Immediately after the Civil War Rev. Samuel J. Bellah was Pastor of Shiloh and held a remarkable revival.

At the Ladies' grove meeting one afternoon Mrs. R. P. Dougherty, then Miss "Bob" Allen, led and Mrs. Isaac Sidney Clement, formerly Miss Mintie Bell, offered prayer, resulting in the conversion of Mary Cornelia Clement (Buice). Afterwards she prayed and shouted "With Lan Allen," Miss Bob's brother—who called her his little preacher.

They were Uncle and Aunt of Dr. James Beverly Allen now of Atlanta.

George A. Clement was also converted and taking Mary Cornelia by the hand said, "Come on little Sister we will go together and join the Church.

Their parents, Stephen and Mary Clinkscale-Clement and all the immediate family except Isaac Clement were Baptists. After reading the history of the different denominations, including Catholics, he became a Methodist and carried little Sister to Sunday School. Neither parents objected, nor did the Mother (one of the best and most liberal of women) say aught when she joined the Church, but when she was sprinkled the Father and a Brother, Benjamin Franklin, a Baptist Preacher, sent an open Bible to the Church by Guilford W. Jones, with the marked paragraph—"And Jesus when he was baptized went straightway out of the water." "Read that," was the message, "and then if you can be a Methodist go ahead." She proceeded and has never regretted the step.

This same Brother, Benjamin Franklin, later became more liberal and ascended from Norcross, Georgia. He was deeply interested in the salvation of his only Son, Frank, saying he was a good boy all he needed was a change of heart. That his prayers and tears were bottled up in the Master's keeping, and some good day would be answered he felt assured.

His first Wife, who was his first Cousin, was Mrs. Sallie Hunnicutt, a Methodist and Frank's Mother.

Frank finally became a devoted member of St. Mark's Methodist Church, in Atlanta, praying in turn for his Sons and especially during the World War, for James Bankston in service overseas, who was to be and did become his Son-in-Law. Disease paralyzed his muscles—even the vocal cords, but almost his last intelligent words when asked if he was ready to go were, "I hope so." Two others connected with that old revival have used the same language in readiness for the Beyond. Mrs. Guilford W. Jones (Lavinia Young Bell Jones) and Harrison Turner Bell (Lieutenant-Colonel now 1922), living in Marietta age 82.

All the Allens participated, the old people with Mell (Mrs. Truner), Matt, Adelaide, Lee, Lex, Fred, and Tom.

The Alfred Jones crowd, good as gold, and Joseph Scott Bell and family, Uncle Joe had helped to organized the Church and build the house. His hair was like silver, and he was the mightiest man in prayer for miles around. He left to posterity with the heritage of a good name, a class book he had kept in Liberty Church, Jackson County, Georgia, in 1821. It contains the name of his faithful wife Rachel Phineas Bell, and many other Saints in Israel—only a few being marked "S" for sinner.
Among the "B" (Believers) are the ancestors of Dr. Earl Mills Anderson now a Methodist Medical Missionary in Korea. W. E. Jones was there Bill Guilford and W. A. and (Bill) Alford - first cousin, but fathers are not related - both just home from the war and alike happy in the Lord.

The Dodds were all on hand including Sim and Miss Julia. These were the people of John Dodd, so long a member, who wore his red beard which touched the ground, braided, and tucked in his shirt, and could cut out a circular saw. As Dodd is the synonym for David, and the great Psalmist and King had red hair maybe they were akin.

The Dr. E.M. Bacon family attended ever faithful. Dr. Bacon married Laura, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ellis, loyal Baptist, but many of their descendants were Methodist. Among them was another daughter Millie, who married Matthew Rayford Jones, Son of Alfred and Irena Young Bell Jones - a little fellow in that Shiloh Meeting.

Old Sid Clement stayed out in meeting three days up in the skies. No wonder that at the last, feeble but fully consecrated to God's Service, he went home saying, "Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Mrs. Stephen Clement went often as she could, in it heart and soul, Aunt Prudy Stone never failed to Scotch with "Hallelujah", and Tommy and Bill and John and all the other Stones were there, chief of these were Uncle Allen and Aunt Alifair, toe of the truest, God-fearing people. Little Ella can remember.

It was her delight to do her best, when in after years they came up the exhibition in Cumming, and she war never more pleased then when Uncle Allen said, "You are the best of all, try to keep it up."

The only time Aunt Alifair ever put "Easy away, was to shout."

Newt Pool, with the Creeded back, came from the Hardshells. They took many steps back and forth from Bethany to keep Newton from being lost but Newton took the risk. A happy Christian to the end.

Jesseh Clement did not come through until later. This same Newt Pool, passing by his lamentation at home, and spent the whole night with him, singing, reading the Bible, and praying. About sunrise the victory was won and the scene beyond description, Jesseh had left a led on the battlefield of Atlanta, but that made no difference. Those two tried soul never faltered to the end, Jesseh went up a Baptist saying he saw Wesley (the man little married) and Newt ascended still a Methodist, to the company of the redeemed.

Bobby Bellah, son of the Pastor, became so happy that he went into a trance and was carried to the near by residence of Guilford W. Jones. Upon awakening he declared he had been a witness of Heaven and its scenes which he described in the most remarkable language.

Many united with the church and as some preferred immersion, 92 were baptized in and sprinkled on the banks of Big Creek, near the old Joe Bell place, right then and there a one year old baby was sprinkled, named Laura Ella Clement. Laura for Laura Ann Few Bell Roberts, maternal Aunt and Ella for the young daughter of Matthew Hailford Bell and first wife (who was Josephine Scudder) who was buried the day she was born, Oct. 27, 1863. Theodore Roosevelt's birthday. The baby was held in the arms of Ezekiel Roberts, a young orphan negro, who had been the property of colonel and Mrs. Roberts, always their faithful friend. But alas, Zeke, now living in Atlanta is a Baptist preacher, refusing any text except the verbatim words of the Lord.

As Laura Bell, Mrs Roberts very popular, believed in keeping up with the style. She appeared at Shiloh one Sunday wearing large gold whoop ear rings. Her brother Matthew and Asbury had brought from Charleston, before there were any railroads in Georgia.
It was too much for the "old Tomer" in the pulpit. Shaking his finger at the young woman in the congregation he bade her remove those "Devil's stirrups." She kept them and took them finally to Texas. Her last message, "Tell Mother I'm going and going all right." Sweet patient Sister Mintie Bell Clement went the same way.

It was near the place of that wonderful baptismal scene that a few years ago Rev. Furman Williams, Baptist, was drowned in a freshet. He was the son of Jesse Williams long a member of the Forsyth County Board of Education. Truly he had a liquid grave, but it will be a glorious resurrection - not only for him but for scores of others who participated in such scenes as have been described.

Gwelford Jones, Warrior of Christ, died in 1882, buried, ascended to the promises made to him, by his Mother as side under the oaks in the large grove near near the house.

His Sister married Dr. James Payne and they were the parents of Benjamin Franklin Payne, lawyer, State Senator - then elected in the North Georgia Conference.

Not long after the snapshot of old Shiloh was made a remarkable funeral was held within its doors. That of the widow Lavinia Young Bell Jones, everybody's Aunt, who passed from death unto life at the age of 96.

"Unto Shiloh come and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."