

Memorials to the Reverend Hugh Park McClurkin, D.D.

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S. J. CROWE,
A. KILPATRICK,
J. M. DOUTHETT.

MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF DR. H. P. McCLURKIN.

In the death of Dr. H. P. McClurkin, at Topeka, Kan., February 18th, 1905, the Church has lost a minister of no ordinary attainments.

He was born November 6th, 1821, near Rocky Creek, Chester District, South Carolina. His early life amidst the evils of slavery gave him peculiar instincts that guided him in his antagonism to the system in his mature years. He began his school life in his native State, and continued it in Washington County, Illinois, to which place his family removed in 1833. He graduated from the Western Pennsylvania University in 1845. After a course of theology in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, in Cincinnati, he was licensed by Lakes Presbytery April 20th, 1848. After manifold labors in different fields of ministerial service he retired from the active duties of the ministry in 1902, and lived a quiet life until his death.

That he won the appreciation of the Church and of other denominations is manifest by a widespread reverence for his memory; by his election as Moderator of Synod in 1868, and by being honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Muskingum College in 1879.

The power of Dr. McClurkin was especially manifest in his grasp of public questions and in the influence that he exerted on the whole community wherever his lot was cast. As an instance of this we make mention of the beautiful tribute paid to his memory by the Ministerial Association of Topeka, Kan., at his interment. His fellow-ministers attended his funeral in a body, and his pallbearers were ministers with whom he had been associated in past years in various reform efforts.

He was easily a standard-bearer among men; he was deeply devoted to every good reform; as a counsellor he was an Ahithophel, and as a comforter, an Isaiah. He was a man of prayer and of work, and therefore a power in the lives of men. His was a life of service—his an eternity of reward.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BOGGS DODDS,
W. W. CARITHERS,
J. R. MAGEE.

MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF PRESTON HARVEY WYLIE.

Preston Harvey Wylie was born near Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, April 16th, 1822. His early education was obtained in Muskingum County, where he also studied the classics under the Rev. John Wallace. Moving to Northwood, Ohio, in 1850, he continued his studies in Geneva College, graduating from that institution in 1853. He studied theology at the same time in the Northwood Seminary, and was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery April 12th, 1854. Mr. Wylie was pastor of Lake Eliza congregation from May 14th, 1855, to October 9th, 1860; of the Rushsylvania congregation from November 13th, 1860, to May 25th, 1876, and of the Macedon congregation from January 10th, 1861, to March 1st, 1887. He resigned his care of this double charge

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The Late Dr. H. P. McClurkin.

Rev. Hugh Park McClurkin, D. D., son of John and Eliza Park McClurkin, died in his home in Topeka, Kan., Feb. 18, 1905. He was born near Rocky Creek, Chester district, S. C., Nov. 12, 1821, but removed from that part of the country on account of slavery and settled near Sparta, Randolph Co., Ill., in 1833.

He graduated from the Western University, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1845, studied Theology in Cincinnati Theological Seminary and was licensed to preach by the Lakes Presbytery April 20, 1849. He was ordained by Pittsburgh Presbytery and installed pastor of New Concord, Ohio, congregation, Oct. 15, 1850, and resigned Oct. 4, 1882, after a successful pastorate of 32 years. After brief pastorates in Wahoo, Neb., and Denison, Kan., he came to Topeka congregation where he preached as stated supply for six years, or until he was compelled, through advancing years and infirmity, to retire from the active work of the ministry in pulpit and platform. He was an active preacher of the gospel for 54 years. In 1843 he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Orr, of Pittsburgh. This happy union lasted for 62 years. Nine children were born to them, six of whom remain together with the bereaved mother, to mourn the loss of a kind husband and tender father. For two years and a half our brother had been unable to engage in the active duties of the ministry. An insidious disease was gradually undermining health and strength. He was loath to give up gospel work, and often remarked during those years of enforced inactivity, "The thing that I most feared has come upon me." Yet he submitted patiently to

the will of God, and waited all the days of his appointed time until his change came. God was merciful to him and to his friends, for his season of suffering at the last was short, and peacefully and quietly he passed into the presence of the Master who called, "Come up higher." His last night on earth was spent almost continuously in prayer and pleadings with God for his family, his former flock in Topeka, the church at large, specially for those reforms which lay so close to his heart. "He entered heaven by prayer." Truly he died in the Lord. He rests from his labors on earth, but his works shall follow him. The Ministerial Association of Topeka, of which he was an esteemed member, took charge of the funeral arrangements, and drafted appropriate resolutions, which were read at his funeral. Devout men among his ministerial associates in the city carried him to his burial. The Session of Topeka congregation prepared, and had read at his funeral, resolutions expressive of appreciation for the departed, and of sympathy for the bereaved family.

