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ected president in 1892. Under his masterful direction and leadership, these
institutions developed in a remarkable manner. Northwestern College forged ahead
into the front ranks as an educational institution. In 1910 he resigned his position
as president of the college and entered the pastorate in the Illinois Conference,
having transferred his membership from the Wisconsin Conference in 1893. Nine-
teen years he served in the pastorate. He was elected as presiding elder to the
Peoria and Freeport-Chicago Districts; was delegate to the General Conference
three times. In 1929 he retired from active ministerial service and moved to
Pasadena, Calif. A long, useful and eventful life ended with his passing.

Rev. J. H. Johnson was born in Thunum, East Friesland, Germany, January 29,
1857, and died in his home in Ashton, Illinois, July 20, 1936. He came to America
with his parents when 11 years old. The family settled in St. Louis. The next
year they came to Peoria, Illinois, where he joined the Lutheran Church. Janu-
ary, 1876, he was happily converted. He united with the Evangelical Church in
1878; licensed to preach by the Illinois Conference, April, 1881. He continued his
studies at Northwestern College and Union Biblical Institute at Naperville and
served on various charges in the Illinois Conference 41 years, retiring in 1923. He
served his conference on various committees and was chairman of the Memorial
Committee many years. Our loss in his passing is a beloved, even-tempered con-
genial brother, with a willingness to serve at all times.

Rev. Edwin Yeakel was born in Berks County, Pa., September 21, 1857, and
died in the Deaconess Hospital, Freeport, Illinois, February 2, 1937. He came to
Illinois with his parents at the age of 14, to Polo, Illinois. Graduated with the
Class of 1877 from the Polo Community High School. In 1878 he entered North-
western College, where he remained several years. Was converted as a boy in
Pennsylvania and united with the Evangelical Church. Licensed to preach by
the Illinois Conference in 1881. Served his conference uninterruptedly for 53
years, 37 of these in the pastorate and 16 years as presiding elder. He held various
offices in the conference and was a member of various boards. Four times he
was elected as delegate to the General Conference. A tactful leader, one loyal to
his church, rugged yet kindly in character with a firm devotion to God's Word,
has been taken from our fellowship.

Rev. John Divan was born in Green County, Wisconsin, August 26, 1859, and
died in the Deaconess Hospital, Freeport, Illinois, Feb. 11, 1937. He grew up
on a farm and in 1883 yielded to a call into the ministry. Entered Northwestern
College, Naperville, Illinois, in the fall of that year. Licensed to preach in the
spring of 1884. He served with intense zeal in the pastorate of the Illinois Con-
ference for 43 years, retiring in 1927. Twice he served as president of the Con-
ference Missionary Society. A man of deep religious convictions and a forceful
pulpit orator has fallen asleep in Jesus.

Rev. George Iwig was born in Tazewell County, Illinois, Feb. 5, 1862, and
died in Princeton, Illinois, July 15, 1936. He was converted as a youth and united
with the Evangelical Church, of which he continued a life long member. He
was licensed by the Illinois Conference and served as a local preacher faithfully to
the end.

Rev. William Gross, a superannuate of the Illinois Conference, was born in
1846, and died in his home in Urbana, Illinois, April 6, 1937, aged 91 years. He
was licensed by the Illinois Conference to preach the Gospel in 1876. His first
charge was South Chicago and Englewood. He served in various pastorates for
44 years.

William Schuster was born in Germany in the year 1849. He was licensed in
the Illinois Conference in 1875. He died in Montana in the summer of 1936.

Ministers' Wives

Susan Matter Fehr, wife of the sainted Rev. C. S. Fehr, was born in Lehigh
County, Pa., July 5, 1846, and died at Deerfield, Illinois, November 4, 1936. She
served faithfully in a minister's home for 37 years.

Susan Elizabeth Byers, wife of the sainted Rev. Daniel B. Byers, was born in
York County, Pa., February 12, 1840, and died in the home of her daughter in
Naperville, Illinois, November 24, 1936. She reached the remarkable age of 96