

### In Memoriam

#### DRESDEN AARON SMITH.

None Knew Him But to Love Him,  
None Named Him But to Praise.

It is with profound sorrow we announce the death of Dresden Aaron Smith, our comrade, partner, and friend. This melancholy event occurred at his home in Walhalla on Wednesday, September 18, 1907, at 2:35 p. m., after a lingering illness, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. For three months he had been confined to his room and bed, but his suffering, intense at times, was borne with patience and fortitude. Knowing full well the malignant character of his disease, and what the end must be, yet he was cheerful and hopeful, ever thoughtful and considerate of the comfort and welfare of those near and dear, who watched and waited in constant vigil at his bedside. His was the calm confidence of a humble believer who knows that though his earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, he has "a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

He was born February 3d, 1842, about three miles below Pendleton, in Anderson County, South Carolina, on the waters of Three and Twenty Creek. His father was Whitaker Guyton Smith, and mother Maria Elizabeth Smith, nee Lewis. He was the eldest of eight children, five sons and three daughters. His father was a celebrated teacher of ante-bellum days, who spent his life in the school-room. He taught many flourishing schools in Anderson County, and in them it was that the subject of this sketch became well grounded in the rudiments of an English education. But, like many a country boy, he also learned the art of handling the hoe, the plow, the rake, axe, maul and wedge. So proficient did he become in the use of these tools that it was an easy task to cut and split his one hundred rails per day. Working on the farm and going to school alternately, at the age of sixteen years he found himself sufficiently advanced to enter upon an apprenticeship in the printer's trade. Accordingly in 1858 he began work in the office of the "True Carolinian," a weekly paper published at Anderson, edited by John V. Moore, and published by Fagan E. Martin. For four years he served faithfully and well. In 1859 the "True Carolinian" was purchased by Seb Symmes, who moved it to Pendleton and published it as the "Pendleton Messenger."

Here it was that "Dresden" served as the printer's devil and carrier boy. For many months he carried the paper each week to the subscribers in town, traversing hill and dale in his historic old Pendleton. After about two years the paper was moved to Hartwell, Ga., and its publication continued under the name of "Hartwell Messenger." Here the apprenticeship ended after about a year's residence in Georgia, and he returned to South Carolina on April 4th, 1862. It was then stirring times, things were at fever heat, the spirit of war was raging, and the conflict of arms, which was to last for so long and bloody years, began. He offered his services as a volunteer along with three brothers. He was rejected on account of physical disqualification. His brothers, Jesse Lewis, Roswell Calhoun, and Nimrod Scott, however, were accepted. They went to the front, but never returned, one being killed in battle and two dying from disease.

In the fall of 1862 he accepted a position on the "Chronicle and Constitutional," published at Augusta, Ga. He remained with that paper during the four years of the war, working at the case along with the late lamented Patrick Walsh, who afterwards became a distinguished journalist, and died a few years ago, soon after his election to the United States Senate by the people of Georgia.

After the war he returned again to his native State and accepted the position of publisher of "The Phoenix," a daily paper at Columbia, S. C., owned and edited by Julian A. Selby. He held this position until October, 1876, when he resigned in order to acquire an interest in The Keowee Courier and locate at Walhalla. While on a visit to his parents and old home near Sandy Springs in July, 1876, the reunion of Orr's Regiment was held at Walhalla in the grove near Wieben's Springs. Well does the writer, who was then a small boy, remember the occasion. The survivors of this famous regiment were then more numerous than they are to-day; many answered the roll call that day whose names were only a memory at the reunion at Abbeville last week. But the reunion at Walhalla in 1876 was well attended, a large crowd was present, and the late William C. Keith, then in the zenith of his powers, brilliant,

versatile, and eloquent, delivered the address of the day. How the vast audience hung upon his every word as in glowing language, clear and vivid, he recounted the part taken by those brave men in defense of their homes and firesides; true to duty as they saw it; the failure of the cause for which they fought; the suffering and humiliation of the South in the dark days of reconstruction, and the hopes and prospects then cherished by the people of South Carolina of throwing off the alien yoke and redeeming their State. It was an opportune moment, and the man and the occasion met. It was a noble effort, and we doubt not but that the subject of this narrative was touched by the learning and eloquence of the speaker. Certain it is that soon thereafter he voluntarily gave up his position in Columbia and moved to Walhalla to form a partnership with William C. Keith and Robt. A. Thompson for the publication of The Keowee Courier, from whom he purchased an one-third interest, the firm name being Keith, Smith & Co. Thus for nearly thirty-one years the name of D. A. Smith has appeared at the masthead as publisher of The Keowee Courier. During all this time he was ever found capable, faithful, and true. Witness the weekly visits of this paper as year by year it went into the homes of the people freighted with the news of the day, always presented in attractive form. The name of "Editor Smith," as he was familiarly called, soon became a household word throughout Oconee County. As a business manager he could not have been surpassed, and every year of his administration has seen a steady growth in equipment and influence.

In all the relations of life he had ever before him a high standard of conduct. Duty was his watchword. His honesty was transparent; his word was his bond, his influence potent for good. In 1898 he was elected Judge of Probate of Oconee County and re-elected his own successor in 1902 and again in 1906. The duties of this important office received his careful attention, and were discharged with wisdom and impartiality.

