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## PROCEEDINGS.

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WILSON, N. C., October 23d, 1894.

Pursuant to adjournment this grand army of Baptist workers met in the twenty-seventh annual session with the First Baptist church of Wilson, N. C., at 10:46, and was called to order by the President, Rev. C. S. Brown. Rev. H. M. Malloy, of Tarboro, N. C., conducted devotional exercises. Hymn 715, "I Am Not Ashamed to Own My Lord," was lined and sung with great enthusiasm. Invocation by Rev. S. H. Witherspoon. Scripture lesson, 100 Div. of the Psalms. Rev. Malloy led off in the praise meeting by thanking God for what he had done for him. "The first that comes before me, and very often," he said, "is that God made us and not we ourselves." He saw himself once a pauper, begging his bread, and in the most destitute circumstances. But the condition is changed now, not through his own strength, but the mercies of God. He had been led by Him who could not make a mistake. Invocation by Rev. W. M. DeVaughan. Rev. C. C. Somerville thanked the Lord for the many souls he had given him in his immediate field, coming almost directly from the Sunday-school; Rev. M. D. Mathewson feels that, without doubt, we ought at all times to give God praise for what he has done for us; Rev. J. W. Drew was very grateful to God for his special mercies to him during his sojourn of four years in the West, and for the warm reception with which he was accorded by the brethren in Mississippi and Texas; Rev. W. R. Slade feels that his indebtedness to God for His abundant grace forces him to give Him praise, because of the great faith he has in God, and he felt sensibly the presence of God in his first week's meeting in a sterile field, there being eight conversions; Rev. Thomas Sharpe, though this be the first time he ever had the pleasure of meeting this grand body, feels thankful almost beyond expression that God opened the way that he might meet the fountain-head of the great Baptist family in North Carolina. He thanked God that in one field to which he went last year his membership was raised in twelve months from seven to forty.

Rev. S. W. Dockery must express his thanks to God for prompting his members at the beginning of the year to take a vote that they would be better this year, by the help of the Lord, than they have ever been, which obligation he has seen realized. Through God's mercy for seventeen consecutive years

he has been able to meet the State convention. Of the twenty-seven churches belonging to the Pee Dee Association, every one has a good pastor. Rev. J. A. Faulk thanks God for every manifestation of His mercy, in so many ways of which He has shown himself a God of battle to lead His forces. Rev. W. T. H. Woodward recounts the names of the veteran leaders—Revs. Houghton, Cowan and Williams—the men who moulded the sentiment of the convention and Baptist people of North Carolina, but whose places have been filled by a younger element, though men who are filled with the spirit of the Lord Jesus, leading the hosts on to a glorious consummation. God has blessed him in the course of his ministry to baptize upward of 2,700 souls, for all of which he gives God great glory. Rev. D. J. Moore feels that the spirit of conventional work is growing among his brethren, although the sentiment in the middle district, Lake Wocama, a few years ago, was quite different. For these things he desires to thank God.

The President, Rev. C. S. Brown, the final speaker, telling how much the entire State was aroused to the claims and work of the convention, was loud in his praise. He urged loyalty to the cause of the Master, and perseverance in the good and worthy cause. He made the following announcements:

This afternoon the address of welcome will be delivered by Prof. S. H. Vick, and the welcome on the part of the city to-night by the Mayor, J. F. Bruton.

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow” was sung. Mr. Shepard, of Danville, was asked to assist the Secretary to prepare a temporary roll of delegates. Benediction by Rev. E. B. Blake. Adjourned to meet at 2 o’clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

At 2:51 the convention assembled and was called to order by the President, Rev. C. S. Brown, who lined and sang hymn 520, “I love Thy Church, O, God.” Invocation by Rev. J. J. Worlds.

The President stated that the address of welcome on the part of the Church would be delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. T. H. Woodward.

Coming before the large delegation, Rev. Woodward stated first the reasons that led him to ask the convention to come to this place. It was with peculiar pleasure that he arose to welcome this body. He said: “You are welcome because you represent such a noble cause; we welcome you because you come in the name of the Lord, bearing in your image the likeness of Calvary’s Sufferer; we welcome you because you have been true to your profession; we welcome you because that you have not allowed the flag to trail in the dust as it falls from the hands of loyal victims; we welcome you because we shall drink inspiration from your coming; we welcome you not so much to



eat, as for the intrinsic value of your manly presence; in the sum toto, we welcome you because we want you to make things better; we cry unto you to bless us! to bless us! to bless us! We want you to behave yourselves and to go home rejoicing over the success of this convention.

Rev. L. T. Christmas, of Wilmington, made a brief, though a strong and felicitous response. His sincere wish was that the desires of the pastor may be fully realized. He earnestly desired fruit of the richest kind from this meeting.

Prof. S. H. Vick, ex-postmaster, was called upon to deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the citizens, instead of Rev. Fred. Davis, who was detained at home on account of sickness. He said the hospitality of Wilson was proverbial, which he trusted you will prove. You come as representative men under the most favorable auspices. Instead of coming in fear and under the ban of persecution, you come in the full air of freedom, being supported and encouraged by the best people on the globe. We meet to-day to talk about Church matters according to the dictates of our own conscience, with none to molest and make afraid. Your deliberations will be kept green in the minds of the people of Wilson, even when all records shall fade into oblivion. We bid you thrice, yea, four times welcome.

Prof. M. W. D. Norman, of Shaw University, made the response. He felt that but for the cause, the brain and character of the denomination, he would not attempt a reply. But since these things are so, he could not excuse himself. We gladly accept the welcome accorded us, and shall strive to do the best we can to make you glad of our visit.

The hour having arrived for the introductory sermon, the President requested Rev. P. F. Malloy to accompany the speaker in the pulpit. Hymn 653 S. M., "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep?" was lined and sung. Scripture lesson, 13th chapter of I. Cor. and a part of II. Phil. Invocation by Bro. Joseph Ratliff. No. 716, "Jesus and Shall It Ever Be," was then sung.

Rev. S. H. Witherspoon took as his text: Phil., 2d chapter, 5th verse, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ." The subject of the discourse was "The Human and Divine Nature of Christ." "Christ," he says, "was not only a servant of God, but of men. Let us consider Christ first as a man. Christ was a real man who experienced the pangs of hunger and the exhaustion from fatigue. He had a real human soul, because "he increased in wisdom." We see the human, physical and mental development of Christ. Christ was tempted in all points like as we, yet without sin. His means of overcoming temptation were such as he offers us—fasting and prayer. Christ must be considered next as a God. The mysterious combination—human nature, divine nature—a child is born, a son is

given. The divinity of Christ is shown in that He was in the beginning, in the beginning was the word. In the third place we see that the mind of Christ should be in us. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ." The cross of Christ alone is able to develop in us the power of the mind. The love of self in the deity was nothing; the love for us was everything to Him. How is it with you, brethren? The man who understands Christianity works for men. There are two ways of helping; one way is to throw your help, the other is to go along with the help—carry it. Have that mind in you, brethren. If you have this mind in you, every opposition will yield to your advancement. We notice forcibly the parallelism of the two natures. There was a wide difference seen in the life of this wonderful being in the two natures from the cradle to the grave, from the grave to the courts of glory.

The sermon was a most powerful effort. The speaker having gotten the attention of the large congregation at the beginning, held it to the finish. It was full of instruction and encouragement. Invocation. The President announced the following committees:

ON OFFICERS—S. W. Dockery, M. D. Matherson, S. H. Witherspoon, D. T. Best, S. M. Jones, J. K. Lamb, H. M. Malloy.

ON PLACE OF MEETING—Thomas Parker, A. A. Jones, Thomas Sharpe, William DeVaughan, J. L. Fenner.

ON NEW BODIES—J. J. Worlds, A. Shepard, I. M. Powers, J. E. Ratliff, D. J. Moore.

ON RESOLUTIONS—A. B. Vincent, P. S. Lewis, W. B. Kornegay.

ON MISSIONS WORK—N. F. Roberts, J. J. Worlds, Thomas Parker, M. D. Matherson, M. W. D. Norman, M. C. Ransom, J. O. Crosby.

ON OBITUARY—W. H. Woodward, M. G. Gattling, J. W. Dew.

ON TEMPERANCE—J. A. Faulk, R. E. Blake, C. H. Williamson, E. F. Parham, S. C. Larkin.

ON HOURS OF MEETING—W. T. H. Woodward and Deacons.

ON FINANCE—G. W. Moore, P. F. Malloy, W. R. Slade.

On motion, Rev. S. H. Witherspoon be appointed a reporter for the convention to the daily paper and the Baptist Headlight. The President stated that the Board of Managers would meet to-morrow morning at 8:30. Rev. Mr. Melton, of the Presbyterian church, was introduced to the body and invited to a seat. The President stated that by special request Rev. J. J. Worlds, of Raleigh, assisted by Rev. W. R. Slade, would preach at the Methodist church to-night. Benediction by Rev. Melton.

#### EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

The hour having arrived for the evening session, the President announced that Rev. S. W. Dockery would conduct praise



service. Hymn 366, "Let Every Mortal Ear Attend," was lined and sung. Scripture lesson, 7th chapter Matt. Invocation by Rev. I. M. Powers. President Brown at this point introduced Hon. J. F. Bruton, the Mayor of the city of Wilson, who was invited to deliver the address of welcome to the convention in behalf of the citizens.

