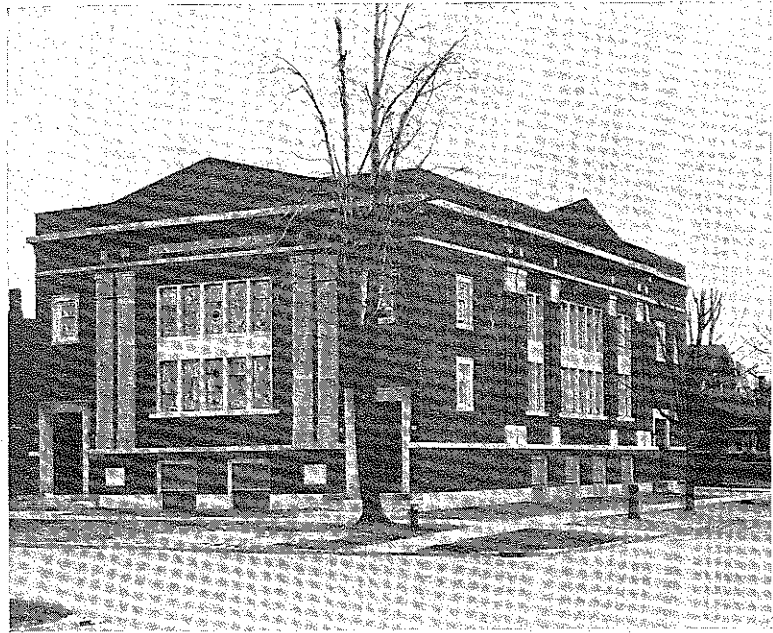
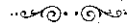


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OBITUARIES

Otterbein Fries, A. M., D. D.

Fries was born Nov. 17, 1860, and died 67 years, 10 months, and 28 days. He was elected to Fostoria Station at a conference in the year 1889. This was the year of the ice held at York when the revised constitution of the church was ratified and when we were needing the type of men that we were needing. During the following year he became a member of the conference by transfer from Maryland Conference to Fostoria for four consecutive years; then pastor at Westerville for four years; after that to Sandusky Conference, being assigned to Buren Charge, and remained there two years in his pastorate at Van Buren. Dr. Fries was elected to the conference in 1905. Dr. Fries was elected Assessor of School Literature and at the following year H. H. Fout was elected Bishop. Dr. Fries was in Charge of Sunday School Literature until the time of his death. He was a preacher of the Word, a typical gentleman in private life, who was greatly loved and respected. He was not only a good preacher, but in addition to his great mental and spiritual qualities, he was a man of all social qualities. He was appointed to all the important committees and worked with ease and dignity. Also he was elected as a delegate to General Conference. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College, with second honors from Union Biblical Seminary. As an educator he was called to the church at Fostoria, Ohio. He was married to Miss Fannie Nelson, daughter of a pioneer United Brethren minister. They had three children, Vernon, Emerson and Ruth. One grandchild preceded him in death. A conference was held in the North Main Street U. B. Church at Fostoria, Ohio, and Bishop Fout, his life-long friend, preached

the sermon. He was assisted by many of his ministerial friends. The body was laid to rest in Memorial Park north of the city of Dayton.

W. R. ARNOLD.

Rev. W. D. Bishop

Rev. William Detwiler Bishop, the son of John D. and Eliza Scothorn Bishop, was born in Eagle Township, Hancock County, Ohio, June 21, 1865, and departed from this life at his home in Findlay, Ohio, October 4, 1925. He came from a most splendid Christian home, his parents being Primitive Baptists.

Having felt the call to the ministry, he entered Otterbein College in the year 1895. At the end of his college year he moved to Findlay, Ohio, and in the fall of 1896 he entered Findlay College.

He was received into the annual conference in 1897, was licensed by Bishop J. W. Hott, and was ordained by Bishop E. B. Kephart in 1902. He was assigned to McClure, serving two years; Bascom, two years; Old Fort, five years; Delta, one year; Risingsun, four years; Rawson, six years. During the year 1917-18 he served as pastor of the First United Brethren Church of Stockton, California. Returning to Ohio, he served as pastor of the United Brethren Church at North Baltimore, for two years, and then, because of failing health, he located in Findlay, where God found him ready at noon October 4, 1925.

Rev. Bishop had a very pleasing manner and warm heart. He always acquired and held many dear friends where he served as pastor.

He was a very efficient minister and pastor wherever he served. Many were won to Christ and the church by him and he always left his fields of labor in splendid condition.

Rev. Bishop will be greatly missed among his brethren and kindly remembered by those who have known him.

He leaves a devoted wife, three daughters, and one son.

Superintendent R. A. Powell preached his funeral sermon, assisted by Dr. S. F. Daugherty, W. R. Arnold, and he was laid to rest in the Mausoleum at Findlay.

W. R. ARNOLD.

Rev. W. H. Bennett

Rev. William Henry Bennett, the son of James P. and Susan J. Bennett, born at Waynesfield, Ohio, June 8, 1870, departed this life March 8, 1926, aged 55 years, 9 months.

He was united in marriage with Effie Belle Jacobs, March 9, 1893. There were born to them thirteen children, ten of whom are still living, three having died in infancy.

His father was a minister; and for twenty-eight years the son William followed in his footsteps as a minister.

At a conference, held in Memorial U. B. Church, Toledo, Ohio, September, 1910, he was granted annual conference licence to preach in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. He had previously been holding a permanent quarterly conference licence in the Methodist Protestant Church. For almost sixteen years he gave himself to the ministry among us, either as a pastor or in the evangelistic relation.

He was pastor on Dunkirk charge when he died. His life and labors were cut short by a railroad accident at Dunkirk, Ohio, March 8, 1926. He had just begun his ministerial labors that morning, starting into the country to look after church matters, never to return to his home, but to enter upon his reward. His

sorrowing wife and ten children are left, but they find great comfort in the Christian religion and the hope of a final reunion.

His funeral services were held in the U. B. Church at Burgoon, Ohio. Sermon was preached by Rev. E. J. Halderman, assisted by Revs.-----

His body was laid to rest in the cemetery near by.

W. R. ARNOLD.

Mrs. C. L. Barlow

Mrs. C. L. Barlow, wife of the late Rev. C. L. Barlow, of Sandusky Conference, died at -----

She was a most excellent Christian woman, a faithful wife, who always gave tone and character to her husband's work as a minister of Christ.

These two Christian people walked together in the itinerant life for many years; and are kindly remembered by many of the good people of Sandusky Conference.

Her godly husband preceded her in death May 10, 1893.

W. R. ARNOLD.

Mrs. Martha E. Stover

Mrs. Martha E. Stover was born near Van Wert, Ohio, July --, 1862, and departed from this life January 30, 1926.

On August 5, 1920, she was married to Rev. E. G. Stover.

She was converted at the age of eleven years and remained a faithful Christian until death.

Mrs. Stover was a good helpmate to her husband in his work as a minister of Christ.

W. R. ARNOLD.