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November 25 1870 Northampton

January 26th 1858

April 15th 1861 Northampton



FAMILY NAMES.

PARENTS.

and L. Willis
C. Willis

CHILDREN

John S. Willis
L. Willis
Maria T. Willis
M. Willis
D. Willis
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Superior B. & W. Co.
Chicago Ill.

Adm.



Stratton Manor
Built by Benj. Stratton, 1657
Northampton Co. Va.

The
Calendar
Days

Thomas Stratton (d. in Eng.)
m

Alice Hawkins

d. 1659 Thomas
m

Agnes Johnson

b. 1659

d. 1717

Benjamin Ann
m

b. 1662

d. 1700

Ann Wilkins

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Col. John Wilkins, Jr

Capt

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Anne T. Drummond

Susan
m

Margaret

Geo. Mason

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Wm. Rue

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Stratton Manor near Cape Charles

SADIE D. RUE

BELLE HAVEN

VA.

I have copied this from the Stratton register but evidently there is a mistake for Benjamin could not have built Stratton Manor unless he was born before 1659.

Capt. John must have inherited all the property which was a tremendous amount, at all the others died young. He built Old Castle 1721, near Oaktville and his son John lived at Olkington on the same farm one mile away, but it is not known whether he built it.

Oldington is a beautiful place
which has been put in condition
and furnished with the period
furniture, by Mrs. Willing of Phila.
but no one lives there. A care-
taker will show it.

Capt. Nathaniel left property
to Julia and Ann Mason and
that seems to be the only way
their identity can be established.
John's & Gertrude's son John
was one of the first Gen. of da.



Wonne Rue Road

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Left Rue on your left.

Ed Sturges - hands on hips.

Don't know man with straw hat.

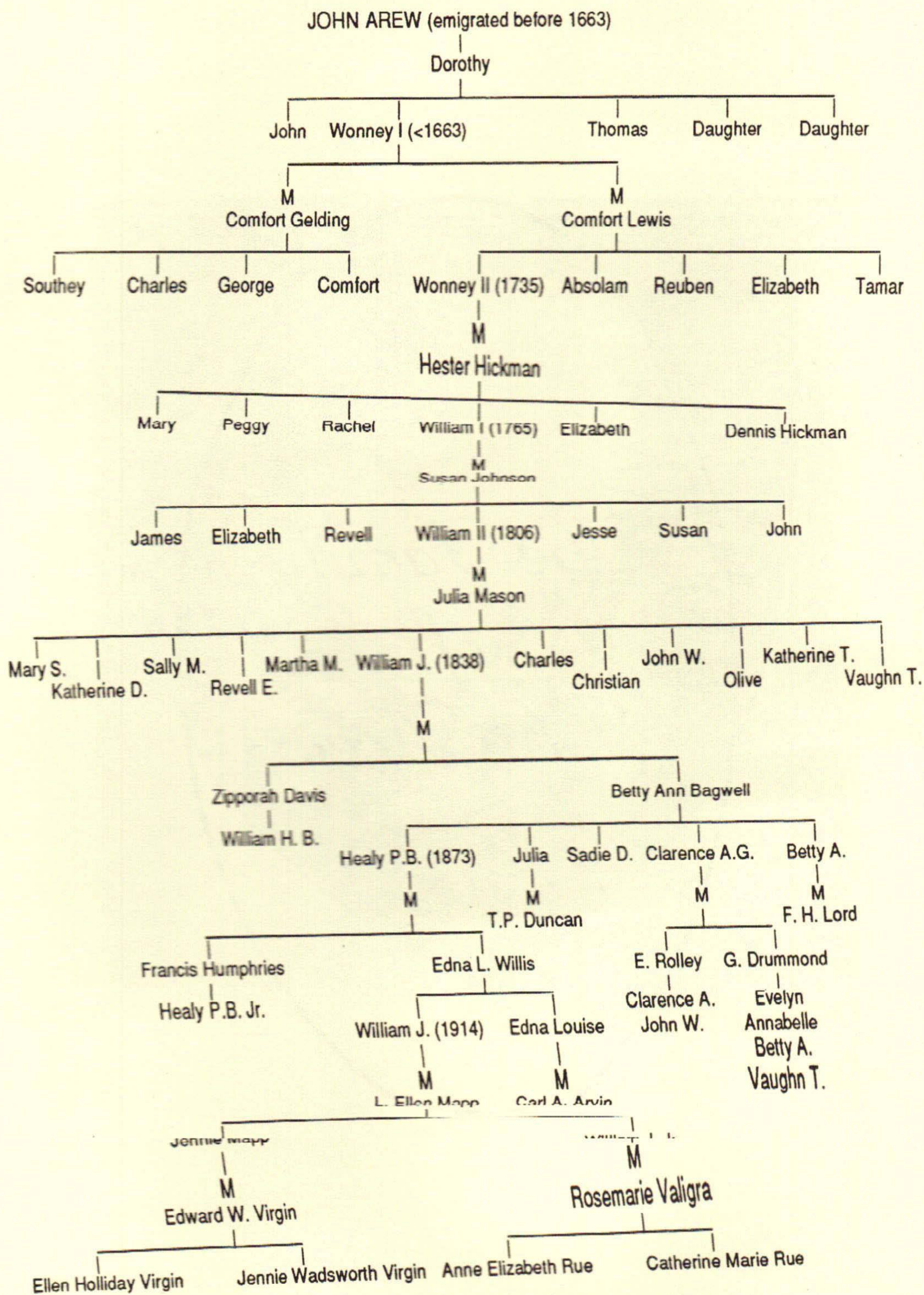
The shed just beyond is where some
one shot a hole in the door.