Among the remarks made at the funeral of our brother, the following brief analysis of his Christian character was presented.

1. He was a radical in religion and morals. He made God's word the standard of morals and religion, and measured character, religion and morals by the rule of the Scriptures.

2. He was faithful and courageous in the application of Scriptural principles to the lives and characters of men and nations. This he did without regard to the fear or favor of men, often at the expense of public popularity and the risk of personal danger.

3. He was a clear, practical, and devout Bible student. He had a profound insight into the spiritual meaning of God's word. He had a wealth of practical illustrations at his command, by which he fastened the truth in the heart and mind of the hearer.

4. He was of a meek and quiet and humble disposition; but this disposition did not keep him silent when the cause of his Master needed his voice or when those who should have spoken kept silence. He sought not the honor that comes from men.

Here is where his great strength lay. He had power with God.

T. C. S.

In Memoriam.

(Fifty words will be printed without charge. Every additional word will be charged for at the rate of 2 cents a word, money to accompany notice. A second notice of a death will be charged for in full.)

Mrs. Margaret Reid Patterson, of Eighth street R. P. Church, Pittsburg, was called home to heaven on Thurs-

day afternoon, Feb. 25, after a five weeks' illness, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James A. McAteer, Ridge avenue, Grafton, Pa. Her husband, Robert Patterson, had preceded her to the heavenly home 49 years ago. "The Chartiers Valley Mirror" says:

"Jaundice was the cause of her death. Mrs. Patterson was born April 4, 1824, in County Down, Ireland, coming to America in 1847. Most of her life in Pittsburg was spent in the Eleventh ward. For the past seven years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. McAteer. She was married in 1842 to Robt. Patterson, employed until his death by A. Wilson & Co., then a well known firm of Pittsburg. Mrs. Patterson had attended the Eighth street Reformed Presbyterian church of Pittsburg, of which Dr. McAllister is pastor, since its organization in 1865, and was one of its earliest members. She was a conscientious active worker, attended services regularly up to January 8. She is survived by R. J. Patterson, of Sheraden; Mrs. S. O. Lowry, of Greensburg; Mrs. Jas. A. McAteer, of Crafton; and 15 grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted at her daughter's home, at 8 o'clock last evening. The interment will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon in Uniondale cemetery."

We knew Mrs. Patterson for the last thirty-two years, and not once have we known her to be impatient or complaining, or, in fact, to be anything but a lovely Christian character, representing at once all the sterling qualities which Solomon ascribes to the perfect woman, wife and mother. She was to her children, after her husband's death, all that both parents should be. She was a model housekeeper, not only skilled in all the work that brings comfort to the home, but accomplished in all the intricacies of needlework and such arts that beautify it, and make it attractive to the eye as well as the heart. A gentle, untiring nurse, unfailing guide, and genial companion, the members of her family, one and all, will sorely miss her, but in memory they will still "rise up and call her blessed."

Armstrong A. McKee died in Indianapolis, Feb. 14th, aged 75 years. He was an uncle of R. J. W. J., and A. M. Armstrong, and of Mrs. M. A. Cavan, of Morning Sun. He was born in Westmoreland Co., Pa., in 1830. He was a life long member of the R. P. Church, and for several years an elder in Linn Grove, and died a member of Sharon congregation. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Margaret Martin, of Pittsburg, Pa. His second wife was Miss Mary J. Holmes, of Cedarville, O., who remains to mourn his loss. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. C. D. Trumbull and Rev. J. S. McGaw at Morning Sun. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Isabella Foster Mitchell, aunt of the Revs. Foster, and wife of the late J. K. Mitchell, elder in Northwood congregation, died Feb. 21, in her 78th year. She was a woman of a strong mind, large heart, deep spirituality. Afflictions abounded in their home, but so did grace also. Her departure was peaceful and triumphant. She had long prayed for full assurance. Her prayers were answered a few days before the end came. One son and daughter remain to mourn their loss.

