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PROCEEDINGS



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7th, 11:00 A. M.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Monroe Hubbard. Lesson read by Rev. Albert Dingus, 3rd Chapter Colossians. Text, 3rd verse same Chapter. Prayer by Rev. E. A. Reedy.

Adjourned until 2:30 p. m. afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2:30—Items OF BUSINESS

Clerk E. C. Kiser having charge of meeting, read lesson. 3rd. Chapter 1st. Peter. Prayer by C. W. Isom. Clerk now declares conference open for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

The first item of business was the enrollment of delegates and Ministers present.

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Lester Abel.	Spice Moore.
Marie Dulany.	W. M. Clark.
Melvin Killen.	Dewey Dingus.
Evert Potter.	Paul Sweeten.
John Sykes.	George Massey.
Jeff Holyfield.	E. M. Isom.
Hupert Esterling.	Sanford Swindal.

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Ethel Reedy.	J. C. Rose.
Mrs. O. A. Kiser.	J. W. Rose.
Beatrice Kiser.	Charles Rose.
U. S. G. Meade.	Clinton Lambert.
Homer Barrett.	Noah Lambert.
Alex Reedy.	G. B. Lambert.
Gobel Rose.	Viney Rudder.
I. S. Gilliam.	Lilia Salyer.
Mavis Cook.	Luther Taylor.
Necotie Lane.	Florence Mullins.
Leota Reece.	Lenzie Mullins.
Bessie Rose.	Alta Boggs.
Mrs. Carl Sauls.	Robert Cook.

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS PRESENT

Dingus, Albert	McPeck, Ersil
Dingus, J. W.	Moore, D. D.
Gardner, Mack	Mahan, L. D.
Gardner, W. M.	Powers, Duncan
Hubbard, Monroe	Strunk, Marion
Horne, G. W.	Terry, J. I.
Isom, C. W.	

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS PRESENT

Bise, W. R.
Johnson, C. H.
Kiser, E. C.

Martin, Willard
Reedy, E. A.
Rose, E. M.

VISITING MINISTERS

Remines, W. M.

Rasnake, J. C.

The second item of business was the nomination of Moderator. Rev. W. R. Bise was elected Moderator and assumed the duties of office and proceeded with the election of a Clerk. Rev. E. C. Kiser was re-elected Clerk by acclamation. Carl Sauls was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation. It was voted by acclamation to give Moderator power to appoint all committees.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

MELVIN KILLEN

R. J. MULLINS

JOHN SYKES

COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION

J. W. DINGUS,

N. H. STANLEY,

U. S. G. MEADE

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

E. A. Reedy, C. W. Isom, Monroe Hubbard, appointed to talk on Sunday-school Saturday at 4 p. m. F. E. Meade appointed to talk on Temperance, Monroe Hubbard. Conference adjourned till Friday, September 8th, at 9:00 A. M.

Preaching September 7th at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. C. W. Isom, and Rev. E. C. Kiser.

C. W. Isom read 22nd, Chapter Mathew, beginning at 33rd verse. Prayer by Billy Isom. Text 42nd verse of chapter read.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8th, 9:00 A. M.

Morning session opened by Moderator. Lesson read 34th psalm. Prayer by Carl Sauls.

Moderator calls for quarterly meeting reports

DICKENSON COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

To the seventeenth annual session of the John Thomas Association to convene with the Payne Gap church on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1939.

We the Dickenson county quarterly meeting, met in regular session with the Middle Branch Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1939, and appointed the following delegates to represent us in our associations. Fremont Chapel Church: Homer Barette, Gable Rose and Link Bise. Pewthers Chapel Church: Alex Reedy, Alice Lane, Martha Sauls, Rob Cook, Laura Cook and Eura Yates. Round Top Church: Ervin Hall, Monroe Hale and Homer Blevins. Philadelphia Chapel: W. M. Beverly and Mack Haynes. Valley View Church: Necotie Lane and Leota Reece. Clinchco Church: J. C. Rose, Bessie Rose, Laura Vanover and Vena Rudder. Hamilton Chapel Church: U. S. G. Meade and Stafford Meade. Honey Camp Church: Charles Rose, Eva Rose, J. W. Rose and Fallie Rose. Rugsby Church: Lila Salyers, Lola Dotson, Lulu Kennedy and Bennie Kennedy. Rachel Chapel church; Earl F. Dotson, and I. S. Gilliam.

