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One Army of the Living God, To His command we bow, Part of the hosts have crossed the flood, And part are crossing now.

ABRAHAM CHASE

JOHN WESLEY WATERS,

The Rev. John Wesley Waters, the son of the late John S. and Harriet L. Waters was born at Puncheon Landing, Md., August 22nd, 1849 and departed this life March 14th, 1920 at Oriole, Md., aged 70 years, 6 months and 17 days.

He spent his early boy-hood in his native hamlet. When but a youth his occupation became that of his father's—a sailor. Tiring of this strengous life, he worked in the employ of the New York, Pennsylvania and Norfolk R. R. for several years.

He experienced the new birth at the early age of 14. Having connected himself with the fellowship of Little Union, now Trinity M. E. Church, Unionville Charge, Salisbury District. He faithfully served the following official positions; as class leader, exhorter, trustee, steward and local preacher.

In the Fall of 1897 the Rev. Elisha T. Outen having died as pastor of Greenwood Charge, the Rev. A. R. Shockley, Presiding Elder appointed him to fill the vacancy until the Annual Conference. Faithfully administering the intricate duties devolved him in pastoring this charge, he was continued in the active work. He acceptably served the following charges: Withams (Oak Hall), Va., 4 yrs.; Cottage Grove and Kingston, 14 yrs.; and Oriole, Md., where he was successfully concluding his 4th year. Having peculiarly unique qualities as a pastor to adapt himself, his pastorates were long.

As a pastor, he was fatherly and sympathetic, yet not indulgent

As a preacher, he was earnest and conscientious—devotedly wedded to the Biblical standard of Righteousness. Religion with him was an abiding passion for the Christ practically exhibited among men; as an administrator and builder he was zealous to protect every interest of the people whom he served. Securing deeds for old properties occupied but not possessed. The John Wesley Church at Cottage Grove, (Curtis Chapel) stands as his material memorial. This Church was built, completely furnished and dedicated free from debt by him.

He sought the fellowship of the brethren. He not only loved but was beloved, enjoying their esteem and friendship. He had great confidence, love and smypathy for the laity. Therefore he was generally beloved and entrusted by them. He cultivated strong friendship, especially among the people.

In 1871 July 5th, the deceased was joined in holy matrimony to Miss Mary Lavinia Cowper, of Baltimore, Md., who six years ago preceded him to the glory land. She was a loving wife and a valuable asset to him in his early ministry.

In 1915, June 23rd, he was again married to Miss Sarah Margaret Robertson. She was a loyal and loving wife and a faithful supporter of his work to the end which came suddenly 3.15 a.m. Sunday, March 14th. when he was not, for God took him.

Of the first union there were born to him three children: Alonzo S. Waters, Mrs. J. S. Coulbourn and Mrs. D. H. Hargis, who with two brothers and three sisters and a host of friends survive him.

"Servant of God, well done!

Thy glorious war-fare's past;

The battle's fought, the race is won

And thou art crowned at last."

MRS. ROSENA F. JOHNSON.

Mrs. Rosena Frances Johnson, the daughter of Littleton and Elizabeth Waters was born Oct. 1, 1861 near Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Md. She attended the public school at Little Union. She was converted at an early age. She was married to Rev. I. H. Johnson at Little Union Church by Rev. F. J. Lee, June 9th, 1884. Their union was blessed by three children, one daughter, and two sons. She was a faithful member and great church worker wherever she went, and made many friends. She failed in health three years ago. She was a long and patient sufferer. she never gave up but always trusted in the Lord. In May, 1920, she went to Port Deposit, Md. with her daughter, on July 8th, 1920 the summons came, she answered gladly and departed to live with her Lord. At the time of her death, her husband was living, but on July 24th, 1920 he hastened to meet her in the Glory land. She leaves behind one daughter, two sons, three sisters, four brothers, six grandchildren and many relatives and friends. The funeral was held at Trinity M. E. Church, Md., conducted by Rev. G. T. Townsend assisted by Rev. W. R. A. Palmer and Rev. G. S. Jacobs.

It is not death to fling
Aside this sinful dust
And rise on strong exulting wings
To live among the just.

MRS. LILLIAN BROCK NELSON.

Lillian Brock Nelson, daughter of the late William Brock and Susie Brock, was born in Richmond, Va., on October, 10, 1885.

Her father died when she was only four years old, leaving little Lillian and four sisters to the care of a mother whom God adequately prepared for the stupendous task.

She instilled in the minds of her fatherless children that a noble and