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One Dollar a Year.

More of Mr. McCollum's Reminiscences.

Correspondence of The Journal.
Baconton, Ga., Oct. 8.—An interesting and enjoyable occasion while in Union county was the annual family reunion of Orange Cutbertson, colored, an aged blind inmate of the county home. At this reunion we met Orange, Alex and Edwin, three remaining relics of slavery days who belonged to Uncle Moses and Uncle Dr. Cutbertson. I could not remember them, but they called me by my given name and seemed to want to take me on their knees. They were enthusiastic over my presence and could tell me of incidents in child life that left no doubt on my mind as to their acquaintance with me. Their interest reached a high pitch when they found I knew Edmond, a brother of Alex, and one he had not heard from in many years, for Edmond found his home with us in Georgia in the early fifties, and today Alex heard that his brother was still living near Albany, Ga., and getting along well in his old age.

Alex plucked an apple from the tree near by, which I mailed next day to his brother Edmond, also a letter bearing messages from these three old members of his family who are still lingering on the shores of time.

On my return to Georgia I met Edmond. He had his apple, of which I have heard much. Many people had inspected it and listened to his story, and as many had inspected the few remaining teeth he has.

Second to none was a visit to the old school house, or "Cold Spring Academy," as some of the teachers insisted on calling it. The way led by the old country home of Dr. Josiah Cutbertson, near Lee's mill as it is now called. Uncle Dr. Cutbertson was our nearest neighbor. His children walked the road daily back and forth to "Cold Spring Academy," and here I left them; and today I see only a patch of growing peas, and not a single evidence of domestic life except as I walked about on the site of the dwelling I picked up a bit of blue edged crockery similar in every way to the piece found on the Grandfather McCollum hill. Then I remembered my mother had crockery like this.

Soon we were on the old road (long since abandoned) for "Cold Spring Academy," a few hundred yards from where Eber Jerome (the old teacher) lived and died. The large immovable white flint stone still holds its own on the side of this old road. It bore the appearance of having been dynamited but suffered a small loss.

Soon we were at the academy. It was occupied by a colored tenant, and his wife was at home. Her rising fears were quickly allayed when we explained our visit. Sure it was the old school house, and the old oak trees (under whose shade we spread our dinner and where the larger boys were allowed to prepare their arithmetic exercises) were still spared by the woodman's axe and the fight of time. But the "bull pen," or ball ground, and the district muster ground were in growing cotton.

We visited the hill where our old teacher lived and inspected the old house, which is now occupied by a colored tenant; but the old house had held its own and promises to be tenable for many years to come. A new residence had been built upon this hill and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. McWhirter, who is a daughter of Eber Jerome but too young to know about matters which were so interesting to us; but she extended every cordiality and walked with us to the spring where we had the gratification of once more drinking the cold water.

The crowning day of our visit was the centennial celebration of old Meadow Branch church at Wingate. This church was constituted in 1810. I visited it once in childhood, and when within a half mile it would have been as I left it if I could have heard the Baptist preacher in the pulpit, with his long frock-tail coat reaching to the calf of his legs, singing—

"Young people, all attention give,
While I address you in God's name;
You who in sin and folly live,
Come hear the counsel of a friend.

I've sought for bliss in glittering toys
And ranged the luring scenes of vice,
But never knew substantial joy,
Until I heard my Savior's voice."

But all was quiet and still; a vacant lot, a cemetery, and silence all around. A few hundred yards away a town had sprung up, a railroad ran through it, and a passing engine heralded the

flight of time and human activity; and here a handsome new church building stood in honor of old "Meadow Branch." The whole day was replete with the highest of interest, too much to undertake to write or tell of the proceedings of that centennial celebration.

I had been looking upon and studying the high hills in Carolina, but that day as I looked upon the earnest faces of those people as they leaned forward to listen to the call of the church roll since 1835 to date, I thought I understood something of what David meant when he said, "I will look to the hills from whence cometh salvation," and I thought what a heritage to these people in finding a record here of their families who have gone before.

Why should we not leave a good record for the hope and encouragement of our people who are coming after us? Why not?

Goodbye, boys, goodbye.

