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HON. W. W. ZACHARY

Hon. W. W. Zachary, a prominent attorney of Brevard, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. F. Marr, near Charlotte, last Saturday, October 18th. His health had been failing for the past several months, but up to about two months ago he kept up his law practice. He spent some time at Hot Springs, Ark., in the hope that the baths would benefit him, after which he went to the home of his sister, where he died.

Mr. Zachary died on the fifty-first anniversary of his birth. In his early life he had a great struggle to get a start in life and never had the advantages the present generation enjoys. He only spent five months in school. He was admitted to the bar in 1888, and was elected to the legislature in 1892, where he served his county for one term. At the time of his death he was chairman of the board of education, a position he has held with honor to himself for several years.

Mr. Zachary was married to Miss Beulah McMinn in 1899. To this union were born three children—Woodford William, Elizabeth and Beulah May.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic, K. of P., W. O. W. and Royal Arcanum fraternities. He is survived by a widow, his mother, Mrs. Eliza Zachary, three children, seven brothers and four sisters—Messrs. J. R. and R. H. of Brevard, J. H. of Calveft, Frank P. of Carson's Creek, L. J. of Wrightsville, Ga., W. J. of Franklin, Eugene of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Hattie Rogers of Franklin, Mrs. J. R. Ashmore of Lisbon, Fla., Mrs. Jeff Gazzaway and Mrs. T. F. Marr of Charlotte.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence of the deceased Monday afternoon by Rev. Loy D. Thompson, pastor of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, and interment was at the Gillespie cemetery. The following attorneys were pall bearers: Welch Galloway, D. L. English, R. L. Gash, O. W. Clayton, J. A. Forsythe and Guy Roberts of Marshall, the last named being a former law partner of the deceased when he lived in Marshall.

Although death is natural as well as of divine appointment, yet we are prone to forget that we are mortal and must ere long pay the penalty with our own bodies. But by the death of Brother W. W. Zachary we are most seriously reminded that we are marching day by day to meet the same inevitable fate, and pass into that "undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler e'er returns."

While Brother Zachary had on y reached his fifty-first mile post in years he is called from his labors here to his reward beyond the river. He was an active Master Mason and maintained a high regard for the fraternity. He was extremely careful not to violate his obligation nor to abuse the tenets of the order to advance his own personal interest. Therefore he it resolved:

First—That by the death of Brother W. W. Zachary Dunn's Rock Lodge No. 257, A. F. & A. M., sadly realizes the loss of one of its most valuable members; that the county will greatly miss the council and wisdom of one of its most worthy citizens, and that the family can never replace the kind, loving and affectionate husband and father.

Second—That we as members of said lodge hereby tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in this their sad affliction, and implore upon them the blessings of an all-wise Father, who doeth all things well.

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our lodge, a copy sent the Orphan's Friend and Sylvan Valley News for publication, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

T. H. GALLOWAY,
WELCH GALLOWAY,
W. M. HENRY,
Committee.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT

While driving home from the Whitfield county, Ga., fair last Thursday afternoon a wagon in which were eleven people was struck by a Western & Atlantic train, two people being killed and seven injured. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Benjamin with their five children, Mrs. Hazel Williams and two sons, all living near Tunnel Hill, Ga., and W. P. Jones of Andrews, N. C. Mr. Jones is the father and Mrs. Benjamin a sister of A. B. Jones of Pisgah Forest and Ora L. Jones of Brevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin were killed instantly, their six year old daughter suffered a fractured skull with other minor injuries. She is not expected to live. An eleven year old son lost his right leg just below the knee, and a thirteen year old son had his nose broken and was otherwise bruised about the body. W. P. Jones suffered severe bruises on his left hand and hip. The other two Benjamin boys escaped without injury. Mrs. Williams had eight ribs broken, one penetrating her lung, while one of her sons suffered a fractured skull. The other Williams boy escaped with very slight injuries.

The party had been spending the day at the Whitfield county fair and while driving home they had to pass a very dangerous grade crossing where it was impossible for them to see the railroad in either direction, and as the train did not whistle for the crossing they were unaware of their danger until too late to escape.

The cowcatcher of the engine struck between the wheels. W. P. Jones jumped before the collision but was knocked a considerable distance by the force of the engine. The oldest Benjamin boy also jumped, dragging one of the Williams boys with him. Mrs. Benjamin, on seeing the danger they were in, lost her chance of escape by stopping to throw her baby, six years old, out of the wagon. The little girl was struck by flying timbers, however, and there is very small hope of her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin were caught under the engine and dragged a considerable distance. They were both badly mangled. Their death was instantaneous. The team was also killed outright and the wagon was smashed into splinters.

