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of the Lamb. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

As a young preacher, the writer was privileged to assist Brother Price in revivals in several churches where he served as pastor. It was a joy to be entertained in his home and to know him and his family intimately. Surely, he was one of God's most worthy servants. The influence of his Sacrificial life cannot be measured.

R. R. BRANTON

R. S. WALTON

Rev. R. S. Walton was born in Coryden, Kentucky, November 7, 1872. He attended Kentucky Wesleyan at Winchester, Kentucky, and taught at Guthrie, Kentucky. In 1901 he married the former Claudia Harris. And together they came to Louisiana in 1905, so that Bro. Walton could accept the position as teacher at Centenary College. When the College was moved to Shreveport, he became principal of the Clinton High School. In 1908 he became pastor of the Hammond Church and entered the Louisiana Conference.

For the next 30 years, Bro. Walton served with great devotion in some 10 churches in our Conference. In addition to his pastorate in Hammond, he was pastor of Kentwood, Bunkie, Winnfield, Texas Avenue (later Park Avenue) in Shreveport, Rayne, Kenner Memorial in Baton Rouge, Logansport, Sulphur, Amite, Jackson, and back to Kentwood where he retired in 1938. He returned to Hammond and built his home.

But he could not retire. He was extremely active in a small Sunday School known as Zenobia, begun by his good friend, Doctor Lucius McGehee. He served faithfully in that work until a few months before his death. He was active in the Tangipahoa Ministerial Association and was always a source of inspiration and help to his minister.

Bro. Walton is survived by two sons, Robert, who teaches at Medical College of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina; Lewis, his youngest son, who is a research engineer for General Electric of Schenectady, New York. His wife, Claudia, who has been his constant companion through the years, still lives at the home in Hammond. One son, Joseph, died at the age of 14 when Bro. Walton was pastor of the Keener Memorial Church in Baton Rouge.

Death came to Bro. Walton on August 27 at the age of 85. Rev. A. D. George, who had entered the ministry with him some 50 years ago, spoke at the funeral. He spoke of him as one of the great "soldiers of the Cross," and he spoke of the warm friendship over the years.

To know him was to know something of a life completely dedicated to God. Here was a man whose chief purpose was to do God's will. Like Abraham, no task was too difficult, no sacrifice too great. His was a dedicated life.

The editor of our local paper, George Campbell, writes: "It is difficult to write an eulogy to one who had meant so much to the writer. It was through his influence that I joined the Men's Bible Class at a time when less than a dozen were present. This memory will be forever cherished by me and will cause me to follow as closely as possible the impact of an influence that carried more than passible persuasion."

Like another great soldier of the yesterday he fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept aglow the faith. And like that other soldier he has gone to claim that crown of righteousness which the Lord shall give unto those who have loved his appearing.

EDWARD R. THOMAS

MRS. L. E. CROOKS

Mrs. L. E. Crooks, better known by the name of her first husband, the deceased Methodist minister—the Rev. J. H. Hoffpauir—was born October 12, 1886, at Ridge, Louisiana, and went to her heavenly reward February 8, 1959, at Crowley, Louisiana. She was known by a multitude of friends as just plain "Estelle"—her given name.

In 1902 "Estelle" became the bride of J. H. Hoffpauir who later became a Methodist minister in the Louisiana Conference. Together through the years they serves the churches at Prairie Greg (Henry), Indian Bayou, Gueydan, Long Ville, Simmsboro, Iota, Maxie, Church Point and South Crowley—until the death of Rev. Hoffpauir in 1932.

In 1935 Mrs. J. H. Hoffpauir became the wife of another Methodist minister, the Rev. L. E. Crooks. They served the church side by side until the death of Rev. Crooks which occurred less than two years after their marriage.

"Estelle" will long be remembered for her lovely spirit and faithful service in the church. She was one of those rare persons who always carried a smile and brought a bit of cheer wherever she went.

Mrs. Crooks was a member of the Wesley Methodist Church in Crowley at the time of her death, having become a charter member of that church ten years before. As a member of the Wesley congregation she served as Communion Steward, as a member of the choir and was a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Communion cloths and the pulpit and lectern scarfs were made with her own hands. It can be said