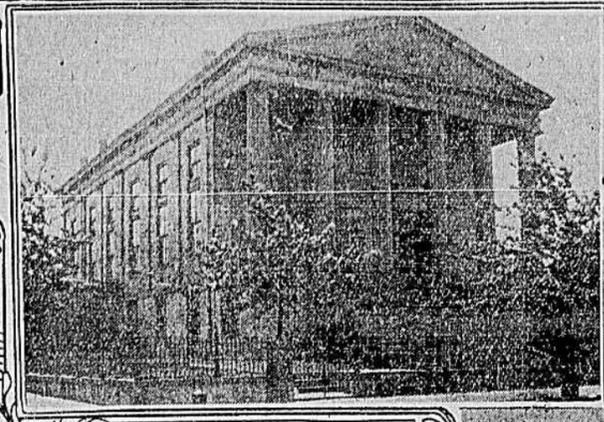


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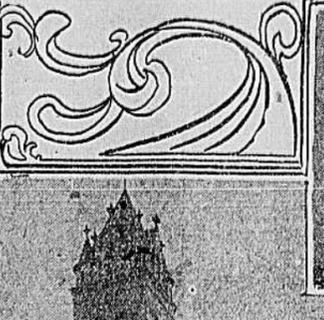
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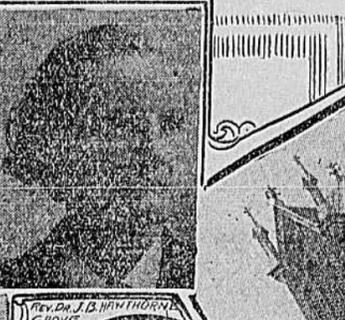
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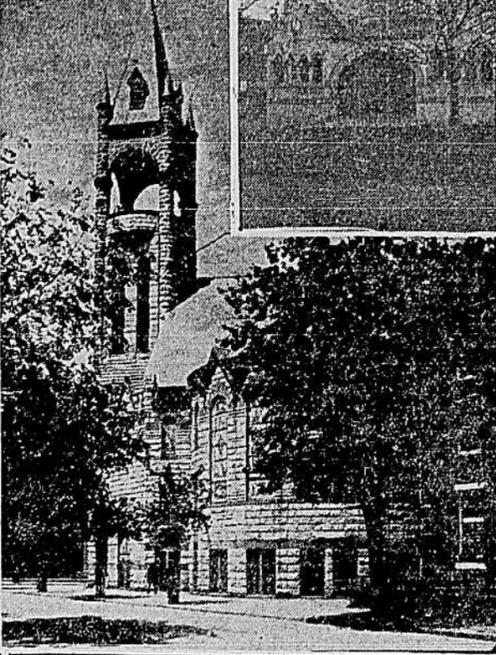
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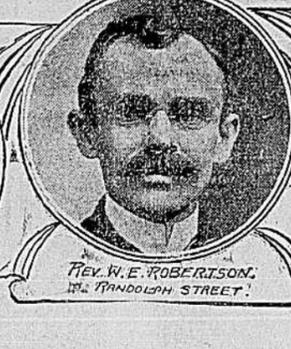
Many Leaders of Denomination Have Their Home Here and Churches are Among Best in the South--Institutions Here.

BY REV. DR. J. B. HUTSON.
Pastor of Pine Street Baptist Church.
The thrilling historic and beautiful city of Richmond has often been called the Mecca of the Baptists. In proportion to population, Richmond is perhaps the greatest Baptist city in the world. According to reliable statistics, more than one person in every four of the entire population is a member of some regular Baptist church. Including Manchester and Barton Heights, there are twenty-two white Baptist churches, and the number of colored churches the next general census possibly may be able to ascertain. All these churches at present are supplied with efficient and able ministers—there is not a vacant pulpit in the whole number—and it is believed that they have never been more happily and ably provided with pastors than at this time. There are also quite a number of editors, professors, secretaries and other resident ministers, whose activities in denominational work are ceaseless. In this valiant ministerial force are men of renown, men of accurate and profound learning, of commanding eloquence, and of national reputation. Doubtless the Baptist churches of Richmond, upon the whole, were never more prosperous and progressive, more lively and liberal, more harmonious and happy, than they are at this day.

