesying for such an organization much larger things in the future than have been even dreamed of in the past.

The work of the year 1903 has been marked by steady progress along well tried lines rather than the beginning of new endeavors. Special emphasis has been laid on training children for Missions, the introduction of a regular course of Mission study, the purchase of Missionary Libraries and the formation and continuance of Associational Missionary meetings. In all these directions substantial progress has been made.

For the coming year we propose to "walk in the old paths." In this service for the Master we again earnestly ask the cordial assistance of the pastors, not only in the organization of new Societies, but equally in efforts to enlist in those already organized the entire female membership of their churches. We would also ask the influence of the Sunday School superintendents and teachers in behalf of the Children's Missionary Societies, that the "future Church" may be trained now to meet the tremendous opportunities which await it.

Below are given the statistics for the year.

To Foreign Missions.....	\$3,304.33	
To Christmas offering	1,052.31	
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Total Foreign Missions		\$4,356.64
To Home Missions	1,269.08	
To Home Missions, self-denial	750.59	
To Home Mission Boxes	2,746.20	
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Total Home Missions		4,765.87
To State Missions	2,102.79	
To State Mission Boxes	96.00	
To Expense Fund	1.65	
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Total to State Missions		2,200.44
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		\$11,322.95

Respectfully submitted.

FANNIE E. S. HECK,

President Woman's Central Committee.

MRS. W. N. JONES,

Secretary and Treasurer Woman's Central Committee.

REPORT OF A. E. BROWN, ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY.

In reviewing the work of the year I see many indications of progress, some of which I herewith submit:

SCHOOLS.

The progress of our Mission Schools continues to be gratifying, notwithstanding the many inconveniences still endured.

I am unable to express my appreciation of the faithful work and sacrifices on the part of the noble band of teachers who have these schools in charge. Their power is being felt not only in the school room, but by the whole section in which their respective schools are located. Their presence at the Associations and Union meetings is beginning to tell upon the Church activities.

During the year we have completed the new building for the Bellevue School. The first building is now converted into a home for girls and is known as Ledford's Hall, in honor of Colonel B. M. Ledford, one of God's noblemen and a staunch friend of the school.

The debt on Fruitland Institute has been paid and the building finished. The work of finishing was done by Hon. J. B. Freeman at a cost to himself of about five hundred dollars.

A debt still hangs over the Girls' Home and this must be paid before the much-needed boys' dormitory can be undertaken.

At Mars Hill the girls' home has been enlarged, but nothing further than securing the brick has been done towards the enlargement of the school buildings, sufficient funds not being in sight as yet to warrant the undertaking. So far as I can see the only thing which prevents them from enrolling five hundred students at Mars Hill is lack of accommodations.

At Burnsville we are still embarrassed by a debt of a thousand dollars, and the much-needed dormitories can not be undertaken until this is cleared off. The Presbyterian School, near by, has erected a ten thousand dollars dormitory and placed board and tuition at fifty dollars per session. But the loyal Baptists of Yancy County are still undismayed. Our school has enjoyed its usual prosperity for the fall term and the prospects for the spring term are as bright as could be expected.

Our other schools continue as reported last year as to needs, etc.

COLPORTAGE.

We received a small grant of books from our friends, the American Baptist Publication Society, with which I have employed six

colporteurs for part of their time. The following is a summary of their work:

Number of corpoteurs.....	6
Days of service.....	460
Families visited.....	734
Sermons preached.....	316
Sunday Schools organized.....	8
Baptisms	108

There is urgent need that this work be enlarged; no other work under my supervision has yielded larger returns for the amount invested.

MISSION FIELDS.

The churches in the west which are aided by the Board have been in good hands, and the work has been satisfactory.

At Robbinsville, county seat of Graham County, the work of building progresses slowly, but Pastor Morgan hopes to enter the new house by spring.

At Marshall, Pastor Wood, after long and untiring efforts, has foundation of the new church laid. This is a great undertaking for this small band, but Brother Wood is the right man to lead the work to completion, being a man of great faith and untiring energy.

Elder T. C. King, after two years of faithful and efficient work at Burnsville, resigns, and as yet they have not secured his successor.

Elder Baylus Cade has done a good year's work at Murphy, and has also rendered himself useful in the surrounding country. The church at Murphy has been weakened financially by removals during the year.

The church at Andrews, nine miles from Murphy, is asking aid, and in my judgment should be combined with Murphy in your appropriation. Andrews has become the most important point in Cherokee by virtue of the establishment of several manufacturing plants, and is now a Baptist opportunity. We have a good house of worship about completed and their need of a trained man is urgent.

During the year I visited our Ashe County field and spent some days among the churches. Our work there is in excellent hands, but Brother Fletcher is greatly in need of another man to help him. There are great possibilities for this section, and we should not delay to strengthen our forces there.

The other Mission fields are in a healthy condition.

OTHER INDICATIONS.

Permit me to call your attention to two other indications of progress.

1. There is a growing demand for a better trained ministry. This need is recognized by both preachers and churches. Few of our preachers, while eminent for piety and zeal, are trained men. This is no fault of theirs, for they have had no opportunity for training.

How shall this demand be supplied? Shall we import men? This is not desirable if it were possible. I think I can solve the difficulty if the Board will allow me to employ a suitable man for half of his time to conduct Bible-Training Institutes. He could not work more than half time, since our pastors whom we wish to help are compelled to supplement their support by farming.

I have laid this plan before the pastors and Associations, and they are anxious for it. I have also made a test of it by using Brother Woodall, of Mars Hill, as teacher, and find the people and preachers enthusiastic in their attendance.

2. The other healthy indication is that many of our churches are becoming aroused on the matter of pastoral work and support. But while our churches are numerous they are weak, financially, being almost altogether country churches, and the country people in the mountains handle very little money.

To meet this situation I have prepared a plan of co-operation, by which two, three or four churches located contiguous to each other enter into an agreement to co-operate in calling and locating a pastor in their midst. The plan meets with hearty approval from both pastors and churches. It will require time to put it in operation, but the increased efficiency of both pastors and churches by its adoption will justify a patient effort.

A. E. BROWN,
Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

1

TRIAL BALANCE SHEET.

WALTERS DURHAM, *Treasurer, in account current with the
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Dec. 9, 1903.*

DEBIT.			CREDIT.		
6	State Missions	\$1,993.65	131	Cash in Commercial and Farmers Bank.	\$3,521.80
24	Foreign Missions	299.60			
30	Home Missions.....	415.91			
36	Education.....	543.46			
48	Sunday Schools and Col- portage.	78.28			
66	Ministerial Relief.....	87.87			
70	Students Aid Fund.....	30.27			
89	Yates Memorial.....	41.62			
93	Mills Memorial	4.08			
129	Galveston Church	2.06			
129	Frontier Building Fund..	25.00			
	Total.....	3,521.80		Total.....	3,521.80

The above balance sheet, and all accounts—receipts and disbursements—as shown by the Treasurer's book, records of the same, has been examined to date, and found correct. Balance \$3,521.80 to credit of Walters Durham, Treasurer, in Commercial and Farmers Bank, Raleigh, N. C.

J. B. MARTIN,
Auditor Baptist State Convention.

December 9, 1903.

2

STATE MISSIONS.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 35) ..		\$2,418.63
Receipts from all sources.....		26,340.02
To Livingston Johnson, salary as Cor. Sec..	\$590.00	
T. Neil Johnson, salary as S. S. Sec.....	600.00	
A. E. Brown, salary Asst. Cor. Sec.....	816.67	
Miss Ford, salary as Stenographer.....	140.00	
Walters Durham, salary as Treasurer....	90.00	
Rent on Mission rooms.....	52.00	
Printing Minutes	10.00	
Edwards & Broughton, printing.....	36.65	
Office expenses	100.72	
Interest on notes.....	64.57	
Schools in Western North Carolina.....	3,075.00	
Expense of W. C. C.....	42.00	
Livingston Johnson, travelling expenses..	151.42	
A. E. Brown, travelling expenses.....	96.36	
T. Neil Johnson, travelling expenses....	109.65	
Paid co-operation.....	300.00	
Paid notes (M. D. S. Bank)	1,100.00	
Paid H. C. Mocre, Rec. Sec.....	25.00	
Paid missionaries.....	19,364.96	
Balance	1,993.65	
December 9, 1903		<u>\$28,758.65</u> <u>\$28,758.65</u>

3

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 35) ...		\$876.48
Amount received		15,397.67
Amount sent direct		2,163.48
To amount sent direct	\$2,163.48	
Livingston Johnson, salary as Cor. Sec... ..	560.00	
Livingston Johnson, travelling expenses..	103.50	
Walters Durham, salary as Treasurer....	80.00	
Miss Mae Ford, salary as Stenographer... ..	140.00	
Office expenses	58.50	
Rent of Mission rooms	70.00	
Edwards & Broughton, printing.....	82.23	
Mailing Minutes	25.00	
Expense W. C. C.	211.16	
Foreign Board	14,644.16	
Balance	299.60	
December 9, 1903.		<u>\$18,437.63</u> <u>\$18,437.63</u>

4.