R. F.

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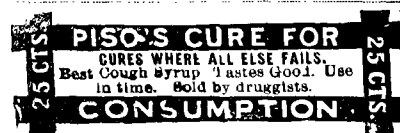
The romance which weaves itself in and throughout this book finds its birth in the woodlands of old Kentucky, and has its foundation, strange to say, set in the midst of one of Kentucky's bitterest feuds. As the vindictive nature of some of the old members of the opposing families threaten to destroy the principal characters of the romance, they are brought through circumstances to France, where the heroine becomes a willing ward of "A Nation's Idol"—Benjamin Franklin, during a great part of the nine years that Franklin spent at the Court of France. During that time her lover is fighting for his country in the War of the Revolution, part of the time as secretary to Franklin, the rest under the command of Captain John Paul Jones. It was only at the end of the war that the "romance" had a pleasant ending, when the malcontents on the vindictive side were dead.

The subject of the story, Benjamin Franklin, as we have aforementioned said, in the language of the author, was "born in Boston, January 17, 1706, died in Philadelphia, April 17, 1790, aged 84 years 3 months. Soap-Boiler, Candle-Dipper, Student, Printer, Author, Editor, Postmaster, Member of Legislature, Colonel, Member of Continental Congress, one of the Framers of the Declaration of Independence, Inventor, Scientist, Philosopher, Successful Man of Business, Philanthropist, Statesman, Diplomat, and Member of the Convention that Framed the Constitution of the United States. Thomas Hughes, author of the Tom Brown series, considers Franklin's services to his country only second to those of Washington; the author of this book decares if it had not been for the signal and successful service rendered by Franklin at the Court of France, the great American Revolution would have passed into history as a crushed rebellion, and the United States would now be a dependency of the British Crown.

If Franklin had been free to conclude peace negotiations with Great Britain on the original plan marked out by him, unhampered by the prejudices of his fellow-commissioners, the whole of Canada would have been added to our domain in 1783, and the present industrial and commercial complications would have been averted and others in the future, possibly more serious, prevented.

All the work accomplished by Benjamin Franklin during this time, including many of his trite sayings or proverbs, and all the circumstances leading up to and surrounding these events, are faithfully narrated in this book.

It is a valuable accession to the many historical romances which are taking the place today of the trashy, sickening love stories that have for some time flooded our public libraries, and will no doubt inspire our youth to industry, patience and loyalty, and will prove to them that the coat or money is not the man, but the conscientious dominant spirit that governs.



the east who know of the location of Covenanters within a thousand miles of us, will kindly inform us of their whereabouts. Please do this today. We should have congregations all along the Pacific coast, for the parish limits of those now here are too far flung.

T. M. SLATER.
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Topeka, Kansas.

Memorial by Session of Topeka Reformed Presbyterian congregation on Death of Rev. H. P. McClurkin, D. D.

1. It is with a feeling of no ordinary sadness that we record the death of our former pastor, Rev. H. P. McClurkin, D. D., who departed this life in his home in Topeka, Feb. 18, 1905.

While saddened and grief stricken by this bereavement, we submit in all humility to the will of Him, whose prerogative it is to give and take away. He has in his sovereignty called his servant from toil and suffering on earth to rest and reward in heaven.

We desire to magnify the goodness of God for the gift, for a time, of so good and faithful a pastor, for the abundant grace bestowed upon him; for the many gifts with which he was endowed; for the consecration of those gifts to the Master's work, and for the many years he was spared to use both

gifts and grace in the service of his Master.

2. We recognize that he has left us an example worthy of imitation in his nobleness of character, his fidelity to principle, his sterling integrity, his generous liberality, his tenderness and sympathy, his abundance of labors often performed amid much bodily weakness and distress, and in his complete resignation to the will of his Master, both in life and in the hour of death.