Richmond College.
The Baptists of Richmond have been greatly blessed with noble-minded laymen, men of culture and of means, whose consecrated talents have been a mighty factor in the onward and upward movement. Among whose unwavering fidelity and dauntless courage have sent a thrill of joy off into the lines in shadowy hours of fear and misgiving. These men, faithful and true, in times of supreme need have been found in the breach, and the banner borne aloft.
The Baptist women of the city share with their brethren in the splendid achievements of the past. What painstaking toil, anxious inquiry, diligent perseverance, have characterized their self-denying labors! Apart from the maddening crowd, and forgetting the siren voice of the silvery haunts of pleasure and fashion, they have wrought with beautiful devotion to the Master, "without ostentatious crown or piping note of fame."
Richmond College, the pride of Virginia Baptists, stands four-square to every wind that blows, and is a citadel of solidified strength, well-nigh invulnerable. President F. W. Boatwright is not only a highly cultured gentleman, but is a many-sided and even-sided leader, and with the smoothness of oil brings great things to pass. The faculty is composed of choice men well equipped for the high positions they fill, and among them are some of the finest minds in the country. Who can estimate the value of such a body of men in a community whose life-work is to elevate young men, the citizens and hope of the land.
How persuasive and extensive is the influence of such an institution of learning! And Richmond College to-day is stronger, more hopeful and more bene-



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plishing of this great end, and the best informed are sanguine of success.
The Baptist Sunday-school Association of Richmond and Manchester has been an efficient help to the cause. This association has inspired and quickened the Sunday-schools in their continuous work, and it has rendered substantial help to a number of churches, when such help was most opportune and timely. The monthly reports show growing interest, increased attendance, and larger collections. The urbane and resourceful president of this organization is Dr. W. P. Mathews, and the meeting held in the month of April was the most largely attended in the history of the association. The main audience room and galleries of the spacious Pine Street Church were packed to the utmost capacity, many standing; the basement was then thrown open and quickly filled, and the interesting program was carried out in both rooms.
The Baptist Sunday-schools of the city and vicinity were never more active and progressive.
Hon. J. Taylor Elyson, Lieutenant-

Governor of the State, is the wise and well-informed corresponding secretary of the Education Board, and has been as far back as the memory of man runs, not exceeding a third of a century. Mr. Elyson is a man of letters, and admirably fitted for the important office he fills in seeking out and aiding young men to prepare for the ministry. A distinguished professor of a great seminary of the North once said to the writer, that having visited Mr. Elyson in his home, he was amazed to find a layman with such a library, and so well read in religious literature. But Mr. Elyson mourns that there has been a falling off in the number of applicants for the ministry. This Board, however, has never failed for want of means to aid any worthy applicant.
The State Mission Board is also located in this city, and for forty-six consecutive years the guiding hand which shaped its destiny was that of the lamented H. K. Elyson. Truly Emerson might find in him an ex-

emplification of the saying: "An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man."
But surely it was a merciful providence that dropped the mantle of the sire upon the son, and with it, in some respects, a double portion of the spirit. William Elyson, whose name is a household word all over the State, has seen the work of the board far more than doubted since it passed into his hands. There is no man in all our bounds so fully and so minutely acquainted with all the churches. He has studied them like an arithmetic, and seems to know them like an alphabet. His is purely a work of love. Without one dollar of compensation, no man could be found more faithful and more enthusiastic than he. William Elyson is endowed with clear judgment, possessed of a lovable spirit, and without a semblance of affectation. He is transparently pious and spiritually-minded. Hence he enjoys the unbounded confidence of all. The service of this board to the city and to

CHURCHES AND PASTORS HERE AND THEIR WORK

City Known as Mecca of the Baptists of the South. Great Convention Board Has Headquarters in Richmond.