A. S. McCOLLUM.

The Union Baptist Association.

Written for The Journal.
The fifty-sixth annual session of the Union Baptist Association met with the Mount Harmony Baptist church October 6th, 7th and 8th. Introductory sermon was preached by M. D. L. Preslar; text, I. Timothy iv:16. After a recess of one hour, the association was organized by electing V. T. Cheers moderator, Braxton Craig vice moderator, W. A. Estridge clerk, and F. B. Ashcraft treasurer.

The first object to be discussed was the report on periodicals. This report was read and discussed by G. E. Lineberry, and after remarks by a number of the brethren the report was adopted.

On motion the association adjourned until Friday, 9 o'clock.

Thursday evening at 7 o'clock Braxton Craig preached to a well filled house.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER SEVENTH.
Devotional exercises conducted by A. Marsh.
At 10 o'clock report on Home missions was read by A. C. Davis. C. E. Maddrey, vice president of the Home Mission board, being present, spoke to the report. A. C. Davis followed Bro. Maddrey, after which the report was adopted.

At 11 o'clock report on Education was read by R. M. Hagler. G. E. Lineberry, D. M. Austin and others spoke to the report, after which the report was adopted.

At 2 o'clock Braxton Craig read the report on State missions, and spoke to report. Almost all of the churches went forward on State missions.

At 3:15 o'clock J. H. Benton read the report on Woman's work and spoke to the same. After some remarks by a few of the brethren, report was adopted and association adjourned until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER EIGHTH.
Devotional exercises by Elder J. A. Bivens.

M. D. L. Preslar read report on Foreign missions. It was raining in torrents but a good number of delegates had assembled, and the churches pledged a little more for Foreign missions than they did last year.

The Orphanage next claimed the attention of the association. R. H. James lead the discussion, followed by a number of the brethren. It was the tenderest and sweetest hour of the association. All of the other reports were read and adopted without discussion.

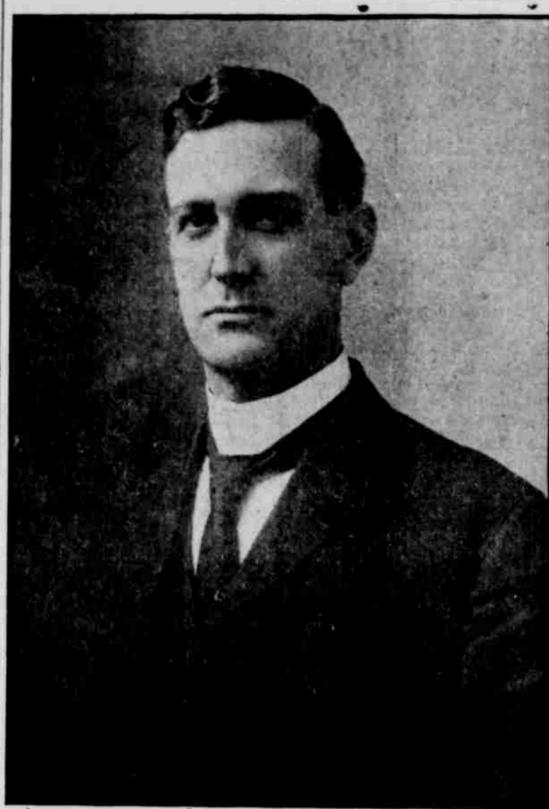
Among the visitors we saw G. E. Lineberry, educational secretary; C. E. Maddrey of the Home board; J. S. Farmer of the Biblical Recorder, and J. Henry Highsmith of Wake Forest.

After some miscellaneous business the association adjourned to meet with the Faulks church Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1911. Thus closed a pleasant and profitable session of the Union Association.

The entertainment was all that could be desired. The Monroe delegation were entertained by B. Sutar, and they will long remember this delightful home.

I have received from the State Board of Health a supply of the bulletins for August, 1910, which I will distribute by carriers to the citizens of Monroe in a few days. The carriers are instructed to be careful and place them in each house. Should anyone be overlooked inform us and we will send again. This bulletin contains valuable information which should be read by every housekeeper.

