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OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO

.....Foreign Mission Board \$7,000 in the red for the convention year just closing.....William H. Clarke, Mercer graduate, plans to sail from Savannah for Africa to be a foreign missionary.....French scientists have invented a new kind of paper said to have possibilities for revolutionizing the newspaper industry, its made of ground wood.....America Baptist colleges now report 154 teachers, 2,500 students and 120,000 books; they have raised one and one-half million dollars for endowment in ten years.....New Orleans reports 400 deaths from delirium tremens in one year.

50 YEARS AGO

.....W. B. Bruce, Baptist missionary in Louisville, Ky., teaches a Wednesday noon Bible class in the L&N railroad shop with 200 average attendance.....Nashville, Tenn., reports 3,000 Baptists in a population of 100,000 or one for thirty, and St. Louis 6,500 out of 650,000 or one out of 100.....The Home Mission Board has put a missionary in Galveston, Tex., "to meet the immigrants with the gospel."

25 YEARS AGO

.....Dr. Ray of the Foreign Mission Board deplores Russian mistreatment of Baptists.....B. H. DeMent resigns as president of Baptist Bible Institute.....Tulane University announces free tuition in the language department to students of Baptist Bible Institute.....Keith C. Von Hagen wins Georgia book reading contest.....L. R. Scarborough asks the brethren to quit tinkering with denominational machinery and get on with a program.