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THE ANNUAL CONVENTION IN PETERSBURG THIS WEEK.

DR. SCOFIELD TO BE PRESENT.

The Co-Worker of Mr. Moody to Conduct Special Bible Studies—Dr. Cooper to Make the Opening Address—Other Special Features.

That the time draws so near when the Young Men's Christian Association of Virginia will convene in its twenty-first annual convention is a matter whose announcement carries with it wide-spread interest. This great gathering will be held in Tabb-Street church, Petersburg, from February 24th to the 28th.

This convention means that for more than a score of years there has been an earnest effort to shield the young men of Virginia from the toils of temptation and throw around them influences whose tendency and whose purpose is to lift them out of harm's way.

In the order of exercises unreserved

STATE-SECRETARY L. A. COULTER.

care has been evinced. Those who are to speak are men whose entire life has been in closest sympathy with young men, and whose interest is abiding in all that is brought to bear upon those lives which as yet are as castings unhardened and untempered by exposure to the breezy life outside.

INTEREST IN THE MEETING.

In the past weeks Mr. L. A. Coulter, State Secretary, has visited a great number of associations throughout Virginia, and his real, hearty enthusiasm has widened and deepened the interest in the coming convention.

Wherever he has gone it has been his purpose to urge that not only should the attendance be large, but by all means a true index to the life and work of its association.

The opening address will be made by Dr. George Cooper, of Richmond, who has chosen fittingly as his theme, "The Watchword for the Year."

"Dr. C. I. Scofield, of Northfield, Mass., will conduct five special Bible studies." This statement is clipped from the official programme of the convention, and though a simple statement, carries with it a world of interesting story.

COLABORER OF MR. MOODY.

As a Bible teacher and as a close and loved associate with the peerless Moody, Mr. Scofield is known by face to many; by heart to more. "Men" says of him: "Dr. Scofield is one of the strongest Bible students in this country. His addresses and Bible readings at the secretaries' conference and association conventions everywhere are of that strength and character which command the fullest attention of every man privileged to listen to him. He is not a theorist, nor does he dote about questions; but of all men he desires to teach the truth that it may be used to help men to a clean Christian life, and that they may be inspired to engage in Christ's service. Dr. Scofield's history is full of interest. After serving in the Confederate army throughout the war, he studied law; the evidence of his legal training can be seen in the clean-cut, forceful arguments, and evidences in each lesson article and address that comes from him. He practiced law for some years, but soon after his conversion entered the ministry. He was pastor at Dallas, Tex., for twelve years, where he built up a strong church. His power as a teacher of the Bible was soon recognized, and for some time he conducted a correspondence course in Bible study of great value, and has now a large correspondence class. Mr. D. L. Moody, who always has his eyes open for men of strength and large force, found Dr. Scofield, and laid his hand upon him for his church at East Northfield, Mr. Moody's home—and there is no place nearer to Mr. Moody's heart than his own town, his towns-people, and his great schools centering there."

Professor W. W. Smith, president of Randolph-Macon College, will deliver a special address on the "Educational Work of the Association," which will be rounded with an address from Mr. F. S. Brockman, college secretary of the International Committee, who will tell of the wonderful growth in favor and fruits of associational work among the colleges of the State.

Mr. E. L. Hamilton, railroad secretary of the International Committee, will tell of the excelling growth among the railroad men of the country, how the leaven has gone into the lives of these hardy, brave men, and is cherished there as a goodly thing.

MEN'S MEETING SUNDAY.

The service on Sunday afternoon will probably be the crowning halo of the great meeting, and will be conducted by Rev. Weston Gales. Mr. Gales has been widely blessed in his labors as an evangelist in his native State and wherever he has gone in the South, and the attendance on this service will be measured only by the limits of the sanctuary in which it is held.

