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"Fourth Pastor"

A. J. Cansler was born May 26, 1825 in Lincoln County, N. C. He was prepared for college in the schools of Lincolnton. He studied law at the University of North Carolina and graduated in the class of 1847. He began the practice of law but gave it up shortly after his marriage to Miss Mary Ann Martin, ^{of Wilkes County} an accomplished lady, and devoted christian. He was converted and baptized by Rev. Wade Hill who influenced him to become a minister, and was ordained to preach in 1850.

His pastorate of the Shelby Baptist Church was from January 1853 until December 31, 1856.

He also published for a short time in Shelby, "The Eagle" which was the first newspaper published in Cleveland County. He moved to the State of ^{Arkansas} ~~Alabama~~, and after a few years died there on February 24, 1872.

It was said that Rev. Cansler indulged too freely in pipe smoking, and the people said that the excessive use of tobacco was an evil. His diary showed that he baptized around three thousand people during his ministry.