

common then—he was the doctor for the occasion, and seldom lost a case, if he could reach it in time. At the camp meeting he was always the preacher for the three o'clock hour on Sunday. No man I ever heard could hold a congregation more quietly and get their attention than he at that hour. One of those peculiar men, he could make you laugh and cry, and almost simultaneously. He was eccentric and peculiar in his style, and was the object of attraction in every crowd with whom he was found, but I think, withal a good man. He was a good preacher of the day, but like others, has passed on to his reward years ago, and resting with those of his day and generation.

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### FROM THE EDITOR

It has been a joy to gather and organize the materials submitted for this edition of our Journal. These records of the past need to be preserved in as many libraries and archival sites as possible, and circulated as widely as possible. Please do talk with our officers about securing back copies; several of the previous issues, including the two-volume coverage of World War II, are still available, some in fairly large quantities. President Miller has a complete listing of these, and has worked to analyze their contents so that readers may select items of most interest.

Serving as Editor again has once more been a reminder of the amount of work done by previous editors, and caused an even deeper appreciation for their good work. That is especially true of last year's Vol. XXX. Many of us feel that no year should go by without such a publication, and it was with that in mind that the task was accepted. Being well aware of the high standard set in the past, and of his own technical inadequacy to fully maintain that standard, your 2004 Editor has asked that the task be transferred to some other member of the society for 2005. However, it is his suggestion that the work be assigned to a new "Editorial Committee" to be appointed by and to include the President, so that there may be the fullest participation in this most important repository of our story.

It is earnestly hoped that the quality of the contents will atone for any perceived problems. Special thanks are due Dr. Marvin Downing for his invaluable help, and to the UT Martin print shop for their assistance. To all who assisted in any way, a hearty word of appreciation. And to all our Society members, a word of encouragement: write the stories you know, and publish them. Your grandchildren need to know!