

EAST CONFERENCE, 1909

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

amended at any session of the Association by those present and voting. Sandford, a Nominating Committee of five was already elected. The following were named: P. Sandford, Saint Mark's Church, Brooklyn; Connecticut; Frank J. Rice, First Church, New Tichenor, First Church, Mount Vernon, New Babylon, Long Island.

... had been provided for all the delegates at the Union Building. On motion of Ralph Leininger, ... thanks.

... that the Conference Entertainment Committee ... arrangements sufficient to provide for the luncheon ... Carried.

... Wilson, the Conference Entertainment Committee ... of this Association. ... until 2 P. M.

... o'clock, the chairman called the meeting to ... ere as follows: The hymn "A charge to keep ... ere read by Frank A. Horne, and prayer was ...

... defray the expenses of the Association, and ...

... elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Alonzo C. Monagle, vice-president, Brooklyn; son, vice-president, Brooklyn South District; dent, New York District; Professor Henry ... w Haven District; John M. Bulwinkle, sec ... unt secretary; Andrew Moorhead, treasurer.

... adopted and the secretary was instructed to ... of the nominees, following which the officers ...

... r, made a further appeal for funds to give ... the Association and the sum of \$27.32 was ... l collection \$70.

... n, on invitation, sang several solos, to the ... rge company present.

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... f the Executive Committee of the Laymen's ... tatement concerning the literature and needs ... of our own denomination to the enterprise.

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... he following named four members of the ... authorized to appoint: William A. Howard, ... Coe Abbott, Babylon, Long Island; Frank ... New York; Charles E. Parker, Hartford.

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... STIAN ADVOCATE ... rews, of Bethel, Connecticut, requesting the ... ice of The Christian Advocate to one dollar ... to increase its circulation among Methodist ... ed by a number of the members. The Rev. ... gents of the Book Concern, by invitation, ... he motion prevailed.

JOHN M. BULWINKLE, Secretary.

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RICHARDSON

of the New York East Conference, held in New York, April, 1858, I was sent by the New Haven District, the Rev. Albert Nash, a charge in Connecticut, to take the place of a large number of whose family prevented his

the bright morning in early May, answering a brother who introduced himself as the Rev. O. W. Adams, stationed on the Barkhamsted Circuit, for a visitation. I was just beginning my ministry, preaching, I think, about twelve years. An opportunity of meeting this brother deeply on Thursday morning, about the middle of the month before I had met the Rev. B. M. Adams, of the New York East Conference, for whom I had engaged to preach the following Sabbath. I was unable to see him before leaving New York, and wrote him why I could not be with the coming Sabbath. His reply was characteristic. He was the last Methodist preacher to visit me before going to my appointment, and I met O. W. Adams was the first one I met after my first appointment. These two men had a large place in my after life clear up to the time of their death.

On leaving that afternoon Brother Adams gave me a hearty invitation to visit him in a few weeks I was with him at Pleasant Valley, the chief point on his circuit of preaching places. After a pleasant hour at his boarding place, he said, "We are going with a young man who has been connected only some two months." On that day I met Brother Lemuel Richardson, his oldest daughter. Our visit was prolonged till after ten o'clock, when I left for home.

The acquaintance growing out of that visit soon ripened into a friendship of mutual intercourse has only deepened, intensified and prayer, without a single break, are of one heart and mind in the glorious

born in Barkhamsted, Connecticut, May thirty years of age, was on a farm in the little red district school, getting such education. In his first year he was married to Miss Martha Taylor, a farmer. Three children were born to him: Mary S., the second daughter, Nellie G., in July, 1890. She died in Brooklyn in the old North Fifth Street parsonage, a pleasure to be the chief speaker at the funeral. Mary M., the firstborn, was married to Mr. O. W. Adams, and her husband survive the father.

