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Dear Recorder:---The deaths of Rev. T. W. Upton and four children occurred in less than two weeks. We give the deaths in the order in which they occurred:

Little Yevel, aged 2 years, died January 31st; Edward, aged 10 years, died February 5th; Richard, aged 5 years, died February 9th; Rev. T. W. Upton, aged 39, died February 12th, and Conly, aged 8 years, died about 20 minutes after his father. They all died of measles. The widow and Willie, the oldest child, 13 years old, are the only members of the family living, and may the Lord, who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, fulfill His promise to them.

Bro. Upton was born July 19th, 1847, in Moore county; he was converted under the preaching of Elders Noah Richardson and S. Gilmore, and was baptized by Elder Richardson in the fellowship of Bethlehem church in 1865. He afterward removed to Lincoln county and placed his membership in Mt. Zion church, by which he was licensed to preach, and received ordination in 1876, while Rev. P. A. Whitener was serving the church as pastor. Bro. Upton was for awhile pastor of old Bruington church. He was uneducated, but his zeal was commendable. He was ready to enter in and work wherever there was an opening, and whatever his hands found to do, he done with all his might. He was often in prayer, having but few equals in this respect. He was eloquent, only when pleading with God. At times he seemed to forget the presence of anyone else and plead as though alone with God. At the time of his death, he was living near Garibaldi, Gaston county. He was a poor man, but leaves behind the reputation of an honest man as a legacy to his son, and the influence of a Christian life to bear fruit.

May the bereaved not mourn as those who have no hope, but look forward to a glorious reunion above, where death shall be no more.

J. F. MORRIS,
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REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Since the last meeting of our body, God in His all wise providence, has seen fit to call from earth Rev. T. W. UPTON. Brother Upton was born in Moore county, July 13th, 1847, converted under the preaching of Elders Noah Richardson and S. Filmore, and baptized into the fellowship of Bethlehem church in 1865. He afterwards removed to Lincoln county, and placed his membership in Mt. Zion under the pastorate of Rev. P. A. Whitner. Rev. Upton was an affectionate husband and father, a consistent christian and a faithful minister of the Gospel, being very zealous he gloried in the work of the Lord. He never refused to do anything within his power that had for its object the glory of God. He was an earnest advocate of Sabbath Schools, the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and all the objects fostered by the denomination.

The present prospects of Bruington is largely due to the unwavering faith and zeal of Brother Upton, and stands as a monument of his perseverance.

He departed this life February 12th, 1887. His death was preceded by that of three of his little boys and followed by a fourth within twenty minutes after his own, the five deaths be embraced within the short space of ten days, leaving a widow and one son, whom we recommend to the protection of a merciful God and to the sympathy of his people.

J. F. MORRIS, )
JEREMIAH MORRISON, ) Committee.
L. A. REYNOLDS, )

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