

## PROMINENT BAPTIST MINISTER DEAD

### Elder George Daniel Roberson Stricken with Paralysis and Dies in a Few Days--Confederate Soldier and Good Citizen--Funeral Sunday

Elder George Daniel Roberson, son of Henry Baker Roberson and his wife, Gatsy Rogers, was born near Robersonville, Martin County, N. C., November 13th, 1843, and died at his home in that town, June 10th, 1911. He was of Scotch descent. Being the first born of twelve children, and reared on a farm, he grew up at hard labor, without much education. He lived on a farm near Everetts, N. C., several years and then removed to Robersonville, where he engaged in merchandising. He was very industrious and economical and successful in business, and accumulated a competency, and built a very comfortable and convenient home. At the age of eighteen he entered the Southern Army in 1862, and remained in the war to its close. On October 6th, 1870, he married Miss Margaret L. Smith. To this union were born five children—Mary Allena (wife of J. C. Robertson), Alonzo, Ira Daniel, Leona Adelaide (wife of R. E. Grimes), and George Malichi. Of these all are living except Alonzo, who died in 1894. Their mother died on August 29th, 1887. On January 23rd, 1889, Elder Roberson married Miss Sarah J. Smith, who has had no children. She was paralyzed March 23rd, 1907, and is still living.

Experiencing a hope in Christ, he joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Spring Green in 1869, and was baptized by the pastor, Elder C. B. Hassell. Feeling an impression to preach, he resisted it for four years, but, finally yielding, he was licensed by his church, and was ordained by Elders A. N. Hall, R. H. Harris, and Levi Rogerson, in 1880, the year in which Elder C. B. Hassell died. He was called to the care of Spring Green, Flat Swamp, Conetoe and Farmville churches, and served them faithfully, and baptized many members at some of them. He also attended other churches, and a Union Meeting nearly every fifth Sunday, and his own (Kehukee) and other Associations. He made preaching tours from the mountains to the sea in North Carolina and from Georgia to New Jersey. He had an original and fruitful mind and a good command of language and illustrations, and was a deep and clear expounder of the Scriptures, and applied their spiritual meaning very comfortingly to Christian experience, and was not at all carried away by modern speculations, but contended earnestly and ably, in private and in public, for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints, the perfect and eternal truth of the Scriptures, and the doctrine of salvation by grace, according to the purpose of the Divine Father, by the atoning blood of the Divine Son, and the renewing power of the Divine Spirit. As a minister of the Gospel, he was esteemed by all who loved the truth and heard him. He was calm and deliberate in address; and he was very hospitable to all who visited him. He served the Lord, not for earthly reward, but because he loved Him and His truth and people. He claimed no perfection except in Christ. He maintained that true religion makes a real and beneficial change in the heart and life of a believer; and that sin does not, in any sense, come from the holy Creator, but is the rebellion of the creature against

## Permanent Methodist World Body

When the Methodists of the world meet in Toronto next fall—three hundred representatives from North America and Japan, and two hundred from Europe, Australia, South Africa and the mission fields of Asia—a permanent organization of world Methodists will be formed competent to speak and act for Methodists on great questions like world peace, world missions, and Christian unity. The present Ecumenical Conference meets but once in ten years, and is in charge of committees formed for conference purposes only. Extension of a Christian brotherhood of Methodists will be approved, and if Sir Robert W. Perks of London, one of the European members has his way a far larger use of laymen as regular preachers in place of salaried ministers will be recommended to Methodists of all countries. In England 55,000 Methodist laymen preach each week to settled congregations, serving wholly without salaries. Methodists in the United States favor extension of the plan here, it is said, both for wider preaching of the Gospel at less cost, and because the plan extends the personal acquaintance and influence of Christian laymen, resulting in their election to political office, and other posts of public trust. Laymen's associations of annual conference are considering the laymen plan, with a view of recommending it to the next General Conference, meeting in Minneapolis in May, 1912.

## Death of a Young Man

Died, Saturday, June 10th, 1911, William Dawson Raynor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raynor, aged twenty-one years. For several weeks he had been suffering with fever which culminated in some brain affection from which he died. Several years ago, while playing ball, he was accidentally struck with a bat on the head and some reasoner that that may have caused the trouble. The young man had lived a quiet, moral life with his parents at home.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. G. J. Dowell conducted the funeral services at the home of the parents, and the body was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

his Maker, and is hated, forbidden, and justly punishable by the righteous Judge of the universe, and is pardoned for the sake of Christ only.

In May and June Elder Roberson in company with Elder Charles Meads, of Elizabeth City, N. C., attended the Baltimore, Delaware, and Delaware River Old School Baptist Associations, in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and greatly enjoyed the meetings, and he returned home Monday, June 5th, in apparently good health. But on Thursday, June 8th, he was attacked with paralysis of the spinal cord, which affected his muscles, and made him helpless on Friday and Saturday. He was rational and could speak, but could not move, and had no pain. He became unconscious about 7 o'clock p. m., Saturday, and gently fell asleep, as we believe, in Jesus, about 9:30 o'clock p. m. At 4 o'clock p. m., on Sunday, June 11th, his remains were interred, as he had requested, near those of his first wife and his son Alonzo, in the cemetery of Spring Green Church, in Martin County, N. C. A large concourse of people were present. I held a short burial service at the open grave. We feel assured that our gifted and faithful brother has entered into eternal rest.