Mr. Bruton said he was glad to welcome the delegation of the convention to the hospitality of the citizens of Wilson, because he would welcome them to a peculiar people. I believe that your coming together will be of benefit to the white people as well as to the colored. I believe that your coming here will create a sentiment among the ignorant and less fortunate and will awaken them to a sense of duty as regards missions, etc. From this meeting they will doubtless learn that the world is growing. I am glad that I can speak to the ministry to-night. I want to deliver this message to the ministers. I have a faithful and affectionate interest in the black race. I remember distinctly my relation to my old black mamma. When my mother was lying a corpse in one room my black mamma was giving me every natural care. I remember how, when standing at the open grave of my black mamma, I on one side of my father and my sister on the other side, when I saw all that was mortal of her laid to rest and realized that she was gone, my young childish heart nearly broke. I know there is something noble in your race. I know that from experience. You are proud of the accomplishments of your children; but you need something yet. The most important thing on this earth is to educate your children morally. As mayor of Wilson, I have tried as many whites as blacks, but I have tried more children of the black race than the white. This is history. You will educate your child morally, if you are faithful to your trust. No man has a right to a child who is not willing to educate it. We need guides who will take some responsibility—guides who will suffer in order that their people shall be led to a successful issue.

Dr. J. O. Crosby, President of A. and M. college, was called upon to respond. He said he was glad to thank the Mayor of Wilson for his very generous invitation to the convention. He would say that this convention is an expression of the 140,000 communicants of our church, 50,000 more than all the colored churches put together. In order that the friendship of the white race may be demonstrated, there must be a living expression from the white man, recognizing the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Should the white man come among us more in our annual meetings, he will learn more of our virtues and less of our vices. The negro race has improved in morals 500 per cent. We again thank the Mayor and the people of Wilson for this invitation,

and shall try to prove that we are worthy of every courtesy they may accord us.

Dr. A. W. Pegues ascended the rostrum to preach the missionary sermon. He read the first chapter of John. Prayer by Dr. Shepard. Dr. Pegues took as the basis of his remarks the 4th verse of the 1st chapter of John. He said that a man could be religious and yet not a Christian. The Hindoos are very demonstrative in their religious fervor, yet we would not call such demonstrations Christian religion. Before Christ came into the world man lived by hope. Christ came into the world to bring life. If there is anything true about religion it is a living life. I have learned that no man will enter the kingdom of God for what he has in him; but for what he is and will be at God's bar, what he lived. For a thousand years men have been trying to discover some means by which life is produced; but there is such a wide difference between a thing that is alive and a thing that is dead, they have never yet discovered that principle. There is as much difference between a genuine Christian and a pretender as there is between a live man and a dead one. Christ is to the spiritual world what the sun is to the material world. The heathen world will never get the spiritual light, only as Christians diffuse and scatter the light of the Lord Jesus Christ. If every one of us would reflect the image of Christ there would be no occasion for the Mayor or any one to come among us and advise us to guide our wayward children. One of the principal conditions of life is assimilation. We, through the Lord Jesus, should be able to make men better, for when we cease that, we are dead. If we want the religion of the Lord Jesus so as to make men better, we should live pure lives at home. Collectively there is religion among us, but religion individually is what we want. The glorious time will come when there will be one universal sentiment: North Carolina for God, Africa for Christ, and our homes for virtue. We are too local in our missionary work. Everybody nearly wants to know how much he "is going to get out of it." Your neighbor is the man who needs your help. We may not meet again in another convention, but let us see to it that we shall be found in company with those, in the last day, "who have come up through great tribulations and made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb."

The sermon was replete with wholesome instruction. An impression was made for good that time will never erase. Invocation by Rev. P. F. Malloy. A missionary collection was taken amounting to \$21.06. Missionary pledges were taken which amounted to \$300.00. According to announcement Rev. J. J. Worlds preached at the Methodist church from the 11th chapter, 36th verse of the Romans. His theme,

“The Unsearchable Judgment of God.” The sermon was a masterly effort both in point of matter and presentation. On motion, Dr. Crosby be allowed thirty minutes to-morrow night to present his work. Benediction by Dr. Crosby. Adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Promptly at 9:51 the convention assembled and was called to order, Rev. J. A. Whitted presiding. Rev. E. B. Blake was appointed to conduct devotional exercises. Hymn 961, “That Awful Day will Surely Come,” was lined and sung. Scripture lesson, 23d Psalm. Invocation. Sang again 962, S. M., “And Will the Judge Descend?” The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. As by program, the President was introduced to the convention to deliver the annual address. After reading in a forceful and earnest manner a well prepared address, which covered the field as to the work of the convention, and showing the need of a more thoroughly organized campaign in the State, the address was submitted to a committee of three to prepare a report to bring before the convention. On motion, we publish the President’s address entire. On motion, Hon. H. P. Cheatham be introduced to the body and be requested to make a few remarks.

The Hon. Cheatham said it was the pride of his life to come before this body of intelligent men. He wanted to touch upon a few things that will doubtless help. There is a want of a great awakening among us. **INDUSTRIALLY** we are not as progressive as we should be. There is a great lack of manly pride among us. **EDUCATIONALLY**—Many of us are entirely too careless along this line. Our schools are as good as any in the North, but the difference is not in discipline and equipment of these schools, but it is because we do not give the patronage to the Southern schools they deserve. Our preachers are to blame for these things. Each preacher ought to lecture from time to time on the subject of education and encourage it. The people would do more along this line if they knew how. **SPIRITUALLY**—Our preachers ought to have the interest of their people deep down in their hearts. Too often is it the case that we seem to care not what the harvest will be, if the seed time give us pleasure. We should be watchful of the ends. We should watch to see that our people are truthful and honest. He had an evidence of the fact that God would answer prayer in that once, when at Littleton, he wanted to fill a certain appointment. All chances to go seemed cut off, when he prayed earnestly to God, and almost before he left off pleading a train that had no orders whatever to stop there came to a standstill. The conductor came out and asked who had stopped the train, being sur-

prised also. He got aboard and went on his way rejoicing, feeling assured that God had answered his prayer. MORALLY—We must teach our people to be moral and upright.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. S. H. Witherpoon, was adopted after being spoken to by Revs. M. C. Ransom, W. T. H. Woodward, L. T. Christmas and J. A. Whitted:

Resolved, That we recognize Hon. H. P. Cheatham a worthy representative of his race and a man deserving the sympathy and moral support of all Afro-Americans, whose interest he has so faithfully served.

Hon. J. C. Dancey was introduced to the convention and made the following remarks: The Bible is the best book, not because it is the best literature, but because it produces the best men. Tell me of a nation's sin, I'll tell you of a nation's danger. I am glad to be with you. You are on sea, making a great battle along certain lines. I am on land, trying to direct the forces along other lines. We have a lot of human prejudice, but we are trying to destroy it. I bid you godspeed.

The President read the following Educational Committee, which is a revision of the old Board:

Educational Board, located at Wilson—M. D. Matherson, S. M. Jones, A. B. Vincent, W. H. Woodward, J. A. Whitted, A. W. Pegues, W. R. Slade.

The Auditor made his report, which was adopted. (See report.) The Corresponding Secretary made his report, which was adopted. (See report.) The Secretary read a very strong and encouraging letter from Rev. L. M. Luke, General Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Convention. Dr. A. W. Pegues, State Missionary, being compelled to leave to-day, requested that he be allowed to speak briefly of the work he is representing and the dangers threatening us as a denomination. This, he says, is done by different religious bodies presenting destitute schools with books, and by such means are setting Sunday-schools, and presently they will organize churches on our own territory. Each pastor is earnestly requested to take collections from time to time and forward their sum to the society for the purpose of purchasing books, distributing books, etc. Closed with benediction. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. M. W. D. Norman.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention assembled in regular session at 2:40, Rev. C. S. Brown presiding. Rev. J. A. Faulk conducted devotional exercises. Hymn 369, "Amazing Sight the Savior Stands," was sung with animation. A portion of the 25th chapter of Matthew was the scripture lesson. Rev. M. W. D.



Norman invoked divine blessings. Hymn 715 was then sung. The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted. The President announced the following committee on the President's address, viz: J. O. Crosby, J. A. Whitted, M. W. D. Norman. The Statistical Secretary made his report, which was adopted. (See report.) Mrs. Pattie G. Shepard, President of the Woman's Home Mission Convention and fraternally delegated to this body, was introduced to the body and presented it a donation of \$25.00 for the foreign mission work, coming directly from the woman's convention. In speaking to her letter, she asked that there be a universal co-operation between the two bodies. She said we do not want to take charge of the pulpits and preach, but we want to preach to the children around our fireside. Our sisters are friendly to the work of the brethren, and will do what we can to promote the kingdom of Christ. The brethren not understanding why we made contributions to the Chicago Board, opposed much of our labors; and, seeing that they did not understand it, we decided to withdraw from the Board.

*Report From Woman's Home Mission Convention at Franklinton, N. C.*

Collected for Orphan Asylum, . . . . .	\$139 00
Donated Foreign Mission, . . . . .	25 00
Donated to the Chicago Board, . . . . .	20 00
Donated Missionary Service, . . . . .	15 00
Amount collected last meeting, . . . . .	129 09

Aggregate, . . . . . \$328 09

Fifty-six missionary societies. Officers—President, Mrs. P. G. Shepard; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. J. Eaton, Miss A. P. Allen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. J. Saunders; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. S. Eaton; Treasurer, Mrs. Virginia King; Auditor, Mrs. J. E. Freeman. Board of Managers—Mrs. S. H. Mial, Mrs. Phœbe Bowden, Mrs. Penny Dudley, Mrs. A. L. Carter, Mrs. Susan Howard. Time and Place of Next Meeting—First Wednesday in October, 1895, at Greenville, N. C.

