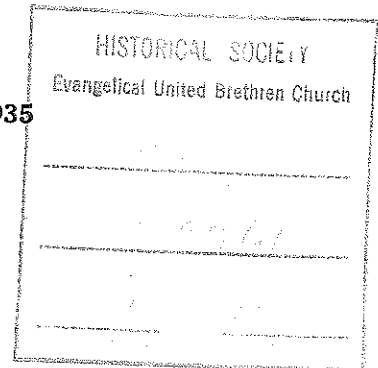


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during the past year: Rev. F. P. Allender and Rev. S. B. Gawthrop. Appropriate papers were read touching the life and work of these good men. Also, a paper was read in honor of Mrs. G. W. Pringle, whose husband was a member of this Conference. The congregation stood with bowed heads in silent prayer.

OBITUARY

Rev. F. P. Allender was born October 6, 1852, and departed this life January 26, 1935, age 82 years, 3 months and 20 days.

He was united in marriage with Miss Julia Ann Anderson on November 29, 1874. To this union were born five daughters and two sons, all of whom are still living.

He is survived by his wife and sons: Clayton Allender, Alton, W. Va.; and Columbus Allender, Grantsville, Md.; daughters, Mrs. Mary Jane Gordon, Elkins, W. Va.; Mrs. Harriet Hulings, Elkins, W. Va.; Mrs. Rhoda Smith, Elkins, W. Va.; Mrs. Icy Bibey, Belington, W. Va.; and Mrs. Carrie Wilmoth, at home; also thirty living grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

Rev. Allender made a Christian confession early in life and became a United Brethren minister in 1891, and served continuously until 1922, when he retired from active work on account of defective hearing. Although he retired from active ministry he took an active part in the local church work, especially the Sunday School, until his health became too much impaired.

Everywhere he has lived or otherwise been known he is famed for his Christian life and dealings with his fellowmen. Rev. Allender built at least four new churches and bought and paid for one parsonage. He received approximately one thousand members into the U. B. Church during his ministry. He repaired and improved churches and parsonages wherever he went.

The family desires to extend their thanks and appreciation to the many friends who were so kind and helpful during the illness and death of our husband and father.

SYLVESTER BARTLETT GAWTHROP

Sylvester Bartlett Gawthrop was born July 1, 1865, and departed this life February 6, 1935, age 69 years, 7 months and 5 days. He was united in marriage to Mary Susan Woody on July 1, 1886. To this union four sons were born: Silvanus Edwin, of Clarksburg; Worthy Clay, deceased; Pearle Roscoe, Parkersburg; and H. Thomas of Bluefield. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 27 years and always took an active part in church work.

In 1912 he joined the West Virginia Conference and was an ordained Elder in the Church. He served as a pastor for a number of years, until his health failed him. He is survived by his wife, three sons, one brother, John A. Gawthrop, of Huntington, one half sister, Mrs. Ethel Neely, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. He rejoiced and shouted many times during his sickness. His last words were, "Tell my friends to meet me in Heaven."

MRS. ALICE FISHER PRINGLE

Cora Alice Fisher Pringle was born December 27, 1866, died August 11, 1935, age 68 years, 7 months and 15 days. She was united in marriage to G. W. Pringle, September 23, 1885, and to