

# NORTH CAROLINA "DOES THINGS"

High Tide at Hendersonville—Convention Swayed by J. W. Bailey and R. J. Willingham—Endowment of Meredith College Leaps Toward Success.



ERILY North Carolina does do things! The great news comes that the State Baptist Convention held at Hendersonville, amid the mountains, recently simply "got up" toward above anything and everything which the oldest Tar Heel has ever seen. They say that Dr. R. J. Willingham, the great leader of foreign missions, who always lives on the mountain top, went far beyond his usual spiritual triumphs in carrying his transported congregation with him where he ever dwelleth in vision and victory; that Dr. A. T. Robertson went almost "beside himself" in the mastery with which he presented the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in its great mission of helping to equip men to preach the everlasting gospel of Christ. And as for J. W. Bailey, ex-Editor and now civic leader and reformer—they say he was "up to his old tricks"—the trick of setting a crowd on fire with lofty ideals and the purpose to dare and do! So great is the grip that this brilliant young man has upon North Carolina, it is "officially" announced that if he were to go off on a visit and stay away too long everybody (except the laggards of earth) would join in singing that romantic air: "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home?"

A correspondent of The Charlotte Observer speaks as follows of the day of climax:

Meredith College, Raleigh, is to have an

endowment of \$150,000. Of this amount \$50,000 comes from the General Educational Society. A magnificent address tonight by Josiah W. Bailey, followed by a touching prayer by Rev. L. Johnson, of Raleigh, moved the convention to action. The first subscription came from John T. Pullen, of Raleigh, who asked to give the first \$1,000. This was followed by the subscription of \$5,000, from Noah Biggs, of Scotland Neck. C. J. Hunter, of Raleigh, and W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, followed with \$1,000 each. Within thirty minutes \$27,000 was subscribed and the endowment is sure to come. Dr. Vann and the trustees are enthusiastic and the campaign will be pushed. The total endowment is to be raised by December, 1913. A touching incident occurred this evening while Rev. F. M. Jordan, the oldest minister of the denomination, was speaking. His daughter, a young girl, came forward and threw her arms about her father's neck weeping. It became known that the girl desired an education and in a few minutes sufficient funds for all expenses had been given in addition to a scholarship in Chowan Institute given by the president, Dr. Bruner. The convention then handed Dr. Bruner a purse of \$70.

### A Glorious Session.

Possibly there has never been before a session of the convention in all of its eighty years of history, when there have been so many glorious incidents. This morning Dr. Willingham, of Richmond, Va., took the convention to the heights. Then again this after-

noon Dr. Robertson, in a magnificent address on education, captured the convention and at the close of his address was given \$1,500 for students' aid.

### To Endow Meredith College.

Then tonight came the climax when Dr. R. T. Vann, president of Meredith College, and J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, launched the campaign for the endowment of Meredith College. The board suggested that the work of raising the required sum be commenced at the session tonight and without discussion the convention voted unanimously to launch the campaign.

The reading of the reports today brought joy to the assembled Baptists. Every department shows gains. For instance, State missions a gain of \$2,595.43; Foreign Missions, a gain of \$1,388.97; Home Missions a gain of \$3,163.28. The Orphanage a gain of \$3,623.71. Ministerial education a gain of \$1,152.64; ministerial relief a gain of \$1,178.77. With 2,000 churches in the State the officials of the various boards have succeeded in leading 1,647 churches to contribute to the conventional objects. The reports show that the denomination in its growth in the last ten years shows a gain of 30 per cent. while the United States census shows the gain in population in the State to have increased 16 per cent.

Every report and speech at the convention seemed to strike fire, and the messengers went home rejoicing in the most inspiring convention of a lifetime.



## THE FIRST WORLD'S CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

This conference, held in Philadelphia, November 16-20, had an interest peculiar to itself in the fact that it was the first international assembly to consider the Christian principles of civil government which has ever been held. As was to be expected in a first and tentative effort of this character, the actual representation from other countries was not so large as from our country, but large enough to give a true international flavor to all the proceedings.