The hour to discuss "The Best System of Raising Money for Missions" having arrived, Dr. Shepard led and said, among other things, that church organization was a thing indispensably necessary. His system of work in his own church had learned him a lesson that might also be profitable to the brethren. The church was organized into bands of twelve each with a leader, allowing the bands to add a membership of not more than twenty-five in all. These bands do missionary work; call on strangers and invite them to visit the church; visit the sick, and raise what money they can and report the same monthly. They raised upward of \$1,360



with a smaller number than was previously raised by \$500 with a larger membership without this system. I suggest the penny system plan. Request each person in your church at each service on Sunday to give a penny. This must be collected outside of the regular collection. A treasurer for this special penny collection is elected to hold this fund. This money might be devoted to missions, and following this plan you will raise very much more than you are able to do now. My opinion is, that instead of raising \$300 for the State convention, we could raise with the Baptist host of this State \$8,000 per year. The Roman Catholics may be pointed to as an example. Through such a system they raise their thousands. The people must be trained in the matter of giving. Another good resulting from this system is, the training of the young. Adopt as a motto: "No steps backward." The Savior did not come to do away with the system or matter of giving, but he came rather to encourage it. Does it not surprise you how often some of the officers of our church try to excuse somebody for not giving? "See that ye abound in this grace also;" that is, in the grace of giving. This applies not only to your home church, but it means more for home and foreign missions. May God bless you and help you to put into practice such things as would be profitable to you.

Prof. A. B. Vincent followed Dr. Shepard as per program. He said: It impresses me that the best way of raising means is the method which will deepen the spiritual interest and at the same time tend to permanence. The other denominations may lead in the matter of collecting money, but they are not to be imitated in only so far as they follow the Lord Jesus. The thing we need to-day is the getting hold of the young children. God bless the good pastors and change the bad ones. As the children are trained, so will the old people be. A paper is needed to train our people. A good paper in this State, going into our homes weekly will do more good than ten missionaries on the field. We should have one great object before us. Concentration is what we need. The mission work must succeed only through good pastors and leaders.

Rev. E. B. Blake: All these long speeches amount to nothing. The thing we want to do is to go home and raise some money. My heart is kind to Africa. I have gone into my pockets and spent even this year \$4 in order that I could come to this convention. I am praying for the time to come when I can send annually \$35 or \$40 for missions. I have been in sections where the people were in such great want and desperation that they were not able to set meat before me at meals, but even then I do not cease to hold up to them Africa.

Rev. J. A. Whitted offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There are constantly arising questions of usage,

discipline and doctrine in our churches, and such a difference of opinions as to create a great departure among many of our leaders and churches, and to bring about a better information and understanding;

Resolved, That a time be set apart at each sitting of the convention for such questions as may tend to enlighten our leaders and churches.

Prof. A. L. Sumner, of Salisbury, editor of the Baptist Headlight, was introduced to the body and made a few remarks concerning the paper. On motion, a committee of three be appointed on paper. The following was the committee: S. H. Witherspoon, J. J. Worlds, A. B. Vincent. The President announced that Rev. H. M. Malloy, accompanied by D. T. Best, would preach at the Methodist church. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Drew.

#### THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The hour having arrived for this session, Rev. P. S. Lewis led in prayer. The President announced that Rev. C. J. W. Fisher would make a statement about the religious books he was selling. According to the order of the convention last night, Dr. J. O. Crosby was requested to state his work to the body. He said:

Preaching is a good business when done for the Lord. There are several things that confront us as colored people. Our natural resources exceed those of any country in the world. Everything we use that amounts to anything comes from the North, from the very clothing we wear to the buttons that fasten them. Even the tallow we use on our hair is a white man's tallow. There is no wonder this country is disturbed on the subject of tariff. At the North the farmer can cut sixteen inches with his improved plow, while you cut your furrow with a six inch plow. You can make improved machinery that will supplant common labor, but no quality of improved machinery has brains in it. At the A. and M. college we have every opportunity for the industrial training of the colored race. The heating apparatus at this college is the most perfect there is to be found in the State. The dormitory is heated by hot water. The order of instruction of the very best quality. The institution is not an exponent of the Democratic or Republican party, but it is the expression of the charity of the general government. Our machinist is an expert from Cornell. We are the greatest race in the world. Our race is made up of every shade of color and our room for choice is ample. At Raleigh the cost to a student at the A. and M. college is \$12 per month; at Greensboro it costs only \$6. Opportunities as compared. The young graduate in medicine who goes to a town must wait until the older ones will give place by death or otherwise, while the

colored man, as soon as he is prepared, finds ready employment in his profession, whether he be a lawyer, doctor or pharmacist. I feel proud that a better era is dawning. The interest of one race is the interest of the other. Let us strive together and the South will be the garden spot of the world. I had rather be the architect of the Brooklyn bridge than President of the United States.

At the conclusion of his remarks the President requested Rev. J. A. Whitted to accompany Dr. Walden in the pulpit. Scripture lesson I. Tim., 6th chapter, verses 10-15. Invocation. Dr. Walden stated that he had been suffering from lorrigitis and was advised by his physician not to preach above an ordinary conversation for six weeks. Instead of confining himself to any verse he preferred, he said, to speak from the whole scripture just read. He said:

The world is rapidly changing. But we have no such thing as gospel progression or gospel digression. The doctrine of the Bible is the doctrine of salvation. Some of the fundamental principles. (1) Doctrine of repentance. Men think they must do great things to be Christians, when the fact is, they do great things after they become Christians. The knowledge of this world alone is dangerous; the more we learn of this world the more we want to learn. When a man gets a great hold on the world it is difficult for him to release it. The word repent means to turn away—turn away from sins, which comes first by his faith in God. Having renounced our course, we become the sons of God. The process of purification is, perhaps, a thing that no man ever understood. In like manner there is a process by which we are changed from our sinful nature and become children of God. We cannot fully understand it, nor will we fully understand it in time. The very dangerous enemy that is stealing its way into the church is man's way of making Christians. In certain communities we have to keep up a novelty all the time to keep men in the church. It is because the men are worldly minded. There was a time when we were exceedingly careful in admitting men into the church. Then, it is true, the membership was much smaller, but there was more sincerity and loyalty. Now we are wildly running for numbers; hence the dissension. And again, when one becomes the son of God he bears the divine nature. All men have some likeness in common. If a man is the son of God there must be some likeness of his father. The Bible does not say we fall from grace daily, or that "once in Christ" we are never out. But it does say, "I give unto them everlasting life." Learn that you must work hard not to become a Christian, but because you are a Christian. When men come to understand the Bible properly they will see that the human family came from one common stock. We are as much compelled to pray some time as we are

compelled to eat to sustain our bodies. The faith of Daniel and the Hebrews swerved not in the face of danger, because they felt impelled to serve God. Every sinner in this world is against the Lord Jesus Christ. The world appears so corrupt that Christians sometimes think it is going over into the hands of the devil. But the world is not growing worse, considering the increased multitudes. I take issue with Dr. Crosby, who thinks we are here to stay. I don't believe a single word of it. Africa is going to be enlightened. This nation (that is our race) will finally make its way back to Africa, though it may not be till the present generation is wiped out of existence. In conclusion, let God lead you.

Invocation by Dr. Roberts. Collections for missions were taken by Rev. P. F. Malloy, which amounted to \$11.08, \$5.05 of which was donated to Rev. A. N. Buck. On motion, the petition from Rev. T. Parker, soliciting aid in building a church in Goldsboro, be referred to the chairman of the Board of Managers. The Committee on Education made their report, which was sharply discussed by Dr. Roberts, Rev. P. F. Malloy, Prof. A. B. Vincent and Dr. Crosby. Benediction by Rev. T. Parker.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Promptly at 9:30 the convention assembled and was called to order by the President, Rev. C. S. Brown. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. I. M. Jones and J. E. Ratliff. Hymn 104, "Come Ye that Know and Fear the Lord," was sung. The 3d chapter of John was the scripture lesson. Invocation. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. Rev. Dr. Munday, pastor of the white Baptist church, being recognized, was introduced to the body and requested to make some remarks. He said he regretted that it had not been his privilege to be with us sooner.

When I meet you all in such a capacity it is an inspiration to me. From the reading of your minutes I observe that you are progressing and are making a strong effort to purify your churches. If a man is a devil you cannot make him a Christian. You cannot make a horse of a mule. God teaches the heart, we teach the head. An educated unregenerated man is a curse to the cause. I shall drink in as I can, as much as I can, all I can.

On motion, the report made by the Committee on the Home Mission Board be waived until all the committees report. On motion, Dr. Munday be requested to state what he understands by the co-operative movement between the North and South. Dr. Munday stated that their object was to harmonize and bring all the brethren together. I believe the movement is a desire to advance the interests of the colored race. On motion, the delegates who failed to get their taxation for their churches



be allowed to represent, providing the money is forwarded to the Treasurer within thirty days.

