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MEMOIR.

REV. SIMEON D. PEELER.

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Rev. Simeon D. Peeler was born April 25, 1823, near Midway, in Davidson County, N. C., and fell asleep in Jesus on the 17th day of January, 1898, being 75 years, 8 months and 22 days old.

He joined the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, at Pittsboro, N. C., in 1854. He traveled as an itinerant preacher for thirty-two years, and served the following charges: 1854, Bladen Circuit; 1855 and 1856, no record at hand; 1857, Nash Circuit; 1858, East Rowan Circuit; 1859, Onslow Circuit; 1860, Raleigh City Mission; 1861, Hillsboro Station; 1862, Onslow Circuit; 1863 and 1864, Fifth-Street Mission, Wilmington; 1865, no record at hand; 1866, Everetts-Circuit; 1867, Fifth Street, Wilmington; 1868 and 1869, Madison Circuit; 1870, Mount Airy Circuit; 1871, Jonesboro Circuit; 1872, Carthage Circuit; 1873, Mattamuskeet Circuit; 1874 and 1875, Double Shoals Circuit; 1876 to 1879, Yadkinville Circuit; 1880 and 1881, Alexander Circuit; 1882, Newton Grove Mission; 1883 and 1884, Snow Creek Mission; 1885, Abbott's Creek Mission.

In 1886 he was superannuated.

In 1856 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Early, and in 1858 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh.

He was a faithful pastor, a good, practical preacher, and zealous worker in his Master's vineyard. He was well educated, and possessed a vigorous native intellect, all of which he consecrated to Christ and His Church. He possessed a clear conception of the great doctrines of the Holy Bible and of Methodism, and failed not to preach them with an earnestness born of a burning zeal for the salvation of immortal souls. Many souls saved by his life and preaching will doubtless rise up in the morning of the resurrection and call him blessed.

During the eleven years of his superannuation he seemed to possess the sweet spirit of resignation. He told the writer a few days before he died that no one knew how hard it is to give up the active work of the pastor but those who had tried it; "but," said he, "I am in the hands of the Lord as the clay in the hands of the potter." In answer to a question by the writer, he said: "My faith is strong, I am happy in the love of God, and I am trusting in the precious blood of Christ."

With sorrow and weeping we laid his body to rest in the cemetery at Kernersville, to await the morn of the first resurrection. He leaves behind a son and a daughter; his wife having passed over the river some years before.

Though dead, he still lives. A hero of the Cross, ambassador for Christ, he has entered into his reward.

"Servant of God! well done,
Praise be thy new employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

VI.

APPENDIX.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Report Number One.

The Board of Education submits the following report:

We have carefully considered the reports of the institutions of learning under the care of this Conference. We have reports from Trinity College and Trinity Park High School, Trinity High School, Weaverville College, Davenport College, Trinity Academy, Belwood Institute, Oakland High School, Leicester Academy, and Greensboro Female College. Also from Payne Institute for the education of the colored. It is gratifying to learn from these reports that our institutions are in a prosperous condition. Nearly all report an increased attendance. We rejoice in all this, as it indicates a growing interest among our people on the great subject of Christian Education.

TRINITY COLLEGE

We are gratified to learn of the prosperous condition of this institution of learning. The attendance is larger than last year, and the conduct of the student body is reported to be of a high order, and the class-room work very gratifying. We appreciate the labors of the President and Faculty in the work they are doing in the education of the youth of our Church and State, and we earnestly urge our people to consider the claims of Trinity College and the good work it is doing. We are also gratified to learn of the successful opening and career, thus far, of Trinity Park High School.

The Secretary of each of the several Boards of Education is hereby instructed to gather from all available sources the name and post-office address of pupils prepared to enter Trinity College, and send such list to the President of the College on or before the first of June of each year. That the President will take steps looking to securing their attendance at College.

The Board asks that the resolutions, adopted already by the Conference, be accepted as a part of their report:

Whereas, We have been officially informed through the report of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, of the gift of an additional one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to that institution by Mr. Washington Duke; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we heartily thank Mr. Duke for this addition to his already munificent bestowments.

Resolved 2. That we are peculiarly gratified that Mr. Duke has seen fit to change the investment of this gift from the form of preferred stock in the American Tobacco Company into a cash donation.

Resolved 3. That we bespeak on the part of the Trustees of the College a care that this and all other funds of the College shall be so invested as to prevent any just criticism of the Church, or pain to the consciences of its members.

We recommend the election of R. H. Parker and F. Stikeleather as Trustees of Trinity College.