

Rev. William Harrison Dawson's Diary "The Life Beautiful"

By Jerry Long



Rev. William Harrison Dawson (1841-1908)



**History of Daviess County, Kentucky, Inter-State Publishing Co.,
Chicago, IL, 1883, p.860 (Yelvington Precinct):**

REV. WILLIAM H. DAWSON, Pastor of the Baptist church Yelvington, was born in Upper Town Precinct, Daviess County, Ky., Nov. 30, 1841, and was a son of Gibson Dawson, a native of Ohio County, Ky. His early life was spent on a farm, his education being received in the common schools and at a select school in Owensboro. Feeling that he was called to the ministry

he studied to that end, and in 1867 began his labors in the Macedonia Church. In 1870 he went to Hawesville and had charge of the First Baptist Church for five years. He then took charge of the Southampton church, Daviess County, and remained there till 1881. In 1878 he came to Yelvington and took the pastorate of the church here, having both churches under his care. While in Hawesville Mr. Dawson had a four days' discussion with Geo. G. Taylor, a Reformer, or Campbellite; in Southampton he had a six days' discussion with Rev. J. M. Lawson, Presiding Elder of the Owensboro District, M. E. Conference, and in Yelvington had a six day's discussion with Rev. B. F. Orr, a Methodist clergyman. He was married Nov. 12, 1866, to Nettie W., daughter of A. Gallatin Howard. Six children were born to them, only four now living – John C., George W., Cora and Arthur W.



**The Ministerial Directory of the Baptist Churches in the United States of America,
George William Lasher, Ministerial Directory Company, 1899, p.203:**

DAWSON, William Harrison, THURSTON, KY.—Born, Thurston Ky.; Stud. Chalybeate C., Ky.; Lic. June, 1866, and Ord. Apr., '67, Macedonia Ch., Ky.; P. Hawesville, '69-74; South Hampton, '74-78; Yelvington, '75-99; Macedonia, intervals, 15 yrs.; Sorgho, '66-99; Yellowcreek, '89-99; Stephensport, Ky., '69-78.



A History of the Daviess – McLean Baptist Association in Kentucky, Rev. Wendell H. Rone (Owensboro, KY, 1943, pp.311-313):



William Harrison Dawson. Pastor of the Yelvington Baptist Church for 32 years. Founder and pastor of other Churches in this Association. A brother of James Madison Dawson (1836-1873).

WILLIAM HARRISON DAWSON: This brother beloved was a brother of J. M. Dawson, and the second child born to Catherine and Gipson Dawson. He was born near Thruston, Daviess County, Kentucky, on November 30, 1841. His early life was spent on the farm, his education being received in the common schools and in a select school in Owensboro. In later years he studied the Greek language for two years and also learned Latin and Hebrew. In his early struggles for an education, while at the plow handle, he carried books in a sack strapped about his neck studying them whenever he rested the team. At night he would recite to his mother what he learned during the days' toil. At the end of his life he possessed one of the finest libraries in the county, besides having given away hundreds of books to the Habit Library Association and some of his books may be seen there today.

On November 12, 1865, he was married to Miss Martha Howard. To this union six children were born two children dying in infancy. Up to the time he was married he was not a professing Christian. He, with great pleasure, attributed his decision for Christ to the influence of a good Christian wife. He united with the Macedonia Church in April, 1866 under the preaching of his elder brother, J. M. Dawson, who was pastor of the church at that time. Two months later, in June, 1866, he was licensed to preach. On March 22, 1867, he was set apart to the work of the Gospel ministry by this Church through a presbytery composed of Elders J. M. Dawson, D. S. Colgan, and J. C. Maple, and deacons from the sister churches.

For a while after his ordination Brother Dawson did supply work, but in March, 1869, he became pastor at Hawesville, Kentucky, two Sundays per month. He was noted for his long pastorates. He became pastor at Yelvington in the year 1875 and remained until his death. This pastorate of almost thirty-three years is the longest on record in the history of the Daviess County Association.

Brother Dawson held meetings at school houses and in other destitute places adjoining his pastorates and became very useful as an evangelist. At one time he baptized 85 into the fellowship of the church at Macedonia, 90 having been converted in this meeting. At many other meetings which he held the accessions were numbered by the score and at times by the hundred.

During his lifetime he constituted three churches - Dawson at Philpot, Yellow Creek, and Dawson Memorial. He served all three of these churches as pastor. His other pastorates were at Hawesville, Stephensport, Lewisport, Yelvington, South Hampton, Bethabara, Macedonia, Sugar Grove, Maceo, Stanley, Sorgho, Panther Creek (Daviess County), and at Rockport, Indiana.

Elder Dawson kept a journal, almost daily, during his entire life. Elder T. N. Compton, who preached his funeral at Yellow Creek Church on May 30, 1908, said, "It is the most complete diary I have ever seen. In his ministerial life, in fact, in all his life, he was the best organized and most methodical man I have ever known."

About fourteen months before his death he was stricken with partial paralysis. The attacks occurred with increasing violence until he passed away quietly on Sunday, March 29, 1908, surrounded by his family. Memorial services were also held at the First Baptist Church in Owensboro and at the Yelvington Church. He was laid to rest in the cemetery which he helped to secure and lay off across from Yellow Creek Church.

His diary shows that he traveled 175,000 miles in his ministerial work, made 43,000 pastoral calls, preached 8,000 sermons, preached more than 1,100 funerals, baptized 1,500 people, and married over 800 couples. The records show that he preached the Annual Sermon before the Daviess County Association in 1876 and again in 1900. At the time of his death he was perhaps the best known and most loved preacher in the entire county.

During his pastorate at Hawesville he held a four days' debate with George G. Taylor, a Campbellite; at South Hampton he had a six day discussion with J. M. Lawson, Presiding Elder of the Owensboro District, a Methodist; and in Yelvington he held a six day discussion with B. F. Orr, another Methodist. In the year 1875 he delivered a two day address on Sanctification at Macedonia Church. Over 1,500 people were estimated to have been present at this last mentioned discussion. Even though he was uncompromising in his convictions, he was broad in his sympathies and a sincere and helpful friend to the people of all denominations, many of whom spoke of him in the highest respect. After his death the major portion of his diary was published together with the portion of a debate on Baptism. The book was dedicated to the churches in whose services he spent his life. Many interesting events are recorded in this book. The author has seen several copies of this book and possesses one himself. Many of the people he baptized and later on married still reside in this territory and are useful members of the churches. His monumental work still lives.



Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Monday, 30 March 1908, p.1:



Rev. W. H. Dawson died at 9:0 a. m. Sunday at his home at Thruston after a lingering illness of several months' duration. He was 67 years of age and was born within a mile of the place where he died. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Cora, and by three sons, Mr. Coleman Dawson, of Owensboro, Dr. G. W. Dawson, of Channing, Texas, and Dr. Arthur Dawson, of Stanley. Miss Cora resides at home with her parents.

Until quite recently he had served Thruston, Yelvington and South Hampton. Another charge which he resigned last fall is the church at Philpot. In the early seventies he was pastor of the church at Hawesville. He was universally esteemed by all that knew him and this was, doubtless, a wider circle of friends than any other preacher in the county could number. He was highly esteemed by all for his thoroughly Christian demeanor and gentle spirit.

The funeral took place this afternoon from his late home and the services were conducted in the Thruston Baptist church, Rev. T. N. Compton officiating. The attendance was the largest gathering ever seen in that part of the county. There was not room in the church for one-third of those who were present. Large delegations were present from each of the churches of which he died pastor, and also from other churches that he had previously served. One estimate was that the buggies that were on the church grounds and on vacant lots at Thruston covered at least three acres. The interment was at the cemetery near the church.

Following were the pallbearers: Captain W. T. Ellis, T. S. Anderson, R. G. Norris, Dr. C. J. Lockhart, , Jas. H. Bozarth and P. T. Watkins.




Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 4 May 1908, p.7:

Diary of Late Rev. W. H. Dawson
The diary of the late Rev. W. H. Dawson will be issued in a short time, from the press of the Messenger Job Printing company. It is being prepared for publication by Rev. L. B. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist church of Owensboro.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 25 October 1908, p.1B:

"THE LIFE BEAUTIFUL"
Is the Title of a Book Written By Rev. L. B. Warren.
The Western Recorder says: "The Life Beautiful" is the title of a book written of Elder W. H. Dawson by Rev. L. B. Warren, of the First Baptist church, Owensboro. The book is rather unique. There is no attempt to write a biography. The book consists principally of the brief jottings from the diary of Brother Dawson. As you read you feel as if you were looking into the godly man's heart and seeing his thoughts. Then there is the outline of his preparations for a debate on the subject of Baptism. These things show the consecration, the ability, and the fidelity of the man, and leave in the reader's mind the unmistakable conviction that he was "a good minister of Jesus Christ."

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FROM THE DIARY OF



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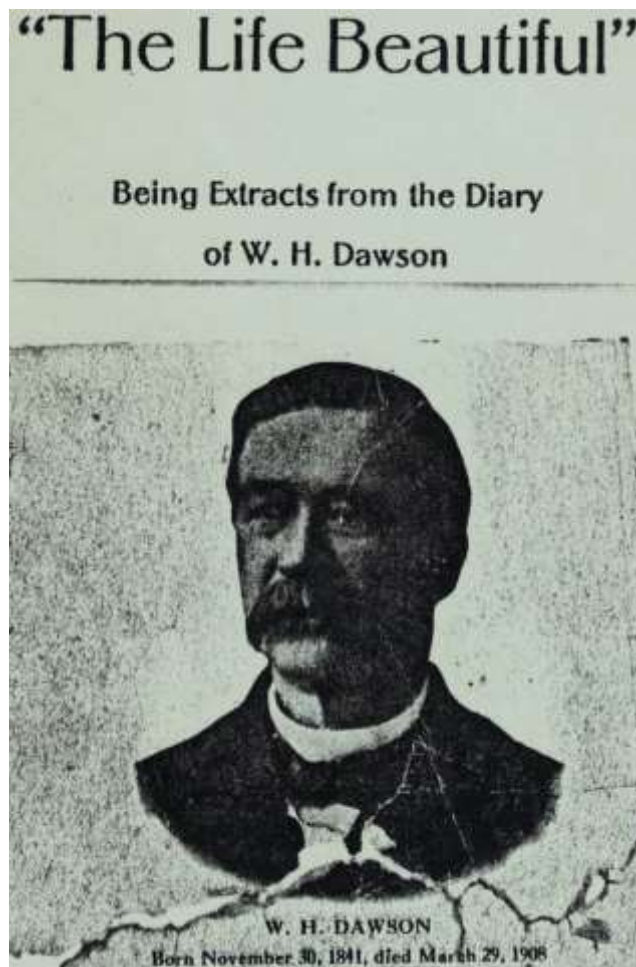
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THIS BOOK is affectionately dedicated to the Churches in whose service he spent his life; Hawesville, Stephensport, Lewisport, Yelvington, Yellow Creek, South Hampton, Bethabara, Philpot; Dawson Memorial, Macedonia, Sugar Grove, Stanley, Sorgho, Maceo, Panther Creek, and Rockport, Ind.

Acknowledgment

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GRATEFUL acknowledgment is made to the ladies of the Missionary Societies of the First Baptist Church of Owensboro for their care and kindness in reading manuscript; to members of the Y. L. M. S. for furnishing the views from which the halftones were produced; and to the Messenger Job Printing Co., of Owensboro, which corporation graciously assumed the financial responsibility of the publication, and placed the book upon the market at actual cost.

Foreword

(page V)

EVERY life leaves heritage of bane or blessing. William H. Dawson's hereditament is wholly good. These extracts from his diary should find a place unique in the literature of its kind. In the diary of David Brainerd we see a great soul pleading for power that Pentecost may come again. In the biography of John Vasser we see one snatched from the burning and on fire to save others from the fate he has escaped. In the story of W. H. Dawson we have a perfect picture of the Shepherd Heart, putting forth his own, leading them into abundant pasturage, and laying clown his life for those he loves.

It is the prayer of family and friends that in this little book his life-work shall go on.

L. B. WARREN,
First Baptist Church,
Owensboro, Ky.
May 25th, 1908.

Introduction

(pages VI-VII)

By Geo. T. Hawes

HOW can one of hands and heart write an introduction of such an one as citizen, preacher and pastor as W. H. Dawson unless the Spirit of God, the God he loved and labored so faithfully, give words and pen, as citizen good, as preacher excelled by few, as pastor no one better—a man, yea, a gentleman—as gentle as the dews of Heaven distilling the sweets from every flower, so his works of love bring the soreness and sorrows from many hearts and brought led by the Spirit of Cod many weary ones to a haven of rest. To those who knew him no introduction is needed. How many knew him? After an intimate relation with him for nearly five years I thought I knew him, but I had only a glimpse of the man, When I read some of the words in this book I saw that I never knew him. Selfishness had no part with him except that he wanted all souls to be brought to Christ. With his window ever open and looking toward Jerusalem, he reminded me much of Elijah, only in that he never rested under the juniper bush or elsewhere when work was to be done for the Master or sick or sorrowful to be comforted. Ever doing to the least of these, fulfilling as near as possible for man to do the commandments of his Lord and Master in his own quiet and unassuming way. I want and would like everyone to like and love him as I did him in life and his memory in death. I am glad I loved such an one; am glad to love the memory of him; am more than glad I rejoice with gladness that now while he is resting in the Light of the Pace of our God in one of the many beautiful - mansions of the Christ that he knew of my love. The last hours I spent with him were, or was, and is now a benediction to me. Dear reader, in reading his life work, written in his own simple way, will I hope be a benediction and inspiration to you as it was to me. May God, his God, help you to so read as to be inspired by the reading to nobler things for the Master. May his life-work, as told in this book, giving it freely for you and for me and our children, reach even to the ends of the earth, doing some of the work he hoped to do. I have tried to tell you something of the Man, my words cannot—only Michael or one of God's angels—and he must be inspired by the Father to tell of his true worth.

Geo. T. Hawes.

Funeral Sermon

(pages VIII-X)

Delivered at Thruston, Ky., March 30th, 1908. by Theodore N. Compton, D. D.

Report taken from Baptist Argus of April 16th

WILLIAM HARRISON DAWSON was born near Thruston, Daviess County, Kentucky, November 30, 1841, being the second child of Gipson and Catherine Dawson. He went to school in the country, also in Owensboro. He studied Creek two years and learned Latin and some Hebrew. Was himself a teacher four years, having taught one year in Whitesville High School. In his early struggles for all education while at the plow handle, he carried books in a sack strapped about his neck. He recited at night to his mother what he learned during the day's toil. At the end of life he possessed one of the best libraries in the county, besides having given away hundreds of books to young ministers.

On November 12, 1865, he was married to Miss Martha W. Howard.