HOME MISSIONS.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 36) ..	\$1,078.59	
Amount received.....		7,396.45
Amount sent direct.....		365.70
To amount sent direct.....	\$365.70	
Livingston Johnson, salary Cor. Sec.....	550.00	
Livingston Johnson, travelling expense..	55.00	
Walters Durham, salary as Treasurer....	80.00	
Rent	64.00	
Office expense.....	71.23	
Expense W. C. C.....	25.00	
N. B. Broughton, salary as Rec. Sec.....	25.00	
Printing	45.50	
Miss Mae Ford, salary as Stenographer..	140.00	
Home Board.....	7,003.40	
Balance	415.91	

December 9, 1903.	\$8, 840.74	\$8,840.74
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EDUCATION.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 36) ..	\$122.57	
Amount received		4,071.48
Paid vouchers of W. R. Cullom, Treas.....	\$3,650.59	
Balance	543.46	

\$4,194.05	\$4,194.05
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 36) ..	\$134.40	
Amount received		79.46
To A. E. Brown, salary as Asst. Cor. Sec.	\$83.33	
A. E. Brown, travelling expenses.....	7.95	
Printing	25.00	
Office expenses	19.30	
Balance	78.28	

\$213.86	\$213.86
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MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 37)	\$888.97	
Amount received		1,536.27
To vouchers of T. E. Cheek, Treas.	\$2,337.37	
Balance	87.87	

\$2,425.24 \$2,425.24

December 9, 1903.

8.

STUDENTS' AID FUND.

Balance as per statement of Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 37)	\$5.27	
Amount received		68.41
To vouchers of D. Pressley Smith, Treas.	\$43.41	
Balance	30.27	

\$73.68 \$73.68

December 9, 1903.

9

YATES MEMORIAL.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 37)	\$25.75	
Amount received		15.87
Balance	\$41.62	

\$41.62 \$41.62

December 9, 1903.

10.

MILLS MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 37)	\$4.08	
Balance	\$4.08	

\$4.08 \$4.08

December 9, 1903.

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GALVESTON CHURCH.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 37)	\$2.06	
Balance	\$2.06	

\$2.06 \$2.06

December 9, 1903.

12

FRONTIER BUILDING FUND.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902.....	\$25.00
Balance	\$25.00
	\$25.00
December 9, 1903.	\$25.00

13

BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

Balance as per statement Dec. 4, 1902 (Minutes, p. 38)....	\$30.59
Amount received.....	1,546.34
To vouchers paid.....	\$1,576.93

December 9, 1903.	\$1,576.93	\$1,576.93
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Respectfully submitted,

WALTERS DURHAM,

Treasurer Baptist State Convention.

The President appointed the following committees:

Orphanage—G. N. Cowan, W. H. Rich, J. M. Parrott, A. B. Thomas, E. C. Borden, C. A. Upchurch, G. W. Bowen, C. E. Holton, Frank Cook.

Ministerial Education—J. E. Smith, C. A. Jenkins, G. O. Wilhoit, A. H. Porter, W. O. Stone, J. M. Arnette, J. H. Rich, John Stanford, J. R. Pace.

J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., was recognized and welcomed.

On motion of W. C. Tyree, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee to report on the general spiritual condition of the Baptist churches of North Carolina.

The report on the Orphanage was presented, as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We look upon the history of our Orphanage which covers a score or more years with peculiar pride. When we contemplate the excellent work of the years past, the splendid reports which greet us to-day, and the wonderfully encouraging prospects of this, the noblest of our institutions, we are grateful to the God of all grace that He has laid this work upon our hearts.

We can refer to the present equipment of our Orphanage with real pleasure,—yet its usefulness could be greatly enlarged by

other provisions in this respect. The entire plant consists of more than a score of buildings uniquely arranged, together with other valuable property. During the past year a new dormitory for girls has been erected, which will accommodate about forty children. This building is a gift from that large hearted man J. C. Whitty, of New Bern, in memory of his daughter, and is known as the Rowena Whitty Building. It will be completed within the next few weeks.

The splendid manner in which the 265 children are cared for is worthy of mention. Their physical welfare is guarded with diligence. The managers are persistent in their efforts to keep up the best sanitary conditions. The healthful locality of our Orphanage renders their labors in this respect less arduous than they would otherwise be. The sick and infirm are cared for with the tenderness of a mother. The intellectual welfare of the children is also vigilently looked after. The school advantages and teaching force will compare favorably with any in our State. We mention the religious influence of our Orphanage not that you may know of what sort it is—this you already know—but that you may think again of its importance. Under such constant religious care and instruction it is not strange that most of the children are led to a genuine acceptance of Christ very early in life during the year now nearing its close. The pastor has baptized several.

We are glad to note the forward steps of this institution with the passing years. We rejoice to be able to report from time to time a deeper interest in this great work, yet we can safely say we are but in the beginning of what we can do, and ought to do. The buildings are full and yet applications come from all quarters. We ought never to be satisfied until we have made ample provision for every one whose right it is to share the high privileges of our Orphanage.

The committee heartily commends this noble work to the keeping of this Convention and the Baptist people of the State.

GEO. N. COWAN.

After remarks by George N. Cowan, Henry W. Battle, J. B. Boone, and J. D. Huffham, the report was adopted.

J. D. Huffham presented the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote.

WHEREAS, We have heard that Archibald Johnson, Editor of *Charity and Children*, has received overtures to accept other work;
Resolved 1st, That we urge Brother Johnson to remain in his present position, in which he has so effectually served the Orphanage and all our institutions.

Resolved 2nd, That we respectfully recommend to the Trustees that they go to any reasonable length to retain Brother Johnson.

C. W. Scarboro presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The offer of \$1,200 has been made for the erection and equipment of a Library building at the Baptist Orphanage, conditioned upon the raising of a similar sum; therefore

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the churches composing this body the raising of the sum of \$1,200 for the Library at the Baptist Orphanage.

The President appointed the following committees:

Home Missions—C. B. Paul, J. B. Newton, J. A. White, M. L. Shipman, R. G. Kendrick, M. J. Mashburn, S. W. Hall, M. J. Hendricks, L. S. Hamrick, L. M. Curtis.

Periodicals—H. W. Battle, B. Cade, S. F. Conrad, L. B. Boney, J. C. Turner, A. J. Freeman, C. C. Haymore, A. H. Sims, E. A. Covington.

Obituaries—J. D. Hufham, H. A. Brown, John E. Ray, C. H. Durham, C. J. D. Parker.

Sunday Schools—J. W. Bailey, C. W. Toms, T. S. Franklin, J. H. Tucker, T. J. Taylor, R. D. Carroll, C. B. Justice, M. L. Kesler, C. J. Woodson.

Woman's Work—C. J. Thompson, W. N. Flanders, W. D. Hubbard, H. D. Wilson, J. A. Summey, E. A. Hurley, J. W. Roberts, C. E. Maddry, V. O. Willis.

General Education—C. F. Meserve, W. R. Brown, J. H. Stephenson, C. W. Scarborough, G. W. Reed, J. K. Howell, W. J. Fulford, S. B. Wilson, D. P. Robbins.

Foreign Missions—J. C. Masee, J. D. Larkins, W. F. Watson, A. T. Hord, A. T. King, W. B. Rutledge, J. R. Lewis, D. P. Harris, C. A. Johnson.

Enlargement—J. W. Morgan, W. H. Reddish, C. H. Utley, A. E. Wilson, A. T. Justice, S. J. Montague, R. N. Hawkins, W. A. Therrrell, J. S. Gwaltney.

Religious Exercises—Pastors of Charlotte Baptist Churches.

Finance—W. F. Dowd, W. M. Liles, H. G. Harper.

To Nominate Preachers and Place of Next Meeting—L. R. Pruett, L. M. Curtis, L. L. Jenkins, S. D. Swaim, W. J. Roberts, C. M. Rock, J. A. Beam, J. F. McDuffie, R. L. Byrd.

To Nominate Board of Education—T. B. Justice, A. L. Hall, W. T. Covington, J. L. Price, R. W. Howell, D. W. Thomasson, J. A. Hoyle, G. W. Coppedge.

To Nominate Board of Missions and Sunday Schools—W. F. Fry, R. A. Moore, J. W. Little, J. B. Jackson, W. A. Graham, H. J. Palmer, C. L. Dowell, J. J. Beach, Robert Singleton.

To Nominate Board of Ministerial Relief—J. O. Alderman, G. H. Church, L. N. Chappell, B. L. Hoke, S. Huffman, K. C. Horner, C. C. Rickman, John Mitchell, G. A. Martin.

General Spiritual Condition of Churches—W. C. Tyree, John E. Ray, W. F. Reed, C. H. Durham, J. L. Egerton, R. H. Herring, R. C. Brown, A. J. Martin, T. P. Stewart

Upon suggestion of J. D. Hufham, a free-will offering of \$32 was made for the purpose of placing in Memorial Hall, at Wake Forest College, a portrait of Martin Ross, founder of this Convention, and one of the first citizens of North Carolina.

R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Va., was at this point recognized and welcomed to a seat in the Convention.

The subject of Ministerial Education, in the absence of report at this hour, was taken up and discussed by E. M. Potcat, President of Furman University, Greenville, S. C. The report was then presented by J. E. Smith, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

At Wake Forest there are about fifty young men who receive aid from the Board; at Bethel Hill there are ten; at Buies Creek several, and at Mars Hill College twelve who receive aid from other sources. There are many applications from bright, worthy young men who feel called of God to preach the Gospel, and to prepare themselves for 'his glorious work, but who can not do so unaided.

