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based on the words: "I, John, saw the Holy City" Rev. 21:2. The
pall bearers were selected from the Sunday School class where he
attended. Many members of Holston Conference were in atten-
dance along with numerous friends.

The body was taken to Greene County and laid to rest in the
family cemetery at Mt. Carmel Church.

"The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." Amen.

A. C. KETRON

JOSEPH ALBERT BAYLOR

The death of Joseph Albert Baylor at Lake Junaluska, N. C.,
on June 13th, 1947, brought to its close a life marked by a dis-
tinguished career in the ministry of The Methodist Church. The
period of his service began in 1893 with his admission on trial into
Holston Conference. During the 47 years of his active ministry,
he served the Church in many capacities and always with a devo-
tion, zeal and skill which made his service outstanding.

From 1917 until autumn of 1924, Dr. Baylor was Architec-
tural Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the M. E.
Church, South. His work with this Board was recognized by the
American Institute of Architects and he was elected a member of
that body. The following quotations from Dr. King's book, "The
Board of Church Extension: A History, 1882-1932," indicate the
values reaped by the Church from this connection:

"Dr. Baylor began his work November 1, 1917, and pressed
it enthusiastically and intelligently until the autumn of 1924. He
was peculiarly adapted to the new duties which had been commit-
ted to his charge. It is not surprising that under his direction the
volume of work increased rapidly and the department expanded
to meet the demand of the Church for architectural practice.

"Shortly after the department was established, Dr. Baylor
began to prepare plans and specifications for the use of numerous
congregations where the services of an architect could not be se-
cured. Later he enlarged the field of service of the department by
preparing plans and specifications and supervising the construction
of larger buildings, many of which were of considerable magnitude,
so that his work was widely recognized throughout our connection
and among the other denominations as well."

In 1924 Dr. Baylor resigned from the Board in order to re-
turn to his first and last love, the pastoral care of souls. His first
appointment was Junior Preacher at Elkhorn and Welch in West
Virginia. Among the outstanding churches which he served in
later years were Morristown, State Street, Bland Street, Blue-

field, Central Church of Knoxville, and Centenary, Chattanooga. He was appointed to the bishop's cabinet three times, serving the Wytheville District twice and the Bluefield District.

Dr. Baylor's ministry was chiefly marked by his evangelistic zeal. It is in this field that his influence and memory will longest abide among the people and preachers of Holston. His interest in all forms of evangelistic effort never flagged. To the end of his days he was tireless in his personal efforts to reclaim the lost, recall the straying, and to spur the indifferent to new zeal and holiness. He was strong in his advocacy of keeping the evangelistic emphasis at the forefront of the entire program of The Methodist Church. Here in Holston, particularly, his influence in this respect was always exerted and was strongly effective.

His abilities were recognized by Holston Conference in selecting him as one of its delegates to the Uniting Conference of The Methodist Church in 1939, as well as to other General Conference sessions.

Shortly after his admission on trial into the Holston Conference, Dr. Baylor was married to Nannie Bell Farmer of Tazewell, Virginia, who survives him. The living children of this union are Mrs. J. S. Heneger, Mrs. D. H. Riley, Mrs. G. R. Counts, Mrs. J. R. Tilson and Col. J. W. Baylor of the U. S. Air Corps.

Funeral services for Dr. Baylor were conducted from State Street Church. Bishop Paul B. Kern paid tribute to his distinguished abilities, evangelistic passion and noble Christian character. He was laid to rest in Emory, Virginia, in his native soil and among many comrades whom he had loved and who loved him.

Joseph A. Baylor was a man of strong convictions, deep piety and of unshakable loyalty to the truth as he saw it. His devotion to his Church and to evangelical Christianity won for him the admiration and love of the people wherever he went. He made friends readily and held them steadfastly. The integrity of his character was so marked that it could not be questioned. The inspiration of his example and spirit remains to challenge us to nobler deeds and greater devotion to the cause of Christ and of humanity.

L. E. HOPPE

REV. AND MRS. HENRY ERNEST BRADSHAW

The Reverend Henry Ernest Bradshaw was born at Pioneer, Tennessee, Morgan County, February 7, 1880, and died at his home near Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 12, 1947. He was the son of John C. and Mary Elizabeth Messimer Bradshaw. His