We are enjoying the grapefruit.

Rue's Wharf - near Belle Haven, VA

H P B Rice house in Belle Haven





SOURCE: Rhue, G.L. and E. C. Rhue, Descendants of John Arew of Accomack Co., Virginia

Zorobabel Willis
married
Nancy Spier

Curtis Willis
married
Harmon

Littleton Willis
married
Sally Colbourne

Robert (?)

James
m.
Margaret Beach

John
m.
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Edward Littleton
m.
Joice Edwards Beach 12/11/1844

Clifford D.
m.

John⁵ Beach
m.

Zorobabel
m.

Elizabeth
m.

Mary Beach
m.

Virginia Thomas
m.

Edward Littleton
m.

John m. West
m 12/17/1879

Quilla Ames

Rosa Hopkins

Leckle Westcott
M 4/26/1870

Henry Clay Johnson

John F. Addison

Sissy Littleton

B. Nov 25 1884

Edna Louise

mar Oct 7 1913

W. P. B. Rue

B. Oct 6 1890

Edward Littleton

m. July 14 1923

Nannie V. Osborne

B. Apr. 29 1897
Little Virginia

Curtis Willis

+

William James Rue
B Aug 11 1914

Edna Louise
B. July 10 1922

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				Apr. 29, 1897

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+		Custis Willis
William James Rice B. Aug 11, 1914	Edna Louise B. July 10, 1922	

1889 - 1936

BETTIE A. RUE MISSIONARY
AUXILIARY

WE warmly urge you to attend
A gala birthday party, friend,
To celebrate, as we always do,
The founding of the Bettie Rue
Branch of our busy missionary
(M. E. South) auxiliary.
Of course each one will bring a gift
To give our mission work a lift.
We've planned a cent a year. (We hope
You won't fib to your envelope!)
We want your *presence* just as much
As your *presents*—but if it's such
You find you really can't attend,
We hope you won't forget to send
Your pennies, all correctly reckoned,
By Monday afternoon, March second.
But, better yet, please be on hand
To hear the program that we've planned.
We're sure you'll find the afternoon
Has vanished far, yes FAR too soon.



Monday, March 2, at 2:30 o'clock
Methodist Church

Edward L. Miller Dec 25, 1822 in account - M 12/11/1844 by
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Elizabeth Anne	B 12/10/1845	in account	
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Daniel 1744
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1
2 Jane

John died 1717
Sarah Blake
John Nathaniel
Catherine Mary Lingo

Henry 1742

1769
Anna

Bridget
m.
Richards

Richard Rebecca
Donnan

Gorababel
m. Ann Rogers

John James
Richardson

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1st m. Bridget Mepp
2nd m. Pally -

Gorababel 1842

m. Aspiers

and Anne 15 1822

in Beach Barn Oct 20 1827

god daughter Cecily Lee John Richardson
Rachel Richardson
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2nd m. Oct 20 1827

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John Miller died 1708
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1714

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Henry d. d. p. 1742

Parish Book

John Catherine - Michael Mary Ling

Bridget
Richard

Isama x Joseph
Simon Ann Rodgers
John James
Richardson Richardson

9th daughter
Richardson
Cousin of Cousin John
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(2) Polly —

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In Memoriam.

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Text: - "This woman was full of good works and
alms-deeds which she did." - Acts 9:36.

