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A discerning, but influential pen behind the editorial throne on which sat successively her husband and son, Joseph William Bailey, both masters of the pen and honored by the brotherhood. She died in Raleigh in February 1913.

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After these hard war-torn years were over the Rev. C.T. Bailey, had charge of the church in 1869. His daughter Sally Bailey (Jones) was born while he was our pastor. Her mother went home to Virginia to have the baby, but returned to Edenton and lived in the 300 block of North Broad Street (next door to the Lords Proprietors' Inn).

During the ministry of C.T. Bailey, the church was instrumental in helping to organize the Providence Missionary Baptist Church on West Church Street. (See Providence Missionary Baptist Church).

Dr. C.T. Bailey was father of the late U.S. Senator Joseph William Bailey, who was pastor of Hartford Baptist Church from January 1868 to December 1870. He was also pastor at Edenton Baptist Church (From History of Hertford Baptist Church) by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Holmes

Christopher Thomas Bailey

ELDER C. T. BAILEY - 1874

Dr. Bailey was a native of Williamsburg, Virginia, where he was born October 24, 1825. He professed religion early in life and was baptized by Scuvant Jones. He attended school at William and Mary College and at Richmond College, graduating from the latter school in the late fifties. He was ordained to the ministry at Williamsburg in 1858, and entered at once upon the work of the ministry.

He entered the Confederate Army as a private in 1861, but was soon discharged on account of poor health. During the remainder of the War Between the States, he preached in several country churches.

In October 1865, he became principal of Reynoldson Academy in Gates County where he remained until 1868, at which time he became the pastor at Edenton for three years.

He went to Warrenton in the fall of 1871 and pastored that church for five years. It was during his stay there that he also pastored Sharon Church for one year, 1874.

In 1875 he bought the Biblical Recorder, and conducted this periodical with great ability for nearly twenty years, or until he was forced to discontinue this work on account of a paralytic stroke. He then transferred this work to his gifted son Joseph William Bailey. Dr. Bailey was president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1885 and 1886. He was a gifted writer, an able speaker, and a man of affairs, which made him a Baptist leader in North Carolina. He died July 5, 1895.

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Unsung Heroes

‘Wilda Fancher

Thirteen days before she was 17, Sallie Bailey was elected corresponding secretary of the 1886 North Carolina Central Committee of missions. Her friend Fannie E. S. Heck, only 23, was elected president. Their youth helped them to succeed. The first committee, started in 1877 and chaired by Heck’s mother, had been unable to survive. This new committee, headed by Bailey and Heck was a good one. They had faith in their own leadership and in the power of God.

The two young leaders were not novices in working for the Lord. Heck’s father, Jonathan, offered them his carriages for a ministry to families in a disreputable part of the city. The two women worked “across the railroad tracks” at a little mission Sunday School. They visited families and carried gifts of clothing for the children.

Sallie’s father, C. T. Bailey, was editor of the North Carolina Baptist paper, The Biblical Recorder. He was a man of strength, executive ability, wisdom, and influence with denominational leaders. Sallie’s mother, Annie Sarah Bailey, was a hospitable, neighborly woman of business ability. Both parents spent time with Sallie and her four brothers. She learned well from each.

Sallie fell in love with Wesley N. Jones, a lawyer from Raleigh, and married him. E. A. Owen, who had officiated at her parents’ wedding, married Wesley and Sallie.

Jones was a respected Christian churchman, a Baptist layman who gave Christian counsel to his clients. He was quite supportive of his wife’s Woman’s Missionary Union involvement. He liked to do the marketing; he was financially able to provide servants; and he required his daughters to help with chores. But never did Sallie Bailey Jones abdicate any of her responsibilities as a homemaker. In fact, she said that she must be more careful than other wives because women active in missions were often accused of neglecting their homes and families.

