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EARLY METHODISM IN WELDON. PAPER PREPARED BY MRS. I. T. WILKINS AND READ & AT THE M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT.

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pioneer of Methodism found strong allies in both Mr. Morecock and

Mrs. Joyner. The church in Weldon

was organized in 1846 with seven members. These were Captain James Simmons, Mr. T. H. Wyatt,

Mrs. W. T. Whitfield, Mrs. Mary Allen, and three others, names un-

known. The name of the preach-

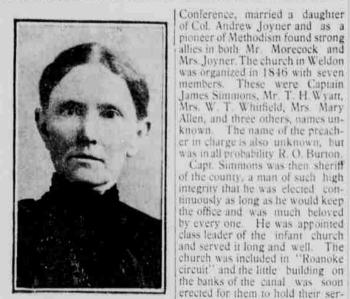
er in charge is also unknown, but

was in all probability R. O. Burton. Capt. Simmons was then sheriff

integrity that he was elected continuously as long as he would keep

the office and was much beloved by every one. He was appointed

REV. R. O. BURTON, D. D.



MRS. IDA T. WILKINS.

7 TTHERE is no record of Methodism in this community

in the years that are past and there are few living who know anything of its history. Sixty years ago there was only one Baptist church in a radius of twenty miles and not one of any other denomination except Methodist in the county, except, perhaps, some at or near Scotland Neck. The Kehukee or Hardshell Baptists had a

kee of Flardsheit Baptists had a strong following in the lower part of Halifax county, but there were none of at least no church organi-zation of any kind in this section. It is said that no history has been preserved of the pioneers of the preserved of the pioneers of the Cross who came as circuit riders cross who came as circuit riders stopping in the homes of the peo-travelling over miles of rough ple while on these rounds. He after its close after its close was a near relative of Mrs. W. H. In the year 1864, Rev. T. B paid and there were still many to this section to sow the seeds of Day, of Twilight, near Weldon, Kingsbury was preacher in charge things needed which made matters

ing reminiscences of his early ministry. In these he stated that his Weldon while in charge of this turn. first charge was Roanoke circuit, circuit, whose names are not on That his home was in Warrenton, our church register.

and that the circuit covered all of At the Conference held in Wil-Halifax and most of Warren counmington in 1855 Bishop Andrew presiding, Rev. John M. Andrews ties. Theses reminiscences would be interesting reading today but Rev. M. J. Hunt as assistant. alas! they are not at hand, and so These were both holy men filled with all who were living at the only mission to preach the Gospel time or could tell of the events as and win souls for Christ. In the they occurred. They have passed winter of 1855-6 they held a reviaway leaving no record of people val in Weldon which was far reachor events. It is only of late years ng in its results. Many were conthat any interest has been taken in certed, the whole town aroused and hardened sinners impressed such things and even our Confer is never before. ence Journal fails to record many It was said that some young men names among the ministry which dissipated habits, while the meetwere familiar to my childhood ng was in progress, met in their ears. The Secretary admits this oom at the hotel for the purpose and calls on the public for informaf playing cards or gambling, as was the frequent custom of the tion and corrections in his list of day. One of the most reckless of our honored dead. he party proposed that they have

who he might be. Bro. Hunt was renowned for his piety, but Bro. Andrews was beloved all over the large circuit discorganized and almost without and airracted large congregations disorganized and almost without when and wherever he preached. faith or hope. With the congre-I remember on one occasion, gation small and demoralized, the after he had gone to another work, church badly out of repair, having he made an appointment to preach been used for a hospital, the local in Weldon in the linfe church. His tion undesirable, a few faithful old friends were delighted, crowds came in from the country and many people could not get in the church. To relieve the situation he stood by an open window and so reached the crowd of hearers.

His text was from Ecclesiastes was sent again to this work. He The days of the youth and let thy young heart cheer thee. But know thou that for all these things God yourgener." The sermon was powerful and the effect adaption of the sermon was powerful and the effect adaption. effect electrical.

