

Prophetic vision and prophetic
 ent Elisha kept his eyes fixed on
 1 then he exclaimed, "My father,
 the horsemen thereof!" No man
 eyes had not been opened and en-
 ack, mantle in hand, and crossed
 become the man of power. The
 e road to Damascus. With his
 s, he gave himself wholly to the
 an of vision became the man of
 ld as his parish, and what has
 s saw visions and dreamed dreams.
 istricted by our environment? Do
 ? Then we will never accomplish
 see? The golden opportunities of
 : the people as Jesus saw them,
 e children of God and heirs of
 : only in Bible history but also
 day. We ought to see Jesus liv-
 establishing righteousness and
 tories. Why are we not having
 are too restricted. According to
 t according to our means, methods,
 ld Paul have with a church which
 because it had not the money or
 ed entirely in another sphere.

a great building, a fine organ, and
 The Bible, general history, and
 incidents which prove that God
 h very humble agents when they
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and after spending two years in the field of him to the Christian Ministry.

Western New York Conference (now at Perry, Gowanda, Batavia, Albion, Chelean, Franklinville and Friendship. For six years at Friendship, N. Y., he was continuing his residence there until he died on October 14, 1922.

A faithful pastor, a true friend, a genial and interesting conversationalist, an indulgent

worker as a pastor, Brother Sanborn had won distinction. He was a recognized authority extensively on the subject, as well as in our country and abroad.

In N. Y., he became interested in the Indian Reservation. That he might be able to help, he learned their language and collected a few hymns and songs. The difficulty was appreciated by the fact that he was the printing and binding himself.

In recognition, they adopted him into their "A-WEH," meaning "Sky without a cloud." American Indians led Senator McNaughton of Indian Affairs, and Director in charge of Indian Exhibit at the World's Fair in Washington. A collection of relics and curios formed the nucleus of the American Indian, and are now in a museum at Albany.

For the rest of his busy life maintained. He was the author of Greek and Latin which have been quite extensively used; and has written many poems of real merit. He was honored in literary and scientific societies, both in our country and abroad, as the Buffalo Historical Society, the British Folklore Society, and the British Association of Science. As we review these things we come to the conclusion that here was a man of great industry, and diligent devotion to God.

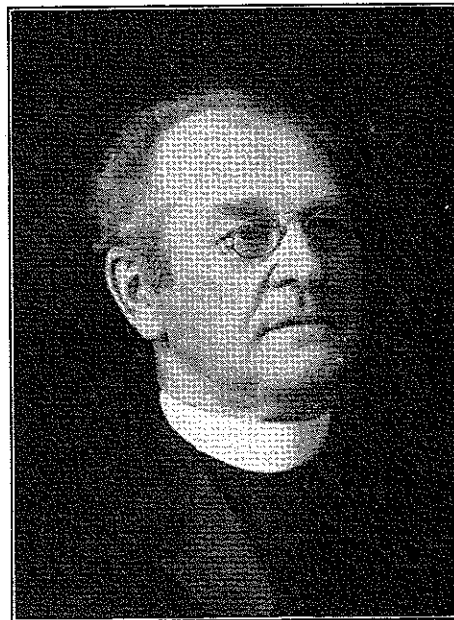
His aide Hiscox of Brooklyn and Clifton were many Christian graces, a help-meet, and a loss with four of their children.

It was a trial, which he endured with Christian fortitude, saying, "Well done."

Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent J. H. Witham, assisted by the local clergymen and brothers of the Conference.

"By ways not understood,
Out of each dark vicissitude,
God brings us compensating good;
For faith is perfected by fears,
And souls renew their youth with years,
And love looks into Heaven through tears."

