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trict Superintendent, paid a fitting tribute, referring to the noble fraternity of Preachers' Wives, of which Mrs. Haven was a "worthy representative." Rev. L. S. Boyd made the prayer at the parsonage, Rev. W. G. Boyd at the church, and Rev. M. S. Wells the closing prayer. Revs. C. M. Fanning and G. A. Pearsall were also present. Rev. G. F. Draper and wife, of Japan, were present among the mourners.

Only one sister survives her, Miss Mary E. Gould, one daughter, Theo. G. Haven, a student in Cazenovia Seminary, and her husband.

The preachers of Auburn District will remember gratefully her cordial welcome and generous hospitality at the Group Meeting held at Montezuma. A noble, patient, talented, Christian wife and mother has gone home to her reward. Many will rise up to call her blessed.

H. W. SMITH.

#### MRS. R. B. COOK.

April 19, 1876—October 8, 1907. These two dates span the earthly life of Ada Eastman, daughter of Oscar F. and Julia A. Eastman, and wife of the Rev. R. B. Cook, of the Central New York Conference.

Mrs. Cook's early life was spent in Rodman, N. Y. Here she united with the Methodist Episcopal church November 29, 1896. Here she was married to Mr. Cook October 6, 1897. Not long after this Brother Cook felt that God was calling him to the work of the Gospel ministry. Then these two, changing former plans, went forth to the preparation for this work. In September, 1898, they moved to Cazenovia, where Mr. Cook pursued a four years' course in the Seminary. In the autumn of 1902, he entered Syracuse University, from which he graduated in June, 1906, while she went to Folts Mission Institute at Herkimer, N. Y., where she spent two years in Bible study and music. After this she labored with her husband at Camillus, to which he had been appointed pastor during the year 1903. In 1906 they were appointed to Borodino, where a year of fruitful labor was spent.

For a month before Conference she had been ill, and the morning after their reappointment to Borodino for another year she went away into the heavenlies and to God's larger service.

Two children had come to gladden the home and had gone on before. A little girl, born July 16, 1900, was killed by falling down stairs, July 31, 1901. A boy, born June 4, 1905, tarried but a week. Mrs. Cook's mother heart was sadly torn by these experiences. The love of children was one of the marked characteristics of her life. Now we believe she is with these as they grow in the Kingdom.

Other griefs had been hers in the death of her father in the year 1902, and in that of her mother the past summer. Two brothers, Gilbert and Chauncey, both of Rodman, N. Y., besides her husband, mourn her departure.

Funeral services were held in the church at Borodino, Wednesday afternoon, October 9, in charge of Rev. D. D. Campbell, presiding elder of Syracuse District, assisted by the writer. Friday afternoon services were held in Rodman, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Nunn.

Our brother is bereft of one who co-operated with him in his plans, and shared with him the trials and joys of the itinerant ministry. The story of her life is one of courage and faithfulness. Like Enoch she "walked with God."

Her husband has great consolation in the confident belief in immortal life, and in the assurance that he is in God's keeping.

The way is dark, but leads to light;  
The path is rough, but goes toward home;  
The Guide himself is by our side,  
"The way, the truth, the life."

E. E. MERRING

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#### NANCY B. WIRE.

After more than ninety-one years of earthly pilgrimage Nancy B. Wire "put off this mortal and put on immortality" October 4, 1907. She was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., in 1816, and but a few days before her death had celebrated her ninety-first birthday. At this advanced age she retained perfect sight and hearing, and her mind was as alert as it had been years before. The stroke fell suddenly and she was soon with her Lord. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. P. Frost, of the Rock River Conference, and interment was made at Kankakee. The decedent leaves three sons, Rev. M. C. Wire, of Eugene, Ore., Dr. G. E. Wire, of Worcester, Mass., and W. C. Wire, of Evanston, Ill. Sister Wire was converted at the age of fifteen.

In 1836 she became the wife of Rev. T. B. Wire, and took up her work of an itinerant. "In journeyings oft" may properly be applied to her, for the record shows that with her faithful companion she served twenty charges in thirty-three years. Some of these fields were widely separated in the territory of the Black River Conference. In 1870 she, with her husband, left the scenes of their active years and took up her residence at Evanston, Ill., where her husband died in 1886, and where she spent her last days. An eminent man of the Church has this to say of her life and character during her