The chairman of the State Executive Committee, Mr. B. F. Johnson, of Richmond, will read his report for the year. The report of the committee's treasurer will also be heard, and with much interest. It will show a very important matter, where the various associations of the State stand in finances. These reports will not be long lines of facts and figures, but

DR. C. I. SCHOFIELD.

will be concise, compact, and will tell a great many things pleasantly and in a very short while.

JOTTINGS HERE AND THERE.

Richmond's association shows growth in membership, in extensive and enhancing improvement in its building.

The association of Norfolk has a larger proportion of its membership in attendance on regular services, and on its evening class work than any association in the State.

Portsmouth has secured the nucleus of $15,000 for its building, and the Virginia rooms are daily crowded beyond convenience, and Bluefield embraces a membership of 600—the largest association of railroad-men in the South.

In Newport News the association's Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, has in funds and subscriptions among students and faculty $4,700 for the new structure on the institute campus.

WHERE THE LEAVEN WAS PUT.

In the year 1844 a young man of simple dress and bearing entered the doors of a large dry-goods store in London. This boy was George Williams, and afterwards the father of the great thought that has grown greater and greater, until now it encompasses the globe. In those days the young clerks lived over the store, and it was their custom mainly to spend the evenings idly, or in dissipation, which, though slight at first, was more significant soon, and the ruin of a man's life ere long. George Williams saw this, and he planned the saving of young men, whose "number no man knows." He is still living, and not long ago sent out his annual message, into which was embodied, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation," and this will be Dr. Cooper's text in the convention's opening address.

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BLACKSBURG.

The Intermediate Examinations—Distinguished Students—Briefs.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

BLACKSBURG, VA., February 12.—At the intermediate examinations recently held, the following young gentlemen, having received the average grade of 95, are reported as highly distinguished:

Juniors—J. S. A. Johnson, Albemarle; C. W. Cochran, Frederick; Freshmen—S. H. McGregor, Nelson; E. H. Richardson, Prince Edward. The following, having made an average of 90, are reported distinguished: J. L. Johns, Pennsylvania; E. V. Jones, Albemarle; J. L. Phillips, Accomac. Juniors—J. A. Burruss, Richmond city; J. B. Danforth, Richmond city; Benjamin Harrison, Petersburg; H. L. Price, Montgomery; J. I. Palmer, Roanoke; D. M. Taylor, Chesterfield; O. F. Whitehurst, Rockingham. Sophomores—J. G. Carter, Fauquier; G. L. Tentress, Norfolk; G. P. Harrison, Clerk; H. H. Holt, Mecklenburg; M. A. Sale, Montgomery; L. L. Jewell, Montgomery; W. W. Wysor, Pulaski. Special Students—R. Boswell, Halifax; R. J. Walker, Mecklenburg.

Cadet J. Hoge Woolwine, of the senior class, was summoned home this week by the death of his grandfather, Mr. Phillip Woolwine. His friend and roommate, Mr. J. G. Guerrant, accompanied him.

Cadet J. K. Harrison, a son of Judge Harrison, of Staunton, left for home on yesterday, to be absent a short while.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

Mrs. Jarley's wax-works were presented on last evening at the College Auditorium for the benefit of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute foot-ball team. Twenty-five students took part, while the band was out in full force, adding very greatly, as it always does, to the evening's enjoyment. The young men sustained well their parts presenting bright and original matter, containing many a good-natured thrust which never failed to bring down the house. The audience was good, and in an excellent humor. To the ladies belongs much of the credit of the success of the affair, since they have been untiring in their aid during its preparations. Messrs. Stull and Guiguard made a reputation as stage-managers.

On the evening of February 19th the Amateur Dramatic Club of Christiansburg will present "Josiah's Courtship" in the College Auditorium.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Price, of College Hill, spent two days in Roanoke this week, being accompanied by their mother, Mrs. John R. Johnson, of Christiansburg.

Rev. Goodridge A. Wilson, of New Providence church, Rockbridge, who has been conducting a series of services in the Presbyterian church here, left this week. He visited friends in Wytheville, and returned to his home on yesterday. Mr. Wilson left a most pleasant impression behind him among the good people of Blacksburg, who enjoyed very much his able and spiritual preaching.

