

Philadelphia, before death relieved him of his suffering. The funeral services were held in Zoar Church, Philadelphia, July 16, 1915.

How blest the sacred tie, that binds in sweet communion kindred minds,

How swift the heavenly course they run,  
Whose hearts, and faith and hopes are one.

Nor shall the glowing flame expire,  
When dimly burns frail nature's fire,

Then shall they meet in realms above,  
A heaven of joy, a heaven of love.

We heartily sympathize with his dear wife Mrs. Clara H. Brown as she mourns the loss of her husband, who was our friend.

J. W. BOND.

#### WILLIS CHARLES DICKERSON.

The subject of this sketch, the son of Ennals and Julia Dickerson, was born in Federalsburg, Caroline County, Md., Sunday, September 12th, 1847, and departed this life at Smyrna, Del., Sunday, August 8th, 1915. Age 77 years, 10 months and 26 days.

In his early life he received the most of his schooling from the children of Mr. Daniel Fields, with whom he lived, he lived in and around Federalsburg until he was about 21 years of age, working part of the time on the farm and railroad. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church when a small boy, and began preaching when about 16 years of age, at 17 was licensed a local preacher, and at 19 was preaching in the days of the Klu Klux and was arrested and threatened for doing so.

He was thrice married, the first union was while he was yet living in Federalsburg, the fruits of this union consisted of four children, Edward O., Oliver P., James M., and Alberta Dickerson Barrett, two of the sons, Oliver P., and James M., are ministers in the Delaware Conference.

Brother Dickerson was admitted into the Delaware Conference in 1870 and served honorably the following charges:—Fairmount, Md., 1870, it was during this administration that (two sons) were added to his ministerial family, the late Dr. Henry A. Monroe and the present Dr. R. Walters. Bridgeton and Ghoshen 1 year; Salem, N. J., 2 years; Zoar Philadelphia, Pa., 3 years; in 1879 was transferred to the Newark Conference and served the following charges:—St. Johns, M. E. Church, Newark, N. J., 2 years; Orange, N. J., 1 year. He was also a potent factor in organizing the Mission at Mt. Clair, N. J. Returned to the Delaware Conference in 1882, was appointed to and served Easton, Md., 2 years; Havertown Philadelphia, Pa., 1 year; Centreville, Md., 2 years; Still Pond, Md., 4 years; Odessa, Del., 1 year; Middletown, Del., 1 year; Jamestown, Md., 3 years; Germantown, Pa., 2 years; Magnolia, N. J., 2 years; Smyrna, Del., 2 years; Pa., 1 year; St. Michaels, Md., 9 months; Watchsprague, Va., 2 years; Conference Evangelist 4 years, retired in 1907.

Brother Dickerson was ordained by Bishop Levi Scott, his ministerial service covered a period of 45 years, he was an acceptable preacher a good counselor and a friend to the young men, a devoted husband, and a loving father.

Rev. W. C. Dickerson was a man of many rare gifts, graduated from the Theological department of the Morgan College when about 48 years of age, loved books, and was studious to the end. He loved the Delaware Conference and considered it his duty to inquire concerning the young men who desired to enter the Conference.

He met and married his third and last wife, Miss Maggie C. Davis, of Richmond, Va., in 1884, who still survives him, this union was blest with four children, three of whom preceded him to the glory land, Wm. McKinley, Lillian R. Johnson, Howard A., and Willis C., Jr.

We shall not soon forget his face and form in the Delaware Conference, especially as one of the committee on resolutions, no minister was more loyal to the standards and believed more sincerely in the doctrines and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church than Rev. W. C. Dickerson.

He was an efficient and useful minister of the gospel, and his work was fruitful of results, long had he been preparing for the end and when it came, he was ready, and died as he had lived, in the full assurance of faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ being able to save from all sin.

Servant of God well done! rest from thy loved employ,

The battle fought, the victory won, enter thy master's joy,  
The voice at midnight came, he started up to hear,

A mortal arrow pierced his frame, he fell, but felt no fear.

P. W. PRICE.

#### JACOB ANDERSON JEFFERS.

Late Rev. Jacob Anderson Jeffers was born in Millington, Kent Co., Maryland. He was the fourth child of Joseph and Elizabeth Jeffers. He was educated at the village school and acquired a remarkable knowledge of general literature and the Bible. He embraced religion at Millington, Md., in 1868, keeping the faith until the very end.

"O for a faith that will not shrink

Tho' pressed by every foe

That will not tremble on the brink

Of any earthly woe.

When a young man he went to Phila., and found employment. He soon became a member of Zoar M. E. Church. Every office of the church was filled by him very acceptably, even the pastorate.

He was admitted on trial in the Delaware Conference at Dover, in 1893. Bishop Walden, presiding. His fields of labor were, Laurel, 4 years; Preston, 5 years; Quantico, 4 years; here he lost his second wife; Lawtonia, 5 years; Galena, 3 years; Middletown, 1 year. On account of failing