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MEMOIRS

W. B. BAYLESS.

Rev. W. B. Bayless was born in Florence, Alabama, March 10, 1852, and died July 22, 1911, in Oklahoma. He was converted on a Sunday in 1875; joined the Church at once; was licensed to preach the same week, and preached his first sermon the next Sunday. Joined the North Alabama Conference in 1885, having traveled as a supply a number of years. He was transferred to the North Texas Conference in 1893 and served something like seventeen years within its bounds; but on account of failing health transferred to the Oklahoma Conference last fall.

Brother Bayless was an earnest, devout man, and substantial and useful preacher. He had a warm heart, and deep love for humanity. He had a genuine Christian experience and often preached the Gospel with power and demonstration. He knew the doctrines of the Church, was well versed in general literature, made the Bible his one book, and preached to the hearts of the people. He was faithful in all his relations as a man and a minister of the Gospel. He was loved and esteemed by his brethren. He leaves a wife and large family of children to mourn their loss, but they know where to find him.

We pray God's blessings on the sorrowing ones.

J. M. Gross, *Chairman.*

MRS. D. A. GREGG.

Mrs. Eula Lee Gregg (nee Prewitt) was born in Bell County, Texas, February 8, 1878. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South in the summer of 1898 under the ministry of Rev. D. A. Gregg, and was married to Brother Gregg December 25, 1902. Three children were born to them—two sons and one daughter. The eldest son, David, died at the age of four years, and the little daughter passed away at the age of two. A baby boy of six months, one stepson, one step-daughter, and a husband make up the fragments of the shattered family.

Sister Gregg was of a bright, sunny disposition, and possessed graces of character that fitted her to preside over a parsonage home. She was an inspiration to her husband in his loved employ. Never did I hear her complain because of his prolonged absence in his evangelistic work. She loved the church and was devoted to its interests. After she became unconscious in her last illness, she spent the time conducting missionary meetings and teaching her Sunday school class. Her end was peace. It is not strange that it is so. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." She has joined the ranks of the redeemed on the other side, and the loved ones remaining here know where to find her. May God's sustaining and comforting grace be given without measure to the sadly bereaved and stricken family.

A. L. SCALES.

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Reports of Boards.—The reports of the Board of Church Extension, the Board of Missions, and the Board of Education were read and adopted. (See Reports, 1911.)

Commission.—The Bishop appointed a Commission on Education as follows: O. F. Sensabaugh, R. E. L. Morgan, C. F. Mitchell, J. M. Gross, Moss Weaver, W. B. Watkins, F. M. Bailey, S. S. Waters, E. S. Lane, and John A. Fain.

Vacancies.—Vacancies on the Board of Education were filled as follows: A. W. F. Lee in place of G. W. Kirby; R. N. Ownbey in place of M. L. Butler; J. R. Abernathy in place of A. M. Brannon.

Publication.—C. F. Mitchell and O. W. Stewart were elected as a Publication Committee.

Church Extension.—C. F. Mitchell was elected a member on the Board of Church Extension to take the place of N. L. Linebaugh.

Adjournment.—It was ordered that the next business session of the Conference be held following the religious service Sunday evening.

The Doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by C. W. Craig.

FIFTH DAY—MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The Conference convened at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, J. M. Gross in the chair, for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on Memoirs.

Question 21 was called, in answer to which the chairman stated that but one member of the Conference, Brother W. B. Bayless, had died during the year.

W. J. Moore read the report of the committee, consisting of resolutions relative to the life and work of Brother Bayless. Words of love and appreciation for Brother Bayless were spoken by R. E. L. Morgan, W. M. Spain, W. D. Matthews, C. R. Gray, John M. Moore, and C. F. Roberts.

R. E. L. Morgan read an obituary of the wife of Brother D. A. Gregg, to which he and W. J. Moore spoke.

W. D. Matthews introduced the name of J. W. Nigh, a supply who had died during the year. He suggested that the obituary of Brother Nigh, written by J. E. McConnell, be spread upon the Conference minutes.

The Conference expressed its sympathy for Brother J. S. Lamar, whose son died recently, and Brother R. A. Baird, whose little girl died this summer.

The report was adopted and the Conference adjourned with the singing of "In the Sweet By and By," and the benediction by Dr. John M. Moore. (See Reports, 1911.)

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by Bishop Denny. W. D. Matthews read the eighty-fourth Psalm and led in prayer.

The Bishop submitted a certificate of ordination showing that the following persons were ordained at the morning service. (See Reports.)

Local Deacon.—William Harp took the vows as a Local Deacon.

Transfers.—Question 6 was called and the following transfers were announced: R. E. Goodrich from the Northwest Texas Conference and H. B. Vaught from the East Oklahoma Conference.

Entertainment.—The Bishop named a Committee on Entertainment con-