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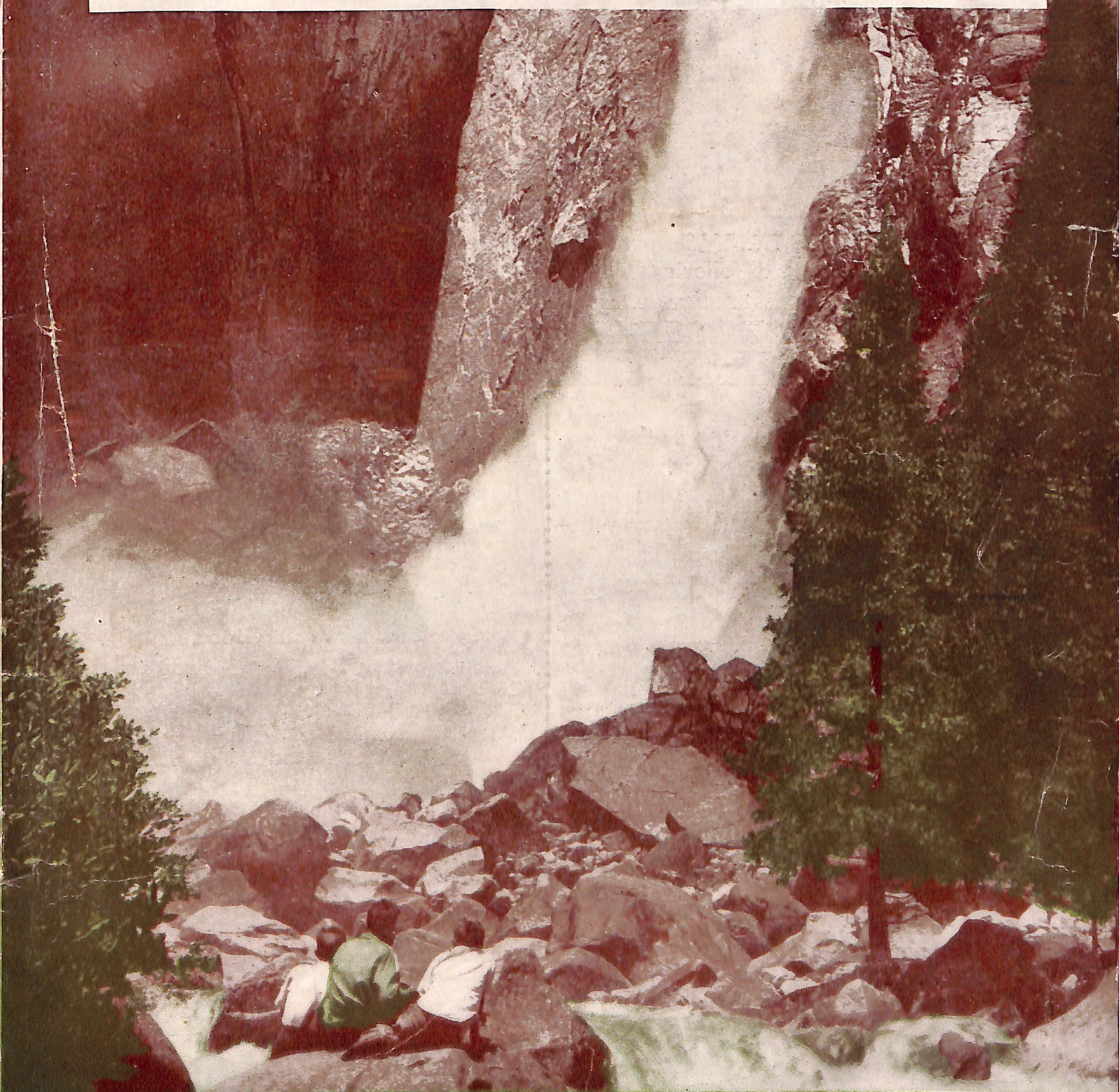
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We are grateful for the interest of the community in CAROLINA CHURCHES. We hope you will all have this publication in your homes. Better still, we want to get your homes into this publication. If you have any news, we will be glad to publish it because we are vitally interested in you. We are hearing about birthdays from time to time and we manage to get a few in. We are glad to hear of your birthday and to make a note of it.

COLONEL FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT was the ancestor of a large number of people in this section of the country. We are glad to have the excellent sketch prepared by Miss Edith Hambright for the Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter of the D. A. R. at Kings Mountain. This sketch will be followed by others bringing the Hambright family down to the present time.

Even an economist like Roger Babson is urging us to return to God. It is becoming increasingly evident that the alternative to the service of God is the blind obedience to some insane dictator whose activities will result in the collapse of civilization itself. Man can find freedom only within the framework of God's will. Conversely it is true that no nation in which the Word of God has been studied and assimilated has ever been enslaved. We cannot keep our American Freedom if we throw God out. We cannot keep God in His place if we neglect His Church. We cannot keep the Church of God if we take God's Day for business and recreation. We need to give our attention again to the Fourth Com-

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Where is your church membership? Are you a member of the church of your denomination that is nearest you? Or have you like so many careless Christians, allowed your church relationship to lapse. We are making a friendly survey of the homes around Grover and we want to know about your church life. During the next few months we want to see you all.

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# Each Member Is Missed

## When He Is Not at the Sunday Services

### Attend Church

- For your family's sake.
- For your own sake.
- For your friend's sake.
- For the Master's sake.
- For the sake of a better city and a better world.



This is the loss of the church.

It is yours, too, isn't it?

After all, the church does mean a lot to us all.

When we do not go we lose something that we need which really makes our work go better.

It is not the same when we let Sunday go by and do not attend a service.

The seeking of God in worship strengthens every good resolve.

The fellowship of other Christian people warms our hearts.

Facing up to the Master's power and presence comforts, cheers and encourages us.

We need to go to church.

It's a habit—they say—this going to church.

Yes, but it's a good habit—a right habit!

A good habit is an asset as much as a bad habit is a liability.

Do Not Let the Church Miss You Any Longer  
*Come to All the Services Each Sunday*

# Shelby Presbyterian Church

By Rev. I. S. McElroy, D.D.

The Rev. Wm. T. Savage seems to have been the pioneer preacher in this part of Cleveland County. He preached in the court house on several occasions during 1848 and 1849 in what was then Shelbyville, now known as Shelby. Rev. J. R. Baird preached here from November of 1854. Then came Rev. J. N. Davis, pastor of the Lincolnton Church. Doubtless others whose names we cannot now recall preached here at different times and with more or less regularity during these years preceding the organization of the church.