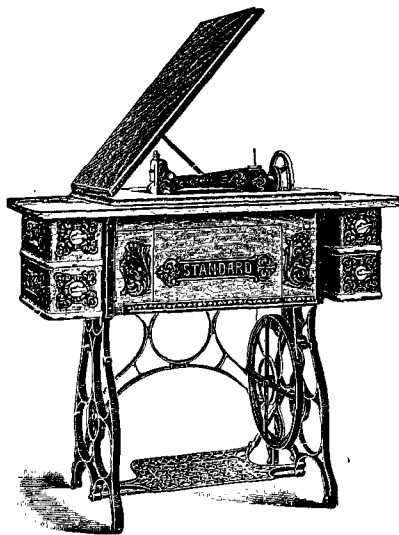
3. We bear grateful record to the Divine goodness which so fully fitted him for the work to which he was called, his eminent piety, his fullness of knowledge, his soundness of judgment, the wisdom of his counsels, and the tenderness of his reproofs.

4. To the bereaved wife and children we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, praying that the "Father of mercies and God of all comfort" may comfort them "with the comfort of God," and cause them to realize the preciousness of his promise to be the widow's stay, and a Father to the fatherless.

We ardently desire their peace and prosperity, not only for the beloved husband and father's sake, but for their own personal excellence and labors of love performed among us. By the Session,

JAMES R. MAGEE.
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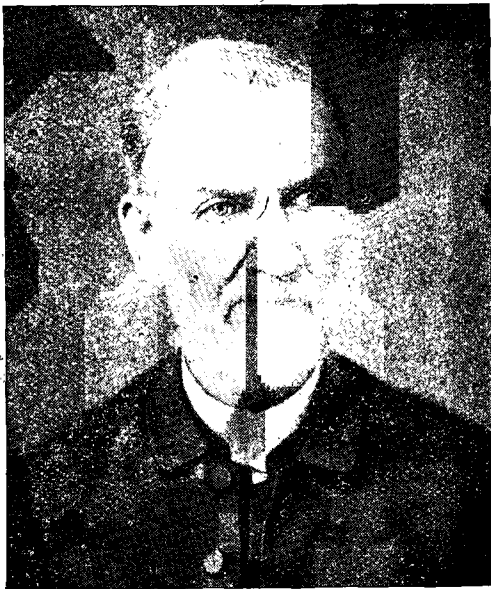
Our Deceased Aged Ministers of 1904-5.

THE four Covenanter ministers whose portraits are on this page and who have passed away since the Synod of 1904, each served the Church over 50 years. They all died within a few months; three died within a few hours, and two died on the same day. It was fitting that the oldest died first and the youngest last. All of them saw their children's children and peace upon Israel.



Rev. John Galbraith—1818-1904

Rev. John Galbraith was born in Edenmore, County Donegal, Ireland, April 6, 1818. He came to America with his parents in 1832, and graduated from the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1838; was licensed to preach by the Pittsburgh Presbytery June 1, 1842; was ordained and installed pastor of the united congregation of Union and Pine Creek, Penn., June 29, 1843. He chose the North Union branch as his sole charge in 1872, retiring in 1889. He was moderator of Synod in 1874. He died near Mars, Pa., September 30, 1904.



Rev. Dr. Hugh Park McClurkin—1821-1905

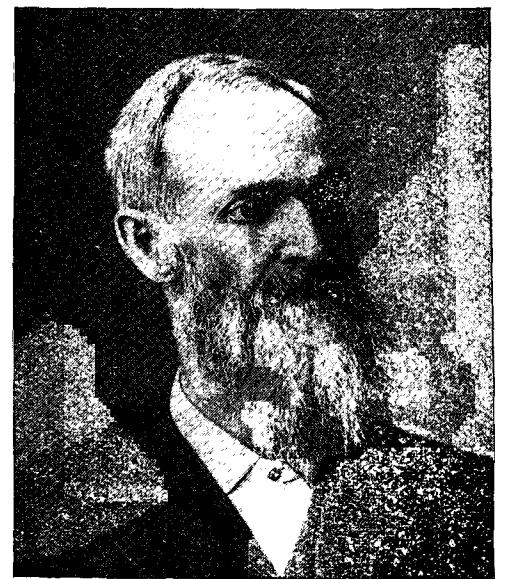
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Rev. Preston Harvey Wylie—1822-1905.

