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## WELL KNOWN EDUCATOR

### And Splendid Christian Gentleman Gone to Rest.

Dr. John J. Harper, L. L. D., Died at Wilson Friday, After a Brief Illness. His Death was due Primarily to La Grippe and Stomach Complications. A Man of Culture and High Christian Character.

(Wilson Advocate 17th)

At 12:15 today at Atlantic Christian College occurred the death of our well known and universally respected townsman, Dr. John J. Harper, L. L. D. The death of Dr. Harper came as a shock to this community, and to the hundreds of friends of the eminent educator and preacher throughout the State. He was ill only a few days, having been taken with the la-grippe. This was not considered dangerous until it was followed by pleurisy. This painful trouble weakened the system and sapped the vitality, until when it became complicated with an affection of the stomach and then pneumonia developed, he had not the strength left to fight the combination. All that medical skill could do to relieve the sufferer was done, but it was of no avail, and death came to his relief, and he passed away as peacefully as a child lies down to pleasant dreams.

The death of Dr. Harper has cast a profound gloom over this city where he was so familiarly known, and many hearts over the State saddened at the news of his passing. He was a man universally beloved and respected for his many sterling qualities of heart and brain, and his friends were legion. In the councils of his church he stood at the head of the advisers as to its welfare, and at every meeting of the brotherhood his advice was sought, and in perfect faith that it was the best thing to do. Before he expressed an opinion, however he studied the question from every point of vantage and then took his high stand where he thought it was right, and stood there with all the confidence of earnest conviction. He was a valuable man to his brethren and to the church at large.

Dr. Harper was born in Johnston county, North Carolina, on April 10, 1841. He was born and raised on a farm, and his educational advantages were as good as young men of his day and time, yet not as they are today, and as he spent his life to make them. He received an English and Latin Education in the high grade schools of his State, and studied Greek under private teachers, and through his own exertions out of school he pretty thoroughly mastered that difficult language. After leaving school he taught for four years and was very successful in the work. In 1862 he was married to Miss Arlita Anderson Daniel, who several years since preceded him to the grave. The fruit of this union was seven children, all of whom are living and some of them present with him at the last. C. P. Harper of Selma; John Edgar, of Rockingham; Mrs. R. B. Whitley, of Wendell, W. C. of Smithfield, James, of Smithfield, and Misses Myrtle and Fannie, who were with him and assisted him in the work of teaching and of keeping the home after the death of their mother. He also leaves three sisters: Mrs. N. B. Hood, of Dunn, Mrs. J. A. Barber, of Johnston county, and Mrs. B. W. Hatcher, of Salisbury.

Dr. Harper was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1861, and for many years was the foremost preacher in the State among the Disciples of Christ. During his ministry he held every important pulpit in the State, and helped to plant and strengthen the cause everywhere. His largest pastorates were Wilson's Mills, La Grange, Kinston, Dunn, Wilson, and Washington, and these communities still bear the impress of the splendid scriptural and moral teaching he gave to the people during his ministry with them.

and his name is spoken among them in love and reverence. Following his ministerial work he became editor of the Christian Visitor during 1887-'88. He was elected to a seat in the State Senate in 1881, and served his State in the capacity of a legislator with the same fidelity and scrupulous care and honesty which had characterized his religious life. He was President of the State Board of the Christian church for many years and the splendid organization now in existence and accomplishing so much is the result of his work in the early days of co-operation among the churches of Christ in North Carolina.

Dr. Harper took the presidency of the Atlantic Christian College four years ago under protest and at a time when the affairs of that splendid institution were remarkably dark, but the people had the supreme confidence in him and rallied to his aid. He bent his whole soul and energy to the task of rebuilding the school, and during those years he has made sacrifices for it which only he and God know, and for which he did not speak to even his most intimate friends, in order that a great institution of learning might be built and maintained by the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina. How well he has succeeded is evidenced by the wonderful success which has crowned the work this year in this institution. He has been assisted this year in the work by J. C. Caldwell, and they have worked harmoniously to the bringing about a common end, the complete success of the work they had undertaken. That work being the establishment of a great Christian school in Eastern North Carolina, and thus carry out the intention of the founders.

