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BURKS, Rev. William Green

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Rev. William Green Burks, son of Joseph Marcus and Nancy Cornelius Burks, was born in McNairy County, Tennessee, a few miles north of Corinth, Miss., January 17, 1870. He was reared on the farm, and attended the public schools. When he was a young man he attended the Chalybeate Springs Normal School, where he spent several years under Professor Walker, receiving the foundation for a liberal education, which he continued at home as an itinerant Methodist Preacher.

He joined the Methodist Church when a small boy of ten years of age. At twenty-two years of age, he was licensed to preach, and the next year, 1893, he joined the North Mississippi Annual Conference, at Columbus, Miss., Bishop R. K. Hargrove presiding. He was ordained deacon at Water Valley, Dec. 1, 1895, by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald. At Tupelo, Miss., Dec. 7, 1902, he was ordained elder by Bishop Joseph S. Key.

On the July 16, 1893, he was happily married to Miss. Minnie Lynch, who survives him. To this union, ten children were born nine of whom still live, as follows: Mrs. Ida May Gandy, Pine Bluff, Ark; Miss Aline is teaching in Kossuth; Miss Evangeline is dietitian in a hospital in Philadelphia, PA; Miss Willie Lee is teaching in Union, Co. Miss.; Marcus is attending Millsaps College; Miss Jessie, William G. Jr., and the twins, Elizabeth and Virginia, are attending school in Kossuth. His devotion to his family was beautiful.