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including the Official Journal of the Eighty-fourth and Final Session of the former Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in the former Methodist Episcopal Church in Adrian, Michigan,

*June 21-23, 1939*

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*June 23-25, 1939*

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union three children were born. Then in 1935 he married Mrs. Lulu Hooker, of Bancroft, who survives him. Of the five children that were born, two preceded him to the other world, while those who survive him are his present widow, Mrs. Lulu Chapman, Gordon and Ruth, of Bancroft, and James Floyd Chapman, of Lansing, Michigan. James Chapman, of Detroit and a sister in England also mourn the loss of their brother.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church, Bancroft, on Sunday, December 11th, 1938, with the R. M. Atkins, District Superintendent in charge. George Curts delivered the funeral address. Other ministers of the Conference were present and shared in the service. His body rests....awaiting the promised awakening....at New Lothrop, Michigan.

*"Servant of God, well done!  
Thy glorious welfare's past.  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last.*

#### DEWITT C. CHALLIS

DeWitt C. Challis joined the Detroit Conference in 1874 and spent sixteen years of his ministry as a missionary in Bulgaria.

He was born at Chazy, N. Y., April 20, 1845, and died February 14, 1939, at the home of his daughter, Miss Bertha Challis, in Altadena, Calif., aged 93 years, 9 months and 24 days. He had been in fairly good health until a short time before his death, although he had been blind for a number of years.

He was a graduate of the University of Michigan, joining the Detroit Conference in 1874, and after one year at Wild Fowl and Fair Haven, went to Bulgaria, where he built his monument in a great school, for which he chose the site and which he founded in the city of Lovetch; in 1933 a memorial was sent to D. C. Challis from Bulgaria, which said: "The members of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bulgaria send to their spiritual father and teacher, DeWitt C. Challis, their hearty, brotherly greetings and wishes for a blessed and peaceful old age."

More recently the school completed and dedicated a new building to his memory—"Challis Hall."

His first wife died in Bulgaria, leaving a little son, who is now Dr. Edward I. Challis of Seattle, Wash. The children of his second wife, who now survive him are: Miss Bertha Challis, of Altadena, Calif., and Mrs. J. H. Bretz, of Chicago, Ill.

The funeral was conducted by Dudley Snudden, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pasadena.

#### JAMES W. MITCHELL

James W. Mitchell—a retired minister of the Detroit Conference—died in the Methodist Home in Chelsea, Feb. 18, 1939—having been a resident in the Home only three weeks before his death. He came to the Chelsea Home Jan. 27, 1939