His wife and four children survive him, two children having died in infancy. Those living are: J. Coleman Dawson, Owensboro; Dr. G. W. Dawson, Channing, Texas; Dr. A. W. Dawson, Stringer, Miss., and Miss Kora Dawson, Thruston, Ky.

Up to the date of his marriage Bro. Dawson was not a professing Christian. He, with great pleasure, attributed his decision for Christ to the influence of a Christian wife. He united with the Macedonia Baptist Church April, 1866, was at once licensed to preach and on the fourth Saturday in June following ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry. The ministers composing his ordaining council were: Elders Jas. M. Dawson, J. C. Maple and D. S. Colgin. For awhile he did supply work, but in March, 1869, he became pastor at Hawesville, Ky., for half time. He was noted for his long pastorates. He became pastor at Yelvington in 1875, and remained such until the end of his life. He held meetings in school houses, and destitute places adjoining his pastorates and became useful as an evangelist. In many of his meetings he numbered accessions by the score; at times by the hundred.

He kept a daily journal giving his life in detail. The completest diary I have ever seen. In his ministerial life, in fact, in all life, he was the best organized and most methodical man I have ever known. Some fourteen months ago he was stricken with partial paralysis. The attacks recurred with increased violence until on Sunday, March 20, at 9:30 a. m., he passed away quietly surrounded by his family.

In his ministerial work he traveled 175,000 miles, made 43,000 pastoral visits, preached 8,000 sermons, preached more than 1,100 funeral sermons, baptized 1,500 people and married 800 couples. He was a hard student, a discriminating scholar, analytic and homiletic as a preacher, broad in his sympathies, but deep and uncompromising in his convictions, a loyal husband, a fond and loving father, a sincere and helpful friend, a patriotic citizen, a universal benefactor, a stalwart Baptist, a devout Christian.

The best known and most loved citizen of his county while he lived, and will be most missed and best remembered now that he is dead.

To know him was to love him, to speak of him was to praise him. The pools and streams in which he baptized the multitudes will go dry, the church houses he has dedicated and in which he preached will crumble, but the name of W. H. Dawson will live when the hand of time shall have woven the meshes of decades and the network of centuries about his tomb.

Diary Extracts

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1866

November 17—Preached at Bethabara.

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November 25—Having been called to South Hampton, preached my first sermon there.

1867

March 23—My ordination.

April 6—Preached at Zion, the church being without a pastor.

June 23—Close of my first ministerial year.

July 6—After four months' charge at Zion, I resigned over a difficulty.

August 4—Called to take charge of the Bethabara church.

August 25—Resigned at South Hampton.

November 11—Assisted my brother in meeting at South Hampton.

1868

March 8—The breaking up of Pleasant Ridge church.

April 26—Mattie's 21st birthday.

May 14—Mattie and I took the measles.

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1869

February 13—My brother resigned at Hawesville and I was called to the church.

March 11—Mattie and I moved as far as Owensboro, going to Hawesville by boat.

May 17—Went to Louisville by boat to the State Ministers' meeting.

June 5—Called to pastorate of Lewisport church.

September 4—Began a meeting at Lewisport.

September 16—Went to Daviess County to see my afflicted mother.

Began a meeting in Hawesville which lasted nine days.

November 30—Called to my dying mother, who died on December 3.

1870

January 30—Funeral of my mother was preached at Macedonia by Eld. J. P. Ellis.

March 5—Organized a Baptist church of 53 members at Rice's school house.

[note by J. Long: this is the Mt. Eden Baptist Church in Hancock County, KY]

March 20—Preached Mrs. Mason's funeral at Hawesville.

April 5—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Williams at Lewisport.

April 26—Mattie's 23rd birthday.

June 19—Great excitement. Rev. H. C. McQuown replied to my sermon on baptism at Lewisport.

July 18—Rode horseback to Leitchfield.

September 19—Began a protracted meeting at Hawesville.

October 15—Rev. C. Buchanan's son was shot by a drunken man who was passing by.

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1871

March, 2—Preached the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Brent's infant child.

April 3—Preached the funeral of Brother Thomas C. Williams.

June 13—Preached in Lewisport the funeral of Sister Mary E. Blincoe.

August 13—Baptized Benjamin Hawley,

September 14—Preached the funeral of Mr. Mike Smith, of Lewisport.
December 1—Baptized 18 persons in the Ohio river.
December 11—The family poisoned by eating turkey.
December 17—Married W. T. Claycomb to Miss Sarah C. Matheny.

1872

February 1—River frozen over.
May 3—Preached the funeral of Benjamin Hawley.
July 27—Preached the funeral of Dr. Ireland's son, French.
September 15—Married Sister Anna C. Perigo and Mr. John Hook
November 30—My 31st birthday.
December 1—Called for another year at Hawesville.

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1873

February 28—Preached the funeral of Otha Newman's wife.
March 7—Our house was burned up with about one-third of its contents.
April 21—Received news of the death of my brother, Eld J. M. Dawson.
April 26—Mattie's 26th birthday.
May 4—Closed my fourth pastoral year at Lewisport.
August 18—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Hays, near Lewisport.
September 7—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Patterson at Lewisport.
December 28—Preached the funeral of P. A. Hall at Lewisport.

1874

April 11—Walked five miles to South Hampton to preach.
May 1—Preached the funeral of Mrs. G. A. Cobbert. [sic – Colbert]
July 19—Preached the funeral of Miss Bell Newman, whose death was caused by dancing.
July 31—Preached the funeral of J. W. Gabbert at South Hampton.
August 2—Preached the funeral of Judge W. Q. Johnson, at Lewisport.
August 16—Resigned as pastor at Grandview, Ind.
November 30—My 33rd birthday.
Dec. 14—Preached the funeral of John B. Kirk.

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1875

January 5—Married Wm. Welch and Miss Minerva E. Fuqua.
February 2—Married Mr. Blincoe and Miss. Patterson.
February 10—Married R. G. Roberts and Miss C. B. Patterson.
April 25—Preached the funeral, of Sister Fanny Young.
May 9—Preached the funeral of Samuel B. Morris.
May 23—Preached the funeral of John W. Hawkins,
June 12—Lectured on Temperance at Grandview school house.
July 11—Preached the funeral of Sister Smizer, at South Hampton.
August 15—Preached in Owensboro morning and night.
November 9—Began a protracted meeting at South Hampton.

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November 12—Tenth wedding anniversary.
December 21—We moved to Owensboro.

1876

January 1—Resigned care of the church at Lewisport
February 1—Married in Owensboro Mr. H. F. Carpenter and Miss Sarah E. Taylor.
February 26—Accepted pastoral care of Macedonia church at a salary of \$150.
February 28—Married Miss Fannie E. Bates and Mr. W. G. Smith, at Lewisport.
April 6—We moved from Owensboro to our little farm.
April 8 and 9—Preached at South Hampton.
April 13 George, (four years old) started to school.
April 15—Cut off my whiskers after having worn them neatly ten years.
April 23—Married C. C. Gabbert and Miss Bettie Gore.
April 28—Attended a Centennial meeting at South Hampton.
May 7—Baptized L. B. 'Helm and Mrs. Smith, at Stephensport.



W. H. Dawson, 1863

May 9—Preached the funeral of Sister Morrison, at Yelvington
May 12—George's fifth birthday.
May 23—Went to Louisville.
May 25—Went to Louisville to Orphans' Home and saw four of my brother's children.
May 29—Called on Miss Lunnie Brashear, at Mrs. Hughes', in Owensboro.
May 31—Preached the funeral of E. B. Griffin, at Macedonia.
June 6—Baptized Sister Howe in the Ohio river.
August 27—Baptized Sister Wm. Riddle.
September 21—Assisted in the ordination of Rev. A. N. Whittinghill.
October 7—Called on Miss Nannie Purcell, who is very low with cancer.
October 10—Preached at the Grange Hall.

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November 5—Baptized 73 persons.
November 11—Began a protracted meeting at South Hampton.
November 30—My 35th birthday.
December 2—Went to Stephensport by boat.

1877

January 28—Married Miss Yewells to M. D. Wells.
February 12—Began a protracted meeting at Yelvington.
March 8—Married Wm. H. Nelson to Mrs. Cecelia Pagans.
March 15—Married Samuel Sublett and Miss Anna Cook. 8
March 18—Preached the funeral of James Henry Hollis.
March 19—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Nannie Duncan at Macedonia.
March 22—Married Jacob H. Fuqua and Miss Larinia Roberts.
April 5—Married Elisha J. Ford to Miss L. C. Long
April 16—I was taken very ill and remained so for two nights and t day.
April 26—Mattie's 30th birthday.
May 23—I was taken sick with erysipelas, which lasted me seven weeks.
July 5—Married Ira M. Haynes and Miss Lizzie J. Moffett.
July 8—Death of Miss Columbus J. Brashear.
September 30—Conducted the funeral of P. J. Miller's child in Owensboro.
November 12—Twelfth wedding anniversary.
November 15—Married Miss Sarah M. Taylor to James B. Lashbrooks.
November 21—Visited three families who are sick, Mrs. Wilhite, Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Hazelrigg.
December 13—Preached the funeral of Brother Hunter.

1878

January 2—Death of Brother Peter Cottrell.
January 16—Preached the funeral of Clayton Dawson Wells. 9
January 27—Preached the funeral of Sister Tabitha Adcock.
February 5—Preached the funeral of Sister Duncan.
February 24—Preached the funeral of Sister Green.
February 26—Married Robert Butcher and Miss Josie Luttrell.
March 21—Married J. W. Head and Miss Laura A. Duncan.
April 4—Married John B. Bruner to Miss Mary F. Hite.
April 13—Tendered my resignation to South Hampton church.
May 3—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Zenor.
May 8—Married James L. Westerfield to Laura J. Ball.
June 2—Preached today the funeral of James W. Stinnett, Charlotte Whitworth, Mrs. Brown and child.
November 12—The evening of the 12th of November was celebrated as the completion of our 13th year of our married life. They have been happy years. No two ever lived more happily together. We have an interesting little family.

1879

November 8—Preached in Yelvington at regular church meeting. Rom. 5:5. Was very ill.

November 9—Tried to preach this morning in Yelvington; was so ill that I found it a great effort. Preached the funeral of Al. Stinnett's child at his home at 2 o'clock. Isa. 40:8, "The flower fadeth." 10

November 15—Preached at Chestnut Grove at regular church meeting.

November 16—Went on Sunday to J. N. Adcock's and married Mr. M. J. Cox, of Ohio County, to Miss Nellie Gabbert, of Nelson County, Ky. Went to Chestnut Grove and preached to a very large congregation.

November 18—Meeting today and night; two visits.

November 19—Meeting today and night.

November 20—Meeting today and night. Order in congregation perfect.

November 22—Went to Macedonia and preached. I. Cor. 3:23. Mrs. Bryant joined by experience.

November 24—Preached at night; two mourners.

November 25—Very fine meeting in the morning and good one at night. Eld. Ellis was with us.

November 26—Fine meeting morning and night; six mourners, too.

November 27—Good meeting at Chestnut Grove. Wm. Cummins joined by experience for baptism. A good meeting. Thomas Glasscock joined by experience. Up to the present, I have delivered 13 sermons and lectures.

November 29—Good meeting at Chestnut Grove.

November 30—Immense congregation at Chestnut Grove. Baptized ten persons. A glorious meeting at night; ten mourners. Several conversions. Preached from Matt. 11:28. 11

December 1—Glorious meeting today. Several mourners. Tremendous crowd at night. Preached from Amos 4:12. Twelve mourners. Five additions to the church.

December 2—Glorious meeting today. Three additions to the church. Sixteen mourners. Four additions to the church.

December 3—Preached from Isa. 1:18. Eight mourners. Two joined for baptism. A very dark night.

December 4—Good meeting in the morning. Fine meeting at night. Eight mourners. Prov. 14:12. Seven additions.

December 5—Good meeting at Chestnut Grove.

December 6—Glorious meeting at night. Twelve mourners. Jer. 12:5. Two joined by experience. Large crowd. Did not go to Panther Creek; the interest at Chestnut Grove was so great I could not well leave.

December 7—Preached to a vast multitude at Chestnut Grove. Rom. 8:24. After meeting baptized ten brethren and ten sisters at Mrs. Kelly's pond. Deacon Boswell assisted. About 1,000 people were present at the baptizing. Congregation was exceedingly large. Twelve persons came up for prayer. Two joined by experience for baptism.

December 8—Preached the funeral of Sister Bryant's child, 18 months old. Matt. 19:14. Preached at night. Nine persons were forward for prayer. Three united with the church by experience for baptism. 12

December 9—Good meeting in the morning. two joined the church—one was restored, the oilier joined by experience.

December 10—Lectured at Chestnut Grove on Christian duty. Two persons were

received by experience for baptism. Closed meeting at Chestnut Grove. Continued 24 days and nights. Received 52 persons into the church. Visits, 8; sermons, 30. Meeting at Chestnut Grove was a glorious success. The church and country for miles around was brought under the influence of the meeting. All denominations joined in and took an active part.

December 11—Married Lafayette Hale to Miss Belle M. Harrison.

December 12—Am always happy to be with my loving family.

December 13—Preached at church meeting in Yelvington to a small congregation. Heb.

11:1. Preached again at night. About thirty persons present. Lev. 2:25-35.

December 15—Preached Mrs. Morgan's funeral; aged 80 years. The mother of 17 Children. Member of the Methodist church 60 years.

December 20—Preached on Communion at Chestnut Grove. Large attendance. After meeting two ladies and four gentlemen were baptized.

December 21—Visited Owen Boswell, who is very low with pneumonia, and will probably die. Preached at Chestnut Grove on the Lord's Supper. Gave the hand of fellowship to ten persons who had been received for church membership. 13

December 26—Went to Macedonia and remained four days and nights. Preached four sermons, made twelve visits. Cousin Nannie Rummage is near unto death.

Visited her several times and conversed with her on the subject of religion.

December 31—Farewell to 1879. An eventful year long to be remembered. I hope I have done some good and I fear some evil. My churches are all doing well.

1880

January 1—Visited Owen Boswell. He is getting well. Married Mr. Joseph C. Brown to Miss James C. McCamish at John Garret's.

January 4—Returned from Panther Creek. Preached one sermon. Made eight visits. Came home in the rain part of the way.

January 8—Married Miss Lou Ella Tinsely and Mr. Lewis Lockett.

January 10—Preached at church this evening. Phil. 2:7-8.

January 11—Preached in Yelvington on the transfiguration of Christ, Matt. 17:2.

January 23—Returned home after an absence of ten days at Panther Creek in a protracted meeting. It was begun two days before by A. N. Whittinghill and J. J. Midkiff.

