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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Allison

The minister must share his sympathy with every human sorrow—weep with those that weep, it matters not how bitter the tear, or how despairing the sorrow. He must turn aside from the hundreds that rejoice to mingle his tears with the one with sorrowing heart.

But this does not stay the fountain of sorrow when death hovers about his own fireside. Let heaven be gracious to him who, heavy with years, is called to sit in the shades of the evening by a vacant chair. It is like venturing down an ancient oak that has long shaded the family mansion. Henceforth the glare of the world, with its cares and vicissitudes, falls upon the widower's heart, and there is nothing to break this force or shield him from the full weight of misfortune. It is as if his right hand were withered; as if one wing of his angel was broken, and every movement that he made brought him to the ground.

For fifty-four years Elizabeth Jane Wilson kept sacredly and devotedly the marriage vows with her husband, Rev. E. Allison. Baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church at the age of fourteen years, she kept sacred her church vows until God's finger touched her and she slept, Sunday afternoon, April 21, 1912.

The poets speak of death as "delightful," as the "down," as the "waking from a weary night of fevers into the truth and light." Tenderly and graciously the shedding light falls from the Holy Bible upon the death bed of the sainted and drives away their fears as they pass through the shadows of the lonely valley. Yet the ties that bind husband and wife, mother and children, are so pure and immaculate that she cannot be withdrawn without flowing tears and trembling fears.

Sister Allison had filled her full three score and ten years. At the end she could look back with satisfaction upon the race she had run. Brother Allison having married before the completion of his education, his wife became his teacher as well as his companion, helping greatly in the improvement of his English and in the preparation and delivery of his sermons. By her sympathy and encouragement she was largely instrumental in making of her husband the useful and consecrated minister that he is. What a debt of gratitude the thousands whom he has led to the Master owe to this faithful and devoted wife who kept the home, perhaps often weary and lone, while her husband gave himself to this great work. Perhaps among the greatest in the kingdom of heaven will be numbered these humble, unrewarded servants of earth.

The little child, crying for "grandma" cannot now understand the mystery of her strange silence, but other years may unfold the mystery and trace the lesson of the sad story.

May His grace and comfort, sustain and keep the sorrowing family until earth's sorrows are no more. Her pastor,

J. R. OWEN.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas, God in his all-wise providence has taken into his keeping by the hand of death the mother of our beloved brother, G. W. Marshall;

Be it resolved, That we, the members of Connestee Lodge No. 237, I. O. O. F., deeply sympathize with our brother in his bereavement, and while bowing to the will of the Almighty, we recognize his loss as ours through the bonds of brotherhood;

That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge, and a copy be given to the Sylvan Valley News for publication.

T. C. GALLOWAY,
T. D. ENGLAND,
CHARLES JOLLY,
Committee on Resolutions.

GRADED SCHOOL ENDS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

ATHENIAN SOCIETY WON SILVER LOVING CUP

Commencement Exercises Well Attended and Children Acquitted Themselves.

The Brevard Graded school came to a close last week and the commencement exercises were held in the new Auditorium Thursday and Friday. The term just closing is possibly the best in the history of the school. The work done the past session was of a first class order and the pupils made rapid strides in educational lines.

It is not yet definitely known who the teachers will be for the next term, the election not having been held as yet, but it is thought by many that the school board can do no better than re-elect the entire corps of teachers that has done such good work for the past few months.

One of the best features of the past term was the work of the two literary societies—the Athenian and Nonpareil. These two societies have been the liveliest kind of propositions, and much good natured rivalry was manifested in the various contests. The contest between the two societies had as its goal a silver cup offered by Mr. Bennett and Mr. Riley for excellence in athletics, society work and general scholarship. In athletics, debates and declamation there was a tie, and the final decision was made on general school work in the four upper grades.

After carefully going over the grades of the members of the two societies for the entire term it was found that the Athenians had won the cup by .97 of a point. The cup was awarded by Mr. T. H. Galloway in a very appropriate speech amid the shouts of the winners.

The gold medal offered by Mr. P. R. Ayres for the student having the best record for attendance, punctuality and faithfulness in school duty, was given to Miss Dacia Case, the medal being presented by Rev. J. R. Owen in an appropriate speech.

In view of the fact that the children had so limited a time in which to practice for the commencement exercises they acquitted themselves admirably. Every one on the program did their parts in a first class manner.

The declamation contest between the two societies was a very interesting feature of the program, and the contestants were equally matched. Rev. J. R. Owen, J. W. Duckworth and Ora L. Jones were the judges and they were called upon to make a very close decision. The result of this contest decided one point in the winning of the silver cup. The decision went to the Athenian society.