Sallie Jones set several cornerstones for North Carolina WMU as she served as corresponding secretary, treasurer, and then as president from 1916 until 1936. She kept accurate records and provided good reports through the Baptist paper owned by her father. A love for Bible study and prayer kept her fresh and alert to missions work. During her presidency she kept books with all her speeches in them. She planned her first annual meeting well in advance, for she had suffered migraine headaches all her life, and she feared a headache might interrupt her work. During her 57 years of WMU activity, she never once had a migraine headache at an annual meeting.

Meticulous preparation was her cornerstone. She felt that she would never “insult the Master with indolent preparation or superficial and ineffectual performance.” The monthly executive committee meetings showed evidence of her resolve. Members looked forward to hearing her Bible truths as she opened each meeting. Joining the staff in “fieldwork” required strength and stamina. They traveled by train, buggy, carriage, car, and cart, visiting all the associations and serving as needed.

Sallie Bailey Jones did not appear burdened with the same kinds of problems others had, for she certainly did not let them discourage her, nor deter her service for the Lord. Even though her husband died in 1928, her son, William, in 1932, and she cared for elderly parents, she did not falter in her leadership. After she resigned in 1936, she was elected president emeritus (of North Carolina WMU).

Our 12-month series on unsung heroes closes with Sallie Bailey Jones, a role model in heroic perseverance. She accomplished a variety of WMU programs through easy times and hard, through successful projects and unsuccessful, through sadness and elation.

‘Wilda Fancher (Mrs. James) lives in Monticello, Mississippi. She is president of Mississippi WMU.
Dr. Christopher T. Bailey: Brain Trust

By R. C. Lawrence

"And love, and man's unconquerable mind."

—Wordsworth: "Toussaint L'Öuverture."

Dr. Bailey was born in William and Mary County, Virginia, in 1835. He received his education at William and Mary and at Richmond College, but before he received his degree he joined the grey-clad legions of Lee. After the war he entered the Baptist ministry, serving pastorsates at Carrsville, Virginia, and at Reynoldson, Denton, and Warrenton, North Carolina. He became editor of the Biblical Recorder in 1876 and continued in that capacity until his death in 1895. He served as trustee of Wake Forest and of Shaw University.

The phrase "brain trust" had not been coined in Dr. Bailey's day, but if it had, such phrase would necessarily have applied to him, for that describes the man. He had brains.

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I was then office boy to Dr. Durham, and it was the habit of Dr. Bailey to favor us with a visit each afternoon. Here I had opportunity at short range to estimate the man. Through this headquarters streamed the current of Baptist leaders in the State—James Dunn Hufham, Dr. Charles E. Taylor, John C. Scarborough, Noah Biggs, Dr. F. P. Hobgood, Judge Charles M. Cooke, Archibald Johnson, W. H. Pace, R. T. Vann, and other denominational leaders.

The fathers back there foresaw what is coming to pass today, that our denominational schools cannot compete on fair terms with the tax-supported schools, and the denomination was waging warfare against tax-supported colleges. The high Baptist command devolved upon Dr. Bailey and Dr. Durham. I have heard them discuss for several months their plans and purposes along every field of the denominational front—missions, education, colportage, orphanages, charities. If Dr. Durham was a compelling preacher, Dr. Bailey was a compelling writer. He had a coldly analytical mind, and the gift of accurate thinking. To this there was added the faculty of saying a thing clearly and simply. He was the mind of a logician; he reasoned from cause to effect. When he had once reasoned a thing out, he could support his position in language that was clear, cogent, and convincing.

He had a large fund of dry humor, a pungent wit, and I remember to this day his pat description of one or two of the brethren. There was never anything of the middle of the road about Dr. Bailey. He was absolutely loyal to his friends and to the causes in which he believed; but if he believed a man was bad, or that a cause was wrong, he did not hesitate to say so. He was a natural leader of men, and he came to leadership at a time of building, for the State was largely mission territory and the "back country" had to be provided for. It would not be going too far to say that our Baptist cause today rests in large measure upon a foundation built by Dr. Bailey.