Sylvester Hassell.

## Williamston on a Bear Hunt

Sunday morning, while many people were attending the various Sunday Schools and those at home were enjoying a quiet siesta beneath the trees or on the shady side of the porches, a great commotion was heard in the direction of the farm of Watts & Company. The sound betokened war—war against something for guns were firing, men and dogs yelling and women giving forth the alarm. Hundreds of citizens rushed to the scene armed to the teeth with any kind of firearm available. The cause of the alarm was seen rushing across the large oak grove from the direction of the cattle sheds, and it was a large black bear, which had been run from over the creek by several colored men. Bruin did not stop to open the gate opening on the street, but bursted through with the pursuers many laps behind. He evidently intended to go down the principal street to the heart of the town just to exhibit his sprinting qualities, but John W. Hassell rushed out and firing at his bearship, made him stagger and change his course to the street past Hatton's shop. Down the crowd rushed being largely increased by Banker Godard with a gun and J. G. Staton armed with a cane. Reaching the home of Sam Harrell, the beast attempted to climb the fence but paused an instant, for beyond the pickets armed with two brickbats, Harrell stood yelling: "Kill him! Kill him!" But he kept the bricks as souvenirs, or to alarm the next bear. Bruin climbed the high picket fence, however, with Hassell and the others close seconds. Going through the lot, he found a ditch and realizing that his end was near, stretched himself out to die, being wounded unto death. No doubt he saw Chief of Police White and wanted him to have the pleasure of putting the last hole in his carcass. And so bruin died and was carried back in the grove, butchered and bear meat was on many tables that quiet Sabbath day. The town has not had so much excitement in many moons and after the bear was killed the fun came in the recitals of the scene. The colored population are still very much alarmed and bears galore have been seen walking about through the night. It was reported that numerous bear tracks have been found in the swamp adjoining the creek. Some have not been able to sleep well since for fear the beasts would come and devour them bones and all.

This is the third bear which has been killed in Williamston within the past twenty years. One, however, was a tame animal which slipped away from his owner and wandered up here. The exceedingly dry weather has driven them from their usual haunts and they are seeking big waters. George Hagan, a colored man, was at the creek preparing to indulge in Sunday fishing, when the bear rushed across the stream to escape his pursuers. A warning this to all who break the Sabbath day in that manner.

## Where Training is not Needed?

A Baltimore lady marvels that in an age of specialists, "only in two walks of life is it considered that proficiency is unnecessary: the church and the kitchen. Any person of color who has ever seen a stove will nonchalantly undertake to provide meals more or less eatable for a large and dyspeptic family, and the most world-weary sinner is received without any probation or purgation whatsoever into full membership in whatever section of the body of Christ he may elect to honor."—Collier's Weekly.

## Birthday Celebration

Monday evening Miss Sallie Hadley entertained in honor of her fifteenth birthday. The elegant home of her uncle, Mr. Marshal Wilson, in East Williamston, was ablaze with lights, the broad verandahs being illuminated by Japanese lanterns.

Quite a number of the young friends of the hostess were guests and entered heartily into the spirit of the joyous occasion. Games and merry laughter filled every moment with pleasure and the time for departure seemed to have arrived all too early. Delicious creams and cakes were served at tables arranged on the verandahs, halls and parlor.

Many lovely presents were presented by the guests who were: Misses Hannah Vic Fowden, Annie Kate Thrower, Mary Dare and Jessie Brown, Laurie Ellison, Frances Knight, Emma and Josie Robertson, Katie Philpot, Leona Page, Sue Leggett, Glenwood Ellington, Irma Woodhouse, Rose Crowell, Louise Upton, Myrtle Woolard, Maud and Ellie Wynne, Eloise Meadows, Fannie Mirt Manning, Eva Peel, Carrie Dell Blount, John H. Thrower, Fred M. Shute, Ben Hopkins, Julian Anderson, Perlie Perry, Roy Anderson, Maurice Watts, Oscar Anderson, John Manning, Elbert Peel, Samuel Hadley.

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## No Court Next Week

Owing to the illness of Judge George W. Ward, there will be no session of court next week. Judge Ward was stricken with apoplexy at Tarboro last week and is still suffering. There is no Judge to supply his place, so all the business to come before him will be delayed. This works a great hardship upon many. The criminals lying in the jails ought to be working on the roads, thus saving expenses to the counties by which they are being imprisoned.

The effort to have a Judge who could act whenever a circumstance like the illness of Judge Ward should occur, failed but the opponents of the measure can very readily see the wisdom of it.