Mrs. Rebecca Amiss, an old and beloved resident of Blacksburg, is quite ill at the home of a niece near Lynchburg. Mrs. Amiss is a woman of a lovely Christian character, never tiring in good works, gentle in manner, and attractive to all who come in contact with her. It is with deep pain and sincere sympathy that her many friends here have learned of her illness.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. A. H. Luster, one of Blacksburg's prominent merchants, is improving his property by a handsome addition to his dwelling-house.

Mr. Alexander Black, one of our leading citizens, has been confined to his house for ten days by a severe attack of the grip.

Mrs. McKenna, of Pittsburg, has found her stay in Blacksburg so pleasant that she has determined to reside here for at least a time. She will make her home with her sister, Mrs. William Thomas.

I am glad to announce that Mrs. Holladay, the wife of Rev. James M. Holladay, is much improved, after a severe spell of sickness.

Mrs. Kent Black gave recently a most delightful dinner-party to a few of her friends at her home, in honor of Rev. Mr. Wilson.

Of all public employees, I think the cross-country mail-carrier is the worst-paid, the hardest-worked, and comes in for more fault-finding than any other. And yet these positions are eagerly sought after.

As an example, the carrier between this point and Cambria makes two trips daily, with a two-horse vehicle, traveling thirty-two miles daily, and receives the handsome sum of $313 as salary, the greater part of the government appropriation being pocketed by the government contractor. He gives us a good service, and should unquestionably be better paid for it.

We are paying now in compound interest for the pretty weather of the early part of the winter, for February has given us twelve days of the most abominable weather that can be imagined.

The number of students enrolled in the institute up to date is 334, with a prospect of additions.

The present King of Belgium is Leopold II., who ascended the throne December 10, 1865. The Kings of Belgium are successors of the Princes of Orange, the first being Philibert, who succeeded to the throne in 1502. For a long time they were known as Stadtholders.

AS TO VALENTINES.

AT WORK ON THE HOME-MADE ARTICLE.

Some Specimens—Another Language. Verses—Notes About the Saint—Cattle-Buyers—The General News Around Afton.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

AFTON, VA., February 12.—

Who shall be my valentine?
Or if her eyes be brown or blue,
Or dark her hair, or golden hue,
She whose heart is warm and true—
She shall be my valentine!

We have lost leap-year for a time, but Valentine's-Day, like the grip, is an annual. It is also germane to the same season of vexatious weather, and once given way to, hard to get rid of.

Up here toward the snowbelt we do not evade its blissful ills—i. e., the fun and frolic and doubts and fears of the one day set apart while good Bishop Valentine holds jurisdiction over love's calendar.

The roads are nearly impassible, and we needs must amuse ourselves indoors, while we wait upon the National Good-Roads Congress and the almanac; so we have put in this week on home-made valentines.

I flatter myself that not Prang's daintiest missives excel these native specimens of high art in the highlands. Certainly not in the matter of originality. After all, it is the sentiment that "takes." It does not so much matter about the style; if one is young and sentimental enough to care for a valentine at all, then the deeper the sentiment the better; the more tender the verses the more they appear to please.

What that clever, albeit not very refined, expression I read the other day? Some penny-a-liner poking fun at a love-case in the courts, said: "It was all wool, a yard wide, and warranted to wash," and that just fits the home-made valentine. I am sure some of our valentines were the "all-wool" article and warranted to live in unfading remembrance upon the heart of the dear receiver.

ANOTHER LANGUAGE.

And yet it is not always that spoken or written words are the most potent. There is another language filled in by that transference of thought about which the savants are writing of so learnedly, as if heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul have not spoken by its silent medium since love has had a name.

