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On November 5, he experienced a succession of violent convulsive conditions, and interrupting consciousness. A little while after he awoke from his beloved sleep, that "peaceful rest, whose waking is

on November 9, after a prayer had been offered by the Rev. Dr. T. C. Wright of Thomas W. Maclary was borne from his late residence, the Twentieth Street Church, where appropriate services were held by the Revs. S. W. Thomas, W. E. England, G. G. Rakestraw, W. H. Hinton, J. S. J. McConnell, J. F. Crouch and D. W. Gordon. The service was held at Hillside, Montgomery county, Pa., the Rev. J. M. Wright officiating at the service at the grave.

Brother Wright, a plain, practical, pointed preacher of the Gospel; careful in preparation for the pulpit, he was listened to with interest and was also a sweet singer in our Israel, and moved many persons to Christ and salvation by the Gospel which he sang. As a man, he was a true and faithful, full of tenderness and sympathy. The sorrowful and needy, found in him a friend and helper. As a Methodist he was thorough, consistent, devoted, loyal, and he was all these in one. He had a high conception of the dignity and responsibility of the office, although possessing a nature full of mirth, humor and joyfulness. He loved his people, and made him one of the most genial companions, he never allowed his position to subordinate his dignity as a minister of Christ. In all the communities in which he lived he exerted a blessed influence by giving him many seals to his ministry. He was a companion for nearly forty-eight years, and their adopted daughter, know, by the knowledge that is born of Christian faith, that although absent from the body, is present with the Lord.

Rejoice for a brother deceased,

Our loss is his infinite gain;

A soul out of prison released,

And free from its bodily chain;

With songs let us follow his flight,

And mount with his spirit above,

Escaped to the mansions of light,

And lodged in the Eden of love.

REV. JOHN B. McCULLOUGH, D. D.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. John B. McCullough, D. D., was born at Elk Ridge, near Oxford, Chester county, Pa., February 25, 1823, and died at Chester Heights, Delaware county, Pa., July 25, 1894, in the seventy-second year of his age.

His parents being honored and faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, his early religious training was almost entirely in the school of Calvinism. But he was a striking example of the fact that Calvinistic culture, supplemented and modified by the ever-preachable tenets of Methodist Arminianism, and a conscious regeneration by the Holy Ghost, produces stalwart Christians.

During a revival service held in the Elk Ridge M. E. Church Brother McCullough was converted on October 28, 1838, when he was fifteen years old. While his early associations and domestic ties drew him toward the Presbyterian Church, his inclinations turned him away from the Church of his parents and toward the people among whom he found the pearl of great price; but he did not hastily decide which should be his Church home. However, after nearly four months of inquiry and mental struggle, he concluded that it was his duty to join the Methodist Church, because her doctrines were most in accord with his convictions, and also because in her fold he could best serve the Master and men and secure his own ultimate salvation. Therefore, he united with that Church, February 10, 1839, and never for a moment regretted taking that step.

Endowed by his Creator with a good mind, a thirst for knowledge and strong powers of application, he eagerly seized the educational advantages within his reach. After passing through the public schools of his neighborhood, taking a thorough course of study in a first-class academy, two years of careful drill in history and languages, under a superior teacher, and during the same period exercising his talents in teaching the English branches and mathematics, he stepped into the arena of his life-work well-equipped for one of that period to fight the battle of life and win success.

Brother McCullough received license to exhort in 1844 and license to preach in 1845, and one year later, in 1846, he was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Annual Conference, and in 1848 he was advanced into full connection. He remained a laborious, useful and honored member of that body until promoted to heaven, or for forty-eight years.

In the annual arrangements of the work of the Conference his appointments have been as follows: In 1846 Delaware City Circuit, and in 1847 Strasburg Circuit. In 1848 he was ordained Deacon and stationed at Port Richmond, Philadelphia, and in 1849 at Germantown. In 1850 he was ordained Elder and appointed to Ebenezer, Manayunk. In 1851 and 1852, Minersville; 1853 and 1854, Mauch Chunk; 1855 and 1856, Ebenezer, Reading; 1857 and 1858, Western; 1859 and 1860, Ebenezer, Philadelphia; and in 1861, City Home Mission. In 1862 and 1863 he was stationed at Front Street; 1864 and 1865, at Pottsville; 1866, 1867 and 1868, West Chester; 1869, 1870 and 1871, Green Street. Thus for twenty-six years, without an intermission of over two weeks at any one time, he continued steadily in the work of the pastorate. In 1872 he was made agent of Chester Heights Camp-meeting and Excursion Association; in 1873, Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society, a position to which he was appointed year by year until 1885, when he was placed in the editorial chair of *The Philadelphia Methodist*, which he continued to fill till his work was done and God called him from labor to rest.

In electing him, in 1872, as one of the delegates to the General Conference, meeting in Brooklyn, and again in 1884 to represent, with others, their Conference in the great quadrennial assemblage in Philadelphia, his brethren conferred an honor upon him which he highly appreciated and never forgot; nor was that honor misplaced, for in these responsible positions Brother McCullough was vigilant, diligent and faithful, doing well the work which came to his hands, whether it was congenial or otherwise.

