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## FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

MONDAY, December 1st, 1884.

The Conference reassembled at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. JOSEPH H. WHEELER in the chair, and was opened with religious services conducted by Revs. L. S. BURKHEAD, D. D., and H. H. Gibbons.

The journal of this morning session was read and approved.

The chair called for the report of the committee on Memoirs, and previous to the presentation of which, made remarks suitable to the occasion.

M. L. WOOD read the Memoir of CHARLES CARRELL DODSON.

Remarks in eulogy were made by T. H. PEGRAM, R. P. TROY, W. C. WILLSON, JOHN W. LEWIS, JOHN N. ANDREWS, S. V. HOYLE, M. V. SHERRILL, and JOSEPH H. WHEELER.

## MEMOIR OF CHARLES CARRELL DODSON.

Rev. Charles Carrell Dodson was born in Patrick county, Virginia, June 6, 1832; and departed this life in Winston, North Carolina, May 17, 1884. He was a good man, "full of faith and the Holy Ghost." He was converted to God in his sixteenth year, when he fully consecrated his life to the service of the Master, and at once united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Soon he became conscious that his path of duty was in the regular work of the ministry, and in the fall of 1855 he entered Trinity College to prepare himself for his high calling. In November, 1856, he was licensed to preach; which he did during his vacations, and as opportunity offered while engaged in his studies in College. He graduated in June, 1860, among the first in his class. On the 10th of July of the same year he was married to Miss Margaret Leach, daughter of the late James Leach of Randolph county, N. C.; and in the following September he took charge of a High School near Springfield, Missouri. In 1861, when the late civil war commenced, he returned to North Carolina, and entered the army, and served as Chaplain for two years, of the 46th regiment of the army of North-

ern Virginia. He joined the North Carolina Annual Conference at its session held at Greensboro, N. C., December, 1863. He was appointed to the following Pastoral charges in the order named, to-wit: Forsyth Circuit, Madison Circuit, Wilson Station, Everitsville Circuit, Tarboro Circuit, Pittsboro Circuit, Kinston Station, Wilson Station, Thomasville and High Point, and Winston Station.

Rev. C. C. Dodson was a faithful Pastor, looking carefully after all the interests of the Church, and watching diligently over the flock under his care. While in the army the sick and wounded had no more faithful and tender nurse; nor any wiser spiritual adviser. He was laborious and self-sacrificing in his efforts to promote the physical and spiritual interests of the soldier.

Mr. Dodson was always a student, and an extensive reader, and he read such books as fed the mind and improved the heart. Hence he was a growing preacher up to the day of his death. His preaching was of a high order, spiritual and instructive; and often he preached with great power. His preaching was owned by the Great Head of the Church, in bringing souls to Christ, and in edifying the Church. His object was ever to do good.

No purer man ever lived than Charles C. Dodson. He was free from guile, and true in all his relations of life. He was a true citizen, taking a deep interest in the welfare of the State and of the nation. His friendship was steadfast. He never betrayed his trust. He was a faithful and loving husband and father. He loved his family devotedly. He was a man of prayer and of faith. He took hold of the promises of God with all his soul; and was constant in his habits of piety. He daily communed with God his Saviour. When the last conflict came he was ready. His experience was clear and soul animating. He grew in grace as he grew in years, always submissive to the Divine will, patient in suffering and triumphant in death. "He rests from his labors; and his works do follow him."

JOHN N. COLE read the Memoir of JESSE H. GUINN.

Remarks in eulogy were made by L. L. NASH, J. H. CORDON, W. S. HALES, JOHN R. BROOKS, and P. J. CARAWAY.

#### MEMOIR OF JESSE H. GUINN.

Jesse H. Guinn was born in about 1841, near Danville, Va. He enjoyed but few educational advantages in early life. He grew up to manhood in the rude strength of a most highly endowed mind, without training—without culture, in utter unconsciousness of the possibilities of a life that was to measure with the noblest and best of men. His early *religious* life was not good. Raised up with the most perverted views of doctrinal truth, under the