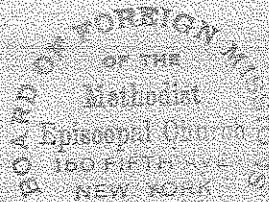


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quainted with Brother Eastland elaborated upon the wonderful spirit, life, and influence that had been exerted by him as he went about doing the will of the Master. The Conference quartette rendered a special selection in keeping with the sentiment of this memorial service.

Brother Eastland has been greatly missed by the brethren at this, the Sixteenth Annual Session of the North Montana Conference.

P. W. HAYNES.

REUBEN DUTTON.

MILTON FRENCH CHESTER

Milton French Chester was born in West Ford, Ostego County, New York, October 2, 1832.

When a boy his parents made the long journey by ox team from New York to Wisconsin; here he grew to manhood, active in the church and camp meeting life of those days.

He married Harriet Adeline Hamilton to which union six children were born.

Brother Chester had the pioneer spirit and as there was much need of ministers he became active in the work.

In 1900 he, with his family, came to Hinsdale, Montana, a town that was just starting in Valley County. Here he took up a Homestead adjoining the townsite. The writer, who was pastor at Glasgow, opened the work at Hinsdale. Brother Chester at once became active and helpful. He participated most helpfully in the building of the church, his wide experience in former fields and his skill as a carpenter, assured the success of the enterprise.

Brother Chester was not a man of the schools but had a keen analytical mind; he was a great reader of the latest and best books. His pulpit administrations were very acceptable and he presented the doctrines of Methodism in a telling and helpful way. He supplied our work at Glasgow in 1905 and 1906. His neighbors held him in high esteem and his home was the center of religious influence. He was loved by the little children and all the children called him grandpa.

In 1920 he, with his wife, made the long journey to Texas to visit a daughter. While there, on March 30, 1921, at the advanced age of 87, he heard the call of God to come home. For sixty years he had proclaimed the unsearchable riches of Christ. Gladly he answered the call and in full assurance he laid down the cross and took up the crown.

"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

P. W. HAYNES.