

church in that county, by which he was licensed to preach, while a young man. Possessed of an active mind, a liberal education, and a commendable zeal to succeed and be useful, his advance was pleasing and rapid. In a short time his ordination was called for, and he entered upon pastoral work in his own county and the surrounding. Active, prompt and able, he gave great satisfaction to the churches that had the benefit of his labors, and was blessed to the building up of the churches and winning souls to Christ, a gifted and able minister. He is yet in the strength of his manhood: lives in the same community, labors in the same section of country as in youth. On the formation of the Springfield Association he became a minister of that body. We pray that God may give him many years of great usefulness in the cause of his divine Master.

In 1890 the fifty-third session of the Association was held with the Bethel church, Newton county. The introductory sermon was preached by S. J. Tullos—text, 1 Cor. 3:4; theme, "The Resurrection of Christ, the foundation of the Christian's joy." One hour intermission and dinner, and the body convened and was called to order by the moderator. L. B. Fancher led in prayer. J. H. Sansing, A. J. Freeman and J. C. Foster were requested to read letters. N. T. Johnson, D. C. Payne and T. H. Stamper were appointed a committee on finance. J. J. Ingram was requested to preach at the stand. Letters were read from forty-seven churches, delegates names enrolled and statistics noted. Officers were elected by acclamation—N. L. Clarke moderator; J. M. Moore, clerk; J. E. Graham, treasurer. Visiting ministers were invited to seats; one new church was added to the body, Hardyville, Newton county. Cor-