Rev. Preston Harvey Wylie was born in Perry County, Ohio, April 18, 1822. He graduated from Geneva College in 1853; was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery, April 12, 1854; was ordained, and installed pastor of the Lake Eliza congregation, Indiana, May 14, 1855, resigning in 1860; was installed the same year at Rushsylvania, Ohio, and in 1861 also at Macedon, Ohio, resigning the former branch in 1876, and the latter in 1887; was afterwards pastor at Sterling, Kansas, and Londonderry, Ohio. He retired in 1902 and removed to New Concord, O. He was moderator of the Synod of 1884. He died at New Concord, February 18, 1905.

Three of the four gave sons to the ministry and the sons of the fourth are all professional men. Two had each a daughter now a missionary, and the other two had each a daughter who is the wife of a Covenanter minister. All were active pastors as long as they had strength enough to preach. None of them was ever weary in well-doing. Of each of the four it could be said: "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation."



Rev. Joseph McCracken—1825-1905

Rev. Joseph McCracken was born in Rathfriland, County Down, Ireland, October 21, 1825. He came to America with his parents in 1832. He graduated from Union College in 1848; studied theology in Paisley and Edinburgh; was licensed by Rochester Presbytery, May 13, 1853; was ordained by Illinois Presbytery, October 29, 1856, and installed pastor of Clarinda congregation, July 6, 1857, resigning in 1858; was installed pastor of St. Louis congregation, October 14, 1859, resigning in 1874. After teaching in Geneva College he resumed pastoral work, being installed pastor of Southfield congregation, Michigan, June 15, 1878, retiring in 1903. He removed to York, N. Y. He was moderator of the Synod of 1873. He died at York, February 19, 1905.

Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church

In Session at New Castle, Pa.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 29.

After prayer by the Rev. John F. Crozier, Synod resumed its work.

On motion of Dr. T. P. Stevenson, it was decided that when Synod takes a recess at 5 o'clock, it be to meet at 8 o'clock p. m., and that the order of the day for that hour be the hearing of the Report on National Reform.

Rev. E. A. Crooks read the report of the Committee on Evangelistic work, which was adopted.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The hour of three o'clock had been set for a memorial service, for the ministers who have passed away during the past Synodical year; and for Missionary Dr. J. Maude George, and Elder Andrew Alexander. That sad, but beautiful service was now held.

In preparation for these exercises, the portraits of Dr. Maude George and of the group of ministers which has been printed in our columns, had been suitably framed, and hung on either side of the pulpit, attractively festooned.

The services were opened with the reading of a tribute to the Rev. A. W. Johnston, prepared by the Rev. Dr. J. C. McFeeters. The facts as to education, pastorates of Dr. Johnston and other deceased brethren, etc., having already been printed in these columns, we add here the following:

Dr. Johnston was a man of humble and retiring spirit, yet affable in manner, and dignified in appearance. The fear of God was much in evidence on his soul. His conversation was both kindly and spirited, seasoned with grace. He was a helpful friend and judicious counsellor. In all his relations he conducted himself as one who realized the presence and holiness of God. His devotion to the Covenant principles of the Second Reformation, to which this church is committed, was unchangeable.

The Rev. S. J. Crowe read the memorial of the Rev. John Galbraith, and we quote as follows: "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." This inspired utterance applies to Rev. John Galbraith as a consecrated servant of God and thoroughly devoted to the work of the Master. His life was given to the preaching of the gospel and to the glory of Christ in the conversion of souls and edification of saints. He was a faithful and diligent worker. His field of labor embraced a large territory, his flock was widely scattered, requiring time and sacrifice to perform pastoral labor. His itinerant embraced five stations many miles

apart, but he diligently cultivated them all, in season and out of season, by preaching, family visitation, and by catechetical instruction. He regularly fed the lambs as well as the sheep of the flock, and as a result of this faithful work among his young people, coupled with his advice, counsel, and encouragement, seven young men entered the ranks of the ministry from his charge: Rev. T. C. Sproull, Rev. S. K. Galbraith, Rev. S. J. Crowe, Rev. W. J. Sproull, Rev. A. D. Crowe, Rev. William McKinney, and Rev. R. M. McKinney. These were all from the Union branch of the congregation, and show the influence and power of this good man's life on young men in the formation period of their lives.

