## THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

THE DELEGATES CAME IN BY THE HUNDREDS YESTERDAY.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union to Meet This Morning at the First Baptist Church-Interesting Programme for the Occasion-Other Meetings Today-Distinguished Arrivals.

Wilmington opened her gates to the Baptists yesterday and they came in on every train in hundreds to attend the annual session of the Southern Baptist convention which convenes here tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. in the First Baptist church, of which that able and popular minister, the Rev. Wm. B. Oliver is pastor. All the regular trains brought in delegates, and three special trains came in yesterday evening and last night. The first special to arrive was over the Atlantic Coast Line, via the Wilmington and Weldon raidroad, at 6:30 p. m. It brought a large number of delegates. Another special arrived over the Aalantic Coast Line via the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta railroad, at 11 o'clock last night, bringing another large delegation. A special also arrived by way of Hamlet at 11:30 o'clock last night, bringing in more delegates. In all, the arrivals of delegates yesterday footed up 624.

A special train of Pullman cars will arrive this morning over the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway. It will come from Atlanta by way of the Southern railway and thence to Wilmington from Greensboro. One section will get here at 7:25 a. m. and the other at 8:10 p. m.

THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

The Baptist Young People's Union will be the first organization to meet. It will convene at the First Baptist church this morning at 10 o'clock. The following will be the programme: PROGRAMME:

10:00 ..... Devotional Exercises. Oscar Haywood, of Mississippi. 10:30...... Welcome. Addresses. George E. Leftwich, of Wilmington.

J. W. Bailey, of North Carolina. Response-Member of Convention. 11:00 Address "Personal Consecration." John T. Pullen, North Carolina. 11:30-Address-"The Union as a School for Training Leaders."

Charles S. Gardner, South Carolina. 12:00-Address-to be supplied. 12:36-Announcement of Committees and Miscellaneous Business.

AFTERNOON SESSION. 3:00-Business and Workers' Meeting Unrollment of Members and Election of Officers. Address-"The Study Course and the Result of a Year's Work.

> R. VanDeventer, of Georgia. Address-"Practical Workings of a Successful Union." William H. Smith of Georgia. Report of Executive Committee and Board of Managers.

NIGHT SESSION. 8:00..... Devotional Exercises. Harry A. Bagby, of Virginia. 8:39-Adress-"The Church of Tomor

John O. Rust, of Tennessee. 9:00-Address-"A Captured and Fet-

tered Generation." William L. Pickard, of Kentucky. Closing Remarks. John D. Jordan, General Secretary.

The executive committee of the Woman's Foreign Mission Union will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

The college conference of the Southern Baptist convention will meet this morning at 9:30 o'clock at Grace M. E. ohurch.

## THE CONVENTION.

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, and at present is composed of about 1,700 delegates. It is estimated that from 900 to 1,000 delegates will be here, besides 5,000 or more visitors.

The president of the convention, the Hon. Jonathan Haralson, of Alabama, has been heard from and will be here today. He will be a guest of The Orton. The Rev. Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Baltimore, one of the secretaries of the convention, arrived yesterday, and Dr. Lansing Burruss, of Augusta, Ga., the other secretary, is expected today. They will also stop at The Orton. The first session of the convention will be held at the First Baptist

church tomorrow at 10 a. m.

## THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

On account of inability to make satisfactory arrangements, the American Baptist Education Society, through its executive committee, has decided not to hold a meeting in connection with the Southern Baptist convention this year. A meeting for business only will be held in connection with the Northern Baptist Anniversary, which will be held at Pittsburg, beginning May

SOME OF THE ARRIVALS YESTER-DAY.