The injured and dead were carried to Dalton, Ga., where the injured received medical attention and the dead were prepared for burial.

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin was conducted at Salem church Saturday morning, attended by several hundred sorrowing neighbors and friends, and the father and mother were laid to rest side by side in the old Salem cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin were both natives of Western North Carolina, having moved to Georgia about three years ago. The beautiful tributes paid to their memory by the pastor of their church and the large gathering of their neighbors and friends attested to the love and esteem in which they were held. They were both members of the Baptist church and lived consecrated Christian lives. Their oldest child, a boy of fifteen, had been away from home three years, and had only just returned home ten days before the distressing accident. The mother had the pleasure of seeing this son and the next oldest profess religion in her own home, and on the day they were baptised, the Sunday before her death, she declared it was the happiest day of her life.

Mrs. Benjamin is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones of Andrews, three sisters, Mrs. A. S. Ensey of Tunnel Hill, Ga., Mrs. H. G. Dills of Ringgold, Ga., and Mrs. Chas. T. Sisk of Andrews, and two brothers, A. B. Jones of Pisgah Forest and Ora L. Jones of Brevard. Mr. Benjamin is survived by a half brother.

The orphan children will be taken care of for the next few weeks by their grandparents, but as soon as the injured can leave the hospital they will go to live with their aunts and uncle. Paul, the oldest boy, will come to Brevard to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ora L. Jones.

Mrs. W. P. Jones, Mrs. Chas. T. Sisk, A. B. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Ora L. Jones all went to Georgia last Friday to attend the funeral. While there the entire family were together for the first time in twenty-six years. In the last twenty-six years many family reunions have been planned but something always prevented the attendance of some member of the family.

G. W. ALLISON

George Washington Allison was born the 17th day of February, 1839, in Transylvania county, North Carolina, where he remained until his last marriage, when he moved to Georgia. During this time he joined the Baptist church at Little River in 1855 when a mere youth of sixteen, and was faithful and energetic in all church affairs. He married Nancy Lyday July 27, 1857.

When the call came for soldiers in '62 he was one of the first to go to the support of his country and for what he thought was right. He joined the Confederate army February 22, 1862, made a faithful soldier and was promoted to the rank of corporal. When offered a place as a commissioned officer he declined, preferring to serve out his time with the regular soldier. In a short skirmish he was captured September 9, 1863, and sent with a great many fellow soldiers to Fort Douglas at Chicago. He remained a prisoner here until June 25, 1865, and returned home July 25, 1865.

He removed his church letter from Little River to Enon Baptist church. His first wife died a few years after the war. He was married to Mattie Kerby, October 9, 1893, and prospered greatly in all his undertakings. He moved to Rabun county, Georgia, in November, 1901, and again moved his church letter to Wolf Creek church in 1902. It was by his efforts that a new church was built in Tiger, Ga.

While at work in 1810 he was stricken with heart trouble, and remained an invalid until his death. In all his suffering and sickness he was patient and quiet. On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, about eleven o'clock he died a very easy death. He was buried the following day on top of the hill in Wolf Creek cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. W. Holcomb.

MATTIE ALLISON.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

Milas Marcum, an employe of the Brevard Tannin Co., at Pisgah Forest, shot and instantly killed his ten year old son Clyde about midnight last Monday night. It seems that the boy had gone out into the yard for some reason or other and that his mother heard him, calling to her husband that some one was trying to break in the house. He thinking it was a burglar, got his gun and shot the boy at close range as he entered the house. Death was instantaneous. The funeral took place Wednesday and the interment was on Little River.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

On Friday night of October the 31st the Daughters of the Confederacy will give a hallowe'en party at the chapter house. A general admission of five cents will be charged, and various kinds of refreshments will be served suitable to the season, such as pumpkin pies, welch rarebit, roasted chestnuts, apples and cider. There will also be fortune telling and games during the evening. The proceeds will go towards the building fund of the Daughters.

BAPTIST SCHOOL PROPOSED

The question of establishing a denominational school was discussed at the Transylvania Baptist Association at Boyleston last week, and the membership of that body went on record as favoring such a project. The following committee was appointed to discuss ways and means and to look for a suitable location: T. C. Henderson, chairman, A. M. Paxton, J. H. House, M. C. Whitmire, George Bishop, E. B. Barton, J. M. Hamlin, W. L. Talley and R. L. Capps.

The committee has been called to meet in the office of Superintendent Henderson Friday (October 24), at 9:00 a. m., for the purpose of receiving propositions as to the location of the school.