## Organization

This was effected on the 19th day of September, 1858, with nine members, of whom Isaac Erwin was elected Elder. There was no Deacon until 1877. At the spring meeting of Concord Presbytery, 1859, the Rev. Jesse Rankin reported that he had organized this church after a three-day meeting held in the Methodist church. In this he was assisted by Rev. Samuel Pharr. The report was received and the church enrolled. It was the only Presbyterian church between Lincolnton and Rutherfordton.

This little flock had no house of worship for 17 years and no regular ministrations on the word until 1866, when Rev. Nathan Shotwell of Rutherfordton began to supply them one Sabbath each month and so continued to do until 1871. The records of these early years have been lost and we do not know who served this young church during the trying period from 1858 to 1860, except that Rev. A. A. Porter, D.D., of Bethel Presbytery preached here three months in 1864.

## First House of Worship

No church can grow without its own house of worship. It is no surprise therefore to find that this church had at the dedication of its first house of worship three members less than it had at the organization, 17 years before. This fact had its effect on the Presbytery of Mecklenburg when they held their Sessions in the Methodist church of Shelby, September, 1871. A committee was appointed to cooperate with the Shelby church in securing a house of worship. This committee, consisting of Rev. John Douglas and Rev. Nathan Shotwell and Elder Wm. Tiddy of the Lincolnton church, reported to Presbytery four years later that the building had been completed at a cost of \$1800 and the dedication set for Sabbath morning, October 1, 1875.

## Dedication

At the 11 o'clock service that Sabbath morning the dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. John Douglas, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. R. Z. Johnston. Thus this house was set apart to the worship of God in the presence of a large congregation. The people of all churches in the town were there to rejoice with this faithful little band who after years of struggle and waiting and praying had at last a church of their own.

The first contribution for this building was made by Mrs. Martha Beatty, a member of the A. R. P. Church, who in 1868 gave a lot that was later sold

for \$225, and appropriated to the building fund. That same year, 1868, Mr. J. H. Gouger, a beloved teacher, was added to the Eldership which now consisted of two members. During these years of building the church was served more or less frequently by Rev. McNeal Turner, D.D., who was conducting a boarding school, and then by Rev. J. W. Query, 1874-1875.

## Rev. R. Z. Johnston, 1875 - Fall of 1882

When Rev. R. Z. Johnston, pastor of Lincolnton Church, took charge of the Shelby Church for one Sabbath each month, immediately after the dedication of the house of worship there were only five resident members, all women and no officers. After eight years of faithful and efficient ministry there were 65 members, a permanent Sabbath School, three Elders, J. Pagensticker, H. F. Ramseur, and J. N. Forney. Deacons were R. E. Kerr, J. F. Tiddy and B. B. Babington. There had never been any deacons before these in this church. During this period the Carolina Central railroad reached Shelby and the town became a stirring business center and developed enterprises that brought new families to the community. The congregation increased until they claimed the services of a pastor for half his time. An organ, a carpet, a heater and other furnishings for the comfort of the worshippers were installed.

## Rev. E. P. Davis, 1883-87

"It was a great day for the Shelby church when, instead of one Sabbath a month they were to have preaching two Sundays and a resident pastor." Rev. E. P. Davis was this resident pastor, giving two Sabbaths to Shelby and the other two Sabbaths to Kings Mountain, Shiloh and Duncan's Creek. During his four years as pastor the Sunday school was reorganized and a library purchased. A manse with three acres of ground was bought and the house of worship improved. The Deacons were organized into a board, Ladies' Aid Society and a Juvenile Missionary Society were organized and the mid-week prayer meeting was made a permanent part of the life of this church. "A good Sunday school, a prayer meeting, a manse and a man in the pulpit who knew God, the church increased in members, means, and piety." J. W. Kerr and J. F. Tiddy were added to the Eldership and Lee Kerr and J. M. Black to the Diaconate.

## A Missionary Centre

From the settlement of Rev. E. P. Davis as the first resident pastor giving half his time to mission points, Shelby became a home missionary center. This program was followed by his successors. Rev. E. E. Erwin gave half his time for one year (1888-89) to Shiloh and Kings Mountain. He held a good meeting in which a number of young people joined the church, including Randolph Eskridge, who became a minister of the Gospel. Rev. Jesse Siler followed Mr. Erwin and did good work for 18 months (1890-91). The Waco church was organized and preaching was begun at Moorsboro. Five hundred dollars was added to the pastor's salary and

R. L. Ryburn was added to the Eldership. Rev. W. E. McElWaine conducted a very successful and helpful meeting. Rev. W. P. McCorkle served this church with energy and efficiency for four years (1891-4). Like his predecessors, Mr. McCorkle gave half his time to Shelby and the other half to missionary points like Waco, Henrietta Mills, Moorsboro, Cherryville and Forest City. He was instrumental in securing the organization of a church and the erection of a house of worship at each of the last three points: Moorsboro, 1894; Cherryville, 1893; Forest City, 1893. Thus did he realize his vision of a chain of Presbyterian churches from Lincolnton to Rutherfordton. The Shelby house of worship was enlarged and renovated, a number of additions were made to the church roll, A. C. Miller and D. C. McSwain were added to the Diaconate and Prof. F. H. Curtis and J. M. Flack to the Eldership.

#### **Rev. T. M. Lowry, 1896-1900**

The church had so grown in grace and in membership and financial ability that they wanted and needed more of the preacher's time. They called Rev. T. M. Lowry for three-fourths time, allowing him one Sabbath a month to preach at other points as opportunity might offer. A decided impetus was given by his ministry and missionary spirit to the activities of this church. A week's meeting was held by Dr. Stagg of Charlotte. Mr. Lowry said, "I was not opposed to protracted meetings but never had an opportunity to slip one in, as the other churches had them so often." A meeting held by Dr. Barron in the Baptist Church was a blessing to the entire community.

#### **Rev. W. R. Minter, 1900-1904**

Rev. W. R. Minter was the next pastor and he served with ability and success from 1900 to 1904. Writing in 1904, he says of his ministry here: "The systematizing of the finances of the church, which through the increasing liberality of the people we were able to accomplish, has had a happy effect on the temporal life of the church and we think on the spiritual life also. By it the evening collections were stopped, the Sunday school enabled to make a monthly offering to the orphans, the contributions to the benevolent causes increased and the pastor's salary promptly paid each month. There has been organized, mostly out of this church, the Beattyville Presbyterian Church, and their house of worship was largely built by this church. Shelby has had the honor of being one of the principle factors in the establishment of the Westminster School." During this pastorate, L. A. Getty and Walter Ramseur were added to the Diaconate and A. C. Miller and Lee Kerr to the Eldership.

