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## VII. MEMOIRS

## REV. W. N. DELLER

William Nicholas Dellar was born January 14, 1874, at the old home place four miles west of Pleasant Lake, Indiana, and departed this life from Mitchell, S. D. March 26, 1930. His childhood home was always a place of reverence for God and an office of industry. He never failed throughout his life to reflect his early training. Sunday seldom came when George H. Dellar was not found at the Mount Zion church on Golden Lake with his wife, Katherine and the children, Myron, William, Ella, Nettie, and Maude. Nettie, the second sister passed away in July, 1917. The father, George Hiram, died in March, 1924, followed by his good wife one year later. Myron, Ella and Maude still live on or near the old home place in Indiana.

William's schooling was at Pleasant Lake and it was here while still a lad in the teens that he became acquainted with Estella Meyers. This friendship grew and in March 13, 1895, they were united in marriage.

Determined to have a college education he entered Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, in 1901 and four years later received a degree.

In 1907 a move was made to South Dakota where the remaining twenty-three happy years of his life were spent. A wide acquaintance is part of the result of this period during which time he served as Methodist minister at Chester, Hartford, East Sioux Falls, Flandreau, Geddes, Winner, and Westington Springs, which place, after a brief pastorate of half a year, he was compelled by a physical breakdown to resign.

William Deller leaves to mourn his loss a devoted wife, four sons, one brother, two sisters, many relatives, and friends. The oldest son, Estel Mark, lives at Mitchell; Paul Maurice at Athol, South Dakota; Mahlon Cloyde at Faith, South Dakota, and Myon Wendell at Brockings. A twin to Mahlon, Melvin Ward, died in infancy 21 years ago.

His home was always a place of happiness for the family where pleasant hours were spent in a sanctum of religious atmosphere. His acquaintances generally proved mutually invigorating and the world must be a better place because of him.

"Far off thou art, but ever nigh;  
We still have thee, and we rejoice;  
We prosper, circled with thy voice;  
We shall not lose thee, tho' thou die."

Funeral services for Brother Dellar were held in our church at Mitchell. Floral offerings were plentiful and beautiful. His brother ministers composed the choir while Bros. Walters, Jenkins, Hoagland, and Jackson were on the platform. The sermon was preached by Rev. Charles Wilcox, a close friend of the departed. His body was borne to rest by his brothers in service.

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