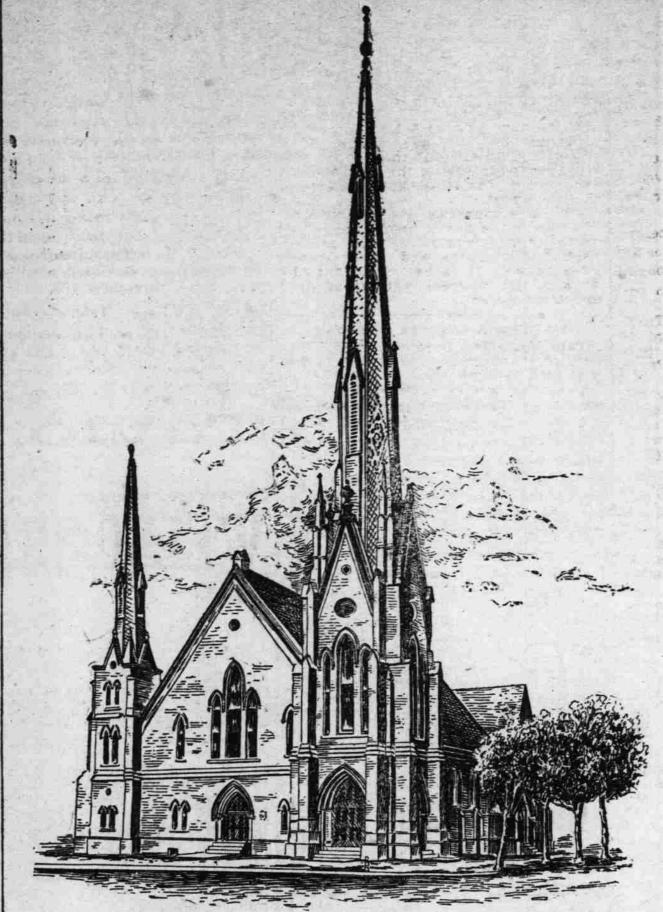
Among the delegates who arrived in the city yesterday were the following: Judge J. H. Hudson, of Bennettsville, S. C. He is a guest of the Hon. George Rountree.

Dr. W. C. Lindsay, the distinguished pastor of the First Baptist church, Columbia, S. C.

The Rev. J. C. Russell, of Dallas, Tex., the noted evangelist. Mr. Russell hopes to spend three months in evangelical work in North Carolina. By the way, he is a native of Mecklenburg county, and during the war served three months in Wilmington and vicinity as assistant chaplain of the Eleventh | ciplined mass, and leading them into a North Carolina regiment.

#### The Southern Educational Baptist Conference.

Among the many adjuncts which have come to be attached to the Southern Baptist convention is that of the Southern Baptist Educational conference. It was organized at Birmingham, Alabama, in 1891 and has grown to such proportions that its friends are



MEETING HOUSE OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WHICH THE SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION ARE TO BE HELD.

to the consideration of topics of general interest.

The conference is one of the legitimate outgrowths of the prevailing spirit of education throughout the south. The steady advancement of its interest has been commensurate with the progress of education throughout the Southern States.

The seventh annual session of the conference is to be held at Grace M. E. church, corner Grace and Fourth streets in this city today. The exercises begin this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The officers of the conference are two-a president and a secretary. President Savage, of the Southwestern university, Jackson, Tennessee, is the presiding officer of the body, and Dr. B. F. Riley, of the University of Georgia, is the secretary. Many distinguished educators reached the city on yesterday and last night in order to be in attendance upon the meeting, Others are expected, to arrive this morning, in order to participate. Many important papers upon vital topics are to be read and discussed during the day. We learn that the public are cordially invited to be present. The following is the programme

of this important meeting: PROGRAMME.

Social Life of Students; Its Needs and Helps-President S. D. Jones B. L. South West Virginia Institue. . What an Aluminus can do for his College-Professor A. P. Montague, Ph. D. Columbian University.

Model College Course for Young Women-Vice President John W. Million, Hardin College, Mo.; President R. G. Patrick, Judson Institute, Ala. Denominational and State Schools-C. C. Brown, D. D., Sumter, S. C.; Professor B. F. Riley, D. D., University

Separate, or Co-education-President R. C. Burleson, D. D. LL. D., Baylor University, Texas.; President W. Pope Yeaman, D. D., Grand River College, Mo.

Bible Study in Colleges-Professor Thomas Hume, D. D., University of North Carolina; Professor W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest College, N. C. . How to Bring Our Denominational Institutions closer to the Churches?-President C. F. James, D. D., Roanoke Female College, Va.; T. T. Eaton,

D. D., Louisville, Ky. Should Discipline be Divided Between Facutly and Students?-Professor Collier Cobb. A. M., University of North Carolina; Professor R. E. Gaines, M. A., Richmond College, Va. What is a College-Professor S. E. Jones, A. M., Carson and Newman College, Tenn.; President J G. Lile, A. M., Central Baptist College, Ark. 10. The Study of History in Colleges, -Chaplain J. William Jones, D. D., Miller School, Va.: President F. L. Riley, A. M., Ph. D., Hillman College,

> M. M. RILEY, W. T. LOWREY, W. S. RYLAND, Committee.