Middle Branch Church: Clinton Lambert, Noah Lambert, Oakley Stanley and Henry Lambert. Fleming Town Church: Linzy Mullens and Florence Mullens. Counts Chapel Church: J. M. Green, Opal Green and Mary A. Green. Lick Fork Church: Geo. Browning, Wilford Stanley, Huston Hamilton and Creed Stanley. Hubert Hollow Church: Andrew Strouth and Luther Taylor. Charley Chapel Church; Eddie Rose, Earsie Rose and James Rose. Georges Fork Church: Jessie Browning and Zella Swindou. Pine Grove Church: Cecil Kiser, Orbay Kiser, Phoebe Kiser and Ardela Kiser. We have 20 churches with a membership of 1200. We are getting along good as to fellowship. We have had some fine revivals this year with a gain of about 200 members.

Value of church property \$11,000. We have seven Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 410; average attendance 298. Done and signed by order of the quarterly meeting.

W. R. BISE, Moderator
N. H. STANLEY, Clerk

LETCHER COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

To the John Thomas free will Baptist Association, which will convene with the Payne Gap Church on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1939, greetings.

Lechter county quarterly meeting met with the Marshalls Branch church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939, and appointed the following delegates to represent our quarterly meeting.

George Massie, Lige Bartley, Lawrence Childress, Hobe Beldridge, Mr. and Mrs. John Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Caudill, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Caldwell, James Johnson, Jimmy Reedy, Nora Banks, Goldie Flannery, Gifford Ray, May Baldwin, Mandy McPeck, Paul Sweeten, W. M. Clark, Lester Able, Dewey Dingus, Hubert Easterling, E. M. Ison, Sanford Swindal, Marie Dulaney, Melvin Killen, Jeff Holyfield and Everett Potter.

We have eight churches with a membership of 604; 26 ordained ministers and nine licentates. Value of church property, \$1,500.

We have six Sunday Schools with an average attendance of 401. We desire the prayers of the association that our quarterly meeting may grow more during the next year.

ALBERT DINGUS, Moderator
CLYDE C. FLANNERY, Clerk.

With move and second, reports of both quarterly meetings were passed good.

Conference adjourned till 2:00 P. M.

Preaching service September 8th, 11:00 A. M. Rev. D. D. Moore and Rev. W. R. Bise. Lesson read 14th chapter St. John. Prayer by Mary Powers.

FRIDAY 2:00 P. M.

Conference opened by the moderator reading 6th chapter Colossians. Prayer by J. W. Dingus. Moderator calls for report from other associations. None reported.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS APPOINTED

South West Association

Monroe Hubbard. N. H. Stanley

Glinch Valley Association

D. D. Moore, W. M. Gardner.

Sandy Valley Association

E. C. Kiser, Willard Martin.

The same ordaining council will serve till the next quarterly meeting, then each quarterly meeting will care for same.

Conference adjourned till 9:00 A. M. Saturday September 9th.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

W. R. Bise was elected moderator and E. C. Kiser was elected clerk.

Moderator calls for reports of ministers conferences. Received both reports.

Dickenson county ministers met with Middle Branch Church Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1939, and organized by electing W. R. Bise, Moderator, and N. H. Stanley, Clerk.

Ministers present:

Ministers absent:

Twenty-six ordained ministers and four licentates. By move and second the character of all the ministers passed good. This conference requested the Association to appoint E. C. Kiser, Evangelist, and Willard Martin Assistant Evangelist.

Done and signed by order of the Conference.

