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ARTHUR POLGLASIE FLETCHER.

There passed quietly to his reward in the person of Mr. Arthur P. Fletcher, one who for many years had served Methodism. His call to higher service came on Thursday, April 18th, after a brief illness, which was, however, the climax of many years of physical disability. The late Mr. Fletcher was born at Lakemba, Fiji, on the 20th May, 1860. His father, the late Rev. Wm. Fletcher, B.A., was a missionary in those islands. When quite a young man, as a result of accidents which befell him, he was denied the proper use of certain limbs. Notwithstanding this handicap, he bravely faced the duties of life with marked fortitude. For over thirty years he served the great missionary cause as one of the staff in the Sydney office. For some twenty-five years he resided at Lindfield, and over ten years ago he and his two sisters came to reside at Leura. Mr. Fletcher took a keen interest in world affairs and reading, which gave him a well-informed mind. He had marked literary taste and ability. His essay on the subject of "Spiritual Regeneration the Basis of World Reconstruction," was recently considered by one of Sydney's leading scholars, and preachers to be one of the finest contributions he had read on this subject. For some time, until failing sight made the task impossible, he contributed a bright, helpful article each week to the local paper. Mr. Fletcher was a local preacher of many years' standing, and even until almost the last, longed to be restored to health, that he might use his talents for Christ and his Church. He was a trustee

and his Church. He was a trustee of the local church, and evidenced an interest in doings of his quarterly meeting, even though not able to attend. For the last 18 months or so his eyesight had nearly gone.

The declining years of his life were very much cheered and brightened by the visits of his friends. To his minister he confided much of his religious experience and discussed frequently the vexed problems connected with human suffering. It is not easy to estimate the worth of the tender and patient ministry of those two loyal and devoted sisters, who during these years have so wonderfully cared for him. After a service in the chapel of Wood, Coffil and Company, of Katoomba, in which the Rev. W. A. Marsh took part, the cortege left for the Crematorium at Rookwood. The service there was conducted by the Rev. F. N. Biddle, with whom were associated the Revs. H. W. Woodhouse, Secretary of the Conference; James Watson, an old and trusted friend; G. H. Hewitt, representing the Overseas Missions office; and T. M. Taylor, B.A., Chair-

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man of the Parramatta District. In the presence of his relatives and friends who had assembled to take part in this service, his body was reverently committed to the elements in sure and certain hope that the "Dead in Christ" shall rise to everlasting life when "the dawn breaks and the shadows flee away."