In Richardson there were certain elements of eminence as to be seen and known of all the same of a sturdy and morally strong old man and mother, Lemuel and Sarah Taylor, back to those early settlers from old England. Puritans held the convictions which in the soil of the generation following them, in the grandest characters and the most ever seen outside of true Judaism. Secular Spirit. His father in the gospel, O. W. Adams, from Lee, Massachusetts. He could not be content, whenever occasion offered. But the gospel of Jesus Christ with such faith and divine indorsement of his message in the and the wise guidance of that convicted

soul to the only Lord and Saviour until faith fully accepted him and salvation was most gloriously realized. Here is Brother Richardson's own account of his spiritual birth: "After some three weeks of deep conviction for my sins, a little after twelve o'clock at night, in my bedroom, the vision came. The room was lit up with a heavenly light. I saw the face of God the Father, and the Son by his side pleading for me. The Father smiled on me. My burden was gone, and I was a new creature in Christ Jesus. I said to my wife, 'God has converted my soul.' She said, 'Can you tell mother of it?' I said, 'Yes, I can tell the whole world of it.' Mark you, brothers, the following morning I built an altar unto the Lord God, and the Lord answered by fire." He adds: "And the fire is still burning October 31, 1907. Lemuel Richardson."

Brothers, is there, can there be anything grander or more glorious than a man thoroughly honest with his own soul, exchanging the sinful servitude of the devil for the blessed salvation from sin through Christ Jesus, and the service of freedom that follows, when he puts his deep convictions for sin into action through repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ? He needed a force within him that should destroy all the morale of sin and create him anew in Christ Jesus and arouse in his soul a flame of restless, religious energy which should bring all the latent powers of his being into that intense, tireless activity which continued up to the day of his departure.

Adams knew nothing of the distinctive views of so-called higher critics, nor was he disturbed by the petty ignorance of false philosophy. But he knew the great fact of sin, and he knew Jesus Christ as God's one and only provision for the sin of the world. And, preaching what he knew, young Richardson was convicted by the Spirit for his sins, and found no rest until, on that memorable night in February, 1858, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. Brothers, I have no quarrel with "degrees" provided they are earned and not bought. But I think I voice the sentiment of every true minister of the gospel when I say I would rather have the indorsement of the almighty God to my ministry in the conversion of such a one as Lemuel Richardson, with his subsequent life and work, than all the degrees of all the educational institutions of the universe. Who would not covet this divine degree, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever"?

With such a conversion, the call to separate himself for the work of the ministry soon followed. Preparatory therefor, he was licensed as an exhorter on March 26, 1859, by the Rev. O. W. Adams. On March 22, 1861, he was licensed as a local preacher by the presiding elder of the New Haven District, the Rev. E. E. Griswold. In April, 1866, he was ordained a local deacon by Bishop Scott, in Washington Street, Brooklyn. In April, 1868, he was received as a probationer in the New York East Conference at Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, by Bishop James. In April, 1872, at the Conference session held in Bridgeport, he was received into full connection by Bishop Simpson.

For forty years he had made full proof of his ministry. His last charge was North Fifth Street, Brooklyn, from which, after seven years' service, he entered the superannuate ranks. The last four years of his life witnessed a most determined fight with a disease of long standing. For two weeks he had suffered from a carbuncle on the back of his neck. I saw him Monday afternoon; both his physician and family thought he was improving. Tuesday afternoon he had been speaking with his daughter, who had reached the door of an adjoining room, when she heard a peculiar sound. In a moment she was beside her father, who had fallen on the couch by which he was standing, but he was not, for God had taken him. Thus suddenly but triumphantly ended the long and faithful life of my friend and brother Lemuel Richardson.

W. P. ESTES.

GEORGE WASHINGTON ALLEN

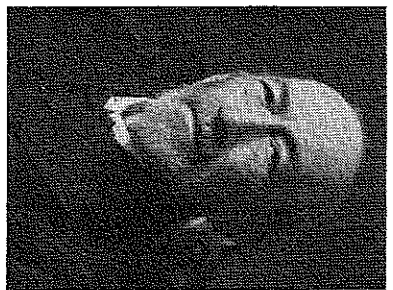
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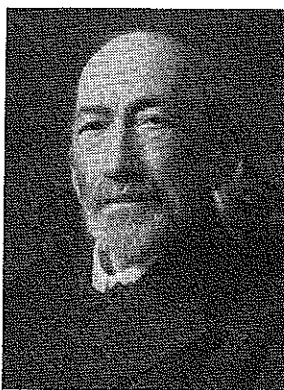
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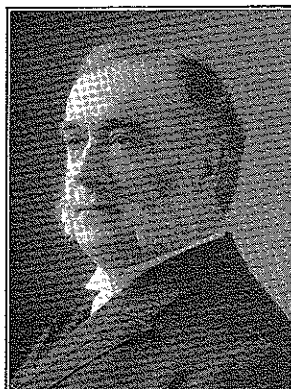
CHARLES HENRY BUCK, D.D.