W. R. BISE, Moderator.

N. H. STANLEY, Clerk.

THE LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Our ministers met on Saturday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939, and organized by electing Rev. Albert Dingus, Moderator, and Rev. Clyde Flannery, Clerk.

Ministers Present

Ministers Absent

Rev. W. M. Blanton was dismissed from the Conference on request. Character and doctrine of all the ministers passed as good.

ALBERT DINGUS, Moderator.

CLYDE FLANNERY, Clerk.

Preaching service Friday at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. C. H. Johnson and Rev. J. C. Rasnake.

By request, E. C. Kiser read the 16th Chapter of St. Mark. Text, third verse of chapter read. Prayer by E. A. Reedy.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—MORNING SESSION—9 A. M.

Moderator opened service by reading Lesson. 22nd. Chapter Revelation. Prayer by Monroe Hubbard. Business committee reports.

ARTICLE I—That this conference submit the Emergency Fund to each Quarterly Meeting according to its own protection and we advise that the Executive Committee handle this fund to the best advantage until our next Quarterly Meeting.

ARTICLE II—Resolution that each minister have his report ready and hand to the Clerk of Ministers' Conference at the last Quarterly Meeting before the Association.

ARTICLE III—We, the Business Committee, ask that each member of the John Thomas Free-Will Baptist Association donate 50 cents each year to each treasurer to be kept separate and apart from regular treasury and to be turned over to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer for Emergency Funds as needed.

ARTICLE IV—Moved and seconded that each church send \$2.00 per year funds to Quarterly Meeting in July and August.

We, the Executive Committee, make rule to pay \$10.00 yearly, to the Clerk, for his services, out of Quarterly Meeting funds.

Number of minutes wanted 1400. 1000 for Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting; 400 for Letcher County Quarterly Meeting.

This conference adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. by W. M. Reminis and E. A. Reedy. Read 19th chapter St. Luke. Prayer by Willard Martin. Text "As the Father has Sent Me So I Send You."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30

Moderator opened conference by reading 6th chapter Ephesians. Prayer by E. M. Rose. Moderator appointed E. C. Kiser and Willard Martin to visit McDowell Conference, McDowell County, W. Va.

No Sunday-school reports.

COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION

We agree that the John Thomas Free-Will Baptist Association hold its 18th annual session with the Valley View church, Clintwood, Va., Thursday, before the Second Sunday in September, 1940.

U. S. G. MEADE, N. H. STANLEY, J. W. DINGUS

This Conference adjourned until Thursday, before Second Sunday in September, 1940.

SATURDAY—3 P. M.

Preaching service by E. M. Rose and Willard Martin. Read 12 verses of the 17th chapter St. Matthew. Text, fifth verse. Sunday-school talk by F. E. Meade which was very inspiring.

Preaching Saturday evening at 7:30 by Riley Caldwell

and B. C. Loye. Read first chapter Isaiah. Text 29th verse of 10th chapter Numbers. Prayer by Luchen Winchell.

Preaching service Sunday at 11 a. m. Luchen Winchell and Emory Vanover. Read 15th chapter St. Luke. Prayer by M. F. Rose. Text: "The Prodigal Son." Benediction by Earl Mullins.

MINISTERS REPORTS

W. M. GARDNER—I have pastored two churches, preached 150 sermons, held three revivals, witnessed 43 conversions, held 12 memorials, held nine burials, added three to church, helped in two revivals, held 25 prayer meetings, traveled 750 miles and attended six conferences. Please pray for me that I might do a greater work for the Lord.

D. D. MOORE—I have preached 69 sermons, witnessed 14 conversions, baptised eight, held 15 prayer meetings, helped in one revival, gave \$5 to the glory of God, and traveled 1270 miles at my own expense. Please pray for me that I may do a greater work for the Lord in the next year.

J. W. DINGUS—Brethren, I have done about the best I could for the cause of Christ in the past year. Pray for me that my faith fail not. Your brother in Christ.

