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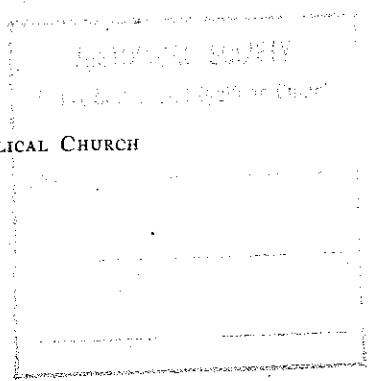
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ness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing"? 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

May the dear Lord comfort and sustain our dear Sister Caton in her bereavement, and lead the daughters of this loving father into lives of usefulness in the Master's service.

Rev. Levi Eberhart.

Rev. Levi Eberhart was born in Mercer Co., Penna., Dec. 4, 1822. He was converted at the age of 14 and united with the Evangelical Association. He was licensed to preach in April, 1841, in New Berlin, Pa., in the first church built by the denomination. He served Indiana Circuit, which comprised parts of five counties, 31 preaching places and a distance of about 280 miles for one round, at a salary of \$41. In his third and fourth years he was stationed in Pittsburg, Pa. Beginning with one member, he reported 62 at the end of the second year. On account of family circumstances he located and studied dental surgery, and practiced in Allentown and Catawauqua.

He moved to the West in '57 and united with the Illinois Conference in 1858. A part of the Illinois Conference territory was taken to form the Iowa Conference, and Bro. Eberhart was elected Presiding Elder and stationed on Mission District, comprising parts of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, requiring about 600 miles travel.

Finding his health not sufficiently rugged he resigned at the end of the year and served as pastor on Belle Plain Circuit, and Grand View Station. He reported a revival where 60 souls were saved. Seventeen of the best years of his life were given to the labors and privations of the ministry in the German and English language. He was the first English Secretary of the General Conference. In 1880, he moved from Iowa to Illinois, residing at Naperville, Chicago, Fairview and Des Plaines.

In 1846 he was married to Rebecca Saunders, of Cedarville, Pa., who, with his two sons and two daughters, survive him. A few years ago he suffered from paralysis and gradually grew weaker; in his sufferings he gave expression of praises to God. He was the oldest living minister in the church and his life covered a most remarkable period of history. He died in peace at the age of 87 years and 22 days. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. K. Yeakel.

Rev. J. W. Fager.

Rev. J. W. Fager was born in Stephenson County, Illinois, Mar. 1, 1860. His parents came from Pennsylvania and were staunch members of our church. They were interested in the salvation of their children and their son John W. learned to love Christ in his youth. He was earnest and zealous in the Master's cause and when the call came for special service his answer was "Here am I, send me." He was licensed to preach in 1883 and was made the junior preacher on the Orangeville charge and served it one year. Then he was the junior preacher for one year at Manhattan and another year junior preacher on the Davis charge. In 1886 he was married to Susan Kreimeier and was sent to Fair Haven two years. Served South

Dixon three years, El Paso three years, Orangeville two years, Hoopville four years, Joliet one year, Reddick four years and Westervelt one year. Circumstances of the family were such that he concluded to retire to a farm near Enid, Oklahoma, whither he went in the spring of 1906. He was an earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard and met with fair success. He intended to do what he could for the Master while working the farm. He had severe trials in his new home. His oldest son was killed in the moving of a house and within the next year the youngest son was downed. Bro. Fager had a surgical operation and suffered long. Made arrangements to sell the farm and return to work in the Illinois Conference, but the death angel "typhoid malaria" took him off before the new plans materialized. Sept. 3, 1909, he breathed his last, leaving the widow and four children and many friends to mourn their loss.

"The Lord calleth his workmen hence, but the work goes on."

Mrs. Leah Wolf Rohland.

Leah Wolf, the widow of the sainted Rev. Henry Rohland, passed triumphantly to her heavenly home Dec. 23, 1909, at the advanced age of 91 years, 4 months and 2 days. Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Penna., was the place of her birth. Her father's house was one of the chief stopping places of the early ministers of the Evangelical Association and it was there where she became acquainted with Rev. Henry Rohland, with whom she was united in marriage Jan. 11, 1844. For 49 consecutive years they labored together in the active services of the church. She knew what privations meant in those early years of hard pioneer work. Her husband's labors in the ministry, many years of which were spent in the presiding eldership, took him all over northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, and frequently made absence from home necessary for a month or more at a time. