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ries come trooping home as I attempt riend. He was my pastor when I was s his Presiding Elder for three years. thousands of golden moments in which n death has not robbed either of us.

by nature with a wonderful physique, He possessed a ready wit which was scenes of his boyhood made a deep im- mind was filled with folk-lore stories e the characters of his day live again. haracter impersonations made him an t occasions and even in smaller groups will always ring in the ears of those

healthy in the mechanic's art or upon became a Christian and in young man- h. He set out to prepare himself for came after long years of hardship and nith's sledge that he was able to beat him from what his heart hungered for ation and genial spirit finally won the t and a lover of justice and mercy. bscure member of his church or any bsolute freedom. He had been known need. He was a great Bible student him a forceful preacher. His dignity he pulpit drew people to him. old at the Methodist Church at Bearden 18, 1940, in charge of the Rev. Leland District, assisted by Rev. J. L. Hoover rris of Fordyce and the writer. Burial near Little Rock. ss him, I mourn him.

Harold D. Sadler.

Y. RUTLEDGE

Tennessee December 4, 1871, and came years of age. Having almost filled the e and ten years, he died July 26, 1941 t Springs. Brother Rutledge was twice Starnes of Marmaduke, Ark., on De- ch 30, 1926 after serving nineteen years second time he married Mrs. Alice Pat- She served with him in the active min- 19, 1939.

s ministry in the Methodist Protestant vice of twenty-one years in that Church South where he was active for eleven served the Hot Springs Circuit the first s conscientious in his work and loyal t places he served are: Rector, Mammoth isle, DeValls Bluff, Princeton, Malvern- ducted by the writer at the Gross Mor-

tuary Chapel in Hot Springs with the active and retired ministers of the city as honorary pall bearers. Interment was in Greenwood ceme- tery.

R. E. Simpson.

MRS. J. R. DIFFEE

Miss Dora Elizabeth Hall was born in Arkansas, September 16, 1889. She professed a hope in Christ at the age of 17, and joined the Dunkard Baptist Church.

On July 1, 1911 she was married to J. R. Diffie; and to this union were born eight children, three of whom died in infancy, and five of whom together with their father have survived her. One of the chil- dren, Rayford, is now in school preparing for the ministry.

When she became the wife of Bro. Diffie she assumed a mother's responsibility for her six stepchildren, and proved to be a real mother to them. Apparently there was no difference in her love, and concern, for her stepchildren, and her own children.

Soon after her marriage her church membership was transferred to the former Methodist Protestant Church, and she died a member of the United Methodist Communion, April 23, 1941.

The last eighteen years of her life were spent as a minister's wife, and she filled the place well. She took much interest in Bro. Diffie's work as a preacher and pastor, and offered many prayers for his suc- cess, and in every way possible gave him encouragement. And because of her faithfulness to carry on with Bro. Diffie in helping to strengthen the faith of the congregations he served as pastor, and in leading lost souls to the Christ, one has said: "She no doubt will share equally with him in the eternal rewards for service rendered in the kingdom of God." She was a good neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. She was respected, honored, and loved by folks every- where who formed her acquaintance.

While we are unable to understand now why God in his mercy and wisdom has taken this humble and true servant of his from the home, and the church, at a time when she seems so much needed, the writer believes that we shall understand it better after a while.

We would say to the bereaved, "Weep not as those who have no hope," for we are taught that there is a life beyond the grave, where all the redeemed in Christ shall live the fuller, richer, and happier life, and live it throughout eternity with Jesus, and all our loved ones who die in the faith.

W. O. Tisdale.

MRS. ANNA AUGUSTA HARRELL

Mrs. Anna Augusta (Williams) Harrell was born at Tulip, Arkan- sas, October 14, 1871, and died in Camden, May 2, 1941. On April 17, 1891 she was married to Rev. John William Harrell who passed to his reward on June 5, 1938. To this union six sons and one daughter were born. The following survive her: Rev. Van W. Harrell, Pastor First Methodist Church at Stuttgart; Don W. Harrell, Mayor of Camden; Bert and John W. Harrell also of Camden; Olin Harrell of Tyler, Texas; and Mrs. George Wilbur of Camden.

During more than forty years of active service she was the faith- ful, worthy and devoted helpmeet of her husband who served some of the leading Churches and Districts of the Little Rock Conference, among which were Hope, Benton, Malvern, First Church El Dorado, and First Church Pine Bluff and the Monticello, Pine Bluff, and Camden Districts.

All these places grew under the great leadership and pastoral care of Brother Harrell, and, without doubt, much of this success was due to the unfeigned piety, the unwavering faith, the consecrated loyalty, the effective labors, the queenly bearings, the dynamic experience and the personal winsomeness of this devoted woman of God. Blessed is that servant of the Lord with such a cooperative partner in life. Words cannot express the personal worth or evaluate the spiritual force of such a selfless personality. She gave of her time and strength in the exercise of her spiritual gifts on the altar of others' welfare; but in keeping with the genius of our holy faith they awakened the hidden powers of her soul and made her great and spiritually attractive.

It was the joyous privilege of this writer to minister unto her during the closing days of her earthly sojourn. Each visit was rich in fellowship and replete with inspiration. Her spirit is now in glory basking in the sunlight of God and rejoicing in the fellowship of the redeemed of Christ.

The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. John L. Hoover and assisted by Rev. B. F. Scott, in the First Methodist Church at Camden, Arkansas. Her body was laid beside that of her husband in Greenwood Cemetery to await the call of God on the resurrection morning.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

John L. Hoover.

MRS. O. H. KEADLE

Mrs. O. H. Keadle (Miss Vera Spence) was born at Beebe, Ark., March 11, 1874, and died at Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 5, 1941, in her 67th year. When she was 14 years of age she was converted in a meeting held at Quitman, Ark., by Rev. Weems. In her early life her father and mother both died leaving in her charge her three younger sisters and a brother for whom she struggled bravely to make a home. It was a great responsibility for a young girl but her trust was in God and His aid was present with her in all her hardships and trials. Today those sisters and that brother rise up to call her memory blessed.

She was married to the Rev. O. H. Keadle at Lonsdale, Ark., on May 21, 1914, the Rev. Forney Hutchinson performing the ceremony. They were a congenial couple and lived together happily until the death of Bro. Keadle. She was a loyal and energetic church worker being largely instrumental in the founding of our Methodist church at Lonsdale. She was an excellent Bible student and served as Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years. For a number of years she ran the only hotel in Lonsdale with a grocery store in connection. Fire destroyed all she possessed but she was still able on the following Sunday to request the Sunday School to sing the hymn, "God Will Take Care of You." She was a woman of strong faith, true character and fortitude. Her life was strewn with trials and burdens but she was able to bear them cheerfully and with gratitude for any helping hand offered her. She was buried in the Ten Mile Cemetery in the Lonsdale community.

MRS. J. M. OWEN

Mrs. J. M. Owen was born near Chalybeate Springs, Columbia County, Arkansas, some seventy odd years ago, and went to be with the Lord while living with one of her sons near Emerson, Arkansas, last summer.*

Sister Owen was the wife of Reverend J. M. Owen, a pastor of the former Methodist Protestant Church, and who preceded his wife in