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PROMINENT CITIZEN OF BESSEMER DEAD.

Mr. J. J. Kennedy Died Friday Morning—Buried at Long Creek Sunday Afternoon With Masonic Honors—A Large Gathering at the Funeral.

Mrs. James J. Kennedy, of Bessemer City, whose extreme illness was mentioned last week, died early Friday morning at St. Peter's Hospital in Charlotte. His body was taken to Bessemer City on the noon train, and was buried Sunday afternoon at Long Creek cemetery.

The funeral services were begun at the home shortly before one o'clock by Dr. W. S. Fitch, of Gastonia who had been the departed man's pastor. The Mass was in a body composed of Whetstone Lodge No. 515 and representatives from Shelby, Kings Mountain, Dallas, and Gastonia, about fifty in all—came to the home to participate in the funeral rites. The Masonic body sang "Nearer My God to Thee," a favorite hymn of this departed brother.

The services at the residence having been concluded, the long procession formed and turned toward Long Creek cemetery, three and a half miles away. There was a long procession of carriages and pedestrians. At the cemetery many people waiting, and the entire concourse made one of the largest gatherings ever seen at any funeral at this noted burying ground.

Here the first part of the Masonic ceremonies was conducted by Mr. S. J. Durham, and the concluding part by the Rev. Dr. W. S. Fitch, who closed with the church benediction. The singing of "Rock of Ages" during the service was very impressive.

James Judson Kennedy was born June 12, 1867, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kellis J. Kennedy of Kings Mountain, and was in the 37th year of his age. His brothers are Edward B., John H., Charles P., (in Texas), Thomas A. and Robert C.; sisters, Mrs. C. D. Mauney and Miss Lizzie J. Kennedy; half sisters Misses May and Lillian Kennedy. All of these except the brother in Texas live at or near Bessemer City.

On the 14th of February, 1894, Mr. Kennedy married Miss Nan-

nie Ormand, daughter of Mr. Meek Ormond, who survives with four little children: Annie, Lula, Studie, and Jeter Johnson. Mr. Kennedy was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a pillar of support upon which pastor and people could lean. A successful business man, he was the proprietor of "The Golden Rule store" in Bessemer City, where his enterprise and industry were continually rewarded by prosperous returns. In his death, Gaston county loses one of its most substantial citizens, and Bessemer City one of its most enterprising and most highly esteemed citizens. During his long illness at home, in the Baltimore hospital, then at home again, and finally in the hospital at Charlotte, his friends and neighbors heard of his losing contest for life with ever increasing anxiety and regret and when the end finally came, his entire hometown was in sorrow.

This brief sketch is closed by quoting from the concluding portion of the eloquent and touching funeral address of Dr. Fitch, as follows:

"Dear friends, I consider the Scriptures which I have quoted in this imperfect address to be peculiarly appropriate to the occasion, in view of the well-known and recognized Christian character of the deceased.

"Our departed brother gave his heart to God eight years ago and traveled in the highway of God, and has now come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon his head. He has been for these years a consistent and faithful member of the Church of God, but the great Head of the Church, the Bishop of Souls, has transferred him to the ranks of the Church Triumphant, which is without spot or wrinkle before the throne of God in heaven.

"These dear friends, the widow and children of the deceased saint at whose bier we gather today are able to cherish the sweetest and fondest memories of the tenderness, patience, fidelity, love, devotion and sacrifice, of him who proved himself a true and noble husband and father.

"My dear sister, God bless and keep you and your dear children and comfort your hearts, as He only can in this sudden and unexpected bereavement which has come to you."

EAST GASTON GOSSIP.

Mr. Jones' Article on Durham Church Life Pleased his Former Neighbors—Mrs. Farrar Surprises her Home Folks—The Farmers out of Doors Now.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

East Gaston, N. C., March 21—We enjoyed very much the article in THE GAZETTE of last Tuesday, written by Mr. O. J. Jones, one of the most pious young men we ever knew. He is a son of Mr. W. M. Jones, one of the best farmers and most substantial citizens of East Gaston. We, like the editor of THE GAZETTE, hope it will do some good.

