

PRICE, ABRAHAM WILFRED

b. Conway, Horry Co., S. C., Jan. 28, '58; Wake Forest College; Sem. (1--) '81-82; ord. Reedy Creek ch., Marion Co., S. C., July 24, '82; p. Antioch and Terral's Bay, S. C., '82-84; Mullins, S. C., Whiteville and Spring Branch, N. C., '84-86; Whiteville, Fair Bluff, Spring Branch, '86-87; Laurinburg, Alam and Spring Hill, N. C., '87--.

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PRICE--Four weeks ago Rev. A. W. Price and his family left Laurinburg, N. C., to attend the burial of Bro. Wm. Watson, father of sister Price. To-morrow they expect to return to Laurinburg, but oh, how different the home then and now; for the two bright, beautiful babes that came forth with them, return not;-- they sleep close by the grandfather. The two sweet buds - the ripened chock - lie side by side.

Memory Ward, the only son, went first. Born September 3d, 1886, died of membranous croup, February 29th, 1888. A history - a life so brief; and yet very much of loveliness was in it. A child of unusually bright and happy disposition, his presence was a gleam of sunshine.

Cherry Amanda, the only daughter was sick even before her brother's death, but seemed to be recovering when her sickness developed into that fearful scourge, diptheria, and too weak, too frail to battle with such a foe, she yielded her young life and lay down to peaceful rest. She was born September 17th, 1884, and died March 10, 1888.

Thus has our God tried the strength of His servants. Stricken parents you return to the darkened home along -- yet not alone, for He will not forsake, nor will his mercy ever fail. May He hold you with His hand, and sanctify this terrible trial to your good. The cross but raises you nearer to Him. Nor sorrow, "even as others that have not hope; " you may not call them back to earth -- let them call you on to heaven.

"So not alone we land upon that shore,
'Twill not be as though we had been there before;
We shall meet more we know
Than we can meet below,
And find our rest like some returning above
And be at home at once with our eternal love." Love.

Marion, S. C.; March 12th, 1888

W.B.O.

Baptist Courier please copy

BIBLICAL RECORDER, Mar. 21, 1888

The Reverend A. W. PRICE was the fifth pastor of the church. He began his work at Piney Forest in January 1886. He was pastor of a number of churches in Columbus County, and came to this county from Marion, South Carolina. He had begun his work in the Pee Dee Association in South Carolina.

In 1884 he served Whiteville and Spring Branch Churches, and in 1886, he served Whiteville, Spring Branch, Fair Bluff, Porter Swamp and Piney Forest.

He actively worked in the Cape Fear Baptist Association and served on numerous committees.

The church agreed to pay Reverend Price a salary of \$100. for the year. Reverend Price preached his final sermon at Piney Forest in October of 1886.

PINEY FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH, Chadbourn, NC, 1869-1969, p. 27

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Mr. Stough was succeeded in 1882 by the Rev. Abraham David Cohen, a native of Liverpool, England, and a son of Jewish parents. He was converted to Christianity while a young man, against his parents' wishes. He held pastorates in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, was active in the Order of Masons, and also served as a chaplain for the Confederacy.

The church was without a pastor, at least in the official associational record, during 1884, but James William Wildman accepted the call in 1885 to serve Laurinburg, Spring Hill and Rockingham churches.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., Mr. Wildman came here from a pastorate in Roanoke, Va. C. B. Deane, a former president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, wrote that Mr. Wildman's pastorate was short, but "records reveal that his preaching was scholarly and he was an able advocate in the pulpit." During his period of service -- from 1885 through 1887 -- the church grew in size and strength. The annual budget was \$522.00 (\$350.00 went for the pastor's salary and \$118.00 for church expenses). Preaching was on two Sundays a month, the first and third.

The First Baptist Church was honored in 1885 when, for the first time, the Pee Dee Association meeting was held in Laurinburg. The Rev. Rufus Ford preached the leading sermon and W. M. Bostick served as moderator at this meeting, held in the sanctuary of the little church.

