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and leaves a wife, and five children. May God keep this family from all harm—to Him we commit them. We shall always remember the subject of this sketch as one of God's noblemen.

E. B. RANKIN.

**JOHNSON**—Mrs. Selma (Eyeman) Johnson, wife of Rev. W. R. Johnson, pastor of our church at Carmen, Oklahoma, was born in Franklin, Iowa, September 24th, 1872. Died in Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 8th, 1910. Aged 38 years, 1 month, 14 days. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church in Bushnell, Illinois, in 1892. She was united in marriage with Rev. W. R. Johnson, June 29th, 1905. To this union were born two bright boys. At the time of the mother's death they were both too young to realize their loss.

She was an untiring worker in the church before and after her marriage. She was president of the Epworth League at Lawton when the writer was pastor of that church and where he first came to know her. Interested in every line of church work, she was especially successful in Sunday School and Epworth League work. After her marriage, she at once adjusted herself to her new relations and became a devoted wife as well as a great help to her husband in the work of the ministry. She was intensely interested in his success. During the last few months of her life, she was so afflicted that she was deprived, in a large measure, of the privileges of God's house and the church work she so much loved to do. Bro. Johnson took her to the Methodist Hospital at Guthrie, where it was decided by the surgeons that an operation was necessary. The operation was performed, after which complications set up which could not be controlled and she passed away. Her last words to her grief-stricken husband were, "May the Lord bless you and make you a power for good in His service." Thus the parsonage is deprived of a queenly life, a faithful minister of a good wife, and two loving children of a loving mother.

The funeral services were held at Lawton, Rev. Lemmon preaching the sermon. Her body was laid in the Lawton cemetery to await the call of the Master to a resurrected life.

M. PORTER.

**HAINES**.—Mrs. Jessie M. Haines was born February 22, 1880, at Shelby, Orleans county, New York. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Sanderson. In her early youth she was converted to Christ in revival meetings held in the church of which her parents were members and joined the church.

On July 15, 1908, she was married to Rev. Ralph E. Haines, and went with him to his charge in Orange county, N. Y., where he served

as a supply in Newark Conference during his stay in the Theological Seminary at Drew.

Later they moved to the western part of the state within the bounds of the Genessee Conference.

Last fall, on account of her continued ill health, they moved to Oklahoma, being stationed at Quinlan, Woodward District. She was confined to her bed from the time of her arrival, and after a slow but steady decline, she died March 29, 1911. She was able to return to her old home in New York a few days before her death, and died among the loved ones of her family and former associates. She was much loved by those who knew her for her charming graces and beautiful Christian character. She peacefully went home at the call of the death angel, to the Master whom she so much loved, and whom she so faithfully sought to serve. She is survived by a father, mother, sister, and her deeply stricken husband. May the consolations of the presence and fellowship of the Christ whom he preaches to others sustain him in this time of darkest trial.

#### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Conference Anniversary of its Woman's Home Missionary Society was held Wednesday afternoon, October 19, 1911, Mrs. F. D. Stevick presiding.

After the opening hymn the Scripture Lesson was read by Mrs. Dr. Mogg, who also offered prayer.

After encouraging reports from the Corresponding Secretary, read by Mrs. J. F. Warren, and the Treasurer's report, by Mrs. L. C. Moore, Mrs. A. N. Gowan sang a beautiful solo to the delight of the large congregation.

Mrs. Hilda Na Smith, the Superintendent of the Adaline Smith Home of Little Rock, Ark., for fifteen years, was introduced and gave a brief account of the work done in that institution and gave a vision of the work to be accomplished by this great Society, not only in our own home land, but to our brothers and sisters who are leaving their native homes in foreign lands and seeking enlightenment from us. The address was the more impressive by the speaker having spent three years of service in West Africa.

The hearts of her hearers were so stirred that a generous offering amounting to (\$16) sixteen dollars and more was given freely.

After the closing hymn the benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. D. Moore. Reported by

MRS. H. NGOWAN,  
Secretary Pro Tem.