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McLENDON, JOHN J

b. Anson Co., N. C., Dec. 4, '41; Sem. (3) '69-72;
FULL GRADUATE; ord. Red Hill ch., Anson Co., N. C.,
Mar. 29, '73; prin. Carolina Central Academy, Anson
Co., N. C., '75-80, also Spring Hill Academy, Lancaster
Co., S. C., '84; p. Edenton ch., Apr.-Nov., '73,
Pleasant Plain ch., Union Co., N. C., '81, '82 and '87,
Catawba ch., York Co., S. C., '82, Camp Creek ch.,
Lancaster Co., S. C., '84, Cane Creek ch., Union Co.,
N. C., '86; has done much missionary work.

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REV. J. J. McLENDON

The subject of this sketch was born December 4, 1841, and died at his home near Matthews, June 18, making him nearly seventy-two years old. He was a valiant Confederate soldier. He entered the army at nineteen and was a loyal and true soldier. After returning home he felt a call to the gospel ministry and went about preparing himself for this work. His scholastic preparation was completed in a course in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Brother McLendon served a number of years as pastor of country churches, but the greater part of his active ministerial life was spent in doing missionary work. For a number of years he has not been able to take active work, but has shown his loyalty to his Master and to His Kingdom in his home church and Association.

He was a tender and affectionate husband and father and was able by the help of his good wife, who still survives him, to give his children a good education. In his last Association he said: "Barring divinity, the greatest asset we have is our girls and boys." He revealed his belief in this expression by what he did for his children. In the last two or three months of his life he was hardly able to leave his room. These days were largely days of suffering, but he patiently bore it and often expressed the strongest confidence in God's grace. Brother McLendon was well informed in the Word and the writer has not met with any more loyal to the truth and the cause of Christ than he. Truly he was a father in Israel and how we shall miss him. The funeral services were held by his pastor June 19 from Pleasant Plains Church of which he was a member and his body was laid to rest in Matthews' cemetery. The sympathy of the pastor, the church, and many friends go out to Sister McLendon and all the children.

Charlotte, N. C.

His pastor. JAS. C. GILLESPIE.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

REPORT ON REVS. J. J. McLENDON AND W. T. TALBERT.

Since our last Association the two oldest ministers of our Association, * Rev. J. J. McLendon and W. T. Talbert, have gone to their reward, and remarkable to say, on the same day, June 16, 1913.

Brother McLendon died at his home near Matthews. There was no truer man among us than he. He held some important positions, but a great deal of his ministerial life was given to missionary work. He was unable for the last several years of his life to take regular work, but he still manifested his loyalty to the cause of Christ in his home church and Association. He was a man pure in word, thought and deed. Like Enoch, he "walked with God and was not for God took him."

Brother Talbert died at the home of his son in Kannapolis, June 16, 1913. Brother Talbert was beloved by all who knew him. He was in the organization of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association and was always interested and exerted himself to the extend of his ability in its upbuilding. This interest showed itself in his untiring energy and zeal as pastor of country churches in the Association for a number of years. He organized McGill Street and West Concord churches and also aided in the organization of the church at Kannapolis. It can be said of him, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

J. C. GILLESPIE
J. W. SNYDER

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