## Southern Baptists.

The following editorial from this week's Richmond Religious Herald will be of great interest to our Baptist

"For the purposes of this article we do not take, in what we have to say, any account of the colored Baptists. They are an inumerable host. Scarcely anything has yet been achieved in the way of making them effective in the conversion of the world. Somethingnot much- has been done by way of arousing and informing the conscience of some portion of this vast, undislarger and more intelligent conception of pure and undefiled religion. The negroes have been freed just thirty-two years-about the estimated life of one much in the life of a race. We must from that source. But the Foreign reduce the supplies to the lowest point be patient and forbearing and helpful in our attitude toward and interest in the tremendous task of trying to lift

and save the "brother in black." But the figures and facts and arguments of this article are concerned with the white Baptists resident in the body of feeble, struggling churches, is June, and the spinners therefore will territory of the Southern Baptist con- disastrous to the development of the be content to wait as long as possible, beginning to consider the advisability vention. The first fact which breaks missionary spirit.

of severing it from the annual meeting upon you the moment you begin to re- constitution of a New Testament of the great convention, and at a later gard them , is that they are like the church, right on the ordinances (as to period, during meeting give a week sands on the seashore for multitude. actions and subjects), right on the doc-If the white Baptists in the Southern trines of grace—and wrong—dismally, Baptist Convention who have been disastrously wrong- on other matters numbered-not counting the wild and of great importance? Wrong, perhaps, scattered tribes who have never been in the very spirit which characterizes corralled-were to pass a given point at our advocacy of the assured and unthe rate of five a minute and for eight shakable truth—as if, because we were hours a day, how long would it take in the right, it was necessary to be for the procession to pass? Nearly two mean about it! Wrong, perhaps, in years. If these were to stand in line putting opinions and preferences about giving to each six feet of room, the line unimportant and extraneous matters in would reach nearly 2,000 miles. What a the high and authoritative place in bewildering host they are! Nearly coscience which only convictions of the 1,500,000 of them, and several back clear teaching of the Word ought to counties to hear from!

Another inspiring fact is the highly gratifying growth which the figures exhibit. How many persons were baptized into the membership of white Baptist churches in the south in the twelve months covered by our last year book? Eighty-eight theusand, two hundred and sixty-four! That is to say, the baptisms numbered about as many as all the white Baptists in South Caro- sentative of Messrs. E. Greenfield, Son lina, or 50 per cent. more than the white Baptists in Florida, Louisiana, and Maryland combined. Eighty-eight thousand added by baptism. That is a fact had died suddenly in Richmond, Va., to be pondered by grateful hearts.

But, while the actual progress is remarkable, the rate of growth is disappointing. Eighty-eight thousand additions means, speaking roughly, that there has been one baptism for every twenty church members. This would suggest some need of exhorting the churches to more active evangelism.

Another fact, distinctly disappointing, which the figures reveal is the highly . defective condition of the Sunday school work in our territory. There are 16,929 churches, and only 9,668 Sunday schools. In other words-and this is a most startling and surprising fact-there are in our territory 7,241 white churches following answer: without Sunday schools-a few more than this, indeed, since it is reasonable to suppose that some of the churches have several Sunday schools. And this in sight of the twentieth century! The most cursory inspection of the facts and figures in detail will show

clearly to the unprejudiced mind that Southern Baptists suffer from a bad case of "the defects of their virtues." Individualism, which inheres in our doctrine and polity, sometimes runs to seed. It is fair to take the Sundayschool work as a test of wisely directed church activity. Testing in this way we shall come out upon this general result: Wherever the Baptists of a state are broken up into an extraordinary number of associations and churches, the proportion of Sunday schools is small. Here is a state with 77 associations and 1,702 churches; the Sunday schools number 723, or less than haif the number of churches. Here is another, with 50 associations and 1,372 churches, the Sunday schools number 347, or about one to every four churches. Others might be cited as follows: One with 1,566 churches and 938 Sunday schools; another with 1,253 churches and 506 Sunday schools; another with 1,439 churches and 711 Sunday schools; another with 2,608 churches and 1,059