The great and growing demand for thoroughly prepared men makes it absolutely necessary for us to put forth greater efforts to meet this demand.

J. E. SMITH,

For the Committee.

After further discussion by J. R. Sampey, Professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and after pledges were taken for the Student's Aid Fund of Louisville, amounting to about \$1,000, the report was adopted.

J. Q. Adams, for Committee on Order of Business, made the following report, which was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THURSDAY.

- 3:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
 3:30 p. m.—Ministerial Relief.
 4:30 p. m.—Adjournment.
 7:30 p. m.—Woman's Work.
 8:30 p. m.—Foreign Missions.

FRIDAY.

- 9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
 10:00 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
 10:15 a. m.—State Missions.
 12 m.—Sunday School Board.
 1:00 p. m.—Adjournment.
 3:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
 3:15 p. m.—Young People's Work.
 3:45 p. m.—Spiritual Condition of the Churches.
 4:00 p. m.—Obituaries.
 4:30 p. m.—Adjournment.
 7:30 p. m.—Home Missions.
 9:00 p. m.—Baptist Female University.

SATURDAY.

- 9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
 9:50 a. m.—Reading Minutes.
 10:00 a. m.—Periodicals.
 11:00 a. m.—Wake Forest College.
 12 m.—Sunday Schools.
 1:00 p. m.—Adjournment.
 3:00 p. m.—Special Orders.
 4:00 p. m.—Reports of Special Committees.
 4:30 p. m.—Adjournment.
 7:30 p. m.—Temperance.

The President appointed the Committee on Temperance, as follows: C. W. Scarborough, W. H. Davis, R. R. Gully, C. W. Carter, D. H. McCullers, J. D. Barnett, O. M. Green, J. J. Price, J. W. Burchett.

The following visiting brethren were recognized: B. J. W. Graham, representing the *Christian Index*, of Atlanta, Ga.; John Bass Shelton, of Chester, S. C.; R. H. Pitt, editor of the *Religious Herald*, of Richmond, Va., and J. H. Couch, field agent of the same paper; A. C. Cree, of Gaffney City,

S. C.; J. S. Corpening, Timmons ville, S. C.; R. T. Bryan, representing the Kiansu Baptist Association, of Kiansu Province, China.

The morning session closed with benediction by J. B. Boone.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session opened with prayer by W. H. H. Lawhon. The President called Vice-President T. M. Arrington to the Chair.

On motion of J. W. Bailey, the Constitution was so amended as to require the election of the officers of the Convention by direct ballot.

J. W. Bailey presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina approves the suggestion made by the General Association of Virginia to the Southern Baptist Convention that a Commission be appointed to consider the obligation of the Southern Baptists to the negroes and if it seems to them well, to recommend to us ways and means of discharging that obligation.

The report of the committee on the Durham monument was presented by J. W. Bailey, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DURHAM MONUMENT.

Your Committee re-appointed by the Seventy-second Convention to receive funds for the monument to the lamented Columbus Durham, reports that:

- (1) We have in bank the sum of \$250.
- (2) We have practically assured \$100 more so soon as the monument shall be ordered.

We recommend that the amount be used in the purchase of a memorial, after proper consultation with the family of Dr. Durham; and that suitable exercises be ordered on the next Benefactor's Day at our Baptist Female University; and that Elder C. B. Justice shall be chairman of these exercises; and that the Commit-

tee on Durham Monument be instructed to act with him and with the Committee of the University on Benefactor's Day exercises.

J. W. BAILEY,

NOAH BIGGS,

J. C. CADDELL,

Committee.

The report of the Minister's Relief Board was presented by Corresponding Secretary J. F. McDuffie, as follows:

REPORT OF MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

This has been a gracious year for the old preachers and their families who have been assisted by this Board. Fewer deaths, and larger contributions on the part of the churches, and a greater income from the Permanent Interest Bearing Fund, all go to make it a glad year for all of us. We are endeavoring to keep ourselves above suspicion by careful and prudent consideration in respect to applicants for aid. Some have applied who have not given satisfactory evidence of their worthiness as applicants to this Board; some have applied, whose application have been filed for future action of the Board.

The increase of contributions have been gratifying. Last report gave an increase of about sixty dollars. This year we have increased nearly two hundred dollars. We take courage and go forward. This does not mean, by far, we are doing for the beneficiaries all we are asked to do, or all that they deserve, in helping these old brethren, but it means we are helping them more, and keeping the wolf from their doors, and enabling them to spend their last days more comfortably. If we can make as great strides in the coming year as we have made this year, we shall be enabled to gladden many of their hearts, and bring comfort and good cheer to many of their homes.

We have lost three beneficiaries during this year, one of whom was Bro. T. M. Honeycutt, to whom reference was made last report, remained on the Board but a very short while, has been released from life's toils and afflictions, and gone to rest with the faithful. He was a faithful soldier, and fought bravely and courageously until he was stricken down with disease, from which he was soon released by death, and gathered to the saints' rest.

The general health of the beneficiaries this year has been comparatively good, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

We have now twenty-one families represented on this Board. Two have been added since our last report. Bro. Ransom Pinner, of Buncombe Association, and Bro. M. L. Green, of West Chowan Association. Several applications are pending.

Your Board would recommend the appointment of a committee to report at this session of the Convention a change in the Constitution relative to blanks for applicants, and the incorporation of the Board.

J. F. McDUFFIE, *Cor. Sec.*

C. J. THOMPSON,

President.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BAPTIST MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD FOR
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 8, 1903.

1903.

RECEIVED.

Jan. 1.	Balance	\$366.38
June 6.	W. Durham, Treasurer	298.40
Aug. 5.	W. Durham, Treasurer	150.00
Nov. 21.	W. Durham, Treasurer	1,000.00
	Returned checks from dead beneficiary.....	27.50
	Interest paid this year	181.78
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		\$2,024.06
	Balance	491.26

DISBURSED.

To Rev. T. M. Honeycutt	\$50.00
Mrs. T. M. Honeycutt	20.00
Mrs. Harriet Spivey	35.00
Mrs. Rhoda Churchill	67.50
Mrs. S. E. Phillips	67.50
Mrs. C. F. Humphries	67.50
Rev. N. H. Moss	60.00
Mrs. L. P. Brown	47.50
Mrs. Jane Barlow	47.50
Mrs. H. C. Register	47.50
Mrs. Sibly Combs	47.50
Mrs. E. H. Best	47.50
Mrs. Elvia Caines	47.50
Rev. Solomon Blackburn	50.00
Rev. J. H. Lewellin	37.50
Rev. Wm. Harris	37.50
Rev. T. M. Duncan	42.50
Rev. W. L. Tart	37.50
Mrs. Amanda Sellers	42.50
Mrs. Sarah M. Hughes	25.00
Rev. R. J. Bennett	60.00
Rev. M. L. Green	35.00
Rev. Ransom Pinner	25.00
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	\$1,045.00

June 6.	P. I. B. Fund	\$99.47	
Aug. 5.	P. I. B. Fund	50.00	
Nov. 21.	P. I. B. Fund	333.33	
				482.80
Dec. 8.	Postage		5.00
	8. Balance to General Fund		491.26
				\$2,024.06

PERMANENT INTEREST-BEARING FUND.

Loan.....	\$300.00	
Loan....	250.00	
Loan.....	200.00	
Loan.....	100.00	
Loan.....	350.00	
Loan.....	200.00	
Loan.....	200.00	
Loan.....	300.00	
Loan.....	150.00	
Loan.....	100.00	
Loan.....	175.00	
Loan.....	160.00	
Loan.....	300.00	
Loan..	250.00	
Loan.....	400.00	
Loan.....	110.00	
Loan....	60.00	
Loan....	60.00	
Loan.....	62.50	
Loan.....	80.00	
Loan....	44.25	
		\$3,851.75
Balance	224.77
		\$4,076.52

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. CHEEK, *Treasurer.*

Durham, N. C., Dec. 8. 1903.

We have examined the above report and certify that same is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JOHN V. RIGSBEE,

R. H. RIGSBEE,

Auditors.

Remarks were made on the work of the Board by J. F. McDuffie, C. J. Thompson and N. L. Shaw.

The Convention was then addressed by O. F. Flippo, of Philadelphia, on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by J. D. Hufham.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Reassembling at 7:30 o'clock, the Convention listened to the reading of the second Psalm by C. W. Scarboro, who also led in prayer.

With Vice-President W. C. Dowd in the Chair, the report on Woman's Work was submitted by C. J. Thompson, as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

One of the most marked favors of God's blessings upon our work of recent years has been the steady and rapid growth of Woman's Work. The increased number of new Societies organized, the growing membership of those already constituted, and the enlargement of funds raised year by year make it more and more manifest that God has a large place for woman in the evangelization of this world.

It is with gratitude to God, with the deepest sympathy for our consecrated women, and with feelings of the highest appreciation of their zeal and self-denial for the Master's cause that we mark the constant growth of this work.