E. M. SNODGRASS.



JOHN WESLEY WRIGHT

June 13, 1844—January 24, 1923

On Friday morning, January 17, 1923, John Wesley Wright left his last earthly home, the Methodist Parsonage in Wyoming, N. Y., to go to the Post Office. Although in his seventy-ninth year, "his eye was yet undimmed and his natural force was not abated." To the limit of human power to foresee, long years of additional service in the work he loved stretched peacefully out before him. One moment he stood erect, strong, confident in the dawning of another service-field day; the next he lay prostrate, victim of a bit of icy pavement, to linger unconscious through five days of waiting,—then "he was not, for God took

him." Surely if ever tragedy can find a place in the story of any of God's children, his was a tragic ending of a long life of service. But "There are no accidents in the Providence of God." His children are immortal until their work is done and His own voice calls them home. The manner of their going is incidental. In the endless ages with Him "in whose presence is fullness of joy, and at His right hand, pleasures forever more," there will be no shadow cast by the manner in which the summons came. Willful choosing of our own way brings many experiences into our lives that God does not choose for us; but He is committed to see that "no evil shall befall" His own. "All things work together for good to them that love God." "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path." Any seeming evil only means that our short human sight cannot see through to the final issue of God's providences. "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt understand hereafter."

John Wesley Wright was born in Springfield, Chester County, Penna., June 13, 1844, son of Robert L. and Margaret St. John Wright. He was converted at the age of 17; taught for some years after finishing a teachers' course in the State Normal School; and received his first Exhorter's License from the New Philadelphia Quarterly Conference on February 19, 1867. On September 17, 1867, he received his Local Preacher's License from the Quarterly Conference of the Village Green Circuit, which he served the following year as Junior Preacher under Rev. Wesley Johnson. He spent the next year traveling with the Presiding Elder, Rev. James Cunningham; and in 1868 was received into the Philadelphia Conference on the recommendation of the Bryn Mawr Quarterly Conference. Dropping out for four years in 1871, he entered the Erie Conference on Trial in 1875; in full, 1878; and was transferred to the Genesee Conference in 1881. Since that time his appointments have been: 1881, Duke Center; 1883, Kendall Creek; 1884, Coudersport; 1887, Gowanda; 1890, Avoca; 1893, Smethport; 1894, Ninth Street, Olean; 1895, Ulysses, Pa.; 1897, Prattsburg; 1899, Derrick City; 1900, Allentown; 1901, Custer City; 1906, Roulette; 1907, Andover; 1910, Scio; 1911, Arcade; 1917, Belmont; 1921, Wyoming, which he served until his calling to coronation, at an age far beyond that at which most men seek the relaxation of retirement.

Brother Wright was a scholarly man, quiet, reserved, dignified; and only those who took the trouble to know him well could come to know his genuine brotherliness and beauty of spirit. The Wyoming Press said of him: "He was a splendid type of the old-time Methodist preacher, now rarely met. Stern in his convictions, fearless in his preaching, in every word and deed he lived the Gospel that he preached. A great student of the Bible, familiar with the great minds of literature, kindly and tolerant toward all who did not see eye to eye with him in doctrinal matters, his ministry was rich in its teaching quality no less than in its inspiration to better living. In company, he was a most charming personality, reserved, dignified, but friendly to all. Throughout his entire life he sacrificed personal feelings to the good of the Church that he faithfully served through a period seldom surpassed. He was the courageous preacher of a virile Gospel; and his one aim

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 tion, wherein was set forth his purpose to carry on just this ministry.
 The reading of this poem was one of the striking features of the im-
 pressive funeral services, which were in charge of his District Superin-
 tendent, H. H. Witham; assisted by his Conference brethren, John Seg-
 walt, E. E. Jones, J. W. Neville, K. T. Wood, and E. W. Hargrave;
 and by the Rev. F. J. Malzard of Wyoming. His earthly house awaits
 the resurrection in the beautiful cemetery at Belmont."

In 1870, Brother Wright found a helpmeet in Miss Martha Allen
 of Philadelphia, whose attractive personality added much to his min-
 istry until the time of her promotion on March 27, 1920. To them God
 gave four daughters and a son, all of whom survive to carry on an
 honored name: Mrs. L. T. Chappel, Corning; Mrs. W. R. Hoover,
 Newark; Mrs. C. R. Clarke, Ransomville; Miss Elizabeth Wright,
 Wyoming; and R. W. Wright, of Buffalo.

Brother Wright inherited his predilection for the work of the
 ministry. He was a lineal as well as a spiritual child of the Wesley
 family, founders of Methodism; and his own father and his grand-
 father were honored and useful Local Preachers in the Methodist
 Church. Thus his call to his long service in the pulpit fell upon re-
 sponsive ears. Today beyond the shadows, he sees the face of the
 Savior he so faithfully proclaimed, and rests from labors well per-
 formed.

HOWARD M. WILSON.