Sunday schools. Now, if these figures should weary checked by the rapid upward movethe reader, here is the fact which they discover, which must have value and importance in his eyes. About half of increase in the supply, but simply by the churches in these states in which a feeling among consumers that the this policy of division and sub-division last of the advance was speculative is dominant are not maintaining Sunday schools. On the other hand here and would be lost. In this conclusion, is a state which has only one associa- they were correct as their partial withtion and 56 churches, and these have drawal from the markets has caused sixty-five Sunday schools. If it is held that it is scarcely fair to compare Maryland with other states we are lar a bale. As the markets have been willing to take South Carolina. Here without speculation the recession has is her record: 891 churches and 680 come quickly and the bearish feeling Sunday schools. Or, if the Herald may so long prevalent again dominates the be excused, we point to Virginia. Her trade. We find the south also disposed record, according to the latest revised to be bearish on their belief that the figures, published in the last issue of coming crop will be a large one, followthis paper, is 917 churches, with 910 ing the failures of the last two seasons. Sunday schools. Not the least signifi- This feeling is not an unnatural one cant fact here is that 107 of these are when the desire to raise a large crop

mission schools. It will be found, moreover, that the the entire cotton belt, but up to the result obtained by a study of the fig- present time the weather conditions as ures of churches and Sunday schools a whole do not justify the current beforeshadows a similar condition of lief and all depends upon the season things with reference to foreign mis- from now on. Every effort will be sions. We use foreign Missions, rather made to raise as much cotton as possithan home missions, because it more | ble, but we have no idea that the plant fairly tests the missionary spirit. In ers will neglect to raise a food crop quite a number of these states the this season. There are as usual, two Home Mission Board spends money opinions held by the trade. The bulls generation. A third of a century is not freely-often in excess of its receipts believe the consumption of cotton will

> Mission money goes far away. We haven't space to give the figures staple will not only sustain, but adhere, but they sustain the general state vance prices. Their premises cannot ment that policy of breaking up into a be denied by the bears who offer the large number of weak associations, and view that the prospects for the growstill further dividing these into a vast ing crop must improve during May and

have observed that we have covered the ground quite completely-the Sunday school work standing for the local activities of these churches, and the Foreign Mission testing their bredth of view and largeness of heart.

However, considering our whole territory, how ineffective our vast force is may be seen from the fact that the the middle of December, despite the 1,500,000 (speaking roughly) gave, in the convention year of 1895-96, \$101,-168.01 to Foreign Missions, or 7 cents of the situation. Every premise put apiece. That is the careless statement we sometimes make. The fact is that something like three-fourths give noth- and if the spinners find themselves ing, and the other fourth average 28 cents apiece.

This is depressing, but not more depressing than the other fact, that, although we baptized 88,000 in twelve months, we actually gave to foreign missions \$23,000 less in 1895-'96 than in 1894-'95. Take off \$20,000 from 1894-'95 for advance culminates when the trade the centennial influence left over from the previous year, and for somewhat better financial conditions, and we get the amazing result that the addition of 88,000 by baptism added not one cent to our gifts to Foreign Missions.

Out of all these figures, and many others which could be easily shown, there comes one overwhelming thought: Southern Baptists must get together. Instead of breaking apart over every must put these matters of mere opinion aside, and must get together. Let rival newspapers settle their own difficulties; let those who are striving for personal leadership here and there beat the air as much as they please, but let not the great host. Before Southern Baptists are set at once the most tremendous tasks and the most signed or offered to any peofar from them the spirit of discord and work to create this discord, in district or state or in the Convention-who, for the gratification of private grudges or the attainment of private ends, are willing to still further divide and weaken this army of the Lord-what are they but schismatics, who hinder the

gospel of Christ?" Finally, may not one and all, as the foregoing facts and figures come upon us with both welcome and unwelcome significance, understand therefrom that it is possible to be right on the occupy, and thus introducing new and unwarranted tests of fellowship and still further dividing the body of Christ! Let Southern Baptists get together!

Mr. Tom Barrow Not Dead. The Messenger is truly glad to learn that Mr. Tom Barrow, of Smithfield, Va., the well known traveling repre-& Co., of New York, is still in the land of the living. It was reported that he and was so published in The Messenger yesterday on information received in Wilmington through some traveling men who heard it. Mr. Barrow's friends here, and a number of his trav-

eling friends who happened to be in the city, were greatly distressed at the report of his death, and when it was learned that it was not true, there was great rejoicing. The Messenger yesterday wired Mr. Barrow's house concerning the report of his death, and promptly received the

New York, May 5, 1897. Editors Messenger: The report is false. Tom Barrow en joys good health.

E. GREENFIELD, SON & CO. Now that Mr. Barrow is still in the flesh, The Messenger will take this opportunity to apologize to him for the head over the announcement in these columns yesterday. The sad news was headed, "An Unknown Drummer Dead." The head was written "A Well Known Drummer Dead," but the other version was overlooked in the proof reading. No drummer on the road is better known or has more friends than Mr. Barrow.