The amounts in cash and boxes for State, Home and Foreign Missions during the year just closed, foot up \$11,322.95. Besides this, boxes to the Orphanage, and gifts for other objects have been raised.

But as large as these amounts of money are, this is not the most successful feature of our Woman's Work. The development and cultivation of a Christ-like mission spirit is doubtless their greatest work. Definite missionary information, and specific plans of work are among the greatest needs of our churches. Our Woman's Work is along both these lines.

The greatest blessing to a Church, besides a missionary pastor, is perhaps a live, active Woman's Missionary Society. It brings helpful information, it produces heart sympathy for those without the Gospel, and it inspires to activity and liberality.

Here is one of the largest open doors to-day in our denomination, and our motto should be, *A Society in every Church, and every female member of the Church a member of the Soc-ety.*

To this end, we would urge the pastors, God-appointed leaders and teachers of the Churches, to encourage from the pulpit, to render all possible assistance, and to see to it that Woman's Missionary Societies are organized in the Churches where there are none, and are encouraged and made more efficient where they already exist. Also that the organization of the children into Mission Bands, which is now being prosecuted, be encouraged and continued.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. THOMPSON,
W. N. FLANDERS,
W. D. HUBBARD,
H. D. WILSON,
J. A. SUMMY,
E. A. HURLEY,
J. W. ROBERTS,
C. E. MADDREY,
V. O. WILLIS,

Committee.

The report was discussed by C. J. Thompson, W. D. Hubbard and J. R. Pace, and adopted.

By request of President Marsh, W. C. Tyree, Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board for this State, presided during the discussion of Foreign Missions.

The report was presented by J. C. Masee, as follows:

One of the world's most striking illustrations of God's method and man's duty in missions is to be found in the experience of Abraham, the father of the faithful. Abraham was a Foreign Missionary. In his experience it was demonstrated that each new call with promise; each new open door of opportunity; each new and enlarged vision of God and His purpose in the revelation of himself to the world, brought with it new and enlarged demands; the necessity for greater sacrifice—God's method, and man's duty of that early day, are the method and the duty of this day.

Our Lord is giving to us ever enlarging privileges; more and more effectual doors are being opened to us in heathen lands. For these gifts he makes large demands upon us. Two things he asks of us: Our young men and women, and our money. We recommend that earnest prayer to God be made that many new laborers be soon

sent into these whitening fields. And that a number of our choicest young men be chosen by the Holy Ghost for this honorable labor. And urge that the brotherhood enlarge its gifts to meet the needs of the new men thus asked, and in anticipation already received.

Our contributions to Foreign Missions have this year been \$17,000. We ask the Convention to make \$20,000 for its ideal in 1904

J. C. MASSEE,
 J. D. LARKINS,
 A. T. KING,
 W. F. WATSON,
 W. B. RUTLEDGE,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by J. C. Massee, W. C. Tyree, R. T. Bryan, our missionary at Shanghai, China; R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Va., and the report was adopted.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by R. J. Willingham.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 11, 1903.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Josiah Crudup, of Washington.

The proceedings of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Walter Calley, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, was introduced to the Convention.

Several new pastors in the State were also welcomed to seats in the Convention.

On motion of Livingston Johnson, the President was requested to appoint a committee to present a report on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The President appointed W. C. Tyree and H. A. Foushee as the committee to have the Minister's Relief Board incorporated.

The following telegram was read:

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 10, 1903.

President Baptist State Convention, Charlotte, N. C.:

The North Carolina men at the Seminary send greetings. Hebrews xiii. 20-21.

T. D. CRUTCHFIELD,

J. C. TURNER,

Committee.

J. E. Smith was asked to make suitable response on behalf of the Convention.

Secretary N. B. Broughton presented a message of fraternal greetings from T. E. Skinner, who is unable to be present at this session. The Secretary was requested to reply to our esteemed brother, assuring him of the sympathy, prayers and love of the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Enlargement of State Mission Work was presented, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENLARGEMENT.

The Baptists of North Carolina are to be congratulated and God is to be praised for the response our Churches have made to the call of our Board for an advance in contribution to State Mission work. Last year \$25,000 were asked for; the same amount that was asked for two years ago. The report of our Secretary shows that during the conventional year just ended we raised something over this amount. But while our contributions to this work have increased, the demands upon the Board have also increased. New fields are being opened up in various parts of the State, and our Board is unable to meet many of the urgent appeals for aid that are coming to it. In view of these facts the committee urges that the Convention adopt the recommendation of our Secretary and undertake to raise, during the next conventional year, the sum of \$30,000 for our State Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MORGAN,
W. H. REDDISH,
C. H. UTLEY,
A. E. WILSON,
A. I. JUSTICE,
S. J. MONTAGUE,
R. N. HAWKINS,
W. A. TIERRELL,
J. S. GWALTNEY,

Committee.

The report was discussed by Livingston Johnson, F. M. Jordan, W. R. Gwaltney, J. D. Hufham, W. T. Reeves, C. M. Murchison, C. C. Haymore, W. A. Therrell, W. A. Graham, and J. W. Lynch, and adopted.

The President appointed the following a committee to prepare report on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention: B. Craig, B. W. Spilman, R. D. Carroll, G. P. Harrill, W. H. Reddish.

The Committee on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention sustains the same relation to the work of the Churches of North Carolina as that sustained by our Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

We rejoice in the continued prosperity of the Board. We commend its wisdom in the purchase of the building now occupied by it.

The Bible work of our Churches is committed to our Sunday School Board. This work is being well cared for.

The periodical and general literature issued by our Board is the best for our Churches. We commend our periodical literature.

The field department is doing good service.

B. CRAIG,
B. W. SPILMAN,
R. D. CARROLL,
G. P. HARRILL,
W. H. REDDISH.

Committee.

The report was spoken to by W. C. Tyree and J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the report was adopted.

E. E. Folk, editor of *Baptist and Reflector*, of Nashville, Tenn., was recognized and welcomed.

The Committee on Order of Business, by consent, exchanged the hours for discussion of Wake Forest and the spiritual condition of the churches.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by B. D. Gray.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 3 o'clock, and prayer was offered by N. S. Jones.

T. J. Taylor, of Warrenton, submitted the report of the Committee on History, as follows:

REPORT OF HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed at the last session of the Convention on the employment of a historian, met in Raleigh on the 24th of December, 1902, and organized. Subsequently, consultations were held by mail and telephone.

It was deemed advisable to begin operations in the Tar River Association; and an appeal was made to the brethren, and they placed at our disposal, in cash and in good pledges, a sum sufficient to enable us to secure the services of Dr. Hufham to write the history of the Tar River Association. He is now engaged in this work, and we hope, at an early day, to place the book before the brethren.

A beginning has been made, and we recommend that the work be continued, for we are sure that earnest and patient effort in this direction will produce satisfactory results. An effort should be made to collect and put in shape, as soon as possible, material for the history of our denomination in the State; and we should not relax our efforts until this has been accomplished. We also urge that all who have historical material and all who are interested in this matter co-operate with the Convention's committee, for unless the people co-operate, your committee can not succeed.

T. J. TAYLOR,

T. M. PITTMAN,

Committee.

The President appointed the Committee on Historical Work for the ensuing year: T. J. Taylor, T. M. Pittman and J. R. Rodwell.

The Young People's work was discussed by Walter Calley, of Chicago, Corresponding Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. A.

A motion by W. R. Cullom passed, calling for the appointment of a committee to plan for the prosecution of the Young People's work in North Carolina.

The following were appointed by the President as constituting this committee: J. C. Masee, W. R. Cullom, W.

Drummond Marrow, T. S. Franklin, W. F. Fry, C. L. Greaves, Livingston Johnson.

F. P. Hobgood, for the Trustees, presented the report on Wake Forest College, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WAKE FOREST.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, the sixty-eighth session of the College has ended and the sixty-ninth has begun. The registration for the former session was three hundred and thirteen, representing eight States and about seventy counties of North Carolina. Forty-two of these young men received their degrees at the last Commencement. Twenty-seven have received from the Supreme Court their license to practice law.

At the Annual Meeting of the Trustees Mr. Darius Eatman was elected Professor of Pedagogy and Assistant in English to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Professor C. C. Crittenden, who, in the prime of a vigorous manhood which promised exceptional usefulness, was taken from us by death in April.

At a later meeting Dr. W. S. Rankin was elected as Assistant in the new Department of Medicine.

At their Annual Meeting the Trustees heartily endorsed the plan for the erection of a new building in the campus, to be known as the Biological Building, as soon as funds therefor can be secured.

The current session opened on August 26th and will close on May 25th. Up to date 302 students have matriculated. If the usual proportion enter at the beginning of the Spring Term in January, the next catalogue will show a larger number of students than ever before.

The student body, with few exceptions, are working and behaving well. It may be questioned whether any college of the same rank can show a better record as to the department, on the whole, of its students.

The revival in the College Church last October, as a result of the labors of Elders Lynch and Tyree, was a season of intense, though quiet, interest. Twenty-one students were baptized and others renewed their vows to God.

