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with him to the day of his death. He simply gave his Master what was first in his thought. He was unexcelled. He called upon the people. Many a home in the conferences where he thanked God that Brother Tuttle carried to

...failing, he took the Supernumerary Relations the active work as soon as possible. In 1891. But during this period, for a time, he was at the Florence Crittenden Mission in San Jose. He could again take active work, which he did not. For three years he continued in this position until he was forced to retire.

He was married to Mrs. E. L. Anderson of San Francisco. Here they made their home, both of them were teachers in our churches. Both of them were teachers in our churches weeks before his death Brother Tuttle was working in the Sunday school, much to the regret of those who went on a visit to Oakdale, where he was working. There he went immediately to the home of his wife in Oakland, where, although the very best of care was given him, he continued to fail and died on Friday, November 15th, 1923. All of his family were gathered there, including his daughter who lives in Portland. His children sang for him and he spoke a few words while he would speak aloud, seemed to be in the Master's presence. The end came quietly. With his eyes closed he opened them on the other side. He was brought to Pacific Grove, where a service was held. He had been accustomed to worship, and was assisted by Rev. J. H. Williams and C. E. IRONS.

W. WADMAN

Rev. John W. Wadman took his flight on November 15th, 1923, from San Francisco, one of the great ones of men went to his reward at the age of 62.

Upon the duties of the pastorate in the Church of San Francisco, he prosecuted his work with striking success, putting his whole heart and soul into it. The atmosphere changed. There was a new life. He worked as one whose time was short. As long as possible while the day lasted. He worked as long as he could of the year and what was thought to be necessary for him occurred, making it necessary for him to be absent from his home, his mind not being as rapid as he hoped, saying that anything was better than to be absent at four o'clock on the day of his death.

His Master's cause long and well in the Hawaiian Islands, Canada, in 1877; then in the Hawaiian Islands, and afterwards in the Hawaiian Methodist Church, then in the work of the Anti-Saloon League. He became director of religious work in the Men's Christian Association, and, at

the very end of his life, he returned to the regular work of the ministry.

As a Christian worker he was ever anxious to lead people to Christ, and used his remarkable persuasive powers unsparingly in that direction. As superintendent of the Hawaiian Mission he traveled about over the plantations among the Orientals, holding meetings and winning them to accept Christ as their Saviour. Many responded, and in the glow of genuine revival fires they came into the new life of the Spirit. Their love for Dr. Wadman was well expressed by one who said, "We always felt that Dr. Wadman was our brother."

As a worker among soldiers and sailors he ranked high. He was greatly loved both at Schofield Barracks, where he did a great work, and at the Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association in Honolulu. Many a young man was led to give his heart to Christ, and when Dr. Wadman resigned to come to California there were great regret and sorrow over his departure.

Always a high type of the Christian minister, Dr. Wadman was at home with all kinds of people. He could adapt himself to circumstances with ready facility. Always easy and appropriate in his conversation, he was a past master in the art of creating a pleasant social atmosphere, and his presence was like sunshine wherever he went.

One of the outstanding achievements of Dr. Wadman's life was his part in securing territorial prohibition for Hawaii by act of Congress.

In his pulpit ministrations Dr. Wadman was much above the average minister. Ready and appropriate in prayer; in preaching always having something worth while to say and saying it with conviction and in a pleasing and persuasive manner.

Besides his devoted wife, who was always his faithful helper in his work, Dr. Wadman left four daughters: Flora B. (Mrs. Leroy P. Baker of Honolulu), Mamie H. (Mrs. Joseph E. Austin of San Francisco), Gemma W. (Mrs. Wm. Zerffi of New York), and Marguerite F. (Mrs. C. C. West of Reno, Nevada). His daughter Norma M. (Mrs. Wm. Hoogs of Honolulu) passed away a few years ago.

MONROE H. ALEXANDER.

HORACE ELLSWORTH BEEKS

Our Conference necrology this day records Horace Ellsworth Beeks, born in Brookville, Indiana, December 8, 1831, of Christian parents, who were loyal Methodists and worthy examples in devotion to the Church; that he was married June 15, 1887, to Miss Rose I. Hull, a young woman eminently fitted in every way to be wife, companion and helper to her preacher-husband—a union blessed with four sons and one daughter; that he was educated in the High Schools of the city of Des Moines, in Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute; that he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1887, and passed into the higher ministry and fellowship of those who are "before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His Temple," on Sunday, December 9, 1923, from Lodi, California, sixty-two years of age and in the thirty-sixth year of his ministry.

From these facts and others we particularize and express our estimate of his worth and assert our esteem and affection for him as one of the great confraternity of the Methodist ministry.

He joined the Northwest Iowa Conference in 1887. Two years later he went to the Des Moines Conference, and after three years

to the West Wisconsin Conference, in which he spent ten years, coming to the California Conference in 1902 and giving us twenty-one years of splendid service.

Recognizing his attainments and worthiness, the College of the Pacific, in 1908, conferred on him the Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Almost at once he came into prominence in this Conference, just as we took him into permanence in our confidence and love.

Eight of our churches, the College of the Pacific (as Field Secretary), and three of our Districts have had the benefit of his fine personality, clear thinking, earnest preaching, careful administration, and high standards of life and character.

As a Christian man, he was established in the certitude of his faith in Christ as his Divine Saviour. On this immovable ground he stood, a Methodist minister, declaring the dependableness of those great verities of faith which have given to the Christian centuries correctness in standards of right and directivity in impulse of moral and spiritual life by which alone they have been preserved from lapse into paganism.

To him there was an efficiency of Redemption in Christ and a sufficiency of experience in salvation attested by the Holy Spirit; that he rejoiced to be counted among those to whom has been committed the "ministry of reconciliation," which is the true Apostolic Succession.

Grounded in these things, his ministry was rich in winning men to Christ and in building up the Church in spiritual life and service.

In traits of character he was markedly kindly and sympathetic, unselfish and generous to a fault; and his personality was enriched with wholesome cheerfulness and a delightful play of fine humor, which, with good qualities of conversation, constituted his social intercourse a valuable asset in his ministry.

In preparation for his pulpit work, he faced the confronting problems of the day—social, economic, political, moral, theological, religious. But he knew that in the Christian truth and the Christian life, rightly presented and exhibited, lay the solution of these problems. It was "beaten oil" he brought into the sanctuary.

In pastoral work, he was a good shepherd. Thoughtful, kindly, tactful, careful in judgment and wise in counsel, he was beloved by the people he served. His access to men and their confidence was easy and helpful.

As an administrator in the larger ways of District Superintendency, he has left an estimable record. The men in the charges and on the circuits freely, frankly, affectionately say: Dr. Beeks maintained ever his humanness and kept close to us as counsellor, brother and friend.

In the sacred circle of his family there is keen sense of loss, but a resigned contentment in the wise ways of God.

His going out to larger life was sudden, but the call found him ready. That Sunday morning, the subject of the sermon ready to be preached was "GOD FIRST." What an index to his own life and character!

"Worth makes the man." Aye! And character constitutes worth.

Brother Beeks was a man of Christian character. He was a Methodist minister of correct mold. We miss him from our midst. We are proud to say—HE WAS ONE OF US.

JAMES H. N. WILLIAMS.

M. J. GOUGH

In 1898 Brother Gough applied for admission into this Conference on credentials from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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