A proposition had been made by Fruitland Institute asking this association to join with them in improving the present school at Fruitland and holding a certain per cent of the stock of that institution. Another proposition was made by C. C. Duckworth for the location of the school at Selica, on the Deaver farm. A large number of business men of Brevard want the school located in or near Brevard. All these propositions will be open for discussion at the meeting Friday morning.

The idea of the promoters of this school is the establishment of an industrial school, something entirely different from any of the schools now being run by the Baptists in this part of the state. The location of the school will mean much to the community where it goes, since it calls for an outlay of several thousand dollars at the very beginning.

EUCLID MALE QUARTETTE

The first of the six entertainments comprising the Alkahest Lyceum course was delivered at the Auditorium on Saturday, October 18th, at 8:30 p. m.

A large and enthusiastic audience of the most cultured people of Brevard, together with almost the entire body of students from the Institute, greeted the Euclid Male Quartette with cheers as they arrived on the stage and proceeded to execute the first number on the programme, which was a selection performed on the organ chimes. These chimes are the largest carried by any similar organization now in lyceum.

Everyone in the audience was charmed with this artistic and pleasing novelty, which is also a legitimate musical instrument. As the bell-like notes, "sweet as angel music," pealed forth the inspiring strains of "Dixie" the cheering broke out afresh, but subsided into a solemn hush as "Nearer My God to Thee" fell in sweet melody on the enchanted ear.

As printed programmes were not supplied we cannot give the names of all the numbers of this varied and abundant programme.

All of the quartettes were rendered without piano accompaniment, and the blending of the parts were in most perfect harmony. In this respect "The Old Canoe" was especially worthy of note. A humorous recitative song, "Little Tommy Tucker," brought the house down as that worthy was presented with his supper in the shape of a baby's bottle.

Every number rendered received an encore, which mark of appreciation was always honored by the performers. And so the evening passed all too soon as we listened entranced with classical selections, both secular and sacred, folk songs, popular ballads, plantation melodies, comedy encores with action, vocal solos and other numbers, both sentimental and pathetic.

The four young men comprising this quartette are college bred—all graduates of noted colleges. The clean manly young fellows forming this popular organization have gained for themselves the praise and good will of the public entirely on their merits as excellent entertainers.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Transylvania Baptist Association met with Boyleston church last Thursday morning. The meeting was very largely attended and the reports brought in from the various churches were very gratifying. The net gain in membership for the year amounted to eighty-nine, and the reports showed that the membership of the local churches is contributing to the various objects in a more liberal manner than ever before.

The meeting was organized by the re-election of Rev. A. J. Manley as moderator, Rev. T. C. Holtzclaw as vice-moderator and T. C. Henderson as clerk.

Judson Corn and Ora L. Jones were appointed as reading clerks. Nearly every church in the association was represented by one or more delegates. The reports from these churches showed that they have been active for the past year. The amounts contributed made a good round sum when put together. Possibly the biggest financial gain was shown by Brevard church while the net gain in membership was shown by Cathey's Creek church, a net gain of twenty.

A number of visiting brethren were in attendance, among the number being Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, one of the best known Baptists in the state.

The reports of committees were read and discussed in a very intelligent manner, and in the discussions it was discovered that the membership at large is studying the questions now before the denomination. These reports are very helpful.

Friday night was given over to the discussion of current events, prepared by J. M. Hamlin, and a memorial service for those who have died within the year.

The question of establishing a denominational school in this county came up for discussion. A full write-up of this question will be found in another in this issue.

The meeting was brought to a close on Sunday with a sermon by Rev. F. M. Jordan, the oldest minister in the association.

FRUITLAND

Everything is moving along smoothly now that the boys and girls have recovered from the effects of vaccination.

J. E. Galloway and T. F. Ramsey made a trip to Caesar's Head and points in Transylvania county last week. They report a splendid time.

Prof. Woodward spent three days of last week at his home in Statesville. He returned to the school Sunday night.

The Philathea class was represented in the Baraca-Philathea convention by Miss Pearl Norton and Miss Enla Baldwin; the Baraca class by Prof. F. H. Poole and C. W. Cahoon.

Mr. J. W. Biddy of Mill Spring was a visitor here Friday. He came to visit his son Oscar who is in school here.

BILL WRAY.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The ordinances of the town of Brevard have been revised and published anew and are now in force, and every law abiding citizen of the town and county will expect the ordinances carried out, and any violation of same will bring down punishment on the head of the transgressor.

If you are not familiar with them call on the mayor or marshal or tax collector and they can tell you what is and what is not a violation.

W. M. HENRY, Mayor.

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