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by J. B. Hutson to Miss M. Alberta White, daughter of Robert and Sarah F. White. His wife, two sons, Maurice Penfield and Horace, and a daughter, Louise, survived him. He went to Lynchburg on a salary of \$1,200 and while there a parsonage costing \$3,500 was built. Shelbyville, not many miles from Louisville, is a town of culture and wealth. At Harrodsburg, during his pastorate a parsonage was built and 220 added to the membership of the church. Williamson, among the mountains and the mines, in a religious census, was proved to have more Baptists than all the other denominations together. While here, in one series of revival services, he doing the preaching, and Mr. Frank E. McCrary, Laurens, South Carolina, conducting the singing, there were eighty-three additions to the church. This was a town greatly "affected by the terrible strikes of the miners. In all the wild excitement Athey kept his head." In Huntington came his final illness reaching from October 8th, his last Sunday with his church, through a season at the hospital, to his death December the 4th. His funeral was conducted by Norman W. Cox and other ministers.

Besides his ministry with his churches and people there was the service he rendered the denomination and the public as trustee of Richmond College, the Virginia Baptist Orphanage, the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Russell Creek Academy.

JACOB DAVID HARTE

1870-1933

"For nearly five years we lived in his home while he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, in Oxford, North Carolina, and the home life of Mr. and Mrs. Harte and Nelson was on a little higher daily plane than we have found it lived out in any other home that we have ever lived in. They remembered the little things, which may be life's biggest things, that most of us are so prone to forget or to neglect. The birthday for any member of the family was always a special day in the home and special plans were made for it.

Then the wedding anniversary was never forgotten and always beautifully observed. And Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day were always sacredly celebrated. There was an atmosphere of high living, pure thinking and unselfish serving that those of us who knew the inner life of the family best, appreciated most." The home to which this tribute is paid, was set up when, at Franklin, Virginia, on October 20, 1898, Miss Gertrude Norfleet (daughter of Alexander W. Norfleet and Indiana Virginia Edwards) became his bride; J. L. McCutcheon and J. P. Essex performing the ceremony. The parents of the groom were William Anderson Harte and Olivia Tennessee Nelson; his brothers and sisters, Samuel Harte, James M. Harte, Mrs. Charles Price, Mrs. James Foster, Arthur, Thomas, Stella and Lottie Harte; his birthplace, Ebenezer, Knox County, Tennessee. Not long after his conversion and baptism (Mt. Bethel Church, Rome County, Tennessee), he was in demand, though only a youth, for revival work and after a session at Mossy Creek College he labored for two years as city missionary engaged by Rev. R. D. Haymore of the First Church, Bristol.

While at Richmond College he began two missions that finally became churches, namely the Reservoir Mission (under the direction of Dr. W. E. Hatcher) which grew into the Tabernacle Church, and the Randolph Street Mission (of the Pine Street Church) which developed into the Park View Church. While still at the college he began his work at the Beaver Dam Church where, after a year at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was ordained October 14, 1884. His other Virginia fields and churches were: Second Church, Petersburg; Parksley and Zion, Accomac Association; Farmville. Then for a quarter of a century he served in North Carolina these churches: Hickory, First Oxford, and First Monroe. When his health began to decline he and his wife came to Martinsville, Virginia, where, in the home of Nelson, their only son, they lived until this preacher, after a ministry of over thirty-eight years, passed to his heavenly reward October 30th. The funeral and burial took place at Franklin, Virginia.

The town of York, Yorkshire, England, 100 miles from its mouth, was born on May 1, 1801, Baxter Hedley. He, of later years he fled to England, his walk to the North Sea and visited a youth he attended became an omnivore by correspondence. Years he was appointed assiduously to lead make his life work of any church, he Church of England through the influence Hedley became a at the age of eight the Gospel and so College where it was whose name had been logical Seminary in his place. He came taking the full course he returned to England the privilege of leading the Baptist faith.

On October 6, 1801, Church of Danville, a field in Pittsylvania. It was in one of his marriages married to Miss Robert Chaney of Roanoke College. helpmeet to her 1901 Mr. Hedley

music was sweet and consoling, and was provided by the church choir and by a quartette of ministers. The body was laid to rest at "Meadorwood," Chalk Level, Va.

Attending the funeral were many friends from various points in Virginia and North Carolina. Members of churches of which Brother Duncan had been pastor came great distances to show their affection for this "good minister of Jesus Christ." W. H.

DEATH OF REV. J. D. HARTE.

Rev. Jacob David Harte, one of the most beloved and successful pastors of Virginia and North Carolina, died at the home of his son, Nelson Harte, Martinsville, Va., October 30, 1933, after several months of declining health.

Besides his son, he is survived by his wife, who was Miss Gertrude Norfleet, of Franklin, Va.

Brother Harte was born May 3, 1870, in Knox County, Tennessee, and was the oldest of nine children of William Anderson Harte and Olivia Tennessee Nelson.

With his conversion at the age of fourteen, he became active in Christian work and was in demand for revival work when sixteen.

After attending the session of 1886-1887 of Mossy Creek College of Tennessee, he was engaged by Rev. R. D. Haymore, of the First Baptist church of Bristol, as city missionary, which position he held successfully for two years.

In 1889 he entered Richmond College, and while a student in Richmond he organized Tabernacle Baptist church, which he began as the Reservoir Mission under the direction of Dr. William E. Hatcher, and the Park View church, known as the Randolph Street Mission, under the employment of Pine Street Baptist church. He also began his pastorate of Beaver Dam church of Blackwater Association, which he served after completing his studies in Richmond College and a year's work at the Seminary in Louisville until 1898, and where he was ordained October 14, 1894.

From 1898 to 1902 were happy years with the Second Baptist church of Petersburg. Then came the delightful work with Parkley and Zion churches of Accomac County, which he resigned on account of declining health for the Farmville Baptist church, which his health required him to leave in a few months and go to Asheville, N. C., for a year's rest and recuperation.

For twenty-five years he enjoyed very happy and successful pastorates in North Carolina with the First Baptist church of Hickory, the First Baptist church of Oxford and the First Baptist church of Monroe.

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