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### IN MEMORIAM.

"So long thy power hath blessed me, sure Will lead me on our and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till

The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Since the last issue of the Reporter, we have stood at that most solemn of all places on earth and witnessed the closing of the tomb forever upon the forms of two friends. Today we offer these simple tributes-our tears and sweetest remembrance.

JOSEPH W. PRATHER.

The funeral was conducted from the home by Rev. Mr. Winecoff, of the M. E. church. In the parlor the coffin lay embanked with the most exquisite and costly floral offerings, testimonials of the love in which the deceased was held. The choir sang "Lead, Kind- Mr. Editor : ly Light," and other favorite hymns of the departed. Not a dry eye was in the assemblage which filled the rooms, the halls, the porch, and every available dogs. standing place. The minister's remarks were very touching.

when the dead man was to be borne away forever from his loved home. With bared heads, has been carrying their dogs to the Masons carried their brother prayer meeting and Sunday school sadly out through the gate under and preaching for years, and I crossed lances. The sun shone can't see that their dogs get any with splendor, though the air was cold. The Blue Ridge, snow- they won't sit down and be quiet crowned, scintillated with bright- and listen while the preacher is ness. The muffled tread of the preaching like good dogs ought to hearse horses, the silent march of do, but they are continually the Masons, the subdued voices of growling and snapping and fightthe funeral directors, the bowed ing all the time of service. I don't heads and the tears of the rela-ed. So I think it would be much tives and friends, the long line of nicer to leave your dogs at home. slow-moving carriages, and the Oh, they say that they can't make other various incidents of the oc- old Trip stay at home. Well I casion—how they shall linger in have heard it said that if you feed our hearts!

At the grave the Masonic ceremonies was the locked circle and the will of the people, and besides save march around the casket, each lots of cold bread for the pigs member dropping upon the coffin a sprig of evergreen with these Sunday, but I don't believe he ensad words: "Alas! my brother! joyed the sermon for he left be-Thy soul we surrender to God, thy fore preaching was over, and he body to the tomb.

Joseph W. Prather was born at Mount Airy September 10, 1852. church with about three doses of He professed religion and joined Walnut Cove hallelujah on and the M. E. Church South at Pine happens to say anything wrong he Bluff, Tenn., in 1872. He had a is indicted, but if Jim Blank and high sense of honor, was a loving Jake Jones carries their dogs to husband, an affectionate father, a church and they get into a fight true friend.

The sincere sympathy of the and there is nothing said about it. writer goes out to those who knew | Oh for a dog-killer in truth and him best-knew all the noble indeed for this part of the moral qualities of his character, and who vineyard. weep for him with a grief which ter and its readers. only time can allay.

The funeral of the late Capt. S. B. Taylor was conducted from the M. E. church, Thursday A. M. at 11 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. J. T. Ratledge, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Robertson. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Nearer, My God to Thee," and "How Firm a Foundation" were softly and sweetly rendered by the choir, after which the body was laid to rest by the side of his wife, who preceded him to the grave several

The pallbearers were the four sons who survive-Messrs. S. H., Jno. M., J. Spot and Roland C. Taylor.

Capt. Taylor was one of the Reporter's most valued friends, and was often a contributor to these columns. His reminiscences of old times, his war stories and history sketches, published several months ago, were very entertaining and instructive and we hope to re-print them at an early day.

There under the whispering pines where he lies may his spirit sleep in peace, within the shadow of the old church he loved so well.

### Letter from William.

Having promised you that I would write again, and dogs being on my mind at present, I would like to write a word or two about the way my neighbors raise their

Of course, they want to do the thing thats right by them, for its Then came the tearful moment not an uncommon thing to see nearly as many dogs at preaching as you see people. There are people in this neighborhood that better. I don't believe that those dogs understand the Gospel, for believe they will ever be convertone about two ounces of shot out of a double barrel shot gun that it would stop the most unruly dog were beautiful that there is from going to church. touching, among which Try it neighbor, and get the good

> Some years ago I raised a hound and he followed me to church one was never known to go to preach ing after that.

Now, if John Smith goes to playing leap-frog over the benches

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