The most beautiful valentine I ever handled could have had a two-volume novel written from its suggestion. It was of the box specimen, with an outer covering ornamented to represent precious stones. The box was a part of the valentine, and on the lid in the centre was a scroll for the name of the recipient. On raising the lid a mass of lace-drapery was revealed, with a piece of ribbon at each corner; the centre formed an avenue toward a suggestive building—a church. "Only this, and nothing more."

Yet another, as the school-girls say, "spoke a parable" in three words. It was a miniature altar, smothered in lace and diamond-dust, on which rested a gold ring, surrounded by the motto, "Do you accept?"

I observe one thing along this flowery way of valentines: If a man gets his sister to fix him up a valentine—for some one else's sister—time and space are annihilated. He'll get you anything to make it out of, and do up your house-chores for a week, but you cannot put in too many hearts and darts, sparrows and arrows, in that love-message; while, for the verses——! I really don't know if these rustic swains think they will never have such gushing personal chances, but this is the agony John Henry handed in:

Fair Mary Ella,
I am a fellow,
Who dares to hope
Your eyes to ope',
Unto the smart
Of his poor heart;
Who vows to you
He will be true,
Dear Mary Ella;
I am the fellow!

Our Afton belles, having tried the "wish-bone" oracle, are now using those fateful remains as "wish valentines." The wish-bone is dressed in gay trousers and a cute circle cape; the flat bone at the joint is traced with pen-and-ink features, and then the queer little brownie is sent off to do mischief, with this couplet pinned to him:

With the fondest of wishes from my heart to thine,
And may I be ever thy true Valentine

OLD, OLD CUSTOM.

St. Valentine's-Day dates back beyond the landing of the pilgrim fathers in the North and the settlement of the bluest-blooded cavaliers of the South. Shakespeare refers to it as an old, old custom when poor Ophelia sings Hamlet:

"Am I a maid at your window,
To be your valentine?"

And Charles, Duke of Orleans, was a famous writer of valentine verses. But these were moderns. Away back the custom of choosing love-partners for a year existed—back to the old Roman feasts, when the gallant young citizens of Rome indited their valentines on waxen tablets with a stylus. These ancient games, in the month of February, were in honor of Juno, the deity of marriage, and Pan, who was the god of hunters, shepherds, and country people. Of course, this is where we get our weakness for Valentine's-Day. It also accounts for Samantha Ann buying 50 cents worth of materials for two valentines when she could get far more artistic specimens of the trade at 25 cents, and with the envelopes thrown in.

Of all the titular saints poor St. Valentine is the only one who ever suffered a triple martyrdom. In the third century he was persecuted, thrown into prison for a year, and then beaten to death; after which he was beheaded. Considering the atrocities that have been perpetrated in his name since, the other two seem a little superfluous. The worst of which is the comic valentine.

This is a style of valentine that ought to die out entirely. It is always vulgar, often brutal, and no right-minded or well-bred person would be guilty of wounding anybody's feelings by the application of the average "comic" valentine. I wish there was a law prohibiting the publication of them.

CATTLE-BUYERS.

Considerable activity exists here among cattle-buyers, who are making arrangements to buy largely on the other side of the James river, before the quarantine is raised. Rockfish Gap, one mile away, is the point where cattle pass over into the Valley.

Miss Lelia A. Kilhan, of Salem, Va., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Turner, Jr.

Mr. C. T. Goodwin, of Clifton Forge, is here.

Bark-peeling is another industry which will be vigorously pushed forward as soon as spring opens. Camps are already bespoken, and labor engaged. The bark business is ready money for the impoverished countryman, but, without replacement, while at least sixteen trees are cut down to one forest-tree being planted, it is very poor economy in the end. Some one should make a move for forestry laws, when Mr. Hanna gets the other things fixed to suit him.

We have neither theatre nor opera-house, but we are going to try for one of the requisites this year.

A man over the Ridge, in Augusta, tried raising peanuts the past season, with the result of a quart to every one nut planted, and from two rows in the garden he realized two large washtubfuls. At this rate, peanuts would pay here from $50 to $60 per acre—better profit than oats or corn.

