

MEMORIAL OF
REV. JAMES LAWRENCE KING

WINDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
1897-1898

James Lawrence King the youngest of eight children and son of John and Lucinda Jones King, was born in Charleston S.C, April 14, 1819, and died in Atlanta, Georgia, May 30, 1901 having passed his eighty second year: In early life he connected himself with the Circular Church in Charleston, of which Dr. Reuben Post was then pastor. He received his literary training in the schools of Charleston .. spending also two years at Oglethorpe University. He studied theology privately under his pastor, Dr. Post. He was licensed by Hopewell Presbytery, October, 1849, and ordained by Flint River Presbytery October 2nd 1850. His first charge was Fellowship Church, over which he was installed at the time of his ordination, and of which he continued pastor for four years, at the service time supplying the Jackson and McDonough churches. During his pastorate he also supplied for ten months the Atlanta First Church.

After the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Fellowship Church, he became Evangelist of Flint River Presbytery. Thus began a fifty-one year career in service to his Lord. Rev. King pastored approximately twenty-five different churches across the State of Georgia, always more than one simultaneously. (His service at Winder came near the end of his ministry, his death being in 1901.) What a record is this! For fifty-one years, even up to the time of his death, engaged in ministerial work, and nearly all of it a missionary character!

Brother King was a laborious, earnest, and self-sacrificing preacher. Of him it might truly be said, abundant in labors. No man ever ministered to more of the churches of the Presbytery. He spent his life sowing the seed broadcast over the land, and Eternity alone will reveal the results. Having a large family, and receiving usually a very small salary, being one of the pioneer ministers of the Presbytery, he was frequently compelled to combine the labors of the schoolroom with the work of the ministry, thus performing double duty. Life with him eminently was a struggle, but he un-murmuringly submitted to his lot, and faithfully endured to the end.

How appropriate, then the words of the apostle, which are inscribed upon his tomb: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the righteous Judge will give me at that day."

Our brother was a man of kind and genial nature--fond of anecdote, in which he frequently indulged, kind and loving at home, courteous to his brethren, whom he always met with a warm greeting. Full of faith and hope, he seemed always cheerful and resigned.

He was twice married, first to Miss Sarah Ann Stubbs. Of the six children, the fruits of this marriage, two sons still survive him, one being an honored Ruling Elder and the senior member of the King Hardware Company of Atlanta. His second marriage was to Miss Martha Anderson, the sister of the late Hon. Clifford Anderson, Attorney-General of the State. Of the nine children given to them, five still remain, all members of the church and walking worthy of their profession, being useful members of the church.

He ended his life in peace, in the exercise of an unwavering trust in his Lord. His weary body, worn out in the service, was laid a way in Westview cemetery, where it will remain till the resurrection morn.

To his widow and surviving children we extend our heartfelt sympathy, praying the great Head of the church mercifully to remember and bless them.

"Servant of God--well done."

James Stacy
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