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Being a Report of the Forty-Fifth Annual Session
of the Southwest Missouri Conference of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Slater,
Missouri, September 15 to September 20, 1915

MEMOIRS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

We had referred to us the names of Rev. J. L. Proffitt and Rev. T. P. Cobb as having died during the year, and for whom we herewith submit memorials. We also submit for record a short memorial of Sister Mary T. Phillips, the wife of the late Rev. Preston Phillips.

Respectfully submitted and signed,

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T. M. COBB.
S. P. CAYTON.
T. D. PAYNE.
W. C. BEWLEY.
G. J. WARREN.
W. H. WINTON.

Rev. Tobias Peters Cobb.

Tobias Peters Cobb was born in Lafayette County, Mo., January 7, 1846. His parents, James and Polly Cobb, were devout Methodists, and their children were carefully reared in that faith. Brother Cobb was converted when a boy of about twelve years and at once joined the church of his fathers. He was happily married to Miss Frances C. Wagoner, May 15, 1866, who gave him faithful support through years of arduous toil. She and five children survive him.

He was licensed to preach in 1870 and served four years as a supply, during which time he was elected as a lay delegate to the General Conference. He was admitted to the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1874,—was ordained Deacon by Bishop McTyeire in 1876 and Elder by Bishop Doggett in 1878. He was a faithful messenger of the Gospel. He loved to tell the "old, old story."

A great multitude of people were converted under his passionate appeals. He made no compromise with sin and the devil. He was a militant in the truest sense, and sinners were cut to the heart under his preaching. His Presiding Elder says of him,—“He was in a class to himself. He was a plain, frank, outspoken man with convictions and courage to utter and defend them. There was a tender loving heart behind a manner and speech sometimes brusque.” For forty-one years he met the responsibilities of his calling with unflinching courage, and on April 22, 1915, he fell on sleep and was gathered to his fathers. We shall meet him in the crowning day, in that great Conference where the appointments shall be made by the Bishop of our souls.

W. H. WINTON.

Rev. James L. Proffitt.

Rev. James L. Proffitt was born in Neosho, Newton County, Mo., March 16, 1850; died in St. Louis, Mo., April 19, 1915. He was happily married to Miss Elsie Little, August 11, 1875, who with their three sons and one daughter survive him to mourn their loss. Early in life he became a Christian and united with the Methodist Church. He followed school teaching until 1896. He was licensed to preach and served as a supply in the Western and St. Louis Conferences for seven years.

Brother Proffitt was admitted to the St. Louis Conference in 1903. He was transferred to the S. W. Mo. Conference in 1912, and was serving his third year in Jerico Springs Station when his health gave way and he went to St. Louis where he patiently suffered for several months and met death triumphantly.

Rev. J. L. Proffitt was a good and true man, faithful in all the relations of life. Unassuming in his attitude, strong and clear in his preaching. The doctrines of the Bible as taught by the Methodist Church were safe in his hands. The people heard him gladly, the requests for his return to the charges which he served were frequent and indicated his acceptability.

We can say of him,—“Servant of God, well done, rest from thy loved employ.” His funeral was conducted by his personal friend, Rev. O. H. Duggins, assisted by the Revs. L. E. Todd, C. N. Clark, E. T. Clark, J. M. Broadhead, Ed-

ward Card and John McCarthy. He was buried in Wesleyan Cemetery near St. Louis. Those who knew him loved him, and we all feel that the Conference has lost a true and faithful member, but we are sure that he has realized the hope he so earnestly preached to others.

W. H. COMER.

Mrs. Mary T. Phillips.

Mrs. Mary T. Phillips, daughter of N. W. and Matilda Boone was born in Madison County, Ky., August 1, 1832. With her parents she moved to Missouri in 1846. She was educated in Howard High School under Dr. Nathan Scarritt and Mr. Lucky. She was married in 1850 to Preston Phillips. In the year 1857 Brother Phillips joined the Missouri Conference and transferred to Texas. He removed to Missouri in 1865, and lived in Sedalia for several years. In 1873 Brother Phillips was readmitted into the S. W. Mo. Conference in which he remained till his death in 1892.

Sister Phillips was a gentle, faithful, conscientious Christian woman. She loved her husband, her children and her church. She reared a family of nine children. Two of her sons were preachers in this Conference and two of her daughters were missionaries in China. She had a bright mind and a good education and was very efficient and acceptable in all the relations of life. She died in Kansas City, Mo., April 8, 1915. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. W. T. McClure, assisted by others. Loving hands bore her to her last resting place in Mount Washington Cemetery.

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