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### MEMOIR OF MRS. MARY F. BROOKS.

"She hath done what she could."

Mrs. Mary Frances Brooks, beloved wife of Rev. Thomas H. Brooks, was born in Anne Arundel county, Md., April 12, 1836. She was born of religious parents and carefully trained. In the 18th year of her age she was converted, and connected herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She possessed naturally a most amiable disposition, which she cultivated in the spirit of meekness.

She was always obliging, confiding and loving to all around her. In 1873 she was united in marriage to Rev. Thomas H. Brooks. The fruits of this union were 12 children. She was a good wife, and carefully trained up her children. In 1881, when her husband was admitted into the Conference and sent to Silver Spring charge, Montgomery county, Md., she went with him. She served with him the following charges: Marlboro, Md.; Severn, Sandy Springs, Poolsville, Bennings, D. C.; Bowie, Md.; Falls Church, Va. In all of these charges, covering a period of 28 years, she stood side by side with her husband, and was a great help to him in pushing forward the work of the church. She was greatly beloved by the people, and a leader amongst the women of the church.

Prior to her death she had been sick 22 months, but she bore her affliction without murmuring. She said to her husband: "You know I always prayed that the good Lord would spare me to live until our youngest child was able to care for herself, and He has done so. Now I feel ready to go home to Heaven. My daughters can keep the house in good order for you." She then exhorted her children to live pure and upright lives and meet her in Heaven. Her last words were: "Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil," etc. She died in great peace, August 22, 1909, leaving a husband, ten children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

Appropriate funeral services were held at Jones Methodist Episcopal Church, Bennings, D. C., Thursday, August 26, at 2.30 P. M., Rev. E. S. Williams, District Superintendent, in charge. Rev. Elijah Ayres, pastor, delivered a very impressive sermon. Text, Phil. 1: 21. Further