Once in a while the Church in certain places is called upon to lament the decease of one whose demise seems to touch nearly all hearts with sadness and regret. This is especially so when the deceased has manifested a loving sympathy and tender care for the distressed and suffering, and has shown that sympathy and care by words and deeds tending to soothe the sorrow and remove or relieve the care. This was the case with Dorcas, of Joppa. Naturally, perhaps, of a warm and sympathetic heart, the religion of Jesus had taken possession of her life, and enlarged her heart, so that she had a fellow-feeling with all sufferers. Her life, after Christianity obtained the mastery of it, was a practical exemplification of St. James's portraiture of pure religion: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." She seemed to have caught the true spirit

with you always." For, when she died, there were the widows standing by "weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them." A monument of noble deeds is the surest, brightest, best, and most enduring; and this monument one can set up with his own hands. Dorcas wrote her own epitaph - wrote it on hearts: "A friend of the fatherless and the widow; a benefactor to the poor." The ground-work of Dorcas's good works and alms-deeds was love for and faith in Jesus: she was a disciple. She was in the school of Jesus, learning of him, tracing his steps as he "went about doing good." She had taken him into her life, and imbibed his spirit. And she deserved and received this encomium of the sacred historian: "This woman was full of good works and alms-deeds, which she did."

But we have done with Dorcas, of Joppa, for this occasion.

Can we find her counterpart in this day of care-taking and selfish indulgence? Does Christianity reproduce the spirit and characteristics of this woman of apostolic times?

Our answer is: Yes! emphatically, Yes! Christianity lives in the lives and good works and alms-deeds of its true lovers to-day. This is its general characteristic; for

since her beautiful spirit came to earth, the spirit of kindness and charity has been walking among men, touching human ^{sorrow} here, helping human weakness there, and relieving human poverty yonder, until the "wilderness and the solitary place has been made glad, and the desert rejoices and blossoms as the rose." "The Rose of Sharon" and the "Lily of the valley" have given color and fragrance and beauty and perfume to the physical as well as the moral atmosphere and form of the world. It has indelibly impressed its likeness upon human hearts and hung its portrait in human homes. It has put its impress upon our institutions - political, social, beneficial, and religious. It has engraven itself upon the walls of our halls of learning, and broken many of the fetters which ignorance and superstition had placed upon the mentality of the race. It has furnished the key that fits the wards of the locks of the rich man's heart and money-chest, and from the one brings forth sympathy and from the other the means to supply the world's physical need. But we find it also in the private walks of life, where it does not sound a trumpet before it, nor proclaim its works from the housetops or the street corners. Its "left hand knows not what its right hand doeth;" but quietly, silently,
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"There are lonely hearts to cherish,
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"Help a fallen one to rise."

So, without ostentation or any of the spirit of Pharisaism, she scattered sunbeams—bright, blessed sunbeams, wherever she went. You might almost trace her pathway

by the more joyous view of life which you would find in the hearts she had touched and the homes graced by her coming and going. One who knew her well, speaking of her last Friday night, said, that he scarcely ever saw her going along the street, that he did not think of her as a "Sister of Charity." Aye: Protestantism has her "Sisters of Charity"; not, it is true, regularly organized as has Romanism; but not shut up in nurseries and convents, nor marked by a peculiarity and uniformity of external dress, nor forbidden to look to the right or left, nor parading the streets of our towns and cities with a procession of their beneficiaries to show what they are doing; but, "Sisters of Charity" left free to roam at their own sweet wills, in response to the promptings of their love for the Master, over the wide fields of human sorrow and pain, with the oil of consolation and the balm for wounded spirits in their own hearts, giving out these without measure or stint wherever and whenever they find occasion or need for their use; ready to watch by the bedside of the sick, to wipe away the falling tear, to lift up the fallen, to support the weak, to encourage the wavering, to "give beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

Such a one, at least to the extent of her ability and

opportunity, was Miss Sadie.

But let us leave her as to her relation to the mass - the community, and come to her church-work. And here it was that her character as a lover of Jesus, and one whose spirit was pervaded by the Christ-life, more conspicuously disclosed itself.

Imbued with the lofty spirit and aims and the lovely character of Him who humbled himself, she loved the children, and they loved her. She always had a smile and a cheery word for the little ones. And, as a consequence, she was found filling a conspicuous place in the Sunday school. When we came here last December, we found Miss Sadie the head and front of a Christmas entertainment for the pleasure and profit of the little folks; and as, in view of the superintendent's sickness, the honor and pleasure, as well as the duty of conducting these exercises, fell to me, I can bear willing and cheerful testimony to the wisdom and judiciousness of the selection; also, as to the admirable arrangement of the program, and the felicity of its execution; while the gentlemanly and ladylike deportment of the girls and boys attested that a masterful hand and loving heart had been training and disciplining the school. And when the time for our children's Day service was approaching,

she cheerfully yielded the planning and designing into the hands of another, she felt not, she evinced not any spirit of jealousy, but entered heartily into those plans and willingly aided in the execution of those designs. And a large measure of the success of that service was due to her.

