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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN  
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**MRS. GEORGE G. COOKMAN (Mother of Alfred Cookman)**

[The despondency mentioned in the first paragraph below, was that which followed the tragic loss of Mrs. Cookman's husband, George, Alfred Cookman's Father, when the ship on which he was a passenger bound for England was lost at sea, no doubt sunk, and never seen again.]

After a struggle of two years, Mrs. Cookman received the blessing of the perfect love of God, which removed her despondency and restored her former cheerfulness. While communing at Eutaw Street Church, the Holy Spirit applied Christ's words, "His blood was shed for thee," with such force and sweetness as to fill her soul with peace, and to give her complete victory over all her fears. Henceforth she walked in the light of the Lord. This occurrence was very important, not only for herself, but also for the active work she was doing in the churches, and most of all for the duties which she owed to her family.

In 1844 the new and beautiful Charles Street Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated. The trustees cordially offered Mrs. Cookman a pew, and the family found a warm welcome in the bosom of this young Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Edwin Dorsey, M.D. To be more convenient to the church, they removed to a house on Lexington Street. In the associations here Alfred's activity rapidly developed. His talents and piety were soon recognized, and he found every encouragement to their exercise.

Source: "The Life of Alfred Cookman" by Henry B. Ridgaway

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