

**DEATH OF ROBERT SHORT**

**Earthly Career of a Promising Young Man Prematurely Ended—Tributes of Friends.**

Robert Short, son of Sarah and Robert Short, Sr., died at his home, Centreville, Md., on April 24, 1902. The funeral, in charge of Wright and Eddins, undertakers of Centreville, Md., took place on Sunday, April 27, 1902, at 2:30 p. m. Floral tributes of every description were sent by friends, including a beautiful wreath of violets and white lilies from Mrs. Catherine Barry and family of Washington, D. C., and violets and white carnations by Miss Emma L. Plater, also of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Short was born in Queen Anne's County, Md., in 1868. During his early life he was in the employ of Hon. John M. Robinson, chief judge of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County where he remained for ten years. He was also in the employ of some very representative families of both Washington and Philadelphia being up to the time of his final illness, with Mr. W. B. R. Berry of 1512 H street, n. w., Washington, D. C. Early in life Mr. Short connected himself with the Methodist Church of his home and always afterwards remained a staunch and devout Christian. He was a member of the Potomac Union Lodge, G. U. O. F., No. 892, of West Washington, D. C., and of the Alta Friendly Society of Philadelphia, Pa. The deceased had been in failing health for some months prior to his death, and he concluded to enter the Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C., for treatment. Seeing no improvement in his condition, he left the hospital and moved to the home of his parents at Centreville, Md., where he might receive the treatment of the family physician, Dr. Jas. Bordley, and the care of friends. Dr. Bordley, on examining the patient, readily pronounced the disease to be phthisis pulmonalis, and recommended the most rigid precaution in every way, but to no purpose, as he (the patient) rapidly grew worse until the end came.

All who knew Mr. Short deeply mourn his loss. Letters of condolence have poured in upon the bereaved family. Though he travelled much he never forgot the religious and moral teachings of his parents, and with this feature succeeded in winning for himself the highest positions of distinction and confidence. He was quiet and amiable at all times; attentive in business, patient in suffering, polite and obliging to those with whom he came in contact. His exemplary life is one which every young man should emulate.

With the death of Robert Short is deeply mourned by relatives and friends it must be conceded that their loss is his eternal gain. The general sentiment may be summed up in the following:

"Human hands have failed to save you,  
Sighs and tears are all in vain,  
Happy angels came and bore you  
From this world of sin and pain."  
"Sleep on, O Robert, that blessed sleep  
From which none ever wakes to weep  
That calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes,  
Thou hast out run us in the race,  
But we, too, soon shall follow.  
Then we shall see thy radiant face,  
And reap the joy to follow."  
"Asleep in Jesus"

EDWARD SHORT.

**Asbury Choir Visits Baltimore.**

Pursuant to the special invitation extended them by the pastor and official board of the church, the Asbury church choir of this city supplied the music for the morning service at Sharp Street Memorial church, Baltimore, Md., Sunday April 27th. This is the mother church of the M. E. Connection, and the occasion is the centennial anniversary. Their edifice and personage is the finest and most modern of any similar property owned by the Negro race. It is very inspiring to view the complete appointments, covering every den and that might be suggested.

The choir of thirty members was accompanied by Mrs. Estelle V. Jarvis, organist; Mr. James T. Harris, violin soloist and several hundred friends and members of the congregation, who left

Washington via the B. and O. at 9:00 Sunday morning.

Dr. M. W. Clair, pastor of the Asbury church preached a fine sermon at the morning service and a large collection was realized.

Director Lewis had prepared a special program for the occasion, and it was rendered in strict compliance with his painstaking and skillful directions. He so gave a solo with telling effect. After the morning service the choir and friends were handsomely entertained. An elaborate menu was served. The pastor, Dr. I. L. Thomas, the official board and the organist Mr. E. S. Peck, offered every needed attention. After the evening service the choir and friends returned to Washington thoroughly delighted with the trip, and enthusiastic at the prospect of a return visit to supply the music for the closing exercises there May 30.

**Tuskegee Notes.**

The Carnegie Library has been lighted several times during the current week. We have had much to say already in praise of the splendid appointments of this building. When lighted it is a blaze of glory.

It will be quite interesting to know that Mr. John D. Rockefeller was with the Ogden party again this year. The party spent entire day of April 29 here.

The constant growth of our Industrial Department has made it necessary to increase our steam power plant. Several new boilers will be placed in position very soon. There are at present two large ones in operation.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Holmes will celebrate their silver wedding Monday evening, May 5th, at their residence in Arlington, Va. Mr. Holmes has been a prominent figure in Virginia politics for the past twenty years and together with his charming wife, counts his friends by the score.