#### **Rev. James Thomas and Rev. T. D. Bateman**

The next pastor after Dr. Minter was the Rev. James Thomas, who served the church faithfully from 1906 to 1912. After him came the Rev. T. D. Bateman, from 1913 to 1917. During these eleven years the church continued the even tenor of its way with a slow and gradual growth in membership but with no outstanding marks of progress or development. This was also true of the community during this period.

#### **Rev. W. A. Murray**

Rev. W. A. Murray succeeded Mr. Bateman in 1918 and remained in charge until the early fall of

1925. During this pastorate there was an increase in membership from 159 to 189 and the Sabbath school enrollment from 145 to 165 and in offerings to all causes from \$4,760 to \$6,120. The most prominent performance during this pastorate was the addition to the church building of an expensive Sabbath school plant at a cost of \$30,000. The debt entailed by this venture has been annually reduced and will probably be extinguished in the next three years.

#### **Rev. H. N. McDiarmid**

Rev. H. N. McDiarmid is the present pastor and has been since September of 1925. He is greatly beloved and the work of the Lord is prospering in his hands. The church has shared in the remarkable growth of the community and has reached a higher degree of excellence in every direction than was ever attained before in all its history. The whole church has been reorganized for more effective service. The Sabbath school has been divided into proper departments, a Presbyterian Young People's Society has been formed, the Woman's Auxiliary and Men of the Church established as vital parts of the activity of the church. This last organization has been a blessing in training the men for more intelligent service in building up the kingdom.

The present membership is 337 with a Sunday school enrollment of 280. Through the untiring work of its pastor, who gives much time to Home Missions in Kings Mountain Presbytery, the church continues its interest in the weaker points. Through the wise leadership of Mr. McDiarmid the Home Mission work in Kings Mountain Presbytery is steadily increasing. Kings Mountain Presbytery is one of the comparatively few that has a policy of keeping effective men in fields they are able to serve adequately rather than insisting that all fields be self-supporting from the start. This wise policy has resulted in greatly building up the Presbyterian churches in this Presbytery.

#### **Woman's Work**

The Ladies' Aid Society was an active and most helpful organization during the early years of this church. The records of the faithful services of these good women is kept by Him who knows our works and allows no labor of love to go unrewarded. In 1925 they changed their name to go unrewarded. In conform to the recommendation of the General Assembly anent the Woman's Auxiliary. Under this new name they are giving a good account of themselves and making a record of which their pastor may well be proud in the only sense in which pride is permissible in a preacher. They are a splendid Society of Elect Ladies.

(Note: The closing paragraphs have been adapted by the Editor to bring the history of this church down to date.)

#### **JUST MARRIED Lee-Hamrick**

Miss Margaret Hamrick daughter of Mrs. Maude Hambrick Hamrick and the late Mr. Louis Clyde Hamrick of Grover was united in matrimony to Mr. Hoyle Talmadge Lee of Fallston on Saturday night September ninth by the Rev. W. A. Hoffman. Mr. and Mrs. Lee left for a wedding trip. They expect to make their home in Madison Wisconsin where Mr. Lee is Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the University.

# Colonel Frederick Hambright

INTRODUCTION (From a paper supplied by the American Research Bureau to Mr. G. F. Hambright of Clover, S. C., and through him to Carolina Churches.)

## Origin

The distinguished name of Hambright is believed to be of German origin. Some authorities claim the name was taken from some parish in Germany bearing the name; while other authorities on heraldry claim the name is a nickname or abbreviation of another surname. During the early periods, surnames derived their origins from some township, while other surnames derived their origins from parishes of hamlets. We believe the surname Hambright is a locality name deriving its origin from some township, village, parish or hamlet in Germany bearing the name of Hambright.

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From a paper read by Miss Edith Hambright of Grover, before the Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter D. A. R., at Kings Mountain. Printed by permission.

"Colonel Frederick Hambright was born in Germany in 1727 and emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1738. About 1755 he removed to Virginia where he married Sarah Hardin and about 1760 he emigrated to North Carolina. He first settled at the fort erected near the mouth of the South Fork of the Catawba River, as a protection against the attacks of the Indians. This was then Anson County and is now Gaston County. From that place he soon afterwards moved to Long Creek, in the same county and was living there when the battle of Kings Mountain took place in which he so gallantly participated. A short time previous to that battle he had purchased a tract of land on Kings Creek (now Cherokee County, S. C.) and had built a cabin on it, preparatory to a future removal of his family.

"Colonel Hambright was twice married. By the first marriage to Sarah Hardin, previously noticed, he had twelve children of whom six were raised. His wife died during the war. By the second wife, Mary Dover, whom he married in 1781, he had ten children, of whom eight were raised. He early displayed a fervent patriotic zeal for the independence of his adopted country. In 1777 he was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel and was, throughout the war, an active and courageous officer. He was constantly watching the movements of the Tories whose malicious influence and frequent robberies and thefts disturbed the peace and welfare of society. His name soon became a terror to the Tories who well knew the determination of his character and his vigilance in arresting disloyal persons and defeating their designs.

"At the battle of Kings Mountain, Col. William Graham, who had charge of the Lincoln Regiment, being absent on account of sickness in his family, the command devolved on Colonel Hambright and most nobly and courageously did he sustain the responsible position. No portion of the American forces suffered more severely than the troops under

his command. In this battle, Col. Hambright was severely wounded by a large rifle ball passing thru the fleshy part of his thigh. It was soon discovered by his men that he was wounded and bleeding profusely. One of his men (Samuel Moore of York City, S. C.) requested him to be taken from his horse, on account of his wound, but he refused, saying he knew he was wounded but was not sick nor faint from the loss of blood—said he could ride very well and therefore deemed it his duty to fight on until the battle was over. So he remained in his place, encouraging his men by his heroic example, until signal victory crowned the American Arms.

"At the close of the battle when Col. Hambright alighted from his horse, the blood was running over the top of the boot on his wounded leg. He was then conveyed to the cabin erected on his own land, as previously stated, where he was properly cared for until he was partially recovered. Although the wound after a time seemed to have healed, yet it caused him to falter in his walk during the remainder of his life. Colonel Hambright was long a worthy member and Elder of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church. (This church is now located at Grover, N. C.) Colonel Hambright died in 1817 in the 90th year of his age, and was buried in the Shiloh graveyard near where the church then stood."