From late 1887 to 1891 the Laurinburg church, along with Alma and Spring Hill Baptist churches, was served by the Rev. Abraham William Price, a native of Conway, S.C. A man of poor health much of his life, he was forced to withdraw from both Wake Forest College and "the Seminary" because of a deteriorating physical condition. He suffered the loss of his parents before he was eighteen years of age and while in Laurinburg lost his two young children to illness within a month of each other. The writer of his obituary in the *Biblical Recorder* termed his sermons "homiletical gems (which) bristled with fresh and original thoughts."

While the record is not clear on the point of Livingston Johnson's period of service to the Laurinburg church, historians are convinced he was pastor here for a time, perhaps during 1891 and 1892.

Dr. Johnson was born near Wagram and farmed for six years at Riverton before he was ordained into the ministry. During his early years he served other churches in this section, including his home church, Spring Hill Baptist. A graduate of Wake Forest College, he grew in stature in the church as he advanced in years. He held several important positions in the State Baptist Convention, including that of editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.



Dr. Needham B. Cobb

Instrumental in organizing the Sunday School

At one time he was elected to the State Baptist Convention, another position. He earned over a broad part of his life.

It was in 1893 that Laurinburg had its first railroad shops. After the railroad was built from Portsmouth, Va., to Hamlet, the proportions in cultural sides of the community were clear that the Sunday school, the distinguished educator W. M. Bostick, made forward strides. By 1893

Actually Mr. Quakenbush, who founded Laurinburg High School, a private educational institution, a native made such an imprint that after his death in 1903 the "first" public subscriptions, to a monument in memory on the courthouse grounds, Carolina's first "education garden" unveiling.

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J. H. Dew

Josiah Hartwell Dew was born near Latta, S. C., June 30th, 1864. He received his college training at Furman University and afterwards attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, graduating from both institutions. He was ordained August 14th, 1890, at Catfish church, which he had joined in early life. He held brief pastorates in Georgia, Indiana and Kentucky. For fourteen years, beginning in 1914, he was state evangelist for the Baptists of Missouri and in this capacity he did the work of his life. He was adapted to this kind of work and had a great success in it. He closed his work with the state board of missions in Missouri in 1914 and from that time on he was an independent evangelist, engaged in holding meetings in all parts of the South. During this time his home was at Ridge Crest, N. C. It was here that he died August 26th, 1921. The body was brought back to Latta, his old home, and laid away in Magnolia cemetery. His evangelistic career was a great success.

J. A. Jackson

Jeff. A. Jackson was born March 25, 1848, and grew up in the Catfish community where he was ordained by this church. His first work as pastor in this Association was at Pleasant Grove, Clio, and Judson, where he served for a short time. About 1882 he moved to Atlanta, and after nine years he moved to Texas, where he was pastor at Jefferson in that State, a place of some prominence and sufficiently large to have entertained the Southern Baptist Convention in 1874. He spent the remainder of his life in Clarksville, Texas, where he was pastor and where he died June 10, 1898.

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John Henry Moody was born in Lon County on November 11, 1848, and was a minister until somewhat advanced in age and enjoyed the full confidence of the churches. He was regarded with favor wherever he went. He was at Piney Grove on February 1, 1888, when the Association appears to have been held at his home, in 1888. He served as pastor at the time of his death. At that time the churches at Pleasant Grove, White Pond, N. C., Sardis, U. S. A., occurred on February 21st, 1898, at Mt. Calvary.

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J. H. Moody

John Henry Moody was born in the eastern part of Dillon County on November 11, 1848. He did not enter the ministry until somewhat advanced in life. He was a pious man and enjoyed the full confidence of his neighbors and was regarded with favor wherever he was known. He was ordained at Piney Grove on February 8, 1885. His first pastorate in the Association appears to have been at Mt. Calvary, near his home, in 1888. He served this church at different times, being pastor at the time of his death. He also served for a time the churches at Pleasant Hill, Mt. Horeb, Olive Branch, White Pond, N. C., Sardis, Union, and Pyerian. His death occurred on February 21st, 1917, and the burial took place at Mt. Calvary.

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Abraham William Price was born at Conway, S. C., Jan. 28th, 1858. When quite young he made a profession of religion, and with his conversion came his call to the ministry. He felt the need of preparation for the work and determined to begin at once the prosecution of his studies. In this, however, he was destined to be disappointed; for when he was fourteen years of age, his father died and left a widow and three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eldest.