In an interview with A. B. Cunningham, President of the State Board of trustees of the Atlantic Christian College we are given the assurance that there will be no break whatever in the work well organized and so well in hand and is that it will go on and accomplish that for which its dead president prayed, complete success. While Dr. Harper will be missed by all, especially by the student body, who had learned to regard him as almost a father, yet so well has his work been done and the spirit of loyalty so instilled that there will be no break in the work, even though the familiar figure of the President is missed at the chapel, in the office and the corridor of the college. So well has the work been done that there will be no trouble whatever in carrying it to a successful conclusion. God has never yet failed to raise up another consecrated soldier to take up the banner dropped from the hand of the fallen one and carry it on to the end and to victory. Neither will he desert the cause nor the institution builded and grounded in His name, and over which tears have been shed and lives sacrificed. This work commenced by Dr. Harper will be carried out and continued with the prayers of the united church behind it.

#### Outland-Holloman.

On last Sunday morning January 19, to the great surprise of their many friends, Mr. J. B. Outland and Miss Bessie Holloman accompanied by Mr. Milton Outland, Miss Carrie Holloman, Mr. L. R. Holloman and Miss Fannie Outland drove to the home of Rev. John Sasser, and were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. Immediately after the ceremony the happy party went to the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. T. R. Sullivant, near Pine Level, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. Miss Bessie is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. J. R. Holloman, of Johnston county, while the groom is a prosperous young farmer of Wayne. The writer wishes for them a long and happy life.

The sensible mother keeps a Jar of Vick's Croup and Pneumonia Salve ready. It is the home emergency doctor. Sold by Hood Bros.

## HAPPENINGS IN BENSON.

Dr. George A. Hood and Miss Nellie Parrish Married. Meeting at Baptist Church. Other Items.

Mrs. Geo. Holland has accepted a position with Preston Wood-ell.

Miss Emma Startrog, of Godwin, is visiting Miss Lonnie Hawley.

Mrs. Barbour, of near Clayton, visited her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Lee, last week.

Mr. W. H. Sorrie prescription clerk at the drug store of J. W. Benson, while he is sick.

Mr. Bradley Johnson, of Bellfield, Va., is spending several days in town and community.

Mr. O. Washburn has sold his stock of groceries to Mr. Ira B. Hudson, who continues the business.

Mr. Wade Royal, of Emporia, Va., is in the town making arrangements to return here as a resident.

Mr. J. E. Eldridge, of Winston-Salem, is here on a visit to his old home where he has many friends.

Mr. A. Parish, has sold his store to Mr. R. L. Surles who will continue the business at the same place.

Presiding Elder Gibbs, of Fayetteville District, was here and preached at the Methodist Church last Sunday morning.

Our hustling cotton buyers were very busy last Friday. They bought two hundred bales on that date, paying out over \$10,000.00 for the fleecy staple.

Messrs. Charlie and Walton Johnson have bought the C. W. Anderson stock of goods from Referee E. F. Moore and will open up business, and ask for a portion of the trade in the future.

Rev. T. H. Thornton, of Clayton, is assisting the pastor in evangelistic service at the Baptist Church. Mr. Thornton has made a splendid impression so far. He sticks close to the Word and makes one feel that he has decided convictions.

Miss Nellie Parish, of this place, was married to our popular County Treasurer, Dr. G. A. Hood on Monday night at the home of Mr. Clem Bryant near Clayton, where Miss Parrish was visiting her sister. The happy couple stole a march on their friends here as very few if any of them knew of their arrangements to get married at the time and place above mentioned. We extend congratulations.

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#### Death of Aged Woman.

Mrs. Henry Moore died on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, Jan. 18 at her daughter's, Mrs. T. B. Johnson. She had been in poor health for several months. She died suddenly but her death was not unexpected. She was 85 years old and had been a member of the Primitive church at Smithfield for over 30 years. She was the mother of 14 children. Her husband preceded her to the grave over 30 years ago.

She was buried at Johnson Union Freewill Baptist church Sunday evening where some of her children were laid to rest some time ago. She seemed to have a good hope and has said for several years she was ready to go and dreaded nothing but the sting of death.

T. B. J.

#### A Cure for Misery.

"I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store.

## THE NEWS UP POLENTA WAY.

Death of Mrs. R. A. Sanders. Sunday School Officers Elected. Marriages and other Items of Interest.

Mr. Rom Jones is building a pretty five room cottage near Shiloh.

Miss Ava O. Yelvington has recovered from a recent attack of grippe.

