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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
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Vol. I -- Named Accounts

MRS. BISHOP MORRIS (Methodist)

Mrs. Bishop Morris died on Monday, November 6, 1871. She had been for many months a great sufferer, but bore all with Christian meekness and triumphant faith. As the life and world receded, heaven and its hopes brightened; and she passed away without a regret for earth, and with a hope full of immortality. She was born May 27, 1800, and had passed her seventy-first year. She was converted while praying in secret, at the age of nine years. Before that she was extremely timid -- afraid of her own shadow, but subsequently was not afraid of darkness, or any of its imaginary evils. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, under the ministry of Dr. H. B. Bascom, in August, 1819, and continued a consistent member until death, over fifty-two years. She was married to Bishop Morris, June 25, 1844, being the widow of Dr. Meriwether, a prominent member of the same church, in Louisville.

The bereaved bishop speaks thus of her worth: "She was a genial, kind-hearted Christian lady. She was scrupulously honest. Her early opportunities were tolerably good for the times. After leaving school she made considerable efforts to improve her knowledge. Her favorite study was history, both ancient and modern. But of all books she preferred the Bible, which she read daily. She became well versed in the Holy Scriptures, especially the historical part thereof. She excelled in the management of household affairs. Although not extravagant, she was fond of having the best of everything in a plain way, and of seeing all tidy about her house."

Dr. Lowrey, until recently presiding elder of the district where the bishop resides, and who was long and intimately acquainted with Sister Morris, thus characterizes her:

"Sister Morris will be remembered as a cultivated lady -- comely in person, graceful in manners, soft, gentle, and pleasing in address, amiable in disposition, refined in feelings, affection, and taste, polite in social intercourse, prudent and chaste in conversation and conduct, generous and sympathetic -- especially to the needy and those who act in the capacity of servants. Though possessing sufficient spirit to maintain her self-respect and repel any unjust imputation or innuendo, she was careful to avoid personal difficulties and neighborhood wrangles. She coveted and strove to merit the good will and friendship of all.

"Having a good mind, a cultivated taste, and general intelligence, she was an appreciative hearer of excellent preaching and classic thought. This was more especially characteristic of her in former years before her health became impaired, and while the mind retained all its natural vigor and vivacity.

"Not only was Sister Morris attractive and enjoyable personally, socially, and as a Christian, but such was her skill in housewifery that her home was always a seat of order, neatness, and chaste beauty. She made home a most amiable tabernacle -- a sanctuary -- a center of attraction and domestic enjoyment. She flung over it an air of comfort.

As a Christian, our departed sister was sincere and profoundly conscientious. Though timid and retiring, she was a woman of stern fidelity and deep devotion to God and his cause. She had a rich spiritual experience, which was recently perfected to the extent of being saved from all sin."

Source: "Saintly Women And Death-Bed Triumphs" by Maxwell Pierson Gaddis

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