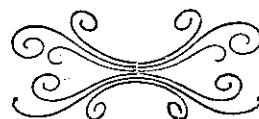


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Church, which was crowded

with a tearful congregation of his friends and a large delegation  
of his brethren in the ministry. Addresses were delivered by Dr.  
G. W. Smith, Presiding Elder Charles M. Anderson, and Rev. H. W.  
Byrnes. The body was laid to rest in Montville Cemetery, near  
Boonton, New Jersey.

He was married to Miss Hester M. Jacobus on September 12,  
1883, who with two sons and two daughters now mourn his loss.  
The older son is in Lehigh University. The older daughter is in  
Smith College. The two younger children are with the mother  
and in school in Jersey City. One brother and a sister, who for  
many years made her home with him and his family, also survive  
him.

To properly estimate his character is not an easy task. It is  
much easier to sketch a mountain peak which outlines itself against  
the sky, than a plateau whose altitude, however high, is obscured  
by the breadth of its summit. The mountain, with its walls of  
granite and its cap of snow may be more impressive, but the  
plateau's broad acres of smiling harvest are, after all, of far more  
value. Such was the character of our brother, in whom so many  
virtues rose to a common level that some of us did not realize his  
true greatness until we had looked back upon his achievements  
from the valley of death through which his spirit passed to the  
land immortal. He had the courage of a martyr, the purity and  
sweetness of a saint, the fidelity of a brother, and a wealth of  
affection unsurpassed.

The best testimony to his ability as a preacher and his faith-  
fulness as a pastor is that with the exception of the one year spent  
at Fulton Street, Elizabeth, he remained in every charge the full  
term allowed until the removal of the time limit. Few of his  
brethren can show a record of thirty years' ministry in only nine  
churches.

He was a great favorite with the young people, and a multitude  
of those whose character has been deeply impressed by his loving  
counsels and noble qualities will forever give tribute to his work.

He was a sweet singer, and most effectively brightened his ser-  
mons with snatches of song. Those of us who have attended the  
annual love feasts at Drew will not soon forget the effect of his  
warm testimony and his bursts of song.

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

### Charles Firman Hull, D.D.

By JOHN A. GUTTERIDGE

The Rev. Charles Firman Hull, D.D., was born in the city of  
New York, April 28, 1842, and died in Woodbridge, New Jersey,  
August 6, 1906. He had the good fortune to be born of Christian  
parents, and on the records of the historic old First Presbyterian  
Church of New York may be found the names of John James Hull  
and Matilda Carmen Hull, the father and mother of our deceased  
brother.

He received his early education in the public schools of New York

in which he was prepared to enter the New York Free College. From a youth he had cherished the desire to go to sea and an opportunity presenting itself, he entered the merchant service. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean and had reached Liverpool on his way to China when the echoes of a gun that had been fired at Fort Sumter began to reverberate throughout the world and reached his ears. He was too much of a patriot to continue his journey. His intense love of country and conscientious responsibility of citizenship led to an immediate return to the United States and very soon his name was enrolled in the Fifth Regiment New York Volunteers—the famous Duryea Zouaves.

After a creditable service in the army he enlisted in the navy as master mate. He was quickly promoted to the position of ensign and bravely filled that office to the close of the war. This part of his life was full of thrilling incident and adventure. He was not only present at the storming but at the capture of Fort Fisher, for he was one of five volunteers who went in on the famous "Powder Boat Expedition," to blow up the fort.

Victory having been achieved and the war ended, he felt that his duty to his country in that direction had been fully discharged and he retired from the service with honor.

Regarding his call to the ministry and the self-sacrificing spirit that animated him at that time, Rev. E. M. Garton, his intimate friend has beautifully made mention in the following communication to me: "To such a spirit, animated and controlled by the very highest purposes and desires and possessed of such capabilities, there came many flattering invitations and special opportunities. A less steadfast, resolute, consecrated character would have yielded to such tempting calls and devoted his life to the pursuits that bring competence and wealth, but our brother, like one of old, had a vision—a heavenly one—to which he could not be disobedient. Henceforth through life he was not his own. Called to the work of preaching the gospel, he felt the inadequacy of his attainments and the need of thorough preparation. As he could not enter upon such sacred work without being unmistakably called, no more could he engage in it until he was ready to show he was 'approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' Animated by this purpose, and feeling, as he has often said, that any place, however humble, where he could serve the Lord, was the place where he wanted to be, he entered Madison, now Colgate, University and also studied at the theological school connected with the same institution."

Brother Hull's training for the ministry having been pursued in a Baptist university it is not surprising that his first work was done in the churches of the Baptist denomination. He served several of these churches with great acceptability and gratifying success. Later on he felt drawn toward the Methodists and conscientiously felt that God had a work for him to do among that people. In 1877 he joined the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and from that time to the day of his death he was a greatly beloved Methodist minister. No more conscientious man ever went in and out among us. He did his work up to the full measure of his ability and in every church he served he left tokens of the Master's blessing.

The year he was received into the Newark Conference he was appointed by Bishop Peck to serve the church at Mount Hope, his subsequent charges being Woodrow, Otisville, Rockland Lake, Bayonne; Trinity, Rahway; Saint Paul's, Staten Island; Linden Avenue, Jersey City; Cross Street, Paterson; Davis Memorial, Har-

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ison, and Woodbridge to which he was appointed at the last session of the Conference.