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## ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE LIFE OF COL. HAMBRIGHT

From an article in the Gaffney Ledger of April 25, 1925, by Rev. J. D. Bailey.

"Colonel Hambright was elected to the Provincial Congress in 1775. He was thus a Statesman as well as a soldier.

"He was serving in Lillington's Brigade in the expedition for the relief of Charleston, but retired before the surrender of that place.

"When it became apparent that Colonel Graham should be released because of the sickness of his wife, Colonel Hambright was the next in command. However, it was suggested that Major Chronicle lead the 'South Fork Boys' because of his youth and vigor. The magnanimity of Col. Hambright is vividly illustrated in his immediate acquiescence in this decision. He was second in command and could well have insisted on leading the party himself. Major Chronicle was killed at the beginning of the action, so Colonel Hambright led the party after all."

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From an article in The Charlotte Observer (May 1, 1930) by Margaret Adams Gist.

"In August, 1775, the following association was drawn up and ordered to be signed by every freeholder in Lincoln County:

"The unprecedented, barbarous and bloody actions committed by the British troops on our American Brethren near Boston on the 19th of April and 20th of May last, together with the hostile operations and treacherous designs now carried on by the tools of ministerial vengeance, for the subjug

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# AMONG OUR CHURCHES



## BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BETHEL Presbyterian Church celebrated its 175th Anniversary during the week of August 20-26. A bountiful picnic dinner was served on Friday which was "Home Coming Day". A feature of this day was the presence of six of the ministerial sons of Bethel. They were: Rev. E. L. Flanagan, Clover, S. C.; Rev. Hamilton Johnson, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Cornelius, N. C.; Rev. J. H. Dulin, Armstrong Memorial Church, Gastonia, N. C.; Rev. Paul Nickell, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Max Meadows, Va.; Rev. George L. Riddle, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Cherryville, N. C. Other ministerial sons unable to be present at that time were Rev. C. W. McCully, D.D., Pastor Presbyterian Church, Sharon, S. C.; Rev. W. W. Arrowood, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Pulaski, Va.; Rev. Paul Moore, Pastor of Presbyterian Church at Pendleton, S. C.; Rev. Leslie Thompson, Pastor at Troy, N. C.

Not only has Bethel contributed these splendid workers to the active forces of the Kingdom, besides many lawyers, doctors, teachers, and elders, but also this old church has directly mothered the following churches: Olney Church near Gastonia, 1795; New Hope Church, near Gastonia, 1795; Clover Presbyterian Church, 1881; and Bowling Green Presbyterian Church in 1895. Besides these direct descendants there were large contributions of members to several other churches near by. In spite of this extensive colonization (perhaps because of it!) Bethel Church has not lost its vigor. In its present ripe old age it is still a vigorous church and is still interested in needy people around it. A chapel has been conducted for several years and may well become another self-supporting daughter.

Pastors of Bethel Church have been as follows: Organized by Rev. Mr. Richardson, 1764; Rev. Hezekiah Balch, 1770 to the early days of the Revolutionary War; Rev. Mr. Cosson and Rev. Jas. McKree supplied occasionally until 1782; Rev. Francis Cummins, 1782-1789; Rev. Jas. McKree and Rev. W. C. Davis, occasional supplies until 1796; Rev. George T. McWhorter, Pastor 1796-1801; supplied occasionally by Rev. Humphrey Hunter and others, 1801-1811; Rev. Jas. L. Adams, stated supply from 1811-1840; Rev. Samuel L. Watson, Pastor, 1840-1882; Rev. R. A. Webb, 1882-1887; Rev. G. S. Robinson, 1888-1891; Rev. D. S. McAllister, 1891-1899; Rev. W. B. Arrowood, 1899-1909; Rev. Robert Adams, 1910-1914; Rev. R. K. Timmons, 1914-1916; (Supplies during 1916 and 1917); Rev. G. W. Nickell, 1917-1924; Rev. A. H. Key, 1925-1933; Rev. Tilden Scherer, supply, 1934-36, Pastor since May 10, 1936.

## DAVID BAPTIST CHURCH

David Baptist Church was organized on October 9, 1938, with 43 members. A beautiful new church is nearing completion and will be dedicated free of debt. The church is located across the Shelby Kings Mountain Highway from Beth Ware School.

## DIXON YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANIZE

On Wednesday night, August 30, a group of young people from Grover—Messrs. Paul Hambricht, Albert Crisp, M. B. Crisp, and C. H. May, and Misses Marjorie and Julia Crisp—visited Dixon School and assisted in the organization of a Young People's Society. The following officers were elected: President, Alene Hambricht; vice president, Aaron Lee Wells; secretary-treasurer, John Barber; chairman program committee, Mary Hughes; chairman social committee, Jack Hughes.

Members (partial list) were listed as follows: Bury Sanders, Ruth Hambricht, Mary Sue Barber, Lucille Hambricht, Carry Jackson, Nancy Sellers, Annie Mae Sellers, Cloe Sanders, Janette Jackson, Annie Lou Blalock, Syble Wells, Charles Stewart, Homer Barber.

## SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

Shiloh Church was fortunate this year in securing the Rev. G. L. Riddle of Cherryville to conduct a series of meetings for us. Mr. Riddle preached every night for the week of August 7-13. The congregations were not as large as usual because of bad weather and meetings being conducted in other churches around Grover. However, the meetings were greatly blessed in the addition of five of our young people to the membership of the church. Nan and Margaret Goforth, Martha, Eleanor and Moffett McKnight were received during the meeting. At a special meeting of the Session, held at the home of Mr. J. W. Welch, he made his profession and was received into the membership of the church.

The high spot of the meeting was the singing by the young people of Cherryville. The following young people came with Mrs. H. C. Lewis and Mrs. J. D. Thornburg: Bill Costner, Carl Rhuark, Walter Pope, Robert Brown, Tommy Brown, Margie Riddle, Geraldine McNeely, Myrtle Rhuark, Elsie Sigmon, Martha Sellers, Margie Carroll, Nell Sellars, Ruby Devine, Essie Devine, Willie Spake, Joyce Quinn.

After a short vacation spent at Montreat, the pastor returned to his work the last Sunday in August. The congregation enjoyed hearing the Rev. Donald Hyde, Ph.D., who spoke for us the last Sunday in August. Mrs. Reaves and Joy had a short vacation at Montreat.

