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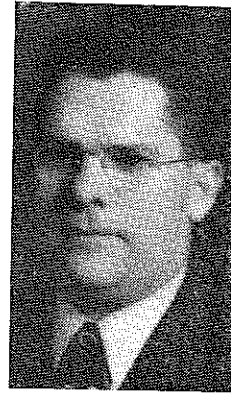
THE PRELUDE—Adoramus Te (Prayer)	<i>Palestrina</i>
	Mrs. Lucas C. Abels
THE CALL TO WORSHIP	
	<i>(The congregation will stand for the Call to Worship and remain standing until after the singing of the "Gloria Patri.")</i>
LEADER: "Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."	
PEOPLE: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."	
THE INVOCATION <i>(in unison)</i>	
"Almighty God, our Father, from whom we come and unto whom our spirits return; Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Thou art our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Grant us Thy blessing in this hour, and enable us so to put our trust in Thee that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth, and help us to see the light of eternity. So may we find grace and strength for this and every time of need through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."	
"Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."	
HYMN NO. 521—"It Singeth Low in Every Heart"	<i>John W. Chadwick</i>
THE RESPONSIVE READING:	
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THE GLORIA PATRI	
THE ROLL OF THE HONORED DEAD	By the Conference Secretary
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON—Hebrews 11:1-16	Dr. W. A. Lambeth
THE PRAYER	The Rev. E. M. Avett
SOLO—"This Is My Task"	<i>Ashford</i>
	Mrs. Willard Cardwell
THE MEMORIAL ADDRESS—"The New Heaven and the New Earth"	Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe
HYMN NO. 517—"I Know What the Future Hath"	<i>Abbey</i>
THE BENEDICTION	Dr. E. K. McLarty
THE POSTLUDE—"Chorale"	<i>Bach</i>
	Mrs. Lucas C. Abels

5. Memoirs

Note: These memoirs are printed as originally written (Editor)

THE REVEREND WILLIAM ARTHUR BARBER

December 31, 1892 — June 2, 1945



The sudden death of William Arthur Barber in the second year of a successful and popular pastorate at Bessemer Methodist Church, this city, came as a great shock to his family and friends. Young, both in years and in spirit, his career seemed only to have begun, when the end came with dramatic suddenness.

Mr. Barber was born in Reidsville, December 31, 1892, the son of W. Z. and Cora Harrison Barber. He was educated in the public schools of Danville, Va., a Junior College in Tennessee, and Trinity College. In his later youth his family moved to High Point, where he learned printing and established himself in business. Business, however, for young Barber was merely an avocation. His real vocation was the Christian ministry. With the encouragement and help of his widowed mother, and sisters, he soon found himself in religious work at East End. East End has since become Calvary Methodist Church. For a number of years he did magnificent work as a

Local Preacher while continuing his business connections. Previously he had served as a secretary in railroad "Y" work.

Nothing short of complete dedication to the pastoral ministry of the Church could satisfy his sense of Christian vocation, hence he joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1921. In the twenty-four years since he has served the following charges: Glenwood, Greensboro; East End, High Point; Spindale; Cornelius; First Street, Albemarle; Murphy; and Kernersville. His pastorates, all of them, have been markedly successful. His deep love for his people, faithfully reflecting the love of Christ, his understanding of their problems, and his genuine sympathy in their troubles, greatly endeared him to them.

June 13, 1919, Brother Barber was happily married to Miss Allene Burton of Douglasville, Ga., who faithfully and capably assisted him in his work, not the least of which has been the rearing of three fine children: Marvin W. Barber, William Arthur Barber, Jr., and Mary Barber. These with Mrs. Barber survive.

Funeral services were conducted from the Bessemer Methodist Church, Tuesday, June 5, at 4:30 in the afternoon. Dr. W. A. Lambeth, his District Superintendent, was in charge, assisted by Bishop Clare Purcell, Dr. Edgar H. Nease, and the Rev. Ray Harrington. Well deserved tributes were offered by his Bishop, his District Superintendent, and his brethren in the ministry. The presence of a large number of ministers of his own and other churches attested to the esteem in which he was held in his conference and in the community. Many beautiful floral offerings expressed the love and appreciation of congregation and friends. Interment was in a crypt of the mausoleum at Guilford Memorial Cemetery.

The fifty-two years allotted to this worthy servant of Christ—twenty-four of them in the active ministry of the Church—do not constitute a record for length; but length is only one of the dimensions which count in life and service. When one adds to this the depth of his convictions, the breadth of his interests and sympathies, and the height of his aspirations, it can be seen how abundantly and fruitfully W. A. Barber lived. It was not his to live glamorously in the spotlight of the world's acclaim, but to toil tirelessly, faithfully, in the humbler stations of life, and to sanctify the commonplace with an uncommon consecration to duty and to God.

In the brief pause between his stroke and his passing, before it could be known whether he would recover or go hence, his mood and train of thought are well expressed in these lines from the pen of Charles Wesley:

Lord, in the strength of grace,
 With a glad heart and free,
 Myself, my residue of days,
 I consecrate to Thee.
 Thy ransomed servant, I
 Restore to Thee Thine own;
 And, from this moment, live or die
 To serve my God alone.

It was not his to choose, either the day of his birth or the date of his death; it was his responsibility to live well his allotted time and to serve his generation with what gifts and graces God had vouchsafed to him. This he did in commendable fashion and I, for one, doubt not that Christ has received him into his heavenly kingdom and crowned him with those choice words of divine favor: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

GEORGE B. CLEMMER.