Mr. G. B. Smith carried a fine lot of beef cattle to the market one day last week.

It is rumored that other marriages are to take place hereabouts at no distant day.

There will be preaching at Oakland next Sunday morning by the pastor Rev. Mr. Sanders.

The roads are in some places better condition. In some places they have been almost impassable.

Mr. Hubert Jones, of South Carolina, is at home on a visit to his parents, Elder and Mrs. J. A. T. Jones.

Mr. Claud Stephenson represented Polenta Lodge A. F. & A. M., at the Grand Lodge of Masons, at Raleigh last week.

Peter Boyland, one of the oldest colored men of this section, died recently. He was between eighty and ninety years old.

Mr. W. H. Coats has moved back to his farm in this section. We extend to him and his better half a warm welcome to our midst.

Miss Celestia Smith, after spending several days with her brothers, Messrs D. T. and G. B. Smith, returned to Raleigh, one day last week.

We learn Mr. Will Weeks, of Smithfield, will move back to this section to live. He will engage in the mercantile business at the old stand of Mr. Fletcher Austin's, near Barber's mill.

Miss Bettie Yelvington happened to a painful accident Tuesday. Two buggies with two mules hitched to them, collided, Bettie was thrown out, her face being badly bruised. She was taken immediately to Dr. E. N. Booker where her wounds were dressed. We sincerely hope nothing serious will result.

Mr. R. M. Myatt had his buggy torn to pieces Tuesday evening. His pretty mare was hitched to the buggy and tied in front of Messrs. Smith and Ellington's store: she was frightened, broke loose, dashed through the grove, the buggy striking one of the trees tearing it to pieces pretty badly. No other damage was done.

Last Sunday Shiloh Sunday School elected officers for this year, as follows: S. B. Hardie, superintendent; David Wood, assistant superintendent; secretary and treasurer, Willie Stevens; teachers, Mrs. J. F. Hardie, Miss Addie Bunday and Mrs. Cornelia Jordan. These are good selections and the school will succeed under its management.

On January the 8th at 7 p. m. at the residence of the parents of the bride, Mr. Louis Coats and Miss Ludolph Price, were happily united in wedlock, J. E. Jones, J. P., officiating. Mrs. Coats is the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Price, and Mr. Coats, the son of Mr. Babe Coats is well known as a young man of pluck and energy. He is engaged in farming. May their pathway be strewn with roses; may their troubles be few.

On the first Sunday of the year the following officers were elected for the Oakland Sunday School for the year 1908: Superintendent, F. T. Booker; assistant superintendent, C. C. Young; secretary and treasurer, E. S. Edmundson; librarian, David Holt; organist, Miss Kittie Wood; assistant organist, Miss Lou Young; teachers, Dr. E. N. Booker, C. C. Young, E. S. Edmundson, Miss Lou Young and Miss Ava O. Yelvington. This school is in a flourishing condition having 110 scholars.

Rev. B. Townsend, of Broadway, has been called to the pastorate of Shiloh Baptist church. It is hoped by all of our people that he will accept the call. He served the church several years ago, and the whole population was delighted with the ministry.

On Sunday, January 12th, at 2 p. m. at the residence of Elder J. A. T. Jones, Mr. Percy W. Barber and Miss Myrtle Ryals, two of our most popular young people, were united in marriage, Elder Jones officiating. We extend to them our congratulations, and wish for them a happy journey through life.

This whole community was saddened last Wednesday when it heard of the death of Mrs. Kittie Sanders, the beloved wife of Mr. R. A. Sanders. She had suffered for a long time, and had borne her affliction with christian fortitude. She was a true woman beloved by all who knew her, a woman of sweet and kindly disposition, a woman of the highest christian integrity, one who will be missed by all of us. She was the oldest child of the late Capt. J. J. Young and was, when she died, thirty-seven years old. We sympathize with the bereaved ones, and mourn her demise. Her funeral was preached at Oakland Wednesday evening after her death by the Rev. Mr. Starling, her pastor, after which her remains were laid to rest beside her father in Oakland cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful.

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## State News.

A Raleigh correspondent writing under date of January 18, to the State papers says: Twenty prisoners were sent to the county roads yesterday, having been convicted at this term of court. Some days ago your correspondent found 18 of these prisoners in one large cell and 17 of them said their downfall was due to whiskey.