DUNCAN POWERS—I have preached 72 sermons, held 29 prayer services, had 26 conversions, witnessed 83 conversions, received five into the church, held three revivals, two memorials and four burial services. I have received no donations from the church but donated \$5 to the benefit of the church.

J. I. TERRY—I have been under the care of McRoberts church for three months. I have preached 125 sermons and held five prayer meetings. Pray for me for I desire the prayers of God's people.

MACK GARDNER—I have preached 30 sermons, witnessed 50 conversions, helped in one revival, held six prayer meetings, received one into church, married six couples, attended two conferences and traveled 50 miles. Please pray for me that I may do more for the Lord.

ALBERT DINGUS—I have pastored three churches, have preached 75 sermons, witnessed 50 conversions, baptised and helped baptise 28, received 37 into the fellowship of the church, and conducted 17 burial services. I have received from the churches the following amount: Berdine church, \$10.00; Marshall's Branch church, \$5.00; McRoberts church, \$17.25, and other donations amounted to \$26.00.

HOBART SPRIGGS—I have preached 80 sermons, witnessed 24 conversions, attended five burial services, attended 120 prayer meetings in homes, received 28 members into the church, helped baptise 23 and organized one Sunday school. Brethren, pray for me that I will do more of the good work for my Lord.

PORTER BREWER—I have conducted 25 prayer meetings, witnessed 75 conversions, held three revivals, pastored one church, traveled 1200 miles conducted 10 burial services, preached 100 sermons, and conducted three memorial services. I need the prayers of those I love while traveling down life's rugged road.

JIMMY REEDY—Brothers, I have preached about 15 sermons, attended four conferences, attended about 25 prayer meetings in homes, helped baptise one and witnessed about 10 conversions.

CLYDE C. FLANNERY—Brothers, I praise God that He has made it possible for me to give the following report: I have preached about 75 sermons, baptised and helped baptise about 25, witnessed 35 conversions, helped in two burials, attended about 100 prayer meetings, served as clerk of one church and held one revival, I am only 19 years old and have been in the ministry for about four years. I earnestly desire the prayer's of all God's people.

L. D. MAHAN, Box 213, Jenkins, Ky.—1 church pastored sermons preached 92, burials attended two, revivals held one, memorials two, baptised five, added two members to church, witnessed 12 conversions, traveled 965 miles.

VESTER MCKINNEY, Fremont, Va.—Preached 45 sermons, witnessed eight conversions. I am continually in weekly prayer meeting services in homes. I baptised 21, and married three couples. I am assistant pastor of one church.

MONROE HUBBARD, Jenkins, Ky.—Preached about 85 sermons, and about 10 memorial services. Been called in about 25 funerals, married 30 couples, pastored one church. God has wonderfully blessed me in the past year. I have traveled in defense of the gospel about 5000 miles. Brethren pray for me. your humble brother in christ.

C. W. ISOM, Burdine, Ky.—Preached 126 sermons, worked in two revivals, attend three funerals, baptised 10, married three couples, was moderator of one quarterly meeting, witnessed 12 conversions, received four in churches by right hand of fellowship, pastored four churches, preached five funerals, preached 9 memorials, traveled 1439 miles.

WEBB SOM—Preached 50 sermons, married four couples, donated to the cause of Christ \$10.00, traveled 500 miles.

CALDWELL RILEY—Pastored one church, preached 100 sermons, baptised 30, witnessed 68 conversions, prayer meetings 10, funeral services three, memorials three, married one couple, received 37 in church by right hand of fellowship, traveled 1000 miles. Pray that I might work more for God.

STRUNK MARION—Preached 30 sermons, held 25 prayer meetings, witnessed 25 conversions, traveled 500 miles, donated \$15.00 for the cause of Christ. Pray for me that I may win a crown.

McPEEK ERSEL, Payne Gap, Ky.—Sermons 35, helped baptise two, held several prayer meetings in homes, traveled 300 miles.