But, in addition to this conspicuous work for the Sunday school, she had a class in the regular exercises of the school, composed of misses just crossing the line between girlhood and young ladyhood. From Sabbath to Sabbath she sought to pour into their minds and impress on their hearts the precious truths of God's holy Book. Seldom was her place vacant in the school. If she were absent, the superintendent knew there was a satisfactory reason for it. No doubt very much of the gentleness and ladylike deportment of these misses is due to the fact that they were brought in touch with her gentle spirit Sunday after Sunday; that contact impressed her spirit upon them; for she loved them, and they knew it; and they loved her, and took her for a pattern. To show her love for her class, I will be pardoned a reference to the time of her return from Onancock, whither she had been in attendance upon one of her sisters, whom she nursed through a severe and protracted spell of Typhoid fever. Arriving at the home of her brother, at Eymore, on Saturday afternoon, she remained during the night; but

when Sunday morning came, jaded and worn as she was by long watching and nursing, she insisted upon coming to Belle Haven that morning, because, said she, "I want to see my Sunday school class." There was devotion growing out of love - devotion and love characteristic of the Christ-life in her. I trust I may be mistaken, but I opine it will be some days before that class will find one so thoroughly consecrated to the work of their religious culture. I see them here this morning; and may I not say to them: Follow your departed teacher as she followed Christ, and you shall rejoin her in that larger class beyond the weeping and the sick.

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But Miss Sadie was not satisfied with her home church work; she felt that the heathen had a claim to her sympathy and purse. Her heart was too large and too warm in its love for the Master and his cause to permit her labors to be limited by her own community.

on country. Hence, she was imbued with the spirit, and entered upon the work of missionary effort in foreign lands. But here I will read you what sister Rue, the President of the Belle Haven Auxiliary Woman's Missionary Society, says of her:-

"Sister Sadie D. Willis was present at the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of Belle Haven, was unanimously elected Recording Secretary, which position she has ever since filled, - adding much to the interest of the meetings by her sprightly minutes. Ever at the post of duty, she never missed a meeting, unless kept away by the illness of some friend. Naturally diffident, she never sought prominence, but when the cause of Christ demanded a faithful worker, she was ever ready to perform her part. No sacrifice of time, labor, or life itself, was too great for her. 'We do not judge the love of a person so much by what they will give us, as by what they will give up for us.' She gave all to her friends and the Church. On whom will her mantle fall? We hope, on her Sunday school class, which she has striven so faithfully to lead to Christ; on her brothers, before whom she has lived so noble, so godly a life, shedding forth its gentleness and sweetness, like the aroma of crushed flowers; on the whole community.

bringing many to seek their own salvation who were unmoved by her example."

Last, we speak of her as a Church worker. Since 1886, at which time she united with the M. E. Church, South, at Belle Haven, she has been a firm, true friend of the Church, laboring to promote all its interests, taking an active part in all its enterprises. What scheme has been originated, tending to build up the Church, that did not find Mrs. Sadie an earnest supporter and helper therein? Although, since my pastorate, we have had no special work on hand, she has been my helper by her regular and prompt attendance upon the regular services of the Church. Her presence and interested attention have been an inspiration that has quickened thought and aroused enthusiasm.

But time forbids that I should lengthen this tribute to her memory and character.

She has gone from us; but has joined the "general Assembly and Church of the First Born, written in heaven," more like the Master than while here.

"There explains the here!"

There, in the soft and beautiful Relief,

Flows the true Love for the lips of grief;

There, smile the friends we have wept;

The bright gates inscribed, 'No more to part,'

And springs to soul, and heart unites to heart!"

"The soul of man was made to walk the skies;
Delightful outlet of her prison here!
There, disencumbered from her chains, the ties
Of joys terrestrial, she can rove at large;
There, freely can aspire, dilate, extend,
In full proportion let loose all her powers;
And, undeluded, grasp at something great.
Nor, as a stranger, does she wander there;

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And, like a master, judges not amiss.

Hence, greatly pleased, and justly proud,
Grows conscious of her birth celestial; breathes
Above life, more vigor, in her native air;
And feels herself at home among the stars!"

Certificate of Baptism

This Certifies that

Edna Louise Rue,

of Belle Haven State of Virginia

Was Consecrated to God in Holy Baptism

At Belle Haven, Va.

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