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VII MEMOIRS

WILLIAM DISBROW

THREE memorable events marked the life of William Disbrow: May 30, 1859, his advent day; then came a wonderful experience as he entered the Kingdom of God, and in the fadeless glory of that event he journeyed along the heavenly road with his face ever turned toward God, and then on December 4, 1925, the soul's great adventure occurred and he entered that "building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Brother Disbrow was converted in his "teens" in the old Union Street Church, Trenton, and while John Handley was pastor of that church he entered Pennington Seminary. While attending school he supplied Kingston Church in 1884-86. He supplied Atco for two years. These two appointments do not appear in the Pastoral Record of the Conference Historical Register.

While serving the Kingston Church he became acquainted with Miss Anna Stryker, then a member of the Presbyterian Church, and during his first year at Atco they were married, on June 7, 1887, at the bride's home in Kingston, by John Handley, assisted by the bride's pastor, the Rev. M. A. Cool.

At the session of the Conference of 1888 he was received on trial and in 1890 was received into full membership. In 1924 he joined the retired list. Some who witnessed the overflowing of his heart upon that occasion will never forget the scene. The triumphant statement of the victories of his Lord in leading hundreds into the Kingdom of God during his ministry, his unspeakable gratitude, his unfeigned humility and with all the matchless joy of serving his Lord and Master, overwhelmed him, the fountains of the deep were broken up, a floodtide of tears suffused his face, speech failed him and he sat down. The Conference saw a loyal Methodist preacher, an obedient servant of the church, an uncomplaining minister, step out of the effective ranks and assume a retired relation, but some of those who were present sensed something infinitely more than a list of appointments running through thirty-six years. We forgot all about the bishops who come and go and the names of charges served. We saw the Kingdom of God and suddenly beheld a giant before us—one mighty in prayer, great in faith, a master who rightly divided the Word of life, whose supreme joy was to bring souls as trophies to his Lord and Master, and whose intensity of prayer and faith held them until heaven was made jubilant over sinners coming home to God. We saw a man of God, a servant of Jesus Christ standing on the Mount of Consummation, he looked not back but on, on, on, and the song of his soul was "Henceforth, a crown of righteousness." And on December 4 last an unseen and noiseless chariot came his way, he could not tarry longer with us, the Messenger had come—lovely, beautiful, glorious, the sent of the King, immortal, invisible and eternal. The King himself had left the ivory palaces and "his garments were perfumed with myrrh for beauty, aloes for bitterness, and cassia for healing, and the fragrance which remain tell of the nearness of his presence." He knew his Lord, and now his great and lasting adventure was to begin with the King, amid the indescribable glories of the city that lieth foursquare, and he left us. He left the fragrance of prayer on the hearts of a great multitude and the vision of a faith that could see beyond mountain peaks as a rich legacy to the bride of Christ.

He made no claim to the prophetic office, yet in a very mysterious and wonderful way he walked arm in arm with the prophets' God and he walked on and up and in to be "forever with his Lord." We turn our faces toward the Gates of Pearl and our hearts cry out, Wife, children, preacher and people, "we are coming." "At even time it shall be light" and in the morning twilight of that eternal day we shall greet each other—all hail—amen and amen.

DEWITT C. COBB.



WILLIAM T. ABBOTT

OUR brother, William T. Abbott, died on Wednesday, May 27, 1925. On that day he had addressed the Rotary Club at luncheon at noon, and appeared to be in the best of health. Shortly after five o'clock in the afternoon he was found by a daughter, Miss Stella Abbott, a few minutes after he had collapsed. A physician was summoned, but he was dead when he arrived.

ANNIVERSARIES

Opening

held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at 7:45 o'clock. Bishop Edwin H. Hughes presiding, John Handley, J. B. Kulp and S. G.

of Education

Education was held in the First Methodist at 7:45 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Haines presiding, Dorr F. Diefendorf.

of Missionary Society

Foreign Missionary Society was held in the on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. William ss was delivered by Rev. James Yard.

of Homes and Deaconess Work

Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work was held in the Church, Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Dress was delivered by Rev. N. E. Davis.

of Missionary Society

Home Missionary Society was held in the First on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. George W. Yard by Dr. Charles Tindley.

of Prohibition and Public Morals

Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals was held in the Central Church, Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Addresses were delivered by Rev. M. S. Poulson and

of Sisterhood

Sisterhood was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. H. P. Sloan presiding.

of Lay Services

Lay Services were held at 9 o'clock in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The ordination of deacons and elders took place

of Board of Foreign Missions

League and the Board of Foreign Missions was held in the Central Church, Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Addresses were delivered by Rev. E. Kirkpatrick and Bishop Frederick B.

