

are the almost countless numbers who have been associated with you during your other fifteen years of service. Not one of the entire number but would be glad to unite with us today in bringing you this greeting.

"We of the Alumni feel under special obligation to you. You are our only honorary member, since the death of our beloved Prof. Rightsell. You were the moving spirit and guiding hand in the organization of our Association. It was you who through its first years, when the way was stormy, and shipwreck imminent, stood behind its President and Officers with both your counsel and your money, never wavering, never failing. We always feel that none of our gatherings are complete without the Major's happy face and kindly greetings.

"This basket of flowers, with its fragrance, is an expression of our love and esteem, as shown by our words and presence here today. But hidden in the depths of the flowers you will find another expression of our regard, which is symbolic of the deeper affection hidden in our hearts.

"We, whose names are here inscribed, wish to tender to you at this Golden moment, some Golden Pieces, hidden in these Golden Flowers, on this your Golden Wedding day--tributes to a Golden Life."

Unfortunately, the names of the signers were not appended to the story in the Arkansas School Journal.

That was in 1908, and the Major was in his seventy-fifth year. Already he was a legend, as has been seen. But the legend was to be extended, for he and his wife both lived another ten years, to observe their sixtieth anniversary. This time there was no souvenir booklet, and there were no gold pieces. But the press took note of the anniversary in a feature story and furnished some information which the booklet omitted.

Arkansas Gazette, February 3, 1918: "Sixty years ago today, at the home of J. T. Trezevant, in Memphis, twenty-four-year-old R. H. Parham and seventeen-year-old Ameliaora Campbell Trezevant were married by Bishop Otey.

"Today, friends from all parts of the South are sending flowers and messages of congratulations to them at their home, 1301 Welch Street, where they celebrate the consummation of sixty years of married life.

"Strangely enough, the wedding ceremony sixty years ago, which was to have been performed in Cavalry Church in Memphis, was prevented by weather conditions, so on the night of February 3, 1858, they were married at the home of their uncle.

"R. H. Parham had made the trip from his home at La Grange to the home of his bride in Memphis.

"They have had seven children, but only Mrs. Powell Clayton survives. She and her husband live with Major and Mrs. R. H. Parham. The couple have three grandchildren, John M. Clayton, now attending Cornell College, and the Misses Courtney and Godwin Carroll, of Chicago, Ill.

#### "Veteran Schoolmaster:

"Forty-six years ago Major and Mrs. Parham moved to Little Rock. At that time, said Major Parham, the city limits didn't extend beyond Tenth Street, and the population of the town was not much more than 10,000.

"Major Parham became Principal of Little Rock High School in 1876 and held the position until 1893. For thirty-six years he has been county examiner, and still holds that office. Major Parham has been connected with the present High School for twelve years, holding the post of librarian. He hasn't missed a day's work in all that time, according to report, nor has he failed to arrive in time to see the school open every day.