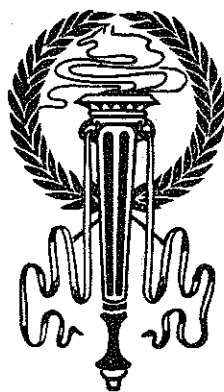


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Being mustered out on July 1, 1865, the young soldier decided to enter the ranks of the militant Methodist ministry. He spent one year in school and then joined the Illinois Conference in 1866. In 1871 he married and in the same year transferred to the Colorado Conference, where he served five charges before transferring to the Kansas Conference where after serving three appointments he was made a presiding elder. His health failing him he came west, locating at Tacoma, and later removing to Madison Street Church, Seattle. After some years in Washington he was transferred to the Oregon Conference and appointed to Ashland in 1893. Roseburg was his next and last charge. For several years he held a superannuary relation and then superannuated.

The closing years of Dr. Buckner's life were spent in California. He passed to his reward from his home in Pacific Grove, April 20, 1918, leaving behind him his faithful wife and his two sons, Rev. Harry and Robert.

ANNIE M. HILL SKIDMORE.

"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season." Never was this promise more beautifully fulfilled than in the quiet ripening and garnering of the richly fruitful life of Annie M. Hill Skidmore. Her cheery, thoughtful and modestly helpful life was an honor to God in the use of talents and opportunity which in all too many lives are as waste, untilled land. Her closing years were truly as the ripening of a golden harvest increasingly beautiful even as youthful freshness grows into set maturity. Her quiet conscious passing was as natural and as solemnly joyful as the gathering home of richly laden sheaves.

The spirit which has now returned to the God who gave it took up its physical abode on August 9, 1846, at Charlestown, Massachusetts. Ten years later the little girl came west with her mother and a brother. After a residence of three years she was taken back east to appropriate the blessings of better educational opportunities. Returning to Wilbur, Douglas County, Oregon, in 1867, she met and three years later married the young pioneer preacher, J. H. Skidmore. This sturdily faithful husband preceded her to a Christian warrior's reward less than two years ago, leaving with the companion of his self-sacrificing labors a heritage of beautiful memories. Every young man or woman who in this past year has been privileged to listen to her accounts of the joyousness of their forty-seven years together amidst the privations, anxieties and multitudinous labors of an itinerant preacher has gone out feeling that he had been standing on holy ground, where the master was saying anew that "if a man would save his life let him lose it."

Mrs. Skidmore did not need to say that life's highest joys come only to those who pay the price—you instinctively felt it in her presence.

On May 2, 1916, we bore to its final resting place the body of the honored pioneer. His name had appeared on Conference rolls and in the columns of the press, church and secular. His deeds were observed and known of all men. On Monday, January 14, 1918, there was dissolved the earthly tabernacle of one entitled to equal or greater honor. While he fought she prayed, when he suffered she yet more but always secretly lest any trace of discouragement cause him to lose heart. Her's was ever the task of inspiring and sustaining her husband in every good work. She was one of the silent forces which made possible the great deeds of our fathers. All honor to her and to the few remaining heroines of her day.

To her activities as a minister's wife she added the responsibilities and cares of a mother. In love she bore four sons: Joseph and Henry, now residing in Omaha, Nebraska; Frederick Hansell of Pioneerville, Idaho; and Charles Evan, of Berkeley, Cal. To these and to her surviving sister, who so tenderly cared for her in her final illness, she will ever remain in memory as one of God's saints in whom He demonstrated anew the truth of the prophet's promise to all who walk with God, "Behold at evening time there shall be light."

A. A. HEIST, Pastor.

DAVID WOLFE.

David Wolfe was born in Ohio, 1843, and died in Portland, Oregon, November, 1917.

He joined the Minnesota Conference in 1889, and was transferred to the Oregon Conference in 1891. He served the following appointments: Brownsville, Springfield, Drain. He retired in 1898. He made his home for several years previous to his death at Boring, Oregon.

He was a Civil War veteran, having served his country in Company D, Nineteenth Iowa Infantry.

He was of industrious habits and after his retirement from the ministry was employed in useful occupations, serving for several years as rural delivery postman. He was loyal to his Church, his country, and his God. He was beloved, of kindly disposition and of benevolent life.

D. A. WATTERS.