Last session was made notable in the history of the institution by the inauguration of the Pastors' Institute. The additional work voluntarily undertaken by Professor Cullem to make the Institute a success is worthy of special recognition. That not more than a dozen pastors availed themselves of this opportunity last winter is explained by the fact that the enterprise was new and experimental. The indications now are that there will be a much larger attendance when the next session of the Institute opens on January 14th. There

are at least a hundred pastors in the State who could with great profit to themselves and to their Churches spend a month at the College in the study of God's Word and of pastoral relations and duties.

The Trustees of the College are not unmindful of the responsibility imposed upon them in the administration of the important trust committed to them by the Baptists of North Carolina, whose servants they are. It is with satisfaction that they can point to the past history of the College, but their thoughts and plans are concerning its future. The value of Wake Forest as a factor in the past and present life of the Convention can hardly be overestimated. As to whether its influence is to be as great or greater in the years to come is to be determined by the Convention, whose creation and oldest daughter the College is. Conditions change and competition increases from year to year with great rapidity. And these new conditions demand new resources. As to whether these are to be supplied by increase of endowment or by special contributions from the churches, the Convention itself must decide. The latter method has worked well in sustaining other Christian Colleges in this State. And there is no reason why, in this respect, the College should not be upon the same footing as the several boards of the Convention. The chief, if not the only reason for the continued existence of the College, under existing conditions in North Carolina, is that, like the Boards, it is an agent for doing the work for which the Convention was originally organized and for which its life is perpetuated. Too much emphasis can not be put upon this relation. To strengthen the College is to make the Convention more efficient. To allow the College to suffer from lack of equipment in men or material is to wound the Convention at a vital point. And of this there is real danger in the near future.

For good reasons the College has for some years made no appeal to its constituency for endowment or improvement. Meanwhile the wheels of educational progress in North Carolina have not stood still. And no prophet is needed to foretell that unless its equipment is improved and its endowment is increased, our College will after a few years fall into the rear ranks of a procession in which it has been a leader. It is only right that with candor and directness the Baptists of the State should be informed as to the real situation.

The Trustees and Faculty of Wake Forest College have taken an active interest in the successful establishment of Associational Academies in almost every part of the State. These will naturally become feeders of our higher institutions of learning.

Charlotte N. C., Dec. 9, 1903.

Remarks were made by F. P. Hobgood, E. W. Sikes, W. C. Tyree, C. F. Meserve, T. B. Justice, A. W. Cooke, and the report was ordered spread upon the minutes.

Baylus Cade offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College should go forward to secure, as speedily as may be, the money wanted for the enlargement of its facilities and the increase of its resources; and the Convention pledges itself to stand by them in any efforts they may make to increase either the endowment of the College or to add additional buildings and equipment to its present plant.

The resolution was discussed by J. D. Hufham, after which, the hour for adjournment having arrived, further discussion was postponed till to-morrow morning, and the Convention adjourned, with benediction by J. K. Faulkner.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at the hour appointed, and the opening exercises were conducted by Baylus Cade.

On motion of W. C. Tyree, it was ordered that the half hour for devotional exercises to-morrow morning be devoted to prayer for laborers from our State for the foreign field, the service to be conducted by R. J. Willingham.

The Pastors' Winter Course of Study at Wake Forest College was explained by W. R. Cullom, Professor of Bible at the College.

The President requested J. C. Caddell, Vice-President of the Home Mission Board for North Carolina, to preside during the discussion of Home Missions.

The report on Home Missions was presented by C. B. Paul, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

In submitting the report on Home Missions we desire, first of all, to express our gratitude to God for the many signs of His blessings upon this work during the past year.

We gratefully acknowledge that our contributions for Home Missions this year exceed that of last year by \$1,515.26, thus showing the increasing confidence of our people in this great work.

Your committee rejoices to note not only the increase of work done during the past year, but also the increased opportunities for work in the future. In fact the more we do in this cause the more we see to do, and when we take into account the rapid development of the South, the isthmian canal which is soon to be built, and the influence this will have upon the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as many other important changes that are constantly taking place, we feel safe in asserting that unless we keep up with these developments we will rapidly lose our position as a religious force in the Southern States.

When we cast about for an agency through which to do this work we find none so well equipped or better qualified than our Home Mission Board. The timely aid it has rendered our own State in the past tends to increase our loyalty and support to this great agency now.

In regard to our work in Cuba we are glad to be able to state that in spite of the many hindrances to the work there, and the unfortunate friction between Dr. Diaz and the Home Board, the work is more prosperous and in better condition to-day than ever before. Our property in the island is secure, perfect harmony exists among our missionaries, increased interest and growth is manifest everywhere, and urgent calls for more laborers are constantly made. In this connection we desire to say that it is the opinion of your committee that if the Home Board has erred at all in handling the delicate situation that grew out of their relations to Dr. Diaz in connection with this work, it has been on the side of mercy every time, and we feel sure, yea we even now see signs, that God is overruling this unfortunate occurrence to the furtherance of our cause in the island and to His own glory.

The Board is in need of increased contributions for their building and loan fund, which has been specially helpful in the cities and in the States and Territories west of the Mississippi River. They likewise need immediate financial help in their general work, occasioned by changing securities, during which time no appeals were made for this object.

In regard to our work among the colored people, your committee is of opinion that as the stronger, more intelligent and more en-

lightened race, we owe them certain considerations, that as Christians we can not afford to overlook nor neglect. The fact that many of them are very low in the scale of morality, very ungrateful for our best efforts in their behalf, and easily led by designing men to their own hurt, increases rather than diminishes our responsibility toward them.

Believing that this, as well as all other great problems confronting us, must be, can be, and eventually will be, settled upon principles taught in God's Word, we earnestly recommend that our Home Board extend to them a helping hand wherever and whenever such help in their judgment seems wise and prudent.

In consideration of the above stated facts, and in view of the increasing, pressing calls made upon our Home Board, your committee recommend that this Convention set the amount to be raised for Home Missions this year at \$12,000, a little less than one-fifteenth of the amount set by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. PAUL,
R. G. KENDRICK, JR.,
J. A. WHITE,
J. B. NEWTON,
S. W. HALL,
M. J. HENDRICKS,
Committee.

The report was discussed by C. B. Paul and B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga.

The report of the Trustees of the Baptist Female University was read by B. W. Spilman:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

By the blessing of God, we are permitted to report a prosperous and successful session, in some respects the most successful in our history. The enrollment of students is 255, including 180 boarders in our own buildings, besides a few in the city. Our capacity has been taxed to the utmost to accommodate the students and teachers and provide teaching rooms.

The health and general spirit of the student body have been exceptionally good, and so far as we can judge, honest and faithful work is being done by students and faculty generally.

Interest in the College Missionary Society and Christian Association is very gratifying, the average attendance on their meetings embracing three-fourths or four-fifths of the students. An inter-

esting and helpful feature of the missionary meetings has been a series of lectures, still in progress, by Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, on "The Missionary Century," being a study of the growth of missions during the last century. Miss Heck is thus adding another to the many benefits she has already conferred on the school, and in making this report we would express to her our grateful acknowledgments.

The school of English has been divided into two departments, each of which is in charge of a full professor.

The head of the Latin department has been granted leave of absence to take another year at Harvard, and her place has been supplied by Miss Lanneau.

We have also organized a school of the Bible, with Brother T. Neill Johnson as professor.

Since the beginning of the movement inaugurated in Winston, our debt has been reduced from \$42,000 to \$14,500. Of the amounts paid in, something like \$24,000 was contributed directly by our people.

The attention of the Convention is called to a statement of facts which we deem of serious import. Although we stopped our canvass for students five weeks before the session opened, over 50 applicants for rooms had to be turned away for lack of accommodation, and we are continually hearing of others who did not apply solely because they learned that we were overflowed. Our experience in other years induces the belief that with continued effort we could have reported 100 more boarding pupils if we could have accommodated them. These would make a college in themselves, more boarding pupils, indeed, than are to be found in many of our women's colleges. With the debt removed, our trustees could build a house to accommodate these girls without calling on the denomination for help. Moreover, with our present teaching force and equipment, we could teach another hundred girls at but little extra expense; so that the income from them would be largely net. But in view of our prolonged struggle and of the demands of other denominational interests on our people our board has not felt justified in undertaking to build without instructions from the Convention. Late in the year President Vann submitted the proposition that if the churches would raise \$5,000 on the debt by January, he would undertake to raise \$10,000 in private subscriptions, payable on condition that the entire debt should be cancelled by that time. Brother Vann has secured \$7,950, and feels confident that he can secure the rest if the churches will make these subscriptions good by raising the remaining \$4,500. But so far they have sent in only \$700, which, with \$300 more that we know is safe, leaves at least \$3,500 still to be raised in order to secure the

\$10,000 pledged, and also the building of a new dormitory, as mentioned above.

A large music hall is greatly needed, and if the department is to meet the rapidly-growing demands upon it, the erection of such a building can not be long delayed. But another dormitory building seems to be a present and urgent necessity.

The Convention was addressed by R. T. Vann, President of the University.

On motion of A. E. Brown, pledges were now taken to make up the balance due on the indebtedness of the Baptist Female University; \$3,565 was raised, an amount sufficient to cover the indebtedness.

The Convention then adjourned with singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the closing prayer was offered by R. T. Vann.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 12, 1903.

