

1872-3; on the Air-line Mission in 1874; on the Hall Circuit, Gainesville District, in 1875; and the Gillsville Circuit in 1876, when his term of ministerial labors in the gospel ceased with his life on the earth. Brother Mashburn was married twice. The union with his first wife was happy, and not unfavorable to his ministry. God blessed them with a family of eight children, all of whom they brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and in the walks of piety. One son became a pious, useful local preacher, and preceded the father to the better land. Seven still live, and all are acceptable members of the M. E. Church, South. He was married to his second wife, Mrs. Nancy M. Butler, August 27, 1869, whose only child was a daughter, and is still living. This marriage was also happy. They were "heirs of the grace of life together." Brother Mashburn was a man of fine physical proportions, endowed with an excellent constitution, inured to labor and hardness; and with a good native intellect, well cultivated for his limited opportunities. With a good mind well stored with the treasures of God's word, and with the practical knowledge of the world, of men and things, and the realities of life, he improved well the talents committed to his keeping, and made a useful laborer in the field of his Master—won many sheaves, and has doubtless gone home to receive a good reward. He possessed a good judgment and a well-balanced, practical mind, manifested alike in the prudent management of his own temporal affairs and the business of the Church. By his prudent economy, though his allowance was often meager, he avoided embarrassment, lived comfortably, and left his wife a comfortable home. As a local preacher in the country in which he lived and labored during his twenty years of local service, he rendered valuable and efficient aid and co-operation in a section where the gospel was much needed in those years to civilize and Christianize the people and to prepare the way for the Church when much of the land was not yet possessed by any Christian denomination. As a preacher he was earnest, spiritual, and practical. He was a man of a good spirit—cheerful, conscientious, popular in his sphere, acceptable, and useful. He was humble and ever ready and willing to do and suffer the will of his Master without murmuring, proving in sincerity his subjection to the gospel. He was noted for his punctuality and fidelity as a Christian and a minister. He did not confer with flesh and blood when duty called for labor and sacrifice. One day last March, while trying to reach his appointment, so great was his suffering from exposure to the cold that he never afterward entirely recovered from its effects. During his last illness, which continued for a week or more, he suffered extremely in body, but was calm and peaceful in spirit. Conscious of approaching dissolution, he had no fears of the future. He calmly made his will, and arranged all his temporal matters to his satisfaction. His prospect was bright and cloudless. When he was asked if he could still trust

in God, he answered emphatically and with emotion, "I do." He said he had made it the great concern of his life to know God experimentally, to have and enjoy communion with him. He assured his friends of a well-grounded hope of eternal life. He often rejoiced in the spirit, and said much to cheer and comfort all around him. He was buried, according to his wish, without much ceremony, at Ebenezer Church, in Forsyth county. The ground for the church and the cemetery was given by him, and the spot for his grave selected years ago. A good and useful man has departed from us. He was faithful unto death, and He who said, "He that is faithful in the least is faithful in much," and chose unlettered fishermen, and made them bright and shining lights, and accepted and rewarded their services, has doubtless accepted the services of Brother Mashburn, and crowned him with unfading glory at his own right-hand. We commend his family to the prayers and loving care of the Church.

The last end
Of the good man is peace. How calm his exit!
Night-dews fall not more gently to the ground,
Nor weary, worn-out winds expire so soft.

JOHN H. HARRIS, son of the Rev. West Harris and of Martha Harvey, his wife, was born June 7, 1830. He was converted at the age of eighteen years, at Salem Camp-ground, Newton county, Ga. He was licensed to preach in 1850, and admitted on trial in the Georgia Conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Savannah, January 8, 1851. He was appointed to the Watkinsville Circuit as junior preacher for 1851; to Lexington Circuit for 1852; to Carnesville Circuit for 1853. He was on the Elberton Circuit in 1854, on the Clarksville Circuit in 1855; stationed at the colored Church, Columbus, in 1856; at the colored Church in Athens, Ga., in 1857; at Cuthbert in 1858; at Fort Gaines in 1859; on the Lumpkin Circuit in 1860; on the Hamilton Circuit in 1861-2. His health failing, he was supernumerary in 1863-5. He was at Fort Gaines in 1866. He took a location in December of that year. He was on the Blakeley Circuit in 1868, when he was transferred to the North Georgia Conference. He was sent to the McDonough Circuit in 1869, where he remained in charge for four years. He was on the Newton Circuit in 1873. He was then stationed at Evans's Chapel, Atlanta, Ga., in 1874-6, where he died, February 17, 1876, of palpitation of the heart, from which disease he had been a sufferer for some time previous. On the day of his death he spent the afternoon in pastoral visiting. Finding himself in the evening uncomfortable from an attack of his affection, he was lying down, conversing in his usual cheerful manner, when suddenly he turned himself on his bed, and after a brief paroxysm his spirit departed in peace to the God who gave it. Brother Harris was married twice—in 1853 to Miss Martha Banks, and in 1857 to Miss E. Parks, the daughter of the Rev. William G. Parks of precious memory. These marriages were happy unions. His last wife, an excellent lady, and her six children still live, mourn-

