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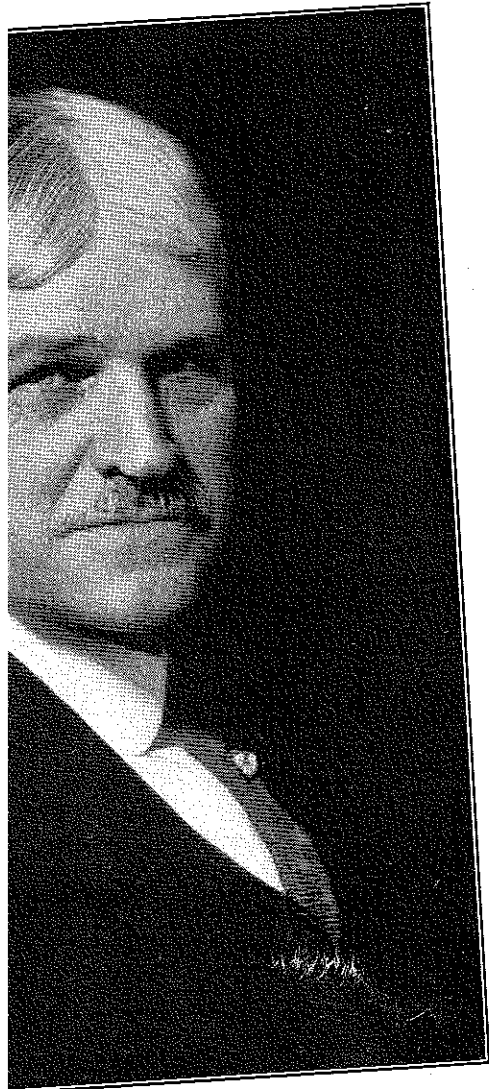
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## MRS. HENRY FRANKLAND

Born and bred in a Friendly environment, Esther Stackhouse Frankland ever remained true to the Christian ideals which the Friends have cherished and superbly lived from the time of George Fox to this. Her fine breeding and genuine culture were always evident in graces of speech and manner, but never obtrusive. She eagerly did her share of the world's work, patiently bore heavy burdens, and went about doing good by stealth, being filled with wonder to find it known.

On June the 29th, 1918, she was united in holy wedlock with the Reverend Henry Frankland, whose departure came so suddenly a few months before that of his stricken helpmeet, to whom he gave "his last full measure of devotion." During the short period from the sunny June of 1918 to the golden autumn of 1926, Henry Frankland was ever the devoted knight of his good "Queen Esther," who well-merited all the devotion he so freely gave.

About two years after her marriage she voluntarily relinquished her birthright membership in the Society of Friends and accorded the writer the rare honor of baptizing her and receiving her into the fellowship of the St. Matthew's Methodist Episcopal Church. Her subsequent loyalty and devotion to the work of the several charges of which her husband was the pastor are so well known that I need not speak of them here.

Unflinching courage and faith had their innings when this noble woman came into the shadows and abode in a frail tabernacle that trembled and rocked in the storms of physical pain and distress. Like a bird with the huntsman's arrow through its heart that still utters a plaintive note, so her voice of praise was not stilled, for she keenly realized the truth of the line, "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world." She gave the clearest evidence that her mind was stayed on God, and that she was in the possession of a great hope that glowed like a beacon on the western horizon, toward which she was steadily faring. In the evening twilight of November 17 coveted rest came after a long period of physical anguish and torment.

Services in charge of the Reverend Herbert F. Randolph, D.D., minister of Calvary Church, in which the Reverend C. M. Boswell, D.D., the Reverend S. W. Smith, D.D., and the writer participated, were held on November 22, 1926. Interment was made in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. A brother, Mr. Louis Stackhouse, and a sister, Mrs. Maud Ritter, survive her.

"O what makes woman lovely? Virtue, faith,  
And gentleness in suffering: an endurance  
Through scorn and trial; these call beauty forth.  
Give it the stamp celestial, and admit it  
To sisterhood with angels." —Brent.

Prepared by HENRY E. WALHEY.

## MRS. THOMAS KELLEY

Emma L. Kelley, born in England, April 25, 1842, resided in Napinee, Ontario, Canada, when she met Rev. Thomas Kelley, a young Wesleyan minister, while attending a session of the Conference. They were married in 1869, and were abundant in service during an itinerant career of over fifty years in Canada and the United States. The last thirty-three years of his life, her husband was an honored member of the Philadelphia Conference, until his translation in March, 1913.

Mrs. Emma Kelley was a Christian from her youth, and loved the work of the pastorate. She was a devoted wife and mother, unselfish, kind and winsome in her relations with the congregations, and had a host of loyal friends. When her husband was called to the heavenly home, she found comfort in Christ, and continued loyal to Him, living over the blessed experiences of the past, and with an expectant hope she awaited the heavenly summons, February 10, 1927.

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Her last years were filled with infirmities, but she died peacefully and triumphant at the home of her son, Thomas H. Kelley, who is postmaster at Moore, Delaware County, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her son, in charge of her pastor, the writer, assisted by Rev. Christian H. Shirk. Mrs. Alfred Gray, the soloist at Dr. Kelley's funeral thirteen years before, sang of the heavenly home. Her body was laid to rest in the Arlington Cemetery, by the side of her beloved husband, and the faithful wife of a devoted itinerant minister journeyed on believing in the Christ and immortality.

"And I shall see Him face to face,  
And tell the story saved by grace."

Prepared by ALBERT M. WITWER.

MRS. BENJAMIN A. SCULL

Cordelia Myers Scull, the talented and devoted wife of Rev. Benjamin A. Scull, was called to a mansion in her Father's house, after only four days' illness, on Sunday evening, December 12, 1926. What could have been more fitting than that instead of worshipping as she had been accustomed, in her husband's church in Nesquehoning, to be called to worship at the throne of her Master.

Mrs. Scull was born in Phillipsburg, N. J., May 27, 1876. She was the only child of John M. Myers and Mary E. Myers. Early in life she became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of her home town, and continued an active and faithful member of that church until her marriage to Rev. Benjamin A. Scull, December 13, 1904. Her death was on the eve of her twenty-second wedding anniversary.

She was graduated first in her class from the Phillipsburg, N. J., High School, in 1894. She then took a special course in psychology under Prof. Howell, of Phillipsburg, N. J. Later she entered Perkiomen Seminary, and was graduated from that institution valedictorian of her class.

She taught two years in her Alma Mater, and three years in the public schools of her home town.

Being of the highest type of Christian character and in full sympathy with the work of her church, after her marriage she gave up all interests outside the church and the home, and became a devoted co-laborer with her husband, sharing nobly all the many responsibilities of the parsonage and the church.

Her brilliant intellect and sympathetic interest in folks made her a very splendid leader in the church and a mother like Susanna Wesley in the parsonage.

She is survived by her husband, her mother, Mary E. Myers, and by three children, John Frederick Scull, a graduate of Lafayette College and a teacher of history in the Wilson Borough High School, of Easton, Pa.; Mary Elizabeth, a student at the American University, Washington, D. C., and Howard Myers Scull, at home.

The funeral service was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Nesquehoning—Brother Scull's charge—and was attended by a large number of the members and friends of the church.

Dr. T. H. Evans, District Superintendent, was in charge of the service and was assisted by B. C. Dahms, C. W. Kitto, the pastor of the Baptist Church, and by W. E. Myers. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Easton, but her soul is with Him who makes joyous the life in the parsonage and eternal the work of the pastor and his wife who live sacrificially and devotedly for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Prepared by W. E. MYERS.