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Memoirs.

"These All Died In The Faith."

REV. ANDREW E. WOODS.

REV. A. E. Woods was born at Belleville, Ind., November 21, 1862, and died December 2, 1892, at the parsonage in Oakland City, where he was stationed. His first appointment was Francisco, where he remained two years. His next introduct was Owensville for one year, and his third appointment was Oakland

His first appointment was Francisco, where he remained two years appointment was Owensville for one year, and his third appointment was Oakland appointment was Owensville for one year, and his third appointment was Oakland City, and at the time of his death he was filling his second year in this charge with great acceptability to the membership. He was loved as a pastor, and efficient in all his work. His talent as a preacher was developing, and there was in him great promise of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. The worth of souls was on his heart as a burden; but his career as an itinerant was short. He was married on the 24th of December, 1889, to Miss Nellie Warren, of Evansville. She was left in charge of a babe to deal gently with, and train for heaven. Our dear Brother A. E. Woods has slipped away to life, and is now in the sinless realms of rest, and with his honored father and brother, who both fell on the walls of Zion in one year. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

REV. JOHN TALBOTT.

REV. JOHN TALBOTT was born, March 13, 1808, in Westmoreland County, Penn. His ancestors came from England with Lord Baltimore, and settled at Ellicott's Mills, Maryland. He was a direct descendant of the illustrious English general of the same name, and Earl of Shrewsbury, whose exploits are the wonder of British history. When a small boy, his father removed to a farm near Steubenville, Ohio. When a young, man he served an apprenticeship to the carriage-making trade, and worked afterwards as a journeyman in Rochester, N. Y., also in Boston and Philadelphia.

He entered the Indiana Conference in 1838, and was, at his death, the oldest minister in the Conference, and for two years he carried the Conference cane as a badge of his seniority. He was married in 1840 to Nancy Moberly, and to them were born five children, two of whom survive him. Thirty-two years ago he would have entered the service of his country, but was not enlisted on account of his age, and yet he lived to see the struggle end and the Union cause triumph.

His first appointment was Corydon Circuit with Wm. V. Daniel, in 1838. In 1839 he was appointed with Wm. Maginnis to Paoli; in 1840, Springville; 1841 and 1842, to Washington; 1843 and 1844, Prairieton; 1845, to Point Commerce; 1846 and 1847, to Putnamville; 1848, Martinsville; 1849 and 1850, Livonia; 1851, to Lanesville; 1853 and 1854, to Fredericksburg; 1855, to Orleans; 1856, supernumerary; 1857, French Lick. In 1858 he was superannuated, and from that time until his death remained in that relation, and his home has been for thirty-five years at Orleans.

He was a conscientious, noble man. It is doubtful if a single sentence of his utterances, or a single act of his doing, could be recalled to his discredit. He was a Christian in all that the word implies. He hated sin, and never mellowed words to paint it, but he preached Christ always. In 1885 he lost his eyesight, and for four years groped in darkness, yet through that affliction he was the same gentle patient, and heroic soul, resigned and contented. He consented to undergo a surgical operation in the removal of cataract. It proved successful, and restored his vision.

His last sickness was of short duration, and he triumphed over the last enemy, saying to those about him: "Take me home!" He closed his eyes as though in sleep, and passed away to his home in heaven.

REV. RANSFORD B. SPENCER.

REV. R. B. SPENCER was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., on November 7, 1807, and died April 23, 1893, aged eighty-five years, six months, and sixteen days.

In early life he moved with his parents to Ohio, and settled within four miles of Lake Erie. His father enlisted in the United States Army during the War of 1812. The care of the family devolved upon his mother. He was married to Mary Cox in 1837, and, about this time, moved to a farm in Warrick County, Ind. In 1844 he was converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was licensed to exhort in 1845, and in 1846 he was licensed as a local preacher. He was ordained as deacon at the Annual Conference in Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1850. In 1853 he was admitted to the Indiana Conference, and ordained elder by Bishop Morris at New Albany.

He traveled the following charges: Sullivan, I year; Winslow, I year; Mt. Pleasant, 2 years (during his pastorate at Mt. Pleasant, there were five hundred accessions to the Church); Bloomfield, I year; Oakland, 2 years; Gentryville and Elizabeth, I year; Rockport, 2 years; Linton, I year; Graysville, I year. After which his health failed, and he rested one year; then traveled Taylorsville Circuit I year, and superannuated in 1866.

During these years of travel God blessed his labors greatly. There were thirteen hundred converted under his labors. His wife died three years ago. From that up to the time of his death, he lived with Mrs. Parr, his daughter, and loving hands were ever ready to administer to his wants in his declining years.

His pastor frequently found in him a wise and faithful counselor. His conversation at such times were about heaven, and his faith was strong. He was looking forward to the time his Father would call him home. We laid him beside his departed wife in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, April 25, 1893. He leaves a posterity to the third generation, and also many friends. Another weary itinerant has gone to rest.

MARIA M. JONES.

Maria M. Jones was the wife of Rev. Thomas W. Jones; born in Sometset County, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1820, and died at Clay City, Indiana, November 10, 1892, at the age of seventy-two years. Her maiden name was Morgan. She was converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when yet quite young, and found delight in the Master's service.