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the Northwest Iowa Conference, serving as assistant secretary of that body for twelve years. His ministry was blessed by glorious revivals. He was called to his reward on the fifth day of February, 1918. Like Paul he could say: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith and henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of glory."

FRANK W. BEAN

Frank W. Bean was born at Marengo, Ill., February 23, 1859. Died at his home in Clay Center, Nebr., August 23, 1918. He was married to Miss Lottie M. Kimball at Marengo, Ill., June 14, 1882, to this union was born one daughter, Rose Mae, now Mrs. Ben Coltrin, of Edgar.

Mrs. Bean was called to rest April 6, 1899. On May 9, 1900, he was married to Miss Jennie Crawford of Garrison, Nebr.

In his young manhood he came to Nebraska, starting out life for himself. He secured employment, then attended York College for a couple of years. During his stay at York he found himself inclined to the ministry. In 1899 he was made local preacher while at Davenport.

On September 11, 1891, he was ordained a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal church and on September 19, 1897, was ordained elder in the same church. His life work was now established as a minister. The first regular work was at Alexandria, Nebr. From the year 1891 to 1910 he served various charges in the Nebraska Conference. Later on, owing to failing health, he took the superannuated relation to the M. E. Conference and established his home at Clay Center, Nebr.

His work as a minister was characterized by activity and tireless energy to win all with whom he came in contact to the Kingdom of God.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church. The Rev. Victor West preached the sermon. He was assisted in the service by Rev. B. F. Hutchins and G. A. Hobson, of Fairfield and the Rev. C. W. Wells of Ong. Interment in the Clay Center Cemetery.

W. S. BLACKBURN

Another retired minister of the Nebraska Conference has answered the summons of death. W. S. Blackburn was born in Pennsylvania September 20, 1830, and died in Glendale, Calif., June 17, 1918. In his native state he grew to manhood. At twenty years of age he was given license to preach and soon after he was admitted on trial into the Pittsburg Conference. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Morris and Elder by Bishop Simpson.

Brother Blackburn had the spirit of the empire builder and heard the call of the great West. Consequently he transferred to the Nebraska Conference where he served for thirty years building the Kingdom of God as a pastor and worker for Christian educational institutions. He served for some time as agent for the Methodist College, which later became the Nebraska Wesleyan. He came to California in 1899 and took up his residence in Glendale thirteen years ago. His wife preceded him to the invisible country some four years ago. He was the father of nine children.

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The funeral service was held in Glendale. The chief address was made by Dr. Benjamin S. Haywood. Several other ministers assisted in the service.

"Father Blackburn was a choice soul. I have never known a purer life, nor finer devotion to truth. He was ever a pioneer and a patriot. During these years of his retirement there seemed to come a renewal of youth in the inward man. He grew old, but he never grew elderly. The harshness, the despondency, the vain regrets, the irritability that accompany age with some found no place in his life. He was rich in inward satisfactions and was an unspeakable satisfaction to all who knew him.

JOHN JOEL BURKE

John Joel Burke was born in Kennedy, New York, October 5, 1877, and died at Chambers, Nebr., on Friday, April 12, 1918, aged 40 years, 7 months and 7 days.

He was converted in his room when about 19 years of age, and united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Kennedy. He entered the ministry in the Erie Conference in 1903. In 1905 he was transferred to the West Virginia Conference and stationed at Riverside Mission, Parkersburg. Here he met Miss Blanche Mayhew, whom he married the next year, 1906. In November, 1908, they came to Nickerson, Nebr., and were admitted to the North Nebraska Conference. He served the following charges: Nickerson, Papillion, Ralston, Wakefield, Wynot, Central Circuit, and Chambers, where he answered the summons and went Home.

He was a faithful man of God, doing faithful service in the fields assigned him. He was ordained deacon September 26, 1909, by Bishop John L. Nuelsen, at Neligh, and elder by Bishop Frank Bristol, September 21, 1913, at Lincoln Nebraska.

He leaves his wife and three children who will miss his help and companionship.

The funeral service was conducted at the church in Chamber by the Rev. A. H. Eggleston of Creston, assisted by Rev. Shepherd of Amelia and Rev. Simms, pastor of the Baptist church of Chambers. The body was shipped to Wakefield for interment. Here a memorial service was held, conducted by Rev. Frank Williams, pastor assisted by Rev. R. J. McKenzie of Carroll, Rev. G. M. Bing of Laurel, Rev. P. D. Cox of Wausa and Rev. Handel Collier of Coleridge. Friends at Chambers and Wakefield expressed their sympathy to Sister Burke and family in a substantial way. Brother Burke has joined the immortal dead who live again in the lives made better by their presence.

JOHN A. CHAPIN.

John A. Chapin, united with the Nebraska Conference on trial in 1878. In 1880 he was received as a member of the Conference. He filled the following appointments: Geneva, Valparaiso, Peru, Osceola, Friend, Talmage, Tecumseh, Humboldt, Doniphan, Red Cloud, Surprise, Bradshaw, Beaver Crossing and Waco. In 1900 he retired and has since been in the ranks of retired preachers. From Nebraska he went to Langley, Washington, where on December 5th, 1917 he was

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