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It must not be thought that the Bailey boys got all the Bailey brains, for there was enough left over to furnish fully the doctor’s daughter, Mrs. Wesley N. Jones—Sallie Bailey Jones. Mrs. Jones inherited the family flair for brains, and she had the happy lot to be the wife of a man who renounced without a word about his wife, Annie Sailie Bailey, for much of the doctor’s success was due to her sustaining spirit and wise counseling. The doctor himself paid her a great tribute when he said that she could tell more of what was going on upon the other side of a brick wall than he himself could when on top of the wall looking down. When the doctor wanted to take a friend home to dinner, he never troubled to notify Mrs. Bailey in advance. He knew she would be prepared anyway. Mrs. Bailey was indeed a mother in Israel; she had come up through the hardships of reconstruction; she raised several children to worth-while leadership and with meager resources. Her pastor, Dr. Thomas E. Skinner, of the First Church at Raleigh, said of her that she was a person in whom the milk of kindness constantly overflowed.

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THE BIBLICAL RECORDER, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1895.

THE EDITOR, DR. C. T. BAILEY, DEAD.

Christopher Thomas Bailey, D.D., was born in James City county, near Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 24, 1835. His father, Wm. M. Bailey, of Scotch descent, was a quiet and successful farmer. Dr. Bailey's early education was secured at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia. He there studied law also under Dr. Minor, and, at that time, fully expected to follow that profession. He professed faith in Jesus Christ in his seventeenth year, and was often called on by his father to attend the meetings at the colored Baptist church near his home in order to make a lawful meeting. The pastor could not read, and it fell to him, as a duty, to read the Scriptures for the preacher. From this he was gradually led into preaching to the people. His father died in 1855, and his mother, a most devout Christian, being buried years before by Dr. Robert Ryland, then president of Richmond College, urged her son to take a special course of study at said institution. He, deeply impressed to preach, gave up the law, and with his mind fully made up to become a minister of the gospel, entered Richmond College and completed a three years course of study. Dr. Ryland and Bailey were most warmly attached to each other through all their after years.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry at Williamsburg, Va., in 1863. He came to North Carolina in October, 1864, and was for two years principal of the Reynolds Academy in Gates county. From 1866 to 1871 he was pastor in Edenton, and from 1871 to 1875 he was pastor in Warrenston. On the first of July, 1875, he became editor and proprietor of the Biblical Recorder. On Sunday, March 6th, 1893, while preaching for the Fayetteville Street Church in this city he was stricken with paralysis. After a few months, he partly recovered, and for about two years attended faithfully to his work as editor. But all this time the indications to him and to his brethren were that the end could not be long postponed.

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On Thursday at 5 o'clock, p.m., his funeral services at the First Baptist Church were attended by a large congregation. His brethren, Skinner, March, Gwaltney, Cobb, Sims, and the writer, conducted the services. The day was perfect, and as his administration. On Thursday last we buried the most successful editor the Baptists of North Carolina ever had.

C. DURHAM.

THE PERSONALITY OF THE LATE EDITOR OF THE BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Individuality is a state of oneness, a separate, distinct nature, with qualities which distinguish one person from another, a distinctive character; hence we say of a man, he was a person of marked individuality. This has been truly said of the subject of this notice.

Personality is more than this. Coleridge said, "It is individuality existing in itself." Not a something which pertains to a person, or belongs to a person. All men have this. But it is an individuality, which is the person himself; that, through which he is recognized by all who see him, be it once or often. Personality is not a mood, or state of feeling expressed under certain circumstances, but it is a being of or existence running from birth to death. Not a part of the man, but the man himself.

