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Now let us pause in the work of the day and pay tribute to one who, after a life of service, has passed on. Let us honor this beloved laborer of former days, as one who has made possible the Salem of today. With what care, and faith has she labored and loved and prayed. With what joy has she beheld her efforts well rewarded.

Then let us to our tasks again with a renewed energy, with a stronger purpose. We owe it to those who fought a good fight yesterday to make of today a success, and to build a firm foundation for the progress of tomorrow. No greater tribute can be paid to one whose work is done than to carry one with patience.

**DEATH HAS CLAIMED  
MISS E. A. LEHMAN.**

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her work systematically as became her Moravian training, instilling in her pupils the principles of true education—not alone the getting of knowledge, but the development of the highest type of the true woman in character and intellect. Miss Lehman was conscientious in her devotion to her work and widened her sphere of usefulness until she was recognized as one of the foremost educators in the State. She inspired her pupils with the love of God, the beautiful, the true—the greatest incentive to study. She was quick to see in each one the different faculties to be developed and taught them to help themselves. She knew her pupils better than they knew themselves.

Always a good disciplinarian, Miss Lehman commanded the respect of her pupils, inspired their confidence and love and many are her "old girls" all over the South who remember with feelings of affection their old teacher and the time spent under her guiding hand.

In the midst of her busy school life, replete with almost endless duties, for a conscientious teacher, Miss Lehman found time for literary work and wielded a facile and versatile pen, as a little volume of her poems published by the Grafton Press of New York in 1904 attests. These poems show the love of God and nature permeating them, lifting thought to higher and better things. They were the writings of the deep spiritual nature of the woman. She wrote poems for various publications—this little volume being selected from them. In 1889 Miss Lehman spent the summer in Europe with a party of North Carolina pupils and a very interesting sketch of her travels was published on her return.

Miss Lehman was a fine botanist and discovered a new plant which she sent to Albany, N. Y., to the state botanist's office. The plant is named for her, *Monotropis Lehmania*.

After fifty-two years of service, much of it as the senior teacher of Salem College, Miss Lehman entered into retirement, living in her well-known rooms at Salem College, which became the center of pilgrimage for those who knew and loved her, and never a day passed when she was not visited by her former students.

Although in declining health, Miss Lehman retained a most acute interest

in the college life to the very end. A recent visitor to Miss Lehman was ex-Secretary Shaw, who expressed himself as amazed at her grasp of modern affairs and world conditions and her exceptional mentality in the midst of her gradual physical decline.

**MISS LEHMAN.**

(From The Journal.)

Many years ago Miss Emma Lehman wrote—

"The time is not yet,  
'Tis scarcely noon—there are foes to be met—  
Thy work is still to be done;  
The evening will bring thee home."

In her own life, this prophesy proved as true as it was beautiful. She finished her work and the evening brought her home. How faithfully, how efficient, how completely she finished it, thousands of women all over the South can bear witness.

For fifty-two years Miss Lehman was a teacher in Salem College. She not only instructed the intellects of her pupils but won their hearts and inspired their souls. She was a teacher in the largest, truest, highest meaning of the term, who not only knew how

"To pour the fresh instruction o'er the mind,"

but also how

"To breathe the enlivening spirit, and to fix  
The generous purpose in the glowing breast."

Thousands who knew and loved Miss Lehman, who were blessed and uplifted and so greatly strengthened for the duties of life by her precept and example, are in their hearts today paying tender and loving tribute to her memory.

North Carolina has given to the world few, if any, more remarkable women than this cultured, accomplished, unassuming teacher of Salem. She was to the end not only a teacher, but a student. An outstanding trait of her character was her wonderful versatility. A teacher of English and thorough student of literature, a writer of rare ability, yet she found time to delve deep into the sciences, taught astronomy and won more than local recognition as a botanist. She was also a student of history and maintained to the last the keenest interest in local, State, National and world affairs. But above all, she was interested in human beings. Dearest to her heart were her girls whom she loved even more, if possible, than they loved her.

And now that she has gone beyond the shadows of her evening that came at last, it must be said of this noble woman that the finest heritage she left the world is not the contribution she made to literature and science, not the great institution she helped to build, but the minds she instructed, the hearts she inspired and the lives she moulded for larger service to humanity. To the influences she set in motion there will be no end. Numberless are the jewels in her crown.

**REMAINS OF MISS EMMA A. LEHMAN LAID TO REST**

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thaler, after which Dr. Pfohl very beautifully talked of her life of service. He said that the last chapter of a very notable record had just closed. Through her, the influence of Bethania and the principles of the little church of her childhood were scattered afar. It was by her request that she was buried in the "village on the hill," amid the scenes of her childhood. She prove her talents by diligent application and prayer. As a teacher she utilized her great ability in service to mankind. The greatest thing that can be said of her, however, is that she was a Christian. This is the key to her remarkable life. It is the "why" and

the "how" of all attainment. Retired from active service she quietly and peacefully awaited the end. Being an excellent student of the Bible, she spent many hours meditating on its truths. Death is not the end; the buds of promise seen in earthly life burst into full blown flower in eternity. Dr. Pfohl concluded by saying that her transition from this life to that above was swift—just a trembling for a few moments on the bring of the stream, and then the soul's sure flight. Such a death is a glorious victory; it is the reward of a well fought fight. The influence of such a life is everlasting, from generation to generation.

After these words of tribute, Dr. Pfohl sang that beautiful song "Not Half Has Ever Been Told."

Bishop Edward Rondthaler then said a few well-chosen words in commendation of a life well lived. He reviewed the life of service and of inspiration that she led in her connection with Salem Academy and Col-

lege. Two things explain the remarkable influence that she has held and will continue to hold over all those with whom she came into contact: her devotion to prayer, and her complete dedication to service. The success of her life is a wonderful inspiration to those just starting out on the journey. Servant of God, well done.

A prayer was then offered by the Bishop, and in conclusion "Abide With Me" was sung by the congregation.

The remains were then removed from the church, and the host of friends and relatives present, including a delegation from the Senior class of Salem College, were led to that "village on a hill", which was to be her last resting place. The impressive funeral service was read by Rev. Grabbs and Bishop Rondthaler. The Salem Band assisted in the service.

The large number of friends and relatives present and the many beautiful floral designs bespoke the love and esteem in which she was held by all who knew her.



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