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The second of our brethren to be called home during November was **The Rev. Louis C. Schmidt**. He departed to receive his eternal reward November 12, 1957 at the age of 83 years. He was united in marriage to Mabel Mohr on December 25, 1897. He attended Oberlin and Knox Colleges and was licensed to preach in 1894. He was ordained Deacon in 1898 and Elder in the year 1900. In all he gave 50 years of distinguished leadership to his church. He served the following fields: Joliet, Cedarville, Polo, Freeport Trinity, Naperville Grace (twice), Kimball Ave., Chicago, The College Church at LeMars, Iowa and Streator. He served as Conference Superintendent for 16 years. He was many times member of General Conference and served many boards and committees of the general church. He passed away at the Haven Hubbard Home. Funeral services were held from Grace Church Naperville with the pastor, Rev. Wilmert H. Wolf in charge, assisted by Dr. Paul V. Church, Dr. Paul H. Eller and Dr. William Grote.

The third of our comrades to lay his armour down during November was **The Rev. John F. Sahlin**. He passed away on November 28, 1957. He was born July 16, 1885 at Atchinson, Mo. On April 18, 1917 he was united in marriage to Hulda Steiner. They are the parents of one son. Brother Sahlin attended Moody Bible Institute and later took a correspondence course from Evangelical Theological Seminary. In 1917 he was employed by the American Sunday School Union to establish Sunday Schools in Montana. He then was pastor of six churches in the states of Kansas and Oklahoma. He came to Illinois in 1927. Here he was pastor of the following churches: Charlotte-Emmanuel, near Chatsworth, Richland, while pastor here he served Granville several years, Spring Bay. While at Spring Bay he served East Peoria for three years. His retirement came in 1952. He resided in Spring Bay and it was a great joy to him when the building and remodeling of the church there was complete. His wife and son survive.

His pastor, Rev. Dale Ferris was in charge of the memorial service. Dr. O. F. Landis, Rev. H. O. Zimmerman and Dr. Wm. Grote assisted.

The fourth and last of our co-workers to be called home during November was **The Rev. Paul A. Lang**. He was born in Minnesota and grew to manhood there. He entered his eternal home on November 30, 1957. He graduated from the Evangelical Theological Seminary (Then Union Biblical Institute) in 1901. He then served 5 churches in the Minnesota Conference. He had much to do with the establishing of the Lake Koronis Camp Ground. He transferred to the Illinois Conference in 1925 and was pastor of the following churches: Peoria Grace, Villa Park, Bonfield-Grand Prairie and Hampshire. He retired in 1947. He is survived by two sons, Harold of Peoria and the Rev. Melvin of our Faith Church, Freeport, and two daughters, Mrs. Melvin Miller and Mrs. John F. Schaefer.

Funeral services were held in Naperville First Church with the pastor, Dr. Paul Washburn and Dr. Paul Church officiating.

The Rev. William L. Perkins was called to his heavenly home on January 24, 1958 at the age of 83 years. He was joined in marriage to Nettie Brown, who survives. He was a native of Vergennes, Illinois. Brother Perkins was licensed in 1902 and was ordained in 1906. Dr. Perkins was a Conference Superintendent for 11 years and a delegate to General Conference 8 times. He served as trustee of Otterbein Home and also of Indiana Central College. He served on the committee for the merger of the Evangelical and United Brethren Churches. After long service in Illinois he moved to California and was pastor of First Church, Los Angeles. He was Superintendent of the Baker Home for 5 years.

Funeral services were held at Murphysboro with Rev. Earl F. Michaels officiating, assisted by Rev. L. W. Godert and Rev. Oscar Maerker.

The Rev. Oscar Mehnert was born in Germany on October 11, 1875. He came to America in 1881. He was married to Lillie Huelson on December 21, 1904. Four daughters were born to this union. He was married the second time to Elsie Powell on April 5, 1920. She survives his home going.

