

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1891.

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Rev. B. H. Phillips, who died in Reidsville on Thursday, Jan. 29, 1891, was born in Carroll county, Tenn., May 6, 1853. He was baptized into the fellowship of Selma Baptist church by Rev. N. B. Cobb, on the third Sabbath in Nov., 1874. He graduated from Wake Forest College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1880. He preached his first sermon in New Friendship church July 3, 1881, and was ordained at Reidsville April 4, 1882. The ordaining presbytery was composed of Revs. F. H. Jones, P. H. Fontaine, H. A. Brown and W. H. Wilson. He became pastor of Reidsville Baptist church in February 1883. He has been pastor at Rockingham, N. C., at Alderson and Ronceverte, W. Va., in the Richmond county Association and at Whiteville, N. C. For about six years his health has been steadily declining. He has struggled hard to build up that he might live to work for the Lord and care for his loved ones. During these years he often met his appointments when he was really not able to go and when his companion feared that he might die on the road.

Last August he was compelled to give up his work and he went to Colorado Springs in hope of restoration, but returned to Reidsville about the 20th of December, seemingly not much improved, and he continually grew worse until his triumphant deliverance from mortal pain and spiritual harm at 1 p. m. Jan. 29.

About one week before his death, in one of those sinking spells which seemed to indicate that the end was near, he called for a book containing some of the dates above given and said, "You can use them and preach from the text 'By the grace of God I am what I am.'" He then said, "we are getting these things ready; you may need them to-morrow or it may be longer, but it is right to be ready." I said is there anything you would like me say to the brethren in the State for you. He then said, "Yes, I want to thank them very kindly for helping me to try to get well. Tell them to be resigned to my death; I am, and to remember that all things work together for good to them that love God. I want to say that I have been the recipient of much kindness in the various fields where I have labored. I have preached 760 sermons. I go hopefully but not depending on anything I have done for salvation. For the encouragement of others, I would say that when I promised the Lord to preach I promised to have no other work so long as I would be sustained in the ministry. I kept my pledge and God was true to me—He will always be."

His mind was clear, his hopes bright and his faith strong. An hour before death he said to me, extending his hand as I came to his bedside, "I am going, I shall soon be there—I'm almost there" and then throwing back both hands with an expressive gesture he said, "The will of the Lord be done." This was his last utterance.

He was buried from the church where he had often preached nearby his own little Willie Wallace. Loving friends covered the mound with floral tributes and there the body of our brother awaits the trump of God and the splendors of the crowning day.

W. L. WRIGHT.

If every suffering lady who reads the BIBLICAL RECORDER knew how easily and

The new Crystal Ice Factory is now in full blast of business, and turning out immense blocks of ice every few minutes.—*E. City Economist-Falcon.*

Mr. D. F. St. Clair has retired from the editorial management of the *Sanford Express* to accept a position on the editorial staff of the *Charlotte Chronicle*.

Miss Mattie W. Rountree has severed her connection with the *Orphan's Friend*, and accepted a position as teacher in the Oxford Female Seminary.

The Beaufort Canning Company is using 1,800 bushels of oysters per day. This is the only packing-house in the State owned by North Carolinians.—*New Berne Journal.*

Work has commenced on the new main building at Rutherford College. The contract price for the building is \$6,130, and it will be a building of which the friends of the institution may feel proud.—*Morganton Herald.*

Lee Mellock of Morganton was shot and killed on Sunday the 1st inst., near Morganton, by Philo Moore, an escaped prisoner whom he was trying to arrest. The Governor has offered a reward of \$200.00 for Moore's apprehension.

Daniel Lee and Andrew Caldwell of Madison county were run over by a freight train near Marshall on Sunday morning, Feb. 1st. Lee was instantly killed, and Caldwell had one leg cut off and the other badly crushed. Both, it is stated, were under the influence of whiskey.

A young tornado passed over Hot Springs on the first inst. about midnight. Lance's store was completely wrecked. Loss of stock \$1,500. The Baptist church was flooded, and the Rumbough and other residences damaged. Much alarm was caused by the storm, but no lives were lost.—*Asheville Citizen.*

Mr. J. A. Bonitz, the editor and proprietor of the *Wilmington Messenger*, the largest daily paper in the State, died suddenly at the Orton House in Wilmington on Saturday morning last. As a journalist, he was among the foremost in the State. He was born in Germany and emigrated to this country when quite young.

General News.

The cotton crop of the country is supposed to be over 8,000,000 bales.

It is rumored that the minister to Portugal is going to resign his mission and that Wm. Windom, Jr., will be his successor.

The World's Fair directory has appointed Hon. Chauncey M. Depew of New York and Col. A. B. Andrews of this State a committee on transportation. Beyond all question, they are the best men in the country for the position.

The three Farmers' Alliance men of the Illinois Legislature have succeeded in controlling the balloting for the election of Senator. If they continue to stand by their guns, they will, in all probability, elect an Allianceman.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt, the celebrated French actress, is now making her farewell tour in this country. As long as the theatrical cranks worship at her shrine and the

SILER—Deacon J. W. Siler died at his home in Staley on Dec. 17th, 1890. He was fifty-third year of his age, and for thirty years a member of the Baptist church. Many acts of kindness and benevolence for him a host of friends who will shed him and weep over his departure, with a devoted wife and two dear children. May the comforts and consolations of the gospel of Christ sustain them in their hour.