The program was arranged to include reports on the relation of the several nations and governments to Christianity or to any other religion, and addresses on the fundamental principles of Christian civil government, and on practical questions in which these principles are involved. The report on "The German Empire and Christianity" was presented by the Rev. James Dickie, D.D., pastor of the American congregation in Berlin. The report on France was presented by Prof. O. G. Guerlac, of Cornell University, formerly editor of "Le Signal," a Protestant paper in Paris. Attorney John A. Paterson (King's counsel) of Toronto, spoke on "The Canadian Government and Christianity." The report on "The Turkish Government and Religion" was presented by Prof. H. Porter of the Syrian Protestant College in Beirut, Syria. The report on Greek Catholic countries was given by the Rev. Walter McCarroll, missionary on the island of Cyprus. The report on Persia was presented by the Rev. Norman L. Euwer, that on China by Dr. Isaac Taylor Headland, that on Japan by Prof. E. W. Clement, missionaries from these respective countries. The Rev. W. L. Ferguson, Baptist missionary in the Congo Free State, discussed the present situation in that region under the government of Belgium. The Rev. Charles E. Parker, Methodist Episcopal missionary in that country, spoke on "The British Administration in India." "National Christianity in the United States" was the

subject of an admirable report by Dr. R. C. Wylie, of Pittsburg.

Among the notable addresses in the conference was one by the Rev. C. A. R. Janvier, former missionary in India, on "Political Changes in the Near and Farther East in Their Relation to the Kingdom of Christ;" one by the Rev. O. P. Gifford, D.D., of Boston, on "The Bearing of National Life on Personal Religion;" one by Arthur J. Brown, D.D., secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, on "Asiatic Governments and Their Attitude Toward Christian Missions;" one by the Rev. Dr. Carmen, who is general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, on "Moral and Social Reform Movement in Canada" one by the Rev. Isaac Headland, D.D., missionary in China, on "Some By-Products of Christianity Which Are Preparing the World for the Kingdom of Christ," and another one "Christian Governments and Their Representatives Abroad," by Dr. George Washburn, of Robert College, Constantinople. The Rev. Dr. Henry C. Minton, former moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly discussed "National Christianity and Public Education" in masterly style, and the Rev. D. J. Burrell, D.D., president of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, spoke in his own inimitable vein on "The Lord's Day and National Welfare." Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the United Societies of Christian Endeavor, spoke on "National Religious Observances;" the Rev. Dr. John F. Carson, of Brooklyn, made a powerful appeal for "National Religion" on the ground of its bearing on "World Wide Evangelism;" the Rev. W. I. Wishart, D.D., of Pittsburg pleaded the claims of "Christ, the Ruler of Nations," and the Rev. J. T. McCrory, of the same city, discussed powerfully "The Civic Mission of the Christian Church."

Over a thousand delegates and others were regularly enrolled as members of this conference. The large church in which it met was well filled at every session during the five days, and one mass meeting was held in the Academy of Music at which more than three thousand persons were present.

With entire unanimity the conference adopted a "Declaration of Principles" and a "Program of United Action for Christian Citizens in all Countries."

Special action was taken in reference to the exclusion of the Bible in the public schools in many states of the American Union, and in reference to the chaotic and corrupt condition of American divorce laws and in favor of the Christian amendment to the United States Constitution. The National Reform Association which had convened this conference was asked to conduct a campaign throughout the United States in reference to these interests.

### World's Conference Proceedings.

So deep was the interest manifested by the thousands of delegates and visitors at the recent World's Christian Citizenship Conference in Philadelphia that enough orders were secured to justify the publication in full of all the proceedings of the conference. This will make a volume of 300 pages or more. Among the many interesting and valuable things in this volume, perhaps the most important will be the report from the various countries of the world concerning their attitude, respectively, toward Christianity. Such authentic reports as these will be on this vital subject are nowhere to be obtained. The price of this volume will be \$1. Anyone desiring it must place his order with the National Reform Association, 603 Publication Bldg., Pittsburg, not later

than December 15. No copies will be published except those ordered.

### THE GIRL IN BUSINESS.

Girls desiring to enter upon a business career must impress upon their minds the fact that an employer appreciates women who can seize his ideas and follow them out without asking a thousand and one questions. They must not think that because they are girls an employer should be more considerate toward them and their shortcomings than he would be toward those of a man.

Then, again, some girls are apt to be over-sensitive when they first enter an office, store or warehouse, and consider that every little thing done well is deserving of praise from their employers. Perhaps it may be, but in five cases out of six the employer has no time to praise his assistant. If a girl knows and believes she is doing her very best, even in the smallest detail, she will have the reward of a quiet conscience, and a kindly employer will not forget a word of encouragement voluntarily from time to time.

A girl should take every opportunity of improving her talents. She should not be afraid of doing a little extra work, or think that she was doing more than her share when her employer asks her to do a little "overtime." Nothing is lost by it in the long run. Too many women are "penny wise and pound foolish," forgetting that whatever furthers the interests of the house that employs them will eventually further their own, provided, of course, they are industrious, energetic and faithful.

Success is a plant which requires constant care of oneself and one's work if it is to flourish, and the girl who will succeed in all phases of life is undoubtedly the one who knows herself and her capabilities, and has the tact and faculty to use that knowledge to the best advantage.