Mr. M. L. Cansler, or rather Martin Luther, (or better known as "Shug") and his good wife of East Gaston have returned from their recent trip to Catawba county. They had been to visit their daughter, Mrs. Barbara Finnger.

Mrs. N. P. Farrar, though getting along in years, is still pretty spry. She lives about five miles from Mt. Holly, where she has been recently visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hoover. When her visit was concluded she struck out and walked, taking her home-folks greatly by surprise when she stepped in.

The tide has turned. Instead of seeing our farmers going up and down the road, they are now to be found in their fields. The familiar sound of woe, ha, gee, get up there, can be heard on every side. It is late, but if the farmers can get good weather for a while they will have every thing in good shape. One candidate has already been seen out in the field riding along following a farmer trying to persuade him to cast his strength for him. Would it not be better for the candidate to come with the plow and hoe, for just a little while anyway?

We note several farmers are sowing oats and small grasses. This is the thing they should do and not go wild on cotton. The raising of home supplies is what makes a farmer, now-a-days, no matter what price he can get for cotton. Show us a farmer that raises his home supplies, and then what cotton he can and we will show you a man that lives

THE NOTES WERE BURNED.

The Debts of the First Baptist Church All Canceled—Papers Burned Sunday Morning.

All the debts of the First Baptist church of Gastonia were paid in full last Saturday. The total amount of the obligations was \$5,825.47, which includes the church building debt, a small balance due on the piano, and all other obligations whatsoever.

The first pledges were taken a month ago, as chronicled in these columns, and other pledges continued to come in, until the amount was overpledged. When the payments were footed up and all claims were paid in full, the Treasurer, Mr. H. B. Moore, reported a balance on hand of \$378.03.

The exercises Sunday morning were simple. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Reddish, announced that he would not preach, but that the members who felt inclined to do so would have an opportunity to make such remarks as occurred to them to be appropriate to the occasion. Rev. C. H. Durham, former pastor of the church, was presented and congratulated his old congregation upon the work achieved. Brief remarks were made by Prof. J. S. Wray, Mr. T. C. Wilson, Mr. W. F. Marshall, Mr. J. L. Grice, Mr. L. L. Jenkins, and Capt. J. D. Moore. At the conclusion of Mr. Moore's remarks, he touched a lighted match to the notes representing the church's obligations. Mr. Jenkins holding a waiver underneath. While the papers burned, the congregation arose and sang the doxology. When it was concluded the church debt had become smoke and ashes.

Across the Line.

Mr. Daniel D. Grier and Miss Florence Falls of Pleasant Ridge took their friends by surprise last Wednesday evening when they drove across the line to Bowling Green and were married at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. W. A. Hafner. The groom is a young business man of Pleasant Ridge and the bride is the daughter of Esquire William Falls. Both parties have many friends who are congratulating them on the happy event.

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Ernest Murpby, the young burglar who shot two police officers at Salisbury on March 12th, was captured Sunday at Lynchburg, Va.

News from a Russian source says that the Russians captured eighteen hundred Japanese prisoners in a recent fight on the banks of the Yalu river.

YEAGER'S

Millinery Opening!

Thursday and Friday, March 24th and 25th.

The latest creations in fashionable Spring and Summer Millinery will be displayed at Yeager's on the dates named above. If you love to feast your eyes on beautiful things for women to wear, be sure to attend our opening, for on these days style and beauty will certainly reign in our Millinery Exhibits. Our Easter hats will be found to be

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Our big stores are loaded to the roof with all the new things for the Spring and Summer season. Our business has already been far beyond our expectations. We have duplicated several lines already.

This Spring bids fair to be the best Spring season we have ever had; and why not? We certainly have left no stones unturned to make this the banner season. With our experienced buyers we can say, and say so truthfully that our stock equals any in this section. Everything is now in readiness, every department is now at its best. So don't fall to visit our big stores during the Opening and get the new ideas for the Spring season.

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