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But his work was done, and on May 28. 1911, the Father called him to the home above. Farewell, Christian gentleman, true missionary, dear friend and brother! Thy example will not be lost upon us.-J. Lemacks Stokes.

DAVID HUCKS, son of Benjamin E. and Isabella Hucks, was born in Socastee township, Horry County, South Carolina, March 4, 1861. December 10, 1891, he was married to Miss Mary W. Stalvey, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Isaiah Stalvey. of Socastee, S. C. To this union were born seven children, of whom only two survived the earliest infancy. One of these, a son, died only a few days prior to his father's death; the other, a sweet little girl of four years, still lives a genuine sunbeam in the mother's life. Brother Hucks died June 14, 1911, at Pinewood, S. C., and was buried at Socastee. Entering the South Carolina Conference the latter part of November, 1890, he spent his first year as junior preacher on the Abbeville Circuit, and served the following charges in the order named: Abbeville Circuit. Williston, Hardeeville, Hendersonville, Enoree, Jonesville, Heath Springs, Oswego, and Pinewood. In length his pastorates were as follows: Two of one year, two of two years, one of three years, and three of four years. In his last charge he had spent just half a year when his death occurred. Except in the rural schools of his early home, Brother Hucks's educational advantages were very limited, yet few men of equal endowment made better use of their opportunities. He finished acceptably the course of study provided for the first four years of the preacher's membership in the Conference and throughout his ministry applied himself diligently that the man of God might be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Personally considered, David Hucks was a Christian gentleman, every inch of him, in the large meaning of those words. He was a man of gentle manners, calm temperament, attractive disposition, and fine character. He was truly an amiable person. No good man ever found it hard to make friends with him, for his heart was an open house to such, and his delight was to have fellowship with those who loved righteousness. To know him was to love him. Of him it may be truly said he loved the brethren. His personal religious experience was an unfailing source of comfort to him. He felt deeply the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and delighted to testify of his conversion and religious experience. As a preacher and pastor he was a valuable member of the Conference. Wherever he was sent it was all right. If in his judgment an appointment was not a felicitous one, he gave his opinion a secondary place and bent his every effort to make his ministry a blessing to those to whom he was sent. As a pastor he was neither indifferent nor perfunctory, but diligent and faithful, giving sympathetic attention to the sick frequently when his own body needed rest and care. His preaching was a straightforward, unpretentious presentation of the gospel. His one aim was to save souls. and he made everything else contribute thereto. To use his own language, his heart-hunger found expression in such exalted sentiments as this: "I want to be an effective preacher, one that can save souls." Those who knew him never looked to hear in his preaching a display of rhetoric or oratory, but found themselves always charmed with the earnest desire of the minister to bring the unsaved to Christ and to build up the faith of the believing. His sermons were without doubt prayerfully and carefully prepared, and delivered with feeling and feryor. The fact that fifteen of the twentyone years of his ministry were spent in four charges is an abiding testimony of the esteem in which he was held as a man, a pastor, and a preacher by the people he served. In his death the Church has suffered the loss of a valuable and serviceable preacher, the State a loyal and useful citizen, the wife and child a most affectionate and devoted husband and father. May the grace and peace of the Lord compass round about, shield, and bless the wife and child!

> "Soldier of Christ, well done! Praise be thy new employ; And while eternal ages run, Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

> > -E. S. Jones.

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