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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, December 2d, 1883.

Memorial services were held at the Methodist Church, at 3½ o'clock, and were opened by Rev. T. S. CAMPBELL, who read a lesson from the 8th chapter of Romans, and announced 681st Hymn.

The following members of the Conference died during the year: Revs. JEREMIAH JOHNSON, EDWARD SCHULKEN, LEMON SHELL, OSCAR J. BRENT, JAMES B. ALFORD, and HIRAM P. COLE.

Bishop KEENER announced the order of exercises.

Rev. W. S. RONE read the memoir of JEREMIAH JOHNSON, prepared by Rev. J. R. GRIFFITH.

Remarks in eulogy of the deceased were made by Revs. W. H. BOBBITT, D. D., and P. J. CARRAWAY.

JEREMIAH JOHNSON.

Jeremiah Johnson was born in the county of Iredell, North Carolina, on the 29th of April, 1811. There is no record of his early life save that he was faithfully trained by pious parents, and was given advantage of the limited instruction then afforded by the schools of the community. At the age of twenty-one he embraced religion and joined the Methodist Church, and soon after, purposing to devote his life to the work of the ministry, he obtained license to preach. He served the church as a local preacher for two years, and in 1840, was received on trial at the Annual Conference which met in Mocksville. The first year he served as a junior preacher on Franklin Circuit and Alleghany Mission, and in the following year was appointed preacher in charge of Stantonburg Circuit, which embraced Nash and parts of Edgecombe and Johnston counties. In 1842 he was ordained deacon and sent to Columbia Circuit, and after two years, he was appointed to Neuse Circuit. Immediately after receiving this appointment, he was married to Miss Mary Mitchell, with whom he lived happily for more than thirty years. From Neuse Circuit he was sent to Tarboro Circuit which he traveled one year, Rockingham Circuit two, Tar River Mission two, Sampson Circuit two, Cape Fear Mission one, and in 1854 he was sent back to Tar River Mission, when, after traveling one year, he was located

at his own request. He continued in this relation for twenty years, and in 1874 was re-admitted into the Conference and sent to Williamston Circuit. He served successively Greenville Circuit, Jones Circuit, Swift Creek Mission and Dan River Mission. In 1881 was appointed to Waccamaw Mission, but feeble health prevented his going to his work, and in the following year, his health continuing unimproved, he was granted a superannuated relation. For two years he lingered under the burden of age and feebleness, and finally passed away quietly to his reward.

Jeremiah Johnson was known rather for piety than for intellectual attainments. He was not a brilliant preacher, but he was a devoted worker. The prominent feature of his character was meekness—a virtue which attained in him a remarkable degree of perfection, making his whole life beautiful. He was unassuming, quiet, unobtrusive. He did his work quietly but did it well. His was a life of peace, and as he lived he died.

Rev. F. H. WOOD read the memoir of EDWARD SCHULKEN.

Remarks in eulogy of the deceased were made by Rev. R. O. BURTON.

The Rev. Edward Schulken was a native of the city of Wilmington, but of German stock. In early childhood he was severely afflicted, which affliction dwarfed his physical nature for life, leaving him permanently lame. Not being able to do any manual labor, his father gave him every educational advantage which he needed. Possessing singularly clear perception, and retentive faculties, together with power of close and long continued application, and an unconquerable ambition to succeed, he made good progress in the acquisition of knowledge. While his scholarship may not have been exceeding broad, yet it was singularly accurate. His mind was a storehouse, not piled up with confused rubbish, but well ordered, everything neatly put in its proper place and distinctly marked, ready for use whenever required. After having availed himself of all the advantages offered him by the schools where he lived, he spent about two years in Vanderbilt University, making good progress, but breaking down in health, he returned to his home where he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Front Street Church, sometime in the year 1881, I think. He joined the Conference, on trial, at Durham, 1881, and was sent the following year as junior preacher to Clinton Circuit, Wilmington District. The next year he was sent to Fair Bluff Mission within the bounds of the same District, where he performed faithfully all the duties of his calling, so far as his physical condition would allow, until some time in June last,