

A MEMORIAL OF HOPEWELL MONTHLY MEETING CONCERNING
MARY WRIGHT, AN ELDER.

Mary Wright, for more than forty years a beloved and honored Elder of this Meeting, closed her earthly career on the 8th day of First month, 1892.

As one whom, on account of her long and faithful service in this Monthly Meeting, we esteem worthy of honor, we deem it fitting to make this record of our sense of loss in her removal, and to give expression to our loving appreciation of her worth.

She was the daughter of John and Rachel Griffith, and was born in 1804 on the family estate, where also her father had been born.

The details of her life, spanning, as it did, nearly the whole of the 19th century, would, if brought to our view, present to us a vivid picture of the care and toil of life in those early days, when civilization was by slow degrees wresting from the primeval wilderness the heritage now enjoyed by the inhabitants of this beautiful valley.

At the age of 18 she was united in marriage to David Wright at Hopewell. He was a man of rare worth, but after an ideal union of eight years, he was taken from her. Her widowed heart thenceforth sought to forget self, in self-sacrificing labors for the comfort and happiness of her father's large household, to which she returned. She remained at the old home (with her brother, Robert D. Griffith,) until within two years of her death, and here many of the Lord's servants have been helped and comforted by her ministrations.

During the commotions which in 1827 and 1828 rent our beloved Society, she suffered deeply, but never faltered in her allegiance to the truth as it is in Jesus, as she had experienced it; and, while clothed with charity, she made no compromise with what she regarded as error.

The particular Meeting to which she belonged was most dear to her, and through winter's cold and summer's heat her place there was rarely vacant. For years after the separation in our Society, the Monthly Meeting was held alternately at Hopewell and Goose Creek in Loudoun County. Her regular attendance therefore necessitated, when the Meeting was held at the latter place, a ride of more than 30 miles over the Blue Ridge, and the crossing of the Shenandoah River—often on horseback—involved exposure and much physical effort.

During the late civil war she had her full share of thrilling experiences, throughout which she displayed in a marked degree fortitude and Christian principle.

Having no children of her own, she gave almost a mother's love and care to a niece, Mary S. Wright, whom she adopted at the early age of two years, and it was with her and her husband, Frederick A. Cockran, that she spent the last two years of her life in tranquil rest.

As years increased, the maturity of her Christian life manifested itself, and her experience was a literal fulfilment of the Scripture promise, "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age."—(Ps. 92: 14).

She attended Baltimore Yearly Meeting last autumn, and on her return wrote to a niece that she had not the capacity to express her enjoyment of the Meeting throughout; that she had gone, fearing the effect of the absence of honored Friends who had been gathered home; but that she was made to realize most fully the all-sufficiency of the Great Head of the Church, in making a way where there seemed to be none, and in causing so much interest to be manifested by the younger members of the Meeting.

A Friend standing by heard Francis T. King greet her with the words, "Well, Mary Wright, I would hardly seem

like Yearly Meeting without thee." Both of these dear Friends since then have left their places in the "Church militant," to join the "Church triumphant." The work remains; may the Lord cause a double portion of their consecrated spirits to rest upon some who are left, and may His kingdom come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Hopewell Monthly Meeting, held Ninth month 7th, 1892.

(Signed), MARY ANNA GRIFFITH,
JOHN GRIFFITH,
Clerk.

At Baltimore Quarterly Meeting of Friends (Men) held at Baltimore, Md.
1st Mo. 9th 1893.

By reports from the Monthly Meetings the following Friends were the Representatives, viz. from { Benjamin P. Moore, Joseph P. Elliott
Baltimore { Charles J. Cary & Miles White, Jr.
Hopewell - John D. Wright & John Griffith.
Deer Creek - George L. Scott & Alfred S. Edge.
Patuxent - J. Edw. Wetherald & Sam'l R. Neave
Lincoln - Sam'l. N. Brown & W^m Piggott
Ashton - George M. Tatum
who were present except 5, for the absence of 2 of whom reasons were given.

Our beloved Friend George Grubb a minister, attended this meeting with a minute from Cork Monthly Meeting, Ireland, held 1st Mo. 7th 1892, endorsed by Munster Quarterly Meeting held 1st Mo. 11th 1892, and by the Foreign Service Committee of Dublin Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders. His company and gospel labors have been very acceptable to us. Our Clerks were directed to give him a copy of this minute & sign it on our behalf.

Our dear friend Richard H. Thomas