

Elder George Cook, who departed this life during the past year,--- though he is dead, he yet speaketh. His vacant seat in the church speaketh; his vacant seat in the Association speaketh, for he always filled his seat when able. Oh, how we miss his godly counsel. But, alas! he is no more with us here upon hearth, but we believe that he is in the great Association in Heaven, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. Bro. Cook was not what might be termed a great preacher in the pulpit, but his pious life and godly conversation were such that he has left an example behind him worthy of imitation. We feel that we can cheerfully say "well done, good and faithful servant."

S. M. GREENE

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Dear brethren our hearts ought to overflow with graditude continually to the giver of all good for his gracious goodness in sparing the lives of so many of his servants to continue their work of faith and labor of love. Out of near 200 ministers in our bounds but one has fallen, and he an aged servant, like at shock of corn ready for the Master's garner.

We refer to Rev. G. Cook of the Mitchell county association age, 71 years. How pleasant to contemplate the death of the righteous exchanging earthly labor and sorrow for heavenly rest and bliss. "The death of the saints is precious in his sight." Psalm 116:15.

Bro. C. was not what the world calls famous or rich in gifts, yet like to silent dews of the night a blessing and benediction to those with and for whom he labored. The worth of such a life will doubtless never be known until the light of eternity flashes in upon it. Let us place a higher estimate on our earthly existence and with Paul continually say, for me to live is Christ but to die is gain.

Respectfully submittted,

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