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MEMOIRS.

REV. I. H. JOHNSON.

The Rev. Isaiah H. Johnson was born at Barclay, Queen Annes County, Maryland, January the twelfth, eighteen-fifty-one (Jan. 12th, 1851) and died July the twenty-fourth, nineteen-twenty (July 24th, 1920). He was the son of Isaiah H. and Lucy Anne Johnson who were honored members of the M. E. Church. He was converted while young and joined the M. E. Church at his home. He received his early training in the public school. After being called to the ministry, he further equipped himself for the work by taking a course at the Biblical Institute now known as Morgan College at Baltimore, Maryland. He joined the Delaware Conference in the year of 1881 and was ordained elder in 1884 at the session in Philadelphia, Pa. by Bishop Stephen H. Merril. He served the following appointments:

Frankford, Pa., 2 yrs.; Stockton, Md., 2 yrs.; Salisbury Circuit, Md., 1 yr.; Lewes, Del., 1 yr.; Church Creek, Md., 3 yrs.; Lee Mont, Va., 1 yr.; Seaford, Del., 2 yrs.; Fairlee, Md., 2 yrs.; Royal Oak, Md., 3 yrs.; Camden, Del., 2 yrs.; Kingston, Md., 2 yrs.; Deals Island, Md., 1 yr.; Sassafras, Md., 2 yrs.; Odessa, Del., 3 yrs.; Port Deposit, Md., 2 yrs.; Burlington, N. J., 2 yrs.; White Haven, Md., 2 yrs.; Oriole, Md., 2 yrs.; Retired in 1916 because of ill-health. He requested and was granted a supernumerary relation. At all of his appointments he was noted as an earnest enthusiastic preacher and a faithful and diligent pastor. He was a man of amiable disposition, fiery zeal and intense devotion. He always showed great ability in bringing things to pass. He had an unswerving faith in the power of the Gospel to save. After retiring from the conference he resided at his home near Pocomoke City, Md., and attended Unionville Church. In 1884 Miss Rosena F. Waters passed away only sixteen days before he received his summons to meet the King on high. He leaves three children (one daughter and two sons) two brothers, one sister and six grandchildren to mourn his loss. His funeral was preached by Rev. G. T. Townsend, pastor of Unionville Church assisted by Revs. W. R. A. Palmer, Rev. J. W. Jewett D.S. and Rev. G. S. Jacobs. His remains were deposited in the Trinity Cemetery, Unionville, Md., to await the summons of the General Resurrection.

JOHN HENRY HARMAN.

John Henry Harman, was born of good old Methodist stock, his father Edward Harman was one of the best known, as well as one of the best informed local preachers of this peninsula. His mother was the granddaughter of Joseph Whittington, the first pastor of Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilmington, Delaware.

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V. I. H. JOHNSON.

He was born at Barclay, Queen Annes County, Maryland, eighteen-fifty-one (Jan. 12th, 1851) and died July 27, 1920. He was married to Anne Johnson who were honored members of the church converted while young and joined the M. E. Church. He received his early training in the public school. In the ministry, he further equipped himself for the ministry at the Biblical Institute now known as Morgan State. He joined the Delaware Conference in 1884 at the session in Philadelphia presided by Philander H. Merrill. He served the following ap-

pastor at: Pocomoke, Md., 2 yrs.; Salisbury Circuit, Md., 2 yrs.; Pocomoke Creek, Md., 3 yrs.; Lee Mont, Va., 1 yr.; Pocomoke, Md., 2 yrs.; Royal Oak, Md., 3 yrs.; Camden, Md., 2 yrs.; Deals Island, Md., 1 yr.; Sassafras, Md., 2 yrs.; Port Deposit, Md., 2 yrs.; Burlington, Md., 2 yrs.; Oriole, Md., 2 yrs.; Retired in 1917. He was requested and was granted a supernumerary appointment. He was noted as an earnest, energetic and diligent pastor. He was a man of deep faith and intense devotion. He always showed a deep interest in his people. He had an unswerving faith in the gospel. After retiring from the conference he resided at Pocomoke City, Md., and attended Unionville Church. Rev. F. Waters passed away only sixteen days after he was called to meet the King on high. He leaves behind him (and two sons) two brothers, one sister and a large family. His funeral was preached by Rev. W. R. A. at Unionville Church assisted by Revs. W. R. A. and Rev. G. S. Jacobs. His remains were buried at Unionville, Md., to await the summon-

HENRY HARMAN.

He was born of good old Methodist stock, his father being the best known, as well as one of the best preachers on this peninsula. His mother was the granddaughter of the first pastor of Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church, Delaware.

He was born April 4th, 1848 at Girdletree, Maryland, and departed this life July 27, 1920. His early christian training brought him into the church when quite young, he was converted at eleven years of age in Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, Snow Hill, Md. He was very studious and took advantage of every opportunity to acquire knowledge.