It was a very fine meeting; 27 persons talked in the day meetings I preached four sermons, Whittinghill five, Ellis two and Midkiff one. I visited 15 families. 14

Received two by restoration and three by baptism.

January 24—Went to Macedonia and preached on Saturday from Phil 2:7-8. Good attendance. This was the beginning of my fifth year as pastor. Called to see Cousin Nannie Rummage. Pound her still near unto death.

January 25—Preached at Macedonia at 11 o'clock Sabbath, Matt. 17:2, "The Transfiguration." Preached at night from I. Ju. 2:1, "Interception of Christ." Sat up with Cousin Nannie Rummage.

January 26—Left Cousin Nannie early on Monday Morning not expecting to see her any more in this 'world.

January 29—Went to the burying of Robert and Columbus Duncan, at Bethlehem Methodist church. They were brothers; one died January 27th, the other January 28th. I made a talk at the grave and read a portion of I. Thes 4:13, &c. I

- returned to Robert Duncan's, held singing and prayer with his wife, who is very ill and not likely to live.
- January 31—Left early, reached Panther Creek church and preached at 10 o'clock
Preached at night from Job 22:21.
- February 1—Preached at 11 o'clock, Heb. 1:14. Made seven visits Accepted the pastoral call for 1880
- February 3—Preached Mrs. Mary Jane Rutledge's funeral at the Baptist church in Yelvington at 12 o'clock. 15
- February 4—Visited Jos. McIntyre and wife, who are sick. She is very low and not likely to recover. Also went to see Miss Sallie Tinsley. She is recovering from a brief illness.
- February 7—Preached at the Baptist church in Yelvington at 3 o'clock.
- February 8—Preached at 11 o'clock from Mark 5:19, "Demoniac of Gadara"
- February 12—Miss Bettie Mitchell was sick and I taught school in her stead. I had not taught before in 14 years.
- February 14—Preached at Chestnut Grove on "Mission," from Mark 16:15. Collection for missionary purposes about \$8.00 Visited Mrs. Eliza Parker and family, who are sick Also visited Mrs. Celia Parker, who is very sick.
- February 15—Preached at Chestnut Grove morning and night.
- February 18—Married Miss Alice Shanks and Mr. Ed Lyons.
- February 21—Called early to see Cousin Nannie Rummage Found her improved with some prospect of recovery. Preached at Macedonia at church meeting.
- February 22—Bro. Wilhite went with me to see Cousin Nannie Rummage. Found her better. Preached at 11 o'clock on "The Ministry of the Holy Angels" Preached at 8 o'clock on the "Holy Angels."
- February 24—Went down early to Franklin Head's to see Miss Lydia. She is still very poorly. I fear she will never get well. Went to South Hampton and preached the funeral of Benjamin Johnson, who died February 23 about noon, from Job 7:1. Met many dear friends, but none whose good, warm handshake did me as much good as Mrs. Susan McKinney's. 16
- February 26—Married John C. Edward and Miss Mary C. Potts.
- February 28—Went down to see R. W. Hawes. He is recovering from a short illness.
- February 29—Preached in Yelvington, as I do every fifth Sabbath. My subject was, "Total Abstinence," Rom. 14:21. I hope the efforts were not in vain.
- March 3—Bought me a pair of shoes, very coarse and heavy, for \$1.40. Had hoped to get able to get a nice pair, as I had been wearing a heavy pair for 11 months, but I gave up ever getting able, and m going to buy the cheapest clothing I can get.
- March 5—Preached at Panther Creek at regular church meeting.
- March 7—Preached at the church from 2 Pet. 2:20-22. A nice congregation.
- March 9—Have been busy for two days in building me a stable. It is very rough but will save rent.
- February 10—Went down to see R. W. Hawes and found him very low.
- March 13—It being regular church meeting in Yelvington I preached at 3 o'clock from Ju. 17:15.
- March 14—Preached at Yelvington on "The Inheritance of the Saints," Cot 1:12. 17
Preached at night from Ps. 16:8. Night dark.

March 20—Large attendance at Chestnut Grove. Rom. 14:19. Went over to the Good Templars' Lodge and joined by Clearance Lord. Visited Elijah Pool. He is very sick. Visited Mrs. Ellen Pool. She is convalescing. A large congregation. I. Ju. 3:2. Sermon one hour. Organized a fine Sunday school at the church.

March 21—Preached at night on "Communion." A large congregation. I made the fur fly.

March 22—Went to the Gabbert school house to begin a protracted meeting. Held meeting at night.

March 23—Visited eleven families. Married Mr. G. F. Horn to Miss Susie Horton, Traveled 30 miles. Visited Lyda Head on my trip. Her health has greatly improved.

March 25—Set out seven locust trees in the church lot yesterday and two today.

March 28—Third discourse on the Angels, Heb. 1:14. Large congregation.

March 31—Went down to see R. W. Hawes. He has been sick nearly six weeks.

April 2—Levin Head went with me through the rain to Panther Creek. Visited eleven families; preached two sermons.

April 6—Went to South Hampton and married Mr. A. W. Smeathers a strong Methodist, to Mrs. Mary Kinner, a strong Baptist. Thus were the two great denominations lovingly united. It was the first couple ever married in South Hampton church. 18

April 8—Married Mr. L. T. Tichenor to Miss Sallie Hazelrigg.

April 9—Traveled forty miles. Out thirty hours.

April 10—Preached in Yelvington from I. Cor. 6:7, "Suffering Wrong."

April 11—Preached the funeral of Reuben Stinnett, aged about 70. A Baptist 36 years. Preached at night from I. Ju. 2:1.

April 17—Preached at Chestnut Grove at 11 o'clock from Gen. 22:8.

April 18—Went down to see Brother R. W. Hawes at 3 o'clock yesterday and remained until 7 o'clock this morning. He has been sick in bed 57 days and is still very low. I sat up part of the night. Preached at Chestnut Grove at 11 o'clock. At the close of the service a number of old friends came up to shake hands.

April 20—My brother, J. M. Dawson, died seven years ago today.

April 22—Went down at night to R. W. Hawes' and found him near to death.

April 24—Preached at Macedonia.

April 25—Left home in the rain and went to Macedonia, Heb. 7:4. A frightful storm occurred just as meeting closed.

April 28—Visited R. W. Hawes and found him much better.

April 30—Spent the night with Joshua Knight. He is very sick Preached Saturday and Sunday at Panther Creek. 19

May 3—Visited R. W. Hawes, he is very little improved.

May 8—Preached at regular church meeting in Yelvington.

May 9—Preached in Yelnington on "Conscience."

May 10—Preached the funeral of Miss Theodosia Madding. Spent the night at R. W. Hawes, and sat up until 4 o'clock.

May 14—Attended the Green River District Convention at Chestnut Grove Lodge

May 15—Preached at regular church meeting at Chestnut Grove.

May 16—Attended Sabbath school at Chestnut Grove in the morning. Administered the Lord's Supper.

May 18—Attended the General Association in Owensboro, which lasted from Tuesday to Sunday.

- May 26—Went to see R. W. Hawes and found him improving.
- May 30—Remained at home with my ever dear and loving family.
- June 4—Regular church meeting at Panther Creek. Visited 17 families and preached four sermons.
- June 7—Gone four days; visited four new families.
- June 9—Cousin Nannie Rummage is still very ill, as she has been for fifteen months.
- June 10—Mr. Wils Rutledge's infant child died at Carter Cooney's about 3 o'clock this evening.
- June 11—Attended the funeral of Wils Rutledge's child and held a short religious service. 20
- June 12—Preached at regular church meeting in Yelvington.
- June 13—Had a fine Sunday school today. Preached at 11 o'clock, Gal. 3:8. Also preached at 3 o'clock at Yellow Creek school house.
- June 16—Went to see Mrs. Sallie Kincheloe. She was very low and died at 8 o'clock.
- June 17—I preached her funeral today at Macedonia.
- June 18—My wife and I visited Mrs. Mills' child at Mr. Cooney's. It is very sick. My wife and I visited Mrs. Eliza Stinnett. She is very ill and not likely to recover soon. I visited Dr. Moorman, who is quite sick. Also visited R. W. Hawes, who is greatly improved.
- June 19—Preached the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Mills' child, ten months old, at Yelvington.
- June 20—Having been requested early this morning to attend a funeral at South Hampton at 3 o'clock this evening. I hastened to Chestnut Grove to Sunday school to excuse myself from preaching at 11 o'clock. Willie Nixon's funeral, aged ten years. Text, Ju. 1:29. Called to see Mrs. Mary P. Haynes. She is very low.
- June 25—More pleasant but dry. Visited Wm. Duncan, who is near to death. Found him in a pleasant frame of mind.
- June 26—Visited seven families.
- July 3—Preached at Panther Creek Saturday and Sunday. 21
- July 10—Preached at church meeting in Yelvington, 2 Tim. 3:16, "Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures," distributed 112 cards. Preached at 11 o'clock on God's Foreknowledge. Went down to Yellow Creek school house and preached at 4 o'clock, Jos. 5:16. Preached in Yelvington at night.
- July 14—Left home with a runaway party and went to Indiana and married Mr. Henry E. Bailey to Miss Emeline Walker.
- July 18—Large, fine Sunday school. Distributed 230 cards. Eld. F. G. Ellis came and we ordained Brethren Thomas Cullan and Jas. Zenor to the office of deacon. Preached the funeral of Wm. Duncan. A Miss Swyric came to me after meeting, weeping, and said she was a sinner and talked tenderly of her condition. I comforted her and promised to preach for her next Sabbath night.
- July 22—Went to South Hampton and preached the funeral of Elisha, infant son of John and Bettie Riddle.
- July 24—Preached at the Gabbert school house at night. Attended Sabbath school at Macedonia.
- July 25—Preached at 11 o'clock on Judas. Preached at the Swyric school house at night.
- July 26—Went to Owensboro and attended, the Monthly Ministers' Conference.
- July 31—Preached at 11 o'clock at Panther Creek, I. Pet, 1:7. Took preliminary steps for building new church house.
- August 1—Preached at 11 o'clock on the state of the dead. A good trip, but not one cent 22

for it. The church is prospering, but they are doing very little for me.

August 4—Attended Ministers' meeting at Pellville. Delivered a lecture which was well received.

August 5—The Blackford Association convened in Pellville. I preached the Introductory sermon from Luke 24:47. Beginning at Jerusalem.

August 8—Went to Yellow Creek school house and preached to a small congregation, Matt. 5:33. Preached at night at the Swvric school house.

August 14—Preached at Chestnut Grove to a large congregation. Baptized Miss Lzzie Pence. Preached at the David Hall school house at night.

August 15—Called to see Sister Dorsey, who has been much afflicted. Went to Gabbert school house and commenced iced a meeting.

August 16—Preached at 10 o'clock at the Gabbert school house,

August 19—We continued the meeting until Sabbath, having good congregations and some interest.

August 21—Preached at Macedonia Saturday.

August 22.—Preached at the Burton school house at 4 o'clock. The audience was very large and appreciative, being composed of some of the best members of South Hampton church and once worshiped in the old church, which is now a school house.

August 23—Attended the Monthly Ministers' Conference at Owensboro.



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August 29—Opened the protracted meeting at Yelvington. Very large and attentive. 23

August 31—Good meeting tonight and fair attendance.

September 1—Large attendance at church tonight.

September 2—Large congregation tonight, I. Tim. 4:10. Weather clamp and cloudy.

September 3—Tried to preach at night from Ps. 14:24. Some interest manifested.

September 4—This is the meeting at Panther Creek, but I am so prostrated that I can not go.
I tried to preach tonight from Matt. 6:33.

September 5—More than. 100 beautiful cards given away. Tried to preach at 11 o'clock from Rom. 5:6-8. A large audience. Good attention. I tried to preach again tonight from Acts 26:28.

September 7—Tried to preach at night to a large congregation. Some interest. Weather decidedly cool.

September 8—Tried to preach at night from Joshua 24:1-15. One lady forward for prayer.

September 9—Made another effort to preach tonight to a large and attentive congregation. Members a little, more enlisted.

September 10—Tried to preach at night from Amos. 4:12. No interest.

September 11—Walked to Mrs. Kate Shauntee's to preach the funeral of Miss Ann Shauntee, aged 56.

September 12—A large congregation at 11 o'clock service. No interest. Tried to preach again at night at Yelvington to an immense congregation. Several were forward for prayer. 24

September 13—A large congregation at night. I tried to preach from Prov. 23:26. Several were forward for prayer.

September 14—Some interest. Irvin Head and Miss Lizzie Blackford united with the church.

September 15—Went to see Bro. Hiram Hollingsworth. He is near unto death. Miss Nannie Daviess united with the church by experience and for baptism. Prospects very encouraging.

September 16—Tried to preach tonight on the "Evidences of Forgiveness." A large audience. Apparently no interest.

September 17—I got a good supper and ate it in loneliness, then went to church and preached on the "Evidences of Conversion." Five were up for prayer. Meeting closed. We received one by relation, three by experience for baptism. I preached 22 sermons and J. B. Solomon one. The meeting continued twenty nights and three days. Order was good and the meeting was well attended. The members were very cold and inactive.

September 18—I cooked my breakfast. Went to Chestnut Grove to regular church meeting and tried to preach, but not being well, hoarse and broken down I only spoke twenty minutes.

September 19—Went to see Bro. Hollingsworth and found him some better. Preached a short sermon at 11 o'clock.

September 25—Went to Macedonia, staid three days, preached four sermons, visited eight families. A discouraging trip. My third quarter is due there, but not one cent paid or one word said about it. 25

September 28—Visited R. W. Hawes and found him very ill.

September 29—Bro. R. W. Hawes died this morning about 5 o'clock. I visited the family this evening and found them greatly distressed.

September 30—Preached the funeral of Bro. R. W. Hawes at his house at 10 o'clock.

October 3—Preached Sabbath morning on "Feet-washing." Got very wet when I came home; visited seven.

October 4—Went to Owensboro to the Monthly Ministers' Conference.

October 6—Preached the funeral of Sister Eliza Wright, who was 75 years of age.

October 7—Visited Dr. Kendall and found him still improving. Spent the evening at Mrs. Ceorgetta Hawes. She is very disconsolate, as are all the family.

October 8—Preached the funeral of Brother and Sister Zenor's son Ira, Job. 1:21.

October 9—Baptized Sisters H. E. Blackford, Nannie Daviess and Mary Ellen Franzwell at 2 p. m. at Pup Creek. Preached at Yelvington at church meeting, Ju. 1:47.

Accepted the care of the church for the sixth year.

October 10—Preached at 11 o'clock. Also preached at night. Small attendance.

October 15—Rode home today in a heavy rain. 26

October 16—Preached at Chestnut Grove today.

October 17—Preached at Chestnut Grove at 11 o'clock.

October 19—Finished my stable today.