He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Gertrude V. Small, of Abbeville, S. C., to whom he was married on December 28, 1869. She died on November 17, 1877. Of this union one son, Walter V. Smith, survives. On January 15, 1879, he married Miss Kathleen O'Moore Small, sister of his first wife. To them two sons and two daughters were born, three of whom, Dresden A. Jr., Marvin, and Miss Gertrude, survive. One daughter, Kathleen Margaret, a bright, sweet girl of four years, died on May 19, 1892. To his widow and children is extended the sincere sympathy of hosts of friends in this and other States.

In early life he joined the Methodist Church. He gave liberally of his time and means to the service and support of his church. For many years he was steward and Sunday school superintendent of the Walhalla Methodist Church. As delegate he frequently attended quarterly, district, and annual conferences.

He was a Master Mason, having been made a Mason by Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 92, A. F. M., about fifteen years ago. He served his lodge as treasurer for the last several years. He was one of the charter members of Walhalla Lodge, No. 284, Knights of Honor, having been financial reporter since its organization. His funeral services were conducted at the Walhalla Methodist Church Thursday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. J. C. Yongue, assisted by Rev. C. D. Mann. A large congregation assembled to pay a tribute of respect to his memory.

His bier was followed to the Lutheran Cemetery, where his body was buried with Masonic honors, quite a number of Masons of sister lodges taking part in the ceremonies. Faithful servant, well done; rest from thy labors. "Integrity of life is fame's best friend, Which only after death can crown the end."

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#### Conners Items.

Conners, September 23.—Special: The farmers are very busy gathering cotton, fodder, etc. We have had a nice, refreshing rain after the hot, dusty weather. We hope it will turn cooler. Owing to the inclement weather there was not any Sunday school at Conners Sunday. Some of our young people contemplate attending the Beaverdam Association, which will be held with Mount Tabor Church, Anderson County. Miss Ethel Barker is still on the sick list. We are glad to say there is quite an improvement in our music since the singing school. All the class that attended the school are urgently requested to be present each and every Sunday, as we want to spend some time each Sunday afternoon in singing. Also, any others in the surrounding community are cordially invited. Stiles Barker visited home folks Sunday. Haskell Abbott left Wednesday for Furman University. We wish him much success in this year's work. Mrs. Lillah Hunnicutt made a fly-to Greenville to resume her studies in the Greenville Female College. Mrs. Lillah Hunnicutt made a flying trip to Madison lately. S.

#### Farmers' Union Cotton Letter.

Fifteen cents is the minimum for middling cotton beginning the first of September. One-quarter of a cent per pound will be added monthly. Inland long staple will run from 42 cents for No. 1 to 27 for No. 4, with an average of 1-2 a cent per pound monthly. Since the Farmers' Union and the Cotton Association prices are the same for both lint and cotton seed, and that many merchants and others are now taking in and holding cotton for the minimum price of 15 cents, this grand concert of action for the common good, the business element of the whole South accepts the decision and expresses no doubt that the minimum be reached at an early date, notwithstanding the gall displayed by the Savannah cotton buyers in their statement that they would get the cotton for 13 cents.

The tug of gall and wrong, against grit and right, is on to a finish, and it behooves every man in the South to stand up for the farmer, for all realize that what is to the advantage of the farmer redounds to the welfare of the whole South.

If cotton farmers were not organized and in the field protecting their interest, to-day cotton would be selling for 8 cents or less. Show your manhood, boys, and stand up for one another.

No! The Farmers' Union cannot prevent some cotton farmers from acting the fool and letting their cotton go at a price below the minimum when they can help it.

But all loyal, conservative business farmers know that the minimum of 15 cents will be much easier reached this year than any minimum set before.

We are in possession of facts and data to prove that 15 cents will not cover the actual cost of production to a considerable territory in cotton in most all the States west of the Mississippi and also a lot of sections in all the States east of the Mississippi.

In addition to reports from local unions all over the cotton belt, the committee on minimum prices had the counsel of a large number of canvassers who had canvassed all the cotton States. These canvassers are among our best practical farmers and are not the kind of men that could afford to fool or deceive themselves and friends.

#### An All-Day Singing.

Mount Pleasant, September 23.—Special: There will be an all-day singing at Mount Pleasant new Baptist church the fifth Sunday in September. All good singers and those who enjoy good singing are invited to come and bring well-filled baskets. We are glad to say that little Oscar Hill, who has been very ill with fever is some better.

Willie Haley is very ill with fever at this writing. We hope soon to see him in good health. M. Standridge killed a large rattlesnake one day last week. Z. W.

Mount Pleasant, September 23.—There will be a special collection taken at the all-day singing on the fifth Sunday to aid the orphanage. All bring an offering for the little orphan children. A. H. C.

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#### HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION.

UPON A PETITION that seeks to represent one-third of the qualified electors, and a like proportion of the free-holders, in Tokeena District No. 2, an election is hereby ordered to be held at Tokeena School House on SATURDAY, September 28th, 1907, to determine whether or not said District shall unite with Townville and other Districts in Anderson County to form a High School. The Polls will open at three and close at five o'clock P. M. Those favoring said High School shall cast a ballot containing the words "For High School," and those opposed will write their tickets with the words "Against High School." The election will be governed by the General Election Law, and any irregularities will render the election null and void. The Trustees are hereby appointed as Managers. Respectfully, C. L. CRAIG, Co. Supt. of Education. Note.—A High School Election is hereby ordered to be held at Townville School House on any date that may be approved by Superintendent of Education of Anderson County.

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