Humor, warmth, and often associated with high intellectual and spiritual character, may be cited in this instance as one of the marks of high personality. So fully developed was this trait of Dr. Bailey's character that most of the thousands who ever saw him or heard of him would, when seeing or hearing of him, bear in the expressions of their faces the smile of credulity, approbation, or critical amazement. This was not a weak, but a strong feature of the character of the man, because the human heart leans towards everything which lightens, gladdens and blesses life. Charity is everything. Its absence is the negation of all that is of real worth. "And have not charity, I am nothing." Bailey's charity was popular and contagious. It did not consist of declarations of love, but illustrated and demonstrations of true brotherly charity, both in thought and feeling, and also of action. He was indiscreet in the last point. I remember while sitting in his office discussing a most grave and important matter pertaining to our denominational polity, that suddenly there appeared in our presence a most dilapidated and well-known character, the veriest bag of the town, asking alms. As soon as he saw her Bailey pulled out of his pocket a nickel, and she bowed, and left with blessings upon her head. I said, "Why, Bailey, do you know what you are doing; is she not the worst drunken beggar in the city?" "O, yes, but it is all that she will ever get in this world or the next," that was misplaced charity; and yet it revealed to me a heart of unbounded charity and of conspicuous sympathy, more love than wisdom. Yes, but after all, there is the great trait of the man's soul, which more than all of his other gifts bound him to me in tender love.

A man once said to me, "How can you trust Bailey, knowing him as you do?" "O, my brother, it is because you don't part, and yet they, too, would smile and be better and kinder men without knowing it. In contrast with this feature, the opposite characteristic of sound judgment and business-like gifts was not only always present, but he had intuitive knowledge, or as we say, like our noble women, without a process of reasoning, would arrive at the wisest conclusions. I do not remember ever to have heard Dr. Bailey give his reasons for his opinions. He simply announced them, without arguments or illustrations.

In the Board of Trustees, or Board of Missions, or in any ecclesiastical meeting, or in the handling of the various difficult and intricate affairs of the denomination in the columns of the Biblical Recorder, he was always brief, concise and determined. He did not court the good will of men, but left all to judge him and his acts as they pleased. This was true independence, and it left its weight upon thoughtful minds.

Dr. Bailey was a pronounced Baptist, and yet no man was ever more esteemed by the citizens of the community and of the whole State than he was in life and in death.

Five ministers representing as many denominations were present in the audience during the impressive funeral ceremonies, while six of his own ministerial brethren of the Baptist denomination officiated on the sad occasion.

One word only, and we close this sad yet pleasant duty to our dead friend. It is this, that the only indispensable qualification for a successful journalist is strong personality. Of course, for such a publication as the Biblical Recorder, one of the oldest religious papers in the land, not only literary and spiritual qualifications are needed, but above all others and absolutely indispensable, is that subtle, magnetic, all conquering qualification which we call, and yet cannot fully describe, personality. It is behooveth the paper and in the paper, and without it you will have no paper, or its equivalent—a poor, unsatisfactory and unsuccessful paper. Let those who control in such matters, see that the grand, noble, old organ, the Biblical Recorder, shall have for a successor of its late editor a man of true personality, with other essential qualifications, and then all will be well.

TROS. E. SKINNER.

Next to the family and relatives of Bro. Bailey, his death comes as a personal grief to me. Others will speak of his work, but that which occupies me is the personal loss I sustain in his death.

Bro. Bailey was himself a hard worker, and knew very well how necessary it is to success. He also knew how sometimes honest effort fails of success. No one connected with the Recorder ever felt other than that in Bro. Bailey he had a true and liberal friend. When sickness came to any of the employees, or if for any other reasonable cause any one was kept from his post of duty, in many instances he kept his place on Bro. Bailey's pay roll just as though he had remained at his work.
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Dr. Bailey leaves a widow, one daughter, the wife of Bro. W. N. Jones, and three sons. Sister Bailey and daughter and one son are members of the First Baptist church in this city.

Dr. Bailey's inner, deeper, spiritual life was not known by many; but it was there as an unflagging link that ever bound him back to God. He was without religious cant, and, by nature, full of eyes to see and ears to hear all that was grotesque. He was constantly bubbling over with wit and humor, and hence it was not strange that many who knew him did not know his deeper life.

He talked with the writer more than once during the past two years quietly and very earnestly about his expected death, and his humble but unshaken faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. It was with him, like it ever has been with those gone before, harder to wait than to work. But he waited patiently with a quiet, humble, submissive, and heroic faith.