T. L. CROWELL.



GOVERNOR W. W. KITCHIN,
who will address the public on the issues of the day in the Court House on Thursday, October 13th at 10, a. m.

Challenge for Joint Canvass.

Monroe, N. C., Oct. 5, 1910.
John E. Haigler, Chairman Republican Executive Committee, Union county, N. C.

Sir:—In accordance with a resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Union county, I have the honor, in behalf of the nominees of the Democratic party in Union county, to inform you that the Republican nominees for legislative and county offices are hereby challenged to a joint canvass of the county; speaking to be held at the times and places announced by the Sheriff for the collection of taxes.

If, after consulting with your nominees, you see fit to accept this challenge, kindly communicate with me in order that we may meet and arrange schedule and details.

Very respectfully,
A. J. BROOKS, Chairman.

A reply to the above was received today from chairman Haigler, who declines to accept the challenge, stating that the Republican committee does not think a joint canvass advisable.

"The Sins of the Father."

Thomas Dixon's new play, "The Sins of the Father," which will be produced at the Monroe opera house on October 31st, is said by competent critics to be far superior to "The Clansman." After the presentation of the drama at Raleigh last Friday, the Fortnightly Review Club, composed of ladies, passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Fortnightly Review Club expresses its appreciation to Mr. Dixon for the sincerity and earnestness of his theme, the force and delicacy with which it is treated and the great moral lesson which it teaches."

The play has drawn large audiences wherever presented, and the people of Monroe are to be congratulated upon the fact that it is coming here.

Portugal Now a Republic.

A revolution in Portugal, which began with open hostilities on Oct. 3rd, has resulted in the overthrow of the monarchy and the establishment of a republic with Theophile Braga as president, and a provisional ministry. For more than a year the feeling against the monarchy and its close connection with the Roman Catholic church has been growing, and it has culminated in driving King Manuel from the throne and the religious orders from the country. The king and the dowager queen, Amelie, have fled to Gibraltar, and the monks are fleeing from the monasteries to take refuge in Spain.

The revolution was accomplished with very little bloodshed, most of the royalist troops having joined the insurgent forces.

Mrs. Sudie Howie, who has been sick for two weeks, is again able to be up.

The Path-Finders are Coming.

Major A. J. McKinnon, president of the Charlotte - to - Wilmington Highway Association for Robeson county, N. C., received last Friday the following from Secretary Skelding of Wilmington, instructed to make a schedule for the path-finding cars to go over the route.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 6, 1910.
To the Executive Committee Charlotte-Wilmington Highway Association, Gentlemen:

It has finally been determined to start the path-finding cars from Wilmington to Oct. 18. The following is the route and schedule which has been laid out, subject to such changes as weather conditions may dictate:

Leave foot of Market street, Wilmington, 6 a. m. Oct. 18th.
Arrive Croly..... 7:30 a. m.
Arrive Lake Waccamaw..... 10:00 a. m.
Arrive Whiteville..... 10:45 a. m.
Arrive Chadbourne..... 11:45 a. m.
(Dinner.)

Arrive Lumberton..... 3:00 p. m.
Arrive Maxton..... 4:00 p. m.
Arrive Laurinburg..... 5:00 p. m.
Arrive Hamlet..... 6:30 p. m.
Arrive Rockingham..... 7:00 p. m.
(Spent night.)

Leave Rockingham..... 6:00 a. m.
Arrive Wadesboro..... 9:00 a. m.
Arrive Monroe..... 12:00 a. m.
(Dinner.)

Arrive Charlotte..... 4:00 p. m.

It is strongly urged upon the members of the executive committee that they secure as many cars as possible from their respective counties to make this trip to Charlotte. Two competent engineers will accompany the cars from Wilmington to make field notes and observations of the trip and a detailed report of the route authorized and conditions of the roads experienced. The principal points only have been outlined, and the detailed route through each county is left to the respective pilots. Any improvements which can be made in the route before that time will contribute materially to the comfort of the trip. If the alternate route through Bladen county is in shape the cars will return from Charlotte that way.

Very truly yours,
A. B. SKELDING, Sec'y.

