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## Memoirs of Preachers Wives.

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, 1856. 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, Mont gomery 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 fee! 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, leav ing a husband, ten children and a large circle of friends to mourn their

Appropriate funeral services were held at Jones Methodist Episco pal 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. i: 21. Further remarks were made by Revs. M. W. Clair, D. D.; N. M. Carroll, D. D., and W. H. Gaines. The interment took place at Jones' Chapel.

"Dearest sister, thou hast left us,
-We thy loss most deeply feel;
But 'tis God who hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal."

#### DEATH OF MRS. MARY JONES.

"O woman, great is thy faith."

Mrs. Mary Jones, beloved wife of the late Rev. Wm. H. Jones, formerly a member of this Conference, was born in Baltimore, Md., A. D. 1851. After the death of her husband, which took place September 30, 1908, she moved to Baltimore, and lived with her mother at 558 Orchard street. The circumstances connected with her death were very sad indeed. On Sunday morning, January 9, 1910, she lighted an oil stove on which to prepare breakfast for the family. The stove exploded, her clothing took fire and she was severely burned. She was sent to the hospital, but died before reaching there. Her funeral services were held in Metropolitan M. E. Church, Baltimore, Wednesday, January 12, at 2.30 P. M. Rev. M. J. Naylor, D. D., conducted the services, and delivered a very impressive sermon, text, St. Luke viii: 52, "Weep not, she is not dead but sleepeth." Brief eulogies were delivered by Revs. A. Young, J. C. Love and N. M. Carroll, after which the interment was made at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Baltimore county, Md.

#### MEMOIR OF SISTER ALICE VIRGINIA DOTSON, WIFE OF REV. J. E. DOTSON.

Mrs. Alice Virginia Dotson was born near Westminster, Md., in the year 1879. She was converted at the age of 16, and was confirmed in the Protestant Episcopal Church of Westminster one year later. She was married to Rev. J. E. Dotson by Rev. T. H. Dansbury, and joined the M. E. Church, and when the Conference convened in Sharp Street Memorial, Baltimore, in 1904, Rev. Dotson was admitted and sent to Pocahontas, W. Va. She entered the ministry with him, and proved true and faithful to the end, having been married to Rev. Dotson 13 years. She closed her life of sweet service in Charlestown, W. Va., September 3rd, 1909, at the age of 31 years. A few days before she died her husband administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to her, during which time she became exceedingly happy, and in the quiet of that hour, as her husband concluded the Sacramental rites with a prayer, she exclaimed: "My work is done." She called the children to her bedside and gave them good-bye, and thanked all the friends for their kind patience with her.

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