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Hamilton, N. C., Sep. 15th, 1876.

Dear Brother Gold:—

Through the request of the church, and in accordance with a desire of my own, I, through great weakness, attempt to write and forward you for publication the obituary of our dear and much esteemed sister in Christ, WINIFRED LYNCH, who departed this life, June 28th, 1876, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Elder Jno. W. Purvis.

The deceased was about 75 years of age, and was a sister of the late Elder Blount Cooper. She obtained a hope in Christ when young, but, like a great many of the dear chidren of God, remained out of the discharge of her duty for some time before she took up her cross. She was baptized with her own sister in the flesh, sister Purvis, into the fellowship of the church at Conoho, by Elder Wm. Hyman. And I think I can safely say that I never saw a more orderly christian, or one that bore more the marks of true humility and meeknoss than did sister LYNCH .-She was ever ready to converse upon the theme of salvation by grace, and ever felt that she was saved by the obedience and rightcousness of Christ. Her example and christian walk was one that we should strive to imitate, and one that should teach us to be continually upon the watch-tower, looking for the enemy and adversary of souls, who goeth about to and fro through the earth, seeking whom he may devour, and to consider the profession we have made of the name of Christ, and to adorn that profession as she has done, and to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.

Sister LYNCH died in the full triumph of faith, continueing steadfast, and often saying she did not fear death. She bore her afflictions with the true fortitude and resignation of a christian, never, during the thirteeen days of her violent illness, being heard to murmer or complain, but seemed to be perfectly willing and resigned to the will of the Lord. Thus has a mother in Israel departed from our midst, and one whose virtues and trials it is our duty to imitate. We miss her

from among us, but believe she has entered into that rest that remains to the people of God, and is folded in the arms of that Jesus who gave his life a ransom for her, and whom she so faithfully served while here on earth. It is with this hope that we would desire to comfort the mourning family of the deceased, for we mourn not for her as we do for those who have no hope—believing that death has proved rather a blessing than a woe to her; for it is written, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Yours, in humble hope.

M. T. LAWRENCE.

Brother L. H. Hardy expects to preach, the Lord willing,

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Associational.— Our brethren abroad are hereby informed that at the late session of the Bear Creek Baptist Association, held with Lawyer's Spring church, in Anson county, N. C., on the 23d, 24th, and 25th of September, 1876, that said Association did, then and there, declare nonfellowship with Eld. Calvin Helms and all his followers, for his unorthodox principles and disorderly behavior. We therefore caution and admonish our brethren abroad to beware of him.

By order of the Association.
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The Harmony Primitive Baptist Association, Ga., to the Churches of which she is composed: Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ:

Dearly Beloved Brethren and Sisters in the Lord:—In the wise arrangement of an ever-gracious Providence, we have been again permitted to meet in our annual Association, and in conclusion of our business, and in pursuance of our usual custom, we send you, connected with our Minutes, our Annual Address, in which we desire to call your attention to 1st Peter 1: 22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brothren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."—We will notice some few things written by the apostle in the commencement of this epistle.

We find that the apostle directed this address to a people he called strangers; and these people or strangers he called the elect; elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. And these are the same people or strangers, that the apostle Paul speaks of when he uses this language, "According as he hath chosen us in him (that is in Christ,) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in leve."—Eph. 1:4. The apostle further tells us, that God, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Therefore we are taught that the Church of Christ are all included in the gift of the Father to the Son; all born of the Spirit in Zion, and all united in the endearing ties of spiritual relationship. There is a sympathetic union that christians bear to each other, which brings them to a still closer identity of interest, of feeling, and of affection as members of the same body. In reading the scriptures we find such words as these: "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." And again. "As we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."—Rom. 12: 4, 5. Agair, we hear the apostle Paul saying, "But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body fitly framed together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."—Eph. 4:

We hear the Apostle Paul saying, "Husbands, love your wives even also as Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it."—Eph. 5: 25-And we hear Jesus Christ saying, that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—St. John 3: 16. Now, we believe that God loved the world, because his Church, which is the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, was in the world. So, God commendeth his love toward us, that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Now Brethren, if God so loved us that he sent his Son the Just, to suffer and die for us the unjust, yea, for such poor sinners as we are! and hath shed abroad that love wherewith he loved us in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, which was given unto us—should we not, as the dear children of God, love one another with a pure heart fervently? For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Our biessed Savior says, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Again, "For by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples. If ye have love one for another."—St. John 13: 34, 35.

So, Brethren and Sisters, let us remember the text and take heed thereto; see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently, for love is the fulfilling of the law; for love worketh no ill to his neighbor. And Brethren, let us not love in words nor in tongue, but in deed and in trath. Therefore, Brethren, let love be without dissimulation, and let brotherly love continue; yea! see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Now Brethren and Sisters, as the dear children of God, let us show our love for each other by acts of kindness toward one another; let us be willing and ready, as much as is in us, at all times, to give to the destitute and the needy; let us ever be ready to speak a kind word to those that are in trouble, and to those that are cast down; let our words be words of comfort to all the dear saints; let us be found always watching over one another for good and not for evil.

Finally, Brethren, be strong in the Lord, pursuing every good word and work; live close to each other; let not this world appear to be our home; and, let as remember the sufferings that Jesus endured, in order that we might be redeemed from our sins.

Now, may the love of Christ dwell in you richly, and may his Spirit guide you in the pathway of christian duty, and may that brotherly love and christian union ever be perpetuated among the saints of God, is our prayer, for Christ's sake—Amen.

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