On November 13th, 1850, Rev. Thomas Meredith, the founder, and for seventeen years the wise, strong and brave editor of the Biblical Recorder, passed over to his reward. He carried the Recorder successfully through its first great struggles. Dr. J. D. Huffman, still spared to the church, carried the paper successfully through its second period of trials—the war period, 1861 to 1867.

But it remained for Dr. Bailey to take the Recorder in July, 1875, with only about two thousand subscribers, and to carry it through twenty years of the most trying days in our denominational history, to increase its circulation to almost seven thousand subscribers, and to close his useful life with the feelings of his brethren more closely drawn about him and the Recorder than at any time through all the years of its publication. And without if you will, no paper, or its equivalent—a poor, unsatisfactory and unsuccessful paper. Let those who control in such matters, see that the grand, noble, old organ, the Biblical Recorder, shall have for its successor of its late editor a man of true personality, with other essential qualifications, and then all will be well.

Thos. E. Skinner.

Next to the family and relatives of Bro. Bailey, his death comes as a personal grief to me. Others will speak of his work, but that which occupies me is the personal loss I sustain in his death.

Bro. Bailey was himself a hard worker, and knew very well how necessary it is to succeed. He also knew how sometimes honest effort fails of success. No one connected with the Recorder ever felt better than that in Bro. Bailey he had a true and liberal friend. When sickness came to any of the employees, or if for any other reason cause any one was kept from his post of duty, in many instances he kept his place on Bro. Bailey's pay-roll just as though he had remained at his work.

When Bro. Bailey trusted at all, he trusted fully. In the five years of my connection with him I constantly discovered new reasons to honor him for his many qualities and for his absolute freedom from everything little or selfish. Even during the years of his sickness, when he no longer held his place among us, the remembrance of his kindness, his magnanimity and his genial bearing has been a constant stimulant to every one to put forth his best efforts to prosper the work which Bro. Bailey loved so well, and for which he gave the best years of his life.

We shall always delight to honor his memory as that of a true man, a Christian gentleman, a valuable friend, a pleasant co-worker.

J. C. Caddell.

The uninterrupted patience and calmness of the late editor of the Recorder under God's chastening rod three years, reminded one of the dying emperor who felt that while his public usefulness seemed at an end, by God's help he yet must do a work, no less important than that which he had done for his country, teaching his sons how to suffer. From beginning to end one who kept near his heart never heard him speak of his condition as an affliction or even as a misfortune; from the time, three years ago, when, after an heroic effort to take up his work, he realized that he would never be active again, until God gave him peace, no one heard him murmur. But he did not give up. He was not the kind of man ever to give up. Months after he was stricken he could be seen at his desk trying to write, his left hand grasping his trembling right to steady it. Long after that he continued coming to his office, the time of his stay gradually growing shorter, to direct matters and to see the brethren, whom no longer he met with his old time pleasantry, though seldom, if ever, without his well remembered cheerful smile. He saw that for him there were no more meetings at the Association.
DR. C. T. BAILEY
1835-1895
Editor Biblical Recorder, 1879-1895

Our mother knew how to save, and how to work. She had a friendly sympathy with all human interests, and she
was always ready to do good, and to help her neighbors.

Dr. C. T. Bailey, a distinguished editor of the Biblical Recorder, was born in 1835 and died in 1895. He was the
son of a pastor of the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina.

Dr. Bailey was a man of remarkable ability, and he was well known for his ability to write and his }
ability to express himself in a clear and concise manner. He was a man of great kindness and 
compassion, and he was always ready to help those in need.

Dr. Bailey was a man of great piety and devotion, and he was always ready to
praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy. He was a man of great
perseverance, and he was always ready to work hard to achieve his ends.

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Elder C.T. Bailey

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In 1861 he entered the Confederate Army as a private, but was soon discharged because of his health.

