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MEMOIRS

WILLIAM PERRY BARRETT

William Perry Barrett, son of Robert W. and Julia Perry Barrett, was born in Jackson County, Missouri, October 20, 1860. His mother was also a native of this state, and his father a Kentuckian. The church of his childhood, youth and early maturity was the old "Young's Chapel"; now Blue Ridge Boulevard Church. The quarterly conference of this church recommended him for license to preach. He was admitted into the Southwest Missouri Conference in the fall of 1887, the first conference in this section of which Bishop E. R. Hendrix was president.

His first pastorate was the Pineville Circuit. Afterward he was appointed to Garland Avenue, Garden City and Lucas, Sheldon, Versailles, Moundville, Green Ridge, Montevallo, Ozark, Knobnoster, East Lynn, Arrow Rock, Linn, Malta Bend, Miami, Chamois, Corder, Atherton and Grandview.

He was married to Lydia Love Morris, October 4, 1893. To their union were born one son and two daughters, who are united with their mother, their own children, and a brother and sister of Brother Barrett, in a tribute of the finest affection for this one who so splendidly fulfilled the relation sustained to them as husband, brother and father.

Because of the necessity of his wife giving personal care during a long illness in her father's home, Brother Barrett located for two years, but he continued his ministry as a supply and was readmitted to the conference immediately after the passing of this emergency. A methodist minister for fifty-three years, he was a member of the Southwest Missouri Conference as an active itinerant forty-one years.

He fell asleep at seven o'clock in the evening of Sunday, the Lord's Day, December 18, 1938, in the seventy-ninth year of his earthly life, so bringing to a triumphant close a life abounding in the work of the Lord, to the very day he was stricken.

The funeral service was held in the first Methodist Church of Independence, the afternoon of December 21, 1938. Dr. T. B. Mather, and Rev. H. J. Rand had charge of the service. Burial was in the Brooking Cemetery near Raytown, Jackson County.

"Light from its load the spirit flies, while heaven and earth unite to say, 'How blest the righteous when he dies!'"

H. J. RAND.

MRS. JAMES D. PRATER

Mrs. Bulah Prater, daughter of J. N. and Margaret Arnold was born in McDonald County, Missouri, on February the 20th, 1891. Here she grew to womanhood, attending the schools of the County. On March 6th, 1910