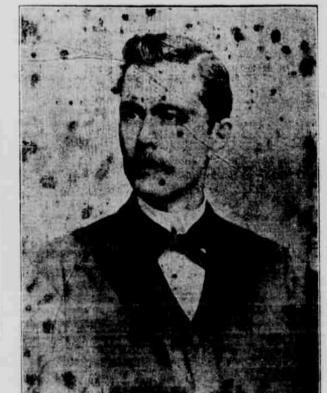
I am afraid some may think I am giving undue credit to R. O. Burton in this paper, but this is not my purpose. I am stating facts which stand for themselves. The cornerstone was laid in

1873 by the members of the Grand Lodge of Masons. Dr. Burton made the address. Money was scarce and hard to get. The con-gregation small and poor and it was a long time before it was occu-It was so long after the Died. church was framed before it was Burton preach there one night small remnant and hold prayer-from the text, "I will remove your meeting services. At this time Rev. R. O. Burton was at the candlesticks," when every candle Mr. Albert Mabry was Superin-

circuit' and the little building on time of this camp meeting in the burnt down and flickered out, tendent of the Sunday school and the banks of the canal was soon prime of his life, was perhaps Pre- leaving only the firelight from an served until Capt. T. F. Andererected for them to hold their ser-vices. This was a small wooden in the success of the work. He hand lamp carried by a lady of the derson served faithfully for twenty

of the Methodist preachers dates his work and preaching was due time there were no seats, no pulback to about the year 1851 when to a great extent the great success pit, no altar railing, no organ, and Rev. Jos B. Martin was sent to of the meeting. Indeed the Meth- the people had no money. Dr. this charge and soon won the love odists of Weldon and Roanoke cir- Burton had zeal and energy, howof the people by going from place cuir, as it was, owe to him a debt ever, and he borrowed chairs as o place throughout the circuit and of gratitude that can never be paid, many as possible and finished out holding cottage prayer meetings in different homes and planting seed Weldon could not be written and which brought an abundant har- R.O. Burton left out. He gave succeeded in getting a pulpit, an

to place in his private carriage, dark days of the war which soon was a debt of five hundred dollars



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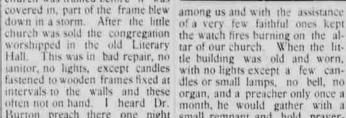
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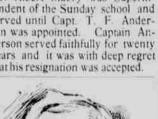
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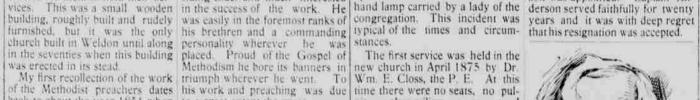






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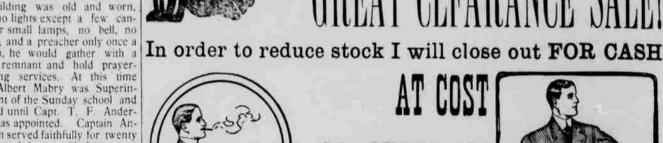


to this section to sow the seeds of the Gospel of Christ. Several years ago Dr. John E. Edwards, of the Virginia Conference, gave through the North Carolina Chris-ian Advocate some very interest. Day, of Twilight, hear Weldon, the Wilght, hear Weldon, Strategie and wold frequently visit her home. He was noted for his piety, warm hearted Christian through the North Carolina Chris-ian Advocate some very interest. named Doggett, who brought a and be loved the church in Weldon in each month, was not popular fair bride to the work and lived in and the Church loved him in re-Weldon while in charge of this turn.

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women who labored and struggled through all these years there were none more constant and true than Mrs. Sallie E. Long and her be-loved niece, Miss Mollie Alston. These were indeed "the salt of the earth." which had not lost its savor but their lives were such that a hallowed influence lingers still with those who were fortunate enough to come within its circle. might add others to this band of noble women and men but time will not admit, so close this paper with the prayer that we who yet remain may be as faithful to our day and generation as those whose lives it has been our privilege to



Since this is true anything beara prayer meeting in mockery of ing on the subject will not be out the services then being held at the hurch. They all agreed and beof place at this time.

gun to sing and pray imitating the In these early years Methodism preachers in word, tone and gestook a high stand in this commuture. Before they closed they nity. Every man of influence. were so much impressed with their who was a Christian at all, belongown wickedness that they went to church, the ringleaders were coned to this Church and it was the verted and one of them became a custom whenever a church was esinister of the Gospel tablished to leave one of these men

In August of 1856 these preachas class leader or under shepherd ers held a camp meeting at Pierce's of the flock, which it was impossichurch at which over one hundred ble the preacher in charge should people were converted. Great preparation was made for the meetguard