Miss Alma Goodwin entertained a party of friends quite delightfully on Tuesday evening. Of those present were Misses Bessie Coleman, Helen Hays, Mattie Lipscomb, Susie Womble, and Maggie Macgregor; of the gentlemen were Messrs. Cloud Goodloe, Fulton Williams, John Macgregor, Stover Hays, and Jeter and Charlie Goodwin. Chaperon—Mrs. John G. Spotts.

Our community was greatly distressed at the death, in Georgia, last week, of Rev. Dr. Stratan. Dr. Stratan was much beloved here for his able meetings at Hebron Baptist church some time since. He was the uncle of Inda Barton Hays, the writer.

THEY RIDICULE IT.

MANY PEOPLE RIDICULE THE IDEA OF AN ABSOLUTE CURE FOR DYSPEPSIA AND STOMACH TROUBLES.

Ridicule, However, Is Not Argument, and Facts Are Stubborn Things.

Stomach troubles are so common, and in many cases, so obstinate to cure, that people are apt to look with suspicion on any remedy claiming to be a radical, permanent cure for dyspepsia and indigestion. Many such pride themselves on their acuteness in never being humbugged, especially on medicines.

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Palm Soap, 2c. a cake.
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2 Ladies' Brown Figured Cloth Bicycle Suits, sizes 36 and 38, were $15, to close $8.
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Trilby will appear in her concert dress, and under the mesmerism of Mr. Bobbin, will sing "Ben. Bolt." One of the best numbers of the evening will be musical selections from a most beautiful instrument, which has never before been heard in Richmond, and which the Singin' Skule feel quite proud in introducing to the public. The old favorite stand-bys, together with a number of beautiful old-fashioned choruses, sung by the splendid voices of "ye skollers," will furnish an evening's enjoyment, which is rarely equalled among our amateur performances.

The box-sheet at the Young Men's Christian Association is open for "preserved seats" (as Mrs. Bobbin says), and a large number have already been taken.

A Belated Picnic.

A pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs. C. R. Wrenn last Tuesday night at her home, No. 418 north Twenty-eighth street. The most unique feature of the evening was the ladies were all dressed in picnic costumes.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the Furguson Brothers. A picnic repast was served, and at a late hour the young people all departed for their homes.

The ladies present were Misses Rosa Muire, Mary and Katie Sullivan, Eva and Maggie Daily, Mattie James, Ella Mayo, Annie and Gertie Green, Sallie Eldridge, Helen Werner, Annie Stubbs, Bertie Richardson, Mattie Parish, Alice Nunally, Martha and Evelyne Walton. The gentlemen present were Messrs. Urvin Johnson, Marvin Ware, E. W. Brandy, Wallace Evans, Harry Stubbs, Otis Rowe, Horace Williams, Ernest Muire, Charlie Nunally, Rixy Smith, William McCallister, Eddie, Robie, Willie, and Joe Mayo, and Mr. Owen.

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Steamship Old Dominion leaves Richmond every Monday at 5 P. M. for New York via James river.
Tickets on sale at Richmond Transfer Company's, 903 east Main street; Chesapeake and Ohio railway, and Richmond and Petersburg railroad depots, and at company's office, 1212 east Main street, Richmond. Baggage checked through.
FREIGHT
for New York and all points beyond can be shipped by direct steamers, sailing from Richmond every MONDAY AND FRIDAY, 5 P. M.; also, by steamer leaving Richmond WEDNESDAY, 5 P. M., for Norfolk; connecting with steamer for New York.
Manifest closed one hour before sailing time.
Freight received and forwarded and through bills of lading issued for all northern, eastern, and foreign points.
FROM NEW YORK.
Passengers can leave daily, except Sunday, to Norfolk or Old Point Comfort, connecting with Norfolk and Western railroad or Chesapeake and Ohio railway.
Direct steamers (via James-river route) leave every SATURDAY (passenger and freight), and Monday (freight only).
Sailing from company's pier, No. 26, North river, foot of Beach street, at 3 P. M.; Saturday, 4 P. M.
Freight received and forwarded daily except Sunday.
For further information apply to
JOHN F. MAYER, Agent, 1212 east Main street, Richmond, Va.
W. L. Guillaudeu, Vice-President and Traffic Manager, New York. ja 15

RAILROAD LINES.