Willard C. Wolfe Gets Verdict for \$5,000 Against Seaboard.

Mr. Willard C. Wolfe's damage case against the Seaboard Air Line railway for personal injuries was tried in the Superior court at Wadesboro last week, and on Thursday the jury returned a verdict for \$5,000 for the plaintiff, after being out thirty minutes. The railroad took an appeal.

Mr. Wolfe, who is now a resident of Laurens, S. C., was employed as watchman at the crossing by the freight depot in Monroe when the accident occurred, about four years ago. Messrs. Redwine & Sikes and Williams, Lemmond & Love were his attorneys.

Mrs. Adan Cadieu returned Sunday from two weeks visit to her parents at Rockingham.

Social.

Written for The Journal.

Mrs. L. C. Bickett dispensed charming hospitality Thursday from 10 till 12 and from 4 till 6, at her attractive home, which was prettily decorated with roses and ferns and with a tasteful display of goldenrod that gave a lovely tint of the autumn season. All combined to make the decorations effective and beautiful. She was assisted in receiving by Mesdames A. L. Dearing, C. M. Redfern, L. C. Anderson, J. M. Blair and Warren Stack.

Progressive forty-two was played, after which delicious refreshments were served. It was with peculiar regret that the guests said goodbye, as Mrs. Bickett goes to Newton soon to join Mr. Bickett, where they make their home in the future. They have a host of friends here who regret to see them leave and congratulate Newton on her gain.

Those invited were Mesdames D. A. Covington, W. S. Lee, Estelle Stewart, Henry Greene, W. B. Love, E. C. Houston, Randolph Redfern, O. W. Kochitzky, R. V. Houston, A. M. Stack, J. E. Stack, Warren Stack, Lee Griffin, J. B. Williams, N. C. English, T. C. Anderson, Chas. Barden, J. Frank Laney, John C. Sikes, J. E. Ashcraft, V. Dixon Sikes, W. S. Blakeney, A. L. Monroe, T. J. Payne, Eugene Ashcraft, J. M. Blair, Chas. Iceman, Etta Griffin, C. M. Redfern, A. L. Dearing, E. C. Williams, Walter Crowell, C. H. Richardson, W. E. Cason, E. C. Winchester, E. W. Crow, W. C. Heath, R. B. Redwine, R. F. Beasley, W. J. Rudge, H. B. Adams, W. W. Horne, R. A. Morrow, J. M. Belk, J. J. Crow, Frank Armfield, J. A. Stewart, Lizzie Covington, W. A. Lane; Misses Pat Adams, Alice Scales, Bright Ogburn, Lillian Kibler, Anna Blair, Mary and Susie Covington, Anna Chreitzberg, Mamie Robinson, Bess Dunlap, Alice Stack, Caroline Parker, H. J. McColl, Margie Williamson and Francis Lee.

Death of Mrs. John Morris.

Mrs. Minnie Gordon Morris, wife of Mr. John A. Morris and daughter of Mr. J. A. Gordon, departed this life September 24, 1910, aged 17 years, 8 months and 22 days.

She had been sick about two weeks with typhoid fever, but amid this she endured with a patient courage which characterizes a pure christian life. She joined Bond's Grove M. E. church at 16 years of age, and was true to it until her Lord called her home. She did not seem to fear death, and when she was about to cross over the mystic river she told her attendants that she was "going to meet mamma," and then sweetly expired. Aunt Minnie was kind and loving, always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy, and as some one said, "she had the sweetest temper I ever saw." Those who mourn her are a host of friends, a heart-broken husband, a dear little infant son, a father, and six sisters and two brothers, whose names are as follows: Mrs. W. F. Freeman of Fort Mill, Mrs. Lexes Tomberlin of Sanford, Mrs. James Reid of Charlotte, Mrs. Charles Smith of Bond's Grove, Misses Mollie and Ada Gordon, Mr. Rasser Gordon and Master Floyd Gordon. All of these have our sympathy, and may they ever strive to meet her in glory.

JESSIE O. MORRIS.

An Invitation.

