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is, and after a few months he removed to where his sufferings ended, and he passed to dwell among the "spirits of just men

ffered much from his extreme bashfulness, he rear instead of coming up to the front ould have been felt far beyond what it was. ore than ordinary ability. His discourses ied, well arranged, clearly and impress- a friend he was warm-hearted and con- convictions were strong, his experience and his piety deep.

nd sore afflictions seemed to depress him heerful, and trusted in God for support eafter. He lived and died in the faith of ld by his companion that Jesus had come d, "I am so glad," and passed gently ace.

8. BISHOP AMES.

day of Conference, the presiding Bishop nouncing the death, in Baltimore, at 3:20 3, of Bishop E. R. Ames. At the con- ce Memorial Services, on the following te was paid to the memory of the de- E. Wentworth, Bishop Harris, and Dr. ecretary, stating the chief facts of his g the principal points of his greatness as officer, together with touching instances e, which might have been indefinitely reence floor had time permitted. The he hour was that of Dr. Dashiell, that he witty remarks, the severe rejoinders, proverbs and apothegms that fell from s, if they could be collected, would fill that somebody would gather them up, o remembered one of the Bishop's say- to swell the interest of the collection. mes was born, of primitive stock, in the Athens County, Ohio, seventy miles the State capital, May 20, 1806. At University, at Athens, the county seat as converted there in 1827; accepted, o of Lebanon Seminary, Illinois, twenty hich a few years subsequently became ured Illinois Conference in 1830; was

set off with Indiana in 1832; ran through the ordinary round of itinerant appointments till 1840, when General Conference made him Missionary Secretary for the West; from 1844 to 1852 he was presiding elder; in 1852, elected Bishop, eight-enth in succession from Coke in the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. From 1852 to 1879 he presided over 249 conferences, and ordained 1,621 men to the office of Deacon, and 1,537 to the office of Elder in the Church of God. He presided four times in the Troy Conference—at Middlebury, in 1858; Albany, 1861; Burlington, 1870; Glens Falls, 1875, ordaining 31 Deacons and 26 Elders. His life was laborious and his end peace.

9. MRS. WM. W. ATWATER.

Mrs. Eliza Barnes, widow of the late Rev. Wm. W. Atwater, died in Burlington, Vt., April 21, 1879, aged 66 years.

She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in early life, and at the time of her decease was one of the oldest members of our Church in Burlington. For thirty-six years she shared the varied experiences of her husband's career, attended him assiduously during his protracted illness, and within eight short months followed him into the immediate presence of the King. During weeks of intense physical suffering her heart clung to the Saviour. At length the weary entered into rest.

10. MRS. WM. P. RULISON.

Hattie Lyon Rulison, wife of our brother, W. P. Rulison, died in Waterford, N. Y., Jan. 24, 1879, in the twenty-sixth year of her age. Early in her youth she gave her heart to Christ, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she remained a most exemplary member until the Lord she loved took her to himself. She was a young lady of remarkable intellect. Her talents were of a high order, and the field of literature and art was her delight. She pursued her studies with the greatest vigor and industry, and graduated from Vassar College in 1875. In the year 1876 she was married to Rev. W. P. Rulison, of this Conference, with whom she was an earnest, whole-hearted co-worker in the Church of God. Her gentle, loving spirit endeared her to all who knew her, and, sanctified as it was by the grace of God, she was one of those members of his great family whose precious memory will remain a hallowed treasure in the Church she loved. She "came forth like a flower, and was cut down." When she came to what seemed to us her untimely death, she closed her young but useful life amid the tears and sighs of her multitude of friends on earth, but to begin it again amid the joyful songs of angels in the paradise of God.