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VII. MEMOIRS

REV. R. G. BARRETT

BY O. I. HINSON

Rev. Robert Graham Barrett was born in Moore County, North Carolina, November, 1830, and fell asleep in Statesville, June 22nd, 1910, being in his eightieth year.

He received his elementary training in the high schools of his native county, and graduated with honor from the State University in the class of 1856. He was honored by the same institution with the Master of Arts degree in 1870.

He joined the North Carolina Conference at Greensboro in 1856, at which session he was ordained deacon by Bishop Early. In 1858 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh. He was married four times: First to Miss Parthina Robbins, in 1858. The second marriage was to Miss Amelia Robbins, in 1875, the third to Miss Fidelia Sharpe, in 1895, and the fourth to Mrs. Jane Sharpe Pickert, in 1902. In 1906 he was called upon to mourn the death of his last companion.

From 1856, the time when he joined the Conference, he served on circuits, stations and in the Presiding Eldership with acceptability and success. He served the following charges:

1857-1858, Warrenton Circuit; 1859-1860, Goldsboro Circuit; 1861-1862, Beaufort Station; 1863-1864, Mocksville Circuit; 1865-1867, Yanceyville Circuit; 1868, Wentworth Circuit; 1869-1872, Davidson; 1873, Salisbury; 1875, Lincolnton; 1876-1877, Shelby District; 1878-1879, Fayetteville District; 1880, Salisbury District; 1881-1882, Statesville District; 1883, Mooresville Circuit; 1884, Tar River Circuit; 1885, Youngville Circuit; 1886, Ruffin Circuit; 1887, Kernersville Circuit; 1888-1889, Iredell Circuit; 1890, Hickory and Lenoir; 1891, Thomasville Station; 1892, Monroe Circuit; 1893, Supernumerary; 1894, Broad River Circuit; 1895-1898, West End, Statesville; 1899, Epworth, Concord; 1900-1903, Holmes Memorial, Salisbury; 1904, Supernumerary; 1905-1910, Superannuated.

These figures help us to locate the man during his active life, which included nearly fifty years, but they leave a great deal untold. He was made of fine metal, and did not allow his sword to rust unused. He made a full consecration of his life to the furtherance of the Master's kingdom. As my pastor years ago, I heard him say that he gave the first five dollars he ever had, and all that he had at that time,

to the cause of missions. It was a full surrender that he made when he said, "Here am I, send me." Neither did he regret the course of his life. Speaking in the presence of a number of ministers a few months before he died, he said, "If I had my life to live over I would not change it." Thus he came to the end unafraid.

It could not have been otherwise with him, for he was a true man in all the relationships of life. He was a loyal husband, a safe counsellor and guide to his children and a wise pastor of the people. With the poor and ignorant, he was considerate and sympathetic; with the cultivated he was at home, and he had the happy faculty of holding all in the grasp of his love and confidence.

In his best days he was a preacher of no mean ability. He stirred great audiences with his deep conviction of the truths of the gospel. He believed in the power of the gospel to save, and he threw his whole soul into the proclamation of the glad tidings of salvation to a lost world. He was also often scholarly in his presentation of the truth, his mind being thoroughly trained in the ways of logical reasoning. His faith and preaching had inspired hundreds to begin the life which our Master lived. From the mountains to the sea, hungry men and women have looked to him for the bread of life. Also, many church buildings in various localities are witnesses of his faithfulness and loyalty. Well might he say: "Ye are my witnesses." He served well, and to him has been accorded the "well done" of his Master and Lord.

REV. HILLIARD F. CHREITZBERG, D. D.

BY J. H. WEAVER

Rev. Hilliard F. Chreitzberg was born in Georgetown, S. C., February 24th, 1850, and was the son of the late Rev. Dr. A. M. Chreitzberg, of the South Carolina Conference.

Dr. Chreitzberg graduated at Wofford College in 1873. And received the degree of A. M. from the same college three years later. In 1873 he was happily married to Miss Addria Kirby, of Spartanburg, S. C. He is survived by his widow and five children, two sons and three daughters. He joined the South Carolina Conference in 1873 and served the following charges: Cove Creek and Camden, Anderson, Spring Street, Charleston; Sumter, Newberry, Chester and Washington Street, Columbia.

In 1892 he was transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and served the following charges: Central Church, Asheville, 1893-1896; Reidsville, 1897; Tryon Street, Charlotte, 1898-1901; Gastonia, 1902-1903; Centenary, Winston, 1904-1907; and had nearly completed his third year at Monroe, when on the 10th of October, 1910, he was called to his well earned rest, and reward.