

Citadel Square Baptist Church
 Charleston, December 2-8
 1896.

Two hundred and fourteen years have passed and gone since the first Baptist church in the Southern States was planted in the city of Charleston. This church still stands, known as the "Old First" and with little change, and was one of the principal centres of interest during the recent State Baptist Convention.

What of history have Baptists made in all these years. What have been the fruits of that one plant, nurtured and loved for so many years by our denomination. Older, as Baptists claim, than St. Michael's itself, it is the "mother of churches." Within the circuit of its massive walls have echoed the voices of such men as Dr. Richard Furman, (whose prayer, during the Revolutionary war, it is said the British feared more than a brigade of soldiers) and Dr. Basil Manly Sr., who was one of Edgefield's pioneer workers in the vineyard of the Lord. This ancient landmark was visited by many a bomb during the Confederate war, and its mighty walls did their part in resisting the onslaughts of the enemy. It was in this church that the first Baptists of the State met in organized church fellowship and poured out their tears and prayers for a strengthening of their brethren. It was here that the first Baptist Convention of this state was held, one hundred and forty-five years ago, at a time when there were but three other Baptist churches in South Carolina, Welsh Neck, Ashley River and Euhaw. At this gathering there were but thirteen delegates. How proud should Baptists be of this time-worn edifice; and yet for a period of several years this grand old church was practically deserted, until Dr. Cuthbert of Aiken made it his work to call in the scattered Baptists and again by Divine aid, rejuvenate and strengthen it. But it is not of this church that we shall write more. The last Baptist State Convention of South Carolina assembled in the Citadel Square church of Charleston the 2nd of December 1896.

Of the thirteen who attended the first one, one hundred and forty-five years ago none was left to see the fruit of their labors. How Baptists have grown! There are in Charleston to-day three well established Baptist churches and the Citadel Square mission, which was the Citadel Square church to-day alone has 565 members more Baptists than lived in the city belonging to all the churches of this denomination before the late war. It is now with them a period of steady growth, and widening influence. The Sunday-school of this church averages an attendance of about 250 members under the direction of officers and teachers understanding their responsibility.

The people of the up-country did not expect such a generous reception as the Charlestonians extended to them, but they know now that in the recent assembling of the Convention there was none of self displayed, just an open hearted, liberal hospitality which could not be surpassed. The addresses of welcome to the visitors were made by Dr. David M. Ramsey, pastor of the Citadel Square church, and Col. J. Adger Smythe Mayor of the city. Their earnest greetings made all feel that Charleston was just another home. There was nothing to complain of but the weather for the first few days, and that the speakers said, was brought along by the delegates who as Baptists deemed it highly appropriate to the occasion. Dr. Charles Manly replied to the welcome in feeling language and made hosts and hostesses feel that their kindness was not in vain in the Lord.

All the subjects of denominational interest were discussed during the sessions: that of the Sunday-school board of the Southern Baptist Convention, by Dr. J. M. Frost of Nashville Tenn. The Theological seminary at Louisville Kentucky by Dr. Kerfort. A collection of over one thousand dollars was raised in subscriptions for that interest. Furman University and the Greenville Female College were ably represented in the persons of Dr. Charles Manly and Dr. Riley. Dr. T. M. Bailey, C. S. Gardner and O. L. Martin gave a new impetus to State mission work by their inspiring speeches. A collection was taken at this time to help erect a house of worship at Summerville. Dr. R. J. Williamson who by some is considered the most eloquent preacher in the Southern Baptist Convention, and who at any rate is held in high esteem as Corresponding Secretary of the board for Foreign Missions, made a most stirring address on the subject of Foreign Missions. He also preached in the Citadel Square church Sunday morning to a crowded house, on the subject "Religion in the Home." The closing exercises of the Convention consisted of Anniversary services Sunday evening the 6th, the 40th year since the dedication of the Citadel Square church as a house of worship. At this service a history of the church was read by David M. Ramsey D. D., and a sermon preached by Dr. Kerfort of the Theological Seminary. What will

some of our sleepy-headed and more sleepy-hearted people say, when we state that this sermon did not commence till half past nine o'clock p. m., and lasted fully an hour? Will the time ever come when not alone Baptists, but all Christian people will awaken not only to the darkness in heathen lands, but the spiritual shadows which hover about their own doors and firesides!

Coxy, the great populist, has renounced populism.

Up to this time the State of South Carolina has received \$175,000 from her rum business.

Judge Hudson, we believe, once said that the supreme court reversed itself as often as it reversed him. This is probably true, for the supreme court is composed of lawyers certainly no better, so far as legal knowledge is concerned, than men of the stamp of Judge Hudson.

The first commencement of Clemson College will begin December 12th and continue until December 16th. The 15th will be commencement day, the commencement address being delivered at 11 o'clock a. m. On the 14th the Board of Trustees will meet in annual session. The cadets unanimously invited Congressman McLaurin to deliver the commencement address, but he had another engagement for that day and was forced to decline.

There seems little doubt that Gen. Antonio Maceo, the dauntless leader of the Cuban forces, has been killed. We are appearing to be suppressing the rebellion, but that Spain will ever "tranquillize" the Island of Cuba, so long as one Cuban patriot lives, is an impossibility. The Cubans are more determined upon securing home rule than even the Irish, who have for centuries given England much trouble.

In his speech at Gaffney Ben Tillman used the following language: "Public opinion was in favor of the dispensary law and the people are only disgusted with its administration and the incipient rottenness that seems to have crept into it."

