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In the year 1918, Reverend John Walcott Douglas was stationed at Laurens, SC & has with singleness of purpose devoted himself to the Gospel ministry. What he lacked in early educational opportunities, he has sought to make up in personal application and enthusiasm. How well he has succeeded is shown by the fact that he commands some of the best appointments in his Conference.

Reverend Douglas was born in Fairfield County, SC just before the close of the Civil war, on February 27, 1864. His father, who was a slave before Emancipation, was a very skillful shoemaker. His work was much in demand. His mother was Sallie (Parker) Douglass. Beyond this he knows little of his ancestry.

On March 4, 1887, Elder Douglass was married to Miss Meta Leitner, a daughter of Daniel Leitner, of Fairfield County. They own a home at Carlisle in Union County, SC. In 1918 when Reverend Douglas was interviewed for this book, their three living children are: Arnett, John Wesley and James T. Douglass. Their father has sought to give them the educational advantages which he lacked.

Reverend Douglas worked on the farm till he entered the ministry, totaling depending on the public school at Winnsboro SC for his schooling. After he became an adult, he joined the church and entered the ministry. From the beginning he has given himself to the work whole-heartedly, and, when called to hard tasks for which he felt unprepared, has endeavored by close application to prepare himself. This policy has led to is steady advancement. He joined the Conference at Columbia SC in 1896.

At his first appointment, the Eastern Circuit, in Union County, SC he built a church. After that he served St. James Circuit; Goldville Circuit, five years, built one church and remodeled another; St. Mary's Circuit, four years, built an annex to one church and remodeled another Antioch and Poplar Circuit, five years, remodeled one church and completed another. He is now in his third year at Bethel Station, Laurens, which is one of the best appointments in upper South Carolina.

Elder Douglass is much in demand as a revivalist not only in South Carolina, but beyond the confines of the State as well. He was a delegate to the Centennial Conference at Philadelphia, is a trustee of Allen University and a member of the Dollar Money Committee. He belongs to the Masons and Pythians. He sees in Christian education the only means to permanent progress and lasting prosperity.

Reverend John Walcott Douglas passed away in Cheraw, South Carolina on February 15, 1942 at the age of 77 & was buried at Foundry Hall Cemetery in Cheraw. His wife, Meta Leitner Douglas passed away one month earlier on January 17, 1942 at the age of 75 & Meta was buried at Foundry Hall Cemetery.

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