JOHNSON, C. H.—Sermons 25, funerals one, couples married, one; memorials held, four.

LAYNE, B. C.—Sermons preached 200, conversions witnessed, 100; baptised 75, miles traveled, 500; traveling expenses received \$20.00. Received 25 into church by right hand of fellowship, pastored and assisted four churches, worked in four revivals, held several prayer services, conducted 25 funerals and several memorials.

W. R. BISE, Mallard, Va.—July 1, 1938 to June 30, 1939, pastored two churches, assisted pastor two churches, organized one church, helped to organize one church, traveled about 600 miles, moderated three quarterly meetings, one yearly meeting, helped to baptise several. As I have not kept an account I have given you my report the best I can from memory.

E. C. KISER, Stratton, Va.—Evangelist from April 24. Churches visited: Puther chapel, Pine Grove, Counts chapel, Fremont church, Middle Branch, Valley View, Honey Camp, Clinchco, Nora, Lick Fork, Rachel's chapel. Quarterly meetings attended: two in Kentucky, two in Dickenson. Helped in two revivals, burials eight, memorials four, conversions witnessed no record. Helped baptise 28, pastored one church, assisted at two churches. Number of prayer services. Preached 90 sermons by the help of the Lord. Donations for traveling expenses \$76.07 I desire the prayers of the Christian people.

WILLARD MARTIN, Nealy Ridge, Va.—Preached 50 sermons in regular meetings, by the help of the Lord. Helped hold two revivals, conducted a number of prayer services, helped in four memorials, held four funerals, witnessed several conversions, helped baptise 28 candidates. I desire the prayers of the Christian people. Donations received \$20.00.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the

word, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the Great Head of the Church.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge the quick and dead.—I Tim. 2:5, 6. Heb. 2:9. St. John 3:16. Rev. 1:7. Acts 24:15. I John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father, through his dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8. Acts 2:3. Eph. 2:1. Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17, 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15. Luke 24:47. John 3:15-17. I Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally

saved.—Acts 17:30. Mark 6:6. Heb. 3:10. I John 5:1, 10.

7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability must be born again. Then by trusting His promises and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved.—II Tim. 4:7.

8. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

9. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19, 20. Luke 13:3-5. Acts 3:19. Mark 1:15.

10. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation, for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27. St. John 6:45, 65. Ps. 1:1. Tit. 2:11, 12. Jer. 22:29.

11. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:14. II Peter 2:1. II Thess. 2:11. Rom. 2:9-11.

12. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and that none of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God."—I Cor. 15:22. Matt. 18:2-5. Mark 9:36, 37. Matt. 19:14.

13. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15. Isa. 1:19, 20. Matt. 7:8. Jer. 6:16. Luke 13:34, 35.

14. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24.

Acts 8:20, 21.

15. We believe that all things are forseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice further than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13. Prov. 8:22-31. Matt. 25:31-46.

16. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise of God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15-16. Acts 8:17. Acts 19:6. Luke 22:19, 20. John 13:5-7. Jas. 5:14.

17. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16. Mark 1:9, 10. Acts 2:38, 39. Rom. 6:4. Col. 2:12.

18. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; II Cor. 5:10.

19. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

OBITUARIES

CHARLIE OSBORN

Our dear brother Charlie was a good devoted Father to his children. He took sick and lingered about five months, was bedfast a long time. Had many prayers and songs for him. He told his dear companion before he left her that he was ready to go on and told her not to weep for him.

I talked to him many times before his passing about his soul, that we would be some day where punishment would be over. He leaves a wife, three girls and three boys to mourn their loss. But we hope our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by

Habe and Fannie Spriggs.

MRS. NANCY J. DELL

Mrs. Nancy J. Dell, was born February 7, 1871, and died April 26, 1939. She leaves behind to mourn their loss, three children, two boys and a girl, and a host of friends. She lived a devoted Christian life for several years, and was loved by everyone who knew her. The husband and a son have fled on to the Great Beyond.

