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ge Brodhead, Mr. Joseph A. Sowers and Mr. Charles Few, slowly borne to the railroad station. The 10.30 train conducted it was lowered to rest in Mount Vernon Cemetery. The service in the burial service: Revs. Neely, Durell, Carson, Mc... survives him, and will continue to work out results for God. He shall be erased by the finger of time from the monument is interment.

IV. WILLIAM MULLIN.

was born near Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., May 10th, May 25th, 1893, aged seventy-six years and fifteen days. Parents, who were noted for their strict, rugged morality and the influence of their example and teaching followed their and contributed toward the formation of his character and through life. Under the ministry of Rev. Caleb A. Lipscomb, he was awakened to a sense of sin and need of pardon, sought and joyously found the "rest of faith" in Christ, attention of the Church, and for four years he was almost always assisting pastors in their work, for which the Circuit afforded many opportunities.

He attended the Philadelphia Conference at its session in Asbury Park, New Jersey, with Brother Waugh presiding. His first appointment was Snowhill, Pa., where his colleague, Rev. John D. Curtis, he shared in the work and the influence of religion.

His appointments were: Indiantown, Annamasson, Georgetown; Accomack, Del. Co.; Tamaqua, New Hope, Bucks Co.; Hedden's Bethel, Philadelphia; De Kalb Street, Norristown; Cohocksink, Emory, Milestown, Philadelphia; Cheltenham, Pa.

At the Philadelphia Conference, he was granted a Supernumerary relation. Thus, for the various fields assigned him by this Conference,

Brother Mullin's character. He was an honest man, and he said, "that an honest man is the noblest work of God," then he lived in the life and character of Brother Mullin. Though he was not without a fault, he was positive in his convictions, and independent in expressing them. How earnestly would he contend for right and true, even though personally he might suffer for it.

He felt he was right. With all this he had a kind, loving heart, and a brother's help if he thought him unjustly assailed or if he was a pure man, of clean lips, clean life, and has left us a clean friend, and blessed were they who enjoyed his friendship. He was a little jealous, so broad in spirit, so kind, so helpful, that

to have him as a Supernumerary in your Church was a benediction both to pastor and people.

Brother Mullin was a close student, and a strong preacher. His sermons, always good, at times were very superior. He was a clear thinker, had a well-stored mind, and was specially able in debate. In the appointments he served his name is still as "ointment poured forth." God favored him with many extensive revivals of religion, and, through his efforts or wise leadership, old debts on churches and parsonages have been cancelled, and new churches and parsonages have been built.

He was especially loved in the sick-room, where he was hailed as a kind and loving brother, and yet revered and trusted as a devout and dignified servant of God.

October 5, 1848, Brother Mullin was joined in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Truitt, of Georgetown, Delaware, niece of Governor Truitt.

Mrs. Mullin has proven a worthy helpmate to her husband in all the toils of the itinerant's life.

Of their six children, three died in infancy. The death of a dearly loved daughter, Byrd, of rare accomplishments, beautiful in person and character, was a peculiarly severe stroke to the father. He never fully recovered from it and often mourned in silence her early death. Two children, Dr. William Pennington Mullin, of Carlisle, Pa., and Miss M. Ruth Mullin, living with her mother in the home shadowed by bereavement, still mourn his loss and cherish his memory. Our precious Brother came to his end in peace. Always retiring, self-distrusting, his words were few. Calmly he made every arrangement for his funeral services, spoke of the wonderful and saving grace of Jesus Christ, told of his confident expectation of Heaven through the merits of the Redeemer and showed emotion and wept only when he came to speak of the dear ones in the home. There he was thoroughly known and there he was thoroughly appreciated and loved. What marvel, he was a true and loving husband, an anxious and indulgent father. He was one of our truest and best men.

At his own request, the funeral services were conducted by his pastor, assisted by Revs. George Cummins, J. A. Lippincott and E. I. D. Pepper. The remains were interred in the Preachers' Burial Lot, Mount Moriah Cemetery, October 29, 1893.

"Rest in peace, thou gentle spirit,
Throned above,
Souls like thine with God inherit,
Life and love."

REV. GASAWAY ORAM.

Rev. Gasaway Oram was born in Baltimore, December 8th, 1806, and passed to his heavenly home December 16th, 1893. He lived eighty-seven years of this wonderful nineteenth century. When a youth of sixteen he came to Philadelphia, and, after serving the usual apprenticeship, he engaged in the shoe business on Eighth Street, near Cherry, until he was called into the Itinerant Ministry. In his seventeenth year he was converted in the old Conference Room in the rear of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, on New Street, below Fourth, and at once united with that grand Old Church. He soon attracted the attention of his pastors and the official men as a young man of more than ordinary promise to the Church. In his nineteenth year he was appointed class-leader, and had the privilege of training for future usefulness many who have since done such

