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ZENAS CONDIT BRADSHAW

Zenas Condit Bradshaw, son of Jesse Lee and Phoebe Condit Bradshaw, was born near Granville, Delaware county, Ind., September 26, 1840. In March of 1846 the Bradshaw family loaded into a two-horse wagon and started "west," arriving in the territory of Iowa the following month. They located on a claim in Cedar county, thirty miles from Davenport. On this farm Mr. Bradshaw grew to young manhood. Few indeed were the advantages of school or of church. But the Bradshaw home became the center of the circuit rider and therefore he was greatly impressed with the gospel of Jesus Christ in his early life. In 1856 he was converted, and was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church by the



Rev. Alpha Gilruth, the grandfather of Rev. Alpha Gilruth Kynett. In 1859 the father, having been elected county sheriff, the family moved to the town of Tipton. This enabled Zenas to enter the "Tipton Union School." Two years later he entered Cornell College. His schooling was interrupted by the Civil War. He was accepted for service with the "Christian Commission" that operated during this war. Following this service he again entered the college, but was again forced to change his course by the death of his father, and the breaking of his own health. As he was able he taught school and became efficient in this work.

On the 29th of March, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Spitler. Soon after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw started "west," locating in Webster City, Iowa. Here Mr. Bradshaw began the study of law, teaching school to pay their way along. In 1872 he was admitted to the Iowa bar and located in Belmont and opened a law office. Here they became the foundation of the Methodist

Church. Other young pioneers soon came and they founded the church. The Fourth Quarterly Conference of this church gave Mr. Bradshaw a local preacher's license in 1874. He assisted the pastor by occupying the local pulpit each alternate Sunday. Thus he began his ministerial labors. In 1878 the charge of Britt was organized by Bishop Jesse T. Peck and Z. C. Bradshaw was appointed as supply. Upon his first trip there he conducted services in a new school building partially completed. He was forced to sing the hymn himself, and followed this with his sermon. Thus he preached the first sermon ever preached in Britt and sang the first Christian hymn in a public service in the town.

In 1879 Mr. Bradshaw was elected county auditor of Wright county. This took them to Clarion until 1884. That fall he was made a local Deacon and appointed pastor of the Luverne charge. In 1885 he was admitted on trial in the Northwest Iowa Conference.

The following charges were then served by Brother Bradshaw: Goldfield Circuit, Lake Mills, Sioux Rapids and Fonda, nine years of active service in all. While pastor at Fonda Brother Bradshaw's health failed him completely and he was forced to retire. He located in Fonda and opened again a law office. He served many years as justice of the peace and was the city solicitor at the time of his death.

During the later years of his life Brother Bradshaw wrote a very choice autobiography. He covered in detail the important events of his long life. The portion covering the early days at Belmond and Clarion are of great interest. New churches were built, the Presiding Elders were entertained, young preachers were started who have since become honored men in the Conference, and many other items of historic interest are therein recorded.

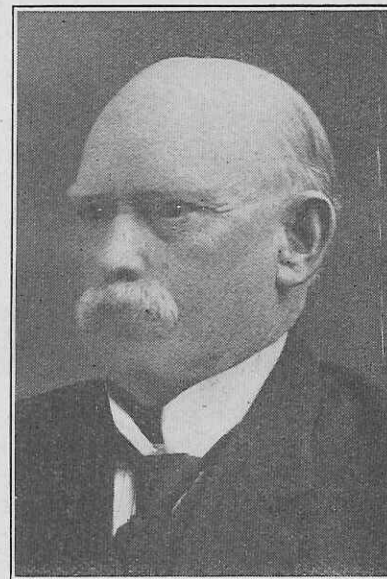
At Fonda Brother Bradshaw was long a teacher of the Bible class. He loved to study and to teach the word of God. Only two weeks before his sudden departure he was in his place at Sunday School time, though suffering greatly at the time. Yet so many who were strong in body thought it too stormy to be at Sunday School and worship. Brother Bradshaw was a staunch friend and upholder of his pastor. He never had an unkind word to say about his fellow ministers. He was ready to give assistance wherever and whenever he could do so.

Death came to him very suddenly Saturday evening, December 10, 1918. He was in their comfortable home when he fell. His faithful wife and companion and his ever attentive and thoughtful daughter, Grace, were near and had the loving task of administering unto him in his last brief moments.

The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church by the pastor, E. E. Clements, assisted by a former pastor and intimate friend of the family, Thos. B. Collins, pastor at Gowrie, Iowa.

ELIAS M. GLASGOW

After a long and serious illness, Brother Elias M. Glasgow died in peace at his home in Spencer, Iowa, May 23, 1919. He had reached the age of 69 years, 4 months and 7 days, his birth having occurred at Dresden, Tenn., January 16, 1850. His parents were honest, hard-working people, loyal to the American flag and the Union, in a border state in those days of strife. Inheriting from them a spirit of industry, integrity and faith, he built well upon these foundations. He was taught to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. His opportunities for education were meager. But his desire for knowledge only found in these conditions a great challenge. He began that battle for learning that made giants of many young men in his day and in 1884 he was graduated with honor from Garrett Biblical Institute. He began his ministry in the Southern Illinois Conference, having joined there in 1878. His college classmates came to know him as a young man who had paid the price of hard work for his training and that he was headed upstream. His co-workers would either have to row or go ashore. His first Presiding Elder, Dr. C. E. Cline, says he at once discovered young Glasgow to be a peculiarly well-balanced man. He knew the value of little things and had such a practical understanding with a fine temper. He was marked as a pastor who knew his task and stayed by it.



Brother Glasgow transferred to Northwest Iowa Conference in 1885 and for more than thirty years has given full proof of his call and ability. He has been appointed to seventeen charges in this Conference, among them being Paullina, Galva, Aurelia, Eagle Grove, Es-therville and Spencer.

In 1889 Rev. Glasgow married Miss Clara Willey, of Algona, and they became the parents of four children. One daughter, Lois, died at the age of eight years and was buried at Spencer. The three sons, Julius B., Horace W. and Lyman J., with their mother, survive him.