

INTRODUCTION

Dr. R. H. Robb, senior member of the Georgia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, is a past-master in historical matters, as well as in many other things. He has written some biographical sketches, full of human interests, concerning many of the leaders of Georgia Methodism.

He was appointed a presiding elder of this conference fifty years ago and is fully qualified to write not only of some ministers and laymen of his day, but could do equally as well in portraying the entire history of Georgia Methodism.

What he has committed to print is worthy of preservation. The farther we get from the past the more interesting becomes the lives of those who had a great part in making it. The historical societies of our conferences, where they exist, will render a splendid service to Methodism by collecting and preserving the ministerial records of all members.

He has pointed the way for his conference. Indeed we would not be surprised if he should amplify what he has recorded into a fuller record. But if he does not find time for this larger history, the young men of his conference should avail themselves of his intimate knowledge and go forward with what he has begun.

Dr. Robb's pamphlet is worthy of a place in the libraries of our educational institutions, as well as in the private collections of special friends. We bespeak for it a wide and careful reading.

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NOTE: Rev. R. H. Robb, D.C. the writer was presiding elder from 1880 to 84 and frequently visited Trinity and was always a welcome guest at the Westbrook home. He felt honored when Jesse Westbrook and his good wife named their latest baby-boy after him - Robert J. He, too, became a physician. Coming along years later than his brother, there were better educational advantages, and the requirements in entering the Medical College were stricter and also the time required to graduate. He, upon graduating, became a partner with his brother, and both did an extensive practice. After his brother's death, he maintained the practice. He married and raised a very interesting family.

The Methodist Christian Advocate could give all.

Robb's history

Character Sketches

I wish to write of a representative layman in Murray County - Uncle Ab. Weaver. Murray County lies in the Appalachian Valley. This Valley lies between the two ranges that constitute the Southern Highlands, the Blue Ridge on the East and the Cumberland Range on the West. It maintains its valley form from Harper's Ferry on the Potomac to where it disappears in Alabama. This county lies directly west of the Blue Ridge Range and the soil is different from the mountains east. Albert Tipton Weaver lived seven miles south of Springs Place and about the same distance from Tilton, the W. and A. Railroad - on the waters of Holly Creek. It was not our privilege to know his father, but we knew his mother well. She was a large woman of remarkable determination. Her son inherited many of her noble qualities of body and mind. Somewhat above medium size, he possessed great physical powers. There were few men of greater will power, and he spoke his sentiments fearless of any man. He was a good farmer and, like Grandison Moss, was ever experimenting with things that promised progress. His most marked work as a citizen was for Casey Springs Church and Camp-ground. He led in the organization of the church and was a trusted leader and official in it from first to last. For many years he was Sunday School Superintendent and directed the training of the youth of the community. The first church was a log house, but it was kept comfortable. Deeply interested in education, he led in making it comfortable for the public school that for a time was taught in it. When the new church was built he took a large part in it both in money and work. He was a liberal man in supporting the ministry and all the benevolent agencies of the church. He was not afraid to talk plain to his pastors when he judged it necessary. His house was always the itinerant's home and his wife, Peggy, was a true helpmate in everything. They raised a model family of intelligent, modest, children. For many years Casey Springs Camp-ground was known far and wide as a place for large congregations, good preaching and much spiritual power. He was always one of the reliable tent holders and his table was always available and well furnished. The people came from the surrounding counties on the Sabbath and often some of the rough elements, but Brother Weaver was always ready to assist in maintaining order. Our brother possessed a more than ordinary interest in education. In the winter of 1885-86 he sent his eldest son and Cassie, his daughter, to Ellijay Seminary. Later the daughter married Rev. W. B. Huckabee, who became a strong Methodist preacher. But she was not long for this world. In a few years she passed on. The three sons, John, Sam, Tom - were gifted like their father. They had little to say, but were boys of unusual good judgment and hard workers. Finally they got their heads together and plunged into the forests of Louisiana with saw-mills, they made money and became wealthy. After Mrs. Weaver's death he married an industrious widow of the community who took good care of him in his last sickness. He sold out his farm on Holly Creek and moved to a small place on the railroad near Eton. He was in his last days a great sufferer, but died triumphantly.

some of the pastors since 1911 but no specific year: Rev. Cochran, Rev. Hampton, Rev. Cook, Rev. Poteet, Rev. Posey, Rev. Chastain, Rev. Millsap, Rev. Duckett, Rev. Smith, Rev. Stuart, Rev. Parker, Rev. Blackstock, Rev. Engalnd, Rev. Molden.

This book is published by the request of the Nashville Preachers' Association. In our wide range of discussion subject of Church Registers came up. All in use are imperfect and therefore unsatisfactory. A committee was appointed. Ample time was given them to examine and report. Men who have served on missions, circuits, stations, and dioceses were on this committee.

This Register is the result of their labors. The veterans of the Publishing House and the Officers of the General Conference hereabouts say that it meets the demand.

Afterward, the Committee on Publishing Interests of the General Conference of 1890, recommended it in the following language:

"They have carefully examined the Church Register referred to them and recommended by the Nashville Preachers' Association, and they respectfully recommend the adoption of the same by this General Conference, and that the Book Agent is hereby instructed to publish an edition of the same, and keep them in stock; and further, that this General Conference earnestly recommend this Register to our Churches, and that it be procured whenever the purchase of a new Church Register becomes necessary."

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