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was appointed agent of the American Bible Society they came to be permanent residents of Cleveland, purchasing a lovely home on Kenard Street. Their children were Wilbur Fisk, Mary Cornelia, and Edward Kingsley. The daughter, Mrs. Edward Dudley, resides in Kansas City, Missouri. After the sudden death of Brother Gillette, ten years ago, Mrs. Gillette, up to the time of her peaceful falling asleep, November 18, 1906, in Cincinnati, was most affectionately ministered to in the home of her son, Edward. When nearing the close of life, among many beautiful things she said, "My death will seem very little to the world at large; but it may mean a great deal to the few of the inner circle of my loved ones." One of this "inner circle" says of Mrs. Gillette: "She was most truly fitted to be a pastor's wife. . . . She fulfilled, in a high degree, her mission to husband, children, and people, and by her Christian life is eminently prepared for the inheritance of the saints."

Her remains lie in Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio, beside those of her husband.

#### MRS. R. S. STRAHL.

Penelope Jane Strahl, wife of the Rev. R. S. Strahl, of the East Ohio Conference, and daughter of John H. and Elnor G. Dyer, was born near Quaker City, Ohio, January 4, 1842, and died near Barnesville, December 8, 1907. In early life she united with the Church in Barnesville, under the ministry of the Rev. John Coil, of the Pittsburg Conference. She was united in marriage with her now bereaved husband, the Rev. R. S. Strahl, December 31, 1863. In March, 1867, Brother Strahl was admitted into the Pittsburg Conference, and he desires that it shall be recorded in this notice that for the thirty-seven consecutive years in which she labored with him in the various charges of the Pittsburg and East Ohio Conferences so effectively, the success that crowned their labors during these years of active service was due largely to her untiring efforts and wise counsel. A calm, judicial mind and gentle spirit rendered her advice invaluable in the solution of every difficult problem which met them in the work of the Church. She was a teacher and leader of rare ability. Her richly endowed life thoroughly consecrated to the service of God was a channel of blessing. She won the erring to the path of life. She comforted all who were in sorrow, affliction, or adversity. She was a soul-winner and a constant stimulus to the believer to seek the deeper life in the Spirit.

She was actively engaged in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and because of her fine ability as organizer and leader, for a number of years she served as district secretary in the bounds of Barnesville, Uhrichsville, and Steubenville Districts; and many efficient auxiliaries exist in these fields to-day as monuments to her self-sacrificing spirit and loving devotion to the cause of Christ. She was constituted a life manager of the Cincinnati Branch of the Society by Long's Auxiliary, Steubenville District.

She had no fear of death. During her last sickness she talked calmly of her departure, giving unmistakable evidence of an abundant

entrance into a heavenly inheritance. She said: "This is just moving out of the old house into the new."

Her mother and two brothers preceded her to the "better country." The bereaved husband, an adopted daughter, wife of the Rev. H. F. Patterson, of the East Ohio Conference, an aged father, three sisters, one brother, and a wide circle of relatives and friends are left to mourn the departure of this godly woman, who wrought nobly in life and triumphed gloriously in death. Her funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. J. Wallace, assisted by the Rev. D. B. Cope, and J. S. Secret.

#### MRS. C. E. CLARKE.

On the night of November 23, 1907, near the midnight hour, from the home of the Rev. C. E. Clarke, pastor of Euclid Avenue Church, Cleveland, was taken away "the desire of his eyes, with a stroke." Preparations were being made for the next day's services, when, suddenly, the messenger came for the wife, whose presence had brightened the home not quite two years. After the first stroke she did not regain consciousness, but quietly passed away, although everything was done that medical skill could suggest and loving care furnish. Instead of a company of worshipers at the church next morning, sympathizing ones met to pray for the stricken pastor, and crape upon the door of the parsonage told the sad story.

Nelle Kemp was born in Union City, Indiana, September 19, 1874. She was educated in the public schools and in Ohio Wesleyan University, from which she graduated in 1894. Natural qualities and gifts augmented by study fitted her admirably for the position in life to which she was called. She was married January 2, 1891, to J. Burt Rodgers, who died in 1901. After four years of widowhood she became the wife of Dr. Clarke, at the time stationed in Coshocton, Ohio. Later they were transferred to Amsterdam, New York, and at the last session of the East Ohio Conference retransferred and stationed at Euclid Avenue. Her Christian graces, musical gifts, and beauty of character had endeared her to the people she was trying to serve.

Funeral services were held at the parsonage, directed by Presiding Elder Morris, who was assisted by city pastors, and burial was at Coshocton on Thanksgiving Day.

#### MRS. J. T. MORTON.

Mollie G. Morton, wife of the Rev. John T. Morton, died in New Philadelphia, Ohio, February 25, 1908.

She became a subject of saving grace at the age of thirteen, under the ministry of the Rev. P. G. Edmonds.

At the age of twenty-five, on September 10, 1885, she was, by her pastor, W. D. Starkey, united in marriage with her now deeply bereaved husband.