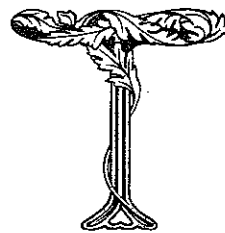


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At the close of this funeral service at the church, conducted so lovingly by his brethren of the ministry whom he loved so dearly, the Drew Masonic Lodge took charge of the rites. At the cemetery were spoken the solemn, inspiring words of the Masonic ritual. All the business houses in Drew closed during Bro. Duncan's funeral. The wealth of floral offerings, the thronged church, the long line of friends who followed his body to its eternal resting place, bore testimony to the love, the respect and the esteem cherished for him by those who had felt the enobling influence of his unselfish love and service.

From all over the conference, from friends far and wide, there came messages of sympathy to the bereaved family from friends of Bro. Duncan, expressing their personal loss in the passing of this faithful servant of God. The following excerpt from one of these letters expresses well the feeling of all: "I regard him as a minister of unusual gifts, great purity, and much usefulness. The Church has too few preachers like him. He lived to high purpose, wrought well, and I doubt not that he has entered upon a rich reward."

Bro. Duncan was a great preacher. He had a gift of good language that came from his native ability, wide reading, and hard study. His arguments were forceful. They brought strength to the weak faith and brightened the hopes of the despairing. His exhortations had an earnest and sympathetic appeal to the sinner to quit sin and give his heart to God. He loved to preach on prayer. He excelled in prayer. So, when he preached on this great theme he was on familiar ground. Yes, Bro. Duncan was a great preacher.

The following quotation is a fitting word picture of Bro. Duncan: "He spoke as he thought and there was no indirection in his nature. He was steadfast, honest, and sometime severe, though never without just cause. He could not endure that any man should deviate from the truth, and when he passed his own word he kept it fully and fairly. Though he did not excuse weakness and dishonesty in others, he kept a close watch over his knowledge of such frailties, save when the public weal demanded they be made known. Then he did not fear to speak openly and plainly so that none who heard could misunderstand his meaning."

We thank God for such a man as W. N. Duncan.

BURWELL POPE FULLILOVE

By T. H. Dorsey

Burwell Pope Fullilove was born in Dalton County, Georgia, on April 4, 1856. His parents moved to Attala County, Mississippi, in the fall of 1860. He was converted in Attala County at the age of ten years, and joined the M. E. Church South at the age of fourteen years. He was licensed to preach in 1878 and remained in the local ranks until 1885. He was ordained local Deacon at Kosciusko that year by Bishop Hargrove. He served the Ebenezer Circuit as Supply in 1886, and was admitted into the Annual Conference on trial at the end of that year at West Point.

He was married to Miss Eliza Jane McWhorter near Kosciusko on December 7, 1880. To them were born four daughters and one son. The son died in infancy. The daughters are Mrs. Alma Richardson, Blue Mountain, Mississippi; Mrs. Lillie Jamieson, New Albany, Mississippi; Mrs. Katie M. Hudson, Rienzi, Mississippi; and Mrs. Beatrice Roebki, Rienzi, Mississippi. There are nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

No parents were ever blessed with four finer daughters than these, all of them true to their own families and faithful and effective

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members of the Methodist Church in the communities in which they live.

Before any of their children were born Bro. and Sister Fullilove took a small boy, J. A. Caviness, to rear. He now lives in Itawamba County.

Brother Fullilove served the following charges: Starkville Circuit, 1887, 1888; Chapel Hill Circuit, 1889, 1890, 1891.

He was ordained an Elder by Bishop Galoway at Grenada in 1890.

Atlanta, 1892, 1893; Mashulaville, 1894, 1895, 1896; Corinth, 1897, 1898; Kossuth, 1899; Ripley, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903; New Albany, 1904, 1905, 1906; Potts Camp, 1907, 1908; Abbeville, 1909, 1910; Booneville, 1911, 1912, 1913; Rienzi, 1914, 1915, 1916; Chalybeate, 1917, 1918; Corinth South Side, 1919, 1920, 1921; and Golden, 1922.

At the end of that year he was granted the Superannuate Relation. He purchased a home at Corinth and lived there for some years, and then exchanged it for a home at Rienzi where he lived the remainder of his life.

Bro. Fullilove's first wife, the mother of all his children and a truly great woman, died at Rienzi, while he was pastor there, on December 19, 1915.

He served under the following Presiding Elders: R. P. Mitchell, R. G. Porter, W. T. J. Sullivan, T. Y. Ramsey, Sr., J. W. Price, R. A. Burroughs, T. Y. Ramsey, Jr., H. C. Moorhead, T. C. Weir, W. M. Young, J. H. Mitchell, T. H. Dorsey, W. W. Mitchell, J. E. Cunningham, J. B. Randolph, E. H. Cunningham, J. W. Honnoll, and J. H. Felts.

Bro. Fullilove was a good preacher and a faithful and successful pastor. He loved everybody and in turn was loved by all. He was truly an Apostle of love, "A good man full of the Holy Ghost." In the Lovefeast at every Annual Conference he testified to his love for God and his brethren, closing his remarks with these words, "Brethren, if I should not meet you again, you will know where to find me." We are all sure of his safe arrival in the home which God has provided for his faithful children.

On November 27, 1917, Bro. Fullilove was married to his second wife, Mrs. Eliza Bennett Ramer, of Ramer, Tennessee, who passed away January 17, 1930.

On October 5, 1931, he was married to his third wife, Mrs. Amanda Burch McCarty, of Plantersville, Mississippi, who survives him, living in their home at Rienzi, Miss.

The last three years of Bro. Fullilove's life were spent quietly due to a heart ailment, but most of the time he was able to attend all the services of the Church.

On Monday afternoon, May 20, 1940, after having been confined to his bed for three weeks, he passed away at the age of eighty-four years one month and sixteen days. Due to the fact that the Methodist Church at Rienzi had been destroyed by fire, the funeral service was held in the Baptist Church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. R. Goude-lock, assisted by Revs. E. M. Sharpe, T. J. Hopper, and J. T. Gullett. He was laid to rest in the Rienzi Cemetery by the side of his first wife.

We shall hope to meet him again on the other shore.