After the declamation contest the annual literary address was delivered by Rev. J. M. Bennett of Sylva. This address was listened to very attentively by all present, and it was a masterpiece. It is a well known fact that few men have the faculty of holding the attention of children at commencement time, and Rev. Bennett proved himself to be one of the few. We are very sorry we cannot print his speech in full.

The following was the program for the commencement exercises:

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.
Chorus—"High School March".....Ten Girls
Dialogue—"Which Will You Choose".....Two Boys
Pantomime—"Last Rose of Summer".....Cow Boy Drill.....Fourteen Boys
Recitation—"Minuet".....Ina Zachary
Japanese Drill.....Nine Girls
Song—"I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard".....Doll Drill.....Eighteen Girls
Play—"Si Slocum's Country Store".....FRIDAY, 10 A. M.
Song—"Carolina".....By School

Prayer.....
Piano Duet—"Cavalry March".....Misses Duckworth and Kilpatrick
Declamation—Recitation contest between the Literary Societies.
Athenian—Nonpareil—
Carl Hardin.....Milo Brown
Agnes Kilpatrick.....Olivia Hancock
Charles Nichols.....Lee Whitmire
Margaret Blythe.....Pearl Faulkner
Annual Literary Address, Rev. J. M. Bennett
Delivery of Prizes.....

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

Chorus—"Morning Invitation".....Twelve Girls
Umbrella Drill.....Sixteen Boys
Song—"Coming Thro' the Rye".....Two Girls
Pantomime—"Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground".....Sixteen Girls
May Pole Drill.....Sixteen Girls
Pantomime—"Lead Kindly Light".....
Clown Drill.....Fourteen Boys
Piano Solo—"Paul Revere's Ride".....
Play—"Old Home Day at Plunkett".....

MARSHALS.

Nonpareil—Harold Hardin, Chief; Lee Whitmire, Oscar Jolly.
Athenian—Overton Erwin, Carl Hardin.

"LIFE OF AYCOCK"

"The Life and Speeches of Charles B. Aycock" is the title of a new book now being prepared for publication by Mr. R. D. W. Connor and Mr. Clarence Poe assisted by numerous friends of the late ex-governor. The book will not only give a graphic and picturesque account of Governor Aycock's personality, character and career, but it will also contain the cream of his public addresses and political speeches, including the speech he had prepared for delivery in Raleigh, April 12th, and which many regard as unsurpassed by him in all his life. The book will be brought out in handsome form from the presses of Doubleday, Page & Co., of New York, and will sell cloth bound at \$1.50 a copy. That it should have a place in the book-case of every North Carolinian and be read by the children in every North Carolina home, goes without saying.

The publishers have determined to offer liberal terms to agents, and that it will be one of the best selling book propositions ever offered in North Carolina, is easy to foresee. Dr. Albert Anderson, Raleigh, N. C., is business manager of the proposition and all requests for agents' terms should be sent to him. It may be said in this connection that Dr. Anderson, Mr. Connor and Mr. Poe are all doing their work as a labor of love and without reward or hope of reward. The publication of the book is being rushed with all possible speed and it is hoped to have it ready for delivery within a few weeks.

In order to make the most life-like possible characterization of Governor Aycock, Mr. Connor and Mr. Poe are asking his friends in every part of the state to send them any authentic reminiscences, incidents, anecdotes and conversations of any kind regarding Governor Aycock that will shed light on his character, personality, and power. Any readers recalling any such incidents will confer a great favor upon the editors by writing them at once.

COMMENCEMENT AT INSTITUTE

The commencement sermon will be preached Sunday morning, May 26th, by E. K. Hardin, from Rock Hill, S. C. Mr. Hardin is one of the most promising young ministers of that state. He is a graduate of Wofford College, and during his under-graduate course there he won high honors as an orator, not only in his own society but in inter-collegiate and inter-state contests. Since his college days he has steadily advanced and is now holding a very important charge.

President O. S. Dean of Weaverville College, Weaverville, N. C., will deliver the address to the graduates Tuesday, May 28th. Professor Dean is a graduate of Emory College in Georgia, and has had charge of some important schools in his own state and in Louisiana. Since his election at Weaverville the college has developed remarkably. He is a speaker of unusual oratorical ability and a man thoroughly interested in the development of Western North Carolina.

THE NATION MOURNS FOR LOST ON TITANIC

POLITICAL VIEWS OF A CORRESPONDENT

Predicts Election of Democratic President No Matter Who is Nominated at Baltimore.

It seems like a sacrilege to write a political news letter from Washington when nearly everybody here is in mourning for the heroic souls of this city and of the nation who went down on the steamship Titanic, and the news columns of all the papers are filled with nothing else.