Although he was a delicate, fragile youth, the support of the family devolved upon him. He bore this heavy and unexpected burden without a murmur until he was eighteen, at which time his mother died, and the other children were able to take care of themselves.

When about nineteen years of age, he entered Ashpole Institute, then under the control of Rev. Stineon Ivey. He attended this institution for perhaps two years, after which he went to Wake Forest. He hadn't been at Wake Forest many months when his health gave way, and all his friends, even his physician, thought that he could not recover. After weeks of great suffering he was partially restored; but his physician told him it would not do for him to resume his studies. With an aching heart he was forced to give up the long-cherished hope of a full course at Wake Forest.

After resting for sometime, he regained about his usual health, and determined to go at least a year to the Seminary. Here again he was doomed to disappointment. When the session was a little more than half spent, his health gave way, and once more that precious life trembled in the balance. When he was able to travel, he came home, and in October, 1882, took the pastoral care of Antioch church in Marion county, S. C. From Antioch he moved to Mullens, and became pastor of a group of churches with Mullens as a centre. From Mullens he removed to Whiteville, N. C., of which church, in connection with some others, he was pastor for four years. From Whiteville he was called to a field comprising Laurinburg, Spring Hill and Alma churches. He came to this field and settled in Laurinburg, N. C., in November, 1887. He was called to Wadesboro and removed to that place in August, 1891. From Wadesboro on the 27th of May last, he was called to heaven.

In the death of Bro. Price, the denomination has lost one of its strongest men.

Though he was a young man when he died, he had developed into a preacher of marked ability. His mind was intensely analytical, and his powers of discrimination exceptionally fine, enabling him to draw the finest distinctions. His sermons were homiletical gems, and bristled with fresh and original thoughts.

We have few preachers who are as gifted in the use of English as was Price. He was never at a loss for a word, and it was always just the right word.

He was modest and unassuming in his bearing, and hence would not make so good an impression on strangers as some men of less modesty and less ability. To be appreciated, it was necessary that he be known, and when best known he was most appreciated.

The life of A. W. Price should be an inspiration to young ministers in many ways. In the first place, it should encourage those whose circumstances and surroundings absolutely prohibit them from thoroughly preparing themselves for their work. Now I do not mean that his example should cause young brethren to be indifferent about their preparation. On the contrary, it should stimulate to greater endeavors in this respect; for there was never a more earnest advocate of ministerial education than he. Twice he hazarded his life in seeking that preparation of which he so much felt the need, and only gave it up at last when forced to do so by physical weakness.

To a man who is prevented by circumstances beyond his control, from taking a regular course at a literary institution, the example of Bro. Price is encouraging; for though his college course was cut short by failing health, he didn't give up the work of preparation, but prosecuted his studies in connection with his pastoral duties. In this way he attained to quite a considerable degree of scholarship.

Again, his example should help us to surmount difficulties. Much of his best work was done while suffering physical agony. I remember to have heard him say on one occasion, that he had never spent one single day free from suffering. And yet, although he was such a sufferer, there is no man in North Carolina, perhaps, who has done ten years of harder or more effective mental labor. But now his sufferings are all over, and he has entered upon the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON.

REV. T. P. LIDE ON THE DEATH OF BRO. PRICE.

Editor of Biblical Recorder:—My heart was deeply saddened when I saw the announcement to-day in your columns that Rev. Abram William Price was dead. He was born in Conwayboro, S. C., where he lived for several years, moving from there in early boyhood to Marion county in the same State, where he grew up to manhood. He was a bright, intelligent boy, and much devoted to his widowed mother. He worked as a farm hand for several years, and in every employment was faithful and had the entire confidence of his employers. He lived with me first as hired boy, and afterwards more in the capacity of a pupil and as a member of my family. It was my privilege to bury his mother, and to baptize himself, his sisters and his brother. I also baptized his wife, preached his ordination sermon, and married him. He was married to Miss Pauline Watson of Marion county, S. C., who still survives him. His constitution was frail. He was never robust in body and vigorous in health. A stroke of lightning, when quite a young lad, seemed to have impaired his health, and his course, at Wake Forest College and the Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary, was cut short by extreme illness. He had the measles three times, the last time very seriously. He suffered intensely from an attack of acute dyspepsia, and through much weakness did his Master's work. When his father-in-law died, in coming to his funeral during an intensely cold spell of weather, his two little children contracted pneumonia and died. He has had to pass through deep waters.