New Jersey Conference, 1926

Brother Abbott was eighty-nine years old, having been born at Grayley Run, Atlantic County, September 29, 1836, the oldest of eight children. His parents were John C. and Ann G. Abbott. His early days were spent at his birthplace, where he was educated in the public schools, and later at Chester Seminary. In 1864 he married Rebecca Gilbert of Burlington, N. J. Mrs. Abbott died January 8, 1924. Brother Abbott is survived by three children, two daughters and a son, Mrs. Kate B. Morrow, Miss Stella and William G. Abbott.



Brother Abbott was a Civil War veteran, for years chaplain of the New Jersey department of the G. A. R., and a prominent Mason. He joined the New Jersey Conference in 1859 and enjoyed the distinction with Levi Larew of being one of the two oldest members of the Conference. Brother Abbott's first appointment was Columbus Circuit, having been sent there by Bishop Ames. During his long life he was a successful evangelistic preacher. He took the supernumerary relation in 1893 and retired in 1901, but continued to be active even though he had no regular pulpit. He identified himself with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Asbury Park, where he was greatly beloved.

A whole volume could be written of our friend, but suffice it to say that he was a good minister of Jesus Christ, he adorned his profession and was interested in everything that pertained to the Gospel up to the last day of his life. He retained his mental faculties in a very remarkable way up to the very last, and gave evidence to a constant deepening of the spiritual life during the years of his retirement from active service.

The funeral services were held on Sunday, May 31, 1925, in the First Church, Asbury Park, in charge of District Superintendent H. J. Belting. Several of the ministers of the Conference took part in the services, and a very affecting sight was that of a number of World War veterans taking turns standing on guard at the coffin during the services.

F. A. DEMARIS.

DAVID DUFFELL FISLER

DAVID DUFFELL FISLER was born in Aura, N. J., March 7, 1855. He was the son of Benjamin and Julia E. Fislser, who were Methodists of the rugged, old-fashioned type, and a brother of Harry T. Fislser, of the New Jersey Conference, who preceded him to the city beyond about six months.

Brother Fislser accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour in his young manhood and soon thereafter he heard and heeded God's call to preach the Gospel. He prepared for his life's work at Pennington Seminary, and became a member of the New Jersey Conference in 1883. He took the supernumerary relation in 1899, and, in 1904, the retired relation.

He served with acceptability the churches to which he was assigned. As a preacher he believed mightily in the Gospel which he proclaimed; he could truthfully say with Saint Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto everyone that believeth." His presentation of the truth was characterized by strong evangelistic fervor, as is indicated by the fact that wherever he served, the church and community experienced a revival. He had strong convictions of right to which he held most tenaciously and he never hesitated to register them when the occasion required. People always knew where he stood in matters of right and wrong.

As a man he was kindly and courteous, seeking always to emulate the example of the Christ to whom he belonged and whom he served. The years of his retirement were spent in Pitman, where, down to the last, he evinced the greatest interest in the church and community life. He was faithful in his attendance at the sanctuary and always gladly assisted the pastors in the sacramental services.

His last days were attended by much physical weakness and pain, but, like the good soldier of Christ that he was, he endured patiently. Willingly did he bear



page membership of 228 persons, at an average of one full year to add one church."

AHEAD

line of endeavor is the prophetic peep into the future. America's moral influence in the world must be supported by the World Service Program of the best investments we can make. We must not stop to think how people rate us in our own local church, the New and American Methodism, and will we ever stop to think how people rate us in the world. We want this report to be of some help to you in determining the future. I also want you to be of some help to hold steady the vision of the world over. But if we are to hold to the fundamental truths of the

XI. PASTORAL RECORD

CONFERENCE HISTORICAL REGISTER

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED

For post office address, see "Conference Alphabetical Roll."

The figures always refer to the Conference session, or the year the appointment or relation began, and to the succeeding sessions at which the appointment or relation was continued, never to the close of an appointment. The hyphen (-) represents the intervening years. Thus, "'03-8," means 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908, or six years.