The opening exercises were conducted by R. J. Willingham, the service being one of special prayer for workers in both our home and foreign fields.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The President announced a message from John A. Oates, editor of the *North Carolina Baptist*, who is kept from the Convention by the extreme illness of his mother. T. B. Justice was asked to respond on behalf of the Convention.

On motion of R. T. Vann, the order of business was suspended to take up the resolution offered yesterday by Baylus Cade. Further remarks were made on the resolution by J. W. Bailey, R. T. Vann and Baylus Cade, and the report was adopted.

The report on Periodicals was submitted by H. W. Battle, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder* has for many years been loyal to the sacred trust as the organ of North Carolina Baptists. It has been loyal to the sacred trust thus committed to it, often leading the way to higher attainments, when to lead required wisdom, tact and courage. Many a bugle note that rallied North Carolina Baptists at great crises in their history, sounded first in the columns of the *Recorder* and was echoed from the mountains to the sea. Never was the *Recorder* more ably edited than at the present time, and never has such a great opportunity provided so inspiring a field for its powers.

The *North Carolina Baptist* is accomplishing its mission ably and effectively. During the recent campaign for the emancipation of our State from the diabolical tyranny of the saloon, it rendered service and demonstrated its right to sympathy and fraternal recognition.

Charity and Children has won a unique place among the forces which promote and maintain our denominational life. Its excellence is universally recognized; it is ever the harbinger of nobility of ideas, purity of sentiment and the sweetness of heaven-born charity. For North Carolina Baptists to now lose the impress of that personality which has, under God, imparted a delicate charm and rare usefulness to this, our Orphanage paper, would be no less than a calamity.

Nor should the *Skyland Baptist*, strong in doctrine as the eternal mountains and the admirable *Atlantic Baptist* fail to receive most cordial recognition.

The *Foreign Mission Journal*, published by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, and *The Home Field*, published by the Home Mission Board at Atlanta are of inestimable value to the great causes they respectively represent.

Knowledge is the foundation stone upon which all real and abiding progress must rest, and the printed page is, next to the living ministry, the most far-reaching, safest and most effective medium for the dissemination of those facts which carry conviction and inspire to action.

That our Baptist people may give a more generous patronage and devote more time to the careful reading of our periodical literature is a consummation devoutly to be wished."

H. W. BATTLE,
B. CADE,
S. F. CONRAD,
L. B. BONEY,
J. C. TURNER,

A. J. FREEMAN,
C. C. HAYMORE,
A. H. SIMS,
E. A. COVINGTON,

Committee.

The report was discussed by H. W. Battle, J. R. Pace, J. W. Bailey, J. C. Masee and T. J. Taylor, and was adopted.

The report on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches was presented by W. C. Tyree, including also the report of the Committee on Midsummer Meeting:

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The unity, harmony and peace that prevail among our churches give us cause for profound gratitude and hopefulness. The temperance and benevolent sentiment is probably more universal and stronger than ever before. The mission spirit which has been steadily growing and spreading among our people during this year seems now to be growing faster and becoming more intense than ever before. The spirit of co-operation and loyalty to the organized work of our denomination, and to all of its agencies and institutions is universally prevalent. We have cause also to be very thankful that our pastors and churches are sound in faith and that we are free from false teaching and heresy.

From many significant indications and from the report of our consecrated Secretary who has so good an opportunity for observation, the past year has been eminently fruitful in the salvation of souls, which is the real end of our work, to which all of our organizations and institutions are but means. Very many of our churches have been blessed with gracious revivals, characterized by remarkable spiritual power. Consequently a very large number of conversions have been reported, for which we may and ought to thank God. This is the best evidence of spiritual health and prosperity and the best token of God's favor and approbation.

We fear there is a constant and lamentable decline of family worship among our people and we also fear that there is growing laxity of discipline in our churches. Both of these call for serious and prayerful consideration.

Believing as we do that prayer is a mighty instrumentality for the promotion of God's Kingdom, and as God has so signally blessed concert of prayer at other times, we recommend that in our Union Meetings and in our Associations, an hour be set apart for united prayer for a true revival of religion in our churches and other churches, and in our State and throughout our nation. We also recommend that special prayer for this be offered in all of our churches regularly the first Sunday in every month and once every three months, in the churches which meet only once a month.

W. C. TYREE,
For the Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIDSUMMER MEETING.

This committee was appointed by the Seventy-second Convention.

We respectfully report that the meeting took place at Jackson Springs, in Moore County, June 23rd—July 1st. It gives us joy to say that the meeting came well up toward the purposes in which it was instituted. The place of meeting is delightful. A large, airy and well appointed tabernacle had been built especially for us by the proprietors of the Springs. The attendance from the churches was very good indeed, our pastors, our men and our women being represented. Moreover, the local interest grew until on the Sabbath there were 1,500 people present.

The program of the meeting was well maintained, each of the speakers having prepared himself well. We would mention especially the daily work of Dr. A. T. Robertson in the Career of Jesus.

It gives us pleasure to say that all that attended this meeting wish that it shall be repeated, and quite a sum of money was pledged for this purpose. Dr. Robertson has already consented to give a series of lectures in the summer of 1904 on "The Words of Jesus."

Your committee would, therefore, request that the Convention appoint a committee to conduct another Midsummer Meeting.

W. C. TYREE,
N. B. BROUGHTON,
T. NEILL JOHNSON,
A. JOHNSON,
C. J. THOMPSON,
J. W. BAILEY,

Committee.

After remarks by W. C. Tyree, and the presentation of the following resolution by T. B. Justice, which was received, the report was adopted:

Resolved, That the President at this session of this body appoint a committee of three whose duty it shall be to acquaint themselves with the spiritual condition of our churches and report at the next session of this body.

The President appointed the following committee to conduct the Midsummer Meeting: W. C. Tyree, N. B. Broughton, L. Johnson, A. Johnson, J. D. Hufham, J. W. Bailey, J. C. Masee.

William B. Streeter, State Superintendent North Carolina Children's Home Society, was introduced to the Convention.

J. W. Bailey presented the report on Sunday Schools, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

Your committee respectfully recommends that the recommendations of the Sunday-school Committee of the State Board of Missions and Sunday-schools, be accepted. These recommendations are:

(1) That the Sunday-school work be continued upon the present basis, *i. e.*, by a committee of seven members of the State Board, selected by that Board.

(2) That this committee shall engage a Sunday-school Field Worker, whose duties shall be to aid in the establishment of Sunday-schools, the improvement of Sunday-schools, the encouragement of Sunday-schools; to raise money for the Sunday-school work, and to organize our Sunday-school forces on the most practicable plan possible.

(3) That this Committee shall endeavor, with the aid of this Field Worker and our Corresponding Secretary to raise a sufficient amount of funds to support this work.

(4) And that the State Board be authorized to appropriate not more than \$1,000.00 to make up any possible deficiency in the treasury of the Sunday-school work; it being understood that none of this sum shall be used if from direct contributions support may be obtained.

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In respect to Colportage we recommend that the Executive Committee of the State Board be authorized to appoint not more than fifty approved ministerial students in North Carolina Baptist institutions, who shall be known as Personal Workers, and who shall be assigned to certain territories during their vacations, with instructions to distribute books, Bibles, tracts, etc., by gift and sale; and who shall preach wherever opportunity offers and whose great business it shall be to bear witness to Jesus the Christ to the people they meet.

That not more than \$1,200 shall be appropriated by the Board for this work.

J. W. BAILEY,
C. W. JONES,
T. S. FRANKLIN,
J. H. TUCKER,
T. J. TAYLOR,
R. D. CARROLL,
C. B. JUSTICE,
M. L. KESLER,
C. J. WOODSON.

Committee.

The report was discussed by J. W. Bailey, B. W. Spilman, J. H. Tucker and N. B. Broughton, after which pledges were taken for the Sunday School work in the State, amounting to \$566. The report was then adopted.

The President appointed the following committee to report to the next session of Convention on the spiritual condition of the churches: T. B. Justice, M. A. Wood, B. W. N. Simms.

A. J. McKelway, editor of *Presbyterian Standard*, Charlotte, was recognized and welcomed.

L. R. Pruitt, for the Committee to Nominate Preacher, Time and Place of Next Meeting, reported as follows:

Your committee report as follows: Place—Elizabeth City; time, Wednesday after the third Sunday in November; to preach the Convention sermon, J. W. Lynch; alternate, C. H. Durham.

W. F. Fry, for the Committee to Nominate Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, reported, recommending the Board of last year, with the following brethren to fill vacancies: J. C. Masee, R. J. Bateman, J. S. Farmer, C. H. Poe, T. B. Parker, J. S. Pearson, A. T. Cotten. The report was adopted.

On motion of Livingston Johnson, the correction of the list of associational delegates of the Board was left to the secretaries.

T. B. Justice presented the report of the Committee to Nominate the Board of Education, which was adopted. [See Boards of Convention.]

A. C. Barron, for the Committee on Religious Exercises, read the appointments for members of the Convention in the various churches of the city to-morrow.

After announcements, the Convention adjourned, with benediction by B. W. Spilman.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by Vice-President Arrington, and prayer was offered by J. K. Howell.

The report of the Committee on Place, Time and Preacher for next session was taken up, and, after discussion by Livingston Johnson, A. E. Poe and W. A. Graham, the report was amended by striking out the recommendation as to time, after which it was adopted.

