HISTORIES

of

WHITE CHARGE

Best Chapel

Emerson Church

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The church was organized at the close of a brush arbor meeting conducted by General Clement A. Evans, the year after the Civil War closed, I think. My father and mother were charter members. My mother was a shouting Methodist from South Carolina who married a disabled soldier and came to Georgia with him to establish a Christian home. With him she joined the new church and started a Sunday school with her husband as superintendent and herself as teacher.

The church was named for a Reverend Mr. Best, a member of the Baltimore Conference who located because of an affliction and moved to Georgia and reared a fine family and preached as he was able. The church from its beginning was poor in purse but rich in spirit. The church was served by many able, consecrated ministers such as the following: C. A. Evans, Joseph Carr, John A. Reynolds, J. L. Pierce, J. J. Singleton, W. F. Robinson, W. J. Cotter, J. W. Stipe, J. E. England, W. T. Hamby, W. T. Hamilton, F. S. Hudson. During Brother Hudson's pastorate I was the third traveling preacher licensed besides several local brethren.

Twelve preachers who were members of Best Chapel or whose parents were have joined different Conferences and only one has stopped preaching. The others have served their day and generation and passed into the heavenly country except two retired and four still active—two in North Georgia Conference, one in North Carolina and one in Texas.

Best Chapel has been a great spiritual force in the past and while there are only a very few members at present and most of these without any earthly home yet there are quite a number of poor people with a number of children not close to any other Methodist Church. There are still a few,
the writer included, who believe the Methodist Church should carry on
with gratitude for the past and faith in the future. To this we pledge
our faith anew. W. S. G.