The following Committee on Place made their report :

That the Missionary and Educational Convention of North Carolina meet in its twenty-ninth annual session with the First Baptist church of Oxford, N. C., on the 4th day of October, 1895, on Monday.

THOMAS PARKER,	} Committee.
J. L. FENNER,	
A. JONES,	
W. M. DEVAUGHAN,	

The Committee on Temperance made the following report, which was adopted with the following amendment offered by Dr. Roberts :

REPORT.—Viewing intemperance in the light of the Bible we, your committee, deem it to be man's greatest curse and one that is on the increase in its evil influence to such an extent until no place seems to be free from its effects save heaven; and,

Whereas, We, the ministers and delegates of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina believe that intemperance, as applied to the use of alcoholic liquors in any form is the most gigantic and terrible of all the evils of the present age; that it has ruined more souls; blighted greater hopes; crushed out noble ambitions; tarnished more characters; broken more hearts; shattered more homes; squandered more property, than all the evils combined. We further believe that it is surely plunging countless thousands of human beings in the abyss of shame, disgrace and disease; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we denounce the traffic, this monster of iniquity, and that we consider any individual unworthy of membership in our beloved Baptist Church who will use intoxicating drinks as a beverage in any form, and we hereby covenant with each other and God to use every possible and honorable means to sweep this demon from our homes and States. We further urge upon pastors to keep the temperance question before their congregations.

REV. J. A. FAULK,	} Committee.
REV. E. F. PARHAM,	
REV. R. E. BLAKE,	
REV. L. C. LARKIN,	
REV. C. H. WILLIAMSON,	

AMENDMENT BY DR. ROBERTS: Resolved, further, That the members of this convention condemn the use of snuff and tobacco in all its forms, and recommend that we, as ministers of the gospel, teach our people by precept and example, to abstain from the use of the same.

The committee on the paper made the following report :



Whereas, The press is the most potent lever in the dissemination of truth, the elevation and evangelization of man, and

Whereas, The primary need of the Baptist State Convention is a sound and vigorous organ through which the objects of this convention may be brought before the churches and pastors; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Baptist Headlight, now edited at Salisbury by Rev. A. L. Sumner, be endorsed as the organ of the Baptist State Convention, and that we further recommend that each pastor, church and association make all possible efforts to secure a self-sustaining organ for our people throughout the entire State.

Revs. J. J. Worlds, S. H. Witherspoon, A. B. Vincent, committee.

The following amendment was offered by Dr. Crosby:

Resolved, That each preacher is made a canvassing agent and special correspondent, and that each pastor is requested to take a special collection and secure the aid and co-operation of the Sunday-schools and societies of his church or churches, thereby making the paper newsy and extensively read.

On motion, the time be extended thirty minutes. By special permission Bro. J. E. Ratliff be allowed to speak. The Committee on Officers made the following report:

President—Rev. C. S. Brown.

Recording Secretary—Rev. C. C. Somerville.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. N. F. Roberts, D. D.

Statistical Secretary and Historian—Rev. P. F. Malloy.

Treasurer—Rev. A. Shepard.

Auditor—Rev. A. A. Smith.

The Committee on Obituary submitted the following report:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst the following esteemed brethren, viz: Rev. S. H. Clayton, of Pee Dee; Revs. A. F. Floyd, J. A. Scott, of the Old Eastern Association;

Resolved, That we tender our hearty sympathy to their bereaved families, and that they shall ever be held in memory with us, and that God may protect and bless their families and save them in the end. Respectfully submitted, J. W. Dew, M. G. Gattling, W. H. Woodward.

Rev. R. E. Blake made an application for aid which was referred to the Board of Managers. A resolution offered by Rev. I. M. Powers was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Rev. Thomason, an aged brother, gave a very interesting account of the growth of the church in this place, which he had the honor of assisting in planting. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. Luke Pierce.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention re-assembled at 2:30, President Brown in the chair. Rev. Luke Pierce led in prayer. Hymn "Amazing Grace" was sung to the C. M. The Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was adopted. (See report.) Also the Financial Secretary. (See report.) Rev. L. B. Williams was introduced to the convention and made a few remarks. On motion, Rev. G. W. Moore was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Managers made by the resignation of Rev. P. S. Lewis. A resolution offered by Dr. J. O. Crosby was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The report made by Rev. A. B. Vincent was withdrawn by common consent. A motion passed to appoint seven brethren a committee to wait on the Home Mission Society and have a conference in regard to co-operation, as proposed by the Northern and Southern Baptist. The following is the committee: C. S. Brown, J. J. Worlds, C. Johnson, A. Shepard, S. H. Witherspoon, S. W. Dockery, P. S. Lewis. The hour for the discussion of "The Needs of the Home Field" having arrived, Rev. P. F. Malloy led off and made a pointed though brief talk on the subject, at the conclusion of which Prof. C. F. Meserve, President of Shaw University, was introduced to the body and promised an address during the session. Rev. M. D. Matherson followed in the discussion. He thinks the proper way to advance this work is to secure the co-operation of the pastors. The weak pastors are not to be despised, but encouraged and helped. Our missionaries ought, if possible, visit the weak churches, but according to the present condition of affairs it can't be otherwise, because the funds are too meager. He gave an instance of great ignorance in his community where a white boy living six miles from the railroad and 14 years old, but did not know on his examination in the court house what the Bible was, saying he had never been to the church in his life. Our churches need renovation; that is, they ought to be renewed. It would be a great deal better if we knew who our missionary is, which can only be done by the proper medium—a newspaper. On motion, fraternal delegates be appointed: To the Woman's Home Mission Convention—Revs. J. J. Worlds, C. C. Somerville, M. D. Matherson. Foreign Mission Convention—C. S. Brown, C. Johnson, P. F. Malloy. It was further moved that any brother from this body in attendance be empowered as a representative. Virginia Baptist State Convention—G. W. Holland, G. Moore, S. H. Witherspoon. White Baptist Convention—J. O. Crosby, A. B. Vincent. South Carolina State Convention—A. L. Sumner, Thomas Parker, G. W. Moore. A. B. P. S.—Dr. Roberts, President Meserve, C. S. Brown. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. Thomas.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The convention assembled at 7:30 and was called to order by President Brown. Devotional exercises were conducted by Prof. Norman. Hymn "Come, Ye that Love the Savior's Name," was sung. Scripture lesson, John, 17th chapter. Invocation by Dr. Crosby. "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung. At the proper time the President, in well chosen words, eulogized the lamented Dr. H. M. Tupper, the founder of Shaw University, at whose death we felt a loss hard to be estimated. But in His wisdom He called away our Tupper, but sent in his stead President Meserve, whom it is my sincere pleasure to introduce. President Meserve said he sprang from the Garrison abolitionists. It would be natural to think that the people in the southland would not receive him as cordially as they would in the North, but he had found it different by experience. If there had been a general visiting on the part of the North and South to different sections the strife and bloodshed this country experienced might have been averted. This is a great State, but there are grave perils to meet. At a meeting in Raleigh of more than 800 colored persons, he asked those to raise hands who were here when the proclamation was issued, and only about forty-three hands went up. North Carolina is a great State. The blacks coming from the agricultural department, North Carolina is the only State that can fully fill up the blank. The first geological survey (1823) ever made by any State was made by North Carolina at her own expense. I believe that no State can reach its full accomplishment until every opportunity is given to develop every power of the mind. Dr. Curry's ideas of educated colored men are based upon two questions. (a) Is he a man? (b) Is he a citizen? Is the colored man capable of receiving an education—I shall not stop to answer. The captain of a Southern artillery company once said: The colored man is the grandest race on earth. They deserve everlasting gratitude for their loyalty. The most broadly minded white people of the South are in favor of giving the colored man every educational advantage that any other man has. All the colored man needs is a fair chance. When this is done I am satisfied of the results. On politics, if you are in doubt which party you should sustain, sustain the party that will do most for a general education. I shall not discuss the education for colored people. All men have the same brain capacity, brain structure. The colored people constitute 36 per cent. of the population of North Carolina. Herbert Spencer, a great authority on education, says: Education, the complete man, complete living. Activities are put under six heads: (1.) Self preservation. (2.) Self preservation indirectly. (3.) Parentage. (4.) Citizenship. (5.) Taste and feeling. (6.) In

the line of Christian living. I thank the parents for words of approval that have come to me. In regard to the first proposition, nature will assist in this. As to the second, when you increase the wants you are developing the man; you are developing the State. Your responsibility does not stop with yourself; it does not stop with your children; it goes right up to God. In your normal condition any unpleasant sensation that comes into your mouth is a warning—some object to an education, because there are wrecks in this line. This is the uncharitable criticism. Axiom from Dr. Curry: "If education spoils a colored farm hand it will also spoil the white field hand." The grandest feature of an educated colored man is to do skillful manual work. I think these charges made by your white friends are without foundation. When I became acquainted with the Japanese, Chinese, the colored man and the white man, they are all about the same. The neglect of the principles that built up Greece was the means that overturned Rome. We can't understand the course of certain events. Michigan is perhaps the greatest State in the Union educationally. I believe that the true education is the greatest safeguard for the perpetuity of the republic. What is parentage? How few mothers understand the simplest faculties of the human mind! As to the State it is the most important of all. No man can be law-abiding unless he is intelligent. It does not make any difference how broad a man is, he will have prejudices. An ignorant voter is a danger. In all of our training we must not lose sight of a loyalty to truth. It should be supreme in our minds. It has taken 2,000 years for the Anglo-Saxon to attain his present civilization. We who call ourselves whites ought to be patient and charitable to the colored man, who is scarcely removed a generation from slavery. It was a great speech and the notes give but the merest idea of what he said.