From about December 19 to December 23 there will occur one of the most marked and violent storm periods of the winter, and especially Earth, which will be at that time near the centers of their perturbations, will exert a powerful and peculiar effect upon the earth, and grave danger will threaten a life and property on and along the Great Lakes and the North Atlantic Coast. Destructive rains, with lightning and thunder in the far south, changing to blizzards, sleet storms and serious blockades in the northern districts of the country, may be expected along about Christmas and the two succeeding days. The month will close with terrific winter gales and an extreme cold wave that will sweep the continent. The succeeding months of January and February will furnish almost a repetition of the severe weather of the coming month, and the citizens of America may expect to put in a long and severe winter in return for the unusually long and pleasant spell of autumn weather they have enjoyed.

It becomes my duty to look after the organization of the Regiment in Edgefield county. I therefore designate and appoint Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, the day for the meeting of the representatives of Camps Abner Perrin, No. 367, Jim Tillman, No. 741, and McHenry, No. 765, at Edgefield, S. C. Commanders of Camps will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly. John Kennerly, Commander of Abner Perrin Camp, No. 367.

Weather for November. Weather Observer C. A. Long, of Trenton, sends us the following data of the weather for the month just ended: Max. Temp. 78; date 27th. Min. Temp. 36; date 30th. Mean temperature 62. Number of clear days 8; 2 days missing. Prevailing direction of 7, south. Light frost 6th and 7th. Killing frost 9th and 10th but did not kill all vegetation. Precipitation. For November 1893, 1.85 inches. 1894, 2.77 inches. 1895, 2.18 inches. 1896, 3.08 inches. 10 months ending November 30th 1894, 51.44 inches. 10 months 1893, 53.37 inches. 10 months 1896, 41.18 inches. Groceries, staple and fancy, heavy and light, nicknacks in confectionary, at Jackson's fancy and staple grocery store. Everything in its season at Jackson's fancy grocery. Cherry cider at L. E. Jackson's—no whiskey in it.

NEW COUNTIES. Some Pertinent Questions. Mr. Editor: I am aware that in expressing a line of thought on a public question counter to men who are popular and whose pleading have secured the largest following of trusting admirers I may incur the displeasure of those admiring friends, but conscious of having right and force of reason on my side an impulse duty impels me to refer again to the new county matter.

I desire to call the attention of legislators to what I conceive to be a great error in present laws for establishing a new county. It is that the authority to shape a new county is left entirely in the hands of the sections to be made a new county. Under this law any town or city, with much enterprise can go to work and obtain the consent of the townships contiguous to her to form a new county, whether the shape or area is such as to give outside adjoining areas the benefit of a small county or not, provided of course she takes in sufficient territory to make four hundred square miles &c. She can get her county and wholly ignore other corner areas that need to be put in some new county in order to enjoy the conveniences of small counties. It must be conceded by all fair minded men who will study the subject of small counties, that we can have better and more economical county government in small counties than in large ones, both as to effective work of county officials and court expenses. The people demand small counties because of convenience of court houses to their homes, thus cutting the individual less time and money to attend to his own affairs and to the public duties demanded of him as juror &c. The state in its constitutional and legislative enactments admits the justice of this demand by the people and provides for more and smaller counties. But to have these counties properly shaped so that this wise policy can be enjoyed by the whole people of the State, is the question now demanding our attention.

I claim that no one section should have the absolute authority to set herself apart into a new county while disregarding other sections near her and thus forever deprive the latter of the conveniences of small counties. These corner areas should be considered and be included in some new county that would place them near a court house. There should be some arbiter between the sections, some higher tribunal to hold in check the formation of new counties till a proper distribution of these distant areas can be had. In other words let new court houses be so located relative to old ones that the present distant areas may come into the new county convenience and be as near the centre of such an equitable distribution of areas as must be made before a new county can be granted. That they must await the proper adjustment of all adjoining and at present distant areas to smaller county convenience before an election is granted. Yes let the people have the privilege to vote a new county for themselves, but, as in many other matters, let some higher constituted authority see that smaller corner areas be not unnecessarily deprived of the benefits of smaller counties.

Take Greenwood for an illustration. She has asked for an election before January having complied so far we will presume with present requirements. There is then no reason under present laws why she can be denied her request for a county at the Legislative session in January next if her people vote in the coming election for a new county. Yet in establishing the county with the shape selected by the city of Greenwood and her contiguous townships there are large areas both in Abbeville and Edgefield counties that are too distant from the court house of either old county or the new which may be entirely shut off from the benefits of small counties. Now these same areas relative to Abbeville and Edgefield court houses are favorably situated to become parts of a new county with county seat at McCormick and leave areas favorably situated for a county seat in another new county somewhere near Ninety-Six, thus forming a sort of "middle man" between the four court houses of Abbeville, Laurens, Newberry, and Edgefield. By making two new counties thus all the areas in these sections would be distributed into smaller counties and leave other sections beyond in good shape. Greenwood's desire does not leave other adjoining areas in good shape. Yet your present laws says to Greenwood disregard your neighbors and override reasonable and proper distribution of the State's area into smaller counties.

I repeat that some high authority ought to keep in check the formation of new counties till a proper adjustment of the present distant areas can be had, that finally all parts of the State can have the benefit of smaller counties.

Let Legislators in January next see that this thing is done. Pro Boxo Publico. Airy Mound, Nov. 23, 1896.

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JAS. M. COBB, Edgefield, C. H., Sept. 29, 1896--3m.

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