Sept. 4, 1910.

Sun. Fair in morning with heavy rain in afternoon. Left home yesterday and came to Antioch, taking dinner with Kelley Thompson. Lected to the church on “Our Duty One to Another.” The church recited the psalter, making the right time. Spent the night with Amos Burns. This morning at 10 a.m. I baptised 4 candidates into fellowship of Antioch church. I enjoyed the baptism. At 11 a.m. I preached to a good congregation from if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his—Rom. 8:9. Received $5.50. Took collection for missions amounting to more than $5.00. Took dinner with Sam Harris, and while there united in marriage a Mr. Cannon and a Miss Smith. Received $1.00. Came to Whitnel, taking supper with Mr. Watts, and preached at night from “First in The Lord.”—Prov. 3:5. Did not have much liberty. Came home at 8 a.m.

Sept. 5, 1910.

Mon. Very warm. Began pulling fodder. It is very poor, drying up.

Sept. 10, 1910.

Sat. Heard Miller Baker is convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to state prison for 10 years. I am truly for poor fellow, guilt of serving the devil.
Sept. 11, 1910.


Windy, cooler and cloudy. To-night I baptized 2 persons into the fellowship of Second Zion Church in front of First church and attended prayer meeting services at First church. Pastor Thomas made a good talk on leading the heart.

Sept. 16, 1910.

Friday. Cool. Thermometer 50. Am working in fodder. Received a request to go to Sardis Church next Wednesday to assist in ordination of Pink Lashburn.

Sept. 16, 1910.

8 A.M. Clear and pleasant. At 11 A.M. I preached at Second Zion church to a fairly good congregation from completion in Christ Col. 2:19-20. Received one for baptism. Took dinner with Dan Griffin, and he agreed...
to donate a lot for church. At 4 P. M. I baptized a Mr. Watts into fellowship of Whitnel church in Creek near Mrs. Smiths. At night I preached at Second Church from If any man have not the spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9). I enjoyed the subject and the large congregation seemed to enjoy it too. Received one by letter accepted a lot donated by Bro. Dan Griffin and appointed trustees. Took collection for Orphans - $1.86. Came home.

Sept. 21, 1910.

Wed. Warm and dry, went to Bardis and assisted Becca W. N. Cook, J. B. J. Armaz and Lafayette Miller in ordination of Bro. J. H. Seehou to the ministry. I was chairman and W. H. H. Hartley, clerk. It was a very pleasant occasion. Spent the night with those brethren.

Sept. 24, 1910.

Sat. Returned from Caldwell. Ass. held at Granite Hall. It was Twenty-sixth Annual Session. I have attended every session since 1889. and out of 15 years membership I have served as Mod. 7 years and clerk 8, making 15 in all. This year J. V. McCall was reelected Mod. and J. R. Swoosham, clerk. Three churches were admitted to membership, Lenoir, Second Whitnel, and Antioch. I am pastor.
of all three. J. G. Benfield preached the annual sermon. Brethren E. L. Middleton, A. Johnson, J. J. and W. R. Beach were visitors, and all made good addresses, and the Beaches preached good sermons. It was a good session. The next will be at Kings Creek. The Granite people were very hospitable. I spent a night with Henry Mackie and one with D. A. Whisnant, and took dinner with Mr. Hoke and W. G. Whisnant once each. Reached home after dark, and Ethel and Kent were well. I am very tired.

Sept. 25, 1910.

Sun. Warm with local showers in P.M. Took Mama to town at 11 A.M. to hear our pastor. He preached a good sermon on "House Cleaning," or Church Cleaning. In afternoon I preached at Whitville from Danger in art coming up to the help of the Lord—Judges 5:28. I had some liberty, and the people seem to enjoy the subject. In church conference a bro. Harrison was excluded for uniting with Adventists. The work on our new house of worship is progressing very well. Came home. Had family prayers.
Sept. 30, 1910.

Friday. Warm and cloudy until 6 P.M. Jos. D. Doyle Clarke of Blowing Rock died in hospital at Charlotte yesterday 10 A.M., and was buried this P.M. at Clarke burying ground. The funeral services were conducted in Levin Baptist Church, by myself and Rev. W. R. Savage, an episcopal minister, and then the Masons took charge and buried the body. He was 73 years old, was once a Baptist, but died in the Swedenborgian faith. He said he was ready and willing to die.


Oct. 8, 1910.

Mon.—Got up this morning at 4 A.M. to take Josie to station to go off on 6:30 A.M. train for Henderson, Vance Co., she is take charge of a High school at Eppson 7 miles from Henderson next Monday. Making molasses.

Oct. 8, 1910.