October 20—Married Samuel McCarty and Miss Sallie Tinsley at the Baptist church in Yelvington.

October 22—Eld. H. T. Lampton was at our house on his way to assist me at Macedonia in a meeting.

October 23—Preached the funeral of Brother Chas. Netall's daughter, Lulie, aged about ten years. We continued the meeting and Eld. Lampton remained until Saturday night.

October 30—Eld. Lampton preached six sermons, all very good. I preached four sermons. But little interest. Night dark. Visits, 13.

October 27—Attended the funeral of Sister Mary P. Haynes.

October 31—Went to Macedonia and preached until Monday night (four sermons).

November 1—Visited three families.

November 2—Went to Macedonia.

November 5—Preached six sermons and visited ten families; A good religious awakening and the church much revived. The meeting did much to decide my stay with the church. On Wednesday, Thomas Ratcliff joined by experience, and at night Eliza Cook by experience. On Thursday night Miss Nettie Cook joined by experience. Returned home through the rain.

November 7—Went to Panther Creek and preached at 11 o'clock. Expected to protract the meeting, but found the brethren unprepared. 27

November 8—Went to Owensboro today to our regular monthly conference.

November 11—Married Mr. John B. Lively and Miss Mahala F. Hayden.

November 12—It has been 15 years since Mattie Howard and I were married They have been happy, blissful years beyond expression.

November 13—Went to the funeral of Sister Hoard Preached at Yelvington from I Cor. 15:34.

November 14—Preached at 11 o'clock and at night from Gal 14:15.

November 16—Went to Mr. Thomas Cullans and married his daughter to Mr. Ves Kelly.

November 20—Preached at Chestnut Grove at the regular meeting. Weather very cold. The church decided to protract the meeting.

November 21—Preached at Chestnut Grove morning and night. Weather very cold.

November 22—There were ten members present; one sinner who was a child. I discussed very briefly from Eph. 4:29-32.

November 23—Preached at Chestnut Grove last night, today and tonight. Little interest.

November 25—Went to Chestnut Grove morning and night. Ten persons were present in the morning.

November 26—We had no meeting in the day at Chestnut Grove, but a good attendance at night. No interest. 28

November 28—Went to Chestnut Grove, preached a short sermon to children and closed the meeting.

December 2—Baptized Misses Nettie and Eliza Cook at John Miller's pond and also

- Thomas Ratcliff. The ice had to be cut—it was five inches deep. At 3 o'clock I married Mr. Colita Hickman to Miss Anna Ware.
- December 5—Started to church at Panther Creek, but owing to high water returned home. Afternoon I started to Panther Creek again and went five miles and met Bro. David Miller, who reported that scarlet fever had reached the community and that the church didn't want a meeting just now.
- December 8—Visited Mr. Eagles, who has been sick several days.
- December 11—Preached at Yelvington at 3 o'clock on "Considering the Poor." This being the end of the first quarter of my salary, I received on it \$1.00 in cash.
- December 12—Preached at 11 o'clock to a large audience. Preached at night to a large audience.
- December 18—Attended an interesting Lodge at night in the Masonic hall.
- December 19—Visited Sabbath school at Yelvington, then preached at Chestnut Grove.
- December 25—Went to Macedonia and preached at 11 o'clock. Was re-elected Moderator over my protest.
- December 26—Preached today at Macedonia on "Close Communion" by request. 29
Traveling very bad.
- December 27—Attended the Masonic lodge this morning and was elected Junior Warden. After noon I went to Panther Creek church to hold a meeting. The evening was snowy and cold and the weather got extremely cold by Wednesday; The house being old and open, but few attended, and we were constrained to close.

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- January 1—Preached on New Year's day at Panther Crick church meeting from Ps 118:24. The initial steps were taken for building a new church house. I lectured some about deficiency in salary. It has been understood that I should have \$100 a year but only \$67 has been paid.
- January 2—Preached at 11 o'clock on Sabbath from I. Cor. 15:34. Visits, 11.
- January 4—Preached at the Baptist church in Yelvington at 11 o'clock the funeral of Mrs. Hollis' mother-in-law of L. V. Pierce. Taught school for Miss Solomon.
- January 5—Taught school for Miss Solomon.
- January 8—Attended church meeting in Yelvington at 3 o'clock from Gen. 28.
- January 9—Preached at 11 o'clock to a large congregation. Preached at night to a good congregation.
- January 12—Preached the funeral of Miss Julia Morris. 30
- January 13—Married Hardin Boswell and Miss Sallie Hollingsworth.
- January 14—Went to South Hampton to the burial of John Head.
- January 15—Preached at Chestnut Grove at 11 o'clock. Went to the Masonic lodge at night.
- January 16—Preached at night.
- January 17—Visited old Mr. Berry, found him near to death.
- January 18—Mr. Berry died last night at 12 o'clock, aged 87 years. Attended the funeral this evening.
- January 20.—Went out to Milton Veatch's, about seven miles in the rain, and married a \$1.00 couple.
- January 22—Went to Macedonia, preached at 11 o'clock. There were 18 persons present.
- January 23—Went to Macedonia this morning, discoursed briefly to a good audience.

January 24—Met with much discouragement in the church. Has been a grievous task to me to keep this church.

February 3—Visited Jas. Shouse and family and found them in deep mourning over the death of their grandchild.

February 4—Preached the funeral of Claudy Miller.

February 4—Went to Panther Creek church, remained two nights and two days. Visited six families. Preached two sermons.

February 12—Preached at church meeting. Only ten present. Very cold. 31

February 13—Preached morning and night.

February 14—Opened small school this morning in room of house. Had 14 pupils.

February 19—Preached at Chestnut Grove today. About 27 persons present. Concert for Baptist church; did not go willingly for I despise them.

February 20—Went to Chestnut Grove. Preached.

February 26—Preached at Macedonia at 11 o'clock. Good attendance.

February 27—Preached on Sunday; about 14 present; visits, six.

March 2—Married Cousin Bettie Hale and Emmett Hazelrigg.

March 6—Preached two sermons, and visited three families.

March 11—First month of my school closed this evening. Labored hard and it amounted to about \$15.00. Only a portion collectable.

March 13—Preached at 11 o'clock and night.

March 14—Visited some of the sick.

March 20—Went to Chestnut Grove today. Very disagreeable day.

March 26—Macedonia; preached two sermons, visited eight families.

March 27—Good congregations. Pleasant trip.

April 2—Consequence of Coleman's continued illness, and my wife's indisposition, was constrained to disappoint the congregation at Panther Creek, both Saturday and Sunday, which I deeply regretted. 32

April 4—Saw our dog "Jack" after a sheep today and had him shot.

April 8—Second month of my school closed. Profits very small. Duties laborious.

April 10—Began on Sabbath, in Yelvington, my lectures on "The Ten Plagues."

April 16—Went to Chestnut Grove today and preached, but was so unwell that I was compelled to return home, and had such a severe spell of congestion that I could not return on Sabbath.

April 22—Macedonia. Called at Isaaih Daniel's and conversed with Miss Jennie on dancing. She promised reformation.

April 23—Visits, 5; sermons, 2. Church is not doing well. Intend to give it up at end of this year.

April 29—Conducted funeral service of Bettie Duncan, aged about three years. I and the children have been cooking most of the time.

April 30—South Hampton. Preached the funeral of Squire Ham. My wife being so ill, came home instead of going to Panther Creek.

May 1—Panther Creek; preached at 11 o'clock.

May 8—Fine congregation at 11 o'clock service. Administered the Lord's Supper. Preached Sunday night on the "Ten Plagues of Egypt"

May 14—Went to Chestnut Grove. Preached at 11 o'clock.

May 15—Chestnut Grove. Preached at 11 o'clock. Preached in Yelvington at night 33

- on "The Ten Plagues of Egypt."
- May 20—Closed my school this evening. Have taught three and a half months. It has paid about \$15.00 per month. Very hard work.
- May 21—Married Henry Berkley and Nannie McMickens, colored, Low state of her health makes me constantly sad.
- May 22—Preached funeral of Sister Daniel. Audience large. Preached at 4 o'clock at Grange Hall.
- May 28—Returned home early Saturday morning, worked in garden and made preparation for the Sabbath. Preached at 11 o'clock to good audience on "Plague of Locusts," at night on "Plague of Darkness."
- June 2—Ventured to buy me a cheap hat, but even a cheap one had to be purchased on a credit.
- June 3—Went to Panther Creek church. Remained until Sabbath evening. Much rain on the trip, but we staid dry. Visits, 11.
- June 10—Feel uneasy about Mattie and sad about her health.
- June 11—Preached at 3 o'clock in Yelvington.
- June 12—Went with Dr. Moorman to see J. Wm. Morris, about fifteen years of age. I have been much attached to him and was sad to find him so near to death. I told of his condition and he spoke calmly of his trust in Christ. After uniting in prayer I left him, not expecting to see him any more in this world. A large audience at Sunday school in Yelvington, and I delivered my final discourse on the "Ten Plagues" Preached at night on the "Passover and the Lord's Supper." 34
- June 13—We were called up early this morning by the sudden illness of Mr. Eagles. After eating breakfast at Dr. Moorman 's we went to see him. He was unconscious and dying.
- June 14—Coleman and I went to the burying of Mr. Eagles at 11 a. m. I offered prayer and a hymn was sung.
- June 16—Married Mr. A. F. McCamish to Mrs. Nancy C. Reynolds.
- June 19—On salary \$1.00; I donated it to the coveting of the house.
- June 24—Went to Macedonia and preached at 11 o'clock. Resigned the care of the Church. Some were sorry, some mad and some glad I have some bitter enemies there.
- June 26—Preached at 11 o'clock to an immense congregation at Macedonia. Received four members today and one yesterday. Resolutions were read and passed over my departure. Always glad to be at home with my dear family. Some grief over the state of Macedonia, but feel like I have done right to leave. My pastorate there has been five and a half years During the time the church received over 100 members and over 80 of them by baptism.
- July 3—Four sermons, visits, 8.
- July 6—Worked very hard in the garden.
- July 7—Was very sick at night.
- July 9—Preached at church meeting at Yelvington at 3 o'clock from I. Cor. 15:10. 35
Went out to Hall's school house and preached to a small congregation.
- July 10—Preached at 11 o'clock from Jas. 1:27.
- July 12—We cleaned the Baptist meeting house today.
- July 17—Preached at Chestnut Grove. Small attendance. Weather rainy and stormy. Failed to go to the Hawes school this evening. The storm blocked the road with trees.

July 24—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Wm. Riddle at Macedonia. Preached at 4 o'clock at the Burton school house.

July 29—The Blackford Association opened with a fine attendance. Everybody did their part well.

August 5—Have done but little this week but rest.

August 7—Sermons, 2; visits, 11. Went to see Mrs. Arnold Saturday evening. Reached home Sabbath night about 11 p. m.

August 8—Went to see Mrs. Brashear, who has been ill for two weeks. Went in the evening to see Mr. John C. Hathaway. I thought he was dying and he expired at 7 o'clock after I left.

August 9—Preached Mr. Hathaway's funeral from Eccl. 9:10.

August 12—Said to be the hottest day ever known in the United States, the thermometer standing as high as 109 degrees in places.

August 13—Called on Mrs. Hathaway and found her very sad. Jas. Cooney, a boy of 15 years, was dying as I passed his father's. Preached at church meeting at 3 o'clock from Matt. 9:1-8. 36

August 14—Having been requested to preach at the Hollis school house at 4 o'clock today I went down, but found nobody, not even the man who invited me.

August 18—Went to see Misses Lyda and Jennie Head. They are both very ill and greatly afflicted.

August 20—Preached at Chestnut Grove Saturday and Sunday.

August 21—Preached at Estes' school house Sunday evening.

August 26—Visited Jas. May. Found him very ill and near unto death.

August 28—Preached at the Burton school house at 11 o'clock.

August 29—Spent the night at Mr. Howard's, but heard so much of the evil speaking against me by the Macedonians was sorry I had gone. The Macedonians have wronged me before God, but they will clear themselves before men by criticising and finding fault of me.

August 30—Went to Jas. M. May's. Found him better, but entirely too low to attend to the business I had come to settle for him.

September 3—Left home at 7 a. m. and went to Panther Creek. The church assembled for the first time in their new house.

September 4—Visits, 6. Preached to a large audience at Estes' school house.

September 6—We have been without coffee or tea on our table for several meals. We owe a little and are trying to get free of debt. Preached at the Estes school house. 37
A good meeting. Weather very hot.

September 7—Preached at night at Allen Estes school house; eleven persons stood for prayer.

September 8—Preached to a large audience at Estes school house; four persons came for prayer. Several others were much affected.

September 10—Went to see Mrs. Wright and family. She and her daughter promised to join the church. Robt. Pence, Mrs. Wright and her daughter, Mary, were received by experience.

September 11—Closes six years' pastoral labor with this church.

September 13—Preached to a large and solemn congregation; four mourners.

September 14—Preached on baptism. Nobody mad.

September 21—Baptized the following: Minerva Ann Wright, Mary Etta Wright, Mildred

Frances Wright, Nancy Elizabeth Wright, Ida Bell Jolly, Mattie Morgan Jolly,
 Robt. C. Pence.

October 3—On salary, meal 25 cents. Received by experience and baptism the following:
 Miss Lucretia Crask, Mr. Lee Crask, Miss Crask, Mrs.- Robt. Hollingsworth.

October 2—Received for baptism, Frank Whitworth, Mrs. Kate Brown and Miss Kate Woods.

November 10—Baptized Sallie E. Kelly, Nancy McCamish, Andrew Blunk, Miss Maggie
 Hawes.

November 14—Attended Ministers' Conference at Owensboro.

December 23—Splendid meeting in progress. 38

December 26—Preached Miss Betsy Perkins' funeral.

December 29—Married John S. Cullan to Miss Ann Sarah Pence.

1882

January 5—Married J. W. Crask to Miss Emma Blanche Hayden.

January 16—Heavy rain and sleet storm.

January 25—Married Mr. Chancy Lott and Miss Mary E. Wright.

January 31—Went to see Sister Mary Kirk, who is very ill.

February 2—Married J. M. Taylor and Miss Ida Rummage Called to see Mrs.
 Katie Horn, who is very low with consumption.

February 13—Preached the funeral of Wm. Jett.

February 23—Rode through water that came over my mare's back.

March 13—Visited Aunt Betsy Roberts.

April 18—Preached the funeral of Mrs Katie Gore.

April 22—Preached the funeral of Mrs. John Morris.

April 26—Mattie's 35th birthday.

May 29—Married Geo. W. Birk and Miss Mary A. Hawes

August 16—George and I went to Daviess County Association in Owensboro.

August 21—Called on Tandy Roberts, who is low with consumption. 39

August 29—Went to the burying of Richard Boards' wife.

