

privilege of hearing our beloved Pastor, William J. Purington preach every Sunday, and sometimes through the week, but how little do I appreciate it, how boldly but not impudently does he declare the truth as it is in Jesus. He contends for salvation by grace alone, and I firmly believe that he would go to the stake and be put to death before he would preach any other doctrine, he has been with us five years and I believe there is a great work for him to perform. Oh how much I was strengthened when I read Anna Pragins letter in the *Signs of the Times*. I felt that these promises of God that she made reference to were applied to my case, but I am so unworthy I hardly dare to hope that they are for me. The only hope that I have is this, that the things and places that I once loved I now hate and the places I once hated I now love. At the last communion of our Church, as they sat and partook of the Lord's supper, I thought I never saw such a sight, I saw it as I never saw it before, I can't describe it. Oh how this poor unworthy me has to exclaim as did the dying thief on the cross, when he rebuked the other thief saying dost thou not fear God, seeing that thou art in the same condemnation and we indeed justly for we receive the just reward of our deeds, but this man has done nothing amiss, and he said unto Jesus, Lord remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom. But I must bring this scribble to a close for fear I weary you, as I am about to close, I have one request to make and that is this, I want you and all the saints, who may see this, to pray for me, that I may be out of Babylon for I am tired of feeding on the husks, that the swine fed on.

My Dear Friend if you think this scribble is worth a place in your paper, you may publish it, if not cast it aside and all will be well. May Israel's God be with you, and keep you steadfast in the truth is the wish of your unworthy friend. A Southampton voice.

My precious friend in Christ, if you publish this please sign it A Southampton Voice, but if you don't think it proper, you can put my name to it, I saw an account in in your paper that you did not like to publish anything without a name, but this has got a name to it. I have a reason for not having my name to it, but I can't tell it to you new. If

you think this worth an answer, my address is Davisville, P. O., Bucks County, Pa. I would very much like to have your Photograph.

I remain your friend,
A VOICE FROM SOUTHAMPTON, PA.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. }
November 10, 1872. }

My much esteemed Brother, by the kind permission of an allwise and merciful God I am still the spared monument of his amazing mercy, permitted one more time, to send on my remittance for the welcome Messenger ZION'S LAND MARKS. Brother Gold, you will please pardon me for my delinquency in forwarding on my dues. Inclosed you will find two dollars for LAND MARKS.— Brother Gold my health of late is excellent and also my two daughters for which I wish to be thankful to the giver of all things, either for time or great eternity. I was permitted one more time to attend Mount Lebanon Church, of which my membership is, and I did think that I gathered some small crumbs which fell from my masters table whilst Brother Moore and Brother A. N. Hall were preaching in the spirit and power of God. It has been several years since I was amongst my brothers and sisters and I feel a greater desire to meet them again. O that it may be so that I can meet with them, live with them, and lastly die with, and after death, live with them through the never ending ages of Heaven and Glory, where there will be no more sorrow, sickness, pain or death, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. On reading Brother F. A. Chick's answer to Sister Francis' request, in the *Signs of the Times*, Oct. 1st, I felt edified and built up, and that I could witness what he said to be so. Brother Gold, I of late have been as low down amongst the pots as any mortal it seems could get to have any hope in Christ at all, and if I am one of his, I feel that I am the very least of all. The most disobedient in my short comings, and misgivings, and feel often that I am unworthy to take the pure and holy name in my sin defiled and polluted lips but to whom shall I go, thou hast the words of eternal life. Brother Gold when you pass through Charlotte call on me a poor cast away and do not pass me by as you have done of late, and I extend the invitation to all brothers and sisters to

do likewise. When it goes well with you, remember poor unworthy me, and give more of your preaching through ZION'S LAND MARKS.

I remain your unworthy brother.
HARGIS FARTHING.

OBITUARY.

RHODA WHITEHEAD BATTLE. Sister Battle departed this life on 6th December 1872, in the 83d year of her age. She was married to Elder Joseph J. Battle (a minister widely known and highly esteemed in his day, and whose memory is fondly cherished in the hearts of many now living) in January 1810; and was baptized by Elder Mallory Reeves, in Powerton Church, Hancock county, Ga., in July 1812; and had been therefore at the time of her death a member of the church for about sixty years. There are many brethren and sisters scattered abroad in this and other states who upon reading these lives will recur to pleasant interviews and hospitable entertainment beneath the roof of the late Elder Battle and to the kind ministrations of our more recently departed sister and mother in Israel, for she was indeed a mother in Israel. She was at the time of her death a member of the Phillippi church, Schley county, Ga., but had not been able to attend any of the meetings for perhaps the last four years. For the last two years she lived with her son, Brother Randolph Battle, and it was my privilege to converse with her several times, and in spiritual things, though old in years, her strength had not abated nor her eye grown dim. She expressed herself as awaiting the summons of the Lord to depart and be with him. She was ever deeply conscious of her unworthiness, but she knew in whom she believed and was persuaded that she was able to keep that which she had committed to him against that day." In her last sickness of two weeks, when first taken she said the messenger had come, and she ardently desired to depart and be with the Lord, and though a part of the time she suffered excruciatingly, no complaining word escaped her lips, but with patience she suffered until her appointed time and then as peacefully as a child, she fell asleep in Jesus.

Thus one by one their faces are changed and they are sent away; but says Paul, "I would not have you to be ignorant brethren concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

I endeavored to speak some comforting words at the burial, after which her body was deposited in the dust to await the resurrection.
J. R. RESSPESS.

MR GOLD:—Please allow me a short space in your columns to commemorate the sad death of little MACKY DOWNING, who departed this life September 13th 1872. He had entered into his fourth year, just old enough to be fondly cherished by his parents. He was the first and only child of Fannie and James Downing. Oh! what can we say for the consolation of his dear parents whose hearts at this moment must be wringing with anguish. We can only say one comforting word to them: we hope he is at rest with his Maker. But Oh! how sad to think that his silvery voice is banished from their ears forever, and his little prattling tongue will no more be heard. Death that great monster suddenly snatched him from time to eternity and now holds him in his icy grasp to moulder into its mother dust.
Beautifully lovely he was given
A fair bud to earth to blossom in heaven.
B. & H.

Died at his residence near Whitakers on the 17th of December, 1872, of Typhoid fever, DEMPSY V. MAYO, aged 24 years and 9 months. Let us be admonished of the shortness of life and the certainty of death, and so to live that when the summons comes we will have nothing to do but draw up our feet and die.

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