He began his life as a Tarheel in October, 1865 when he became principal of Reynoldson Academy in Gates County, North Carolina. He remained here three years. Dr. Bailey not only taught at Reynoldson Institute, but he also offered his services to Piney Grove Church. He preached here on second Sundays. The church now held preaching services twice monthly. In March, 1867 he spoke to his congregation about their Baptist paper, the “Bibical Recorder”. In 1875 he purchased the “Bibical Recorder” and for nearly twenty years was proprietor and editor of this periodical.

This gifted writer and able speaker was president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1885 and 1886.

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Another striking peculiarity was his cheerful, lively disposition. While in North Carolina, I met him at a good many Associations, Conventions, &c., and it mattered not how dull and tired the crowd might be when Dr. Bailey rose to speak for the Recorder or for anything else, a ripple of relief seemed to spread over the assembly, usually followed by broad smiles, or hearty “bodily shakings.” He once remarked in the presence of the writer that “his doctor once told him if he did not learn to be cheerful, he would die,” and added, “I have been trying ever since.” Certainly the Christian can afford to be cheerful, and he who helps to dispel the popular error that religion is long-faced and sad-eyed, is doing a good work.

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I might say more, but others will write more fully. I lived and preached in North Carolina about eleven years, and among the many that I claimed as my friends, I found none truer to the end than Dr. Bailey; and when that sad event occurred, it brought to me a sense of personal bereavement. His like for me will be hard to find. Many doubtless were the friends and relatives that followed him to his grave; yet you may count me in the procession. Many were the loving hands that covered the mound above him with the flowers of the summer time; you can count mine among them, for I send from my native State this chaplet to his memory. Peace to his ashes! May the Lord comfort the bereaved family.

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Brookneal, Va.
CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BAILEY

October 24, 1835 - June 6, 1895

Christopher Thomas Bailey was born in Virginia on October 24, 1835. Planning to be a lawyer, he studied at William and Mary College, but he changed his mind and his chosen profession and spent three years studying at Richmond College in preparation for the Christian ministry.

He came to North Carolina in 1865 and served as Principal of Reynoldson Academy in Gates County from 1865 until 1867. He was pastor in Edenton 1868-71 and in Warrenton 1871-76. In July, 1875 he became proprietor and editor of the Biblical Recorder. During his twenty years as editor the circulation of the Recorder increased from two to twenty thousand. Tributes in the Recorder after his death suggested that he was the most successful editor of the paper since its beginning.

Mr. Bailey was elected Trustee of Wake Forest College in 1877 and continued to serve until his death in 1895. In 1884 the College conferred upon his the Doctor of Divinity degree.

The black and white portrait of Dr. Bailey was removed to Winston-Salem when the College moved in 1956, but it was not refurbished for use at that time. I cleaned the portrait and refinished the frame for use in the Oral History room or elsewhere in the fall of 1973.

A. Lewis Aycock

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CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BAILEY, D.D.
1835-1895
Wake Forest College Trustee, 1877-95; D.D., 1884
Editor, Biblical Recorder, 1875-95
BAILEY, REV. C. T., the editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, was born in Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 24, 1835. He was the last candidate ever baptized by Scuvant Jones; was educated at William and Mary College, and at Richmond College; was ordained in 1858, Revs. W. M. Young, William Martin, and W. A. Crandall forming the presbytery, at Williamsburg; went into the army as a private in 1861, but did not remain in the service long; preached to several country churches in Surrey Co., Va.; came to North Carolina in October, 1865, and became master of the Reynoldson Academy in Gates County; removed to Edenton in 1868, where he remained as pastor till 1871, when he became pastor of the Warrenton church. In 1875 he became proprietor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, which he has since conducted with distinguished ability and success.

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ELDER C. T. BAILEY

Dr. Bailey was a native of Williamsburg, Virginia, where he was born October 24th, 1835. He made a profession of religion in early life, and was baptized by Scuvant Jones. He enjoyed excellent educational advantages at William and Mary College and at Richmond College, graduating from the latter institution in the later fifties. He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry at Williamsburg in 1858. The ordaining presbytery was composed of Revs. W. A. Crandall, William Martin and W. M. Young, and he entered at once upon the work of the ministry.