The Women's Missionary Societies of the Union Association are cordially invited and earnestly requested to meet in the First Baptist church in Monroe on Tuesday, November 1, 1910, at 11 o'clock, in annual meeting. The societies will be expected to make a report of the year's work. On account of inclement weather and other inconveniences, the women were unable to have a meeting during the recent session of the association.

Each society is requested to send as many delegates as can possibly come. Our homes will be open to all who are interested enough to come. The chairman of the entertainment committee will be announced later. Those who live too far to get here by 10:30, are requested to come the afternoon before. We will have a morning and afternoon session. The date as announced at the association was changed as it would fall on election day.

Very sincerely,
MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT,
Vice President of the Union Association.

Governor Kitchin will speak in the court house next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Death of Dr. Chreitzberg.

The people of Monroe were greatly shocked yesterday morning by the announcement of the death of Rev. Hilliard F. Chreitzberg, D. D., the beloved pastor of Central Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Chreitzberg was taken ill with typhoid fever a little more than two weeks ago, and the reports of his condition were all favorable for his recovery right up to Sunday night. But a sudden change came about 4 o'clock Monday morning, and his family had just time to gather at his bedside when the good man passed away.

Dr. Chreitzberg was born at Georgetown, S. C., February 24, 1850, and was the son of Rev. Dr. A. M. Chreitzberg, who died two years ago. He was graduated at Wofford College in 1873, and received the degree of A. M. from his alma mater three years later. From 1873 to 1892 he was a member of the South Carolina Conference, in which he served many important charges, and in the latter year he joined the Western North Carolina Conference. His pastorates in North Carolina were at Asheville, Reidsville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Monroe, all of which he filled with signal ability and most acceptably to his congregations.

Dr. Chreitzberg was one of the most powerful preachers in North Carolina, his sermons being marked by great force and vigor of expression. He had read largely and thought deeply, and applied the results to his sermons most effectively. While liberal in his views, he found the simple Gospel broad enough for his teachings; and his own life was a sermon in itself, for he consistently practiced what he preached.

Nor did he confine his preaching to the pulpit alone. On every great moral question his voice was heard and his influence was felt. His interest in the advancement of temperance was intense, and he took a prominent part in the cause of prohibition of the liquor traffic in this State. He served for six years as grand chief of the Independent Order of Good Templars, travelling in this country, and visiting Canada and Europe as the official representative of this organization, making numerous temperance addresses. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed on him by Weaverville College some years ago.

In 1873 he married Miss Addria Kirby, daughter of Maj. A. H. Kirby, at Spartanburg, S. C., and their married life was a very happy one. Besides his widow, Dr. Chreitzberg is survived by five children, three daughters and two sons.

Funeral services were held in Central church this morning, conducted by Presiding Elder Boyer, assisted by Rev. C. M. Campbell of Waxhaw. After the services, the body was taken on the 11:05 train to Spartanburg for interment, accompanied by the members of the family, a deputation from the church, and by Messrs. S. H. Green, J. T. Mallard and W. C. Crowell, representing the Masonic orders of which Dr. Chreitzberg was a member.

Buford News.

Correspondence of The Journal.
The farmers are very busy picking cotton, pulling fodder and making molasses.

Rev. T. J. Rogers of Rutherfordton preached for us at Altan Monday night, September 26th. His presence brought to our memory many pleasant bygone days. It does our hearts good to know that he is working in the vineyard of the Lord.

Mrs. Edgar Puett of Bryson City, N. C., is visiting her brother, Mr. Henry Belk, and other relatives of this section. Her husband, Mr. Edgar Puett, holds an important position on the Southern railroad.

The protracted meeting will convene at New Hope Sunday, October 2nd. We are trusting and praying that the power of God may be made manifest. We are having a good Sunday school at Altan. Our faithful superintendent, Mr. R. W. Elliott, seems to know just what to do and say to interest all.

Mrs. Julia St. Clair, who has just closed a summer school near Jefferson, S. C., has been visiting friends and relatives in this section.

Death of Miss Ruth Heath of Matthews.

Miss Ruth, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Heath of Matthews died last Wednesday night and was buried in Elmwood cemetery, Charlotte, Thursday evening. She was a sister of Mrs. B. C. Redfern of Monroe.