

TO JAMES MARTIN LAWSON.

Abbeville, S. C., Jan. 8, 1917.

In regular session the Ministerial Association of Abbeville and vicinity passed the following resolutions offered by committee appointed at the previous session:

We, the members of the Minister's Association of Abbeville, hereby record our profound sorrow at the loss of one whom we esteemed and venerated as a wise and valuable member. His personal traits of candor, integrity, and devotion to every good and righteous cause were conspicuous. His consistent life and Godly example as a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus as a minister of the glad tidings of salvation to a lost race, are worthy of commendation and of imitation. For his consecrated life and for his ardent and zealous pursuit and improvement of the opportunities set before him, we desire to give thanks to the grace of God. To his bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy and for them we invoke the Father's love, the Master's intercession, and the Spirit's indwelling.

Jas. L. Martin,  
M. R. Plaxco,  
Committee.

Rev. James Martin Lawson was born a few miles out of Abbeville town, on May 8, 1857. In early boyhood he decided to be a doctor. His parents consented and he was preparing to go off to college when a telegram was received from his older brother, not twenty one years old and himself studying in the North, that he had married. Mrs. Lawson, his mother, was so firm in her decision that he should not have an opportunity to follow his brother's example, that she would not

let him even go away to school. So his dream of being a healer of men's bodies, was never realized, but a good many years later, in mature manhood, his dream, in a different way, was most gloriously realized by his entering the ministry and bringing healing to men's souls.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference, at Florence, S. C., in 1897, and his first charge was at Cherokee Springs in Spartanburg county. His second charge

was across the state to Scranton, Williamsburg county, in 1898. Then across the country again to Gilbert Hollow, Lexington county, where he remained three years. Next charge was Elgin, Lancaster county. Then as if to compensate for the hardships endured during those five years, with the long moves in bitter winter weather back and forth across the country, the next charge was to the old home of himself and of his wife, Abbeville and Greenwood Mission

churches, for four happy years. Then Anderson, next Smoaks, Colleton county, then Parksville, Edgefield county and Abbeville again for two years.

He was located at his own request, in 1913, at Rock Hill conference.

He fell asleep, on the night of November the fifth, 1916. It was as the fulfillment of his expressed wish, that he should be buried on "some bright Sunday afternoon."



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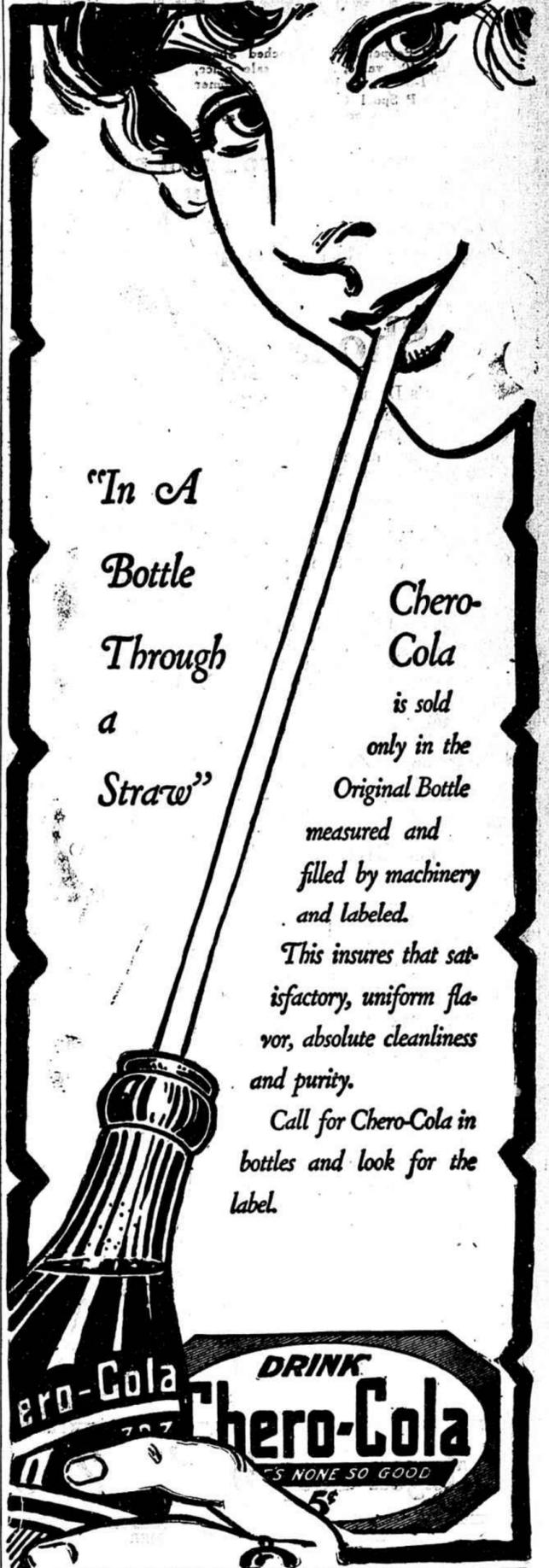


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