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MURRAH, BISHOP WILLIAM BELTON
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 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.
Holland N. McTyer was a Southerner. 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 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 to-day, were he still living.

Holland N. McTyer was a South Carolinian by birth. His father, Joel McTyer, 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 Baldwin-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

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