CHARLES H. BUCK was born at North Easton, Massachusetts, January 10, 1841, of Methodist parentage, though descended on his mother's side from several generations of Congregational deacons. His life from its beginning was steeped in religion. Almost from infancy he was taken to prayer meetings and class meetings by his parents; and at the age of nine was converted and joined the church. His call to the ministry seems to have dated from his childhood. The preaching propensity manifested itself very early. His mother used to say that "Charles began his preaching on the gatepost."

Entering Wesleyan University in 1860, he went on preaching during his college course. Graduating in 1864, he entered this Conference and was appointed to Simsbury, Connecticut, where he met Miss Julia Osler Toy, whom he married on May 29, 1866.

The churches he subsequently served in Connecticut were: Westville; Bristol; New Britain; Saint John's Street, New Haven; First Church, New Haven; and Stamford. Three of his pastorates were in Brooklyn, at Nosstrand Avenue, Eighteenth Street, and New York Avenue.

In all these charges he was successful, honored, and beloved. Few ministers have been so much desired, so often invited back for a second or third



term by churches they had served. Simsbury and New Britain captured him as pastor twice, and Bristol three times. Churches of other denominations also coveted and made overtures to him.

His ministry was uniform in its excellence; sincere, unostentatious, free from everything sensational or meretricious in spirit and in method. His preaching was attractive, persuasive, practical, encouraging, and helpful. He never wearied his audience, for he was mindful of the fact that it is better for a preacher to stop when everybody wants him to go on, than to go on five minutes after the people wish he would stop.

Promptness and punctuality were a principle and a habit with him. He was particular to begin all services exactly on the minute, and, what is more difficult, to close them on time, so that they were never tedious.

He was a wise, sensible, tactful administrator, well-balanced and judicious, skillful in reconciliations and adjustments, guiding affairs smoothly, patient with human peculiarities, able to put himself in imagination in the other man's place, just, reasonable, and considerate. Always genial, kindly, approachable, and sympathetic, he was a welcome presence in every home and endeared himself greatly to his people as a pastor who was as attentive, affectionate, and faithful to the poorest and humblest and weakest as to the prosperous and prominent and powerful. Three things he always had: the respect of his flock and of the community, as a man of purity and rectitude, a consistent and unblamable minister of Christ; the confidence of his people as a pastor sure to be faithful to the church and to each one of them; the grateful love of his people, because he earned it by affectionate, unselfish, and laborious ministering to their needs and wishes. His one supreme characteristic was fidelity. He was never unfaithful anywhere to anything or anybody. Duty was lord of his life; no pleasure, however alluring, could induce him to neglect the smallest details of his work; no persuasions of friends could influence him to prolong a visit if parish needs called him home.

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ROLL OF MINISTERS

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[*Sy.* denotes Supernumerary—*Sd.*, Superannuated. Where the P. O. address differs from the appointment it is placed in parentheses. Appointments within Greater New York are given by Boroughs, viz., N. Y. (for Manhattan), Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens.]