Beginning Monday night, August 28, the pastor conducted services at Dixon School each night for a week. These meetings were well attended and much interest was shown.

The pastor, Rev. D. F. Putnam and his members are to be congratulated on this fine work. Later we hope to publish a more detailed history of this church in CAROLINA CHURCHES.

"You radiate to your friends exactly what is in your heart and it is altogether with you what that is."



# The Missionary Outlook

Kiangyin, Kiangsu, China  
July 17, 1939

Dear Folks:

At last we are back in Kiangyin after being away for more than 19 months, and it's good to be back. It's a very different Kiangyin to which we have returned and we don't enjoy looking out on ruins all the time as we must, since 17 out of 20 buildings were burned. Being able to come back, though, indicates that conditions are somewhat better in this section and people are so glad to see us that it's right pathetic. Then there is so much to be done and people are so softened in their attitude toward the Gospel by their much suffering that we find reason for much thanksgiving even in the midst of ruins. Much was destroyed but much more and things of much more importance can never be destroyed and so we rejoice greatly!

The Bible women and I feel, as we review the work of the past year, that we can't be thankful enough for the work the Lord has done and is doing. We were able to have seven short term Bible classes in as many country places and with more than a thousand in attendance. Coming was not easy for them and often meant real danger—danger that it's better not to write of—but they wanted what they would get at the classes more than they feared the possible danger and God didn't let harm come to even one. There were unpleasant situations and even real suffering for some of them, but we believe that not one person who stayed through a class went away without a blessing. I wish it were possible to tell you of dozens in each place. Some were more outstanding than others, though, so I will mention just a few.

Probably the one of whom we think first when we think of the winter's work is of Mrs. Dong. She was a student in our Bible schools years ago, but what she heard there made very little impression and we were saddened every time we went to her village by what we heard of her and what we saw. Even she knew that she was going a long way in sin but she was unwilling to do anything about it. Finally she began using opium, drinking, smoking, gambling, and doing most of the things that go with such a life. This winter when we went to hold a Bible class about four miles away from where she lived she was using \$2 worth of opium a day and spending practically all her days gambling. She looked hopeless but nothing is impossible with our Lord and so we went and urged her to come to the class.

To our joy she came the first day and to our greater joy the Lord began working in her heart that same day. She confessed to what depths she had gone and cried to the Lord for strength to come out. A complete change as was necessary with her isn't possible without suffering, but she stood it bravely and at the last meeting of that class gave an excellent testimony. She realized that she wasn't

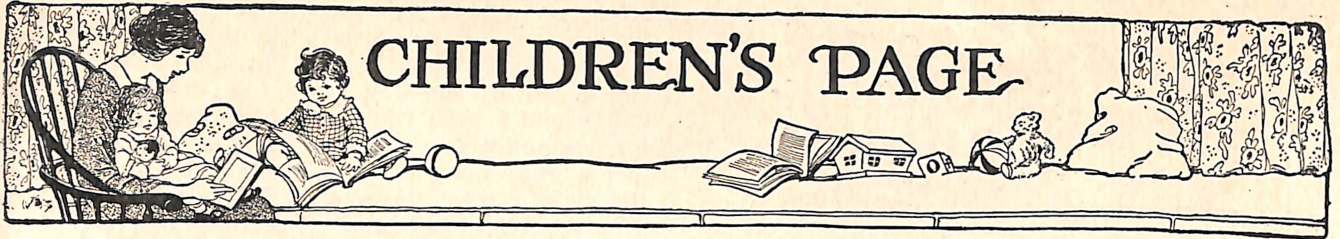
strong enough to go back to her old surroundings, though, and so she went with us to the next two classes and for a visit to a Christian friend in between. In all she was away from home about six weeks and I wish you could have seen her both at the beginning and at the end of that time. She was just a different woman in every way and she took charge of a whole service at the last class and told in a most striking way what the Lord had done for her.

She has been back in her old home for several months now, but we hear from her regularly and it's fine to see how the Lord is using her. He gave her work to do almost as soon as she got back home. We have even had letters from her heathen relatives thanking us for the change in her and saying that the Lord's name was being glorified through her now in that whole section. We don't believe that her heathen relatives will be able to stand out long against such living witness.

There will be time to tell of only one other. A young girl of 16 from a heathen home was married into a Christian family—girls are marrying very young these days because it isn't safe for them in their own homes. This Christian family was nominally Christian but really knew very little and the bride couldn't read so she could get nothing from the Bible. When she heard of the possibility of a Bible class she looked forward to it eagerly and was one of the first to arrive on the first morning. She didn't know even one character at the beginning but she learned more than 600 in the eight days and the amount of truth she learned was even more surprising than the number of characters. She wasn't afraid to ask and her reception of the things she heard was delightful. She bought herself a New Testament when she could only read about 200 characters and now she tries to read it all during the week and on Sunday comes to ask her pastor the words she doesn't know. He was in Kiangyin recently and I was asking him about her. She said that she was progressing in a most satisfactory way. That she led prayers for her family now and that recently when a relative took smallpox she went to pray for him and that her thanksgiving was good to see when he was able to be back in the fields in just a few days. I am eager to see her again but in the meantime it's good to know about her, as about the hundreds of others, that God is going on with them even when we can't see them for months and sometimes even years.

Most of my Chinese family is here with us now and we rejoice at the way they have been kept. At the beginning of the trouble it looked as though the children would all have to just stand still until peace came. For the first few months they were practically prisoners in the village where we were because we didn't dare let it be generally known how many big girls we had with us. After a few months, though, the way began to open for them in a wonderful way and finally those who were ready for work all had work to do, and schools were found for all who were in school. Some of the big girls have been away in school ever since and have just come home for the summer. Their living arrangements down in Shanghai haven't been comfortable to say the least and they have had to meet all kinds of unusual con-

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Fret and Whine or Grin and Whistle

**J**AKE, I wish you'd jump on Old Star and ride over to the far pasture this afternoon and see if the colts and the cattle are all right," said Mr. Moburg to one of his sons as the family left the dinner table.

Jake frowned. "It's a mean trip today, dad," he said fretfully. "The heavy rains have made the ground terribly soggy, and the clouds look like more rain soon."

"I know," agreed the man. "Of course it's not so pleasant as it would be on a sunny day when the ground isn't so soft, but the fact is, the stock should not be left any longer without some attention, and I'd like you to go."

Jake started off to do his father's bidding, but the frown remained on his brow and the whine in his voice. "Not a bit of use doing it today," he mumbled to himself as he strode toward the barn to saddle Old Star. "Dad just thinks it ought to be done, that's all, and I have to do it whether I like it or not."

