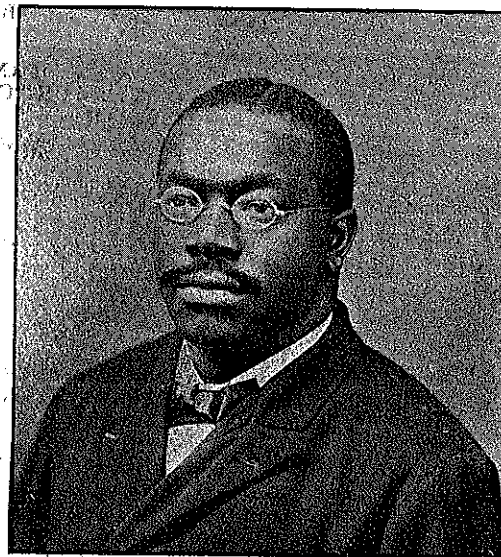


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BISHOP W. X. NINDE, D. D., L. L. D.

On Thursday January 3, 1901 while all nature was hushed in silence and the waning moon and twinkling stars kept watch over creation as it slept in the cradle of God's love; Bishop W. X. Ninde shortly after bidding adieu to dusky twilight as it gave way to deeper shadows withdrew from the afflictions, woes and delights of this world and finally when rosy finger dawn had pulled back the curtain of night so that sun her younger brother might start on his noiseless but glorious march through the ethereal sky, the soul of our beloved Bishop had finally conquered all of its adversaries and calmly turned death aside and in peaceful tranquility escaped from earth in the triumphant consciousness of immortality.

The great Methodist Church of which he was one of its chief officers mourns his loss for the great work he had done, for the uplift he had given to humanity, for the souls he had directed and escorted to the haven of rest. But nevertheless she finds reconciliation in the fact that her earthly loss of a righteous man is Paradise's gain of a blessed spirit. The feeble mind and trembling hand cannot imagine nor describe the good he has done, the kindness he has shone, the help he has given. Although the ties that bind us together in brotherly love compel us to be sad and feel bereft, yet we can rejoice, since he has been translated and since he has heard the command to enter into the joy of his Lord that earth has never pillowed a fairer mortal nor will heaven open her portals to a manlier spirit.

May his ashes rest in peace, until that great day shall come when all of us by Christ's blood shall inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

REV. JOHN FOPP.

John Fopp was born in Lynchburg Virginia and was converted at an early age, then he was brought to Louisiana and joined the M. E. Church South, There he stayed until 1870, then joined the C. M. E. Church and served a number of charges in that church. He joined the M. E. Church in 1888 and served the following charges: New Light three, years, Minden, two years, Supernumary, ten years and Superannated for five years. In July of 1900 he passed to his eternal rest.

Those faithful souls who, earning God's discharge
Have passed triumphant over time's dim marge,
Into the perfect peace, the life more large."

MRS. ELIZABETH BUTLER

Miss Elizabeth Wheatley was born in Mansfield La., April, 14th, 1865, and died in New Orleans La., April, 19th, 1900; age 34 years. She was converted and joined Wesley chapel, Mansfield M. E. Church 1876, during the pastorate of Rev. C. Thompson.

In 1879, August, 28th she was married to Rev. W. R. Butler and entered the itinerancy with him in 1883, traveling from place to place doing what she could to aid her husband in the work until her health failed. With this she did not complain but stood by him to the last moment, and died at her post. She said to him a few days before she died: "I will not be here much longer, my sister came for me from heaven last night and said to me get ready I came for you. I said to her I am ready and willing to go now, to heaven where I will be out of all my pains."

When death came upon her she was praying this prayer: "Lord thou hast been with me and art with me now; be merciful unto me and don't leave me," and with these words she entered the haven of rest.

She leaves a mother, husband, one daughter, sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss, but our loss is heaven's gain, for she died in full triumph of faith.

MRS. JULES BENN.

To the long list of ministers wives who have faithfully aided their husbands and served their blessed Savior, and passed to