In 1861 he went into the Confederate Army as a private, but health conditions were such that he was soon discharged from the service. During the remainder of the War Between the States he preached to several country churches.

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Dr. Bailey was president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1885 and 1886. He was a gifted writer, an able speaker and a man of affairs, which made him one of the wise leaders of his denomination in the State. He died July the 5th, 1895.

HISTORY OF THE TAR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, p. 194-195
By: Thomas J. Taylor
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Bailey, Christopher Thomas. "m" and "O", Born in 1835, he made a lasting contribution as preacher, teacher and pastor, to the growth of his and our Denomination. Probably, however, his greatest contribution was as Editor of the Biblical Recorder from 1875 to 1895; for during this period he made his way into the admiration and love of his brethren. Another contribution which was perhaps equally as great was the giving to the Denomination two gifted leaders, a daughter and a son. The daughter was Sallie Bailey who for about forty years was the enthusiastic leader of Woman's Missionary Union and wife of a great layman, W.N. Jones. The son was Josiah William Bailey who followed his father as Editor of the Recorder, very active for years in the Convention and later United States Senator.

Minutes of the Conv. Session of 1895, p. 64, and picture, p. 1. The Biblical Recorder 1875-1895

Bailey, Mrs. Annie S. Laywoman, Born in Virginia, 1838, she became the wife of Dr. C.T. Bailey in 1865. With him she came to Raleigh in 1876. For 25 years, through the investment of her patromony she was the owner of the Biblical Recorder. During that time "she was the quiet, unassertive, but influential power behind the editorial throne on which sat successively her husband and son, Josiah William Bailey, both masters of the pen and honored by the brotherhood. She died in Raleigh in February 1913.

Minutes of the convention, 1913 p. 87.
ated from Columbian University, Washington, D. C. with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

He was pastor for several years of the Fayetteville Church.

He married Miss Indiana Watson, and settled in Warrenton, where he lived for thirty years, and served country churches.

He was pastor of Sharon Church from 1875 to 1878.

He served as Moderator of the Tar River Association at the sessions of 1863 to 1870.

The last few years of his life were spent at Wake Forest, where he died in 1887. He left two children, a son and a daughter. They reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Purefoy was regarded by his brethren as exemplifying the highest type of Christian character.

Elder C. T. Bailey - 1874

Dr. Bailey was a native of Williamsburg, Virginia, where he was born October 24, 1855. He professed religion early in life and was baptized by Scuvant Jones. He attended school at William and Mary College and at Richmond College, graduating from the latter school in the late fifties. He was ordained to the ministry at Williamsburg in 1858, and entered at once upon the work of the ministry.

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In 1875 he bought the Biblical Recorder, and conducted this periodical with great ability for nearly twenty years, or until he was forced to discontinue this work on account of a paralytic stroke. He then transferred this work to his gifted son, Rev. C. T. Bailey, in 1886. He was an active man in church affairs, while pastor at Warrenton.

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PASTOR D. A. GLENN - 1878 - 1884

Rev. D. A. Glenn was a native of Western North Carolina. He graduated from Wake Forest College in the late seventies and soon thereafter, he located in Littleton, N. C.

In the Tar River Association he was pastor of Brown's, Gardner's, Littleton, Sharon, and Warren Plains Churches. He served these churches from January 1, 1880 to 1884. He was pastor of Sharon from 1878 to 1884.

According to records, he was a good preacher and pastor, full of zeal and enthusiasm and was very successful in the work of soul-winning.

He resigned his pastorate here in November of 1884 and accepted a call to the second Baptist Church of Petersburg, Virginia at which time he moved to that city.

His work in Petersburg was very successful but after a few years, he accepted a call to another field, where he labored with his usual results.

He has held many pastorates and has always been held in high esteem.

In 1921 he resided in Bristol, Tennessee.

