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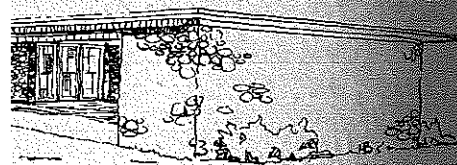
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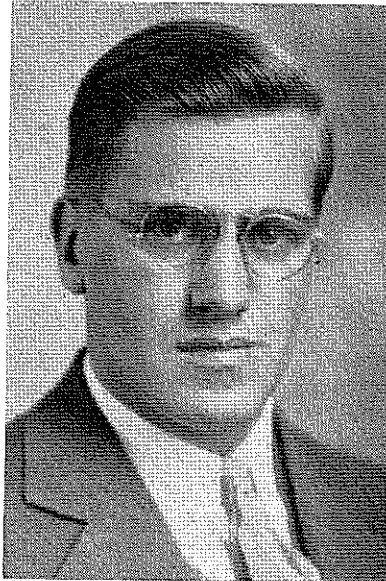
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WILLIAM J. DOBBIE



William John Calvin Dobbie, a faithful preacher of the gospel, and an untiring pastor, was born in Cresson, Pa., on November 17, 1908.

While studying to be an accountant at Temple University, he could no longer resist God's call to the Christian ministry, and this in spite of a diabetic condition, which in after years was to become a real thorn in the flesh. He soon transferred to Maryville College, where he received his B.A. degree. Western Theological Seminary gave him his theological training, and on April 25th, 1937, he was ordained at Cohutta, Ga., by the Chattanooga Presbytery, U.S.A., where he was installed as pastor of three churches.

On May 18th of the same year he married Annette Jansen Luetje at Atlanta, Ga. God blessed their union by giving them three lovely daughters: Barbara Jean, Kathryn Anne, and Belle Elizabeth, who also survive.

Because the southern climate did not agree with our friend, he came north, and after much prayer united with the Methodist Church in 1941, and was appointed to the Martinsburg circuit. Later he served as minister of the Morristown, St. Regis Falls, and Fernwood charges.

He retired from the active ministry in 1955 and became associated with Beaverite Products, Inc., Beaver Falls, N. Y., where he was employed at the time of his death. He was on vacation enroute to his boyhood home when he became seriously ill and died August 20, 1956, just as he reached the hospital in Altoona, Pa.

The funeral was held August 23rd in the Cresson Presbyterian Church with his pastor, Rev. Robert W. Bird, conducting the service. He used as his message theme Brother Dobbie's favorite hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated Lord to Thee." His words brought great comfort to the family as they remembered that this hymn was the constant prayer of their loved one, and the inspiration of his Christian ministry.

It was always a joy for William Dobbie to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. A joy which his family shared when he supplied the pulpit of the Boonville church and preached his last sermon only a few hours before he departed for his heavenly home.

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And, although his mortal body lies buried in Forest Lawn Ceme-
tery, Johnstown, Pa., he will continue to live in the lives of the
people, whom he loved so much and served so faithfully as a good
minister of Jesus Christ.

WESLEY E. BAKER

WALTER J. SUITS



Briefly stated, these are the
main facts in the life of Walter J.
Suits, who went to be with his
Lord on the 23rd of March, 1957:

Born December 27th, 1890, the
son of Jerome P. and Cora Klock
Suits. Educated at the St. John's
Military School, Manlius, N. Y.;
Cazenovia Seminary, and Oswego
Normal School. Married Miss
Clarisa Armstrong at the home of
her sister, Mrs. Louis, Maple Flats,
on February 28th, 1922, Rev.
George Wood officiating; two sons
and two daughters were the fruit
of this marriage—Llewellyn, who
died February 3rd, 1941, and Al-
bert L., sons, and Mrs. Cora Bal-
mat of Pass Christian, Miss., and
Mrs. Wiley White of Port Gibson,
N. Y., the daughters. Brother
Suits enlisted at Utica, N. Y., in

Co. 22nd, C.O.T.S., on December 15th, 1917, and was honorably dis-
charged at Camp Gordon, Ga., November 25, 1918, and so was a
veteran of World War I. He was a member of the Masonic order and
other fraternal organizations.

Hearing the call of God to serve in the Gospel of His Son, Brother
Suits joined the Northern New York Conference of the Methodist
Church and for 28 years served faithfully as a pastor and preacher
of that Church. During this period the Conference Journal shows
that his record was as follows: 1931, Oswego Center; '35, Sackets
Harbor; '35, Ava; '39, Mt. Pleasant and North Volney; '44, Philadelphia,
Evans Mills and Pamela; '48, Middleville, Newport, Fairfield and
Gray; '53, Verona and Lowell. In all these places he served God and
the Church faithfully and well until ill health gave him another
"honorable discharge" and drove him into retirement in 1955.

It was at his pleasant home in Vienna, N. Y., that our friend heard
another and sudden call, on March 8th, 1957, to "come up higher."
Coronary thrombosis was the cause of his death and this seldom gives