Rev. Dr. Munday followed and said he wanted to see a general education of the colored people; not the lower education, but the higher—as high as you can go. Rev. Dr. Shepard was requested to take a collection for the orphans. He stated how the institution came to be established. In its management he said it began as a denominational institution, but the management soon voted to make it undenominational. The institution now carries 62 students. The State appropriates \$1,500 annually, the balance comes from the hospitality of friends. Two little orphans from the institution recited very nicely. Collection amounted to \$8.03. Prof. C. C. Somerville offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The members of the First Baptist church of Wilson, N. C., and citizens generally, who through their representatives, Rev. W. T. Woodward, the pastor, Prof. W. H. Vick, ex-postmaster, and Hon. J. F. Bruton, the Mayor of the city,



have so cordially extended to us the hospitalities of true friends on the part of the city, the church, the colored and white citizens, which courtesies and kindnesses have been so amply demonstrated; and,

Whereas, We have seen that the citizens of Wilson are worthy of the highest appreciation and commendation, and have so much of that pristine hospitality so characteristic of the early fathers; and,

Whereas, We discover that they are very progressive, maintaining an educated clergy and a fine system of public schools, and have dotted the city with modern buildings that bespeak progress and enterprise; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we as a body of Christian men, representing the 140,000 Baptists of North Carolina, do tender to them our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for their kindness shown, and shall ever cherish a green spot in our memory for them, and shall earnestly pray that the continued benedictions and smiles of God may rest upon them through all coming generations.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. SOMERVILLE.

Dr. Lewis, of Salisbury, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this convention heartily appreciates the spirit which prompted the Woman's State Convention, in their last meeting, to co-operate with the brethren of this convention in raising funds to carry forward the cause of foreign missions; and, further,

That the delegates from that body be accorded that respect and hearing which will enable them to bring their work before this convention at its annual meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEWIS.

At this juncture Rev. Henry Malloy came before the convention and stated that he believed that God called him to do evangelistic work, and that the spirit was burning upon the altar of his heart. Whereupon, a vote was passed by the body recognizing Bro. Malloy as an evangelist called of God to do that special work. It was further ordered that the clerk prepare papers for him setting forth the fact that he secured the hearty endorsement of the convention.

Thus ended one of the most business-like conventions known to the brethren. "Bles't be the Tie that Binds" was fervently sung, while there was a general hand shaking. Benediction by the President.

C. S. BROWN, President.

C. C. SOMERVILLE, Secretary.



ANNUAL ADDRESS OF REV. C. S. BROWN DELIVERED BEFORE  
THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION AT WILSON, N. C.

The faithful hand of Providence has led us through the varied duties, trials and labors of another year, and brought us together in another annual meeting to deliberate upon plans of work designed to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth. It is not to suggest political reforms or to advance some branch of industry, or scientific research; but to devise and perfect plans to influence men to know and love our Lord Jesus Christ, and to lift humanity to higher and better living. It is difficult to over-estimate the gravity and importance of a meeting of this kind. That heart must be dead and insensible, that does not feel while here the pressure of an awful, yet blessed responsibility moving him with irresistible force to action. The work is God's; we are only servants. Let us humbly seek to know His will; let us obediently follow the spirit, and let us count ourselves untrue until we have consecrated the last talent of mind and means to execute the commission given us. Let us think soberly like men, and let us act prudently like Christians, and with determination let us demean ourselves like divinely appointed ambassadors for God. Too often are these meetings abused, made trivial, and non-productive of beneficial results, because we allow ourselves to lose sight of the sacredness of the work before us. Too much is at stake; too much needs to be done; too much has already been neglected, for us to manifest indifference, or be satisfied with anything less than the perfection of tangible plans for our work and plans which we can and will endorse and support with all our might. We are working by no plans, supporting no methods, and apparently care but little for our established organization. It appears to me that in system of work, method, discipline, we are entirely too wanting. This is an age of organization, action, progress, and we must bring up the rear, if we do not imbibe the spirit of the age. We will be disloyal, untrue and unworthy of leadership to suffer our cause to drag, and continue lifeless and deprived of intelligent support, as has been apparent in the past. Is not the cause worthy of our noblest endeavors and grandest sacrifices? Name another church, denomination, or sect that has a grander mission or vindicates grander principles. We represent the New Testament church, founded by Christ, pioneered by such sacred lights as Bunyan and R. Williams, and maintained through intervening centuries by the sacred blood of Martyrs freely spilled, that her glorious doctrines might never perish from the earth. The Baptist Church is the cradle of religious and civil liberty; and these grand principles have been imperishably stamped by her

heroes upon the life and constitution of almost every civilized nation on earth. It is not arrogance to assert that the American government owes much of its magnificent greatness to the principles first fostered by Baptist pioneers. It is an honor of no small degree to be a representative of a church which has so brightly illuminated the wakes of centuries with beneficent emanations and principles. The work must not stop. We cannot afford to be indifferent. The world must be brought to Christ under the Baptist flag, supported by Baptist patriots, regardless of the multitude of other churches. Every village is our mission field in which is found no Baptist church. Let us repeat here with business-like emphasis: "North Carolina for Christ," "Africa for Christ," "The world for Christ and the Baptist Church." Take off your uniform, if you are not willing to endure army life. Give up your gun, if you are not willing to fight. Long black coats and tall silk beavers don't make leaders. It requires an earnest heart and a consecrated soul, supported by a determined will, to make life tell in splendid accomplishments.

Brethren, now like heroes stand,  
Joined together, heart and hand,  
For the cause of truth and right.  
Let us enter now the fight,  
God has given the command;  
Shall we now, like cowards stand?  
No, through Him, we shall prevail,  
Though the host of hell assail.

#### A SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT.

In offering suggestions concerning the work claiming our deepest interest, permit me first mention a significant movement. A joint committee representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Southern Baptist Convention, met at Fortress, Monroe, Va., September 12th, to decide on plans of co-operation in the work being done among the colored people in the South; and after prayerful deliberation, the following unanimous action was announced, and now claims our thoughtful consideration:

1. As to Schools among the Colored People. (1) That the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention appoint an advisory local committee at each point where a school controlled by the American Baptist Home Mission Society is or shall be located, and this committee shall exercise such authority as shall be conferred upon it from time to time by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. (2) That the control of the schools shall remain in the hands of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, but these local advisory com-

mittees shall recommend to the American Baptist Home Mission Society any changes in the conduct, or in the teaching forces of these schools, including the filling of vacancies, with the reasons for their recommendations. (3) That the Southern Baptist Convention, through the Home Mission Board, shall appeal to Baptists of the South for moral and financial support of these schools; and that these local committees shall encourage promising young colored people to attend these institutions. (4) That the joint committee recommend to their respective bodies appointing them the adoption of the foregoing section as unanimously expressing their views as to the work in the schools among the colored people.

2. As to Mission Work among the Colored People.—It is unanimously voted by the joint committee to recommend to our respective bodies that the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, co-operate in the mission work among the colored people of the South, in connection with the Baptist State bodies, white and colored, in the joint appointment of general missionaries, in holding ministers' and deacons' institutes, and in the better organization of the missionary work of the colored Baptists. The details of the plan are to be left to be agreed upon by the bodies above named.

3. As to the Territorial Limits.—The committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, not being instructed to consider any subject except co-operation in labor for the colored race, respectfully refers to the Board of American Baptist Home Mission Society the proposition of the committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on the subject of territorial limits, and ask for it favorable consideration. The following is the text of the proposition referred to: "We believe that for the promotion of fraternal feeling, and of the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, it is expedient for two different organizations of Baptists to solicit contributions or to establish missions in the same localities; and for this reason we recommend to the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, and to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, that in the prosecution of their work already begun on contiguous fields, or on the same field, that all antagonisms be avoided, and that their officers and employees be instructed to co-operate in all practicable ways in the spirit of Christ. That we further recommend to these bodies and their agents in opening new work to direct their efforts to localities not already occupied by the other."

#### OUR STATE MISSION WORK.

It must be evident to all that our Mission work has not been successfully executed. This failure is not attributable

to any neglect on the part of the missionary. He has done the best he could under the circumstances, I believe. The field is too extensive for one man to accomplish much toward improving it. It is physically impossible for one man to give the attention necessary to upbuild the destitute localities and reach the masses. Again, were he ever so able to accomplish this enormous undertaking, money necessary for his support is not visible. He has to spend almost his entire time looking up his salary. Reduced to such circumstances, do you wonder that our mission work has been but little more than mere pretensions? To make the work effective, the missionary must be released from the necessity of raising his own salary. Again, to make the mission work more beneficial, it has been quite wisely suggested that the State be divided into four missionary districts, and to each be assigned an energetic missionary, who will have the full support and co-operation of the pastors in reaching the people. This suggestion came from the Home Mission Society, and, therefore, demands some consideration.