The only person I knew on that fated ship was Major Archibald W. Butt, the personal aide of the president of the United States. I have known "Archie" Butt, as everybody called him who knew him and loved him, for over fifteen years. He was a contemporary of mine in the congressional press galleries for five years until he entered the military service as a lieutenant and assistant quartermaster general. He not only made good in Cuba but in the Philippines when he was called to Washington, and on account of a magnificent article that he wrote. President Roosevelt admired it so much that he made it his author his military aide where he has been ever since. All I want to say is that all the beautiful things that have been said and written about "Archie" Butt has been beautifully deserved, for there never lived a man who was more generous or kindly or chivalrous or gentle than "Archie" Butt. He lived a gentleman and died a hero.

The political situation from a presidential standpoint is becoming acute. The latest phase of the situation from a republican standpoint is the attitude of Mr. Roosevelt. His remarks on the stump lately have become very significant. The other day he said, "I think we are going to win the fight this year; but if we do not, we are in for three years of the war."

Now that means something to the democrats of this country, and I want to tell them about it. At the present writing Mr. Roosevelt is engaged in a fight for the republican nomination in Chicago. If he wins that it will be upon a platform embodying the new policies that he is now advocating. He could not afford to stand upon any other kind of a platform.

After Chicago will come the fight against the common enemy, which is the democratic party. If nominated in Chicago, Mr. Roosevelt must then try his fortunes with the electorate, not as an old fashioned but as a new fashioned republican, also as an assailant of the third term tradition.

If Mr. Roosevelt loses at Chicago, and Mr. Taft or another is nominated on a platform which does not embrace Rooseveltism, will Mr. Roosevelt support the ticket or will the war go on? Will he try, either by inertia or activity, to defeat the ticket? That is the problem that confronts the republican party today. They do not know what he is going to do, therefore they cannot tell what the republican party is going to do in this year of grace. The republican party is really, in fact, between the devil and the deep sea. If it does accept him he is a defeated man, for the reason that there are 2,000,000 in this country in the republican party who will vote against a third term candidate. That means a democratic president, no matter who is nominated at Baltimore.

CHAS. A. EDWARDS.

The cottage on Jordan street, until recently occupied by W. R. Wiley, has been rented for the summer to Mrs. G. C. Minturn of Slidell, La. The house was opened for summer guests on May 1st, under the name of "Minturn Cottage."

NEEDLESSLY BLIND

There are estimated to be one hundred thousand blind persons, old and young, in this country. Not less than five hundred of these live in North Carolina. Had it ever occurred to you, gentle reader, that at least seventy-five to one hundred of these need not have been blind—ought not to have been, and would not have been—if proper precaution and preventive measures had been employed immediately after their birth?

"What blindness means to an intelligent, capable man or woman," to quote the words of a blind man who has, in the face of heavy odds, taken his place in the world with signal success, "is something which only the Lord and the devil and those who endure it know anything about; in their blackest nightmares, those with sight cannot even imagine it." That it is possible to prevent much of such anguish seems not to have dawned upon the average citizen. Is such ignorance and indifference not criminal, positively wicked? Then who is responsible?

From one-fourth to one-third of all blind children lose their sight from what is usually called "sore eyes," "inflammation," etc. This is really "ophthalmia neonatorum," a germ disease, which can be cured if taken in time and the proper remedies used. These remedies should be applied as soon as the child is born, whether any signs of inflammation are discovered or not. The remedy will do no hurt; it may save your child's sight.

If the eyes, nose, mouth and ears of every new-born babe should be thoroughly washed immediately after its birth in a weak solution of boracic acid (borax water), one drop of a solution of nitrate of silver, not stronger than one per cent, put in the eyes, and the child thereafter kept clean, blindness among children in our state would be reduced at least twenty-five per cent. Do you realize what that would mean to the one hundred homes in North Carolina in which there are children "needlessly blind"?

And are you aware what it would save the state financially to thus preserve the sight of all such children? Not less than \$20,000 a year. Is it not worth the effort? Then does it not behoove every one to do all in his power to spread the information and seek to bless the homes into which the little ones come? Let every mother heed this warning and preserve the sight of her child.

JOHN E. RAY,

Principal State School for the Blind, Raleigh, N. C.

CORN CLUBS

Prof. T. Frank Parker will meet the corn club boys in different parts of the country next week for the purpose of giving them instruction in methods of work for this summer in order to secure the greatest possible returns. As it is just the beginning of the corn season, these addresses ought to prove of great benefit to the young farmers, and no boy who expects to enter the contest should neglect the opportunity of hearing from Mr. Parker all he can tell them on this important subject.

Prof. Parker will be at Penrose high school at 8 p. m. Tuesday, May 7; at Brevard court house 10 a. m., Wednesday, May 8; at Rosman school house 2 p. m., Wednesday, May 8.

CARD OF THANKS

During the last illness of Mrs. Elijah Allison there were many friends who assisted in various ways and were always full of kindness and sympathy. We take this occasion of thanking them and asking for God's blessings upon them one and all.

THE FAMILY.