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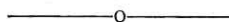
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MEMOIRS

THE REVEREND R. D. DEXHEIMER 1879-1958

Robert D. Dexheimer was born March 15, 1879, at Dalafield, Wisconsin. Soon after his parents moved to the Dakota Territory, now South Dakota. After his elementary education in rural schools, he entered North Central College, Naperville, Ill. Then to Dakota Wesleyan at Mitchell, S. D. Further work was taken at Brookings, S. D., Agricultural College.

Robert Dexheimer was licensed to preach at the Quarterly Conference of Dakota Conference in 1901, and ordained the next year in the Platte River Conference, Nebraska.

On April 30, 1903, he was married to Inez W. She served faithfully with him throughout his entire ministry.

He served the following works:

Platte River, Nebraska, 1900-1905.

Pierre, South Dakota, 1905-1916.

Bearsford, South Dakota, 1916-1920.

Yankton, South Dakota, 1920-1927.

Denver First, Colorado, 1927-1933.

State Superintendent, Anti-Saloon League of Colorado, 1933-1939.

State Superintendent, Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, 1939-1953.

He then retired, and he and Mrs. Dexheimer moved to Florida, December 1, 1953, establishing their home in Lakeland. At the request of Bishop Gregory he organized a congregation at Lakeland. When the church was completed, he again sought rest in retirement.

Mrs. Dexheimer passed away shortly after this second retirement, August 24, 1955.

On October 4, 1947, he married Myrtle Sanders of Lakeland.

January 19, 1958, at 11 A.M. Sunday morning, Dr. Robert D. Dexheimer departed this life to be with the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lakeland Church January 21, 1958. Superintendent Brill and his other fellow ministers conducted the services. Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Lakeland, with his wife Inez.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen Dalrymple, Crystal Lake, Ill., and Mrs. Mark Fiester of Denver, Colorado; both ministers' wives. One son, Robert Dexheimer, Jr., of Naperville, Ill., a research chemist.

His desire in life is expressed in his own words by this poem he wrote several years ago:

"LIVING"

I want to live my life each day
So at the setting of the sun
I can address myself to God in prayer
And hear Him say "Well done."

I want to live in my own home
And among the folks I meet,
So when I lay me down to sleep
My slumber will be sweet.

I want to live with little folks
And join them in their glee,
So after years when troubles come
They will advise with me.

I want to be a kid with kids,
A youth among the young,
So when I meet with older folk
I need not there seem glum.

I want to live in God's out-of-doors
And enjoy the flowers that grow,
To hear the song of every bird
And know God ordered so.

I want to live with mountain pine
And sleep in the open space,
Enjoy the sunlight and the stars
And thank God for His grace.

I want to live with God and man
And stand for all that's right,
To slowly grow old gracefully,
Then—"Evening Star" and light.

R. D. Dexheimer

It was a desire fulfilled.

—Roy C. Osborn