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J. Selleck

in the Township of Luzerne, New York, and a reward from his home in South Glens Falls, N. Y.

Methodist minister was clear. He attended upon the removal of his family to Glens Falls, N. Y., where he was graduated from the Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., in 1891. His active ministry, however, was of short duration. In 1905 he was appointed pastor of the Troy Conference in Troy, N. Y., and in September of 1906 he was married to Miss Sarah W. Parks of South Glens Falls. He lived only seventeen months after their marriage, in broken health, endeavored to carry on his ministry, but in 1909 was compelled to give up the work owing to a much-weakened heart. During his long retirement, he has resided in South Glens Falls, where he has used the gifts of his ministerial preparation in the development of Christian work. For twenty-seven years he was pastor of the Troy Conference. To the services of the church he gave an active part in our services, he never ceased to be an active listener. He kept well informed of the work of the church, often shared his views with this writer. He was a member of the Pearl Trumbull of Schenectady, whose ministry was to lighten the burden of ill-health and to preserve the valuable values of the kingdom of God.

He died on Tuesday, January 16, 1951, from his home in South Glens Falls, N. Y., and was assisted by Rev. Cecil E. Trumbull of Friends Church, and Rev. John J. Prudom of the Troy Conference, South Glens Falls, N. Y.

GEORGE ROBINSON.

R. Hill

The life story of a friend and colleague can be told in words or human evaluation express, but the service of love and devotion that has been his, this humble, sincere friend of men and

of South Glens Falls, N. C., November 26, 1907, the

He was graduated from college at Orange, Va., in 1931, and was graduated from Lynchburg College, Va., in 1934, receiving a D. D. degree from the same institution in 1944. He served the church from 1945 to 1948 the same year he returned to Clinton Prison. His ministry for the redemption of the prison led him to return to the ministry, stricken again, but he returned to the ministry where he spent his life suffering by death



is sympathetic understanding of people and the personal guidance of God in his daily life. He served for the youth of his church and then as dean of the church, those with whom he came in contact, and those things which death cannot destroy. He was married to Belle Cunningham Morton; two sons,

Morton and Hunter Roland, and one brother, Roland Hill, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Ernest F. MacMillan, were held in the Danemora Community Church which he so dearly loved. The church and hall were filled to overflowing by friends, parishioners, ministers of the Conference, and an honor guard, made up of employees from Clinton Prison and Hospital. Brother Roland Hill, Jr., was the casket bearer. Other ministers, including H. Lawrence Snow, William Malpass, Howard L. Stimmel, Cornelius Vanden Broek, Melvin R. McGaughey, and the writer, acted as pallbearers. A committal service at the Gardner Earl Crematorium, Troy, N. Y., was held on April 12, 1951, the writer officiating.

ROBERT B. THOMAS.

Mrs. Ruford B. Cook

MRS. HELEN MERRING COOK died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y., April 5, 1951.

She was born at Triangle, Broome County, N. Y., September 25, 1890, daughter of Theodore and Hattie Edson Phelps.

Graduating from Syracuse University, College of Fine Arts, in 1913, she became the wife of Rev. Erwin Merring, then minister of the Methodist church at Homer, N. Y., in 1915. They were later at Elmira where Dr. Merring was minister of the Hedding Methodist Church for twelve years.

Following the death of Dr. Merring while minister of the Bellevue Heights Methodist Church of Syracuse, she became housemother of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority at Syracuse University.

In January, 1948, she married Rev. Ruford B. Cook, then minister of the Methodist church at Hudson Falls. Their families had enjoyed a beautiful friendship during the years from the young manhood of Mr. Cook and Dr. Merring. Mr. Cook was nearing the conclusion of a highly successful ten-years' pastorate of the Hudson Falls Church, terminated by his retirement in 1949.

They retired to their farm at Clockville and later became associated with the religious education program of the Oneida Methodist Church, Rev. Paul Brown, minister.

Besides her husband, she was survived by two daughters, Mrs. Congdon Bates of Fayetteville, N. Y., and her children, Bruce and Diana and Mrs. Eleazer C. Overton, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., and her children, Sherman, Virginia, and Warren.

She was a person of fine mental and spiritual powers, well trained and splendidly equipped for the numerous civic and Conference offices which she held. Her exquisite loveliness and quiet charm were perhaps best sensed in her work with little children in the beginnings of their religious education.

How crippled would be the ministry of our ministers without the complement of such feminine wisdom and loveliness!

L. R. LEWIS.

Mrs. Cyrus Leroy Corliss

GERTRUDE POTTER CORLISS, wife of Rev. Cyrus Leroy Corliss, passed from this life to the Life Triumphant at their home in Bristol, Vt., on December 18, 1950. Mrs. Corliss was born in Charlestown, Mass., March 15, 1883, daughter of Otis W. Potter and Agnes R. Margerson. She was a talented musician, a concert violinist, and at one time a member of the Boston Woman's Symphony Orchestra, playing in many of the large cities.

Upon her marriage to Rev. Cyrus L. Corliss on June 24, 1903, her gracious spirit and charming personality that, combined with her musical ability which would have won her acclaim on the concert platform, was diverted to making a happy career of being a Christian wife and mother, teacher, and parsonage hostess. She was a consecrated Christian, not afraid to let everyone know where she stood and what she believed. She believed the Bible and tried constantly to check her life by daily reading and thoughtful, prayerful study. As an ardent Bible student, she had the ability to pass on her enthusiasm and interest to whatever group was fortunate enough to have her as a teacher. And she was always eager for any new interpretation of the old truths from the Word of God.

Young people followed her leadership gladly. But every phase of the church program claimed her interest and profited by her guiding hand and her wise counsel. She was truly a partner in her husband's work. The two were co-workers together for God.

Her musicianship was used for the enrichment of the church services and the inspiration of the young people in the various charges and through youth choirs and church orchestras.

In spite of many demands on her time for music lessons and church programs, Mrs. Corliss managed to keep her home a place of quiet dignity and charm. Her sympathetic understanding of the trials and sorrows of members of the parish made of their home a haven of refuge.

Five children were born in their various parsonage homes. Pauline, wife of