He served very acceptably as pastor some churches in Marion county, S. C., from whence he removed to Fair Bluff and Whiteville, N. C. From Whiteville he moved to Laurinburg, where he served as pastor. From Laurinburg he moved to Wadesboro, where he had but fairly begun his work when God took him. In every pastorate he was faithful and greatly blessed in building up the cause. The churches he served in Marion county, S. C., and in Columbus and Robeson counties of North Carolina, will long feel his impress for good.

His mind was bright, vigorous and grasping. He was a fine sermonizer and a good preacher. He was a workman that needed not to be ashamed. His character was beautiful. Deep, earnest piety made him lovely in life and mourned in death.

My spiritual son in the gospel, farewell! Many hearts will long be saddened because you have been taken from this earth, and heaven will be nearer and brighter because you are there.

T. P. LIDE.

Elloree, S. C., June 2, 1892.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT BY WADESBORO CHURCH.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God to call to his reward, Rev. A. W. Price, the Wadesboro Baptist church, of which he was the beloved pastor, offers this tribute of respect:

Abraham William Price died on Friday morning, May 27th, at 2 o'clock. About eight weeks before his death, he was suddenly stricken with meningitis. When first attacked, his life was despaired of, and sorrowing friends gathered around his bedside, thinking that every hour the end would come. Before many days had passed, there was a change for the better, and hopes were entertained of his recovery. These hopes, however, were destined to be shattered; for soon there came a relapse, which, if possible, was more severe than the first attack, and after two weeks of anxious watching, the end came. The "last great monster," which most men regard with terror, was to him a "welcome messenger." Several times during his last illness he prayed that he might "depart and be with Christ." Of him it may be truly said as of God's servants of old, "he fell on sleep." He died as peacefully as a little child falls to sleep in its mother's arms. He "leaned his head on the Saviour's breast and breathed his life out sweetly there."

Though his stay among us was so short (having been here about ten months), he had won his way into the hearts of all our people. His delicately refined nature, his cultured manners, his gentlemanly bearing, his tender regard for the feelings of others, his easy and graceful style of conversation, made him the central figure in whatever company he was thrown. As every good citizen should do, he took a lively interest in whatever was for the well-being of his community. A young man himself, he was the special friend of young men, and eagerly seized upon every opportunity by word, by example and by personal contact, to inspire them with exalted aims and pure aspirations. Nor yet was he unmindful of the old; but many a ray of sunshine did he bring into the lives of those over whom the shadows of evening were lengthening. All—young and old, rich and poor—found in him a friend. As a preacher, we do not think it exaggeration to say he had few equals in the State. He was practical and pungent, fresh and vigorous, and at times surpassingly eloquent. He was a man of unusual modesty. A less modest man with his ability would have occupied much more prominent positions. But despite his modesty, he was rapidly coming to the front and his ability was being recognized throughout the State.

Wishing to give some expression to the high regard and esteem in which we held him, therefore

Resolved 1. That in the death of Brother Price, Wadesboro has lost one of its most useful citizens; our church an able, earnest, faithful and efficient pastor, and our denomination one of its strongest preachers.

Resolved 2. That while this is a mysterious providence, past our finding out, yet, with crushed hearts, we bow to receive the stroke, knowing that he who sends it "doeth all things well."

Resolved 3. That we tender to the sorrowing widow and darling little child our sympathies and prayers, and commend them to the love and care of that one who has promised to be a Father of the fatherless and a Judge of the widows.

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy sent to the BIBLICAL RECORDER, Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer, and the Baptist Courier, with requests that they publish the same.

W. J. McLENDON,
F. C. ALLEN,
L. JOHNSON,
E. A. COVINGTON,
Committee.

LADIES

Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Biliousness and Liver Complaints.

The Ladies' Home Journal for July will contain the literary debut of Bret Harte's young daughter, Miss Jessamy Harte. She will give a most entertaining description of "Camp Life in the Adirondacks," in which it is claimed every evidence shows itself of inherited literary tendencies not unlike those evidenced in Bret Harte's earlier work. Miss Harte is a girl still in her teens, and has artistic as well as literary proclivities, as one of the illustrations accompanying her first article shows.

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