S. A. L. Seaboard Air-Line.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEBRUARY 7, 1897.
LEAVE BYRD-STREET STATION.
9:05 A. M., 8:56 P. M. Daily for Henderson (arrive Durham daily, except Sunday), Raleigh, Santoro, Southern Pines, Wilmington, Wadesboro', Monroe, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Shelby, Rutherfordton, Chester, Clinton, Greenwood, Abbeville, Elberton, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, Montgomery, New Orleans, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, Texas, Mexico, California, AND THE WEST, VIA MEMPHIS OR NEW ORLEANS.
Train leaving at 8:56 P. M. runs through solid to Atlanta without change of cars. Sleeper ready for occupancy at 8:36 P. M.
TRAINS ARRIVE AT RICHMOND.
8:15 A. M. and 6:50 P. M.
For tickets, baggage checks, sleeping-car reservation, etc., apply to
H. M. BOYKIN, General Agent, 836 east Main street.
E. St. John, Vice-President and General Manager.
V. E. McBee, General Superintendent.
H. W. B. Glover, Traffic Manager.
T. J. ANDERSON, General Passenger Agent.
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RAILROAD LINES

SOUTHERN RAILWAY. (Piedmont Air-Line.)

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 1, 1897.
TRAINS LEAVE RICHMOND, VA.
2:00 A. M., No. 11, Southern Express, daily for Atlanta, Augusta, and points South. Sleepers Richmond to Danville, Greensboro', Salisbury, Charlotte, Columbia, and Augusta. Sleeper open at 9:30 P. M.
Connects at Danville with the Washington and Southwestern vestibule limited (No. 37), carrying sleepers New York to Asheville, Hot Springs, Chattanooga, and Nashville; New York to Memphis, New York to New Orleans, New York to Tampa; also, first-class day coach between Washington and Memphis. Connections are made for all points in Texas and California. Sleeper open for occupancy at 9:30 P. M. Also, through Pullman sleeper New York to San Francisco every Tuesday and Saturday.
12:00 noon, No. 9, solid train daily for Charlotte, N. C. Connects at Moseley with Farmville and Powhatan railroad. At Keysville for Clarksville, Oxford, Henderson, and Durham, and at Greensboro' for Durham, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem; at Danville with No. 35, United States Fast Mail, solid train, daily for New Orleans and points South, which carries sleepers New York to New Orleans, and New York to Jacksonville; also, Pullman tourist sleeper every Saturday Washington to San Francisco without change.
6:00 P. M., No. 17, local, daily except Sunday, for Keysville and intermediate points.
TRAINS ARRIVE AT RICHMOND.
6:00 A. M., 6:40 P. M. From Atlanta and Augusta.
8:40 A. M., from Keysville.
LOCAL FREIGHT TRAINS.
Nos. 61 and 62, between Manchester and Neapolis, Va.

