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She was an attractive speaker, and interest in the development of the good was extended beyond the organized church, as is evidenced by her active membership in the Mother's Club, the Garden Club, the Music Club, and the Parent-Teachers' Association. The church and the community feel a bereavement inexpressible at her loss.

In her home Mrs. Bunts was a real companion to her husband, an ideal mother, and a gracious hostess. The outstanding quality of her life in all relationships was her genuine Christian character. She was beautiful in person, in personality, and in service. A former operation occasioned another, which affected her heart, making recovery impossible. Her funeral services at Galax were in charge of her presiding elder, Rev. R. B. Platt, Jr., assisted by Dr. J. M. Crowe, and at Emory by Dr. J. S. French, Dr. I. P. Martin, Revs. C. W. Dean, R. E. Greer, G. K. Patty, F. Y. Jackson and Grover Thomas.

A host of friends, including representatives from every charge served by Brother Bunts, came. To the land that is fairer than day, where spring abides and never-withering flowers, we look for the reunion. In the meantime we feel the deepest sympathy for Brother Bunts and Dorothy and Ruth, and for all the loved ones, and we pray that the comfort of our Heavenly Father may stay their faith.

R. B. Platt, Jr.

MRS. W. H. DAWN

Mrs. Rachel Looney Dawn, widow of Rev. W. H. Dawn, of precious memory, passed triumphantly to her reward from the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Rutherford in Knoxville, Tenn., February 6, 1930. She was born near Rogersville, Tenn., where in after years she met Bro Dawn and became his companion, serving faithfully in this sacred relation until his death, which transpired July 25, 1902. During these twenty-eight years of her widowhood she has had loving children to see that every want should be supplied until she had passed her eighty-second milestone in the pilgrimage of life.

She leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn her departure, one daughter, Mrs. L. D. Watson, of Raleigh, N. C., having preceded her to the better land some twenty years ago. Her living children are: W. H., W. N., and E. G. Dawn, of Knoxville; Mrs. S. E. Coldiron, of Wilmington, N. C.; Mrs. R. S. Hickey, of Newport, Tenn.; and Mrs. C. C. Rutherford, of Knoxville, Tenn., where she made her home during the last years of her life.

Sister Dawn was a devout Christian and a faithful member of Church Street M. E. Church, South. After a very appropriate service conducted by her pastor, Dr. C. C. Grimes, in the home, her body was laid to rest beside her husband in Greenwood Cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection.

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Her loving daughter, Mrs. Rutherford, has beautifully quoted of her going:

"I cannot say, I will not say,
That she is dead—she is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair,
It needs must be since she lingers there.
And you, oh you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step, and the glad return,
Think of her still, as the same I say—
She is not dead, she is just away."

J. E. Lowry.

MRS. JAMES I. CASH

Sarah Llewellyn Gentry, daughter of James M. and Mary Faw Gentry, was born in Jefferson, Ashe County, North Carolina, in 1851. Her parents were prominent in social and religious circles of their community and State. Mr. Gentry was a well-to-do planter and merchant, and was, for years, a member of the North Carolina Legislature. The Faws were prominent in East Tennessee, one of the descendants now being a member of the Appellate Court of the State.

Sarah Gentry joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when a girl, and was a quiet, efficient worker. She was married to Rev. James I. Cash, of the Holston Conference, January 4, 1882, in Johnson City, Tenn. To them was born one son, Gentry Cash, now an honored and influential director of the Standard Oil Company, of Illinois, and a son to be proud of. His substantial contribution to the superannuate endowment fund enabled Spring City, under the leadership of Lavens Thomas II., to pay in full the quota for that charge. An affectionate interest in and oversight of his parents has been steadfast through the years.

Mrs. Cash was a true helpmeet to her husband through forty-eight years of itinerant lights and shadows. Her courage, devotion and fidelity, and her serenity of spirit were without spot. The writer was often in that home. It was a joy to be a guest in such a home. Her simple sincerity and gracious kindness, multiplied many times, made delightful tarryings under that hospitable parsonage roof. Her place in the church and community were always a factor for the right. The pastors of that happy home circle, through the years, testify to sympathetic and helpful influence.

A fall in Florida, and another at home in Spring City, added to her afflictions, and, no doubt, hastened the end. Through eighteen months of sufferings she was patient and kind. The complications increased until, finally, she was taken to the Chamberlain Memorial Hospital at Rockwood, Tenn., where she quietly fell on sleep in the morning of August 4, 1930. The husband, the son, Gentry, and wife,