August 31—Married M. L. Pence and Miss Bell Kelly.

September 21—Married Mr. J. S. Pedigo and Mrs. E. J. Hayden.

September 26—Married Mr. W. A. Buchanon and Miss Emma Decker.

October 11—Began a meeting at Riddle school house.

October 20—Closed the meeting. Sermons, 10; additions, 2.

October 22—Began a meeting at the Walker Roberts residence.

November 12—Seventeenth wedding anniversary.

November 30—I am 41 years old today.

December 3—Married Miss Mary E. Moore and Frank Whitworth.

December 21—Married John Blackford and Miss Laura Brown.

December 3—Called again to the pastoral charge of Panther Creek church.

1883

January 26—Erysipelas is raging.

January 28—Preached the funeral of H. C. Hollingsworth.

February 1—Married Mr. R. L. Ellis and Mrs. Joan Head. 40

February 4—Called to Rockport church.
 February 17—River higher than it has been since 1797.
 February 19—Married Oscar B. Pool and Katie Rutledge.
 February 24—Resigned the care of Panther Creek church.
 March 26—Attended funeral of Mr. Richey.
 March 28—Married A. F. Roberts and Miss Dora Griffin.
 April 28—Preached at Macedonia.
 May 11—I was taken very ill.
 May 18—Miss Hattie Lentz is quite ill.
 June 1—Moved from Yelvington.
 June 27—Married Mr. Walker Roberts and Miss Sue Hawes.
 July 21—Preached in Rockport. Mattie and I joined the church.
 September 2—Gave up the charge of Yelvington church.
 October 7—Preached the funeral of Henry Sturgeon.
 October 8—Called to Kentucky to preach the funeral of Mrs. Shouse.
 October 17—Preached the funeral of Jas. Hollis
 November 10—Married my first white couple on Saturday.
 November 12—Eighteenth wedding anniversary.
 November 30—Forty-two years of age.
 January 17—Crossed the river and walked to Yelvington. 41
 February 13—Conducted services at Methodist meeting.
 February 26—Distributed some relief to three destitute children.
 March 11—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Ellen Giles.
 March 15—Accepted pastoral care of Pleasant Valley church.
 May 9—Preached in Stephensport at night.
 June 1—Preached the funeral of Milton Stinnett at Yelvington.
 June 3—Married W. D. Pierce and Miss Emma Hollis.
 June 8—Baptized Miss Anne Dewees and Mrs. Nixon.
 June 17—Preached Jas. Newman's funeral. Married Mr. J. T. Ellis and Miss Annie Cooper.
 July 15—Married Harvey L. Myers and Mary M. Freeman.
 August 1—Closed my pastoral career with this church to take it up with Macedonia
 church in Kentucky.
 August 10—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Catharine Pool.
 August 13—Married Mr. Higdon and Miss Emma Winstead at Veranda Hotel.
 August 30—Married W. H. Ellis and Lissa Wright. 42
 September 26—Was with Uncle Harrison Hales when he died.
 October 4—Slightly hurt in a buggy collision.
 October 12—Preached the funeral of T. L. Tinsley.
 December 21—Married W. L. Stafford and Mary E. Marshall.
 December 26—Married two "dead-heads" at Mr. McGill's.

1885

January 1—Began a meeting at Pleasant Valley.
 January 28—Kora's twelfth birthday.
 March 3—Attended Methodist meeting and was treated with great contempt
 by Rev. I. N. Thompson.

March 11—Left on a visit to my father in Kentucky.
 March 23—Married Miss Bell Guenther and Mr. Wm. Cavin in Rockport.
 March 29—My father died at the age of 76 years.
 March 30—Buried my father at Iron Ore Hill.
 April 9—Married Robert Walker and Laura Stinnett.
 April 13—Went to Yelvington to see Mrs. Hawes.
 April 20—Preached Mrs. Hawes' funeral.
 May 2—Accepted the care of Yelvington church for \$160 a year.
 July 5—Day appointed to have services at the "tree" in which twelve persons were
 lodged during a storm February 19th. 43
 July 27—Called to see M. D. Hoard, who is very low.
 August 16—Preached the funeral of Carn Kirk, wife and three children.
 September 1—Organized a small church of six members.
 September 4—Preparing for a meeting at Rockport.
 September 6—Began my meeting which continued 17 nights and two days.
 September 12—Came to Yelvington to the funeral of Mrs. Virginia Pierce.
 September 17—Called to the funeral of Fondy Roberts.
 October 14—Spent six days in Rockport.
 November 9—Began meeting at Hawes school house.
 November 12—twentieth wedding anniversary.
 December 1—Attended the burial of Mrs. Wm. McCamish.
 December 7—Began a meeting of seven nights at Yelvington.
 December 19—My farewell trip to Rockport church.
 December 23—Closed meeting at Yelvington.

1886

September 24—Went to see Mrs. Mastin, who is very ill.
 October 12—Married Mrs. Mary L. Hord and Argyle French. 44
 October 22—Attended Berkley Banks' funeral.
 October 26—Went to Lewisport and preached the funeral of Mrs. Fannie Adkins.
 I married her February 26, 1874.
 November 3—Married Mrs. Mary Hathaway and Reuben J. Wright.
 December 7—Married Charly Thornsberry and Lizzie Lane at Yelvington.

1887

January 16—I was elected pastor of Chestnut Grove.
 January 19—Married B. J. Riddle and Maggie Hawes.
 May 31—Married Jas. Mayfield to Miss Mattie Hollingsworth.
 October. 19—Began a meeting at Rockport.
 October 31—Began a meeting at Sorgho, which continued until November 16. Rev.
 B. F. Jenkins assisted.
 November 16—Preached the funeral of Rev. L. Tichenor's wife.
 November 28—Began a meeting at Chestnut Grove.
 November 30—Forty-seven years of age today.
 December 14—Splendid meeting. Mr. French and wife, Lee Pool and Thomas Newhouse

Joined.

December 19—Kora Dawson joined Chestnut Grove Baptist church December 6, 1887. Arthur Wilbur Dawson joined Chestnut Grove Baptist church December 11, 1887. Both baptized December 17, 1887. 45

December 21—Went to see Mr. Frank McCamish, who is very low with erysipelas. Married Mr. Ellis and Miss Stewart, also Mr. McCubhins and Miss Horn.

1888

January 2—Spent part of the day with Mrs. Lou Roberts. Called to see Maggie Knapp.

January 9—Spent the evening with Walter Mahon, who is very low with fever.

January 17—Visited Jas. Morris and G. W. Birk's families.

January 18—Preached the funeral of Walter A. Mahon at Sorgho.

January 22—Mrs. Osborn died at Yelvington.

January 24—B. W. Hawes was badly hurt by falling on the ice.

January 28—Kora's fifteenth birthday. The moon has been in total eclipse for four hours.

February 5—Attended interment of W. S. Howard at Macedonia.

February 8—Attended funeral of Wm. Adams.

February 9—Married W. M. C. Baker and Miss Maggie Ray Thompson.

February 14—Began meeting at Shryock's school house.

February 19—Married L. V. Pierce and Miss Paulina Wilhoite. 46

March 1—Married Leslie Brown and Miss Effie Pierce, also Ab. Chambers and Miss Florence Kelly.

March 15—Attended funeral of James May, on Hardinsburg road.

March 21—Went to Rockport, Ind., and remained five days and nights.

April 7—Called for pastor for third year at Sorgho.

April 11—Attended funeral of Wm. Head, at Pup Creek.

April 28—Baptized Miss Fanny Smith.

May 6—Baptized Miss Anna Wagoner.

May 10—Close of second year at Sorgho.

May 17—Baptized Lafayette Roberts

May 27—Attended funeral of Mrs. F. M. McCamish.

June 3—Attended funeral of Mrs. Robert Estes, at Lewisport.

June 4—Made no record of time I began to wear glasses. I was in my forty-eighth year on the 26th of March, 1888.

June 21—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Gouchi.

July 6—Coleman is 19 years old today.

July 30—Preached funeral of Mrs. Richey.

August 14—Began meeting at Yelvington.

September 10—Baptized Miss Maggie Morris and Mrs. Gordon.

September 11—Married R. B. Mansfield and Miss Fannie Smith.

October 1—Still in Rockport. 47

October 4—Baptized Henry Jewell, Robt. Jewell, Mrs. Scott, Miss Nannie Ray and Miss Josie Miller.

October 18—Held local option meeting at Bice school house.

October 23—Called to see G. W. Birk, who is very ill with typhoid fever.

November 12—Our twenty-third wedding anniversary.

November 25—Baptized 17 ladies and two gentlemen.
November 30—My forty-seventh birthday.
December 5—Called to see Miss Ella Dorsey, who fell from her horse and is critically ill.
December 14—Burial of old Mr. McCamish.

1889

January 1—Left early for Sorghotown.
January 6—Preached at Yelvington.
January 15—Married Mr. James C. Had and Miss Florence Eaty.
January 17—Married Mr. James Kelley and Miss Elizabeth Robertson.
January 19—Held church at Shryock's school house, Immense audience.
January 23—Closed the meeting at Shryock's school house.
January 28—Held services at Chestnut Grove at night.
February 6—Closed meeting at Chestnut Grove. 48
February 7—Married James Luttrell and Miss Sallie Holland.
February 19—Went to South Hampton to Jack Hardin's funeral.
February 27—Married James Williamson and Vitula Brown.
March 18—Went to the funeral of John Morris' wife.
March 25—Married John Jones and Miss Annie Bivens.
March 28—Married Frank May to Miss Naomi Willis.
March 30—Organized a Baptist church at Yellow Creek school house.
April 3—Married Wm. M. Bivens and Miss Viola Bryant.
April 4—Attended Mrs. Jett's funeral near Mount Zion.
April 20—Married Jas. Hayden and Miss Lucretia Crask.
May 18—Went to Bethlehem to the funeral of Julia Potts.
June 1—Called to see Mrs. Emma Bailey, who is near unto death.
June 2—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Emma Bailey. I baptized her, married her and preached her funeral.
June 7—Death of Mrs. Myrta Algood.
June 30—Attended church at Yellow Creek.
July 2—Declined the pastoral care of Macedonia.
July 6—Coleman's twentieth birthday. 49
July 16—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Mollie Parker.
July 29—Attended the burying of Mrs. Stinnett, at Iron Ore Hill.
July 30—Prepared a sermon on Sanctification.
August 3—Went to Yelvington to the funeral of Amanda Payne.
August 25—Preached the funeral of Miss Inez Lanum.
September 22—Preached the funeral of Sarah Phillips.
September 28—Held church meeting at Yellow Creek.
October 1—Married Gertrude Howard and S. J. Daniel.
October 8—Preached the funeral of Sallie Netall.
October 10—Called to see Mrs. Pinkie Robinson, who is very low.
October 24—Went to Rockport and married R. L. Estes and Miss Hattie B. Lyons, J. W. Maddox and Miss Judy Haynes.
October 28—Began to move away from Chestnut Grove to Lewisport.
November 12—Our twenty-fourth wedding anniversary. A memorable day.

November 19—Our dog Diddle died. He was more than ten years old.
 November 30—My forty-eighth birthday.
 December 18—Married Thomas C. Mayfield and Miss Hettie Lee Jolly. 50
 December 26—Married Robert Hollingsworth and Miss Kate Ling.
 December 28—Conducted a short funeral service in memory of Wm. Newman. Married
 Maggie Fulkerson and Mr. Bell.
 December 29—Married Jas. Stinnett and Miss Bell.

1890

January 2—I am quite sick.
 January 24—Delivered the funeral sermon on I. C Daniel's death.
 January 27—The steamer Dc Soto burned up, one mile below Owensboro. The steamer
 Ohio also sank on the falls near Louisville.
 January 31—Attended the funeral of Herbert Rowland at Mt. Zion Presbyterian church.
 February 13—Married Anna Daniel to J. E. Cook.
 February 17—The peach trees are in bloom and have been since in January.
 February 19—Wrote an obituary of Herbert Rowland for the Owensboro Inquirer.
 March 11—Married Boody Mills and Miss Ella Dorsey.
 March 30--Five years ago today my father was a corpse.
 March 31—Five years ago today I assisted in conducting my father's funeral.
 April 30—Called to see Mrs. Kinneer, who is low with consumption. 51
 May 2—Funeral of Thomas Tichenor.
 May 11—Closed my fourth pastoral year at Sorgho.
 June 19—Went to Owensboro to General Association.
 August 3—Conducted the funeral of Robert Martin.
 September 4—Attended the funeral of Thomas Hagan, who committed suicide.
 October 17—Baptized Harvey Etses, Ella Willetts, Milla Pool, Ada Bell Wright, Eliza
 Frances Wright, Mildred Jane Wright.
 November 4—Attended the funeral of Miss Ada Canton, at Chestnut Grove.
 November 12—Our twenty-fifth marriage anniversary.
 December 4—Twenty-one years ago since mother was buried.
 December 16—Married Jas. Bell and Miss Lula Ayers.
 December 24—Married W. D. Lyons and Sue May.
 December 31—A fairly successful year in the ministry.

1891

February 6—Preached the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Haynes at South Hampton. I
 baptized her, married her, visited her in sickness and preached her funeral.
 February 10—Called on Miss Hattie Kelly; who is dying. 52
 March 18—Married I. R. Head and Miss Lou Me-Daniel.
 April 7—Married Mr. Frank Graves and Mrs. Bettie St. Clair.
 April 9—Married at Birk City, Jacob Eberhart and Miss Ella Whitehouse.
 April 26—Mattie's forty-fourth birthday.
 June 11—Married Mr. E. R. Murrell and Miss Oma Ganis.
 June 19—Attended funerals of George, Joseph and Samuel Carlton—three children.

June 27—Went to see Mr. Martin's child, Russell, who is low with flux.
 July 4—Conducted funeral of Neal Walker.
 July 6—Attended burial of George Whitworth's child.
 August 1—Called for another year at Yelvington.
 August 12—Attended funeral of Mollie Jackson, at Macedonia.
 August 23—Began meeting at Yellow Creek church, assisted by B. F. Jenkins.
 September 6—Began my fifteenth pastoral year at Yelvington.
 September 24—Delivered some school books to needy children.
 September 27—Baptized Beulah Kougtz, at Yellow Creek.
 October 4—Baptized Thomas Richardson at Blackford Creek. 53
 October 13—Conducted funeral of Lewis Pence, in Hancock County.
 October 21—Called to see Joseph Shauntee, who is very ill.
 October 22—Called to see Charles Stewart, who is near the end.
 October 30—Attended funeral of Singleton Miller, at Macedonia.
 October 31—Attended funeral of Charles Stewart, at Yelvington.
 November 8—Baptized eleven as follows: Wm. Bassett, Clara Bassett, Louella Tedric,
 Fannie Tedric, J. P. Cheshire, J. W. Cheshire, Thomas Cheshire, Lyda Cheshire,
 Catharine Ford.
 November 18—Married John L. Morris and Miss Annie Newcomb.
 November 25—A donation was taken at Yelvington to purchase a book-case for my
 fiftieth birthday.
 November 30—Delivered funeral sermon of Lafe Sublett, at Panther Creek. My fiftieth
 birthday. Received a nice book-case and two rocking chairs from Yelvington church.
 December 2—Married George Bell and Miss Emma Ellis.
 December 17—Married Wesley Cook and Miss Bell Horn.
 December 23—Married Eugene Seipes and Henrietta Stinnett, and Afford Canton 54
 and Marcia Gettings.
 December 29—Attended funeral of M. D. Hoard, at Yelvington.
 December 31—Married Oscar B. Pool and Miss Minnie Rutledge.