the State, eternally only can reveal.
Foreign Mission Board.
It may be mentioned also that the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Convention is located in Richmond. For fourteen years the peerless Willingham has been the corresponding secretary. An all-around and indomitable worker. A man of prayer, and a man of power. Beginning with this month the number of resident secretaries is increased to four, and this quartette of God-chosen men will pull together for the salvation of those who sit in darkness and groan under error's chain. The local board, including the secretaries, consists of twenty-two busy pastors and laymen, who often meet to talk and work, and pray. The rooms, which are often visited by residents and strangers, present the appearance of a busy workshop. During the past year more than four hundred thousand dollars passed through this board.
The Religious Herald has been a prime factor in the nurture of Baptist principles, and in the furtherance of denominational progress in the city (and I am writing only of the city). Dr. R. H. Pitt is an editor born—and no reflection whatever is intended upon his past history in saying that. He manifestly increases in wisdom, and seems determined to make no mistake which he cannot easily correct, and to leave nothing undone that ad-

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HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Compiled by Rev. Oliver Fuller Gregory, D. D., one of the Secretaries.

1845.—Thursday, May 8th, the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in the First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., 328 delegates from nine States being present. Of those who participated in the formation of the convention only two are known to be alive—Rev. J. H. Kilpatrick, D. D., White Plains, Ga.; and Rev. A. J. Battle, D. D., for many years prominently identified with Mercer University and Shorter College. Dr. Kilpatrick has been a regular attendant upon the sessions of the convention, and expects to be present (D. V.) at Richmond, Va. His was chairman of committee on order of business at the last session. The officers were President, Rev. W. B. Johnson, D. D.; Secretaries, Rev. Jesse Hartwell, Alabama; James C. Crane, Virginia. Boards of managers for foreign missions to be located at Richmond, Va., and of domestic missions to be located at Marion, Ala., were appointed.
The domestic (now known as Home Mission Board), board were instructed to "consider the need for evangelizing work among the Aborigines of America, the colored population, and especially to establish the Baptist cause in New Orleans, and for opening correspondence with the Northern board for the mutual adjustment of any claims which one might have upon the other, and measures suggested for raising funds.
1846.—Richmond, Va. The first of what was called triennial meetings, 12 delegates from eleven States, and two representatives from China, Rev. J. L. Shuck and Yong Sen Sang, were enrolled.

Dr. W. B. Johnson, president, and same secretaries as in 1845.
The preacher of convention sermon was Dr. Richard Fuller, Md. The first foreign missionaries of the convention were Revs. J. L. Shuck and Issachar J. Roberts, Ying Sen Sang; S. C. Clopton and wife, George Pearey and wife.
1849.—Appointed for Nashville, Tenn., but on account of the prevalence of cholera, the few brethren who were adjourned to meet in Charleston, S. C., May 23d. President, Dr. W. B. Johnson, South Carolina; Secretaries, James C. Crane, Virginia; Basil Manly, Jr., Alabama; Dr. Burgess says in his historical sermon: "This was the first general meeting in which brethren from the several States united, and which ultimately resulted in the organization of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary." Preacher, William Carey Crane, Mississippi, or convention sermon, Dr. W. B. Johnson.
1851.—First biennial convention, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. R. B. Howell, Virginia, president; J. C. Crane, Virginia; Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi; secretaries, Preachers, B. Jeter, Virginia, and J. L. Reynolds, South Carolina. Revs. B. W. Wilderer, A. B. Cabaniss, Burton and T. P. Crawford were set apart as foreign missionaries.
1853.—Baltimore, Md. President, Dr. R. B. Howell, Virginia; Secretaries, B. K. Easton, Virginia; William Carey Crane, Mississippi; Preachers, R. B. C. Howell, Virginia, and S. Baker, Kentucky. Movement begun to erect a house of worship at New Orleans.
1855.—Montgomery, Ala. President, R.

