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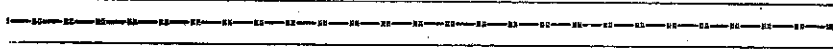
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side and there awaits the coming of her loved ones. We are accustomed to say "good night," to loved ones here, but I thank God that when we meet loved ones on the other side, it will be "good morning," for "there is no night there." Her departure was peaceful, and full of trust. Those watching by the bed side saw her eyelids close gently as to a night's repose like flowers at set of sun.

"Sweet it will be in that beautiful land,  
So free from all sorrow and pain,  
With songs on our lips and joy in our hearts,  
To meet one another again."

Bro. A. E. Tull, of Marion Station, Md., says, "I was most favored to know Mrs. D. W. Anstine, to be intimately acquainted with her was to learn her true value. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also praiseth her."

Rev. Leonard B. Smith, A. M., D. D., pastor of Peninsula Methodist Protestant Church, Wilmington, Del., says, "I have known Mrs. Anstine practically all my life. Her father, and my father were close neighbors, and most intimate friends. From my earliest childhood memories, I glean the impression made on me by this quiet christian woman. Her devotion to her family, her gentle disposition, and her evenness of temperament, with her good life through all the years, have made me think of her as one of the faithful witnesses of Christ, of whom the church would be greatly profited, if there were many more."

Committee:

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L. B. SMITH,  
A. E. TULL,  
(Mrs.) CARRIE L. ROBINSON,  
(Miss) SUSIE HITCH.

MRS. W. S. SIMMS

Mrs. W. S. Simms was the widow of the late William S. Simms, one of our own beloved ministers of the gospel. For some years she was a most loyal, active, efficient and spiritual member of Starr Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Maryland, as well as a warm personal friend of the pastor. Also she was a great President of the Ladies' Aid Society. The people loved to work with her and follow her leadership.

After a brief illness she passed from the church on earth to the church in glory on March 21, 1928. She was well prepared to go. Her funeral was conducted by the writer the third day after death and in the midst of a great display of floral designs and a house filled to the limit with friends and loved ones, all as the sincerest expression of friendship and love. To her children we extend our warmest sympathy and

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Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D., a former pastor, has the following to say, "Forty-two years ago, on the twenty-second of last April, I received Mrs. W. S. Simms into the membership of the Broadway Methodist Protestant Church. She immediately entered into all the social, financial, and devotional activities of the Church and the few surviving members of that day still hold her in grateful memory.

"When her husband, Rev. W. S. Simms, whom I received into the Broadway membership the same day his wife joined, started the Burke Street Mission, she was deeply interested in that enterprise and rejoiced with him that I received from their fold 29 members to add to the Broadway roll of members.

"When he joined the ranks of itinerant preachers in the Maryland Conference, she became his associate pastor in every good word and work. As wife and mother, friend and helper, her name is still held in high esteem on all the charges where she lived, loved and labored. Her children have the rich legacy of blessed memories of what she was and what she accomplished."

Rev. F. T. Benson, D.D., adds the following: "Mrs. W. S. Simms was a woman of indefatigable energy. She knew no weariness in well-doing. She was full of the sunlight of a Christian life, and had a word of cheer to every pilgrim she met along the way. As a pastor's wife she was ideal. She entered heartily into all the affairs of the church over which her husband presided. She was the mother of a large family and they loved her with a heart's devotion. A strong, sunny, pious woman she was, and has left the imprint of her gracious service upon the world out of which she has gone."

Committee:

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.  
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F. T. BENSON,  
H. E. GILBERT,  
P. M. BARROW.

MRS. WALTER R. GRAHAM

Mrs. Walter R. Graham was born Sarah Matilda Smith, in Kent county, Maryland, June 22, 1852, married to Rev. Walter A. Graham in Chestertown, Md., September 30, 1875, took up the life of an itinerant's career, and followed it faithfully and successfully for nearly forty-five years, and died at the home of one of her daughters, Mrs. Dale Atkins, in Salisbury, Md., June 24th, 1928, a widow for eight years. She leaves three sons, Walter M. Graham of York, Pa., Harold G. Graham, of New York City, and J. Newell Graham, of Baltimore, and two daughters, Mrs. Colonel Manley, of Chicago, and Mrs. E. Dale Atkins, of Salisbury, Md., and a large circle of friends to mourn her departure.