Jake's father sighed as he watched him. That was always the way it was with Jake. The boy was in the habit of doing as he was told, but never without a protest or whine, and in that self-pitying manner which always gave his father the feeling that he was treating him badly. Mr. Moburg knew well enough, too, by past experience, that when Jake returned he would still be grumbling. The trip was "awful." The stock was all right, just as he knew it would be, and there wasn't any sense in his having had to go. Yes, that was Jake's way about everything he was told to do. Mr. Moburg often wished that he never had to set him to work at any task, his fretting and whining were so disagreeable.

"What's my job this afternoon, dad?" asked Joe, his other son, a year and a half older, coming out the door just then.

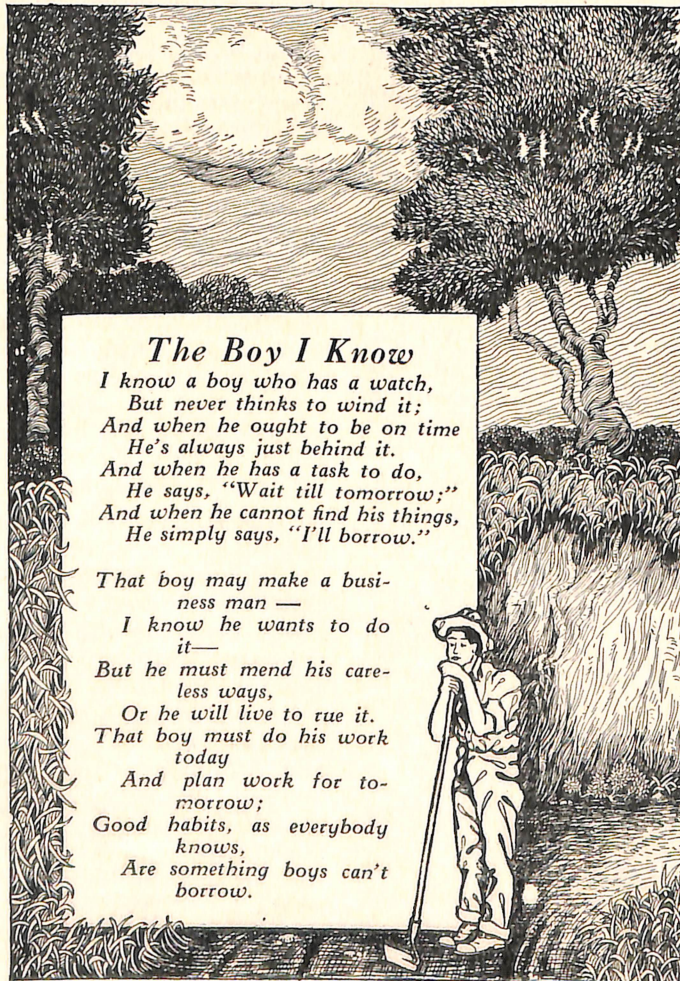
The man's face brightened at once. "The wheat-field fence needs fixing, Joe. Suppose you take hammer and nails and walk around it this afternoon, and see that there are no wires down or posts broken off. The stock might break in and ruin a lot of it."

"All right, dad; a good idea," responded Joe readily. "As the women say about sewing, 'a stitch in time saves nine,' so a fence mended in time may save a good many bushels of wheat." And having thus philosophized, Joe grinned cheerfully at his father, pocketed some nails and staples, and then with hammer in hand started off whistling to make a tour around the wheat field. Not a word about the wires being difficult to handle, the walk through the mud tiresome, or that the misting rain was unpleasant. The work needed to be done. Why mention its disagreeable features?

"And that's Joe every time," mused the man, looking after the boy, a glow of satisfaction and admiration in his eyes. "Never a fret or whine, but al-

ways goes at anything he's told to do with a grin and a whistle. My boys are both obedient. They'd do anything I said. Jake wouldn't disobey me, in spite of his reluctance in tackling a task. If after he began to complain I should tell him he need not bother to do it unless he wanted to, he'd go ahead, knowing I wished it done, but he'd still go with a grumble and whine. They both obey, but there's a vast difference in the kind of obedience they render."

Do we fret and whine because the way God has pointed out seems hard to follow, the tasks unnecessary? Or do we accept His gentle commands with cheerfulness, knowing well in our hearts that His wisdom may save us much trouble and loss and difficulty in the future? Shall we stop and examine ourselves to see what kind of service we are rendering Him? Be a Joe instead of a Jake.



### The Boy I Know

*I know a boy who has a watch,  
But never thinks to wind it;  
And when he ought to be on time  
He's always just behind it.  
And when he has a task to do,  
He says, "Wait till tomorrow;"  
And when he cannot find his things,  
He simply says, "I'll borrow."*

*That boy may make a business man —*

*I know he wants to do it —*

*But he must mend his careless ways,*

*Or he will live to rue it.*

*That boy must do his work today*

*And plan work for tomorrow;*

*Good habits, as everybody knows,*

*Are something boys can't borrow.*

## HERE and THERE

Mrs. T. L. Neal has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Bolin of Smyrna, S. C. Miss Dorothy McWhorter of Union has been visiting Misses Edith and Frances Neal. Mrs. Franklin Harry has been on a visit to her father in Alabama and has now returned to Grover.

Mrs. David Harry has been taking treatments in the Gastonia Hospital for bronchial asthma.

The dinner for the Kings Mountain Business Men's Club held at the Crowders Creek A. R. P. Church, was a great success in spite of the rain. The eats were tasty and abundant. Because of wind-ing and poorly marked roads, several cars got lost. The writer of this column was riding with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Blackmer and Mr. O'Farrell. When we got stuck, a friend sent a rescue car to our aid. Fearing to try to pass the car that was stuck, we took an old woods road and had a real adventure. Herbert Cronan was the driver of the 1928 Chevrolet which negotiated this so-called road. The road was traced out by Coy Fredell. The trip inspired the following verse:

For Crowders Mountain where roads are meaner  
Get Herbert Cronan and "Leaping Lena".  
For finding roads by the sense of smell,  
Enlist the aid of Coy Fredell.

We got through and the car that was stuck was delivered that same night.

Mrs. Blease Goforth is at home again after treatment in the Shelby Hospital. Misses Estelle Rogers of Creedmore, N. C., and Miss Evan Howell of Gastonia have been visiting Miss Jeannette Harry.

