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steering us through our muddled motions, spirational messages.

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VII. MEMOIRS

GEORGE A. BIRD

George Alfred Bird was born in New Diggings, Wisconsin on September 18, 1869, the son of Isaac and Mary Bird. He passed away at his home in Fennimore on Tuesday morning at 6:45 October 5, 1954.

While George was still a boy, the family moved to Darlington, where he attended high school. He continued his education at Lawrence college and Northwestern University.

On April 17, 1897 he was united in marriage to Ella May Hocking at Darlington. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the spring of 1947.

His first charge was at Lake Preston, South Dakota. In September, 1898 they returned to Wisconsin where Rev. Mr. Bird was a member of the West Wisconsin conference for more than forty years until his retirement in 1942.

Churches he served were Mt. Hope, Fennimore, River Falls, and Belmont (The last named the year following retirement). For the most part Mr. Bird enjoyed long pastorates; 18 years in River Falls; and 22 years in two separate appointments at Fennimore, the first from 1902-1909, the second from 1927-1942.

Any account of his work would be incomplete without mention of his great love for young people and his ministry in music. Rev. Bird was leader of church choirs and the conference quartette for many years.

Mr. Bird is survived by his wife, three sons: Paul of Green Lake, Lowell of Madison, and Winfred of Seattle, Washington, one daughter, Lois of Fennimore, four grand children, one sister, Mrs. Henry Pilling of Darlington; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held October 8, 1954 in the Methodist church at Fennimore with the Rev. Robert Jacobs and Rev. J. A. Vincent officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery at Darlington, Wisconsin.

In the words of Charles Wesley, we say of this shepherd of souls, Whom God hath called unto Himself: "Servant of God, well done: Thy glorious warfare's past; the battle's fought, the race is won, and Thou art crowned at last."

REV. J. A. VINCENT

FRANK FORSTER

Rev. Frank Forster passed to his eternal reward on May 18, 1955, at the Morrow Memorial home for the Aged, at Sparta, Wisconsin. He was the son of Charles and Sarah Forster being born in Birkenhead, England. He was a member of the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Church and came to America for his ministerial training in Discipline Seminary. Returning to England he accepted a pastorate at Margate, Kent, England, where he met and wooed a Christian Worker in South Kensington Institute, Miss Lily Moodey. They were married October 7, 1906. In the fall of 1906 he came to U. S. A. taking a charge at Garden City, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. Later they moved to Iowa where, after due consideration, he joined the Northwest Iowa Conference, Methodist Church. Later he came to Wisconsin and served the following charges: Bloomington, Whitehall, Viola, Briggsville, Ridgeway, DeSoto and North Freedom.

- Boston University, 1921-23.
 1915, Chetek.
 1918, Boyceville.
 1921, At School.
 1923, Arkansaw.
 1925, Rice Lake.
 1929, Shullsburg.
 1930, Field Secretary, Madison Methodist Hospital.
 1933, Ridgeway and Hospital Chaplain.
 1934, East Madison and Hospital Chaplain.
 1946, Chaplain, Madison Hospitals.
 1952, Retired.
- BIRD, GEORGE**
 On Trial, 1899.
 In Full, 1903.
 Deacon, 1903; Elder,
 1899, Mt. Hope.
 1902, Fennimore.
 1909, River Falls.
 1927, Fennimore.
 1942, Retired.
- BOTTS, OTAS M.**
 Bussey, Iowa
 West Virginia Wesleyan
 Trial, West Vir. Conf. 1946
 Full, 1948, West Vir. Conf.
 Deacon, 1948; Elder, 1951.
 Transferred to West Wisconsin Conf. fall 1948.
 1948, (Sept.) Osceola.
 1951, Elmwood.
- BROWN, VIRGIL W.**
 Baraboo, Wis.
 Taylor University.
 Trial, West Wisconsin Conference, 1934; full, Wyoming State Conference, 1937.
 Deacon, 1937; Elder, 1940.
 1934, Whig.
 Transferred Wyoming State, 1934.
 Transferred West Wisconsin, 1939.
 1939, Downing.
 1942, Argyle.
 1946, Pepin.
 1949, Deer Park.
- BROWNE, CHARLES W.**
 Richmond Ind.
 Earlham, Oskaloosa, U. of Chic.
 Northern Bapt. Theol. Sem.
 Full, Detroit, 1921;
 Deacon, 1921; Elder, 1923
 Trans. W. Wis. 1951 (retroactive to 1939).
 1939 Perley, Comstock, Almena, Poskin
 1944 Boyceville, Cedar Falls
 1948 Ashland, Marengo, Odanah
 1951 Odanah, Red Cliff Indian Missions.
 1954 Retired.
- CHAPMAN, AUSTIN NORMAN**
 Trial, St. Louis Conference, 1899; full, Colorado, 1902.
 1899, Salem.
 1900, Discontinued.
 1901, Wesley and Wright Memorial, Denver.
 1903, Clough and Wright Memorial, Denver.
 1918, Transferred, Philadelphia.
 1920, Superintendent Good Will Industries.
 1922, Transferred to West Wisconsin Conference.
- 1922, Trousdale and East Side, Madison.
 1924, Trousdale, Madison.
 1929, Richland Center.
 1933, Loyal.
 1936, Retired.
- CHATTERSON, J. HENRY**
 Sparta, Wis.
 Lawrence College, 1904.
 Trial, West Wisconsin Conference 1905; full, 1907.
 Deacon, 1906; Elder, 1909.
 1905, Frederic.
 1907, Cumberland.
 1909, Washburn and Drummond Circuit.
 1912, Prairie Farm.
 1915, Cuba City.
 1917, Medford and Phillips.
 1919, Loyal.
 1923, Glenwood City.
 1927, Ashland.
 1930, Spooner.
 1936, Pepin-Maiden Rock.
 1938, Retired.
- CONNER, WALTER ROSS**
 McVeytown, Pa.
 On Trial, Cen. Pa. Conf., 1917; In Full, 1923.
 Transferred, Wis. Conf., 1923.
 Transferred, W. Wis. Conf., 1944.
 1944, LaCrosse, 1st Ch. & Salzer Mem.
 1948, Superintendent, Southern District
 1954, Portage.
- COOPER, ELMER L.**
 Boscobel, Wis.
 1896, Trial W. Wis. Conf.
 1902, In full; 1900, Deacon; 1905, Elder.
 1895, Stoddard (Supply).
 1896, Lawrence College.
 1897, Newton.
 1898, Garret Biblical Institute
 1899, Wonewoc.
 1902, Calesville.
 1903, De Soto.
 1906, Elroy.
 1908, Cuba City.
 1912, Shullsburg.
 1914, Rice Lake.
 1920, Augusta.
 1921, Asst. Secretary Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes.
 1923, Field Secy. Wesley Foundation.
 1930, Cumberland.
 1932, Black River Falls.
 1938, Rice Lake.
 1945, Retired.
- CULVER, HARRY CLAYTON**
 Dickens, Iowa
 Cornell College.
 Garrett Biblical Institute.
 On Trial, Upper Iowa, 1904.
 In Full, Upper Iowa, 1907.
 Deacon, 1907.
 Elder, 1908.
 1931, Transferred to Dakota Conf.
 1937, Transferred to Wis. Conf.
 1943, Transferred to W. Wis. Conf.
 1943, Platteville.
 1950, Retired.
- DAHL, R. J.**
 Norway.
 Norweg.-Danish Theol. Sem.
 Garrett Biblical Institute.
 Trial, 1916, Norweg.-Dan. Conf.