## Notice

Subscribers of the Williamston Telephone Company will please make the following additions and changes to their Telephone Directories.

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## Jamesville Central

Askew, C. A. 14; Davenport, J. L. 18; Evans, J. E. 17; Edwards, D. S. 20; Hotel, 19.

Change S. R. Biggs Drug Co., to The Jamesville Drug Co., 3. W. C. Manning, Mgr.

## Suicide at Tarboro

Luther V. Hart, Cashier of the Bank of Tarboro, shot himself at his home in Tarboro, Wednesday about 1 o'clock. He went home in apparently good spirits and while his wife was preparing to serve dinner, went to his room above and shot himself through the head. His wife rushed to him but found him beyond medical aid.

Bank Examiner Doughton was at the bank making an examination and found a shortage of no less than \$50,000. The assistant cashier, Braxton Hussey, was questioned and breaking down confessed that the stealing had been going on for seven years. He owned to having received \$12,500. He was arrested and his bond fixed at \$15,000.

## The Charitable Brotherhood

The District Meeting of the Charitable Brotherhood was held here on Wednesday. The meeting was called together at the C. B. H. hall on Main Street at 10 o'clock a. m. There were present about forty delegates. After the adjournment of the business session, barbecue was served in the Academy grove, and this was a most delightful feature of the day to the visitors.

The Brotherhood has about three hundred members in Martin County and is in splendid condition. The death claims paid out within the past few years, have been of untold benefit to many families. It numbers among its members many of the best business men of the county, who take pride in its advancement.

## Free Trip to Washington

Congressman John H. Small has offered a free trip to Washington City to the boy in the First District who makes the most corn as per directions governing the State Boys Corn Club. This is a splendid chance for some boy in Martin County to get this trip to the most beautiful Capital in the whole world. Write to T. B. Parker, Raleigh, for application blanks.

## EVERETTS ITEMS

B. T. Cowper was here Friday. Miss Mildred Purvis was here Sunday.

C. B. Riddick went to Hamilton Monday.

D. J. Meeks went to Williamston Wednesday.

Roy T. Cox, of Greenville, was here Friday.

G. N. Taylor went to Robersonville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dew are in Norfolk this week.

J. A. Rawls, of Norfolk, was here Wednesday.

Johnnie Kittrell, of Greenville, was here Tuesday.

P. T. Anthony was here from Greenville Monday.

Will Salsbury was here from Robersonville Wednesday.

Prof. R. J. Peel and L. B. Wynne were here Wednesday.

W. C. Manning was here Monday from Williamston.

F. L. Teel went to Bethel Saturday night and returned Sunday.

Gideon Barnhill, of Robersonville, was here Wednesday.

George D. Burroughs was in Robersonville Sunday night.

J. S. Ayers left Wednesday for Greenville, Rocky Mount and Wilson.

It is worse than useless to take any medicine internally for muscular or chronic rheumatism. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by All Dealers.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

### Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Neims, of Norfolk was here Tuesday.

Will Ferrell, of Greenville, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Vance Cutbert, of Hamilton, spent Monday here with her parents.

Mrs. R. W. Salsbury, of Hamilton, spent Monday with Mrs. W. Z. Morton.

The carriage manufacturing plant of Wiley Rodgerson & Co. is almost completed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Roberson and children, of Norfolk, are here for several days.

Mrs. Schull, of Harrellsville, is spending this week here with her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Ward.

Misses Emma and Maree Robertson, of Greenville, spent Saturday and Sunday here with their parents.

Misses Louise Salsbury and Mabelle Haislip, of Hassell, spent several days with Mrs. W. Z. Morton.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford and little Mary Gladys Watts, of Williamston, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Jim Andrews.

The revival meeting began Monday evening at the Christian Church and will continue each evening at 8 o'clock. It is conducted by Rev. H. C. Boblett, Evangelist, of Rocky Mount, and the pastor Rev. Hayes Parrish.

A felling of universal sadness has been cast over the town and community by the sudden sickness and death of one of the most worthy and honored citizens, Elder George D. Roberson. He was born and reared near here and has for the last twenty years been a resident of this place, and was a good citizen and worthy man. He was an able and esteemed minister of the Primitive Baptist Church for about forty years and had a large number of friends in this and other states. He had just returned from a Northern trip, where he attended several associations. Thursday morning he felt a weakness in one of his hands, this increasing until he became helpless. He complained of no pain and quietly passed away at 9:30 Saturday night. His remains were taken to the burial ground at Spring Green Sunday afternoon and there interred. Elder Sylvester Hassell conducting the services in the midst of a large and grief-stricken audience. He leaves an afflicted wife, two sons and two daughters to whom the entire community extend their tenderest and deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

## Revival Services

Revival services will begin at the Methodist Church next Sunday and continue for ten days or more. Services Sunday 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., and every evening thereafter at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Whooping cough is not dangerous when the cough is kept loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has been used in many epidemics of this disease with perfect success. For sale by All Dealers.