1892

January 14—Married Davis Teasley and Miss Alice Oliver.
 January 19—Was sent for to attend the funeral of Mrs. Charles Nutall, but was unable to go.
 January 29—Wrote an obituary for Lucy J. Lyons.
 January 31—Attended funeral of J. M. Taylor, at Macedonia.
 February 2—Attended funeral of Mrs. Winnie Ann Hale, at Pleasant Grove.
 February 3—Attended funeral of Mrs. Lucy Howell.
 February 17—Married D. D. Thornsberry and Miss Lillie J. Duncan, also W. G. Duncan
 and Miss Susie D. Thornsberry.
 February 19—Attended burial of Miss Virginia Crask.
 February 23—Wrote the obituary of Addison Burton and Lafayette Sublett.
 February 24—Conducted funeral service of Albert Howard, at Yelvington.
 February. 26—Attended ordination of three deacons.
 February 28—Conducted funeral services of Mrs. Mildred Nutall, at Macedonia. 55
 Conducted funeral services of Thomas Taylor.
 March 6—Married John Potts and Miss Sallie Kelly.

March 20—Went to Louisville to see Coleman.
 March 29—Married J. M. Pendleton and Miss Clara Horn.
 April 10—Baptized Mort Walker.
 April 12—Attended funeral of George W. Whitcomb, at Yelvington.
 April 13—Attended funeral of Crawford Hale, at Macedonia.
 April 24—Conducted funeral service of Mrs. Mary Gabbert.
 April 26—Mattie's forty-fifth birthday.
 May 4—Left for Southern Baptist Convention at Atlanta, Ga.
 May 12—Returned from Atlanta. Married Word Brown and Ella Jarvis.
 May 14—George's twenty-first birthday.
 June 12—Close of my sixth pastoral year with Sorgho church.
 June 20—Attended funeral of Mrs. Nannie Smith, at South Hampton.
 June 28—Arthur's seventeenth birthday.
 July 4—Married Ben P. Shadrick and Miss Martha Stevens, near Yellow Creek.
 July 6—Coleman's twenty-third birthday.
 July 9—Attended the funeral of Charles Pence.
 August 1—Conducted the funeral service of Mrs. Celia Ann Parker. 56
 August 11—Attended funeral of Lillis Algood. Roy Mastin was seriously hurt by
 falling from a horse.
 August 13—Attended funeral of Roy Mastin.
 August 22—Visited Mrs. Mary L. French, who is very ill.
 September 1—Went to Louisville to visit Miss Mary J. Newton at the Baptist Orphans' Home.
 September 29—Went to see Robt. Canton in Hancock County, who is low with cancer.
 October 2—Baptized 21 persons.
 October 3—Preached the funeral of Jessie Coleman at Pleasant Grove.
 October 19—Went to Rockport, Ind., and married Ben Tichenor and Miss Bettie Fisher.
 October 27—Married J. S. Horn and Nellie Williams.
 October 31—Attended Mrs. Nutall's funeral. She was 105 years old.
 November 13—Married E. L. Patterson and Olive R. Montgomery.
 November 27—The great comet did not appear.
 November 30—My fifty-first birthday.
 December 28—Miss Mary J. Newton died this morning at the Baptist Orphans'
 Home in Louisville.

1893.

January 2—Lyman Pierce shot Jas. Kendall, at Owensboro.
 January 4—Jas. Kendall was buried in Owensboro. 57
 January 7—Ate my first meal with Coleman and Lillie.
 January 10—Thermometer at zero.
 July 7—Attended the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Willams, at Pleasant Grove.
 July 22—Held services at Macedonia.
 August 9—George and Arthur spent the day in Owensboro at the Institute.
 August 15—Began a protracted meeting at Woolfolk school house.
 August 24—Closed meeting at Woolfolk school house.
 August 28.—Visited Ernest Daniel, who is near death with consumption.
 September 2—Called to see Rev. Clarkson, who is dying.

September 11—Began a meeting at Yelvington.
 September 24—Went to see the wife of Robert Ellis, who is unconscious with typhoid fever.
 September 26—Called on Yewell Bottorf, who has scarlet fever.
 October 3—Attended the funeral of Mrs. Ben Harrison, at Pleasant Grove Methodist church.
 October 8—Attended the funeral of Mrs. Ella Johnson, at South Hampton.
 October 8—Conducted the funeral of Abraham Balee.
 October 25—Began a meeting at Yellow Creek.
 November 12—Twenty-eighth wedding anniversary.
 November 15—Went to Bethabara to the funeral of Edgar Taylor. 58
 November 26—Baptized 27 persons.
 November 30—My fifty-second birthday.
 December 4—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Ottoway Bryant.
 December 5—Called on Mrs. Cowherd, who is very poorly.
 December 16.—Called for another year at Yellow Creek.
 December 26—Baptized twenty persons.

1894

January 2—Went to see Ernest Daniel, who is low with consumption.
 January 20—Accepted the Yellow Creek church for the fifth year.
 February 5—Attended court at Owensboro.
 February 12—Attended the funeral of Ernest Daniel at Macedonia. Married Henry R. McCubbins and Miss Arvely Brown.
 February 14—Snow began to fall and lasted twenty hours.
 February 23—Married R. D. Dougherty and Miss Jennie Lee Oliver.
 March 5—Went to Owensboro and heard Bill Nye and Wm. Hawley Smith.
 March 27—Married Mrs. Mary F. Gordon and Jas. H. Haynes.
 April 7—Conducted the funeral of Marvin Pierce. 59
 April 26—Mattie's forty-seventh birthday.
 April 30—Went to Macedonia to the funeral of Samuel Jolly.
 May 4—Went to see Lyda Head. She is pitiful to look on.
 May 12—Resigned the care of Sorgho church, after having been with them eight years and three months.
 June 10—This closes eight pastoral years with Sorgho church.
 June 15—Attended the funeral of Sue Dean at the First church, Owensboro, Fred D. Hale conducting it.
 June 30—Went to Yelvington to preach the funeral of Clara Cooney.
 July 25—Went to Hawesville and married Marcus H. Estes and Miss Daisy Hawley.
 July 27—Conducted the funeral of John Rowland.
 August 25—Went to Bethabara to the funeral of Howard Thornsberry.
 September 2—Conducted services at Yelvington.
 September 10—Began a protracted meeting at Yelvington.
 September 20—Went to Macedonia to the funeral of Miss Betty Moreland.
 October 2—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Martha Burton at South Hampton.
 October 5—Attended the funeral of Rev. Fred D. Hale's wife at First Baptist church, Owensboro.

October 28—Baptized fourteen persons.
November 4—Began a meeting at Macedonia.
November 12—Our twenty-seventh wedding anniversary.

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1895

January 5—Called to Green Brier church, but did not accept the call.
January 27—Attended church at Macedonia
January 29—Went to Yelvington to funeral of Clara Bassett.
February 26.—Conducted the funeral of Isaac Pierce.
March 7—Married Wm. M. Beacham and Miss Jennie Narrington
March 9—Preached the funeral of Wm. Bassett, at Powers.
March 17—Attended Mrs. Kate Shauntee's funeral.
May 14—George's twenty-fourth birthday.
May 21—Went to Owensboro and heard Rev. Sam Jones.
June 9—Closed my ninth year at Sorgho.
June 16—Children's day at Yellow Creek church.
August 27—Conducted the funeral of Mr. McGill's five-year-old daughter.
September 5—Went to Sorgho to the funeral of Mr. McQuady.
September 6—Went to Owensboro to hear Senator Blackburn at the court house.
September 24—I am down with malarial fever.
October 2—Went to Owensboro and married R. E. L. Ballard and Miss Alice Beach.
October 8—Traveled twenty-five miles today.
October 28—Went to Hancock County to the funeral of Miss Jennie Reynolds.
October 29—Married H. P. D. Cullen and Miss M. S. Mattingly.
October 31—Had an earthquake a little after 5 a. m. this morning. Three distinct shocks lasting 45 seconds.
November 19—Married T. L. Harl and Miss Maggie Steele.
December 24—Married John Lott and Miss Malissa Cook.
December 25—Married Reta Lyons and Miss Florence Day, near Whitesville.

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1896

January 13—Miss Mary P. Morris, of Yelvington died.
January 15—Married Alfred Barnard and Miss Josephine Burnell.
January 19—Went to South Hampton to funeral of James H. Haynes.
January 28—Kora's twenty-third birthday.
January 21—Went to Sorgho to the funeral of Henry Walker.
February 7—Charley Roberts killed near Yelvington.
February 15—Attended the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Bryant, near Yelvington.
February 19—Eight years ago today I was in a great storm on the Ohio river.
February 29—Rev. F. D. Hale, of Owensboro, preached for us at Yelvington.
March 4—Married L. P. Snyder and Miss Lillie Daniel.
March 11—Attended Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly's funeral near Powers.
March 31—Married C. T. Norris and Miss Mary L. Bryant
April 26—Mattie's forty-ninth birthday.
May 5—Mrs. Finnie Fuqua died at 3 p. m

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May 14—George's twenty-fifth birthday. He has a fine practice at Stanley.
 May 19—Went to Yelvington and conducted the funeral of G. A. Algood.
 June 28—Arthur's twenty-first birthday.
 July 7—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Anna Survance.
 July 9—Married John R. Mayhall and Miss Kate Moreland.
 August 25—Went to Owensboro to Sunday School Convention.
 October, 31—Conducted the funeral of Eli Campbell.
 November 8—Began a protracted meeting at Sorgho.
 November 30—My fifty-fifth birthday, was born on the Combs farm, near Spice Knob, 63
 within two miles of Thruston.
 December 4—Went to Yelvington to the funeral of John A. Payne.
 December 31—Married George to Miss Willie C. Mitchell.

1897

January 26—Married Frank Washburn and Miss Rena Davis.
 January 31—Went to Yelvington to funeral of Mrs. Sue Street.
 March 3—Attended the funeral of W. J. Gabbert, at South Hampton.
 March 15—Received deed for land G. W. Birk gave Yellow Creek church.
 May 8—Conducted the funeral of Emmett Cox, at Baptist church in Stanley.
 May 27—Went to Owensboro to the funeral of Dr. J. F. Kimbley.
 May 31—Conducted the funeral of Moses Fuqua.
 June 13—Closed my eleventh pastoral year with Sorgho church.
 June 27—Baptized John Fields.
 August 24—Mrs. Mary Lockhart died.
 August 27—Rev. H. T. Lampton died at R. N. Elliott's, in Owensboro.
 August 29—Conducted the funeral of H. T. Lampton in Rockport, Ind.
 August 30—Mrs. Hester Morris died at 2 p. m. 64
 August 31—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Norman Morris at Yellow Creek Baptist church.
 September 4—Attended funeral of Miss Bertha Lambert, at Lewisport.
 September 14—Baptized Miss Martha L. Morris and Miss Nancy E. Morris.
 September 20—Went with Dr. E. H. Luckett to Hawesville, crossed the Ohio to Cannelton
 and drove twelve and a half miles to Dr. R. W. Howard's, and Dr. Luckett set his
 dislocated shoulder.
 September 22—Attended marriage of Rice Wright and Miss Mamie Robertson.
 September 22—Kora took a music lesson from Miss Hart at Owensboro.
 September 28—Attended funeral of Jack Hinst's wife in Hancock County.
 October 6—Married James W. Ford and Miss Ellen N. Head.
 October 12—Baptized in the Ohio: Stephen Hall, Laura Hall, Mattie Kelly, Minnie Lyons;
 Edna, Mabel, Tillie and Katie Owen,
 October 16—Married Austin Crow and Miss Mary Pool.
 October 17—Wm. Tichenor's child, Lucy, died at sun-down.
 October 18—Conducted funeral of little Bessie Bowlds.
 November 13—Conducted funeral of William C. Hie, at Macedonia.
 November 25—Married W. Zenor Ray and Miss Sarah Pierce. 65
 December 5—Attended funeral of Jas. Robinson's child at South Hampton.
 December 8—Married Taylor Stinnett and Miss Minnie Oliver, at Farmers' Hotel

in Owensboro

December 18—Conducted funeral of Jas. Robinson's little boy.

December 23—Married R. L. Banks and Miss Elizabeth Walker. Temperature nineteen degrees above zero.

December 25—Attended funeral of John J Newbolt.

1898

January 4—Married Mr. W. M. Speed and Miss Estelle Jones.

January 5—Conducted the funeral of Thomas Fedrick's child.

January 9—Attended funeral of Martha J. Jolly, at Macedonia.

January 11—Mrs. George Bright died today in Owensboro.

January 18—Married W. C. Smith and Miss Effie Banks.

January 25—Conducted funeral of James Gwyne at Macedonia.

February 1—Married Ben Algood and Miss Mattie Bray in Owensboro, also married T. J. Roberts and Miss Savada Potts. 66

February 8—Conducted funeral of Jeff Bailey's child.

February 9—Conducted the funeral of Ephriam Heselton at Lewisport.

February 19—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Charles Riddle at Macedonia.

March 23—Married Wm A. Steele and Miss Mattie Warren.

March 27—Baptized Roy Daniel and Henry Rolf.

March 28—Miss Katie Haynes died at Ensor.

April 12—Married John Phelon Fuqua and Miss Elizabeth Ann Potts.

April 15—Mrs. C. E. Birk died at 7 p. m.

May 3—Called on Mrs. Robert Blunk at Grandview Ferry.

May 8—Conducted services at Sorgho.

May 13—Visited twenty families today in interest of a Sabbath school at Powers.

May 18—Conducted Mrs. Pool's funeral at Rockport. Thermometer 91 1/2 degrees.

May 19—Mrs. Alverda Ballee died at Sorgho.

June 12—Closed my twelfth pastoral year at Sorgho.

July 2—Wm. A. Smith died from poison put in the spring.

July 9—Went to Pup Creek to funeral of little Charley Head.

July 16—Held services at Yellow Creek.

August 3—Attended the funeral of Dr. Rose, in Owensboro. 67

August 19—Called on Henry Daniels, also Joseph Cook.

