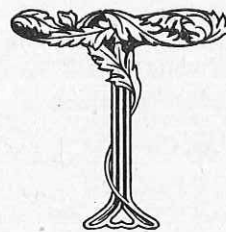


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On May 7, 1909, he was the victim of a slight stroke of paralysis. He was able to walk about for a few days, then for a time could be assisted by his family from his room to the porch, and was confined wholly to his bed a little more than a week. He realized that he was in his last sickness. Having arranged his personal affairs, and planned every detail of his funeral, selecting his pall-bearers from the laymen of First Church, he waited the coming of the chariot of God, hoping it would not long be delayed. The end of this man was peace. Sinking into a sweet, quiet sleep, he was not, for God took him.

The funeral services were conducted at First Church by District Superintendent J. S. Robinson, assisted by the Rev. L. W. Roberts and several of the city pastors. His body rests in Woodlawn cemetery, Fairmont.

G. D. SMITH.

REV. GEORGE W. GRAHAM.

Brother Graham was born in Baltimore, Md., August 24, 1851; and near the quiet hour of midnight, September 9, 1909, he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. In early life he gave his heart to God, and in his nineteenth year united with the Baltimore Conference, but was immediately transferred to the Virginia Conference and appointed pastor of Pocahontas charge. He served several charges in that conference, and filled the position of Presiding Elder for some time. After years of faithful service in the church, his health failed him, and seeking the good that might come from a change of climate, in 1881 moved from Virginia to Texas, and, because of protracted illness, was superannuated in 1883. He was twice married, first to a Miss Myers, of Augusta, Virginia, and the second marriage was to Miss Mattie Deacon. He died at Deihart, Texas, leaving a wife and five children to mourn his loss; thus going from the toils of the church militant to enjoy everlasting fellowship in the Church Triumphant which is without spot or wrinkle before the throne of God. His funeral was conducted at the church by Rev. Charles T. Elliott, his pastor, and concluded at the cemetery by the Masonic Order, of which he was an honored member. In a letter received from his pastor, it is stated that Brother Graham died in the full triumph of saving faith.

J. T. HICKMAN, Sec'y,

F. H. J. KING, Chairman.

WILLIAM H. HAMMOND.

William H. Hammond was born in Ritchie county, West Va., May 3rd, 1860, and died at Sherrard, West Va., Dec. 4, 1908. He was early converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal

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