Miss Lucy Crisp had a short vacation at home before continuing her studies at Boone.

### Visitors at the Fair

Miss Hazel Carner visited Miss Nellie Sheridan of Brooklyn and also saw the Fair.

Messrs. Dorritt Moss, Bill Harry and Franklin Harry have visited the Fair recently.

Rufus Hambright and J. B. Ellis, Jr., have been recent visitors to the Fair.

Miss Sarah Hambright has been on her vacation and has visited the New York Fair during that time. She was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hambright of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lawless have had a week's trip to New York.

Mrs. Ruth Mills and Mrs. R. L. Hicks of Richmond, Virginia, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carley Martin of Grover.

Grover is proud of the new residences completed by Mr. Warren Hicks and Mr. T. S. Keeter. The three houses built by Mr. Hicks are occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gold, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Black and Mr. and Mrs. Beck Wright, respectively. The new home built by Mr. Keeter is occupied by the teachers of Grover School. The house formerly occupied by the teachers is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Crisp, Jr.

Professor and Mrs. Covington are now residing in the home of Mrs. Bryce Hambright, which has been vacant for some time.

Mr. Paul Neal and Mr. Paul Houser are teaching at Belmont this term. Mr. Steven Houser is teaching at Indian Trail, N. C.

Mrs. Sallie Rollins has been unwell since her trip to Ohio. Mrs. Rollins with Miss Thelma Rollins, Miss Mary Patterson, and Mrs. Bessie Ramseur of Bessemer City visited Mr. Ulrick Rollins of Akron.

Carlson Stewart is attending The Textile Institute in Spartanburg. William McGinnis is attending School at Mars Hill.

Mrs. Estelle Rogers of Creedmore N. C. and Evelyn Howell of Gastonia have been visiting Miss Jeanette Harry. They expect to return to The W. C. U. N. C. at Greensboro this fall. Mr. John Stewart suffered the loss of a fine mule when a truck crashed into his wagon in the edge of Kings Mountain on September eighth. It was the fault of the truck driver. It is believed that Mr. Stewart will be able to collect damages.

Bill Hoffman has been in Shelby Hospital for an operation. Latest news is that he is improving. Tommie Keeter is out again after an operation.

Mrs. Mamie Allen had a visit from her family on September third. They were Mr. and Mrs. Eston Greene and Clarence, May and Ruby Greene and Mrs. Vernon Rogers and Kathleen Rogers of Spartanburg; also Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Land and Sidney and Bobby Land of Charlotte.

Mrs. Annie Roark had been making extensive alterations and repairs to her home. Mr. Bruce Roark of Burlington is expected on a visit soon.

Grover is to be congratulated on the general repairs to sidewalks and streets. We begin to look like a city.

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

Sallie Davis was three years old on August 16.

Mr. L. D. Hardin had a birthday on August 7. Mrs. L. D. Hardin had hers on August 31.

The joint birthday dinner for Mrs. J. F. Hambright, Mrs. C. F. Harry, and Mr. David Harry was held at the home of Mrs. Hambright on September 2. Peggy Harry will be one year old on September 16.

Anne Davis will be two years old on September 22.

Mrs. Arthur Davis has a birthday on September 23.

Miss Inez Davis, September 24.

Mr. Arthur Davis, September 25.

James Brown Reaves was twelve on August 2.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reaves celebrate a birthday together on September 29.

Mrs. Mamie Allen, September 5.

Mrs. Warren Hicks, September 27.

Friendship cannot be permanent unless it become spiritual. There must be fellowship in the deepest things of the soul, community in the highest thoughts, sympathy with the best endeavors.

# When You DRIVE Don't Drink

*The menace of the drunken driver must cease.*

WHAT police think of two-legged "rats" that kill defenseless persons in cold blood for a few dollars that they are not able to earn honestly, isn't fit to print. Neither is it nice to publish what traffic police really think of the drinking or drunken driver—the man or the woman who ordinarily may be one of the most law-abiding citizens, yet behind the steering wheel of a powerful automobile, with brain befuddled with alcohol, becomes as dangerous as an itchy fingered gangster at the trigger of a machine gun.

Accidents caused by drinking or drunken drivers are more numerous than present-day statistics indicate. Figures on the relationship of alcohol to automobile accidents are grossly inadequate. Even though a person obviously may be drunk, arresting officers may hesitate to prefer charges of intoxication because they know that they cannot prove their assertions in court, since almost every symptom of drunkenness may be simulated by some pathological condition. Or a person obviously drunk at the time of an accident may sober up to such an extent that he can satisfactorily pass a test for sobriety.

Also, it is obvious that persons severely injured cannot be examined by the usual methods. Furthermore, it would be necessary to know the normal behavior of every individual before one could definitely ascribe his peculiarities to alcohol.

Tabulations of state-wide accident data classify about 7 per cent of the drivers and about 9 per cent of the pedestrians "under the influence of liquor," or intoxicated. In cities only, the percentages are 9 for had-been-drinking drivers and 11 for pedestrians.

The higher city figures probably result at least partly from the fact that police officers obtain reports on most of the city accidents, and get more accurate information than is possible on state-wide reporting, where the motor vehicle department must depend in most cases on a report from the driver himself. In neither cities nor states can the officially reported data be considered complete, because of the difficulty in obtaining accurate, unbiased information.

In contrast to the percentages of had-been-drinking drivers found in official reports, Dr. H. A. Heise of Columbia hospital, carefully analyzed 119 motor vehicle accidents occurring around Uniontown, Pa., and classified 60 per cent of them as "alcohol accidents," namely, those in which a responsible individual had more than 0.02 per cent alcohol in body fluids. This amount has been shown to cause psychological inferiority, but not necessarily obvious drunkenness.



At present there are three general methods that are in use for determining when the driver of a car is under the influence of liquor: First, observations of police officers and witnesses, covering such actions as ability to walk, ability to stand, speech, odor of breath, tremor of hands, condition of hair, condition of eyes, color of face, condition of attire, marks or injuries, unusual acts, answers to questions, and general co-ordination as measured by ability to perform simple tests. Second, examination by police surgeon or other physician; and third, chemical tests for determining the percentage of alcohol in the body fluids or breath. These tests show specifically the amount of alcohol in the body fluids, establishing the fact that alcohol is present.

