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Dr. J. M. Frost,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother:

Your two letters came while I was out of the city. Of course I read them, every word, and I wished for more length. Twice you have suggested that in some way the World and the Seminary would be made to suffer because of their opinions in the matter fraternally, if frankly, expressed. I do not know why anybody should wish to hurt either of us, any more than anybody should wish to hurt the S.S. Board or the Baptist Standard. My letters and conversations with brethren here and there show that quite a number of brethren are not in favor of receiving the Illinois brethren, but not the slightest breath of purpose or expectation of any harm coming to those who have advocated their reception. In this as in all other cases we are all free to have our opinions. The worst that I have heard is that because of the words and deeds of two Northern secretaries some brethren in the South felt that they must take care of the Southern situation. Since both of them are losing out in the South, and under the Northern Convention, I have not taken them as seriously as once I did. I am persuaded that we can line up with forces in the North, and that we can at the same time get even and keep together. The difference is largely, it seems to me, in plans of accomplishing the same desired object.

Dr. Cambrell sent me an article replying to Dr. Morehouse and giving, I rule, all that he cared to say in our columns. If he had not done that I should have, of course, quoted from his columns. I have put before my people the case as seen from the standpoints of Drs. Throsmorton, Taylor and Barton, and have held it open for others. Though I am content to hold the discussion down within limits. This week I will have a sane and conciliatory article from Prof. Hobart.

I have no idea that I will be heard in Baltimore on this matter, certainly I have no disposition to otherwise press the case than to get the people to think about it. The thing that stirred me somewhat was that word came that the plan was as suggested by Dr. Taylor, namely, to take in the Illinois Association in the organization and so without any conference before the Convention. If they are received at Baltimore, I will be found smiling and loving the brethren as usual. I have no personal feeling in the matter whatever. I do not think it is a case for such feeling. In fact I have been a little surprised at the warmth some brethren have manifested, those that you refer to in your letters. Go to, love me at Baltimore as usual and all will be well.

Affectionately yours,

J. N. Prestridge

Since writing I have read Mr. Gambrell's editorial of this case, and delighted & cannot the incident closed. Will reproduce it in full, etc.

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Rev. J. M. Frost, D.D.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed find proof of an editorial which will appear next week. Dr. Mullins tells me that the program committee put Mr. Shakespeare off until Monday. He comes as the accredited representative of the Baptist World Alliance, and the American Executive asks that if possible a better hour be given to its cause. You know what Monday means. I am really concerned about this. As the executive has put this matter upon Mr. Stephens and myself, namely, to get him a good hour at Baltimore and to introduce him as the speaker for the Baptist World Alliance which you recall is to have its session next year in Philadelphia. Dr. Mullins says that he is ready to take action with your committee in giving him an hour for Friday or Saturday. I am greatly anxious that this shall be done.

Faternally yours,

J. N. Prestridge

OBJECT OF MR. SHAKESPEARE'S VISIT.

Mr. Shakespeare, who by the way is related to the immortal dramatist of his name, expects to land in New York on May 6 and spend Sunday, the eighth, in that city. On Monday he will go to Chicago to attend the Northern Convention, and then on to Baltimore to attend the Southern Convention. He has three objects in view besides the pleasure of greeting friends. When sessions of the Baptist World Alliance, of which he is the secretary for Great Britain, were held in London and Berlin, a fund was gathered to aid messengers from the Continent to attend, from Russia and other oppressed countries. These brethren and their constituencies most of all need the meeting, and they most of all add to the meeting's value for others. We can never forget how a Russian minister, a stalwart, wind-and-sun-tanned, bewhiskered brother, who had been imprisoned thirteen times for preaching the Gospel, was presented. When his message had been delivered his four fellow messengers came to his side, and together they sang one of the songs of Zion in their native tongue. That was an hour never to be forgotten. Then it was that Baron Ukkull was introduced, from which introduction we have all learned to know the inside of Russian Baptist life, and have been enabled to found there a Baptist seminary.

Another object of his coming is, to use the language of his paper, the Baptist Times:

"The establishment of a preaching bureau through which British ministers will be able to arrange preaching engagements during their visit. They will no doubt want to see something of the inner life of the American churches, and many of them will welcome some help towards defraying their expenses. These will be heavy, even if, as is hoped, the churches in Philadelphia are able to arrange hospitality. It is expected, however, that many of our churches will send their ministers to the congress. In so doing they will themselves reap the benefit in the widened outlook and the increased fervor which delegates cannot fail to bring back from such a gathering."

The third object is to confer with the program committee, and then with the entertainment committee in Philadelphia. He will personally vouch for and conduct the messengers from the Eastern Continent, and, being a man given to minute and exact details, he wishes to lay out all plans necessary to an easy handling of the some hundreds whom he hopes to see come.

Mr. Shakespeare is a brilliant speaker, and, as we say in Kentucky, "a fine mixer". We are delighted to know that Mrs. Shakespeare will be with her husband, a lady whose culture and social gifts added much to the entertainment of the American messengers when the Alliance met in London.