A loved one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is still,

A place is vacant in our home,

That never can be filled,
On yonder hill is sleeping the one
I loved, but could not save,
Sleep on dear mother, sleep and rest,
God called you home, and He knew best
The beautiful gates are open,
A voice said "come," an angel from the glory land
Has carried my mother home
To God and the Angels, to enjoy a Heaven
That has no end.

Written by

Son-in-law and Daughter,
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sauls

WILLIE RAY MULLINS

Was born Sept. 25, 1902, died Aug. 31, 1938, making his stay on earth 35 years, 11 months, six days. He married Ellen McCoy Sept. 23, 1920, and to this union was born seven children two boys and five girls, all of whom are living. He left his family, father, mother, three brothers and three sisters, and a host of friends to mourn his absence.

He was sick for a long time, not able to work. He had to undergo two serious operations for cancer, he lived eleven months after the last operation.

In May, 1934, he made a profession of religion and was baptised by Rev. E. A. Reedy and S. M. McFall he lived a devoted christian life until death, he maintained great courage and his faith in God was unshaken, he called his family and friends around the bedside and persuaded them to meet him in heaven. Brother Willie in his suffering said he couldn't understand why he had to suffer so much unless it was for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

We hesitated to tell him what the Doctor said about him, when he got the word that he could not recover it did not excite him the least, he raised up in bed talked and smiled with his family and friends.

Brother Willie talked to God as though He was standing by his side. Not my will but thy will be done. He said he wanted to get well if it was God's will and if not he did fear death.

He called Brother Rev. E. A. Reedy and told him that he wanted him to preach his memorial, told him how to arrange it. In talking to Brother Reedy and his friends he did not even shed tears. He told me that he thought the time from death until the resurrection was just like passing through a door from one room into another. I believe that Brother Willie, with eyes of faith, could see in the city where there will be no suffering nor pain, where all will be joy and happiness.

Now we want to thank all the brethren, sisters and friends

who had been so good and kind and given so much service to Brother Willie. Now sleep on Brother, until Christ shall call thee to rise in that happy morning.

Gone but not forgotten.

Written by

His brother, Ira S. Mullins

RUSHIE B. STANLEY

Rushie B. Stanley, daughter of W. R. and M. A. Bise was born March 2, 1897 near Omaha, Va., in Dickenson county. She departed this life Aug. 31, 1939. Her stay on earth was 42 years, five months and 29 days.

She was married to W. C. Stanley, and to this union were born six children, three boys and three girls. One boy preceeded her to the grave nearly two years ago. Mrs. Stanley lived a devoted Christian life, a kind and loving mother to her children. She leaves to mourn their loss the husband, five children, her father, mother, a brother and a sister, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. She was loved by all who know her.

Funeral services were held at the Pewther chapel church, conducted by E. C. Kiser, Willard Martin and E. A. Reedy.

Written by

E. C. Kiser for W. R. Bise and M. A. Bise.

CALVIN SCOTT STANLEY

Calvin Scott Stanley was born December 27, 1885, and died May 1, 1939, aged 53 years, four months and four days.

He leaves a dear companion and 10 children, two boys and eight girls; two brothers, two sisters, and a host of friends to mourn their loss, but our loss is his eternal gain.

He professed a hope in Christ and united with the Lick Fork Free-Will Baptist church October 2, 1938.

He, his companion, and oldest daughter, were baptised by Rev. Floyd Hill and Trig Dotson on October 16, 1938. He lived a faithful and devoted Christian until death.

Another daughter, Odra Stanley, professed a hope in Christ on February 17, 1939, united with the Hubbard Free-Will church and was baptised by Rev. Emory Vanover and Casper Layne on February 19, 1939.

He said that he wanted his dear companion to keep that Right Straight Lesson, that they had learned, and that he was going home to glory.

He called his wife and children around his bed and talked to them. He said for them to get right and come on and be with him in Heaven.

Written by

His daughter, Genette Bee Stanley

