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**MURRAH, BISHOP WILLIAM  
BELTON**

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William Belton Murrah, like Bishop Hargrove, was born in Pickens County, Alabama, the date being May 19, 1852. His father was for years a member of the Alabama Conference, serving many of our leading appointments. William Belton was born within the bounds of what was then the Alabama Conference, but what is now within the bounds of the North Alabama Conference. He was admitted into the North Mississippi Conference in 1874 shortly after having graduated at the Southern University at Greensboro. One of his class mates was Dr. S. M. Hosmer who later became President of the Southern University. Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., was opened in 1892 and Dr. Murrah was elected its first President. At the invitation of Dr. Hosmer, President Murrah preached the semi-centennial Commencement sermon at the Southern University in 1906. He was elected Bishop in 1910. He died March 5, 1925. Interment was at Jackson, Mississippi, where he had long served as President of Millsaps—from 1892 until 1910. He was beloved not only by Mississippians but throughout the South.

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WILLIAM BELTON MURRAH was an alumnus of the class of 1874. He was elected bishop in 1910 and served in that office until his demise in 1925. He was the first president of Millsaps College, from 1892 to 1910. Evidently he had taken the lead in helping Major Millsaps establish this well-known Methodist college in Jackson, Mississippi. Bishop Murrah was born on May 19, 1852 in Pickens County, Alabama, where his father, W. M. Murrah, was then stationed as a Methodist pastor. Shortly after graduation from college he joined the Mississippi Conference. The only time I recall seeing him was at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama and West Florida Conference at its session held in St. Mark's Church in Montgomery, November 23-27, 1922. I seem to recall that he presented me to the Conference to make my second annual presidential report to that distinguished and always courteous and encouraging group of laymen and clergymen.

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bamian. As a member of the General Conference of 1844 he was Chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy and also Chairman of the Committee of Nine who drafted the new famous Plan of Separation. Highly educated and naturally gifted, he easily ranked with the great men of his day, as he would with the great men of the day, were he still living.

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Holland N. McTyeire was a Southern Carolinian by birth. His father, John McTyeire, moved to Russell County, Alabama, when Holland was a boy of twelve years. The lad grew up in Alabama, receiving the best education he could from the local schools. He attended Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, graduating there in 1844. He joined the Virginia Conference in 1845, but in 1846 he transferred to the Alabama Conference where he served Saint Francis Street Church, Mobile; then Demopolis; then Columbus, Mississippi, at the

ministers are more in danger from the love and kindness shown us than the mistreatment. Ordination doesn't cancel original sin, and ministers are more in danger of the peril of privilege than mistreatment. . . . . I am not at all sure that lack of sacrificial spirit in this generation of

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