

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.

THE GOING OF MRS.

J. T. KENDRICK

(By Rev. C. J. Black)

Somehow some deaths are sadder than others. We cannot say why, but God has made it so. When we say that the going of Sister Kendrick was one of the saddest events Kings Mountain has ever experienced, we do not believe that we exaggerate in the least. She had been unwell for sometime but her going was not expected until she made her last visit to her daughter at Mt. Holly. She had been uneasy about her condition but had not said very much about it. She was afraid to get out very much, but was anxious to go to church and to visit her children. But we cannot evade death however much we may try to escape it. It is on our track and will e'er long over take us.

Margaret Isabelle Kendrick was the daughter of the late Cornelius and Elisia Nevitt of Fairfield County, S. C. She was born in Fairfield county, S. C., October 7, 1854, and was married to Mr. John T. Kendrick March 4, 1874. The husband died 11 years before the wife.

Six children were born to this couple. Five girls and one boy. They are Mrs. J. B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain, Mrs. J. F. Ware, Kings Mountain, Mr. Newitt Kendrick, Laurens, S. C., Mrs. Theo Ware, Mt. Holly, N. C., Mrs. J. E. Lipford, Kings Mountain, Miss Margaret Kendrick, Kings Mountain. She has thirteen grand children living and one dead. She also has one great grand child living and one dead.

She and her husband came to Kings Mountain about the year of 1876 and they spent the remainder of their days here. There was not more than a dozen houses here when they came. This makes her one of the oldest citizens of this place. She was here many years before there was a Baptist church. In early life, back when she was a school girl at Anderson, S. C., she professed faith in Christ and was baptised into the fellowship of the First Baptist church at that place. When she came to this country, she placed her membership with Old Bethlehem Baptist church where it remained until the church was organized here. Then she came in with those who constituted the Baptist church at this place. Possibly she and Old Sister Cornwell were the first Baptists to come to

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The going of Sister Kendrick has taken from our town one of its most loved and honored citizens, from our church one of its most loyal and consecrated members, and from the home one of the best mothers this earth has ever known. May the richest blessings attend rest upon all of the bereaved ones.