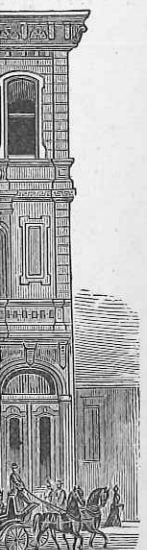


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In Memoriam.

REV. ROBERT HAWKINS.

The subject of this sketch was born at Oakland, Bedford County, near Lynchburg, Va., in the year 1839. His early years were spent as a slave on the farm of his master, where those sturdy traits of character which distinguished him in after life were formed and cultivated. Tiring of the farm, he "hired his time" as it was then called, paying his master a large sum annually for his freedom. This he could readily do and save by the operation, as he had learned the baker's trade, in which he had acquired such a proficiency that his services were in great demand in the best hotels and private houses in the State. He was engaged for years before and during the war in business in the City of Lynchburg, but by the laws of that State he was required to do so in a white man's name. At the time of Lee's surrender he was the proprietor of one of the largest and finest restaurants and boarding houses in that city. Serving in his capacity as baker at the Belleview High School, near the City of Lynchburg, he was converted to God in the year 1869, under the ministry of the Rev. Wilson W. Leewood of sainted memory. He attached himself to Jackson Street M. E. Church in which he was a faithful and valued member, until he was accepted into the itinerancy of the Church as a minister of the Washington Conference, which was done at Baltimore in 1873. His first appointment was at Princess Anne, Va., where he served one year, when this charge and Norfolk City were combined, he serving them both till March, '76, when he was appointed to Liberty, Va., (now Bedford City.) His other appointments were Middleburg, Va., '79-82; St. Paul's, Baltimore, '82-85; Clarksburg, Md., '85-88; Reisterstown, Md., '88 till May 5th, 1891, when God called him to a better appointment with Him in Heaven. His last illness was of short duration, no one, not even his immediate family being aware of the seriousness of his case until too late. He died as he had lived a firm consistent follower of Christ, a shining exemplar of religious manhood, a fit subject for Christ's Kingdom. His funeral was held from St. Luke's M. E. Church, Reisterstown, on Thursday, May 7th. The sermon was preached by the Rev.

Stephen Tascoe, and eulogies were delivered by Revs. Perry G. Walker, John H. Brice, and Wheeler Madden. Noted during his ministry for his great friendship for the young, his pall-bearers were selected from the young men in his congregation—those who knew him but to love him. Surrounded by sorrowing relatives and friends, the members of his church and others to whom he had ministered in their hours of gladness, or moments of sorrow, and amid those scenes where his latest work was done, he was tenderly consigned to his last resting place on that beautiful May day to repose till God's Messenger shall awake the sleeping dead. He was a firm advocate of education, and a patient student of both men and books. He strove hard to acquire that education of which slavery had deprived him. He possessed no mock sense of ministerial dignity, he was not too proud to be known as a student. At one time at Morgan College he and one of his sons occupied the same seat in the class-room, pursued the same studies and recited to the same teacher. This they did as brothers, each enjoying and profiting by the other's companionship, neither regarding the difference in their ages or positions. He was slow in forming his convictions, but when once formed he stuck to them tenaciously, caring neither for the plaudits of friends, nor the jeers of his enemies. His honesty and candor were two of the most prominent features of his character; no one questioned his motives; all wrong-doers feared that candor of expression with which his Conference speeches abounded. He was a bitter and aggressive foe to all forms of wrong, whether found in the Church or in the State. He prided himself upon the fact that he had served every one of his appointments the full limit allowed by the law of the Church; that he had never missed a Conference roll call, that he had never sought or accepted an appointment as a matter of favoritism. He was as willing to serve the poor charges in the mountains, as to minister to cultured congregations in the city. As a preacher he was earnest and eloquent, always aiming to instruct and admonish his hearers, to picture the beauties in God's Word and service, to reach their hearts through his preaching—rather than to excite their animal enthusiasm—that outward and misleading evidence of Christianity. As a pastor he was a success. No church suffered under his ministry. All were better for his having served them. He built or bought several churches and parsonages, collected his benevolences with promptness, and maintained all the different departments of the church with all the vigor and strength he could command. As a husband and father he was patient and loving, an example of Christian virtue. He was devoted to his family, ever mindful of his responsibilities and care-

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Rev. William Cooper was born in early life. His first appointment was to a town, Md. and Elder of the Washington Conference. After his death in Frederick City, Md. from there he returned and died January 4th. By the death of his father he was honored and early a royal witness. God in the testimony of a priest pouring out his great High Priest was a manly man his touch with his hug some great g

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ful to discharge them properly. He was always anxious about the education of his children and the youth generally of his race. He deplored his early disadvantages in this direction, and often said that no boy or girl should suffer as he did, if he could prevent it. In his death his family loses a friend earth cannot replace, his church a firm and fearless advocate, his Conference a faithful member, and his race an unswerving champion of its rights, and an eloquent example of its possibilities.

"Bye and bye we hope to meet him,
 Where no farewell tear is shed."

REV. WILLIAM C. COOPER.

Rev. William C. Cooper was born January, 1826. Brother Cooper was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in early life. He joined the Washington Conference in 1868. His first appointment was to the Liberty Circuit; and so on to Hagers-town, Md. and Baltimore City. Then he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Washington District, which he served with great acceptability. Afterwards he was appointed to Asbury, Baltimore, then Frederick City, Md., and then Govanstown and Lutherville charge. From there he received a Superannuated relation. Brother Cooper died January 4th, 1892. He was a devoted Christian gentleman. By the death of Bro. Cooper, the church on earth has lost a most honored and earnest laborer; the church in heaven has gained a royal witness. In the truest sense, he was a "Divine," a man of God in the testimony of his life as in that of his lips. He was a priest pouring out his intercessions with an inspiration, caught from his great High Priest in the Heavens. But while a godly man, he was a manly man; as he never lost hold on God, so he never lost his touch with men. Every sermon that he preached was made to hug some great gospel truth.

"Servant of God well done,
 The glorious warfare's past;
 The battle fought, the victory won,
 And thou art crowned at last."