Brother Mehnert was pastor of the Manhattan, Jonesboro and Graysville Churches in Illinois. He then transferred to the Iowa Conference and served 5 churches there. He retired in 1923 and lived in Naperville to the time of his death, March 5, 1958.

Memorial services were held in Naperville with his pastor, Rev. Paul Washburn officiating, assisted by Rev. J. G. Eller.

Dr. Rolland W. Schloerb, age 65, was born in Oskosh, Wisconsin and passed to the better land on March 15, 1958. His wife, the former Edith Grandsen and a son and daughter survive.

Dr. Schloerb was pastor of First Church, Naperville, for seven years after having served as Army Chaplain during World War I. Since 1929 he has been pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Chicago.

He was the author of two books, "God in Our Lives" and "The Preaching Ministry Today". He also wrote the exposition of Proverbs for the Interpreters Bible. He maintained his membership in our conference.

Memorial services were held in the Hyde Park Church.

The Rev. Louis L. Phillips was born in Lena, Illinois on July 16, 1881 and went to be with God on April 19, 1958. On June 29, 1904 he was united in marriage to Augusta Sprague. She with a daughter and 5 sons survive.

Brother Phillips taught school for 14 years before entering the ministry. He was a faithful pastor for 37 years, serving the following churches: El Paso, Orangeville, Davis, Rockford St. Johns, Reddick, Freeport Trinity, Chadwick, Pontiac and Eppards Point, and La Salle and Granville. He retired in 1951 and was residing in Chadwick at the time of his death.

Rev. Paul Farley assisted by Rev. La Roy Huntley had charge of the funeral services. The sermon was brought by Rev. William Grote.

The Rev. Ora Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, was born at Marshall, Illinois on September 14, 1875. He departed to be with God on June 14, 1958. He was married to Ida May Elmore on September 12, 1898. She with a step-daughter survive. Brother Davis entered the Christian ministry in 1910 and faithfully served the following fields: Bishop, Radford, North Northfield, Eldena and Anna. He retired in 1948 and has resided in Anna since.

Memorial services were held in the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Anna. The pastor, Rev. Bennie Edwards, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Leslie, pastor of the Moweaqua E. U. B. Church.

We extend heart-felt sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Kunce. Mrs. Kunce's father, Mr. Eli W. Haley, died on July 14, 1957 and brother Kunce's father, Mr. William N. Kunce, went to his reward on March 15, 1958.

Dr. R. D. Dexheimer served as State Superintendent of the Illinois Temperance League for 15 years. During that time he was a member of our Illinois Conference. He retired from this work in 1953 and moved to Florida. He went to his eternal reward on January 19, 1958.

Minister's Wives

Mrs. Mabel Schmidt, was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Mohr. Her father being a circuit rider in the Illinois and Iowa Conferences. Mrs. Schmidt died at the Haven Hubbard Home on September 19, 1957. Age 82 years. She shared life's varied experiences with her husband, Rev. L. C. Schmidt for almost 60 years. Two sons and two daughters survive. Funeral services were held in Naperville Grace Church with Rev. Wilmert H. Wolf, Rev. Paul V. Church, Dr. Paul H. Eller and Rev. Wm. Grote officiating.

Mrs. Fannie B. Hiatt, wife of Rev. A. B. Hiatt was born in Jasper County Illinois and went to be with her Saviour on March 29, 1958. She and Rev. Hiatt were married on March 22, 1908. Together they spent more than 36 years in the Christian ministry. At the time of her death she was residing in Sycamore, Ohio. She is survived by her husband and two sons, one of whom is the Rev. T. A. Hiatt of Sycamore, Ohio.

Mrs. Johanna Louise Klingbeil was born in Essen, Germany on September 11, 1871. She was married to Rev. Wm. Klingbeil on June 4, 1896. Rev. Klingbeil departed this life in 1932. She departed this life on March 19, 1958. Sister Klingbeil has been a member of the W. S. W. S. since 1895.

Funeral services were held in Faith Church, Elmhurst under the direction of the pastor, Rev. F. L. Rickleff.