YORK-RIVER LINE VIA WEST POINT.
THE FAVORITE ROUTE NORTH.
LEAVE RICHMOND.
4:35 P. M., No. 16, BALTIMORE LIMITED, daily, except Sunday, for West Point, there making close connection Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with steamer for Baltimore. Also, connects at Lester Manor with stage for Walkerton on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
3:05 P. M., No. 10, LOCAL EXPRESS, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, for West Point and intermediate stations. Connects with stage at Lester Manor for Walkerton; also, at West Point with steamers for Baltimore. Stops at all stations.
5:00 A. M., No. 46, LOCAL MIXED—Leaves daily, except Sunday, from Virginia-Street Station for West Point and intermediate stations.
TRAINS ARRIVE AT RICHMOND.
9:17 A. M., Daily, except Monday.
10:40 A. M., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
8:00 P. M., Daily, except Sunday, from West Point and intermediate stations.
Steamers leave West Point at 6:00 P. M. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and Baltimore at 5:00 P. M., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
Ticket office at station, foot of Virginia street. Open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M., and from 9:30 P. M. to 2 A. M.
City ticket office, 903 east Main street.
J. M. CULP, Traffic Manager. W. A. TURK, General Pass. Agt.
W. H. GREEN, General Superintendent, Washington, D. C.
C. W. WESTBURY, Travelling Passenger Agent, 930 east Main street, Richmond, Va. fe 3

N. & W. RY. Norfolk and Western Schedule in Effect
FEBRUARY 8, 1897.
LEAVE RICHMOND. BYRD-STREET STATION.
9:00 A. M., Daily—Richmond and Norfolk VESTIBULE LIMITED. Second-class tickets not accepted on this train.
9:05 A. M., Daily, "THE CHICAGO EXPRESS," for Lynchburg, Roanoke, Columbus, and Chicago, Pullman Sleeper, Roanoke to Columbus; also, for Radford, Bristol, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and intermediate points.
7:30 P. M., Daily, for Norfolk, Suffolk, and intermediate stations.
10:50 P. M., Daily for Lynchburg and Roanoke. Connects at Roanoke with Washington and Chattanooga Limited. Pullman Sleepers Roanoke to Memphis and New Orleans.
PULLMAN SLEEPER between RICHMOND and LYNCHBURG, ready for occupancy at 9 P. M.; also, Pullman Sleeper Petersburg to Roanoke.
Trains arrive Richmond from Lynchburg and the West daily 8:15 A. M. and 8:56 P. M. From Norfolk and the East 11:05 A. M., and Vestibuled Limited 7 P. M. Office: 828 Main street.
R. W. COURTNEY, District Passenger Agent;
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RAILROAD LINES.

ATLANTIC-COAST LINE.
SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 1897.
TRAINS LEAVE RICHMOND—UNION DEPOT.
9:00 A. M., Daily. Arrives Petersburg 9:23 A. M., Norfolk 11:25 A. M. Stops only at Petersburg, Waverly, and Suffolk, Va.
9:05 A. M., Daily. Arrive Petersburg 9:50 A. M., Weldon 11:38 A. M., Fayetteville 4:35 P. M., Charleston 10:20 P. M., Savannah 12:50 A. M., Jacksonville 7 A. M., Port Tampa 5:10 P. M. Connects at Wilson with No. 47, arriving Goldsboro' 3:05 P. M., Wilmington 5:45 P. M. Pullman Sleeper New York to Jacksonville.
2:55 P. M., Daily. Local. Arrives Petersburg 3:43 P. M. Makes all stops.
5:30 P. M., Daily. Arrives Petersburg 6:19 P. M. Makes all local stops, Richmond and Petersburg railroad.
7:30 P. M., Daily. Arrives Petersburg 8:04 P. M., connects with Norfolk and Western for Norfolk and intermediate points, Emporia 9:10 (connects with A. and D. for stations between Emporia and Lawrenceville), Weldon 9:42 P. M., Fayetteville 1:07 A. M., Charleston 6:00 A. M., Savannah 8:16 A. M., Jacksonville 1 P. M., Port Tampa 9:35 P. M.
NEW LINE TO MIDDLE GEORGIA POINTS.—Arriving Aiken 7:22 A. M., Augusta 8 A. M., Macon 11 A. M., Atlanta 12:25 P. M. Pullman Sleepers New York to Wilmington, Charleston, Jacksonville, Port Tampa, Aiken, Augusta, and Macon.
10:50 P. M., Daily. Arrives Petersburg 11:38 P. M., Lynchburg 3:30 A. M., Roanoke 5:30 A. M., Bristol 11:25 A. M