

Obituary.

Sister Margaret Fouts was born in Page county, Virginia, March 17th, 1839 and departed this life March 9th, 1898. Aged 58 years, 11 months and 22 days. Her maiden name was Margaret Huffman. On February 9th, 1865 she was united in marriage to Timothy Fouts. To this union was born six children; four now living, the two having gone before her to that brighter world. The union existing between Sister Fouts and her husband was of the most sacred character. At the age of 15 Sister Fouts united with the English Lutheran church, where she remained a member until about 1866 when she united with the Canaan Baptist church where she remained a faithful member until called to the church triumphant above.

Sister Fouts was a woman of earnest prayer and of unwavering faith in God. She was an excellent neighbor, a devoted wife, a faithful, loving mother. She was one of those still quiet women, she never had anything but good to say about anyone. Her influence was mostly confined to her home, but that influence will tell for Christ upon her children and her children's children.

Sister Fouts was a great sufferer, and it was here in the midst of her great sufferings where the grace of God shown the brightest and where she manifested the special power of the Christian religion to sustain and comfort. In the midst of all her suffer-

ings not a murmur or complaint escaped her lips; she seemed fully resigned to the will of God. It is only the wholly consecrated heart to God, like that of Christ in the garden that can say in its great deep, "Father, thy will not mine be done." Our sister possessed that Spirit. She did desire, yea, longed to be absent from the body and present with her Lord, but even with that desire she had the Spirit of patient waiting her Lord's time. She died as she lived. She lived and died in Christ. Sister Fouts leaves to her friend and loved ones, the blessed evidence that she had gone from this suffering world to dwell with her Lord. She leaves neighbors and friends with her dear children and relatives to mourn her death, but above all she leaves a dear husband now in the decline of life to walk life's pathway

alone. May God comfort the heart of father and children with the blessed fact that their loved one is beyond the sufferings of this world and has entered into her reward.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. B. Reckard, assisted by Rev. D. D. Spangler, in the presence of a very large congregation. Rev. Reckard preached from the text, Phil. 1, 33, after which the remains were laid away in the Greenwood cemetery to await the coming of its Lord in the morn of the resurrection. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Mrs. Fouts was the mother of Sylvester Fouts of this city.