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ERASMUS M. NICHOL, the subject of this brief memoir, was the son of pious and respectable parents, and from his infancy was dedicated to God; and of him it may be said that he knew the Holy Scriptures from his youth. His natural disposition was amiable, his mind susceptible of the highest improvement, and his perseverance in his studies and work was only surpassed by his desires to be useful to his fellow men.

He was happily converted to God in the morning of life, and at once united himself to the Methodist E. Church; and in the Spring of 1844 was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ, and in the Fall of the same year was admitted upon trial as a travelling preacher in the Memphis Conference, and was appointed to the Dresden circuit, where his modesty, piety, and zeal for his Master's cause, secured to him the confidence and affections of the Church. In the year following he was appointed to the Wesley circuit, and was again alike prosperous and beloved. In the succeeding year he was stationed in the town of Paducah, Kentucky, where he was enabled, through the grace of God, to sustain both himself and the cause of his blessed Master, and under his godly ministrations the Church was revived, edified, and built up. His next appointment was in the city of Jackson, at which place the Memphis Conference was then sitting. He entered upon his ministerial and pastoral duties promptly, and continued at his post of sacred honor and trust, admired and beloved by all who knew him, until about the middle of April last, when he fell sick of an inflammatory sore throat, but was not considered dangerous until several days had elapsed, when he was suddenly taken worse, and after extreme sufferings, which lasted for a few days, fell asleep in Jesus.

In brother Nichol's death, we have a striking instance of the all-sustaining power of Divine grace. Being assured that the hour of his departure had come, he calmly adjusted his temporal business; and then called for the *Holy Bible*, and requested a Bro. Minister in attendance with him, to read the fifth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, upon various portions of which he offered an interesting commentary. Thus did the Holy Scriptures cheer him in his last affliction and final passage through the valley of the shadow of death. Truly the Bible is a light that shineth in a dark place. And with his dying breath gave utterance to his last request, which was, that his brethren of the Memphis Conference should all meet him in heaven, and that he died as he had ever wished to die, at his rostr. His last words were, Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus. Thus died this lovely young minister, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, as it is believed in the twenty-fourth year of his age, in the comfortable hope of a glorious resurrection.

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