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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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ELIZABETH ROWE (Methodist)

Elizabeth Rowe was born in eastern Virginia, and died at the residence of her son, Rev. Reuben Rowe, January 6, 1839, in the one hundred and first year of her age. At the time of her death she was the oldest Methodist in Fayette County, Ohio, and the oldest person known in the county. She was converted, as near as we can ascertain, sixty-five years before her death. She and her husband, William Rowe, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church near the same time, when the Methodist Church was like "a handful of corn on the top of the mountains." Then it tried men's souls to be Methodists.

Their house became a preaching place; and for many years the church of God assembled there. By use of the means of grace, Sister Rowe was brought into a state of sanctification, or perfect love. Ten years after she became a Methodist she was left a widow in charge of eight children. They had sold out their possessions to move to Kentucky. Mr. Rowe's agent, hearing that he was dead, made a purchase in his own name, and cheated the widow and children out of nearly all their possessions. Sister Rowe found it necessary to tarry in her native state.

With industry and care she struggled on with her family. Her son -- a gentleman of truth -- says he knew his mother for weeks never to take off her clothes, except on Sabbath. She would work until late, rest a little on the bed, then up and at it again. He says she never neglected family prayer. The small children had to kneel around their mother, when she would place her hands upon them and pray for them.

God took care of this pious lady, and gave her, in the early life of her children, all, or nearly all of them converted to God. Two of them became able ministers of the gospel; and a third, one of the best exhorters I ever heard. Three grandsons were traveling preachers. Her numerous descendants are nearly all in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Nearly thirty years previous to her death she moved to Ohio. She gave a strong testimony in every department of her life that she was a faithful and devoted servant of Jesus Christ.

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

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