great service in the work of the Church. He was honored with Exhorter's license, and soon after was promoted to the rank of a local preacher, in which office he served the Church with great acceptability and usefulness, making the impression on the minds of those who heard him, that God had called him to a wider field of work. But as he had married, and was settled in a prosperous business, and had a young family growing up around him, it seemed almost impossible for him to enter the traveling ministry. But the Holy Spirit had called, and opened the way before him. The Church recognized his call, and recommended him to the Annual Conference, and in the Spring of 1838 the Philadelphia Conference, at its session held in Old Asbury, Wilmington, received him on trial with seven others, all of whom preceded him to the better land. His first Circuit was Chester, as junior preacher, with William Torbert as his senior. He was returned the second year, with John Edwards as his senior. In 1840 and 1841 he was in charge of Strasburg Circuit; 1842 and 1843, Soudersburg Circuit; 1844 and 1845, Cecil Circuit. This ended his Circuit work. In 1846 and 1847 he was stationed at Wharton Street, Philadelphia; 1848 and 1849, Ebenezer, Reading; 1850 and 1851, Haines Street, Germantown; 1852, Lebanon; 1853 and 1854, Tamaqua; 1855 and 1856, Milestown, Philadelphia; 1857 and 1858, Asbury, Wilmington; 1859 and 1860, Ebenezer, Manayunk; 1861 and 1862, Summerfield, Philadelphia; 1863 and 1864, Port Deposit, Maryland; 1865 and 1866, Oak Street, Norristown; 1867, 1868 and 1869, Emory, Philadelphia; 1870, Hancock Street, Philadelphia; 1871 and 1872, St. Clair, Pa.; 1873, 1874 and 1875, Tamaqua (the second time); 1876 and 1877, Catasauqua; 1878, Lehighton; 1879, 1880 and 1881, Mahanoy City. This was his last charge. His health had become so much impaired during the last year that he took a Supernumerary relation, in the Spring of 1882, and moved his family to Tamaqua, where he had been twice stationed, and where he had many friends. His health continued to fail, and in 1889 he asked for and was granted a Superannuated relation, and moved his family to a comfortable home at 2124 North 13th Street, Philadelphia, where he continued to live until he was summoned to the mansion prepared for him in his Father's house.

As a Christian Brother Oram was distinguished for his Christly spirit, his gentleness, his kindness, his unbounded sympathy, his consecration to God, and his devotion to the work to which he was called. As a pastor, he was faithful and self-sacrificing, and was much beloved by his people. He was always welcome to their homes, and in all his charges he left behind him the most pleasant recollections and the most salutary influences. As a preacher he was Scriptural, strong, clear, practical and deeply spiritual. He was well read in Theology and Church History, and was a thorough Methodist of the old school. His preaching led sinners to the Saviour, and built up the Church in knowledge and holiness. His last years were marked by much suffering, but were years of deep communion with God. His conversation was in heaven. It was a great pleasure to hear him speak of his spiritual enjoyment and of his bright prospect of a glorious immortality. "He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, and much people was added into the Lord." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

REV. SAMUEL PANCOAST.

The Rev. Samuel Pancoast, son of John and Hannah Pancoast, was born near Beatty's Mills, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, on May 30, 1819, and died in Chester, only a few miles from the place of his birth, in his seventy-fifth year, on August 12, 1893. The religious affiliations of the family were with the Friends; but his father became a Metho-

dist when young, and belonged to Hinkson's Corner, now known as Union, Delaware County. His mother, who died when he was two years old, was a member of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, and her infant babe was there baptized.

Upon the death of his mother he went to live with his grandfather on the old Pancoast homestead, in Marple Township, where he remained until he was fourteen years of age. During this period he was taken occasionally by his father to attend Methodist services at Hinkson's Corner and Mt. Zion, Darby, and at these churches had his first associations with the Methodists; but, usually, he attended the religious gatherings of the Friends.

When fourteen years old his father took him to his own home in Newlin Township, Chester County. Here he worked upon his father's farm until his seventeenth year, when he was apprenticed to a tailor in Baltimore. Two years subsequently the tailor discontinued business, and Brother Pancoast returned home. He resumed work on the farm, and also attended school at Unionville, two miles distant. When he was twenty-one he entered into an agreement to work for five months of the year for forty-five dollars and his board, and to attend school during the winter. Under this arrangement he went to Jonathan Gause's Academy, a school of excellent reputation. After completing his academical course, he taught in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer.

He was married on February 16, 1847, to Sarah Louisa Cook. She, with three of their six children, remain to mourn over his decease.

In August, 1838, at a camp-meeting near Coatesville, under the public and private appeals of James M. McCarter, then a boy of fifteen, Brother Pancoast was induced to give himself to the Lord. After a struggle of several days he obtained a sense of peace with God. Doubts, however, troubled him; but two years later, at a camp-meeting near Hopewell, Chester County, he received the clear witness of his childship.

On the Sunday after his conversion he was received on probation by Dr. D. D. Love, in Marshallton Church, which was then connected with West Chester. In 1839 a society was formed at Unionville, to which he removed his membership, and where he gave forty out of the forty-five dollars of his yearly wages to assist in the erection of a church.

In the winter of 1842-43 he was licensed to preach, and in 1844 he was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference with a class of fourteen, of whom Solomon M. Cooper alone survives. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Waugh, and Elder by Bishop Jones. His appointments were: 1844, Susquehanna Mission; 1845, Springfield; 1846, Germantown; 1847-48, Cohocksink; 1849-50, Georgetown, Delaware; 1851-52, Salisbury, Maryland; 1853-54, Seaford, Delaware; 1855-56, St. George's, Delaware. In the fall of 1856 he was transferred to the Upper Iowa Conference, and stationed at the Second Church, Davenport. In 1857-60, he was Presiding Elder of Iowa City District; 1861-62, Maquoketa; 1863-64, Tipton; 1865-66, McGregor. In the spring of 1867 he was re-transferred to the Philadelphia Conference and appointed to Cochranville in 1867-68. His subsequent appointments were: 1869-71, Ebenezer, Manayunk; 1872-74, Trinity, Chester; 1875-77, Eleventh Street; 1878-80, St. George's; 1881, Milestown; 1882-83, Conshohocken; 1884, Twenty-ninth Street; 1885, Safe Harbor; 1886, Messiah; 1887-89, Avondale and Chatham. He took the Supernumerary relation in 1890, and was connected with Trinity, Chester, until a short time before the assembling of Conference in 1893, when he was appointed to Trainer, of which he was in charge at the time of his death.

Samuel Pancoast had many excellent traits of character. He was an ardent patriot,