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ment not by any recession in trade or a recression in values of nearly a dolis now the prevailing hope throughout in years and that the demand for the

And now the thoughtful reader will any advance with the possibility of lower prices.

In the absence of any active speculation for an advance the movement upward under the daily demand for consumption is subject to just such sudden reactions as have occurred this week. but it is noticeable that the market has slowly but surely advanced since ridicule and opprobrium cast upon any one who had held to the optimistic view forward by the bulls has been sutained by the facts which have come to light, without adequate supplies of cotton they have simply to blame those trade journals which have encouraged them to believe that the present crop would finally reach somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 bales.

It is the history of markets that an wonders who dares to sell in anticipation of a decline and that a decline stops when they stand aghast at those who have the courage to buy. Half way points between these expressions are usually only reactions from the current tendency.

Mr. Ellison estimates on a basis of a crop of 8,650,000, and an American consumption of 2,650,000 bales, that there will remain in the European ports 363,conceivable difference of opinion, they | 000 bales of American cotton on the 30th of September. The current estimate of the American crop is 8,500,000 bales and the American consumption is here estimated at 2,750,000 bales. If these last estimates are proven correct, the stock of American cotton at the their petty and selfish ambitions disturb date Mr. Ellison name would be simthe peace or diminish the fraternity of ply absurd. There is little probability of the American mills shutting down as they did last season, and we believe that the current estimate of American magnificent opportunities ever as-| consumption will be proven correct. Seldom has it been profitable in the end If they would perform the one to act upon the belief in a large crop at and improve the other, they must put this season of the year and in view of the low prices, the strong position and alienation. And the men who set to the dangers which yet confront the new crop, we cannot change our views as to the course of prices.

The Tennessee Centennial.

Nashville, Tenn., May 5.-Today was children's day and Mexico day at the exposition. The perfect weather and bright sunshine induced a large attendance.

In the woman's building the second of the series of the convocations under the auspices of the Ladies' Hermitage Association, Nashville, and Hermitage Chapter, D. A. R., Memphis, was held. e audience was large and brilliant. Mrs. J. A. R. Sterling, of Memphis, regent of the chapter, presided and on the Present and Future." She concluded by reciting an appropriate

Mrs. Emmet Howard next spoke on the subject "Our Chapter Life." A recitation, "The Royal Princess," by Miss Betty Ensley, of Memphis, fol-

read an essay, "The Women of 1796 and Mrs. Sarah B. Kennedy gave an original poem.

Miss Louise Mooney, of Memphis,

The programme was lavishly inter-Children's day exercises were given in the children's building by the pupils

of the John W. Thomas school before a large audience. Exhibits are still arriving and empty spaces are being rapidly filled.

Railway Postal Clerks' Convention. Atlanta, Ga., May 5.-The fourth division of railway postal clerks held its annual convention here today, President J. W. Brown in the chair. There was considerable discussion over a proposition to make the organization a

was referred to the national order. A resolution was adopted endorsing the bill of L. F. Livingston, now pending before congress, providing a severe penalty for any one who enters a postal car by violence or who assaults a postal clerk.

general mutual accident order. This

Delegates to the National Association convention which meets in Philadelphia on June 16th were elected as follows: A. J. Kelly, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; John Hogan, of Waycross, Ga.; H. P. Potter, of Jacksoinville, Fla.: and S. E. Henry, of Charleston, S. C. New officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: J. W. Brown, re-elected president; C. W. Eddins, vice president; R. C. White, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Jacksonville, Fla., was selected as the meeting place for the association next year. The convention will be held on the first Wednesday in May.

Statue Unveiled. Washington, May 5 .- The statue erected on the Smithsonian grounds to the memory of the late Professor Samuel Gross, of Pennsylvania, was unveiled this afternoon. The members of the Congress of American Phsicians, now in session here, attended the exercises in a body.

A. G. Spaulding Dead. Buffalo, N. Y., May 5.-Albridge Gerry Spaulding, known as the "father of the green back," died today at his home in this city aged 88 years.

Telegraphic Sparks.

At Somerville, N. J., Jacob S. Johnson, colored, an ex-preacher, is hanged for the murder of Annie Beekman. He died protesting his innocence.



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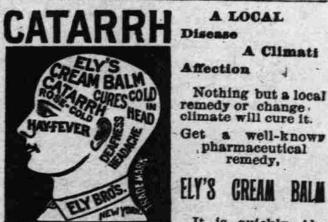
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MATTIE L. CHASTEN,
April 23, 1997.

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