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SARAH J. CUMMINS.

Sarah Jane Parker was born in 1836. Her ancestry was Scotch Irish, and the traits that have made this historic strain such a vital factor in the development of our commonwealth, were disclosed in her character. She was thoughtful, careful, somewhat slow in arriving at a conclusion, but somewhat strenuous in abiding by it after it had been reached. She did not seek many friends, but those to whom she gave her confidences she cherished most closely. In April, 1861, at Wilmington, she was married to the Rev. George Cummins, of the Philadelphia Conference. Throughout the entire ministerial career of her husband, as Presiding Elder, pastor or corresponding secretary of the City Missionary Society, she found her greatest delight in reigning as mistress of the home. She desired no larger sphere of usefulness. She labored successfully in some of the Sunday Schools in the charges he served, but this work was only incidental; her main purpose seemed to be to secure the comfort and the highest effectiveness of her husband. She found greater satisfaction in the honors that came to him than in any attentions that might be bestowed upon herself. The death of her husband entailing the loss of both a loved companion and of her cherished home was a stroke from which she never fully recovered, but was like an animal of the forest, that has been stricken a fatal blow, though its activities do not immediately cease. The lives of her husband and herself had grown together, as do the trunks of neighboring trees, and when the woodman Death felled one, he also laid the axe at the root of the other.

Sister Cummins was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Mt. Moriah on December 24th, 1906, the writer conducting her services.

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PAULINE C. GRAFF.

Pauline C. Graff, born February 17th, 1841; departed this life March 9th, 1907.

HANNAH A. LAME.

In one of a scattered group of a few houses, in the midst of the undulating landscape of Delaware County, Pa., appropriately known as Village Green, Hannah A. Lame came into this world, beautifying and blessing a Methodist home by her presence. She had been preceded by a brother well known to a generation gone, and another rapidly vanishing, the Rev. John Thompson, one of the most conspicuous specimens of cheerful picty within the ranks of the ministry of the Philadelphia Conference; he again being antedated by a sister, Miss Sarah Thompson, a woman of sterling worth, for many years a member of Mrs. Lame's household, and who still survives at eighty years of age. That must have been, indeed, a Methodist family of the healthiest moral, as well as physical type, that could rear and send forth children of such fine Christian reputation, as these exhibited in the after years of a varied domestic and public life. Converted in girlhood and active in church work in the country village, is it any wonder that the junior preacher of the then Mount Hope Circuit, the Rev. Joseph S. Lame, singled out Miss Hannah A. Thompson as a suitable companion