

CENTRAL PEACHTREE.

BEATITUDES OF A TEACHER.

Aug. 5. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Wilson fell off of a mule last week and broke both bones in his right arm just above the wrist.

Blessed is she who helpeth the little one; she shall have peace in her day.

The society opened here Monday with a good attendance.

Blessed is she who loveth little ones; she shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

The revival closed here Sunday afternoon. Two new members were added to the church.

Training Children Blessed is she who possesses faith, hope and patience; for her the rough places shall be made smooth and the crooked places straight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen and children are spending this week with his mother at Vesta.

Blessed is she who seeth the good in the wayward child; she shall find her reward in the life of a noble woman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen and children are spending this week with his mother at Vesta.

Blessed is she who hath brains and knoweth how to use them; she hath elements of growth within herself, and shall impart life to her scholars.

Mr. Clarence Hendrix is attending court at Murphy this week.

Blessed is she who knoweth her common sense; her praise shall be in the mouths of the children and parents continually.

Mr. Dick Rice and Miss M. B. Suddarth motored to Hayesville Sunday.

Several of the people here are planning to attend the Truett services at Murphy next week.

Blessed is she who knoweth the secret paths that leadeth to the conscience of the child; for her the gates of peace shall hang on golden hinges, and the ending of her life shall be like the ceasing of sweet music.

Miss Mae Suddarth is on the sick list this week.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Truett Taber died Monday night, Aug. 5th.

She who checks a child with terror, Stops its play and stills its song, Not alone commits an error, But a grievous, moral wrong. Would you stop a flowing river, Thinking it would cease to flow? Onward it must flow forever, Better teach it where to go.

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GEORGE W. TRUETT

The Home-Coming Of Geo. W. Truett

By Bryan W. Sipe

Dr. George W. Truett will arrive in Murphy Saturday afternoon preparatory to beginning a series of services on Sunday, August 10th, which will continue through the 22nd. Particular significance attaches to his coming back to this, his native section, where he spent his youth and young manhood, where he got his early educational training, where he played; where he plowed; where he began his great career, which carried his fame to every land.

Never more clearly than in the case of George W. Truett has the guiding hand of Divinity been revealed. From the remote sections of North Carolina this mountain lad was selected, guided into the ministry of Jesus Christ against his own will, made what some declare is the greatest preacher in the United States, others the greatest in the world, and practically all, the greatest among all the great preachers of the strong Baptist denomination.

Young Truett had talked a few times in the church when the pastor was away. He had made an impression. He could preach—right then he could preach. He knew to whom the old ministers referred; the congregation well knew. With all these prayers going up around him, his hopes of becoming a lawyer began to fade.

George W. Truett was born in Clay County, near Hayesville, County site, on May 6th, 1867, son of C. L. and Mary Truett. Many are the days of his boyhood that he followed the plow or harvested the crop on his father's farm, along with the other members of the family.

classes as "Pilgrim's Progress," "Saints' Everlasting Rest," "Christian Doctrines," "Book of Martyrs," and some choice works of fiction upon which the mind of young Truett fed.

At the age of eighteen the subject of this sketch began teaching. When nineteen, with the aid of a few of his friends, he founded Hiwassee College, at Hiwassee, Ga., and was its principal for three years. During this time it grew in numbers and influence, drawing students from many sections far and near.

After spending a year in the White night College, George was made the financial secretary of Baylor University, which was then struggling under a debt of nearly a hundred thousand dollars.

Soon after his graduation from Baylor the First Baptist Church, of Dallas, was looking for a pastor, and young Truett, though less than thirty years of age, was called. Not long after his installation as pastor, the trustees of Baylor unanimously elected him president of his Alma Mater, but after due deliberation, decided to remain with his flock, which he has continuously served for more than 27 years, even though calls from nearly every important city church of his faith in the country have been extended to him.

Under his pastorate the First Church of Dallas has grown to be one of the strongest in the South. It has a membership of nearly five thousand and a Sabbath school of some six thousand pupils. Several times it has been necessary to enlarge the

auditorium of his church to accommodate those who would sit under his preaching, and right now work is in progress doubling its seating capacity.