ing the departed husband and father. Brother Harris as a man was a high-toned, large-hearted Christian gentleman. As a husband and father he was most affectionate and happy, making all happy about him. As a Christian he was devout, consecrated, and liberal in spirit. As a preacher he was clear, spiritual, practical, and abundant in labors and usefulness. For point, pathos, and effect few preachers in his Conference surpassed him. He was happy in illustration, and his preaching was persuasive and powerful in the liberty of the Holy Ghost. He was popular, and his bright, cheerful face and sunny disposition, added to the social qualities which he possessed in a remarkable degree, gave him great advantages as a pastor. Having access to the hearts of the people, he realized the largest success in winning souls to Christ. He addressed himself to the work of the pastorate with great devotion, and his labors were signally owned and blessed of God—large additions were made to the Church by his ministry, and revival power followed and accompanied his word and work. While he was on the McDonough Circuit, where he remained four years in perfect accordance with the wish of the people, it was publicly stated in the District Conference in his behalf, as the highest eulogy and testimonial of his acceptability, that but for the statute of limitation, with the consent of the appointing power, Brother Harris might be considered settled for life. Such was the devotion of the people who loved him living, and mourn him now dead. The people of Evans's Chapel especially will ever cherish his memory with the profoundest love and gratitude. "The memory of the just is blessed." His life and influence in the Church are a precious heritage. This Conference, bereaved by his death, and honored by his stainless character and devoted life, cannot better commemorate the virtues of our brother on this memorial occasion than to adopt the language of the tribute paid him by his brother ministers in Atlanta, and say that in the death of the Rev. John H. Harris the North Georgia Conference has lost one of its purest, ablest, and most useful members; a minister whose record is the story of patient, earnest, and successful toil in the gospel of Christ; and the loss of such a man is a most severe and grievous affliction; and that we tender to his bereaved widow and children our earnest sympathy, and pray that our Heavenly Father may ever sustain and comfort them. A good man hath fallen in Israel, who ceased at once to work and live; but being dead he yet speaketh. Having fallen in Christ, he rests from his labors, but his works will yet follow him. Over his death and grave we sorrow not as those who have no hope, and may even be as those who, though they weep, are counseled in God's word to "be as they who weep not;" for he is doubtless to-night in heaven, "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,
 Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet;
 Where the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,
 And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Athens District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Athens.....	363		1
Oconee Street.....	142		2
Factory Mission.....	234		1
Watkinsville.....	708	4	7
Madison.....	101		
Morgan.....	378		
Greensboro.....	254		1
White Plains.....	406		2
Lexington.....	207		2
Winterville.....	369		2
Washington.....	110	2	
Broad River.....	312	11	1
Little River.....	274		2
Crawfordville.....	237		1
Lineolnton.....	297		1
	4362	17	23

Atlanta District.

First Church.....	606		3
Sixth Church and West End.....	83		1
Fulton.....	820		6
Payne's Chapel.....	416		4
Evans's and Oakland.....	423		6
Trinity.....	501		5
St. Paul's.....	375		3
Edgewood.....	213		
East Point.....	650		6
Decatur.....	499	1	2
Conyers.....	386		5
Covington.....	332	1	2
Newton.....	736		4
Oxford.....	265		10
Monticello.....	391		1
Monroe.....	455		2
Social Circle.....	101		
	7262	2	60

Augusta District.

St. John's.....	353		5
St. Luke's.....	51		1
St. James.....	553		1
Jones's Chapel.....	74		
Asbury.....	564		1
Richmond.....	470		2
Belair Mission.....	332		1
Appling.....	611		7
Thompson.....	340		3
Warren.....	397		1
Warrenton.....	505		6
Sparta.....	168		1
Sparta Factory Mission.....	67		
Hancock.....	582		1
Milledgeville.....	332		
Baldwin.....	234		1
Eatonton.....	157		1
Putnam.....	513		4
	6203		36

Dahlonega District.

Dahlonega and Jones Chapel.....	213		3
Porter Springs Mission.....	212		
Dawsonville.....	468		11
Cleveland.....	543		4
Nacoochee.....	365		4
Blairsville.....	375	6	2
Morganton Mission.....	118		1
Elijah.....	259	1	1
Jasper.....	510		4
Clayton and Mission.....	245	2	
	3308	9	31