PASTOR WILSON BUNYAN MORTON - 1885 - 1891

Dr. Morton was the youngest son of Rev. Edward C. Morton, and was born at Lilesville, N. C. February 19, 1856. His father died when he was very young, a few years later his mother was killed by lightning, and he was left an or- phan with a little sister three years younger than himself enti- rely dependent upon him.

After providing for his sister, he undertook to educate himself and by his untiring labors prepared himself for col-
Dr. Bailey as A Friend.

I feel deeply and sincerely grieved by the news of Dr. Bailey's death, which reached me through the last issue of the RECORDER. I feel that in his death I have lost a personal friend. My first acquaintance with him was by correspondence with reference to some of my first attempts at writing for the RECORDER. The correspondence was so genial and pleasant that I knew him before I had met him. I learned to love him even before "first sight." When I met him I found him indeed the genial and warm-hearted friend that his letters had indicated. By contact, or personal acquaintance, the love and friendship became intensified. I loved him because he was a warm-hearted and lovable friend. I don't think I ever passed through Raleigh in the day-time without calling at the RECORDER office to see Dr. Bailey, if for nothing else. However busy he might be, he would stop to give me a cordial greeting and welcome, and to say something pleasant and encouraging.

I never felt afraid to write to Dr. Bailey freely about any matter that pertained to the Master's cause, always expecting a prompt and frank reply. He never disappointed me. He was free from that extreme propriety and reticence which make one afraid to ask a question; neither was there, in the reply, an intimation between the lines that one was impertinent.

In the social circle I have seen him pleasantly and instructively entertain a room full of delighted listeners for hours at a time. He was pure minded, whole souled and deeply devout. His wit and humor were natural to him, and without them he would not have been Dr. Bailey, but Samson shorn of his locks; much of his strength would have been gone. He would not have been himself without being just what he was. He hated cant.

To attempt to imitate is to fail. Dr. Bailey was a magnificent success as a friend as well as editor. Wit and humor bestowed by Nature, wisely controlled and directed, are elements of strength and manly power and "important
guides and aids which Nature has appointed of human conduct." "Though dead he yet speaketh" in the many hearts who loved him because of his kindly smile and loving heart.

In his life of cheerfulness he was a standing testimony to the fact that Christianity and a Christian life need never make a man melancholy, nor make him less lovable as a friend full of good cheer, nor less pleasant and approachable in business or the social circle; but that Christianity adorns and beautifies, the better fitting one for all the walks and relations of life, making friendship the warmer and intensifying love.

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won
Enter thy Master's joy."

M. J. WILLOUGHBY.

Beech Island, S. C., June 17, 1895
Dear Recorder:---While many of our ministers and friends of the Recorder are expressing their sympathy in regard to the death of dear Bro. Bailey, I feel that I want to be one among that number.

I shall not attempt to write concerning his life, for I am sure it has been well written by those who are better acquainted with him than I am. I only had the privilege of seeing him but once and hearing him preach, and that was when I was quite a youth. He was at Rockyhock church in the Old Chowan Association. I must say I think it was while he was preaching that day that the first idea came to me that I should be one to carry the good news and glad tidings of salvation to the perishing sons and daughters of men. In the death of Bro. Bailey the Baptists sustain a great loss; but his true worth will not be known until our ignorance is enlightened and the sea gives up its dead. May this little token find a place in the RECORDER as a tribute sacred to his memory. Thy will be done. Amen.

GEO. W. WHITE

RESOLUTIONS OF EASTERN SECTION RALEIGH ASSOCIATION

We, your committee appointed by the Union of the Eastern Section of the Raleigh Association, beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, we esteem the Biblical Recorder as the organ of our churches and helper in the Lord's work; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of its late editor, Dr. C. T. Bailey, we have lost a tried and true friend, wise in council, discreet in rebuke, sympathetic in every trial; and that while we shall miss his labors, we bow in humble submission to an allwise Father, and hereby pledge our continued support to the paper he so much loved.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the
bereaved family in token of our sympathy for them, and that they also be
placed upon our minutes in respect to his sacred memory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ADAMS
A. C. CREE
J. M. BEATY,

Committee

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