

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. W. Tarrant, E. J. Allen, A. J. B. Foster, G. Green, S. Lassiter, G. W. Martin. 6.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

W. J. Hale, A. W. Smith, R. T. Rowland. 3.

WILLIAM J. HALE was born April 2, 1834, and departed this life at his residence in Statesville, Wilson co., Tenn., May 15, 1875. Brother Hale was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at a meeting held by the Rev. J. J. Comer, at Liberty, Tenn., in June, 1859, and was ever after a most zealous Christian. About that time he was happily married to Miss Paralee Sellars, and settled in business in Statesville, where, for several years, he was engaged in selling goods. He applied for, and received, a license to preach in September, 1868, and for one year he labored faithfully, as a local preacher, in the destitute region contiguous to his home. Here he laid the foundation for much usefulness in the Church of God. He was admitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference at Murfreesboro, Tenn., September, 1869, and appointed to the Statesville Mission, which charge he served for four consecutive years, and by his zeal and energy developed this new and uncultivated field into a good circuit. In the meantime he had brought up all his studies. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Pierce, at Lebanon, Tenn., October, 1871, and elder by Bishop McTyeire, at Franklin, Tenn., October, 1873, and was appointed in charge of the Woodbury Circuit. Brother Hale was a man of feeble frame; his health was poor for many years, but he possessed great energy and did a noble work; but consumption had marked him as a victim, and early in his fifth year in the Conference his health entirely failed, and he returned home to die. At the Conference in Gallatin, in 1874, he was placed upon the list of the supernumerary; his work was done. He lingered until May 15, 1875, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. His was a complete triumph. He rests from his labor, and his works do follow him. "Servant of God, well done!"

ROBERT T. ROWLAND, son of William Rowland, was born in Montgomery county, Tenn., about the year 1848. His mother died when he was quite a child, yet he sought the Lord in his youth, and sustained the reputation of a good, exemplary boy, in Stewart county, where he was reared. He told his pastor, the Rev. W. A. Turner, who baptized him, of his call to preach, and was licensed to exhort in 1867. The next year he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Yellow Creek Circuit, at Moore's Chapel. He was admitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference in 1869, and appointed to the White Oak Circuit. The following year he traveled the Waverly Circuit; then he was stationed at Springfield one year; the next year he was at Claiborne Chapel, Nashville; the following year he filled the Sparta Station. At our last Conference-

session he was stationed at Trinity, in Edgefield, but was afterward changed to Wesley Circuit. The brethren of this Conference, who knew him well, speak in strong terms of his purity of heart and life; his high order of intellect, which he was rapidly developing by close, diligent study; his habits of industry and economy; his modesty and propriety of deportment in every circle and relation of life. The people of his respective charges regarded Brother Rowland as a good preacher, a faithful pastor, and a model of piety. As an itinerant, he was true, prompt, and zealous; did his work well, and made full proof of his ministry. He abounded in pastoral work on the Wesley Circuit, and no exposure was too great for him when duty called. But the rigorous winter proved too severe a test for his feeble frame and delicate constitution to endure. Several hemorrhages from the lungs, in May, gave indication that a fatal disease was rapidly developing. He preached his last sermon either the third or fourth Sunday in May. Early in July he left Brother T. B. Holt's, his circuit-home, to visit the family of Brother John Haley, near Greenwood. There he was taken so ill that he never left the home of this kind and generous family. It was a lovely place for an invalid laborer in which to close earthly sojourn and suffering. The tender, loving ministries of Brother and Sister Haley were beautiful to behold. His own father and sister could not have done more to make his dying chair and couch smooth and peaceful. Drs. Williams and Richardson, of our Church, were kind and devoted in faithful attendance and attentions during his long sickness. He had arranged all his temporal affairs, and yet earnestly desired to live to labor in the loved employ of the Master. Two weeks before his departure Brother Holt, a lay delegate of this Conference, intimated to him that his end was near. After a few moments of earnest prayer, there was light in the valley, and a signal triumph over the last enemy. Thenceforth he desired to depart and be with Christ. Daily, as Brother Holt read the Scriptures, and talked with him, his heart grew joyous in hope of release from suffering, and the rest and reward so near, and he exultingly declared that his path grew brighter and brighter as he approached the perfect day. Thirteen days ago he sent us his dying love-message by his Presiding Elder, the Rev. R. P. Ransom, saying, "Give my love to the brethren of the Tennessee Conference. I love them better than any men in the world. If I die before the Conference meets, which I think probable, tell them I die in the Lord." On Wednesday night, Sept. 29, there was a severe struggle for a few minutes, then for nearly an hour he was sinking peacefully and quietly to rest, as a child drops to sweet and gentle slumber. Dr. Williams said to him, "Brother Rowland, do you know that you are dying?" He replied, "Yes—I am going to heaven." This dying testimony he twice repeated at intervals, and added, "Thank God!" and then the spirit of the pure-

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