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REV. W. G. WARE, D. D.

Rev. W. G. Ware, D. D., son of Elihu and Lucretia Ware, was born Feb. 16, 1870; died Feb. 11, 1936, in his sixty-fifth year. He was united in marriage to Miss Aletha Robinson November 20, 1895. To this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Ash.

Rev. Ware was converted and joined the Trinity United Brethren Church, Belington charge, at the age of fifteen years. It was in this same local church that he was given license to preach the Gospel, and it was in this same church that he preached his first sermon.

At an early age he felt the great need of an education and, after he had completed his work in the public school, he spent three years at the United Brethren Academy at Buckhannon, West Virginia. He taught in the public schools of Barbour county for a period of five years.

In his teaching as well as his preaching he was always earnest and sincere. He, with his father, was a successful merchant, having engaged in this line of business for fifteen years. He joined the West Virginia conference at Weston in September 1912. He served the following charges: Mannington, Terra Alta, Salem, Fairmont, Adamston, Buckhannon, and Middlebourne.

Brother Ware was elected conference superintendent in September, 1933, and was re-elected in 1934 and 1935. He served the East District during this period. His last official act as superintendent was his leadership in a rally day service at our Shinnston church, at which time the debt on this local church was paid and the notes burned.

In June, 1935, Salem College conferred upon Brother Ware the Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He leaves to mourn his going, his wife, daughter, six grandchildren, father and two brothers.

His pastor, Rev. Oliver Stoneking, was in charge of the funeral service, which was held at the Belington United Brethren Church, February 14, 1936. Twenty-two ministers were present. The pastor was assisted by the following ministers: Rev. F. H. Capehart, read Scripture lesson; Rev. Mrs. Lois Luzader, offered the prayer; Rev. Ray N. Shaffer, brought the message, and Rev. S. A. Jessee, gave the benediction at the grave. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Oliver Stoneking.

MRS. JULIA A. ALLENDER

Mrs. Julia A. Allender, wife of the late Rev. F. P. Allender, was born March 20, 1857, and died January 8, 1936. Aged 78 years, nine months, and eighteen days. She was married to Rev. Allender, November 29, 1874.

To this union were born two sons and five daughters. Mrs. Allender was a noble Christian woman. She was converted and joined the United Brethren Church at the age of fifteen years.

She is survived by her two sons, five daughters, thirty grandchildren, and twenty great grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Stringtown church near the old home.

Rev. Oliver Stoneking, of the Belington church, and Rev. H. D.

Barnhouse, of the Junior church, were in charge of the services.
Oliver Stoneking.

MR. M. D. GAINER

Mr. M. D. Gainer, of the Belington United Brethren Church, Belington, West Virginia, died July 21, 1936, and was in his seventy-third year.

Brother Gainer was a charter member of this local church, which was organized forty-seven years ago. He was superintendent of the local Sunday School for twenty-five years. He was also teacher of the men's Bible class for twenty years. On Sunday morning before his death on the following Monday night, he was present and taught the men's Bible class as usual.

He was always loyal and true to the church, regular in attendance, and was always a good financial supporter of the church. Yes, we miss him, but some day we shall see him again.

His wife, four sons, and three daughters are left to mourn his going. Funeral services were in charge of his pastor. Brother Gainer was a good Christian man, a devoted husband and father, and was a fine neighbor. May his mantle fall upon some one who is worthy to receive that mantle.

Oliver Stoneking.

MRS. F. G. RADABAUGH

Mrs. F. G. Radabaugh, wife of the late Rev. F. G. Radabaugh, of the West Virginia conference, died at her home in Belington, West Virginia, November 6, 1936. Mrs. Radabaugh had been in poor health for more than a year. She was a member of the Belington United Brethren Church.

She was well known and honored as an exemplary Christian whose death means a real loss to the church and community.

She is mourned by two sons, five daughters, four grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Oliver Stoneking, assisted by Rev. R. N. Shaffer and Rev. E. A. Crites.

Oliver Stoneking.

REV. ALEXANDER P. SALLAZ

Rev. Alexander P. Sallaz, the son of Ferdinand and Sarah (Reynolds) Sallaz, was born in Jackson county, March 22, 1854, and departed this life August 6, 1936, age 82 years, 4 months, 14 days.

He professed faith in Christ at the Grass Lick United Brethren Church, of Jackson county, and united with it at the age of 16. He joined the West Virginia conference of The United Brethren in Christ Church, A. D. 1883, when the conference was in session at the Bachtel Church in Mason county.

He was ordained by Bishop John Dickson at Pennsboro, 1886.

He gave thirty-nine years of active service as a minister to the church of his choice. Thirty-seven years as a pastor and the years of 1904 and 1905 as Presiding Elder of the Parkersburg District.

He was united in marriage to Rebecca Jane Crawford the 14th of August, 1883. To this union six children were born, five survive. They are as follows: Mrs. Maud White, of Freemansburg, W. Va.; Carlton