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When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all thy armies shine,
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be thine.

REV. MARSHALL W. TAYLOR, D. D.,

Is gone; he died in Louisville, Ky., Sept. 1888. He was born of free parents in Lexington, Ky., July 1st, 1846; his opportunity for education was limited in Kentucky, but there were schools for free colored children, and these he attended, but having that thirst for knowledge that is peculiar to our race, he sought wider privileges in the neighboring states of Ohio and Indiana. At the age of seventeen years he was converted, and after some years of teaching entered the ministry. He was first a missionary in the southwest, but in 1872 joined the Lexington Conference, in which he was pastor and Presiding Elder.

He was twice elected to the General Conference, and in 1884 was nominated to take the office and place that Bishop Taylor now occupies, but declined, saying that it would be impossible for him to live in Africa. He was elected Editor of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, and we believe with Dr. J. M. Buckley, had the delegates that represented the several colored conferences nominated him for the Episcopacy, he would have been elected by an overwhelming majority. Dr. M. W. Taylor was indeed our Moses, and we trusted that it would have been he that should redeem Israel. But alas! we see him as he scales Nebo's height, and but faintly views the sight. The veil is drawn by death, and he is hid in the mount with God. Dr. M. W. Taylor was one of our first men in the church, a clear type of human genius, a church governor, and a christian. And we

Resolve, That we will cherish his memory, follow his precepts, and as he has crossed the line of battle below and is standing on Zion's hill, may we not have him come to us? But let the commands he gave ring all down the lines, and may we carry them on to victory, until we cross the dead lines, and stand with him on the sea of glass having the harps of God. We pray the arm of protection be extended to his dear companion and children he has left to mourn their loss, which is his glory and gain.

Give joy or grief, give ease or pain,
Take life or friends away,
But let me find them all again,
In that eternal day.

REV. CHAS. WING.

We live in a world where life is fleeting, death lurks in every flower, and floats in every breeze. The whistling of the winds seems to say, come! and man submissively obeys. In the midst of life we are in death. Rev. Charles Wing, who departed this life October 8th, 1887, was born May 1815, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Talbot county. In early life he united with the M. E. Church, and was a consistent, devoted christian. One year after the organization of the Delaware Annual Conference, at its second session in 1865, he joined, and filled the following appointments with credit to himself and Conference. Ezion, Wilmington, 3 years; Cambridge, Md., 2 years; Wicomico, 2 years; Chestertown, 3 years; Old Chester, 1 year; New Town, 2 years; Princess Anne, 3 years; Middletown, 1 year; Smyrna, 1 year; Crumpton, 1 year. As a preacher he was wonderful in power. He was a loving husband and a kind father. In 1884 his health began to fail, which caused him to take a superannuated relation and removed to Chestertown, from thence to Trappe, from there to Oxford, where after much suffering, which he endured in his usual quiet way, until death put an end to his career on earth.

Go to the grave; at noon from labor cease;
Rest on thy sheaves; thy harvest-task is done;
Come from the heat of battle, and in peace,
Soldier, go home; with thee the fight is won.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
REV. JOHN H. HOLLAND,

Who was born in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, on Easter Sunday morning, April 12th, 1828. His mother, Sophia Holland, was free born, his father, Matthew Holland was a slave. At an early age, he was converted and joined Sharp Street M. E. Church, Baltimore, Maryland, where he then lived and worked at his trade as carpenter. About this time he was married to Miss Sarah E., daughter of the Rev. Thomas Watkins. In 1853, he moved to the eastern shore of Maryland, at Federalsburg, Caroline County. Uniting with our church in this place, still working at his trade, he was licensed to exhort in 1864, and in 1866 he was licensed a local preacher, and in July of the same year he joined the Delaware Conference. His first appointment was Denton, Maryland, where he had quite a conflict with the A. M. E. Church, his own church being locked against him, he stood on the door-step and preached the gospel of Christ. About the end of his second year he was often caused to sing:

What trouble have we seen,
What conflicts have we past!

He was then appointed to Millington, Kent County, Maryland, served that Circuit two years, then to Centreville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, two years, from there he was appointed to Milford, Delaware, where he served two years, then to Vienna Circuit, Dorchester County, Maryland, one year, then to Easton, Talbot County, Maryland, three years, thence to Dover, Delaware, two years. At that Conference session he was appointed Presiding Elder on the Salisbury District, by Bishop Thomas Bowman. After serving the District four years, he was appointed to Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland, staying three years. He was appointed to Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland, stayed one year. The circuit was divided, and Nanticoke charge was established to which he was appointed in May 1887, by Bishop J. F. Hurst, at the session of Conference at Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, but taken sick at Conference, he did not reach his work, but grew worse till, on Nov. 14th of the same year, he was translated, we trust, to the land of the blest.

John H. Holland was a man of industry and enterprise, a faithful Christian, a wise and discreet judiciary officer, a good gospel preacher, an energetic pastor, and proved a blessing to the church. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn their loss, which is his gain.

Brother thou hast gone before us,
Resting on that blessed shore;
Yet we hope again to meet thee,
When the storms of life are o'er.

H. JOLLY,
I. H. WINTERS,
C. O. WATERS,
E. E. PARKER.

CHRISTIANNIA ROGERS.

The beloved wife of Rev. Wm. H. Rogers, born March 1828, in Greenwich, N. J. Died March 20th, 1888, at Kent Island, Md. She was a loving wife, a devoted christian, and died triumphant in the faith.

The soul of our sister is gone,
To heighten the triumphs above,
Rejoicing at Jesus' throne,
And clasped in the arms of his love.

OLEVIA S. LOWBER,

the beloved daughter of Rev. A. Lowber, born September 7th, 1877, at Still Pond, Md., departed this life August 18th, 1887. Age 11 years, 11 months, and 10 days.

She is not dead but sleepeth.