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VII. MEMOIRS

OTTO ANDERSON

Reverend Otto Anderson was born June 30, 1852, in Smaland, Sweden, and departed this life at Austin, Texas, Sunday, March 20, 1938, at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 10 days. He came to America and Chicago, Ill., when 16 years of age, where shortly after his arrival he was converted and united with the First Swedish Methodist Church. In the year of 1876 he returned to Stockholm, Sweden, to study for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. After completing his studies at the Theological Seminary in Stockholm, he came to America the second time, this time to Worcester, Mass., where he organized the First Swedish Methodist Church of that city. During the active years of his ministry he served the following churches: Galva, Ill., Creston, Ia., San Francisco, Calif., Gardner, Boston, Springfield and Rockport, Mass. In 1905 he came to Texas to serve the Manda church, but because of failing health asked for superannuated relation at the Conference of 1907 and has since made his home in Austin, Texas. For a period of two years he assisted the late Reverend J. F. Sarnar of Galveston in his work at the Seaman's Bethel, and for shorter periods of time he supplied churches whenever necessary. In 1914 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Ann Swenson of Hutto, and together they have been happy and faithful members of Central Church at Austin.

The funeral services were held from Central Church, Austin, and were conducted by the Reverend W. O. Schulze. The remains of this noble servant of God rest in a cemetery at Round Rock, Texas, while his spirit is forever with the Lord.

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