R. C. Howell, Virginia; Secretaries, William Carey Crane, Mississippi; James M. Watts, Alabama; Preacher, A. D. Sears, Kentucky. Name of present home board changed to domestic and Indian mission board.
Among the prominent places aided by the home board up to this date were the following, all of which have become self-sustaining, and large contributors to the work of the convention: First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; Leigh Street, Richmond; First Church, Raleigh, N. C.; Atlanta, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss.; Hannibal and St. Joseph, Mo.; Helena, Ark.; Austin and Galveston, Texas.
1857.—Louisville, Ky. President, Dr. R. B. C. Howell, Virginia; Secretaries, W. C. Crane, Mississippi; George B. Taylor, Maryland; Preacher, William Carey Crane, Mississippi; Dr. Russell H. Graves, now our senior missionary in China, began his work with our foreign board; this is, therefore, the semi-centennial of his appointment.
1859.—Richmond, Va. President, Dr. Richard Fuller, Maryland; Secretaries, W. C. Crane, Mississippi, and George B. Taylor, Maryland; Preacher, Duncan R. Campbell, Kentucky.
At this early day the brethren recognized the importance of the denominational papers as helpers, and the following resolution was passed: "That the editors of our denominational press be affectionately requested to publish such missionary information, and such appeals to the denomination as they may be able to procure,

as shall tend to awaken a true missionary spirit among our people."
The receipts of the foreign board for this year were \$3,705.93. After all expenses were paid, there was a balance in the treasury of nearly \$9,000. The home board received \$26,432.55.
1861.—Savannah, Ga. President, Dr. Richard Fuller, Maryland; secretaries, W. C. Crane, Mississippi; George B. Taylor, Virginia; Preacher, William H. McIntosh, Alabama. "The report of a special committee on the State and county" denied that the South was responsible for the dissolution of the Union, approved the formation of the Confederate government; invokes the prayers of the people for the success of the Confederate authorities and forces warned against a spirit of vindictiveness or malice, urged prayer for enemies, and recommended a day of resting and prayer.
1863.—Augusta, Ga. Dr. P. H. Mell, Georgia, was for first time elected president. Secretaries, George B. Taylor, Virginia; Sylvanus Landrum, Georgia; Preacher, Dr. J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1866.—Russellville, Ky. President, Dr. P. H. Mell, Georgia; secretaries, George B. Taylor, Virginia; W. Pope Yeaman, Kentucky; Preacher, Richard Fuller, Maryland. Report home board says: "The close of the preceding year left us in the midst of confusion and disorganization. The country presented one continuous scene of desolation and ruin, the hopes of the people disappointed, their finances exhausted, and the prospects truly dark and dispiriting."

During the years 1858-1866, the terrible civil war in China and the war in our own land sadly retarded and embarrassed the work of foreign missions. Communication was cut off; chapels were destroyed; cholera slew thousands of the population. A. L. Bond and wife, appointed to China, and J. Q. A. Rohrer and wife to Japan were drowned on the outward passage; Rev. J. L. Holmes was murdered in China.
From 1866 into the sessions of the convention are held annually.
1867.—Memphis, Tenn. President, P. H. Mell, Georgia; Secretaries, A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. T. Crane, Maryland; Preacher, E. T. Unkler, Tennessee.
1868.—Baltimore, Md. President, P. H. Mell, Georgia; Secretaries, A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. F. Crane, Maryland; Preacher, T. E. Skinner, Tennessee.
1869.—Macon, Ga. President, P. H. Mell, Georgia; Secretaries, A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. T. Crane, Maryland; Preacher, E. T. Unkler, South Carolina.
1870.—Louisville, Ky. President, P. H. Mell, Georgia; secretaries, J. R. Hawkins, Kentucky; E. Q. Williams, Maryland; Preacher, J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1871.—St. Louis, Mo. President, P. H. Mell, Georgia; secretaries, E. C. Williams, Maryland; Truman S. Sumner, Alabama; Preacher, William Williams, South Carolina.
1872.—Raleigh, N. C. President, James P. Boyce, South Carolina; secretaries, E. C. Williams, Maryland; T. S. Sumner, Alabama.

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