Dr. Hull was a close student of the Word of God and a very capable expounder of that Word. His sermons were logical, strong, and convincing. He felt his responsibility to God for the souls whose oversight he had and could always be depended upon to deal with them squarely and honorably. He was of a very affectionate nature, hence was an ever-welcome visitor in times of sorrow and bereavement. His comforting and consoling prayers in times of sickness and sorrow are remembered in many homes as among the most fervent and effectual of their kind. This remarkable gift, combined with his sympathetic nature, sincerity of purpose, genuine goodness, and unselfish devotion to the welfare of his people, gave him a wonderful influence over them, and he was therefore enabled to lead many of them to Christ.

His home life was a very happy one; he was a devoted husband and father, and was held by every member of the household in the highest affection. His beloved companion had shared his affection from the days of their student life, for it was while he was still at Colgate University that he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Boyd, of Hamilton, New York, who now mourns his loss. He leaves behind him one daughter, Mrs. William L. Hayward, and one son, Firman Boyd. Another daughter, Harriet Elizabeth, had preceded him to the better land.

The death of Brother Hull came as a great surprise to the Conference, and there was universal sorrow as the news spread. It is comforting to be able to say that though the end came very unexpectedly, Brother Hull was fully prepared to meet it. The very day of his death, in talking with a loved one, he said: "It is all right; the Lord is my strength and my Redeemer; my trust is in Him." Later in the day he turned his head to one side and passed away without a struggle. To all that were present it was very evident that as he entered the valley and shadow of death the Lord was his Comforter.

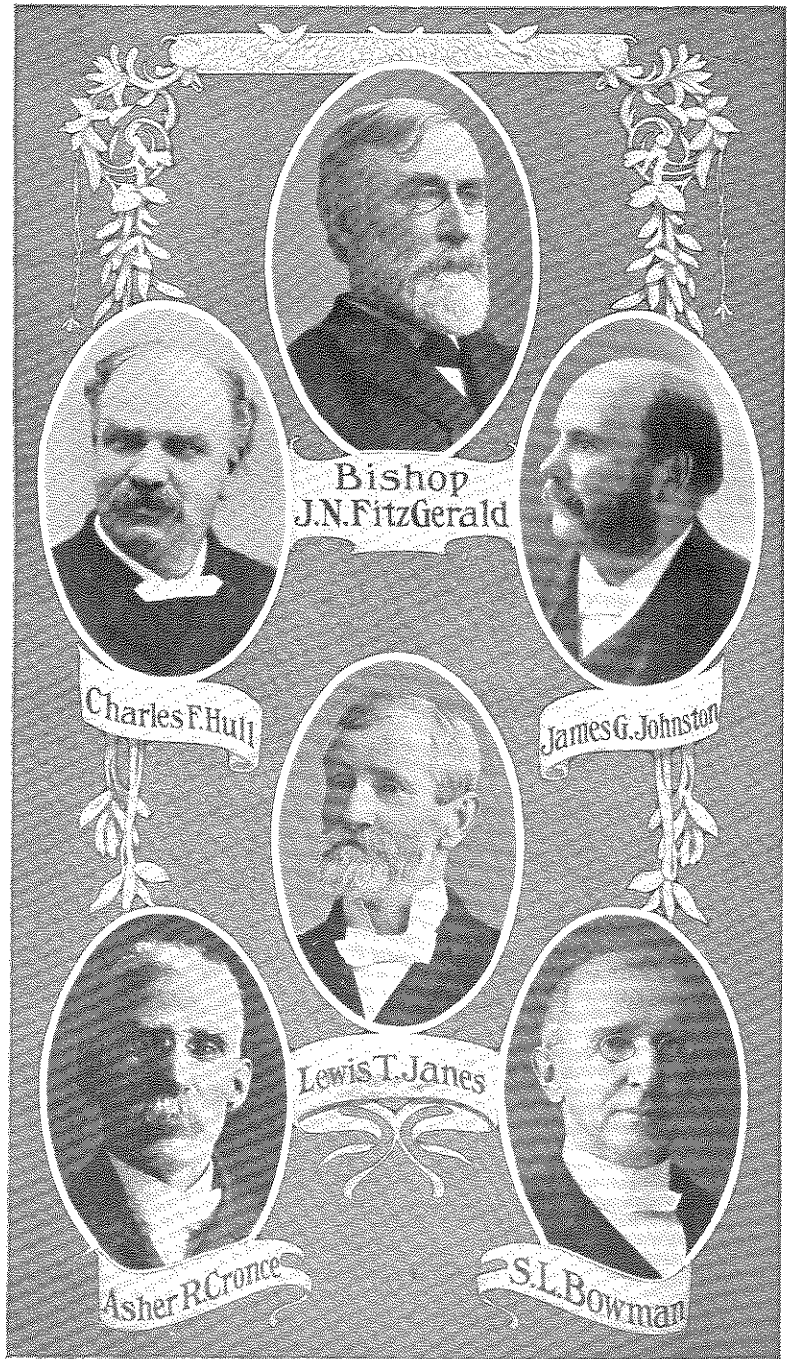
The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Woodbridge. Rev. Daniel Halleron, his presiding elder, was in charge and made an address as did also Rev. C. M. Anderson and Rev. E. M. Garton. The Rev. T. C. Mayham and Rev. W. S. McCowan participated in the services. Many brethren of the Conference were there to take leave of the remains until that glorious reunion above,

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

### Shadrach L. Bowman, D.D.

BY H. A. BUTTZ

Shadrach Laycock Bowman was born near Berwick, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1829. His parents, Jesse and Anna Bowman, were staunch Methodists. He was converted to Christ in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Berwick July 31, 1849. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Scott and began his itinerant ministry on Carlisle Circuit, Baltimore Conference, March 11, 1855. He was ordained elder by Bishop James March 9, 1857.



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