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REMINISCENCES OF MY EARLY LIFE IN TENNESSEE.

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Nashville Station—J. B. McFerrin—Price and Moffitt—John Newland Moffitt—Filling Moffitt's appointment—Sent to Bedford Circuit.

Nashville station, at this time, consisted of two churches, McKendree chapel, a fine house with a large hall, a fine congregation; and College Hill, a fine house with a small congregation of poor people.

Every Sabbath to me was a joy and a terror; a joy to stand up to the tub, that stood in the corner of the log house on College Hill, and preach Jesus to a plain people who loved the simple gospel.

Two men of that congregation were a great terror to me. One was the eccentric, Price, who had a habit of sucking his teeth, and wriggling on his seat, when the preaching did not suit him.

There was another man connected with that fashionable church, whose looks and manner towards me impressed me with the idea that he (Moseby) looked upon me as the greatest imposition that had ever been forced upon any respectable church, as a preacher.

While in Nashville, I made the acquaintance of a most remarkable man, John Newland Moffitt. He was the greatest evangelist that ever flourished in the South-west, and had his home in Nashville.

The following conversation is said to have passed, not long since, at the hotel in Chapel Hill, between one of the University Professors and a small boy.

Boy: "My mother is a preacher." Prof: "Your mother a preacher?" Boy: "Yes, she is a preacher." Prof: "Where does she preach?" Boy: "She is preaching in the Methodist church."

tudes professed conversion under his preaching a great deal of ridicule and calumny followed in the wake of his meetings.

One of the most memorable trials of my life, was being compelled to fill an appointment at Moffitt at College Hill, on a certain Sabbath, which brought out an immense congregation.

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