ing. A large pavilion for preach-The church at New Hope is ing was built in the grove at the perhaps the oldest church in this back of the church in the middle community. We know really of a hollow square formed by nothing of its early history, except | wooden tents or houses built conthat it was built as a result of campmeetings held at "Old Piney Grove Church," which was somewhere in that vicinity. Here Mr. Edward were placed so that many could thought the little church would not strengthened and encouraged. Morecock, a gendeman of high sleep in the same room. The kitch- hold the people, so arrangements There were twelve grown ladies Christian character, a soldier of ens and dining rooms were under were made for him to preach in and men confirmed in the Episco-1812, and a man of great influ-lispensed with a lavish hand I he did before an immense audi-this meeting and they with many ence in the community, was class remember one service at which ence of charmed listeners leader or superintendent. He was there were fifteen preachers presably assisted in his ratgious work ent. Some of them shining lights Weldon Mrs. Cornelia Rickers for zens. by Mrs. Andrew Joyner, a daugh- of the Virginia and North Caroli- the purpose of conducting a pay ter of Willie Jones, of Halifax, and widow before her marriage to Col. In a Conference, coming from Pe-tersburg and other places at a dis-tance, and great crowds flocked in little Methodist church. She was Joyner, of Hutchings Burton, at to every service. Several people a fine teacher, a member of the one time Governor of North Car- from Weldon owned and occupied Presbyterian church in Philadelolina. Col. Joyner was a man of great influence, was president of the Seaboard railroad. For years a member of the Senate of Newtonia a member of the Senate of North community. This church had been Carolina, he was promoter of the partly built by Mr. Rice D. Pierce what this new thing was. There repaired the church, paid all outbill to establish in North Carolina and was nurtured by his family for was no man living here who would standing debts, bought the bell and a home for the Deaf. Dumb and years. There were also many take the lead so she was her own placed the church on a firmer Blind of the State. He was also other fine families living in the superintendent, opening with foundation than it had ever before president of the Roanoke Naviga-tion Co, when they opened the canal, which is now the source of changed the lives and characters. Scripture lesson, singing and pray-ing, in all of which she herself lead. Her work in Weldon was fine and It would not be right to close

the wonderful power. His wife, a lady of culture, re-mement and wealth, was a verita-dat this meeting, became a memsuch wonderful power. hnement and wealth, was a verita-ble lady bountiful, visiting the sick, praying with them and ministering both to soul and body. Rev. R. O. Burton, then of the Virginia the preacher's home, no matter the preacher's h

REV. J. M. RHODES.

Through his influence we enjoy- preach for us in passing to and ed many rare privileges, one of from his work but the church these was to have Bishop John needed a pastor's care.

Early preach for us in November In the latter part of Oct. 1877 1856 while on his way to Confer- Rev. Chas. Cook, a local preacher ence in Greensboro. He attracted from Warrenton, began his famous a large crowd, as he was the first revival which lasted six weeks. bishop ever heard in Weldon. This meeting was peculiar in the nectedly on three sides. Some of Another was an opportunity to manifestation of spiritual power these tents had four and five rooms, hear Bishop George F. Pierce in with very little eloquence or orato-I he did before an immense audithis meeting and they, with many

who joined our church, were In the year 1855 there came to among our most prominent citi-While the meeting was in progress Bro. Wheeler was removed and Rev. R. A. Raven was sent to this charge.

from town and country, came to see fect. Reorganized, painted and

HALIFAX LETTER.

HALIFAX, N. C., Feb. 1.

Miss Nannie Gary has returned from a visit to friends in Petersburg

Miss Nell Nelson has been spend- by stimulating these organs and ing some days at Roanoke Rapids restoring their natural action. with friends. Is best for women and chil-

Mrs. N. L. Stedman and Miss Elizabeth returned Tuesday from Asheboro, where they have been or nauseate. spending several weeks.

Mr. E. C. Gregory, of Salisbury, came Monday to be present at the marriage of his sister, Miss Julia, to Mr. June Tillery. Mrs. J. C. Butts was called to

Rosemary Sunday on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Grizzard. Mr. N. L. Stedman went to

Richmond last week to see Dr. Register and reports his condition improved. Mr. J. F. Coppedge, of Scotland

Neck, is spending this week here with relatives Mrs. J. H. Bachelor, (formerly

Miss Sallie Cullom,) spent Monday with Mrs. W. F. Coppedge. Mrs. George Sasser has return-

Miss Vera Lashure, who has been visiting Misses Leonora and Essie Howerton for some weeks, returned to her home in Fittsburg, Mass., Monday. Mrs. E. J. Brown left last week for Elise, Moore county, to

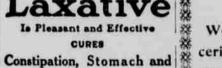
visit her brother, Rev. George T. Simmons, and will be gone perhaps two or three months. W. F. C.

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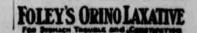
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ed to her home in Raleigh, after spending some time with her father, Col. Frank Faison. Mrs. C. A. Turner, (formerly Miss Lena Brinkley,) is here to spend ten days with Mrs. C. H.