

MARY E. CARTLAND  
DIES AT HER HOME

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tions. Thus early was the trend of her life set for a wise and generous helpfulness toward all that is good.

For some time after her graduation she taught in the Boarding School. I cannot give the activities of those years in detail because I was myself away at school and for a few years knew very little of what transpired hereaway. But in July of 1873 she was married to Ezra M. Meader, a highly accomplished young man from Maine, who had come to this State as one of the coadjutors of Joseph Moore in the work of The Baltimore Association. He was a fine, scholarly man, a most enthusiastic and competent teacher. Their brief and happy married life was terminated by his death when their daughter Elizabeth was but a few months old.

There was always a very close attachment between the different members of the family for one another and there were living at this time besides Jonathan E. Cox and his wife, the oldest daughter, Margaret Peele, and the two brothers, Dr. J. J. and J. Elwood Cox; and with the most loving care they surrounded their bereft daughter and sister and the fatherless little girl. Dr. Cox had built a home for himself quite near the school and thither he took the entire family, and there Mary Meader and her child found a welcome home.

On the 3rd of May, 1977, she was married to Dr. J. E. Cartland and they at once settled in a home of their own. If space permitted I should like to tell of the loving care which that little girl had at the hands of the quiet man who thus took the place of her father. I was present the morning after the wedding when she came in timidly and leaned up against him and said, "May I call thee papa!" and I wish that I could picture what next took place as he reached down and took the little thing in his arms and said "Surely thee may call me papa;" and it was no "new broom sweeping clean." It was the daily, hourly relation so long as she lived.

Of all the varied associations and activities in which Mary Cartland was afterwards engaged the most beautiful and holy was the delightful home life which these two devoted people established whether at Guilford College, High Point or in Greensboro. To this so long as the children were small she gave herself, and when the call came for the more public duties to which her natural ability, trained mind and loving heart specially fitted her, it was the unstinted support of her husband in these labors which made it possible for her to go forth as she did. Wherever she had been her influence and help were always with the meeting and Sabbath school. She was by nature a teacher and could interest any group of youngsters who came into her hands.

When the W. C. T. U. was organized in North Carolina, she at once became one of the most active and energetic members. As the head of a department she was a very influential force in those early Executive Committees. It was a pleasure to serve on any committee with her for

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these reasons, she knew what should be done, and was ready to help do it. There was no shirk in her make-up. After a time she became president of the State W. C. T. U. and in the exercise of the duties of this office she endeared herself to the women in every section of North Carolina and exerted an untold influence for good. By her firmness and tact she was enabled to settle difficult problems and clear up perplexing situations in a remarkable manner. This I always attributed to the fact that the word "Christian" was to her the most important word in that combination and its expression in the policies of the Union the most vital part of its contribution to humanity. She filled this position for several years, attending the National conventions and arranging the tours for speakers within our own borders, visiting the different unions and speaking herself in hundreds of instances. There is no question but her work was a very important factor in making North Carolina a prohibition state.

She resigned the presidency of the Union largely that she might devote herself more entirely to the work of the church she loved. For many years she had been an Elder and more recently the meeting to which she belonged had recognized her gift in the ministry. She was very soon made Superintendent of Evangelistic work in North Carolina Yearly Meeting. The labor in this situation was more onerous and perplexing than that of the president of the W. C. T. U. She never faltered but pressed the cause with the same devotion and energy manifested in all her undertakings. After several years thus spent at the earnest solicitation of her family who saw that her health was being endangered, she resigned and retired to the quiet of her own home and meeting. Her interest in these various activities was an abiding thing however and until her dying day she was a stimulating force and a wise counselor along all the lines in which she had been actively engaged.

Her experience of things of the Spirit, coupled with a wide knowledge of human affairs, made her a very important factor in North Carolina Yearly Meeting, where her voice always carried what we Friends call "weight" because of the sound rea-

son and clear-cut distinctions expressed in well chosen words.

A sweet and holy and benignant presence is taken from us, but upon all whom her life touched the blessed influence must remain. Born on the 9th of 8th month, 1850, she entered upon that rest that remaineth on the morning of the 17th of 11th month, 1917. MARY M. HOBBS.

#### STRANGE SIGHTS AT MEMORIAL

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knights more equally matched and well and right valiantly did they fight. But one was wounded unto death and sank lifeless to the ground and his horse panic stricken "cantered" from the lists. Then entered a funeral procession with plumes and lights. And they bore in the dead hero and there followed in the train many fair dames with lighted candles and great and famous noblemen, and the riderless horse brought up the rear; and all mourned grievously. Then they laid the dead knight in their midst and as he was passing fair, all the people wept and tears fell like rain upon the ground and moans filled the air. Then the Holy Friar performed the last rites of the brave hero. Thus ended the scene and the word was "Canter-bury."

To break the melancholy spell of the last performance the world's greatest two-stringed artists entertained the audience by a three-versed melody consisting of "I'll Tell My People Howdy;" celebrated clog dancers gave proof of their unsurpassable agility; a human mocking bird added variety to the entertainment; and two captured Hawaiians rendered a soft farewell song on sweet-toned "noseolas."

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