Sat. Been very rainy for 2 days. Been making molasses. Received a letter from James. Had not heard from him in month. He sent his Mother $6.00.

Oct. 9, 1910.


Oct. 12, 1910.

Wed.—Fine and warm. Making molasses. In night I went to town. The Baptist had a service. After a M. Mitchel, but no water in pool; had to postpone. Heard Pastor Thomas preach a good sermon on 'The Generosity of Salvation.' He discussed
Election and predestinative, saying these doctrines are taught in Bible, but do not interfere with any sinners' salvation; God has given Christ a people and they will come, but all may come.

Oct. 15, 1910.

Sat. Fair and very warm with thunder in P.M. but no rain here. Went to bottom hill, visited some sick people, took some subscriptions for our church house and came home.

Oct. 16, 1910.

Sun. Fair and warm. Preached at 11 A.M. at Lenoir Second Church. Read Rom. 4:11. I had not expected to use that subject, and did not have much liberty. Took dinner with Mr. Walsh, and baptized Ettie Fife in afternoon in a pond near Mr. Smith's beyond lower creek. Took supper with Dan Griffin, and preached at night from I Cor. 15:55. Large crowd and good interest. Collection for State mission $15.60. Came home.


Mon. J. G. Benfield and family and E. D. Lewis spent the day with us. End we prepared program for fifth Sunday meeting at Mt. Grove. First day I have rested for quite awhile. Pleasant day.

Sun—Fair and cool. Little frost reported in places. Preached at White and 11 A.M. from 2 Cor. 14:16. The Preaching of Christ, enjoyed the subject. Fairly good congregation. Took dinner at Amy Peck's. Preached again at night at Whitnel from 1 Cor. 15:58. I was dull, but the people seemed to enjoy the service. Took collection for State Missions—$3.78. Came home about 10 P.M.


Oct. 25, 1910.

Friday. Fair and frosting very cold. Sowed wheat, the first this fall.


Sat—Little snow, plenty of frost and ice. Went to see a machine that is dredging Lower Creek. It is a complete success. It has worked about one fourth of a mile beginning at bridge on Morristown road.

Sun. - Clear and cool with frost and ice. I was to go to Blowing Rock but it was too cold and blustery. Went to town and heard Dr. Strongfield in Baptist Church, our pastor having to preach at first Church in Salisbury. Bro. S. preached on Christ crucified and presented the claim for additional endowment for Southern Baptist Seminary. In afternoon wife and I visited J.V. McCabe.

Oct. 31, 1910.

Mon. - Warmer. Dry sweet potatoes some of top ends had frozen. May not keep well.

Nov. 5, 1910.

Sat. - Sowed lima and worked till 11 A.M. and started to Antioch. Left Allen Powell ploughing for me. Passed through Seneca. Republicans were having a mass meeting. It seemed a far affair. Did not stop for dinner. Only a few out at church. I made a talk from Paul's last words. I have fought a good fight. 2 Tim. 4:7-8. My heart was cold and my body tired from a week's hard work. Spent the night with Joe Eaves. Had prayers with family. Pleasant night.

Nov. 6, 1910.


Nov. 7, 1910.

In the fair and cool. Sowed wheat. Arm. Powell and Hovey Kincaid helped.

Nov. 8, 1910.

In the fair and cool. Sowed wheat and went to election. Voted for R. L. Dough- ton for Congress, Dr. A. E. Hunt for legislature, J. W. Curtis for clerk of court, J. P. Beaird for sheriff. Also, clerk for assessor, sheriff, and other minor officers. It is believed our county will be Democratic.

Nov. 9, 1910.

Wed. All Democratic candidates are elected except one Co. Com. Nov. 12, 1910.

Sat. Fair, cold and dry. Finished sowing wheat.

Nov. 13, 1910.

Sun. Preached at Blairs Fork 11 A.M.
Lenoir, N. C.
Diary of J. W. Thomas,
began Sept. 4, 1910.
Be of good cheer; it is I, be not afraid.—Matt. 14:27

“Robert Louis Stevenson’s story of the storm that caught a vessel off a rocky coast and threatened to drive it and its passengers to destruction is thrilling. In the midst of the terror one daring man, contrary to orders, went on deck, made the dangerous passage to the pilot house, saw the steersman lashed fast at his post holding the wheel unwaveringly, and inch by inch turning the ship out once more to sea. The pilot saw the watcher and smiled. Then the daring passenger went below and gave out a note of cheer. ‘I have seen the face of the pilot, and he smiled. It is all well.’ Blessed is he who, in the midst of earthly stress and storm, can say with equal assurance, ‘I have seen the face of my Pilot, and he smiled.’”
Pastor's Report

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