Carthage, N. C.

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FRASIER—At her home in Salisbury, C., on Jan. 29th, 1891, Mrs. Julietta Frazier was a most pious and Christian woman. She had been a member of Elm Grove Baptist church in Guilford for many years. In her life she was a sufferer, having not seen a well day in nearly forty years. Though weak, she was strong in the Lord, and died in faith. May the Lord bind up the hearts of the motherless and fatherless children. "Blessed are the pure in heart, they see God."

FULFORD—At her home in Spring Nash county, Dec. 9th, 1890, Sister L. F. Fulford, aged forty-five years. She had faith in Christ when fourteen years of age, joined the Methodist church, of which she was a member until 1881, when she joined Baptist church with her husband. Sister Fulford was a kind and good woman. She had a daughter and husband to mourn the loss of. We feel that the Lord has taken her to the blessings that he has in store for the faithful. "Blessed are the dead who rest in the Lord."

JAS. P. UNDERWOOD.

WAFF—Died, of pneumonia, in Macon, Ga., January 21st, J. J. Waff, son of J. Waff, of Reynoldson, N. C. The deceased was in his thirty-fifth year. In his youth he became a Christian and united with the church at Yeopim, Chowan county, near which place his early years were spent. Leaving there, he spent several years in school, and in 1878 he moved to Georgia. In 1884 he was married to Miss Sallie Edwards, daughter of A. Edwards, of Macon county, Va. They made their home in Macon, Ga. Here their lives were marked by their unassuming manner and the love which they drew hearts to them.

Few men could have been missed more than Joe Waff will be. In his church work, and active in the school as its superintendent, he was at the same time charitable to all who differed from him, and one could not tell from any national line where his best friends were found.

His funeral was preached by Rev. J. Jessup of Eastman, Ga., who faithfully portrayed the beauty of a Christian life. He showed how "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." A young lawyer, of an aged Methodist minister, a remarkable companion that day, "Joe was the friend my father's family ever had. An aged citizen of the place, as he turned the grave and spoke to the minister, down with grief as though he had buried his own son. From every quarter came showing how blessed is the life of a man. We miss him, and it is hard to get him up, for we loved him. But if others, how must it be for the young whose life was the counterpart of his."

Ever careful of his every wish, he shared him his every interest, her devotion was as only those who knew them intimately appreciate. She was ill during his life and could not wait upon him. He said, "If I could only have done more for him, if only to have rubbed his head, it would not seem so much as it would be."

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Additional biographical information contained in Rockingham First Baptist Church vertical file.

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BARNEY HAMILTON PHILLIPS

This dear young brother, after two years of patient suffering, died at his home in Reidsville, N. C., on January 29th. Some months before this he went to Colorado, hoping the change of climate would help him. While there he grew worse and returned home. He felt assured that his life's race was soon to close, and quietly and submissively awaited his Father's will.

Bro. Phillips was an able preacher, a devout Christian, and spent his brief span of life in doing good and glorifying God. His early death was a source of grief to many in North Carolina.

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NAME: Phillips, B. H.

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Association. He represented his county in the State Legislature; was in the Congress of the United States in 1852-53 and again in 1858-59; was Judge of the Superior Court during the war, and was again elected judge by the people in 1874 for eight years. He was the orator of the Mecklenburg Centennial celebrated May 20th, 1875. He was also a trustee of the State University, president of the North Carolina Historical Society at the time of his death, and received the title of LL.D. from both Trinity College and the State University.

When a young Christian his faith and zeal were so great that many predicted that he would follow his father into the pulpit, but worldly ambition tempted him into politics. God, however, was gracious to him, and restored his first love, and for many years before his death he became eminent for his godliness. He loved the society of Christ's children, and while he was attending to his judicial duties it was a common thing for this magnificently endowed man to forsake the fashionable circles, which eagerly courted his society, and find his chief delight in some humble prayer-meeting.

He was never ordained as a preacher, but no Sabbath was permitted to pass, no matter where he was, without his bearing witness to the love of Jesus, and his exhortations were all the more forcible because of his position on the bench.

He died Sept. 5, 1879, at his home in Reidsville, N. C., after a protracted illness.

F. H. JONES, Committee.

On December 24th, 1881, a motion was made and carried that the church and lot be put up and sold at public auction which was done and said sale was confirmed by the church in its meeting on February 25th, 1882. At the same meeting R. H. Wray, P. N. Howard and S. H. Ware were appointed a committee to get a deed for the new lot which was given by Bro. H. K. Reid and make arrangements for a new meeting house.

On April 4th, 1882, Bros. F. H. Jones, H. A. Brown, W. H. Wilson and P. H. Fontaine met at the Reidsville Baptist Church and constituted a presbytery for the purpose of ordaining Bro. B. H. Phillips of Caswell, a minister of Christ's gospel and after a thorough examination he was ordained.

