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entered upon the work of the ministry, he was deemed too old to be admitted to Conference membership, but he has served for thirty-six years a faithful and respected member of the band of supply pastors of the Conference who serve so many of our harder fields for meager salaries. The years of continuous and devoted service which he has given to the pastorate have been more than the service years of many who began in young manhood. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Vincent in 1897, and as Elder by Bishop Warren in 1901. For as many as sixteen years he held the position of secretary of the Local Preachers' Association of Michigan Conference.

In spite of his advancing age, he remained remarkably active and energetic, preaching the Gospel with strong, clear voice and well ordered spiritual thoughts. He was devoted to his work. He promoted improvements in church and parsonage property. The length of his pastorates evidence his acceptability and his faithful, consistent life, proving that

"Age is opportunity no less

Than youth itself, though in another dress."

He loved the hymns of the church, encouraged the choirs, and in private devotions would read from the hymnal the great devotional lyrics of Christian experience.

October 23, 1872, he was married at Saline to Miss Alice Vaughn who survives him. To them were born four children: William, Nellie, now Mrs. M. Bennett, of Kalamazoo, and two daughters who died in infancy. He also leaves a grandson, Clifford Bennett, a great grandson, Clifford Bennett, Jr., and three sisters. The writer of this memoir was a cousin. For some four months when not in the hospital he has been with his daughter in Kalamazoo.

Funeral services were held August 29 in Kalamazoo, in charge of District Superintendent R. E. Meader, assisted by other ministers, and interment was made in Mr. Everest Cemetery in that city.

"Servant of God, well done!

Rest from thy loved employ;

The battle's fought, the victory won,

Enter thy Master's joy."

#### REV. GEORGE CARTER

S. W. Large

Rev. George Carter was born in England, March 12, 1873; passed away at his home at 138 S. Foster street, Lansing, November 24. He came to America when about seventeen years of age. Early in life he was converted and united with the United Brethren church. As he grew in experience as a Christian, he felt called of God to enter the ministry. In due time he was ordained as Elder in that church and served them as pastor until 1911.

At that time, feeling in some ways the Methodist Episcopal church would afford him larger opportunities for service, he joined our church.

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serving at Empire, Williamsburg, Alba, Pentwater, Waldron, Palo, Crystal Valley, Sunfield, Frontier and Athens. Methodism can never repay or even measure its debt to noble supply pastors who, like this faithful man of God, have rendered heroic service in many of our most difficult fields.

Brother Carter retired from active service as a minister, in September, 1926, and since that time has made his home in Lansing. After his retirement, he became a member of the Michigan Ave. church, where he was held in great respect and love. His last few months were characterized by growing weakness and suffering which he bore with much patience and fortitude. His wife preceeded him to the glory land about two years ago.

In his declining years he received loving care from his children who were with him and ministered to him during his last hours. A good father, a manly man, a faithful minister, a trusting Christian, his will be a glorious reward.

He is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Adams, Lansing; Mrs. Ruth Tweedy, Detroit; Miss Grace Carter, Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Joyce Holmes, Albany, N. Y.; two sons, Horace D. Carter, Detroit, and Richard H. Carter, Lansing; three brothers, Joe, Detroit; John, of St. Helens, and Dr. William, of New York, California, and Mrs. Emma Staples, Gillespie, Ill.

Funeral services were held at the Neller Funeral Home in Lansing Friday, Nov. 28. The services were conducted by the Rev. S. W. Large, assisted by Rev. A. W. Simmons, who offered prayer. Among his brother ministers who were present were M. L. Fox, Geo. Plews, Glenn Frye, Louis DeLamar, J. G. Biery and J. W. Vickers.

Rest, brother and beloved, thy work well done, thine is the crown.

#### REV. HERBERT H. ROOD

The Reverend Herbert H. Rood died at his home in Downers Grove, Ill., July 17. He had been pastor of two local churches during his life and his connections through these institutions won him much respect and devotion. He was nearing his seventy-first birthday.

H. H. Rood was born near Lennoxville, Pa., on October 8, 1860. In early boyhood, in company with his twin brother Harry, and another brother, John, he united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Lennoxville, and at this time all three chose the ministry as their life's vocation.

After two years in the Keystone Academy, Mr. Rood entered Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., and was graduated with honors in 1888. On August 30 of the same year he was united in marriage to Nettie Brown, of Newark, Ill., whom he met while attending Hillsdale College.

He joined the Michigan Conference and was appointed to White Pigeon, where he remained for three years, as his first charge. After a second pastorate of two years at Centerville, Mich., he entered a three-year course at the Chicago Theological Seminary, serving as student pastor the Congregational church at West Chicago for two years and at Downers Grove Congregational church several months. Upon