As a preacher he aimed not to be sensational, learned, philosophical, eloquent nor popular, but to proclaim the great truths of the Gospel for the instruction of the ignorant, to hold up Christ as the Saviour of men, to direct the Christian worker to usefulness, to feed the flock with "milk and meat," to comfort and encourage the sorrowing, and to show the weary pilgrim a blessed immortality; and all this he accomplished with a clearness, tenderness, seriousness, earnestness, spirituality and solemn solicitude for souls, which made his ministry impressive, powerful and successful in converting sinners, comforting the afflicted and in edifying believers.

If the highest genius is the wisdom to see the work that should be done, and the capacity and willingness to perform it, then Brother McCullough possessed a large share of that endowment. His piety did not spend itself on emotion and talk, but abounded in the fruit of good work. The children of his brain have become stalwarts and are still growing. He was like a tree reaching upward toward heaven, outward towards hills and vales, and dropping its fruit on the soil from which it springs. Or like a fountain sending out sparkling, gladdening streams which widen and deepen as they flow. Though death has removed him, his surviving works are useful agencies which have not reached full vigor. He was one of the original corporators of the Board of Church Extension, also of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society, and the foremost man in founding and fostering the Chester Heights Camp-meeting Association. He originated our Conference periodical, which he started in April, 1876, under the name of *The Monthly Messenger*, and so continued it until January, 1879, when it developed into a semi-monthly, bearing the title of *The Philadelphia Methodist*. Sustained by the industry and energy of its founder, it became a four-page weekly in 1881, in 1882 an eight-page, and in 1883 it was enlarged to sixteen pages, and took not only an influential position in the Conference, but the front rank among Conference papers. He originated, in 1868, the "Preachers' Aid Society," which, through his influence, was adopted by the Conference in 1869, and which, though it started without a dollar, has for nearly twenty-seven years met all its obligations, done a vast amount of good at the very times when its helpfulness was most needed, and now possesses great possibilities of usefulness to our Conference. Among the productions of his fertile brain and generous heart this society stands in our midst, perhaps, his greatest monument.

As a member and officer of the Board of the Preachers' Aid Society our brother brought definite knowledge, good judgment, broad views and a kind heart to his duties, and he was always diligent, persevering, faithful and hopeful—a high example and powerful inspiration to us all. In his intercourse with its beneficiaries he was considerate and sympathetic, and often mourned because we could not more fully meet their necessities. He was their true friend. He brightened their lives.

Brother McCullough had many excellent qualities of mind and heart, so combined and developed that he lived among us a striking character. He possessed good mental faculties, his mind was well disciplined and furnished with useful knowledge and he had superior organizing and administrative abilities. He had modesty and boldness, gentle-

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Brother McCullough was married, December 4, 1849, to Miss Rebecca J. Byerly, who, gentle, kind and thoughtful of others before herself, shared with him, for over thirty-five years, the toil and joy of the itinerancy, and died in holy triumph April 22, 1885. Their two children survive, the eldest, W. G. McCullough, M. D., residing in Trenton, N. J., and J. Howard McCullough, in this city. He was married again in August, 1886, to Mrs. Anna M. Dalrymple, M. D., who nobly sustained him in his work, and with her son, Mr. Fisher Dalrymple, his wife and her two daughters affectionately ministered to him in his sickness and death. He has one sister still living, Miss M. C. McCullough, the only surviving member of a large family. They mourn his loss.

In his domestic life our brother was a Christian husband and father, gentle, genial and generous, winning the hearts of those about him to himself and to Christ. His sons, his step-son and step-daughters rise up to praise him.

Last April Brother McCullough was taken ill of acute gastritis. He spent a short time at the seashore without much improvement and returned to the city. When the heat became intense he went to Chester Heights, a spot he loved, and there acute peritonitis set in, from which he died, July 25, 1894. While he desired to live longer that he might labor more, he was ready to lay down the oar of toil at the mouth of the harbor of rest. An entrance was administered unto him abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

His piety was real, his character spotless and his life useful. Truly a noble and consecrated spirit has gone from earth to heaven, and the Church and the world are poorer on that account. He lived in an age when such men have been greatly needed, and he has grandly done his part. His duties are finished; he toils no more, and he has his reward. Death was a part of his assets.

His funeral took place on Saturday, July 28. The services, which were held at his last residence, 1719 Park avenue, were in charge of Rev. Dr. S. W. Thomas, P. E., assisted by Rev. Dr. J. S. J. McConnell, Rev. Dr. J. R. T. Gray, Rev. Dr. T. C. Murphy, Rev. Dr. W. L. McDowell, Rev. Wallace MacMullen, Rev. W. M. Ridgway and Rev. W. S. Pugh. A large number of other ministers and friends were present. The body was interred in Mount Moriah Cemetery. He was faithful.

REV. T. P. NEWBERRY.

The Newberry family is among the oldest families of New England. They have resided in Windsor, Conn., since 1630. One of them held a commission as captain from George III., of England, and in 1776 espoused the cause of the colonies against the crown, and became a major-general in the Revolutionary army. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was for two terms a member of the State Legislature of Connecticut. The homestead has been in the family ever since 1636, and is now occupied by two of his uncles. His father came to Ohio in early manhood, married and settled in the State. Trusten P. Newberry was the oldest son, born January 3, 1859, and was named for Trusten Polk, who married a cousin of his father, and who was at one time governor of the State of Missouri, and later a general in the Confederate army.