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### A Sad and Lonely Home.

With all my heart I long to go and meet my children gone before. They are gone from me to a better home, and will be with me on earth no more. O may I meet them on that shore where sad parting will come no more. Their sweet voices in my home are still, but it was the will of God. We know they are on the other shore, and their songs and prayers will be heard here no more. O may we meet them on that shore and be with them forevermore. Our home is sad and lonely without them, but the Lord our hearts can cheer. We know they are safe from sin and strife, and may the young all lead a better life and walk in wisdom's pleasant ways and follow Jesus all their days. Live so that when this life is done, you can see Angels come around you to carry you to that blessed home where sin and sorrow never come. O how I long to join that band and take my children by the hand. Their smiling faces I will see no more till I see them on the other shore. May the Lord help me to bear this burden, and think of the bright crowns they'll wear. My burden seems almost greater than I can bear, but the Lord can comfort us and prepare us to meet those loved ones over there.

Dear mother, too, has gone from me, and I long her loving face to see. May we live as one Christian band that we may not be turned off at God's left hand. It would be a sad disappointment should we fail to see those loving faces. I long to hear that sweet song that I heard so much. I can never those sweet songs forget. Dear children they are gone but not forgotten.

Mary E. Smith,  
Stony Fork, N. C.

### In Loving Remembrance.

It is with a sorrowful heart that we note the death of little Jethro Phillips, son of Bro. R. M. and Sister Ida Phillips. Jethro was born June 21, 1901, and departed this life June 17, 1903—age, 1 year, 11 months and 26 days.

Little Jethro was a beautiful and affectionate child, and made home pleasant with his merriment and childish glee. During his entire sickness of 18 days of hard suffering he was patient and obedient. On the morning of the 18th, the remains were carried to New River church. The writer was called upon to conduct the burial services, which was attended to, there being quite a number of friends and relatives present on the occasion. The remains were laid to rest in New River cemetery, there to await the Judgment.

Our blessed Redeemer, when he was on earth, called unto him little children and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And he is still calling for our little children, taking them from our fond embraces to dwell with him in the eternal felicity of his everlasting kingdom. Why should

we mourn? Little Jethro leaves papa and mamma, three brothers and two sisters behind him, while he is gone to live with Jesus, and is in possession of a better home than earth can possibly give. Then brother and sister, live for Jesus! Train your little children to love Jesus—who said, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." "And the spirit and the bride say come." And, in our imagination, those dear ones that have gone on before say come, oh, come! Bless God for the assurance that the humble Christians have of meeting loved ones across the Jordan of death.

B. F. Wilcox.

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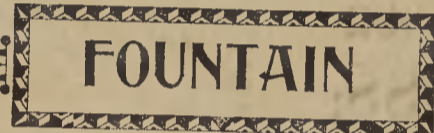
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