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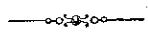
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## M E M O I R S .

Rev. NICHOLAS WHITE was born in Middletown, Rutland County, Vermont, June 8th, 1786, and died in the city of Brooklyn, New York, February 14th, 1861. He became a member of the M. E. Church in 1810; was licensed to exhort in 1811; was received on trial in the New York Conference in 1813, and appointed to the Plattsburgh Circuit and continued there in 1814. In 1815 he was ordained Deacon and appointed to the Charlotte Circuit; during this year he was stricken down with a pulmonary attack. The bleeding from his lungs was so profuse and obstinate, that for months, but little hope was entertained of his recovery. He held the relation of Superannuate during the year 1816-17 and was appointed to the Charlotte Circuit in the year 1818-19. In 1820 he travelled the St. Alban's Circuit; 1821-22, New Windsor; 1823, Newburgh; 1824, New Paltz; 1825, Dutchess. In 1826 and '27, he was stationed in the city of New York; 1828 and '29, on Mount Pleasant Circuit; 1830 and '31, on Courtland; 1832, Reading; 1833, Saugatuck; and in 1834, on Dutchess again. From 1835 to 1838 inclusive, he was Presiding Elder on the Delaware District, and in 1839 was P. E. on the White Plains District, and from 1840 to 1843 inclusive, was P. Elder on the Poughkeepsie District. During the years 1844 and '45, he was at the Asbury charge, city of New York; 1848 and '49, at Newtown, L. I.; 1850 and '51, at Carlton Avenue, in the city of Brooklyn, and in 1852 and '53 was at Dean street charge, same city. While on this charge, he buried his beloved wife, and here he closed his effective labors as an itinerant preacher. In 1854 he was again superannuated, and in this relation he has continued until his Master called him home. He was twice a representative of the New York Conference, in the General Conference.

Brother White was a good man. The writer of this commenced his special acquaintance with him in May, 1818, as his assistant on the Charlotte Circuit in Vermont, and was his assistant again on the St. Alban's Circuit in 1820; has followed him in other fields of labor, and never yet heard a whisper against his moral, or Christian character, but on the contrary has uniformly heard him spoken of, as a true disciplè, a sincere and devoted follower of the meek and lowly Jesus.

He was a Methodist from principle, and heartily subscribed to its doctrines, and conscientiously conformed to its discipline, yet was

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A good man. The writer of this commenced his acquaintance with him in May, 1818, as his assistant on the Dutchess charge, and was his assistant again on the Dutchess charge in 1820; has followed him in other fields of labor, and has heard him spoken of with a whisper against his moral, or Christian character. He has uniformly heard him spoken of as a meek and devoted follower of the meek and

lowly principle, and heartily subscribed to its discipline, yet was

truly catholic in spirit and practice, loving, and in every reasonable way manifesting his love to all who love the image and superscription of his Divine Master.

As a Methodist Preacher, he was orthodox, animated, ardent, successful, and *loyal*: heartily acknowledging the authority of the General Conference to make rules and regulations for the edification and government of the Church. Like a true son in the gospel, he yielded implicit obedience to authority, and cheerfully kept without attempting to mend the rules of the Church. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

REV. NOBLE W. THOMAS, long honored of God, and blessed of the people, died in the triumphs of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, at Hempstead, L. I., on the 12th of May 1860, in the 79th year of his age.

Brother Thomas was born December 5th, 1781, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. His father was Rev. Samuel Thomas, who for many years served God and his generation well, in the active labors of the itinerant ministry, in a day when the term itinerant had a meaning.

The subject of our memoir was converted to God in the year 1797, and entered the arduous field of the ministerial labor of that pioneering age of Methodism in the year 1803.

His first appointment was to Providence, R. I., to which place he journeyed all the way on horse-back, from his native State, New Jersey. To use his own words descriptive of those early days of Methodist preaching, "we lived most of the time on horse-back and carried all we were worth in our saddle bags." In 1804 he went on the Pomfret Circuit, Conn., and in 1805 he was admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, and appointed to the Tolland Circuit. The next year he was transferred to the New York Conference, and appointed to the Cambridge Circuit.

In 1807 he was ordained Elder and appointed to Pittsfield, after which he travelled successively the Circuits of Reading, Middletown, New Rochelle, Jamaica, L. I., Sag Harbor, L. I., Cortland, Dutchess, Rhinebeck, Jamaica, L. I., (a second time) Croton, and again a second time at New Rochelle; Stamford, Conn., Suffolk L. I.