RESIGNATION OF BRO. P. H. FONTAINE

On October 21st, 1882: "Whereas Bro. Fontaine has tendered his resignation of the Reidsville Baptist Church; Resolved that we deeply regret that an occasion makes it necessary for a dissolution of the connection which has so long and pleasantly existed between us as pastor and people.

"Resolved that in accepting his resignation we do so with heartfelt reluctance, assuring him at the same time of our unceasing attachment to him as a faithful, earnest and able minister of the Gospel of Christ, and in whatever portion of the Master's vineyard he may be called to labor he will carry with him the assurance of our prayers for his temporal and spiritual success."

On November 26th 1882 the new church was dedicated by Bro. Goodwin of Danville in the presence of a large audience.

On December 9th, 1882 a motion was made and carried that a vote of thanks be tendered Bro. P. H. Fontaine for superintending the building of the new church and also to the Presbyterian church for the use of their church during its construction, said vote of thanks to be published in the two papers of the town.

REV. B. H. PHILLIPS

On January 27th, 1883, Rev. B. H. Phillips was elected pastor and began his ministry the following Sunday. Dancing which was strictly against the rules of the church, was at its height of popularity as one of the social vices. It was for this reason Brother Phillips was asked to give it special consideration on his first appearance in the pulpit. At the business meeting it was voted that Brothers Tucker, N. Ware and J. S. Morrison attend to having twenty-four trees planted around the meeting house. Only one of those old

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trees remains standing—a mute witness of the struggling years, a silent spectator of the march of time—spreading its drooping limbs as if in prayer, while its shadows fall like a benediction on the passers by, whether it be a band of the faithful seeking the fellowship of friends or communion with the great I AM; or a pilgrimage of sorrow seeking comfort for their tears while bearing their loved ones into God's house—The Port of Call on the Great Adventure.

It need not be wondered at that a motion to remove the tree was lost by an overwhelming majority when put to vote a few months ago.

Rev. B. H. Phillips was born in Carrol County, Tennessee May 6, 1854, but moved with his parents in early childhood to Clayton, N. C., where he grew to manhood. He was baptized into the fellowship of Selma Baptist Church on the third Sunday of November 1874. He attended Wake Forest College, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts June 12, 1880. His first impressions that God was calling him to preach came to him while he was yet a student in college, but having planned to study law and also fearing that he might be mistaken he fought the call. About a year, however, after leaving school during an illness of typhoid fever he felt the call so strongly that he promised the Father that as soon as he was well again he would heed the call. His first sermon was preached in New Friendship Baptist Church July 3, 1881. On April 4, 1882, he was ordained at Reidsville, the ordaining presbytery being composed of Revs. F. H. Jones, Henry A. Brown, P. H. Fontaine, and W. H. Wilson.

Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Sarah Rominger of Forsyth County on December 23, 1880, and to this union five children were born, three of whom still survive. Also surviving are three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The first year of his ministry he served country churches, being employed by the State Mission Board. Then in February 1883, he was called to become pastor of the Reidsville Baptist Church where he spent three happy and fruitful years, resigning in September, 1886, because of ill health. When he came to Reidsville the church was receiving aid from the Mission Board, but during his pastorate it became self-sustaining. He and Mrs. Phillips organized the church's first Ladies Aid and Missionary Society, and in appreciation of his work and interest in this phase of church work the ladies of the church erected a stone at his grave immediately following his death.

Mr. Phillips held pastorates in Rockingham, N. C., Alderson, W. Va., and Whiteville, N. C. It was from the latter place in August, 1890, that his health having completely given way he was compelled to give up the work and go to Colorado Springs in hope of regaining his health. He had waited too late though and returned to Reidsville December 20, 1890, Mrs. Phillips and the children having gone back there to live, and on January 29, 1891, he fell asleep in Jesus.

He realized the end was near and made preparation having asked that the text "By the grace of God, I am what I am," be used at his funeral. His mind was clear to the end and he met death without a fear, knowing that it only meant entering that eternal home where sorrow and weeping are no more. Mr. Wright said of him at his funeral, "He was a true Christian and staunch Baptist. He was faithful and true in the discharge of his duties, gentle as a woman, yet firm when need be—a man of great power and persuasion in the pulpit, and a beloved visitor in the homes of his people."

March 10th, 1883, a vote of thanks was tendered the proprietors of Redd's Piedmont and Star warehouses, and also the Messrs. R. P. Richardson, Henry Sampson, David Morris, H. K. Reid, and Dr. John Redd "for liberal and material aid rendered us in procuring necessary furniture for our pulpit."

On July 7th, 1883, the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas we believe that the interest of the church and the Cause of the Master demands it, Therefore be it Resolved: That the Deacons of this church be requested to hold a monthly meeting among themselves for the purpose of looking after the interest of the church, such as the finances, caring for the poor, and all other duties devolving upon them as deacons."

On October 5th, 1889, Dr. L. G. Broughton received as a member by letter.

October 11th, 1884, Mrs. H. K. Reid, Miss Ada Tucker, Miss Carrie Thacker, J. W.