August 24—Conducted the funeral of Jessie Shouse.

August 26—Traveled today twenty-four miles.

November 7—Went to Lewisport to the funeral of Gerry Inman.

November 12—Our thirty-third wedding anniversary.

November 30—My fifty-seventh birthday.

1899

January 4—Married Miss Maggie Wilhite and Mr. S. C. Cook.

January 20—Came to Owensboro to the funeral of Mrs. Mary Parrish.

January 28—Kora's twenty-sixth birthday.

February 21—Married J. L. Griffith and Miss Anna B. Tinsley.

February 24—My Aunt Bettie Rhodes died at Whitesville.
 March 12—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Fanny Kellams.
 March 25—Called to pastorate of Sugar Grove church.
 May 10—Married Thos. L. Pennington and Miss Mayme Duncan.
 May 26—Baptized Joseph Cook in a bath tub.
 June 19—Married Mr. Cullen and Miss Rosa Walker.
 July 9—Closed my thirteenth pastoral year at Sorgho.
 September 16—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Alice Winston.
 September 28—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Caroline Balee.
 October 20—Mrs. Mattie Fields died at 3 a. m.
 November 12—Our thirty-fourth wedding anniversary.
 December 4—Conducted the funeral of Stella May.

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January 22—Went to Sorgho to funeral of Gracy Willett.
 February 1—Went to Murray Chism's funeral.
 February 7—Married Miss Roxie A. Griffin to Mr. M. E. Rowland.
 February 11—Death of Allen Hite in Owensboro.
 February 12—Came to funeral of Allen Bite.
 February 19—L. Gray died in Owensboro.
 February 21—Assisted in the funeral of my uncle, L. Gray.
 March 6—Married Edw. Oliver and Miss Mattie Haney.
 April 9—Married C. R. Hite and Miss Hattie Head.
 April 26—L. P. Birk, of Owensboro, died today.
 May 2—Married D. R. Green and Miss Myrtie M. Buck.
 May 22—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Gabbert.
 June 14—Conducted the funeral of Miss Flora Horn.
 June 27—Conducted the funeral of Miss Dora Crask, who was killed by lightning.
 July 10—Miss Matilda Fields died in Owensboro at the hospital.
 July 11—Conducted the funeral of Miss Matilda Fields.
 July 25—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Laura Walker.
 July 26—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Mattie (Bright) Hawes.
 July 28—Rev. Fred D. Hale resigned as pastor of Third Baptist church in Owensboro.
 September 5—Married at Luther Moseley's, Jas. L. Morris and Miss Nannie Wilhoite.
 September 6—Went to Walnut Street church, Owensboro, and conducted the funeral of
 Mrs. Helen McCormick. President Wm. McKinley assassinated in Buffalo, N. Y.
 November 8—Put a tombstone at my father's grave.
 November 10—Bernetta Cask died today.
 November 15—Assisted in laying off the Sorgho cemetery.
 November 21—Baptized Stella Whittaker, Helen Wile, Anna Warren and Delia
 Walker and May Nelson.
 November 23—Attended funeral of Mrs. Agnes Evans at Pleasant Valley church.
 November 24—Assisted in Masonic burial of Jack Lancaster in Mount Zion.
 November 28—Received a book for my sixtieth birthday, November 30th.
 November 29—Attended funeral of Miss Amelia Beauchamp.
 November 30—My sixtieth birthday.

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December 1—Attended funeral of Edw. L. Shauntee.
 December 8—Baptized Mrs. Lena Burnett and Jas. Crask.
 December 11—Married Malcolm Fuqua and Miss Queenie Ford.
 December 18—Married William C. Hardin and Miss Mildred Hawes.
 December 24—Attended funeral of Thomas Jefferson Kelly at Sorgho. Married B. H. Crask and Miss Carrie Pruitt.
 December 25—Married Richard Harris and Hattie Owens (colored).

1902

January 1—Attended funeral of Benjamin Stout.
 January 2—Married Joe Estes and Miss Mary E. McGill, also O. M. Morris and Miss Annie Harley, of Lewisport. 71
 January 16—Conducted funeral of Hallie Shauntee.
 January 23—Conducted funeral of Miss Mary Froman.
 January 30—Attended funeral of Mrs. Mary Alice Sublett at Macedonia. I.
 February 7—Conducted funeral of R. W. Taylor.
 February 11—Assisted in conducting funeral of Mrs. Mary Schneck.
 February 12—Married Frank Pagan and Miss Jessie Daniel.
 February 15—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Amanda J. Oliver at Chestnut Grove.
 February 16—Married David Crowe and Miss Lillie H. Cain.
 February 25—Married Allen Gayne and Miss Annie Wortham.
 March 9—Attended funeral of Jessie Garrett at Yellow Creek church.
 March 16—Married Mr. H. Harbourt and Miss Jennie Head.
 March 20—Aided in re-burial of R. T. Smith, Jeff Kelly, Misses Dora and Olliee Crask.
 March 26—Married Wm. Worthing and Miss Carrie Thomas.
 April 1—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Charley Bell Garrett.
 April 4—Attended funeral of Miss Nora Head, at Bethlehem church. 72
 April 5—Conducted funeral of Thomas Albert Fuqua.
 April 6—Married Charley Clark and Miss Pinkie Collins.
 April 7—Conducted funeral of T. L. Kirk, at South Hampton.
 April 30—Married Peyton Horn and Miss Mary Sinnett.
 May 7—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Malissa Lacklin.
 May 12—Conducted funeral of Nancy Adora Heath at Pleasant Grove church.
 May 14—Assisted in re-burial of Mrs. Kincheloe.
 May 18—Conducted funeral of Mary Edith Holderman.
 May 24—Forty-first anniversary of Sugar Grove church.
 June 17—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Nancy Cooney.
 June 25—Married Mr. W. C. Bell and Miss Mary Thomas Head.
 June 27—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Josephine Harrison in Owensboro.
 June 28—Arthur's twenty-seventh birthday.
 July 16—Married Miss Lula Lane and Mr. Joseph Quinn.
 July 17—Conducted funeral of Joe E. Cook.
 July 18—Mrs. Flora Bell died in Powers at 1 p. m.
 July 24--Conducted funeral of Granville Brown.
 July 25—Conducted funeral of Lou and Lilly Snyder's child. 73
 August 3—Closed twenty-fifth pastoral year at Yelvington church.

August 6.—Baptized Dora Lee Brown.
 September 14—Conducted services at grave of Miss Margaret Frazier.
 September 30—Attended funeral of John Hughes, conducted by Rev. Kendall.
 October 5—Conducted funeral of John Walker Crask.
 October 13—Married Wm. Pate and Miss Anna South.
 October 18—Married Henry Higgs and Miss Edna Morris.
 October 21—Attended funeral of Prof. Stuart, conducted by Rev. E. E. Smith.
 October 23—Married Hugh Bailey and Miss Maud C. Hazelrigg.
 October 26—Conducted funeral of George Lindsey.
 November 2—Married A. A. Mellon and Miss Exie Sublett. Baptized Lou Snyder,
 Jessie May Binion, Lillie Lindsey, Lenard Daniel, Carl Schmuck and Lotus
 Adams Birk.
 November 5—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant.
 November 7—Conducted services at Sugar Grove.
 November 15—Married J. W. Brewster and Miss Blanche Hutchinson.
 November 18—Conducted funeral of Elmer Pagan.
 November 19—Married Paul Johnson and Miss Edna Karn. 74
 November 21—Went to Chestnut Grove to funeral of John McKeel Forester.
 November 28—Went to Owensboro to funeral of Mrs. Katie Wilhite.
 December 4—Mattie told me tonight of her conversion.
 December 7—Closed my pastorate with the Memorial at Yelvington.
 December 10—Married John T. Norris and Miss Alice V. Nutall.
 December 22—Married Joseph Raymond and Miss Cora Crask.
 December 24—Married Edw. Gilmore and Miss Nellie Barker.
 December 25—Conducted the funeral of James Shouse.

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January 5—Conducted the funeral of Thomas Ling.
 January 16—Conducted the funeral of A. H. Blink.
 January 26—Assisted in the funeral of P. J. Miller, in Owensboro.
 January 28—Married Noah Shouse and Miss Bobbie Evans.
 January 30—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Ruth Banks.
 February 10—Ten years ago we moved where we now live. 75
 February 22—Went to South Hampton and conducted the funeral of J. B. Kirk,
 of Owensboro.
 February 25—Married H. B. Clark and Miss Rosa Smeathers.
 March 3—Went to see Miss Pate Phillips, who died at 2 o'clock.
 March 7—Went to Bethabara to funeral of Charles O. Martin.
 March 31—Conducted Wm. C. Tanner's funeral at his late home.
 April 2—Assisted in the funeral of Miss Laura Jenkins.
 April 6—Married J. W. Richardson and Mrs. Sarah Stinnett.
 April 10—An invitation to Charles Horn's and Birdie VanArsdale's marriage in
 Shelbyville, Ky.
 April 22—Conducted the funeral of Miss Rosa Harrison.-
 May 12—Conducted Mrs. Alice Unsel's funeral at the M. E. church in Thruston.
 May 20—Went to Macedonia to funeral of Mrs. Eliza Hunter.

May 30—Conducted the funeral of Andrew Claycomb.
 June 3—Married Louis Graham and Miss Anna Bell Head, also Wm. E. Duncan and Miss Edna A. Ford.
 June 7—Preached at Yelvington.
 June 8—Unanimously called to care of Stanley Baptist church. 76
 June 9—A letter soliciting me to take the pastoral care of Mt. Cannel church.
 June 14—Decided to take pastoral care of Yellow Creek church. George operated on in Evansville for appendicitis.
 June 30—I am seriously ill.
 August 6—Called to see, J. W. M. Field, who is seriously ill.
 August 8—Resumed the pastoral care of Yellow Creek church.
 August 9—Attended Sunday school at Yellow Creek church.
 August 12—Married Ellis V. Graham and Miss Myrtie Elizabeth Clark. Conducted the funeral of Milford Bryant Truman.
 August 15—Accepted the care of Bethabara church.
 September 11—Baptized Miss Bettie Foster and Miss Ida Walker.
 September 12—Conducted church meeting at Yellow Creek.
 September 16—Conducted the funeral of Miss Mary Roberts at Powers.
 September 23—Conducted Ed Smith's funeral at Griffith.
 September 24—Married J. H. Milligan and Miss Nettle Simpson.
 October 1—Conducted the funeral of Malcolm Thompson at M. E. church, Thruston.
 October 6—Meeting of Daviess County Association. 77
 October 14—Assisted in the funeral of Perry Thomas at Walnut Street church, Owensboro.
 October 19—Married Mr. G. C. Brown and Miss Mary Laswell Hebbard.
 October 25—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Sallie Luttrell.
 November 3—Received news of Richard Birk's illness in a Louisville hospital.
 November 7—Richard Bick dies in Louisville.
 November 8—Assisted in the funeral services of Richard Birk at Third Baptist church, Owensboro.
 November 12—Our thirty-eighth wedding anniversary.
 November 30—My sixty-second birthday.
 December 1—Went to see Josie Kirk, who is declining rapidly.
 December 4—Went to Forest Kirk's to arrange for the funeral of his wife.
 December 27—Conducted services at Stanley.
 December 31—Closed my fourteenth pastoral year.

1904

January 2—Visited Miss Pasty Hawes, who has scarlet fever.
 January 8—Went to South Hampton to the funeral of Mrs. Isabella Horn.
 January 18—Wrote a memorial of Richard Birk.
 January 19—Mrs. Myra Horn died at 7 o'clock. 78
 January 28—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Anna Schenks. Kora's thirty-first birthday.
 February 1—Conducted the funeral of Emmett Purdy.
 February 5—Went to First Baptist church, Owensboro, to hear Rev. W. L. Munhall.
 February 7—Conducted the funeral of Jas. Lemuel Birkhead.
 February 8—Conducted the funeral of Jas. B. Long.

March 6—Conducted the funeral of D. J. Sanders.
 March 22—Went to South Hampton to the funeral of Gilbert Hampton Jones.
 April 12—Called in Owensboro to see Jackson Gordon, who is dying
 April 19—Conducted the funeral of Jackson Gordon at Third Baptist church.
 April 21—Went to M. E. church in Thruston to funeral of Mrs. Sarah Louisa Bell.
 May 4—Conducted the funeral of Miss Anna Bell Binion at Yellow Creek church.
 May 11—Married Otis Sublett and Miss Emma Simpson.
 May 19—Mrs. Virginia Lawson died at 5 a. m. at Powers.
 May 20—Went to conduct the funeral of Mrs. Virginia Lawson at Yelvington.
 May 29—Went to Macedonia to conduct funeral of Miranda Birkhead.
 June 12—Married W. C. Sexton and Miss Mayme Neal. 79
 June 19—Went to Lilly White Sulphur Springs, Ind., with Kora.
 June 24—Reached home again.
 August 11—Conducted the funeral of Rosa Ellis.
 August 20—Received news of death of Dr. Artes.
 August 29—Conducted the funeral of Dawson Bell, my namesake.
 September 10—Conducted the funeral of Henry Shelton. Arthur leaves for Medical college, in Columbus, Mo.
 October 10—Conducted the funeral of Abner Foster, at Yellow Creek.
 October 12—Married Robt. E. McDaniel and Miss Anna Kate Riddle. Conducted the funeral of Mrs. James Gordon.
 October 15—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Ann McDaniel.
 October 16.—Conducted the funeral of Joe H. Stout.
 October 25—Went to the funeral of S. H Jesse, at South Hampton.
 October 29—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Jane Weatherholt.
 November 6—Began protracted meeting at Yellow Creek church.
 November 8—Rev. Compton came to help in the meeting.
 November 12—Our thirty-ninth wedding anniversary.
 November 17—Mrs. Helen Horn died at 4 p. m. 80
 November 25—News of the death of Mrs. Will Anna Hite.
 November 27—Went to South Hampton and assisted in the funeral services of Ireland Ilead.
 November 30—My sixty-third birthday.
 December 7—Received Miss Anna Gardner for baptism.
 December 8—Conducted the funeral of Walter Pagan.
 December 11—Married Thomas Masters and Martha Vaughan.
 December 12—Married David Pool and Myrtle Jewell. Also preached Aunt Margaret Griffin's funeral.
 Dec. 19—Brought fourteen persons from Stanley to First Baptist church, Owensboro, to be baptized.
 December 20—Conducted the funeral of Omer Lyons. Married Nathaniel Horn and Miss Estella Birkhead.
 December 22—Married Joe Christian and Miss Annie B. Elliott.

1905

January 3—Visited Mrs. Vina Belt at city hospital in Owensboro.
 January 7—Held services at Yellow Creek.