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THE REVEREND JESSE HOMER BARNHARDT

February 22, 1873 — January 21, 1945



Eighteen years ago this writer came before the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, meeting in Asheville, for admission on trial. It was thrilling and somewhat terrifying experience for a callow youth! Knowing only a few members of the conference, every smile and friendly greeting touched the heart of that youth like drops of water upon the parched lips of a thirsty man. A few of the older and well established ministers went out of their way to make a newcomer feel at home and thus they wrote their names indelibly upon the grateful heart of this writer. None was more cordial and gracious than J. H. Barnhardt! It was with added sadness therefore that the writer heard of Dr. Barnhardt's death, which occurred Sunday morning, January 21, 1945.

Jessee Homer Barnhardt was born in Cabarrus County on February 22, 1873, the son of Jacob R. and Mary Smith Barnhardt. He received the A.B. degree from Trinity College in 1899. Some years later Kentucky Wesleyan College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. On May 1, 1900, he was married to Miss Hattie Misenheimer and to this union were born the following children, who survived him: Mrs. Banks Wilson, of Greensboro, Max L. Barnhardt, of Durham, and Miss Margaret Barnhardt of Winston-Salem. Following the death of his first wife Dr. Barnhardt married Miss Bertha Reinhardt of Charlotte and Shelby. In addition to Mrs. Barnhardt, Dr. Barnhardt is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Carl Miller, of Concord, and Miss Florence Barnhardt, of Sanford, and by two brothers, J. O. Barnhardt, of Concord, and Frank Barnhardt, of Oakboro.

Dr. Barnhardt had forty-six faithful and effective years of service as a minister of the Methodist Church. During those years he served the following appointments: First Church, Waynesville; Wesley Memorial, High Point; Central Church, Asheville; the Greensboro District; West Market Street Church, Greensboro; Tryon Street Church, Charlotte; the Winston-Salem District; First Church, Salisbury; Main Street, Reidsville; Grace Church, Wilmington; the Raleigh District; First Church, Rockingham; First Church, Marion.

While serving at Marion, North Carolina, Dr. Barnhardt suffered a heart attack which necessitated his retiring. Following a partial recovery he and Mrs. Barnhardt established their home in Shelby and it was while living in Shelby that the call came to him to pick up the reins again. A new Methodist church was being organized in Shelby, called Hoyle Memorial Methodist Church, and when the conference was unable to supply that church with a full time minister Dr. Barnhardt accepted the invitation extended to him and at grave risk to his physical well-being assumed the duties of an active pastor. For several

months he gave to that new church the benefit of his experience, wisdom and leadership. However, although his eager spirit was more than willing, his body was tired and on the 14th of January he suffered another heart attack, from which he died on January 22—faithful to the end!

Dr. Barnhardt was honored by his church in many ways during the years of his service. He was a member of three regular and one called session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. During the period of its existence he was a member of the board of trustees of Davenport College and at the time of his death was a member of the board of trustees of Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia, and also of Duke University.

"'Tis not a cause of small import
 The pastor's care demands;
 But what might fill an angel's heart,
 And filled a Savior's hands."

PAUL HARDIN, JR.

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THE REVEREND RUFUS FRANKLIN HUNEYCUTT

July 4, 1875 — June 8, 1945



The Reverend Rufus Franklin Huneycutt was born in Stanly County, North Carolina, July 4, 1875. He was educated in the public schools and at Trinity Park school, Durham, N. C. In early life he taught in the Stanly county schools for a number of years. He served as county commissioner and as county treasurer in Stanly county for two terms. As a business man he was successful, being a co-owner with his brother, J. P. Huneycutt, of the Huneycutt Furniture Company. For many years he was a member of Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, serving as steward and Sunday School superintendent. But he was not satisfied with anything short of the active ministry. He firmly believed God wanted him to devote himself wholly to the Gospel ministry. This he has done for more than a third of a century. Those who have known him best know that he has been a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. When we say he has been faithful what else can be said? What else needs to be said?

Brother Huneycutt joined the Western North Carolina Conference at the session held in Winston-Salem in 1910. Through the years he has served the following charges: Swannanoa, four years; Mills River, four years; Bethel, four years; Davidson Circuit, four years; East Greensboro, one year; Rock Springs, four years; Trinity-Derita, four years; Linwood, four years; Prospect, two years; Trinity, three years; and Gold Hill, part of one year.

He was married to Janie Smith on January 26, 1904. This was a happy marriage. In this union seven children were born. Two of the children died in childhood, Mary Jane at the age of seven, and Rufus F., Jr., at six months. Mrs. Huneycutt preceded her husband to the heavenly home by nearly two years, having died August 18, 1943. For almost forty years Mr. and Mrs. Huneycutt lived and wrought together. Theirs was a fruitful ministry. Only eternity will reveal the full results of their labors.

The surviving children are, Ruth (Mrs. C. R.) Stroupe of Rutherford College; Willis, Lexington; Rev. W. Jackson, pastor of the Methodist church at Franklin; John Wesley, Ashe county; Rev. Jerome, Chaplain in U. S. Army. Also he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. R. L. Furr, Albemarle; Mrs. Dallie Lowe, Stanfield; and Miss Edna Huneycutt, who since the passing of Mrs. Huneycutt has been keeping the home for Brother Huneycutt.

Death came suddenly just before 12 noon on Friday, June 8. On Sunday, June 10, at 4 p. m. the funeral services were held in Central Church, Albemarle, with H. G. Allen, J. H. Brendall, and R. M. Courtney participating. The very large number of fellow ministers present was indicative of the high esteem in which Brother Huneycutt was held by his brethren. He was buried in the Albemarle city cemetery.

R. M. COURTNEY