

OBITUARIES.

DR. R. W. WITTEN.

Dr. Raleigh White Witten was born May the 15th, 1818, was married the first time to Julia V. Harrisson, the second time to Mrs. Eleanor George, the third time to Mrs. Jane Higginbotham.

He joined the Methodist church under the ministry of Father Aiken, of sainted memory, made a profession of religion in 1843 at his home.

Dr. Witten studied medicine with Dr. Charley Martin, of Pittsylvania county. He attended the lectures at Lexington, Ky., and came to Tazewell C. H., in the fall of 1840 and here began the practice of his profession.

He loved his profession and did the largest practice of any doctor in the county, in his younger days. He was a regular practitioner for fifty years and did not give up entirely the practice of medicine until just before his death, which occurred December 28th, 1897, at his home, Crab Orchard, Tazewell county, Va.

Dr. Witten was especially successful in the treatment of women and children. His favorite study was surgery, and he was successful in this during his best years of practice. He was attending physician at the birth of from 2800 to 3000 children. The poor he never refused and many will now rise up and call him blessed. He was a public spirited man and did everything to advance every condition of life. He delighed in agriculture and helped to do all in his power to advance the farmers' interests. He was kind and hospitable and loved to entertain his many friends; and above all, he loved to help the preacher by making him feel so much at home. Many a weary intinerant will remember the kind word of welcome and hearty hand-shake given by Dr. Witten as he bade him come into his home. He delighted to labor in the Sunday school and for many years was superintendent of the same at Pisgah, his home church. How he is missed none but those who lived with him can tell. A true husband, a loving father and faithful Christian friend. He is missed by all. He leaves five children to mourn his loss, but they mourn not as those who have no hope. Dear children, strive to emulate the example of your worthy father, and at last, when the race of life is run, you will meet to part no more. May God so sustain and keep you here that at last all will be well and you may be an undivided family in Glory. The funeral services were conducted by his former pastor, Bro. L. K. Haynes and the writer, W. E. BAILEY.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Resolutions of respect adopted by the Sunday school of the Methodist Church at Pisgah, Va.:

Whereas, On December 28, 1897, God called to his heavenly reward Dr. R. W. Witten; and

Whereas, He has been the beloved superintendent of this Sunday school for twenty years; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Witten the Sunday school has lost one who labored zealously for its advancement and who was untiring in his efforts to promote work so near his heart.

2. That we will ever cherish a fond memory of his high and exemplary Christian character, for we know he was a consecrated Christian, and has only gone from labor to reward — one who made his duty to the Sunday school and the Church a care, ever laboring for the advancement of the cause of Christ and the upbuilding of his kingdom.

3. That we bow in humble submission to this bereavement, knowing that God doeth all things well; and that we will strive to emulate his virtues, and endeavor to heed the good advice and timely admonition he has given, and so live that, like him, we may be ready when the summons calls us home.

4. That we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy, and pray that they may also live that they may enjoy a happy reunion in that land where parting is no more.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes and a copy be sent to the MIDLAND METHODIST and "Clinch Valley News" and to his bereaved family.

MRS. S. A. PEERY, Chairman;
ELLA F. HUTTON,
CAPITOLA CROCKETT,
C. M. CECIL,
Committee.

Heaven-born spirit of finest mold,
Elected to the Senate of the sky,
Thy mighty wings of faith unfold,
And, daring, do or die.

—Edwin Palmer.