It is further suggested that the masses be taught lessons of economy, cleanliness and thrift, etc., for the body needs attention as well as the soul. Our rural inhabitants should be encouraged to buy farms, build better homes, and give more attention to rearing of orderly families. We are requested, also, to give our opinion of the feasibility of a plan, supported by Northern friends, to aid worthy colored men in buying farms, operated on the order of the "Church Edifice Department." Notwithstanding the enormous progress already made, the home field is in destitution morally, socially and religiously, sufficient to arouse our deepest sympathy and greatest endeavors. The masses must be touched as never before, and aroused to higher living, and no persons can do this work better than our pastors and teachers. Practical telling work should be done by organization and progressive action throughout the State. We confidently hope that the time has fully come when our entire forces can be marshaled upon a field of conquest and victory.

#### OUR SCHOOLS.

The Baptists of the State deserve congratulation for the interest manifested in the Christian education of the masses, and the sacrifice displayed in the establishment of a large number of secondary schools. In this regard, I fear, more has been undertaken than can be maintained, and many of the schools can amount to but little more than an idle waste of money.

It is impossible for each Association to operate with credit a distinct school of its own, and he who so instructs is deliberately deceiving the people. A few schools, well supported and



wisely located, would result in more good and reflect more credit upon us as a denomination. Our educational work should be systematized and placed under the general supervision of the executive board.

However many our schools may be, we are bound by obligations to give support to the schools among us fostered by the American Baptist Home Mission Society; viz., Shaw University and Waters Institute. The claims of these schools, upon us can not be ignored. For their support we should raise two thousand dollars per annum, and pay into the treasury of the Home Mission Society. The future of these schools largely depend upon the interest which we manifest in them. The Society has spent thousands for our education, and is willing to increase their contributions; but desire an expression of our interest in the shape of collections and co-operation. Let us permit nothing to restrain us from doing our manifest duty in this regard.

How can more money be raised for benevolent and educational purposes? This is one of the mysterious problems, which we have been unable to solve. Perhaps, in proportion to membership, we raise less money for charitable purposes than any other denomination. Our people are naturally Baptist and true believers in Baptist principles, but have not learned the utility of money in the propagation of these principles. We need and must have money—the gospel only travels as far as money takes it. We might increase our finances by inaugurating a system of personal pledges, headed by subscriptions of the ministers and delegates of this Convention, and then presented to each of our various churches for augmentation. Our churches must be taught to give from a sense of love and duty, and designated sums voluntarily pledged would greatly stimulate this spirit.

However, we may differ as to the methods of raising more money, we must be unanimous in the conviction that more must be raised. Let each of us, loyal to the work of the of the Convention, pledge to raise at least, one good collection in each church, during the year in addition to our own personal contribution.

#### A BAPTIST PAPER.

The Baptist Headlight, of Salisbury, edited by brethren A. L. Sumner and C. C. Summerville, deserve special mention and commendation for the able manner in which it has set forth the claims of the Convention. It has proven itself a trustworthy headlight for the Baptist cause in the State. The policy of the paper is sound and orthodox and embraces with fraternal regard the entire State. The paper deserves to live, and merits our fullest patronage.



OUR FOREIGN WORK.

What have we done for Africa? Nothing; comparatively nothing. This work is not only neglected, but seems forgotten. Have we forgotten Brother Hayes? He is roaming the jungles of Africa to redeem the benighted heathen with a spirit of consecration which seems almost divine, and yet practically deserted by his brethren in his native land. He is just as much our missionary to support now as he was previous to his agreement to labor under the auspices of our Foreign Board. Brethren, shall we let this foreign work drop? Shall we do nothing toward sending the blessed gospel to that dark land? Shall we inform Brother Hayes that he need expect no further aid from us? God grant that North Carolina may be counted among the first of the States in its loyalty to foreign missions.

Brethren, we must begin an actual crusade in the State against antagonistic agency, who are at work in many associations, poisoning the minds of the people against the work, engendering bitterness of feeling, and misrepresenting generally the purposes of the convention. Let us not hesitate, but rise up like men and "Carry the war into Africa." Our associations must be taught that the Convention is not a foreign body invading their territory, but their own legitimate organization born of their own conception. Teach them to antagonize the Convention is high treason committed against the Baptist denomination, and the supporters of such be branded as villainous criminals. Ignorance on the part of leaders is inexcusable, and downright meanness must not be mistaken for ignorance. The constitution of each Association should be so revised as to recognize the existence and claims of the Baptist State Convention.

The work, my brethren, as it presents itself in synoptical form, I have submitted to you with but little comment, hoping that you are already sufficiently aroused and enlightened concerning its importance, and that your presence here is a guarantee that you are determined to perform your whole duty in regard to its propagation to the best of your skill and ability. May the God whom we serve guide us in all our deliberations, and work through us to the glory of His name.

## STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

STATISTICS OF THE COLORED BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA.—The numerical strength and increase of the Baptists of our State and in the United States are in every way encouraging. I am, however, impressed with the fact that it is almost impossible, under the circumstances, to get a correct statistical report of our denomination in the State or out of it. Many of our churches with large and small memberships represent in no Association, while others do not give statistics only in part, making my report conditional and imperfect. I wrote many letters asking for minutes, some of which had prompt response, others I have not yet heard from. My report for the most part is based upon the Associational Minutes and the Baptist Year Book. We have in the State 33 Associations; 1,085 churches; 670 ordained ministers, six Associations giving no report of the ordained ministers; 111,000 members, an increase of 5,000 over last year's report; valuation of church property, \$216,844; pastors' salaries and expenses, \$41,642.80; foreign missions, \$2,124.55; education, \$350.00; miscellaneous, \$4,301.84. Aggregated contributions, \$48,419.19. Sunday-schools in the State, 511; officers and teachers, 1,951; pupils, 27,945 reported—this we believe to be far from the number of scholars in the State. Total number of white and colored Associations in the State, 86; colored and white ministers, 1,478. Grand total of members in the State, 252,052. "Through floods and flames" we have come in great numbers to be with Jesus.

BAPTISTS ON AFRICA'S SHORES.—Reported from the Congo country: 20 churches, 53 ordained ministers; baptized last year, 346; total members, 814. South Africa: 24 churches, 25 ministers, 193 baptisms last year, 2,306 members. West Africa: 4 churches, 9 ministers, 31 baptisms, 111 members. St. Helena and Cape Verde Islands: 2 churches, 2 ministers, 126 members. Grand total of Baptists from Africa: 50 churches, 89 ministers, 570 baptisms last year; membership, 3,357.

WEST INDIES ISLANDS.—Hayti: 7 churches, 3 ministers, no baptisms, 185 members. Jamaica: 173 churches, 60 ministers; baptisms last year, 2,522; membership, 34,961.

Whole number of Baptists in the world, 7,559,784. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us."

P. F. MALOY, Statistical Secretary,  
Wilmington, N. C.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1893-4.

To the Baptist State Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina :

I desire to submit the following report :

Amount brought forward from 1892 . . .	\$ 1 43
Received from convention at Winston . . .	278 67—\$280 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Rev. R. Shepard, for orphan asylum . . .	\$ 7 10
To Rev. P. F. Malloy, for missionary work . . .	9 90
To Rev. W. A. Pattillo, for Baptist Pilot . . .	40 00
To Rev. R. H. Harris, for missionary work . . .	2 92
To Rev. C. C. Somerville, for " " . . .	5 85
To Rev. G. W. Moore, for Fayetteville church . . .	5 00
To Rev. C. C. Somerville, for services . . .	15 00
To Rev. L. T. Christmas, for C. B. church . . .	5 00
To Rev. G. W. Holland, for hall rent . . .	8 00
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To Rev. N. F. Roberts, expenses as Cor. Sec. . .	15 65
To Rev. C. C. Somerville, printing and distributing Minutes . . . . .	80 00
To Rev. A. Shepard, for missionary work . . .	25 00
To Rev. J. A. Whitted, expenses to Baptist meeting . . . . .	3 00
Rev. C. B. Brown, expense to Baptist meeting . . . . .	9 00—\$262 39
Balance on hand . . . . .	\$ 17 71

A. SHEPARD, Treasurer.

To the Board of Managers and the Baptist State Convention :

I have examined the Treasurer's receipts and reports of all the funds received and paid out by him as per order of the Convention since October 24th, 1893, to October 24th, 1894, and find the same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEWIS, Auditor.

We, your Committee on Education, beg permission to report that we have carefully examined the report of the joint committees representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society and Southern Baptist Convention, and, while we heartily rejoice in the action put forth to co-operate in the prosecution of the work of education among the colored people of the South, yet we seriously object to the prerogatives given to the local committees to be appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, in that they are allowed to dictate the policy of the schools, remove teachers by recommendation, and exercise other dictatorial command in regard to their internal management of these schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. H. WOODWARD, Ch'man,	} Committee
M. D. MATHEWSON,	
S. M. JONES,	
A. B. VINCENT,	
W. H. WOODARD,	
J. A. WHITTED,	
C. H. WILLIAMSON,	
W. R. SLADE,	}

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

DEAR BRETHERN:—During the conventional year just ended your Board held one regular meeting. The Board arranged for twelve Ministers' Institutes to be held during the summer. For the lack of means no fixed salary could be promised those appointed to conduct the Institutes. It was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary write to the leading brethren of the different Associations and ask them to take collections for the American Baptist Home Mission Society to assist the society in paying off the great debt with which it was burdened.

The Corresponding Secretary was also instructed to prepare and have printed letterheads for the use of the officers of the Convention. A committee was appointed to confer with the Sunday-school Board and the editor of the Pilot and the editor of the Baptist Headlight in regard to arranging to run one good denominational paper.