On October 15, 1867 brother Harman was married to Miss Sarah Maria Parker, she became a leader among women of the charges he served and contributed largely to his success in the ministry, she was interested in everything which made for success, she was true and loyal to him during his illness, and administered to his necessities with fondest love and patience. After his marriage he moved to Baltimore, here he joined the Asbury M. E. Church. The pastor of that church soon discovered in young Harman the qualities of leadership, and appointed him a class leader, he also filled the positions of steward and Sunday School Superintendent, it was at this church he was licensed to preach.

Brother Harman returned and taught school in his home county, it was from this position he was called by the late John H. Holland who was Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District, to take charge of Vienna charge, the following year he joined the Delaware Conference and served the following charges:

Vienna, Md., 2 yrs.; Madison, Md., 4 yrs.; East New Market, Md., 2 yrs.; Odessa, Del., 2 yrs.; Mt. Joy, Wilmington, Del., 3 yrs.; New Castle, Del., 2 yrs.; Merchantville, N. J., 2 yrs.; Crisfield, Md., 5 yrs.; McDaniel, Md., 3 yrs.; Oxford, Md., 2 yrs.; Milford, Del., 2 yrs.; Seaford, Del., 3 yrs.; Vienna, second time, 2 yrs.; Retired at Berlin, Md. in 1917. In June 1918 he was appointed to supply Sinepuxent charge. He served this charge about two years, then he was appointed to supply East New Market for the second time. He had served nearly four months when he was called from labor to his reward. Funeral services were held at his former home Girdletree, Md., conducted by his District Superintendent Dr. David H. Hargis, assisted by C. W. Pullett, J. L. Nichols, L. H. Martin, M. W. Clark, W. E. Hilton, W. J. Helm, D. S. Quillen and E. F. Showell.

When the roll was called today I felt like rising and saying what was said of another in that beautiful story by Bishop Berry in the Christian Advocate of Feb. 24th. "Never mind about John Harman he has got his crown."

I know John Harman he was a christian gentleman of the old school. A hard worker, a safe and sound gospel preacher. There are some great monuments to his memory, but I will only mention one viz.—that beautiful structure Shiloh church, Crisfield, Md. It was a great undertaking to attempt to build at that time. It required much faith, but God was with him, and the work was accomplished.

There are some lives which disappoint us, some impressions of character, which have to be revised in later years, and some times reversed, but not so in the case of John Henry Harman. The good impression I formed of him years ago have continued through, unchanged to the very end of his life. I have known him from the beginning of his ministerial life. I do not mean a passing acquaintance, but a close personal familiar

acquaintance. We kept up correspondence during all these years, until the day he died, yes, he wrote me on the very day he died.

Permit me to give a few quotations from letters received from him. I have one here in which he writes me saying, "We can not be in the conference a great while longer, that is to say the time will seem short, then we will go where sorrow never comes. Only a little longer now and we will reach home to meet our loved ones who are waiting for us, yes, father, mother, sisters and brothers and old friends, O, that will be a happy meeting when we shall meet to part no more. It seems to me that the joy will be that we have conquered in this earthly combat.

I quote him from another letter. "It will not be long before I must lay off, but brother I intend to have the victory, yes, I have it now. While I feel the weight of years and my physical forces failing me, I am full of joy, my soul goes out on the wings of faith, so that some times I feel that I am almost close enough to speak to our departed loved ones. But not quite yet, but it will be soon. I am sure it will be pleasant when the days work is done, and we get home to rest. Now Dear Brother Waters if it be that you and I shall meet no more and I shall fall first, come on up home where Christ has gone to prepare a place for us—I'll be there—but should you go and get there before I do, you will not have to wait long for I will be there soon. He writes me from the Cambridge hospital, closing his letter by saying "He is with me all the time, and he closed his letter written on the day of his death, my saying "I thank the Lord He has been with me through it all, and He still is with me. John Henry Harman died well.

JOSEPH R. WATERS.

There is the throne of David
And there from care released.
The songs of them that triumph,
The chants of them that feast.
And they who with their leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever,
Are clad in robes of white.

REV. FREDERICK JOSHUA LEE.

The Rev. Frederick Joshua Lee, the son of the late Exus and Sarah Lee was born on Kent Island, Kent County, Md., May 15th, 1840. Early in the morning of October 28, 1920, he passed out of a room, where the air was heavy with opiates into an atmosphere exhilarant, and from a body painstruck into conditions rubicund with health immortal. He has become one of the inhabitants of heaven—deathless as God is deathless—never to know pain or sickness, or suffering, or sorrow except as a yivid reminiscence.

In the days of his youth, he became a christian and connected him-