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EXUM GREEN BECKWITH

(Another member of the faculty whose services in that position all fell within the time of the administration of President Taylor was Exum Green Beckwith. Something has been said of his work at the College in the body of the text, and that need not be repeated here. He was a native of Wake County, born near Clayton, North Carolina. He died at Wake Forest on June 25, 1892, of gastritis after several weeks of acute suffering. The following is from a sketch by President Taylor.¹)

Professor Beckwith was the son of Christian parents and was reared in a Christian home. In early life he gave his heart to Christ and followed him faithfully to the end. From 1877 to 1882 he was a student of Wake Forest College, and few students have ever been more assiduous in labor or punctual in duty. In 1882 he represented the Phi. Society as one of the anniversary debaters, and received his degree as Bachelor of Arts. During the two following sessions he was both student and Tutor. In 1884 he took the Master of Arts degree. The next session he spent in Johns Hopkins University, in the special study of Physics and Mathematics. During 1885-86 and 1886-87 he was principal of an academy at Clayton, N. C. In the latter year he was elected Assistant Professor of Mathematics in Wake Forest College, and held the position until his death. On December 16, 1888, he was ordained as a minister of the gospel at Mount Moriah Church, where he served as pastor until his death. Other churches in Wake and Franklin counties have also enjoyed his services.

Professor Beckwith was not a showy man, but he was true to the core. He could always be depended on as a friend and a helper. He was quiet and unobtrusive in manner, but prompt and efficient in the discharge of every obligation. Hundreds of young men who have passed under his instruction will bear testimony that he spared not himself in his efforts to help them. Everybody was compelled to respect his religion. He lived it as well as preached it. There was no taint of agnosticism in his convictions. His faith was old-fashioned in its objects as well as in its intensity. Few of us will ever forget the prayers he offered in the chapel—how he seemed sometimes in utter oblivion of self to be pressing through the presence chamber of the King right up to the throne!

¹ *Biblical Recorder*, June 29, 1892. *North Carolina Baptist Almanac*, 1895, 43.

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Professor Beckwith's funeral was preached in Clayton by Dr. William Royall, and his remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife and babe who went before him to the better land.

JAMES CONSTANTINE MASKE

James Constantine Maske, son of James Maske and Ellen Maske, was born in Union County, North Carolina, November 11, 1862. While he was still a lad the family moved to the vicinity of Roberdel, Union County. He was a student of Wake Forest College 1882-84, and 1886-90, and was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in June, 1890. For the year 1890-91 he was a graduate student in Latin and Greek at Johns Hopkins University. In June, 1891, on the elevation of Professor J. B. Carlyle to the head of the Latin department of the College, Maske was appointed to his place, assistant professor of Greek and Latin. This position he held until his death on September 17, 1894. His death was caused by typhoid fever, probably contracted while he was engaged in canvassing in the Green River, Mecklenburg, and other associations, for students in the summer of 1894. He was unwell when he returned to the College for the opening of the session and did not undertake to bear his classes. His remains, accompanied by Professors Carlyle and Sikes were taken to Roberdel for burial.

Professor Maske was of rather spare physical build, but was strong and vigorous and was able to do a great deal of mental work without sign of fatigue. He was an enthusiastic student of Greek, and being well instructed in the grammar and literature of the language under Professor W. B. Royall, he was well equipped for further study of the language under Professor Gildersleeve at Johns Hopkins. Though he remained only a year there he showed his enthusiasm for the ancient classics by collecting a large number of Greek and Latin texts and books relating to them. After his death this valuable collection was presented to the College Library by his executor, with the provision that it be known as the "J. C. Maske Collection of Ancient Classics."

Professor Maske's habits were those of a scholar; he was quiet without being reserved in his social relations. Early in life he was converted and baptized into the membership of the Meadow Branch Baptist Church in Union County; when the family moved to Roberdel he proved a strong supporter of the Baptist church there which was then young and of few members. He always remained strong in his religious convictions. In his report to the Board of Trustees in June, 1895, President Taylor said: "He was an excellent scholar, a suc-

ORDINATION

On the call of the church at Mount Moriah, a presbytery consisting of Rev. Dr. Wm. Royall, of Wake Forest College, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of Wakefield, and the writer, met at the residence of Bro. Thomas Johns, in Auburn, on Saturday evening and examined Rev. E. G. Beckwith, the pastor, on his experience of grace, call to the ministry, and views of doctrine. The examination proving satisfactory, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the ordination, and on Sunday morning, Dec. 16th a large congregation assembled in Mount Moriah church to witness the ordination of their pastor. Rev. Dr. Wm. Royall preached a most appropriate and instructive sermon, taking as his text, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The writer delivered the charge, Rev. O. L. Stringfield presented the Bible, and after prayer by Dr. Royall, the pastor pronounced the benediction.

The brethren and sisters of Mount Moriah church, and the citizens of the community, were greatly interested, and manifested a tender interest in all that was done and said. They greatly love Bro. Beckwith. He is a zealous, able preacher, and preaches the gospel of Christ earnestly and boldly. A man of thorough education and deep piety, he bids fair to become a most useful and influential minister of Jesus Christ. We rejoice with the good brethren of the church in securing his services as pastor.

BIBLICAL RECORDER, Dec. 19, 1888, p. 2:2

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Mrs. Kittie Beckwith, wife of Prof. E. G. Beckwith, died at her home in Wake Forest, February 22d, 1890, in her 20th year.....

BIBLICAL RECORDER, March 26, 1890

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.....We announce with deep regret the death of Mrs. Beckwith, wife of Prof. E. G. Beckwith, of Wake Forest College. This splendid young woman died suddenly on Saturday morning last, and was buried in Clayton, N. C. on Sunday evening.

BIBLICAL RECORDER, 26 February 1890

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

. . . .Prof. E. G. Beckwith, in the vigor of his strong manhood and in the midst of a career of singular usefulness, has been called to his reward. Wake Forest church in his death loses one of her most consecrated and useful members, Perry's chapel an able, faithful, and beloved pastor, and Wake Forest College an efficient and honored instructor.

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES, 1892, p. 11.

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Rev. Exum Green Beckwith died June, 1892, aged about 34 years.

N. C. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION ANNUAL, 1892, p. 55.

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