

Modest, sincere, earnest, faithful, he had the love and confidence of the people he served and of his brethren in the ministry. His charges were: Hazelton, Goodrich, Lake Port, Brown City, Attica, Yale, Morrice, Swartz Creek, Linden, Clio, Hadley, Bennington, and Auburn.

Brother Barnum for 43 years was a good minister of Jesus Christ, 36 of these years were spent in the active work. He retired at the Conference of 1916 and went to his old boyhood home at Long Lake where he lived for 2 years. On account of heart trouble he moved with his family to Fenton 5 years ago where they have since resided. The deceased was the last of a family of ten children and leaves the widow and one daughter, Miss Minnie Barnum at home, and a great many friends among his former parishioners and also among the Fenton people who had come to know him.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in charge of the pastor, Rev. G. W. Sower. Rev. J. B. Goss and Rev. C. M. Thompson, old time friends spoke appreciative words of the life and ministry of Brother Barnum.

"No Disappointment in Heaven," a song well liked by the deceased, was sung by request. The pall bearers were all former friends and brother ministers. Burial was made on the family lot in Oakwood cemetery.

The following ministers, all members of Detroit Conference, attended the funeral: J. B. Goss, George Tripp, Harvey Pearce, C. C. Becker, C. E. Hill, S. A. Carey, J. B. Wallace, R. C. Scott, E. H. Wilcox, S. T. Bottrell, W. I. Francis, Henry Schofield, J. F. Black, C. M. Thompson.

#### REV. GUY M. BIGELOW.

Guy M. Bigelow, the son of Joseph E. and Mary Maynard Bigelow, was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1859. Both of his parents were graduates of the Michigan State University, to which his grandfather Maynard gave the first piece of land. The family moved to Memphis, Tennessee, but returned to Ann Arbor where Guy graduated from the University in the class of 1882. He was received into the Detroit Conference as a probationer in 1883, and into full connection in 1885 obtaining his elder's order in 1888. His appointments were Newberry, Tawas City, Grayling, Davison, Ortonville, Northville, Ninde, Detroit, Yale, Downington, Clio, Perry, and Dansville.



While pastor at Davison, in 1887, he married Miss Cora Clemens, who shared all his charges until the close of his life. Two children were given them, Mable and Joseph, the latter living but eleven months.

In July 1900, with broken health, he sought restoration in Independence, California, yet took work in the Nevada Mission under Supt. Vandeventer. In September 1901, he was appointed to Wellington, Nevada, fifty miles from Carson City, and two hundred miles from Independence. He purchased a couple of ponies, a spring board and a camping outfit and accompanied by his wife and daughter, made the cross country trip. Many times on this journey he turned aside to minister to the sick and dying. There were those who had not seen a minister for twenty years or more; and he seemed to connect them again with the Christian world and to give them new hope and courage. He found a small band of earnest Christians at Wellington, and spent a pleasant two years there preaching in mining camps or wherever there was a chance to work for the Master. After leaving Wellington, camping on the way, the family removed to Pacific Grove, Cal. for the winter. In May, 1904, Brother Bigelow drove to Los Angeles to visit the General Conference, there in session. He was so pleased with the climate that he returned for his family, and they settled in Los Angeles the following October. Mrs. Bigelow writes, "Guy was always hopeful of so regaining his health that he might return to his beloved Detroit Conference."

Assisted by Mrs. Bigelow and his daughter, he gradually built up a moderate store business selling Eastman Kodak goods and kindred miscellany. Four or five years ago, he took up a piece of government land and had just received the final papers for the same when his summons came. Mrs. Bigelow will remain alone on the land until she fulfils some of her husband's plans. Mabel is happily married and, while her husband attends his office, she maintains the business at 622 West Pico St., Los Angeles.

Brother Bigelow died at his ranch home near Lancaster, California, on January 29, 1924; and on February 2nd the services of his funeral were held and conducted by E. E. Helms, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, where Guy had his quarterly conference relations. A. B. Leonard of the Detroit Conference prayed. O. W. Willits read the memoir. Dr. Helms expressed the esteem in which Bro. Bigelow is held by his official members. His Conference mates bore the body to the grave—Brothers Hazzard, Durr, Sedweek, Willits, and Leonard. The interment was at Inglewood, where Ephraim Sedweek read the burial service, and O. W. Willits made the parting prayer.

"The kindest of husbands and fathers," is the widows tribute. "I never saw him angry," is the daughter's remembrance. "A man of strict integrity and uprightness," is his pastor's encomium. A gentle spirit, whose unassuming sympathy bound up and healed many a wounded heart, is doubtless the history of a long life of hidden ministrations. A wounded soldier on the battle field of life, who refused to complain and never accepted a discharge. A friend, peculiarly attractive and lovable; and unchanging in simplicity, sincerity, and quiet responsiveness. One who never lost his child's heart.—O. W. Willits.