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LAFYLES ZABUD BARR

Z. Barr from his parsonage home at 15 East Florida, to his heavenly home, brought to its rest lives God ever permitted to inhabit the old, "he walked with God; and he was not; before he was translated, he had this testimony. On Friday, June 10th, at 2:30 p. m., the general assembly was released from a tired and struggling body, leaving a young son and daughter, while the devoted wife and friends of family and friends surrendered to the

Brother Barr suffered a heart attack and for some time was convincing him that he must have a vacation, leaving the ruling elder of the Jacksonville District, and his wife to take a few weeks off, and he visited his daughter at Quincy. Coming back, rested and refreshed, he threw himself into full swing, preparing for the general assembly April 3rd. But March 20th proved to be a sad day that day he was confined to his parsonage bed. During his delirium he would lecture and preach sermons on the "Warm Heart" and quote Scripture. His preaching had to be canceled, and it proved that his action was best, though Brother Barr's plans did not continue as planned.

At first there were signs of improvement, and he would get up and even sit for some hours. He looked so well that he was always called for prayer. But on Monday, May 1st, he was stricken with an attack which was so sudden that no one was most certain. But though he rallied, he never

fully recovered, he said to his family, "They are calling my name and that seemed to hurt him so much. How- ever his history the roll was not called audibly, slips of paper when Friday morning he said with heavy heart, "I am on the superannuate list," but before he was taken to the Great United Conference in Heaven and

the services were conducted by Dr. Homer Thompson, assisted by his wife, in his own Main Street Church, on Sunday, June 11th, his loving members and hosts of friends from all over the city was laid to rest in West Evergreen cemetery with full and complete rites.

Brother Barr died of a tired heart. Surely that is the lot of many, had shared the sorrows of the multitudes of countless numbers. In his meaningful words, Dr. Thompson spoke as I have heard him say, "The going of this man of God there is a minimum of glory," he said. And again, "Brother Barr was never committed a sin since he was converted." His life and death testify alike. Surely a Prince in Israel has a true, unselfish, courageous, tender, thoughtful, and noble life moved among men as no ordinary traveler, but as a man of God at all along his way. His devotion to his family

was beautiful beyond description, and this is reflected with splendor in all his pastorates. A great pastor, a strong preacher, a careful organizer, a brother beloved. Brother Barr so often said, "I want to die in the harness," and he did.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

"Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise by thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

D. D. Dieffenwierth.

HENRY WARD BEECHER BOYD

Henry B. Boyd was born at Fort Meade, Florida, June 20th, 1874. While a small boy, his family moved to Manatee County, near the town of Myakka City, known in those past days as Myakka.

He attended the schools that were maintained in those past days, which were far below those of our day. His education was, therefore, quite limited. He was converted and united with the Methodist Church, South, early in life. He was married to Miss Callie Hancock in 1897. This union was blessed with one son, Horace, who is serving as supply pastor in our Conference. He was called to the ministry and responded, serving as a supply pastor for a number of years. His first wife did not long walk the path of life with him. He was married to Miss Susie Albritton in 1907. Several children remain to revere his memory. He served as supply for a number of years; was admitted into the ministry on trial in 1921; was ordained Deacon in 1924 and Elder in 1928. His last appointment was Greensboro Circuit, in Gadsden County, Florida.

Henry Boyd was a true man of God. He had a definite Christian experience. He preached the gospel of Christ with power and demonstration of the Spirit, and many were converted under his faithful ministry. The Church was always built up wherever he served. Ever a faithful, devoted servant of the Church and a true witness to Jesus and His power to save.

He passed to his reward on November 15th, 1937, from the room of the hospital at Bainbridge, Georgia, to which he had been taken. He leaves an influence among us that we will not forget through the years. In the cemetery of his home church, surrounded by a number of his brethren in the ministry and a host of friends and loved ones, we tenderly laid Henry away to await the first call of the glorious resurrection morn.

"Servant of God, Well Done"

A. H. Cole.

ANSELL HARRY HANCOCK

Ansell Harry Hancock was born in Thomas County, Georgia, near Thomasville, on November 12th, 1887. He received his early education in the elementary and secondary schools of his county-seat. Born of a sturdy Scotch-Irish line, nurtured in the fine spiritual atmosphere of the First Methodist Church of Thomasville, he was genuinely converted, heeded an irresistible call to the ministry, and licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in the church of his youth in the twentieth year of his life.

His formal education was continued in Young Harris College, Young Harris, Georgia, where he was recognized by his fellow students for his stability, purity of life, and friendliness. It was at Meridian College, Meridian, Mississippi, that he studied theology, and built the foundation for his con-