Most traffic accidents happen because drivers do not react quickly to what they see or hear; or decide to take a chance. Alcohol dulls the memory, slows the reaction, and weakens judgment. Ordinarily we react in about one-fifth of a second to what we see or hear. That is our reaction time. With alcohol in control of our minds, the reaction time is slowed down to two-fifths of a second. Suppose you are going 60 miles an hour, which is much too fast. You are traveling 88 feet per second. If you lose two-fifths of a second in deciding what to do, you will go 35 feet before you can do anything. A lot of things can happen in that distance. In an emergency, one-fifth of a second may make the difference between crippling or death and safety.

The motorist who is usually careful will, after he has had a little alcohol, do things that otherwise he would never attempt. He will try to race a train, turn a corner at high speed, or pass another car on top of a hill.

The drinking and driving question is one of the most serious wrinkles of the motor vehicle problem today. Because of the inadequacy of our statistics, it is impossible to say what percentage of automobile accidents is caused by drunkenness on the part of the driver or the pedestrian. We do know, however, that the percentage is high. Motorists, and pedestrians, too, must stay sober when they venture on the streets and highways if they want to stay out of accidents.

## COLONEL FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT

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tion of all British America suggest to us the painful necessity of having recourse to arms for the preservation of those rights and liberties which the principles of our constitution and the laws of God, nature and nations have made it our duty to defend.

"We therefore, the subscribers, freeholders and inhabitants of Tryon County (Name changed in 1779 to Lincoln and Rutherford Counties) do hereby faithfully unite ourselves under the most solemn ties of religion, honor and love to our country, firmly to resist, force by force, in defense of our national freedom and constitutional rights, against all invasions, and at the same time do solemnly engage to take up arms and risk ourselves and our fortunes in maintaining the freedom of our country whenever the wisdom and counsel of the Continental Congress or our Provincial Convention shall declare it necessary, and this engagement we will continue in and hold sacred till a reconciliation shall take place between Great Britain and America on constitutional principles, which we most ardently desire, and do firmly agree to hold all such persons as inimical to the liberties of America who shall refuse to sign this association:

"Signed by John Walker, Charles McLean, Thomas Beatty, Frederick Hambright, Jacob Forney, Jack Turner, Samuel Loftin and others."

In the same issue of the Observer and in the same article there is a description of the house Colonel Hambright built which was burned in 1927.

"Colonel Hambright's house, as I remember it, was a large two-story house built of hewn logs, ceiled throughout on the inside and weatherboarded on the outside. Leading up to the entrance was a long sanded walk with huge boxwoods on either side. The boxwoods were broad enough for Grandmother's feather beds to be spread out on them straight and flat. The yard was beautiful with Norway Spruce Pines, roses and shrubs. The two stone steps led to a wide porch extending the length of the house except for a small bedroom at one end. The main door opened into a large living room, at one end of which was a huge open fireplace. Doors led from this room into other bedrooms. Just at the right of the fireplace was a door which led to the narrow staircase. There were three bedrooms upstairs. The back porch was long and narrow, with a bedroom at one end. The stair steps, 18 or 19 in number had a handrail on each side. The kitchen and dining room were about 75 feet from the back steps, with the well between." (From a description by Mrs. Bessie Hambright of York and copied in the article mentioned)

A marker was placed on the grave of Colonel Frederick Hambright by the Colonel Hambright chapter, D. A. R. of Kings Mountain, N. C., in 1922 or 23.

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### CHILDREN OF COLONEL FRERERICK HAMBRIGHT

Of his first marriage to Sarah Hardin were born twelve children, six of whom reached maturity: John H. (who fought at Kings Mountain), Elizabeth, Frederick, Sarah, Benjamin and James.

Of his second marriage to Mary Dover (whom he married in 1781), were born ten children of whom

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eight reached maturity: Lotsie, Sophia, Polly, David, Henry, Lawson, Josiah, Abner (died single at the age of 23—perhaps not counted in the eight. Ed.) and Susan.

(Note: The history of these fourteen children will be continued in Carolina Churches. The information in the hands of the editor is not complete. Would like information about (1) children of John Hambright; (2) Benjamin and James Hambright who "married and went to Kentucky"; (3) of Henry and Lawson, "who went to Georgia."—Ed.)

(Editor's Note: The history of the Hambright family will be continued in the next issue of Carolina Churches.)

### THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK

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ditions and circumstances. We almost held our breath at times when we heard what these simple country girls were having to face. They have come out of it all, though, not only unhurt but stronger and we hear all around of the blessing they were to others. I wish you could all slip into our evening prayers and somehow be able to understand them as they pray. I am helped every day by them and I believe you would be too. The faith of all of them has been strengthened recently when the mother of three of them who has held out so firmly against Christ all the years, finally gave in and apparently is a real Christian now. They need an encouragement like this sometimes because certainly many of their families stand out an unbelievably long time. They have faith to believe that they will all come some day, though, and they pray and live as though they did believe.

Our next short term Bible class begins August 20. As you think of these classes and of those we are touching all the time, please pray that God will continue to use us for His glory.

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## In Memoriam

John J. Logan

John J. Logan of the Dixon Community near Kings Mountain suffered a heart attack on August 29. He was seventy years old and had the love and esteem of his whole community. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Susie Sellers Logan; five children, Thomas, Albert, William, Mattie and Lula, all of Kings Mountain: one sister, Mrs. S. L. Logan Carter and one brother, W. F. Logan of Kings Mountain. He was interred on August 30 at Bethlehem church. A great company of his friends were gathered to pay their last respects to his remains. Many beautiful offerings banked his grave. Several of his former pastors had a part in the last ceremony.

*Just arrived*



### NEW ARRIVALS

John Newton Sheppard arrived at the Shelby Hospital on August 9. He is now at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheppard of Grover.

A daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mullinax of Grover on September 7. She is something extra special and as yet no name has been found for her.

Kenneth Malone arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Byers of Grover on September 2. He is gaining weight rapidly.

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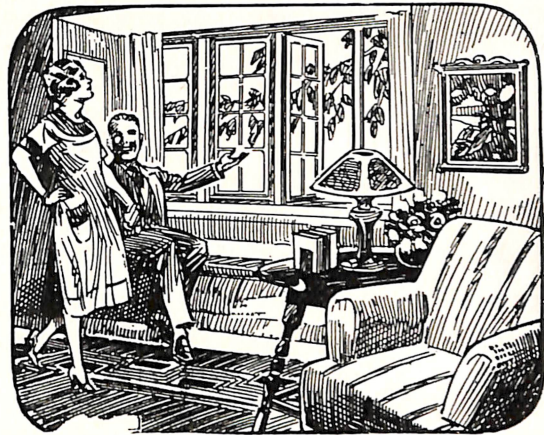
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