- Abbott, William T.** 1859. N. J. Conf. '59, Columbus; '60, Toms River; '61, Marlton; '62, Jacobstown; '63, Chaplain U. S. Army; '64-5, Hamilton and Wall; '66-8, Navesink; '69-71, Rumsen and Oceanport; '72-4, Fairton; '75, Allentown; '76-7, Ocean Grove, St. Paul; '78, Atlantic City; '79-81, Maurice-town; '82-3, Harrisonville; '84-6, New Egypt; '87-9, South Amboy; '90, Bordentown, Trinity; '91-2, Trenon, Clinton Avenue; '93-1900, Super-numerary; '01-25, Retired.
- Abel, George W.** 1908. N. J. Conf. '08-10, English Creek; '11-12, Port Nor-ris; '13-14, Trenton, Wesley; '15-18, Bridgeton, Wesley Memorial; '19-22, South Amboy; '23-25, Salem, First. ('04-5, Sicklerville and Tansboro; '06-7, Downer and Turnerville, under P. E.)
- Adams, John B.** 1909. N. J. Conf. '09, Maurice-town; '10-11, Bridgeton, Fourth; '12-13 [part], Berlin and West Berlin; '13 [part]-15, Camden, Eighth Street; '16-17, Bridgeport; '18 [part], Linwood; '18 [part]-21, Billingsport; '22, leave of absence; '23, prohibition enforcement officer; '24 [part], Atco and Chiselhurst; '24 [part]-25, Bridgeton, Fourth. ('08 [part], Maurice-town, under D. S.)
- Allen, John.** 1890. N. J. Conf. '90-2, Seaville; '93-5, Sharptown; '96-7, Bethesda; '98, Belmar; '99-1901, Keansburg; '02-4, Allentown; '05-6, Tuck-erton; '07-10, Pennington; '11-14, Hightstown; '15-16, Wemona; '17-18, Matawan; '19-22, Blackwood; '23-25, Retired.
- Allgood, Benjamin F.** 1922. N. J. Conf. '22, Sicklerville and Tansboro; '23-25, Thorofare. ('21, Sicklerville and Tansboro, under D. S.)
- Amer, Howard N.** 1919. N. J. Conf. '19-21, Beach Haven; '22-25, Sea Bright. ('06, Magnolia; '07-8 [part], Winslow Circuit; '08 [part], La Jara, Col. Conf.; '10-12, Hedding and Northmont; '13-15, Eldora Circuit; '16-17, Deer-field and Aldine; '18, Beach Haven, under D. S.)
- Augar, Oliver C.** 1913. N. J. Conf. '13-14, Goshen and Dias Creek; '15, Sicklerville Circuit; '16, Manahawkin and Cedar Run; '17-18, Newport; '19-21, Camden, St. George; '22-24, Keansburg; '25, Toms River. ('10-12, Deerfield and Aldine, under D. S.)
- Applegate, Steadman.** 1891. N. J. Conf. '91, New Lisbon; '92-3, Silverton; '94-6, Island Heights; '97-9, Mays Landing; 1900-1, Williamstown; '02-4, Lakewood; '05-7, Camden, Eighth Street; '08-11, Asbury Park, Second; '12-14, Corresponding Secretary Centenary Fund and Preachers' Aid So-ciety; '15-17, Paulsboro; '18-19, Pedricktown; '20-21, Bridgeton, Wesley Memorial; '22-25, Pensgrove, St. Paul. ('89-90, New Lisbon Circuit, under P. E.)
- Atkinson, Walter F.** 1906. N. J. Conf. '06, Delair; '07-8, Stratford; '09-10, Columbus; '11, English Creek; '12-13, Trenton, Warren Street and Cad-walader Heights; '14-15, Seabright; '16, Beverly; '17-18, Pennsgrove, Em-manuel; '19-24, Freehold; '25, Gloucester City, First. ('02 [part], Mercers-burg Circuit, Cen. Pa. Conf., assistant pastor; '04, Upland, Shiloh, N. Indiana Conf.; '05, Delair, under P. E.)
- Baker, Michael Benton.** 1888. Southern Illinois Conf. '88-91, Louisville, Ill.; '92-4, Mason; '95-7, Farina; '98-1900, Kinmuddy; '01-6, Sumner; '07-9, Upper Alton; '10-15, Mound City; '16-17 [part], Stanton, 1917, N. J. Conf. '17 [part]-21, Pensauken; '22, leave of absence; '23-25, Retired.