The Corresponding Secretary, under the instructions of the Board, has written and sent blanks to all the ministers and churches whose postoffice he could ascertain and ask them to take collections for the missionary work or send in pledges of the amount they would contribute by the meeting of the Convention.

The following is the result of the work done through this Board during the Conventional year:





STEREOPTICON LECTURES SINCE DEC. 4, '93 TO JUNE 1, '94.

Presbyterian church, Raleigh.....	\$ 4.60	Rev. P. S. Lewis.....	6.60
Louisburg Court House.....	10.00	Livingstone college.....	7.00
Franklinton Baptist church.....	11.80	Lexington First Baptist church.....	10.00
Mt. Moriah, Oberlin, N. C.....	5.00	High Point Baptist church.....	4.00
Col. Deaf & Dumb Asylum, Raleigh	3.00	Winston Graded School.....	21.00
Wake Forest church, Rev. D. S.			
Southey.....	7.00		\$91.10
Durham A. M. E. church.....	3.00	Mt. Pleasant Baptist church.....	3.00
		Baptist church, Smithfield, Rev. W.	
	\$44.20	H. Woodward.....	11.00
First Baptist church, Oxford.....	5.00	Baptist church, Selma.....	5.50
St. Augustine school.....	9.00	Winn's chapel, Mt. Olive.....	11.25
Henderson (Masonic Hall).....	5.60	Baptist church, Foisons.....	4.00
Shaw University.....	12.00	Warsaw.....	4.00
Normal School, Goldsboro.....	17.00	Court House, Greenville.....	22.00
Oxford opera house.....	7.00	Washington, N. C., A. M. E. church.	4.00
White Rock Bapt. church, Durham..	6.40	Court House, E. City.....	17.00
First Baptist church, Kittrell's.....	7.50	Opera House, Plymouth.....	12.00
Youngsville.....	7.00	Tarboro, hall.....	14.00
	\$76.50		\$107.75
Garfield School, Raleigh.....	6.00	Baptist church, Fayetteville.....	15.00
Blount Street Baptist church.....	2.00	Central Bapt. church, Wilmington..	22.00
Lynchburg Diamond Hill church....	6.85	South Port.....	4.50
Jackson Street M. E. church.....	20.00	Court House, Clinton.....	11.00
A. M. E. church, Danville.....	6.18		\$52.50
	\$40.95		
Graham Court House.....	15.00	Total raised by stereopticon lec-	
Providence Bapt. church, Greens-		tures from Dec. 4, '93, to June 1, '94..	\$413.00
boro, Rev. S. H. Witherspoon.....	21.00	Receipts from churches for 1 year	
Reidsville Bapt. church, Rev. C. C.		from June 1, '93, to June 1, '94.....	\$203.21
Somerville.....	7.00		
Dixonville Bapt. church, Salisbury,		Total receipts for one year.....	\$616.21

Expenses for general missionary work from June 1, '93, to December 1, '94.....\$ 70 40  
 Total expense for each month since December 4, '93, to June 1, '94,  
 including lectures and missions—

(1) December 4 '93, to January 1, '94.....	\$ 19 25
(2) January 4, to February 1, '94.....	25 15
(3) February 1 to March 4, '94.....	21 31
(4) March 4 to April 1, '94.....	29 30
(5) April 1, '94, to May 1, '94.....	36 24
(6) May 1 to June 1, '94.....	21 27

Total expense since December 4 to June 1, '94.....\$155 52  
 Total expense for one year since June 1, '93, to June 1, '94..... \$225 92

Receipts from lectures during this time were.....\$413 00  
 Receipts from churches one year from June 1, '93, to June 1, '94..... 203 21

Total.....\$616 21  
 Expenses.....\$225 92

Balance.....\$390 29

Balance on salary.....\$250 00  
 Stereopticon outfit, including slides and accessories, etc..... 530 00

Total indebtedness.....\$ 780

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. VINCENT.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MONEY RECEIVED.

For Foreign Missions—		
Mt. Sinai church . . . . .	\$	3 00
Woman's Missionary Society, by Mrs. M. A. Henry . . . . .		2 00
Woman's Missionary Convention of N. C.		6 00
Wake Baptist Missionary Union . . . . .		25 00
Sisters Missionary Society, Poplar Spring church . . . . .		5 00
Missionary Society, Mt. Zion church . . . . .		50—\$ 41 50
For the American Baptist Home Mission Society—		
Roanoke Association . . . . .	\$	20 00
Mt. Moriah church . . . . .		2 00
Jordan's Grove . . . . .		1 80
Pleasant Plains . . . . .		2 50
Phillipi church . . . . .		2 75—\$ 29 05
Collections by Rev. A. B. Vincent, State Missionary—		
From churches . . . . .	\$	203 21
Proceeds of Lectures . . . . .		413 00—\$616 21
Edowment Fund—		
Johnson District Association . . . . .	\$	4 30—\$ 4 30
Total . . . . .		<u>\$691 06</u>

EXPENSES.

1,000 Letter Heads . . . . .	\$	2 50
500 Programmes . . . . .		1 75
1,000 Circular Letters . . . . .		3 50
Box of Envelopes . . . . .		75
Postage . . . . .		11 00
Total . . . . .	\$	19 50
By Cash, (Rev. C. S. Brown.) . . . . .		1 00
		<u>\$ 18 50</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 N. F. ROBERTS,  
 Corresponding Secretary.

LIST OF PLEDGES.

Rev. I. M. Powers, Wallace, \$1; Rev. R. Shepard, Oxford, \$5; Rev. W. B. F. Konegay, Willard, \$5; Mrs. R. Shepard, Oxford, \$2; Rev. A. B. Vincent, A. M., Raleigh, \$5; Rev. C. S. Brown, Winston, \$5; Pleasant Plains church, \$5; New Hope church, \$5; Phillipi church, \$5; First Baptist church, Charlotte, \$5; First Baptist church, Greensboro, \$5; First Baptist church, Franklinton, \$10; Kenansville association, \$25; Middle District association, \$5; Rowan association, \$25; Rev. C. C. Somerville, Reidsville, \$5; First Baptist church, Reidsville, \$10; First Baptist church, Burlington, \$5; Springfield church, Rev. A. A. Jones, \$10; Rev. D. J. Avery, \$2; Rev. R. E. Blake, Raleigh, \$3; St. Stephen's Baptist church, Tarboro, \$5; Rev. H. M. Maloy, Tarboro, \$3; First African Baptist church, Goldsboro, \$5; Poplar Spring church; Richmond county, \$5; New Providence, Wake county, \$2; Riley Hill, Wake county, \$5; Woman's Home Mission society, Warsaw, \$3, paid; Woman's Missionary society, Hill's chapel, \$3, paid; Antioch church, Rev. M. C. Bancom, pastor, \$2; Shiloh Baptist church, Wilmington, \$5; First Baptist church, Oxford, \$5; First Baptist church, Fayetteville, \$10; Rev. C. H. Williamson, A. M., Raleigh, \$5; First Baptist church, Kirtrell, \$2.50; Bro. E. F. Parham, Oxford, \$2.50; Rev. T. Sharp, \$2; Prof. M. W. D. Norman, Raleigh, \$5; Rev. C. J. W. Fisher, Raleigh, \$5; Spring Branch church, Bladen county, \$5; Maxton church, \$5; Mt. Pisgah, Warsaw, \$2.50; Shiloh Sunday-school, Wilmington, \$2; Reidsville Sunday-school, \$5; Woman's Home Mission society, Wallace, \$2; Home Mission society, Greensboro, \$2; First Baptist Sunday-school, Greensboro, \$3; Young People's Reading circle, Fayetteville, \$5, paid; Woman's Home Mission society, Wilson's chapel, \$2; Rev. J. L. Tennell, Wilmington, \$2; Rev. L. T. Christmas and wife, Wilmington, \$5; Woman's Missionary society, Shiloh church, Wilmington, \$2; Christian Endeavor, Shiloh church, Wilmington, \$1; Young People's Union, Greensboro, \$2; Rev. D. T. Best, Clinton, \$1, paid; Rev. M. G. Gatlin, Murfreesboro, \$2; Young People's Union, Charlotte, \$2; Johnson Grade Missionary society, by Rev. W. B. F. Konegay, \$1; Master Hubert C. Vincent, Raleigh, \$1.25; Miss Mabel Vincent, Raleigh, \$1.25; Kenansville Sunday-school convention, \$12; Missionary society, Enoch's chapel, by Rev. W. B. F. Konegay, \$2; Rev. L. T. Christmas, Wilmington, for home missions, \$1; Mrs. L. T. Christmas, Wilmington, for home missions, \$1; N. F. Roberts, Raleigh, \$5; Johnson's District association, \$25.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. ROBERTS,

Corresponding Secretary.