W. R. Cullom, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, presented the report of the Board, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Two of the most conspicuous agencies that the Lord uses in making ministers are the Christian home and the Christian school. Hannah, the pious mother, and Samuel, the gifted organizer and wise leader of the school of the prophets, are but laboring in two departments of the same great work. Our Saviour recognized the indispensable value of training in the ministry when he held the Twelve around his person, and made sure that they were well grounded in his teachings before he sent them out to evangelize the world. From Luke, 8:1-3, we learn that these men were supported, at least in part, by voluntary offerings from those who loved the Saviour while they were in training. Our Baptist fathers saw the necessity of a trained ministry when they coupled the education of young men called of God to preach the Gospel along with the work of missions and philanthropy. If this was needful in 1830, surely in the complicated life of our day it is manifold more so.

It is gratifying to note that there has been a marked increase in the contributions from our churches to this object during the year, which is now closing. The appended financial statement shows an increase of \$931.48 in the income of the Board of Education for the past year over that of the year before. The total number of men aided at Wake Forest during the past year was (58) fifty-eight. Of course, not all of these were there at any one time. The average has been between forty and fifty.

North Carolina is said to be one of the four States of our Union noted for the production of preachers. Shall we not take this as an omen that the spirit of prophecy is alive among us, and respond accordingly to the demands of this work?

It is a matter of concern to those in close touch with this feature

of our work that so many of our beneficiaries find it necessary to seek employment during their summer vacation outside the State, and, in some cases, in such employment as is poorly adapted to link them to the life and work of the Baptists of North Carolina. We believe that the pastor and church sending a young man out should give some attention to this matter.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$65.57
Borrowed money	492.50
Interest on permanent funds.....	1,258.14
Contributions	2,765.84
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Total	\$4,582.05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out as per vouchers 1—130.....	\$4,043.89
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Balance on hand.....	\$538.16

W. R. CULLOM,

Corresponding Secretary.

W. C. Tyree, for the Minister's Relief Board, asked the privilege of adding certain questions to the blank form of application. The request was, on motion, granted.

J. W. Bailey, chairman of the Committee on Federation of Schools, reported that the committee had been unable to agree upon a definite plan, and submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to present to the next Convention a list of the Baptist schools in North Carolina, properly classified and with such data as may seem of interest or value.

J. B. Newton submitted the following resolution, which, after discussion by J. B. Newton, Baylus Cade, B. W. N. Simms, J. W. Bailey, J. D. Huffham and W. C. Petty, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The running of Sunday trains is in violation to God's command and demoralizing to our people; therefore

Resolved, That we discountenance such doings on the Lord's day for pleasure or profit and earnestly hope that the authorities of our railroad systems will desist from further desecration of our Christian Sabbath.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was submitted by J. D. Hufham, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Among our brethren who, since the last session of the Convention, have entered into rest eternal, your committee makes mention, first, of Benjamin Saunders, of Lilesville, Anson County, who died on the 3rd instant, in his 93rd year. From his early youth he had been a follower of Jesus and through almost the whole period of his active life he was a simple, earnest, effective preacher of righteousness. To the last he was deeply interested in all the Lord's work on the earth.

2. J. H. Lewellyn, of Surry County, a few weeks ago closed a long and beautiful career in the ministry. It would be hard to find a more symmetrical character or a more useful life. Brother Lewellyn had passed the age of three-score years and ten.

3. J. B. Marsh, for many years an active minister within the bounds of this Baptist Convention of North Carolina, removed to South Carolina about ten years ago and there, on the 8th of January of this present year, was called from earthly labor to heavenly rest and refreshment. Brother Marsh was a native of New York, and was 73 years old.

4. W. G. Quackenbush was a faithful and useful member of the church at Laurinburg. He was a fine scholar and most of his life had been spent in teaching.

5. Dr. A. J. Ballentine died on the 23rd of February at his home in Jonesboro. "In business not slothful, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

6. E. Frost, of Davie County, a few weeks ago received fatal injuries by a fall from his buggy, thus suddenly terminating a useful career as deacon, Sunday-school worker and Trustee of the Baptist Orphanage.

7. T. B. Hall, a laborious minister of the South River Association, died on the 24th of August after an illness of one day.

8. T. M. Honeycutt, one of the best beloved ministers, died soon after the last session of your body. He had done a great work for God among the people of his native mountains. He died at his home, Mars Hill, N. C. "He being dead yet speaketh."

Sam. J. Tatum, Cooleemee N. C., twenty-seven years Clerk of South Yadkin Association, died September, 1902.

Remarks by B. W. Spilman, J. D. Hufham and W. A. Graham, and the report adopted.

The report of the Committee on General Education was read by Secretary Broughton, and was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

It is a source of profound gratitude to the Baptist of North Carolina that in the present great educational awakening the Commonwealth has godly men as Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction to guard her educational interests and to direct her educational activities.

We reaffirm our belief that it is the duty of the State to provide a common school education for all her children, and we hereby pledge ourselves anew to the education of all the people as the only safe-guard to a democratic form of government. To this end we believe in better prepared teachers; in higher wages; in the wise consolidation of country districts; in the lengthening of the school term and in a course of study that combines character building and every-day utility.

While we are paying our share of the taxes to support the State institutions for the higher education as well as the public schools, we would urge upon the brethren the great importance of sustaining by their prayers, by their contributions, and by their hearty personal support, our higher institutions of learning, together with the associational and other secondary schools established for the training of our sons and daughters. The maintenance of these institutions of learning upon a high plane of efficiency is essential, not only to enable us to meet our duties and responsibilities as a denomination at the present day, but for developing a greater denominational activity and a wider denominational life and influence, that the teachings of Christ may prevail in the affairs of the State and the nation as well as in the hearts of all of our people.

CHARLES F. MESERVE,
W. A. BROWN,
J. H. STEPHENSON,
C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
G. W. REED,
J. K. HOWELL,
W. J. FULFORD,
S. B. WILSON,
D. P. ROBBINS,

Committee.

J. O. Alderman offered the report of the Committee to Nominate the Minister's Relief Board, and it was adopted. [See Boards of Convention.]

The Chair appointed J. W. Bailey, R. T. Vann and A. E. Brown as the Committee to Prepare for Next Convention a Classified List and Data of the Baptist Schools in the State.

The Convention adjourned, with benediction by C. B. Justice.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

After singing, reading of Scripture by T. F. Marr, of Charlotte, and prayer by W. M. Vines, of Asheville, the President called the Convention to order.

The report on Temperance was submitted by C. W. Scarborough, as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

If this report and the discussion which is to follow mean anything, it is that this Convention is determined to use its best endeavors in co-operation with other Christian denominations and good people of the State and nation, to suppress drunkenness, to destroy, as speedily as possible, the whiskey traffic; to save our homes and our children; to build up a noble manhood and a pure civic life. Your Committee would insist that it is the duty of every Christian to be a living example of temperance and to serve the cause of temperance, as a Christian citizen, by his vote and by his influence and help in bringing about such legislation as shall foster and promote temperance.

We believe this is to be done, not through any one political party, but by the leaven of Christian citizenship in all parties. Nor must we fail to see to it that laws already enacted shall be executed. In this we shall need a zeal akin to that which prompts the liquor men to pour out money for our convictions. We would urge the necessity of organization. We need to profit, in this, by the example of those whom we fight. We shall get nothing without a battle, and a battle to the finish.

Your Committee would urge the necessity of giving our brother, J. W. Bailey, our sympathy, our co-operation and our prayers in the work of organizing the State.

C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
For Committee.

The report was discussed by Edgar E. Folk, editor *Baptist and Reflector*, of Nashville, and President Anti-Saloon League of Tennessee; J. W. Bailey, President of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina; T. S. Sprinkle, after which the report was adopted.

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow night at the close of the preaching services; benediction by R. A. Sentell.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 13, 1903.

Various pulpits of the city were occupied by members of the Convention morning, afternoon and evening.

At the close of the evening service in Tryon Street Baptist Church, President Marsh called the Convention to order for the closing exercises of the session.

The following resolution was offered by J. D. Hufham:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the people of Charlotte for the hearty hospitality accorded the messengers and visitors to this session; for the generous welcome to their homes and for the freedom given in the use of their churches; to the pastors for their thoughtful and unvarying kindness, to the railroads for reduced rates, to the newspapers who have been so courteous in attendance and faithful in reports of the proceedings, to all who in any way have contributed to the success and efficiency of this meeting of the Convention.

After remarks by J. D. Hufham, R. J. Willingham, Livingston Johnson, G. H. Church, W. A. Graham, L. C. Hinton, W. R. Gwaltney, W. C. Tyree, R. T. Bryan, Thomas Hume, J. R. Pace, and President Marsh, the resolution was unanimously adopted by rising vote.

On motion of Baylus Cade, the Convention adjourned to meet in Elizabeth City on Wednesday after the first Sunday

in December, 1904. The congregation united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and the benediction was pronounced by Livingston Johnson.

R. H. MARSH,
President.

N. B. BROUGHTON,
HIGHT C. MOORE,
Secretaries.

NOTE.—The Corresponding Secretary was overwhelmed with work when the report of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools was printed and did not have time to carefully correct the proof.