A tract of three hundred acres in Buncombe county, twelve miles from Asheville on the Swannanoa river and the railroad, has been purchased by the State Board of Agriculture for experimental farm purposes, tests to be in grain, grasses, fruits and stock. R. W. Collett will be Superintendent. The cost of the tract was \$8,000.

As the result of a head-on collision between the northbound fast mail train on the Seaboard Air Line and Southbound freight No. 748, at Cameron, 48 miles south of Raleigh, early Saturday morning, Hamp Townsend, colored fireman on the passenger train, was almost instantly killed and Engineer E. H. Vaughan, of Raleigh, was so badly scalded that he died in Rex Hospital Saturday afternoon.

The Raleigh Correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says that Thursday night of last week a man named Mimms, who said that he was a Fayetteville lumber inspector, drove from Selma to Pine Level, filled up on whiskey, got on the train and came towards Raleigh, but fell off at Garner. There he was discovered lying between the rails. But for this discovery by the agent he would have been killed in less than an hour.

#### Hot Summer In Australia.

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 19. —There is much suffering because of the unusual heat wave throughout Victoria. The people are obliged to sleep out of doors, and there have been many cases of sunstroke.

Thirty-two deaths have been recorded from this cause during the past few days. The theaters are beginning to shut down.

Mrs. Herbert M. Sears, a wealthy woman of Boston, plunged out of the thirteenth story of a New York hotel and killed herself Saturday.

Edmond Clarence Stedman, the New York poet and banker, died suddenly Saturday.

## LEGISLATURE MEETS

### Governor Glenn's Recommendations Given Closest Attention.

The Governor Recommends the Passage of a Two-and-One-Half Cent Passenger Law and Strongly Advises That a State Prohibition Law be Passed. Caucus Decided to Pass a Law Submitting the Question to a Vote of the People.

The General Assembly was convened at Raleigh Tuesday in extraordinary session to consider the compromise regarding railroad rates. The roll-call showed 46 Senators and 193 representatives present. As soon as both branches met a committee from each was each appointed to wait on the Governor and notify him that they were ready to receive any communication he might wish to submit.

The Governor's message was then received and read before both houses of the general assembly. The Governor, in his message, reviews the rate law passed at the session of the general assembly last winter and the subsequent events growing out of this legislation and also calls attention to the agreement between himself and the railroads, which is in substance as follows: To change the flat intra-state rate of 2 1/2 cents per mile to a flat rate of 2 1/2 cents per mile; also the issuing 2000 miles mileage books to heads of firms and employees not to exceed five at two cents per mile, individual mileage books at 2 cents per mile good for intra-state and interstate and interchangeable, &c.

Governor Glenn also recommends the establishment of two small judicial districts of one county each, so that the judges, when not holding these courts, could hold courts in other districts where the judges are sick or otherwise kept from holding courts at the appointed time.

When it came to the prohibition question the Governor was emphatic in recommending that the general assembly pass a state prohibition law. He calls on the Legislature to pass such a law and remove the curse of liquor from our borders at once.

The Senate and House both held caucuses Tuesday night to consider what should be done with the liquor question. Both houses unanimously agreed to pass a state prohibition law submitting the question to a vote of the people.

Several local bills and bills of a general nature were introduced Wednesday and yesterday.

Whatever else the general assembly may do, it will surely pass a new rate law embodying the recommendations of the Governor and also give to the people a state prohibition law of some kind.

#### Ennis-Alford.

A beautiful marriage took place last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mr. J. W. Alford, of this township, when Mr. Louis Ennis, of Smithfield, and Miss Minnie Alford were married, Rev. J. F. Owens, pastor of Hopewell Freewill Baptist church performing the ceremony. The attendants were Mr. Walton Alford and Miss Nellie Lassiter, Mr. Dell Ennis and Miss Hattie Alford, Mr. Joseph Parrish and Miss Mary Parker.

A reception was given the happy couple and a nice supper was served at the home of Mr. John Ennis, a brother of the groom who lives in Smithfield. A number of friends were there to enjoy the occasion with them.

Where the law prohibiting the liquor traffic is faithfully enforced its fruits will vindicate it in the judgment of the citizens who are sober and honest and free from mercenary entanglement with the monster evil. Surely, surely!—Bishop Fitzgerald.