The Rev. J. Boggs Dodds as chairman, read the memorial of the Rev. Dr. H. P. McClurkin. He said in part: "In the death of Dr. H. P. McClurkin, the church has lost a minister of no ordinary attainments. His early life amidst the evils of slavery gave him peculiar instincts that guided him in his antagonism to the system in his mature years. That he won the appreciation of the Church and of other denominations is manifest by a widespread reverence for his memory, by his election as Moderator of Synod in 1868, and by being honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Muskingum College in 1879. The power of Dr. McClurkin was especially manifest in his grasp of public questions, and in the influence that he exerted on the whole community wherever his lot was cast. As an instance of this, we make mention of the beautiful tribute paid to his memory by the Ministerial Association of Topeka, Kansas, at his interment. His fellow ministers attended his funeral in a body, and his pall-bearers were ministers with whom he had been associated in past years in various reform efforts. He was easily a standard-bearer among men. As a counsellor he was an Ahithophel, and as a comforter an Isaiah. His was a life of service; his an eternity of reward."

The memorial of the Rev. P. H. Wylie was read by the Rev. J. Milligan Wylie. He said in part: His self-control enabled him to act wisely in all emergencies as well as to give him perseverance in all difficult undertakings. His influence is seen in the fact that all his children except one, who is disabled, entered the ministry or mission field. His work among the young people is specially to be noted. Catechetical instruction was emphasized, and the number of his young people who are to be found in the ministry and mission fields, and in the ranks of public school teachers, indicate the charac-

ter of the influence which he exerted. His public spirit was marked in his early life when he took part in the activities of the underground railroad. He wrote many articles for the church papers. He was a devoted National Reformer, often making great sacrifices to assist in conducting meetings. He was a man who loved his God.

The Rev. T. C. Sproull read the memorial of Rev. Joseph McCracken.

Until the day of his death he was fully alive to, and took a deep and active interest in all questions affecting the welfare of both church and state. He did not retire within himself as so many old men do, but kept his eyes open to behold the doings of the Lord in the Divine providences, his ears alert to hear the voice of his Master, and his hands ready to work for his Lord in his field and vineyard. He was a faithful Covenanter. He understood, believed, and practiced the principles of his church, and employed his best powers to further her interests. He was a faithful preacher of Christ crucified, and did not shun to declare the whole counsel of his Master in regard to his claims as Governor among nations, upon men as individuals and nations. He was a wise counsellor. He had a clear and judicial mind. He had the welfare of Zion at heart, and ever sought her best interests. Let us follow him as he followed Christ.

At this point, the Rev. Dr. McAllister spoke. With evidence of profound feeling he spoke in substance as follows: To-morrow, all over this fair land the people will hold memorial services and come laden with beautiful flowers to deck the graves of the heroes of the civil war, and also those of the Spanish war; fitting tributes for those who nobly gave up their lives for their country. But there is a greater heroism than any that these have shown. We, too, come here to offer our memorials and tributes to those who laid down their lives a sacrifice that others might enjoy the eternal life. (Here he paid great tributes of praise to the noble ministers, five in number, who died during the past year.) And not only the aged have proved their heroism. With all the winsomeness and beauty of youth, surrounded by hosts of friends and with all the culture and ability that marks success in a social way, Dr. Maude George offered up her young life in a foreign land in order that the heathen might be brought to Christ. This was heroism indeed, far greater than that shown on the field of any of the world's battles. We were all thrilled at reading in the newspapers an account of that great soldier at Port Arthur who, amid shot and shell, when requested to permit funeral services to be held over his fallen son, said, "No! I have another son and we may have to hold funeral services over both sons." Later on his second son fell a victim to the bullets of the enemy. When asked again if services might be held, Nogi said, "No! wait; perhaps the father may fall too." All this for love of country. But heroism for Christ's sake is recognized by God as a higher type of courage, and is often made