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

- Abbott, A. V. R.** 1854 Whitestone; '55-6 Naugatuck; '57-8 Wolcottville (now Torrington); '59-60, Watertown; '61, Plymouth (now Thomaston); '62-3 Waterbury, First Ch.; '64-9 *Sy.*; '70 Beacon Falls; '71-3 Woodbury; '74-6 Stratford; '77-9 New Canaan; '80 Orient; '81 Durham; '82 Yalesville and South Meriden; '83-5 Cheshire; '86-7 Bloomfield; '88-9 New Haven, Howard Av.; '90-09 *Sd.* (Stratford, Conn.)
- Adams, George.** 1876 10th Indiana Conf., Mishawaka; '77 Decatur; '78 California Conf., Willows; '79 Biggs; '80-1 Point Arena; '82 Santa Rosa; '83-5 Student, Drew Theological Seminary (supplied '83-4 Port Oram, now Wharton, N. J.); '85 Port Morris, N. J.; '86-7 N. Y. E. Conf., Brooklyn, St. Paul's; '88-91 Brooklyn, Sands St.; '92-3 Hartford, South Park; '94-5 Babylon; '96-7 Northport; '98-9 Brooklyn, Central Ch.; 1900-3 Brooklyn, Williams Av.; '04-8 Brooklyn, Bay Ridge, Grace; '09 Bronx, Olin. (3711 Olinville Av., N. Y. City.)
- Adams, John E.** 1863 New Jersey Conf., Lebanon Mission; '64-5 Beverly; '66 Marlton; '67-8 Titusville; '69-71 Bordentown, Trinity; '72-4 Freehold; '75-6 Vineland; '77-9 New Brunswick, St. James; '80-2 Camden, Centenary; '83-4 Genesee Conf., Clean, First Ch.; '85-8 Rochester, First Ch.; '89-93 Newark Conf., Morristown; '94-8 N. Y. E. Conf., Brooklyn, Janes; '99-01 P. E. New Haven Dist.; '02-4 Brooklyn, Grace; '05-6 Superintendent, New York Dist. (West Park, Stamford, Conn.)
- Allen, George W.** 1859-60 Trumbull; '61 West Goshen; '62-3 Bakersville; '64-5 New Milford; '66 North Wilton and Vista; '67-8 East Granby; '69 Madison; '70 *Sy.*; '71-2 Good Ground; '73-5 Jamesport; '76 *Sd.*; '77 Bayville and Locust Valley; '78-09 *Sd.* (Unionville, Conn.)
- Ames, Clair E.** 1900-2 North Minn. Conf., Pelican Rapids; '03 Student, Drew Theological Seminary (supplied West Farms); '04-6 N. Y. E. Conf., West Farms; '07 West Farms and Bronxdale; '08-9, Hartford, St. Paul's. (53 Sisson Av., Hartford, Conn.)
- Bagnell, Robert.** 1884 Upper Iowa Conf., Center Point; '85 Oasis; '86 Calmar; '87-8 Rockford; '89-91 Northwest Iowa Conf., Webster City; '92-3 Algona; '94 Emmetsburg; '97 Lemars; '98-1900 Sioux City, First Ch.; '01 to Oct. '07 N. Y. Conf., N. Y., Metropolitan Temple Parish; '07-9 N. Y. E. Conf., Brooklyn, Janes. (268 Stuyvesant Av., Brooklyn, N. Y. City.)
- Baird, Joseph.** 1874 Northern N. Y. Conf., Middleville; '75 Oriskany Falls '76-7 Ava; '78-9 Lee Center; '80-1 Vernon Center; '82-3, Verona; '84-5 N. Y. E. Conf., Cypress Hills (now Andrews); '86-8 New Haven, George St. (now Grace); '89-91 North New York (now Willis Av.); '92 L. I. City, Second Ch. (now Van Alst Av.); '93-5 Great Neck; '96-8 Sag Harbor; '99 Milford; 1900-1 Yalesville; '02-3 Wyoming Conf., Worcester; '04-7 *Sy.*; '03 N. Y. E. Conf., East Hampton; '09 *Sd.* (East Hampton, L. I.)
- Baker, Henry.** 1865 New Jersey Conf., Bridgeton, Third Ch.; '66-7 Camden, Centenary; '68-9 Princeton; '70-2 Kentucky Conf., Covington, Union Ch.; '73 East Ohio Conf., Cleveland, First Ch.; '74-6 Akron, First Ch.; '77-8 Cincinnati Conf., Cincinnati, Walnut Hills; '79-81 Newark Conf., Newark, St. Paul's; '82-4 N. Y. E. Conf., Brooklyn, Simpson; '85-7 N. Y. Conf., N. Y., St. James; '88-90 Phila. Conf., Phila., Park Av.; '91 Phila. Arch St.; '92-6 Newark Conf., Newark, St. Paul's; '97-9 Wilmington Conf., Wilmington, Grace; 1900-1 Pittsburg Conf., Pittsburg, Christ Ch.; '02-4 N. Y. E. Conf., New Haven, First Ch.; '05-7 Middletown, First Ch.; '08-9 Patchogue, L. I.
- Ball, C. Sturges.** 1897-01 Primitive Methodist Church, England, Huddersfield; '02-4 Coventry; '05 supplied Newtown and New Rochelle, First Ch.; '06 N. Y. E. Conf., Naugatuck; '07-9 Bridgeport, Summerfield. (1079 Central Av., Bridgeport, Conn.)
- Bartholow, Otho F.** 1892 Bridgeport, Summerfield; '93-7 Brooklyn, Fleet St.; '98 Brooklyn, Eighteenth St.; '99-04 Brooklyn, Janes; '05-9 Mt. Vernon, First Ch. (114 South Eighth Av., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.)

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