Dr. Truett has preached in nearly every important city of this country and in the principal capitals of Europe, especially the capitals of the Allied nations during the war. In every gathering of Baptists of sectional, national or international importance his leadership is sought. He was the official representative of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Baptist World's Missionary Conference, which met in London in 1920, and so great was his impress upon the conference that he was invited to be the convention preacher at the Baptist World Alliance, which met in the summer of 1923 at Stockholm.

In his success, he has not forgotten his old North Carolina home and the associations of his youth. His coming to Murphy will be a real home-coming for him. It cannot be said that "He came into his own and his own received him not," for his name is on every lip in this section and not hundreds but thousands will come here daily to hear him, to shake his hand and remember other days.

HIWASSEE.

Crops are looking fine in this section, but are needing rain at the present time.

Our Sunday school at Pleasant Hill is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Payne.

Mr. Mart Hamby of Marietta, Ga., is visiting Mr. James Darnall.

There will be a Sunday School picnic at Pleasant Hill on August 9th, with dinner on the ground. The picnic is open to the public.

Mr. P. H. Hamby visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williamson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reid were the guests of Mr. Geo. Reid of Ducktown last Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Hamby is very ill at the present time.

Miss Effie Bates, of Patrick, is visiting Miss Frances Burgess.

Mrs. Ora Reid and Mrs. Ruth Ledford have returned to Gastonia after visiting relatives and friends in this section.

The people of this section are very much interested in voting bonds for roads.

Mr. Harper and family of Ducktown, Tenn., were out one day last week fishing.

Mr. Charlie Ledford, of Patrick, N. C., is contemplating moving to New York.

A Smoky Mountains Park

At the last session of Congress Senator Shields of Tennessee introduced a bill appropriating \$10,000,000 for a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains. It did not receive consideration. But for health and enjoyment of the people of the United States, when the mountains now taken to ever part of the country, there could be no better investment. The Great Smokies are not so well known as the Rocky Mountains and the California Sierra. To point out to the guests of the Southern Appalachian are seen only in the distance of fiction. The wealth of their forests, the flash of their streams, the richness and beauty of their flora make up a book of revelations yet to be opened. How many know that in this region proposed for a national park there are situated more than 2,000 species of plants, 1,000 species of birds, and only thirty-one feet lower than Michel in the Asheville district of North Carolina, the highest mountain east of the Rockies. In Pigeon Mt., N. C., the heart of these Southern Appalachians, most of the invertebrates themselves exist, but very few of the names of some of the plants that give the locality its distinction. To pass in review Richland Balsam, Water Rock Knob, Cold Spring Knob, Lone Wolf, Rough Butt Bald, most of which are higher than Mount Washington, is too long for the depth and vastness of their hardwood forests, where the bear roams as freely as in Colonial days and the trout leaps to the fly in every mountain stream. Mr. W. P. Davis, chairman of the Smoky Mountain Forest Reserve Association writes:

"The mountains here, as a rule, covered with virgin timber, the most magnificent trees left in the United States at the present time. They have the most marvelous flora that is probably found in the world. At the present time (June) these mountains are covered with maple, sycamore, hemlock, laurel and many other flowering plants."

Horace Kephart, author of that human book "The Southern Mountains," speaks of one forest, through which Deep Creek flows, as containing "seventy or eighty different species of trees that have never been touched by the woodman's axe. They and their wonderfully varied undergrowth, stand just as God planted them." In Swain County there are eighty-two miles of black bear waters and 244 miles of "cigar-cut" tributaries where brook and rainbow trout may be caught. Only a few hardy hunters, lumbermen and scavengers have penetrated the recesses of this wilderness.

A little while and the forests of the Great Smokies will be despoiled unless Congress intervenes to save them for a national park. The Eastern States have no such people's recreation ground, Lafayette, or Mount Desert Island, has an exquisite panorama to charm its visitors, but it is a national park only in miniature. For exploring, camping, hunting, fishing and boating, for all the delights of the wilderness under the sun and stars, the realm of the Great Smokies alone in the East has the resources required for a national playground.—The

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