On page 1, in the first paragraph, in the sentence, "The total amount contributed exceeds those of last year," "that" should be substituted for "those."

On page 2, the sentence stating that the Bladen Association has dissolved should be stricken out, as we are informed since the report was printed that the Bladen has not dissolved.

On page 6, under Recommendation 2, at bottom of page, "stronger" should be substituted for "strongest," in the sentence, "We would urge the pastors of our strongest churches," etc.

There are other minor corrections which we will not take space to mention.—COR. SEC.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- Abernathy, R. B., Hildebrand.
Abernathy, J. W., Matthews.
Adams, G. W., Fair Plains.
Adams, J. Q., Charlotte.
Adams, M. A., Auburn.
Adams, M. N., Venable.
Adams, J. J., Graham.
Adderton, W. S., Denton.
Albritton, Jno. T., Calypso.
Alderman, J. O., East Durham.
Alderman, J. M., Delway.
Allison, E., Brevard.
Aman, D. F., Marines.
Ammons, J. A., Needmore.
Ammons, John, Outlook.
Anderson, C. J. F., 52 Via Giulio,
Rome, Italy.
Anderson, J. W., Asheville.
Andrews, C. E., Durham.
Annas, J. R. J., saw Mills.
Arnette, H. B., Crossmore.
Arnette, J. M., Statesville.
Arrington, T. F., Waynesville.
Arrington, C. C., Shelton.
Arrowood, A. W., Mars Hill.
Atkinson, J. W., Neuse.
Austin, D. M., Charlotte.
Austin, J. H., Rockingham.
Ayers, W. A., Elizabeth City.
- Bailey, L. J., Walnut Run.
Bain, G. A., Buie's Creek.
Baker, T. J., Parkton.
Baldwin, M., Huntsville.
Baldwin, T. M., Elder.
Baldwin, J. R., Silas Creek.
Ball, C. T., Pinnacle.
Ballard, W. S., Clarkton.
Ballard, J. M., Mooresville.
Bangle, P. W., Lincolnton.
Barker, A. N., Grade.
Barker, H. M., Peachtree.
Barker, J. H., Lomax.
Barker, W. F., Bud.
Barnes, S. B., Branning.
Barnes, K., Sterling.
Barrett, W. C., So. Bap. Sem.
Barron, A. C., Charlotte.
Barr, J. S., Pinckton.
- Bateman, R. J., Ra'leigh.
Battle, H. W., Greensboro.
Beach, J. J., East Bend.
Beach, W. R., Granite Falls.
Beam, J. A., Bethel Hill.
Beamer, W. H., Pine Ridge.
Beaver, C. E., Abernethy.
Beaver, J. T., Burnsville.
Beck, A. L., Oconalufty.
Beck, A. W., Penrose.
Beeker, S. J., Croz. Th. Sem.
Bell, J. W., Clinton.
Bennett, W. S., Wake Forest.
Bennett, J. L., Marshville.
Bennett, J. M., Churchland.
Bennett, R. J., New Hill.
Bentley, J. M., Nat.
Betts, Alvin, Raleigh.
Betts, A. L., Mt. Airy.
Bilbro, W. L., Ayden.
Bivens, J. A., Monroe.
Blackburn, S., Bud.
Black, C. J., Big Lick.
Blackwell, J. W., Unaka.
Blalock, J. C., Ledger.
Blalock, T. L., Ching Kiang,
China.
Blalock, J. G., Whiteville.
Blanchard, C. W., Cary.
Bland, Wm., Hawley's Store.
Blankenship, J. A., Price's Creek.
B'anton, J. C., King's Mountain.
Blevins, E., Crumpler.
Blevins, C., Ira.
Blevins, S., Dehart.
Bogart, C. P., Edenton.
Boney, L. B., So. Bap. Th. Sem.
Boone, J. B., Thomasville.
Boone, J. R., Estatoe.
Booth, J. N., Hertford.
Booth, J. H., Elkin.
Bostick, W. M., Troy.
Bostic, G. P., Shanghai, China.
Bostic, W. D., Caroleen.
Bowen, J. D., R. F. D. No. 1,
Wilmington.
Boyd, J. P., Polkton.
Bradley, J. A., Marshall.
Bradley, W. T., Morgan Hill.

- Bradley, W. L., Etna.
 Bradshaw, W. R., North Wilkesboro.
 Bridges, S. A., Caroleen.
 Bridgers, B. M., Gastonia.
 Bridges, D. P., Lincolnton.
 Bridges, J. B., Jugtown.
 Bridges, J. M., Camp Hall.
 Briggs, H. W., Bald Creek.
 Briggs, J. W., Mars Hill.
 Briggs, T. P., Grape Vine.
 Briggs, W. K., Briggsville.
 Bright, A., Spring Creek.
 Bright, T., Sylva.
 Brendel, J. A., Franklin.
 Brissom, Wm. L., Dublin.
 Britton, T. C., Soo Chow, China.
 Bristol, S. F., Colerain.
 Britt, D. C., So. Bap. Th. Sem.
 Britt, Paul, Orrum.
 Brock, S. R., Marshville.
 Brooks, C. V., Apex.
 Brookshire, J. L., Flat Rock.
 Brown, Asa, Riverside.
 Brown, A. E., Asheville.
 Brown, T. K., Black Mountain.
 Brown, J. W., Trap Hill.
 Brown, H. A., Winston-Salem.
 Brown, T. L., So. Bap. Sem.
 Brown, S. D., Hamptonville.
 Brunt, Wm., Winnie.
 Bryant, L., Cypress Creek.
 Bryan, R. T., Shanghai, China.
 Buchanan, E., Greensboro.
 Buchanan, C. L., Dillsboro.
 Buchanan, H. B., Glen Ayre.
 Buchanan, J. L., Dillsboro.
 Buchanan, W. G., Elk Park.
 Buff, P. F., Shoup's Ford.
 Bullock, C. P., Clarendon.
 Bumgardner, A. P., Caesar.
 Bumgarner, W. J., Swanner.
 Bumgarner, G. Z., Wahoo.
 Burns, E. F., Wahoo.
 Burchett, J. W., Laurel Springs.
 Burger, G. F., Cobbs.
 Burleson, A. M., Wake Forest.
 Barrell, L. C., Hayesville.
 Byrd, R. L., Tolarsville.
 Cade, Baylus, Murphy.
 Caines, J. W., Shallotte.
 Caines, J. T., Shallotte.
 Caldwell, M. R. N., Waynesville.
 Cale, D., Potecasi.
 Callahan, N. A., Shallotte.
 Calhoun, C. T., Medlin.
 Calhoun, T. J., Medlin.
 Calloway, J. N., Jefferson.
 Campbell, A. N., Buie's Creek.
 Campbell, J. A., Buie's Creek.
 Campbell, Neal, Thaxton.
 Cannon, W. M., Dark Ridge.
 Carroll, R. D., Elm City.
 Carroll, S. T., Virgil.
 Carroll, L. R., Warsaw.
 Carrick, Thomas, High Point.
 Carlton, W. F., Wilbar.
 Carson, J. T., Willetts.
 Carswell, Z., Burningtown.
 Carter, I. M., Grassy Creek.
 Carter, Henry, Garland.
 Carter, A. D., Garland.
 Cashwell, C. S., West Durham.
 Cashwell, J., Bladenboro.
 Cashwell, R. N., Parkton.
 Cassidy, W. A., Governor Island.
 Caudle, A. B., Wadesboro.
 Caudle, T. A., Algood.
 Chambers, S. A., Waynesville.
 Chapman, H. R., Wake Forest.
 Chappell, W. Y., Flint.
 Chappell, L. N., Lilesville.
 Cheek, F. B., Whitehead.
 Childers, W. R., Taylorsville.
 Church, G. H., Lenoir.
 Clark, D. J., Clarkton.
 Clark, M. L., Hartland.
 Clayton, Clubb, Sexton.
 Clenny, L. C., Silver.
 Cobb, N. B., Clear Run.
 Cobb, J. W., Lumber Bridge.
 Coley, W. J., Northside.
 Colie, D. S., Bryson City.
 Collier, R. D., Godwin.
 Colly, J. D., New Found.
 Comer, W. T., Windy Gap.
 Conrad, S. F., Charlotte.
 Conway, W. W., Baton.
 Cook, Floyd, Cowarts.
 Cook, H. B., Medlin.
 Cook, J. H., Lark.
 Cook, R. S., Addie.
 Cook, W. F., Rich Mountain.
 Cole, C. D., Grantville.
 Cope, C. M., Mocksville.
 Coppedge, G. W., Wakefield.
 Corn, N. W., Lead.
 Corn, N. P. N., Outlook.
 Coram, R. P., Boonville.
 Cordell, J. C., Barnardsville.
 Cothren, Grant, Trap Hill.
 Cowan, G. N., Kinston.
 Craig, B., Rocky Mount.
 Cree, A., Embro.
 Creech, Worley, Miero.

- Crews, R. W., Germanton.
 Crisp, Jno, Norris.
 Crisp, S. M., Welch.
 Crisp, E. D., Upton.
 Crisp, R. H., Dorsey.
 Crisp, Thos., Mildred.
 Croom H. M., Cherry Valley.
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