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"Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us."

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Rev. J. S. Foster.

Whereas, In God's providence He has seen fit to call from our midst the Rev. J. S. Foster, from labor to reward, and whereas, Dr. Foster was a faithful and promising young man of the Tennessee Annual Conference, and whereas, in his death we sustain the loss of a student as well as a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ;

Resolved, That we share a part of the grief and sorrows of wife and relatives, and that we invoke the great mercies of God upon his widow, who so faithfully nursed him for four years in his afflictions, and that the peace of God may be upon her and keep and console her in all her trials of life.

And resolved second, That a copy of these resolutions of condolence be spread upon the minutes of the Tennessee Conference, and also a copy sent to the bereaved family.

C. E. ALEXANDER,
W. ELLISON,
B. F. ANDERSON,
G. W. MARSH,
A. DUNLAP.

B. F. Whiteley.

Whereas, The Rev. B. F. Whiteley, who having finished his work as a minister of the gospel of Jesus and the death angel has called him to his abode on high; and

Whereas, The Tennessee Annual Conference, and in him we sustain the loss of a much beloved brother and share of the burdens and responsibilities of the Conference;

Whereas, Rev. B. F. Whiteley leaves to mourn his death a wife and five children to face the hardness of this world;

Resolved, That we extend our love and sympathy to them in these hours of grief and sorrow.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions of condolence be sent to his widow, which is an expression of our best wishes and respect.

Resolved further, That these resolutions of condolence be spread on our minutes as a token of our regards for our deceased brother.

C. E. ALEXANDER,
W. ELLISON,
B. F. ANDERSON,
G. W. MARSH,
H. DUNLAP.

William X. Ninde.

William X. Ninde was as other great men, who became great by contact and acquirement. He, we can truly say, imbibed the higher spiritual, moral and intellectual spirit of his time. The beloved deceased Bishop was born June 21, 1822. He continued to win his way into the most potent and practical stations connected with this great political and religious commonwealth. He realizes that there is a larger usefulness for him, so he enters the ministry in 1856. He was called to, or elected to, the Episcopacy in 1884; and years of untold interest continued until his death. On the morning of Jan. 2, 1901, he was found dead in bed.

Bishop Ninde was a conservative and energetic man. Men were, in an administrative way, considered his helpers rather than his chatels. We know that his lectures and remarks were always cheering to us, as well as cheerfully given by him. Yet, he is not leading men into usefulness as he was a year ago. Though his body is mouldering to ashes and his eloquent tongue is silent, still he lives on and his noble influence is still felt among us. May the memory of this great man linger with us as the years go by!

S. B. DANLEY.

Dr. Spencer.

"Death loves a shining mark," is an old proverb which is verified almost daily in our observation and experience. This has been very true in the death of Dr. C. H. Spencer. He was physically, apparently at least, stalwart and evidently impressing strangers with the idea that he was fitted for long life and hard work.

The messenger came for him, and he left the legacy of an eventful life for the church and the historian. Dr. Spencer was a broad minded man, loving his home and church, a splendid orator in the pulpit and on the platform. He was among the leading singers of Methodism. He was earnest in promoting the great cause of Methodism, especially in the work of church extension, in belting this world with churches, and always had the air of a Christian gentleman.

Resolved, That we realize to some extent the great loss the church has sustained in the death of Dr. Spencer. He was a power for good, widely known as an active worker in all reforms that had his co-operation.