## STATISTICAL REPORT.

Associations.	Delegates.	Number Churches.	Con-vention Money.	Foreign Mission.	Total.
Middle	W. A. Patillo, R. I. Walden, A. A. Jones	16	\$ 8 00		\$ 8 00
Johnson District	R. E. Blake	21	10 50		10 50
Rowan	S. H. Witherspoon, C. C. Somerville, J. O. Crosby, P. S. Lewis	39	19 50		19 50
Roanoke	J. K. Lamb, A. Faulk		15 00		15 00
Granville			10 00		10 00
Zion	J. Ratliff	21	10 5		10 50
*Wake Baptist	A. W. Pegues, J. O. Fuller, D. S Saulter, J. Perry	35	17 50		17 50
Lumber River	E. M. Thompson, H. Gore	22	11 00		11 00
Lane's Creek Union	S. W. Hampton	8	4 00		4 00
Neuse River	A. N. Buck, Sandy Fenner, Simon Hicks, A. P. Thomas	73	13 50		11 00
West Roanoke	Luke Pierce, C. S. Brown		23 80	\$11 25	35 05
Woman's Convention	Mrs. P. G. Shepard			25 00	25 00
Pee Dee Branch	W. H. Woodward, D. M. Jackson	26	13 00		13 00
*Old Eastern	S. Evans, W. R. Slade, M. D. Matherson	24	12 00		12 00
Union	H. C. McDonald	40	20 00		20 00
From Other Sources			52 93		52 93
					244 98

\*Delegates who did not bring the representation fee with them.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATE	P. O.	Con-vention	Home Missions	For'ign Missions	Min. Education	Orphans	Total
Louisburg	R I Walden	Henderson	1 00		1 57			2 57
Louisburg	R L Perry	Louisburg			3 00			3 00
Burlington	E F Parham	Hurlington	1 00					1 00
1st. Baptist Reidsville	C C Somerville	Reidsville	1 00					1 00
Gethsemenane	H Pair	Sutton	1 00					1 00
Riley Hill	"	"	1 00					1 00
Malla X Roads	"	"	1 00					1 00
Pleasant Plains	C S Brown	Winston	1 00					1 00
New Hope	"	"	1 00					1 00
Oxford	M C Ransom	Oxford	1 00					1 00
Antioch	"	"	1 00					1 00
Rouse Chapel	R H Farper	La Grange	1 00					1 00
African Baptist Ch.	J W Din	Goldsboro	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	4 50
	C J W Fisher	Raleigh	50	50				1 00
	T S Evans	Morehead C.	50	50				1 00
	J E Shepard	Charlotte	1 00					1 00
1st. Baptist Church	G W Holland	Winston	1 00					1 00
Dixonville	P S Lewis	Salisbury			5 00			5 00
Augusta Chapel	A A Smith	Mt. Olive				2 00		2 00
St. Mathews	I M Powers	Wallace	1 00					1 00
Cedar Grove	G W Moore	Fayetteville	1 00					1 00
1st Baptist Ch.	"	"	1 00					1 00
Spring B. Church	S W Dockery	Mt. Peblar	1 00					1 00
Providence	S H Witherspoon	Greensboro	1 00		1 00			2 00
	J O Crosby	Greensboro	1 00					1 00
1st. Baptist Ch	J J Worlds	Raleigh	1 00					1 00
1st. Baptist Ch	A Shepard	Charlotte						
	A J. Jackson	Hallfax	1 00		2 00			2 00
	R Shepard	Oxford	1 00					1 00
*1st. Baptist Ch.	S W Dockery	Maxton	1 00					1 00
Shiloh	P F Malloy	Wilmington	1 00					1 00
Springhill	E B Blake	Raleigh			3 25			3 25

Aggregate

\$49 10

To be Paid in 5 days.

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## LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY.

DEAR BRETHREN: Our State minutes have heretofore been very incomplete, not however as the fault of any one specially, but the fault of us all. There are many items of interest that should appear in the statistics, but have from year to year been omitted. In order to remedy this error, I have carefully prepared a blank sheet in the back of this minute, which I sincerely hope will be used and properly filled by every church Association, or Society that is represented in our annual meeting. Filling the blanks as per request, will enable us to know with some degree of certainty or entire membership, the money we raise for different purposes, the value of our church property, etc. Besides the Secretary will know when and to whom he must send the minutes.

# CONSTITUTION.

We, the ministers and delegates from various Baptist churches in North Carolina met in the town of Goldsboro, N. C., on the 1st of October, 1867, for the purpose of considering the propriety of entering into some general organization for our mutual improvement, and the diffusion of the principles of the Gospel, and agreed to the following rules of fundamental principles:

REVISED OCTOBER 23, 1889.

ARTICLE I. This convention shall be known as the "Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina."

ARTICLE II. It shall be the object of this convention to encourage and assist Shaw University and other Baptist schools approved by this convention, to educate young men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to encourage education among all the people of the State; to support the Gospel in all destitute sections of the State; to send the Gospel to Africa; to encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and 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 co-operate with the Foreign Mission Convention of the United States and the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ARTICLE III. Sec. 1. This convention shall be composed of Baptist Associations of North Carolina, regular Baptist churches, and all Baptist Societies of a missionary nature or character, and members in good standing of regular Baptist churches.

Sec. 2. Any person may become a life member by the payment of \$5 and an annual member by the payment of \$1. Any association may be represented by the payment of 50 cents per church and may send one delegate for every ten churches or fraction thereof. Any Baptist church in good standing may be represented by the payment of \$1. Ministers in charge of regular Baptist churches in the State will be considered honorary members.

ARTICLE IV. Sec. 1. We recommend that Art. IV, sec. 1, be so amended as to read as follows: The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice-president, from each association represented, a secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer and an auditor, and a board of managers, consisting of nine members, of whom the president, corresponding secretary and treasurer shall be ex-officio members.

Sec. 2. The president shall preside at all meetings of the convention and sign all orders upon the treasurer. One of the vice-presidents shall perform the same duties in the absence of the president.

Sec. 3. The recording secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the convention. He shall prepare intelligence for the press, making appeals and statements in behalf of the convention. He shall prepare the minutes for the press. His stationary and postage must be furnished by the board of managers.

Sec. 4. The treasurer shall hold all moneys and valuable bonds and notes belonging to the convention, and shall pay all orders for money signed by the president and recording secretary. His books shall be open for inspection by any member of the board of managers. He shall keep an accurate account of all donations, and shall give such bond as the board of managers may determine. He shall present quarterly reports to the board and annual reports to the convention.

Sec. 5. The corresponding secretary shall take charge of the correspondence of the convention with other bodies and corporations. He shall report to the board of managers at their meetings and report all contributions received. The money from all churches, associations and societies must be sent to him.

Sec. 6. The auditor shall, before each annual meeting of the convention, examine carefully the receipts, disbursements, vouchers, paper and books of the treasurer, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the treasurer's report.

ARTICLE V. Sec. 1. The board of managers 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. They shall have full power to carry out the objects of the convention. They shall employ missionaries, appoint their field of labor and fix their salaries. They shall prepare a programme and appoint speakers for the annual sermons on the objects of the convention.

Sec. 2. Seven members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. The board shall make an annual report to the convention, giving a full account of its transactions during the year.

Sec. 4. The actual traveling expenses of the board to and from quarterly meetings shall be taken out of the general fund.

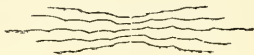
ARTICLE VI. All officers, managers and missionaries of the convention must be members in good standing in regular Baptist churches.

ARTICLE VII. The funds of this convention shall be educational and general. The first is to provide for ministerial education; the second for the payment of missionaries, home and foreign, and general expenses. These funds shall be kept distinct and the money contributed to either must be applied to it. Unless otherwise directed all money collected shall pass into the general fund.

ARTICLE VIII. The officers of this convention, except the managers, who shall serve during the pleasure of the convention, shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE IX. The convention shall meet annually on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October.

ARTICLE X. This convention may change this constitution and at any annual meeting by the vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.



## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The President shall take the chair each session at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and no appearance of a quorum cause the minutes of the preceding session to be read.

2. He shall preserve order, and decide questions, of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

3. He may rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any brother to perform the duties temporarily.

4. The President shall not vote only in case of a tie, and if he refuses to vote in a tie the matter is decided in the negative.

5. He shall not speak in debate while in the chair, but may call any brother to the chair, and he shall have the same right in debate as any other member.

6. When any member wishes to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall first rise from his seat and address the chair.

7. When two brothers shall rise at the same time the President shall name the one to speak.

8. No member shall speak twice on the same subject until all who wish to speak have spoken.

9. Decency of speech shall be observed and personal reflections avoided.

10. While the chair is putting a question, or any brother speaking no one shall be allowed walk across the house, or otherwise interrupt him.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone or amend.

12. All committees shall be appointed in time to do their duty.

13. All committees shall be composed of three members, if not otherwise ordered.

14. No standing rule shall be altered or suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the convention.

15. The rules of decorum shall be read at the opening of each annual session of the convention, and as many times during the session as may be deemed practicable.

16. No member shall be allowed to intrude on the time by long debate in this convention.



Blanks to be used by Churches, Associations and Societies on which to make annual report to State Convention.

To the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina, held with the \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church of \_\_\_\_\_ N. C., \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_

We send the following statistics and money by \_\_\_\_\_ our delegates.

Orphan Asylum
Home Mission
Foreign Mission
Superannuated Ministers
Ministerial Education
Baptist Headlight
Am't sent to the Convention
Am't paid as Pastor's Salary
Endowment Fund
Number of Churches
Number of Sunday Schools
Number Licentiates
No. Ordained Elders
No. Increased by Baptism
Increased by Letter
Increased by Experience and Restoration
Dismissed by Letter
Dismissed by Death
Present Membership
Church Edifice Fund
Students supported all, or in part in School
Value of Church Property.

Please send our Minutes to \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. in the care of \_\_\_\_\_ (State whether by Mail or Express.)