January 1 1—Married Ambrose Taylor, of Dermot, and Miss Katherine Moreland.
 January 12—John Reid died about 4 a. m.
 January 15—Married W. F. Simpson and Miss Lula B. Jones. 81
 January 27—Went to Panther Creek to funeral of Mrs. Ida Skinner.
 January 28—Kora's thirty-second birthday.
 February 4—Married Roger Lamar and Miss Docia Richardson.
 February 12—Conducted the funeral of Mr. Mary C. Knight at Philpot.
 February 13—Assisted Rev. Bennett in the funeral of Mr. Ayers.
 February 14—John A. Graves died at 6 a. m.
 February 15—Married Robert Bristow and Miss Matilda Husk.
 February 16—Conducted Mrs. Mary Catherine Hibbard's funeral.
 February 18—Conducted services at Stanley Baptist church.
 February 21—Went to Louisville.
 February 24—Mrs. Samuel Moseley died at 11 o'clock.
 February 25—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Moseley at South Hampton.
 March 7—Went to see Girard Woolfolk, who is badly burned.
 March 10—Conducted the funeral of James C. Osborn, in Yelvington.
 March 14—Went to the funeral of Mrs. Stephen Hall.
 March 21—Went to Owensboro to assist in funeral of J. W. Balee. 82
 March 24—Went to Pleasant Grove to conduct the funeral of Miss Amanda J. Lane.
 March 29—Went to Macedonia to conduct the funeral of Mrs. Nannie Burges, of Hickman
 County, Ky.
 April 9—Conducted the funeral of Miss Maud B. Kirk.
 April 24—Went to Macedonia to the funeral of Mrs. Jane Speed.
 April 25—Mattie's fifty-eighth birthday. Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Caroline Stinnett.
 May 7—Married F. T. Cook and Miss Ora Ray, both of Philpot.
 May 20—Married Ethel Brooks and Miss Lina Bailey.
 June 5—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Nancy E. Stuart.
 June 22—Baptized Miss Carrie Hazelrigg and Miss Elizabeth Hunter.
 July 25—Went with Mattie to see A. V. Morris and wife, whose son was recently killed to
 Santiago on the battleship Bennington.
 August 5—Came to Owensboro to Chautauqua.
 August 6—Close of my twenty-ninth year with Yelvington church.
 August 11—Conducted the funeral of George Martin's child.
 August 12—Rev. Sampey, of Louisville, preached for us at Yellow Creek. 83
 August 13—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Aky Lafoe.
 August 22—Married Wm. Mathias Scifres and Miss Rosa Ams, both of Owensboro.
 August 24—Married Mr. Jerome Smeathers and Miss Merle Scott.
 August 26—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilhite.
 September 6—Married Ernest Thompson and Emma Bell Riley.
 September 27—Went to see Miss Agnes Craig, who was badly burned by a can exploding
 in her face.
 October 3—Married W. H. Smeathers and Miss Della Thixton.
 October 5—Went to Gatewood to funeral of Miss Laura J. Roberts.
 October 20—A letter from Arthur informing us of his marriage to Miss Susan Weibel, in
 Nashville, September 6.

October 25—Conducted the funeral of Alvin Mason Wilhite.
 October 29—Arthur and wife left for Louisville to reside.
 November 3—Conducted the funeral of Kirtley Morris at South Hampton.
 November 8—Conducted funeral of L. G. Pool.
 November 15—Georgetta Birk joined Yellow Creek church for baptism.
 November 26—Married Samuel R. Cook and Miss Hattie R. Head. 84
 November 28—Married Miss Laura May Newman and Wilbur Hensley at Stanley Baptist church.
 December 10—Went to Stanley to conduct funeral of Miss Mattie Fawn.
 December 20—Baptized ten persons in the presence of about 300 others.
 December 21—Death of Mrs. Laura Ware.
 December 23—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Louisa Ware.

1906

January 4—Conducted the funeral of John Morris.
 January 9—Married W. F. Early and Miss Allie B. Gilmore.
 January 25—Went to see Mrs. Hattie Walden, who is crushed over the death of her son, Herbert, in a coal mine.
 January 26—Assisted in the funerals of Herbert Walden and Edw. Pierce.
 February 9—Conducted the funeral of Thomas Harper at Third Baptist church, Owensboro.
 February 21—Went to J. H. Rudy's, where I married Jesse J. Doriot to Miss Fannie Eaty, of Sorgho.
 March 5—Conducted brief funeral services of Claud Norris, of Griffith.
 March 6—Went to Louisville.
 March 24—Conducted the funeral of Richard Board at 6:40 a. m. Went to South Hampton and conducted funeral of Miss Maggie Haynes. 85
 April 10—Conducted funeral of Thomas Smith.
 April 17—Married Frank L. Williams and Miss Maud Burns at Birk City.
 April 19—Conducted the funeral of Mrs. Drucilla Lane.
 April 24—Went to Yelvington and conducted funeral of Miss Mary Eliza Morris.
 April 26—Mattie's fifty-ninth birthday.
 April 29—Went to Bethabara to conduct funeral of Ben Hite.
 May 30—Conducted Mrs. Nannie McCarty's funeral at Third Baptist church, Owensboro.
 June 9—Baptized Dudley Graves in a bath tub in his home.
 June 14—Married Sanford Hunter and Mrs. Sue Atherton.
 June 15—Birth of Arthur's son.
 June 16—My first ride in an automobile. Allan Reid brought me from Pate's Station to my home.
 July 3—United in marriage W. A. Moseley and Mrs. Lee Kirk.
 July 4—Sunday school rally at camp grounds near Yelvington.
 July 12—Largest funeral ever assembled at Yellow Creek church was that of Mrs. Sudie Schenks.
 July 13—Conducted the funeral of Chas. Nutal.
 July 18—Funeral of James Dudley Graves.
 July 19—Held funeral services at grave of Remus Kirk. 86
 August 1—Attended Chautauqua and heard R. H. Conwell lecture on "Acres of Diamonds."

August 6—Conducted funeral of Miss Sarah McCamish at Yelvington.
 August 11—Attended funeral of Mark Hoard's infant
 August 12—Rev. J. R. Sampey preached for Yellow Creek church.
 August 13—Attended funeral of Mrs. Richardson at Stanley.
 August 25—Visited W. S. Robinson, who is dying.
 August 27—Conducted funeral of Jack Hardin, Jr., at Yelvington.
 August 28—Conducted funeral of W. S. Robinson at Yelvington church.
 September 3—Labor Day. No rural delivery.
 September 5—Conducted funeral of Clifford Owen Dean.
 September 16—Resigned pastoral care of Stanley church.
 September 30—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Mary Duncan Kendall at Pup Creek
 M. E. church.
 October 3—Married Miss Clara Hawes and Mr. Herman D. Sears, of New York.
 October 8—Rev. Gabby preached for us.
 October 11—Arranged for funeral of Jessie Lindsey's husband.
 October 17—Married Harvey Estes and Miss Nina Kelly. 87
 October 22—Conducted funeral of John Hillary Bell, Jr., aged six days. Conducted
 funeral of Floyd Perkins.
 October 30—Conducted funeral of Mary Alice Stinnett, aged two years.
 November 1—Married R. E. Champs, of Nashville, and Miss Lela Joe Rutledge.
 November 4—Conducted funeral of Miranda Jane Lindsey.
 November 9—Conducted funeral of Mrs. L. M. Walden at Sorgho.
 November 11—Married Clarence Kirk, of Owensboro, and Miss Ida Harrison, of Lewisport.
 November 24—Had Lettie Lindsey, aged seven years, brought from city hospital to my
 house, as she has been very low and needed a change.
 November 25—Married Miss Addie Jennings and Frank Sacre.
 November 29—Thanksgiving Day, and we had a family reunion.
 November 30—My sixty-fifth birthday.
 December 14—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Fannie Doriott at Sorgho.
 December 22—Conducted funeral of William McKeller Shauntee at Yelvington.
 December 23—Married J. C. Stinnett and Miss Sarah F. McDaniel.
 December 24—Christmas entertainment at Yellow Creek church. 88

1907

January 6—Conducted services at Powers.
 January 12—Conducted services at Yellow Creek.
 January 22—Death of Mrs. Laura Owen.
 January 28—Kora's thirty-fourth birthday.
 February 2—Conducted funeral of Sanford Hunter near Philpot.
 February 9—Unable to preach at Yellow Creek church.
 February 14—Married Mr. A. H. Suwanee and Mrs. Ida Wells.
 February 16—Gave out in my back as I was coming home and could hardly sit up.
 February 17—Meeting begins at Yelvington church; assisted by Rey. T. N. Compton.
 February 19—Married Miss Rose Stiles and Mr. Arthur Lee Scifres.
 February 20—Married Miss Bettie Foster and Mr. Brodie Walker.
 February 23—Unable to be at Philpot church or at Yelvington meeting.

February 28—Meeting at Yelvington a great success.

Match 4—My last visit to George before they move to Texas.

March 5—The saddest telephone message I ever received was from George bidding us farewell before he got on the train with his family leaving for Texas. 89

March 12—Conducted funeral of James Kennady.

March 14—Conducted funeral of Miss Addie Horn near South Hampton.

March 15—Dined in Owensboro with my old pupil, Rev. R. N. McNemer, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

March 26—Went to Owensboro and Dr. Griffith treated my throat and Dr. Watkins prescribed for me.

March 27—Married Mr. Ira Shouse and Miss Maud Foster.

April 1—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Mariah Haney, at Owensboro.

April 4—Married Miss Frances Logsdon and Mr. G. R. Allison.

April 7—Conducted funeral of Mrs. Clara Hawes.

April 20—Had local option election in Daviess County, and I voted dry.

April 26—Mattie's sixtieth birthday.

May 4—The church gave me a vacation of three months and continuing my salary in my absence.

May 24—George leaves for Texas.

May 27—Mrs. Mary Birk invited us to her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary supper.

June 6—Had my picture taken in Owensboro.

June 23—Rev. Nowlin preached the dedicatory sermon of Dawson church.

June 25—Went to South Hampton to funeral of Mrs. Catharine Josephine Gabbert. 90

June 26—Married R T. Billings and Miss Muriel Ellis.

June 30—Tendered my resignation as pastor of Dawson church at Philpot.

July 19—Arthur came home from Louisville.

July 30—Arthur graduated in medicine.

August 3—Arthur came down from Louisville.

August 5—Took supper at G. W. Birk's, it being Mrs. Birk's birthday.

August 29—Married R. L. Mattingly and Miss Nora Bell Cecil.

September 11—Married Miss Mamie D. Cary and John Howard.

September 18—Married Wm. Lambert and Miss Maggie Hall.

September 19—Conducted the funeral of John Botts at M. .E. church at Thruston.

October 1—Arthur left for the West.

October 15—Arthur arrives home from Dallas, Texas.

October 18—Wrote an obituary of John Botts.

October 24—Took my fourth treatment from Dr. Coffman.

November 4—Rev. T. M. Ratcliff begins a meeting at Yelvington, but I am not able to attend.

November 5—Cast my vote for the Democratic ticket.

November 12—We celebrated our forty-second wedding anniversary. 91

November 28—Had a glorious, church meeting today. Ten joined the church.

November 30—My sixty-sixth birthday, but am not able to go to church.

December 7—Tendered my resignation at Yellow Creek. It was not accepted, but E. O. Cottrell was called as a supply for three months.

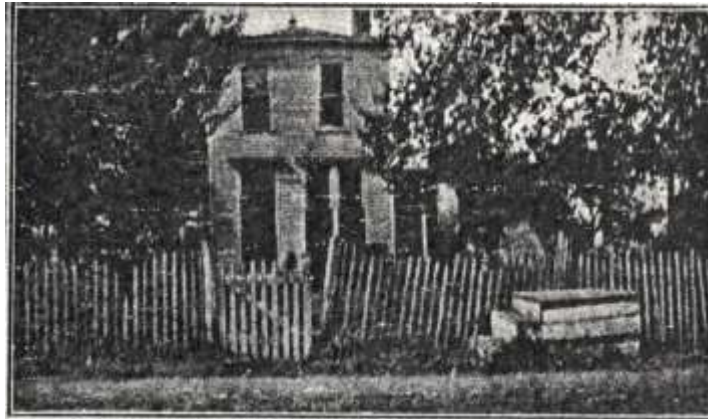
December 23—Arthur left for New Orleans to travel for a drug house.

December 25—As beautiful a Christmas day as I ever saw.

1908

- January 1—Married Simon Gillim and Miss Sarah Bell.
January 4—Regular church meeting at Yelvington, but I am not able to go.
January 12—Suffered a stroke of paralysis.
January 13—Am spending one of the worst days of my life.
January 17—Funeral of Cousin Cynthia Haynes.
January 22—Bro. Warren, from Owensboro, called to see me.
January 28—So many friends call to see me. Everybody is lovely to me.
January 30—Rev. Crossfield called to see me.
January 31—I am very sick today.
February 2—Feel some better today.
February 11—Dr. Coffman came out and gave me a treatment which was a great relief.
February 22—Mr. Sidney Anderson came out to see me.
February 26—Able to walk from one room into the next with some assistance.
March 6—Bro. Warren and P. T. Hale called to see me.
March 15—Spent a bad night. Had to call in the Doctor.
March 16—Walked to the front gate with some assistance.
March 20—One of the worst nights I ever spent.
March 23—Miss Hayden is nursing me and is a splendid nurse.

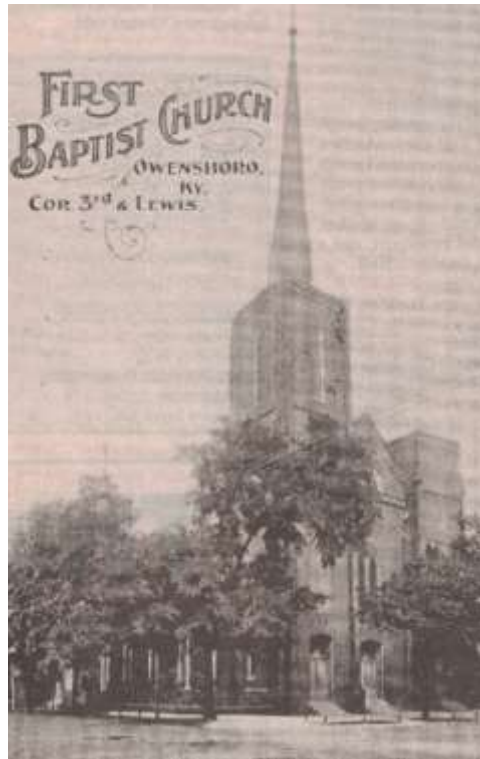
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Scene of last illness



Thruston Baptist Church – The scene of the last pastorate from which funeral sermon was preached by Dr. Compton



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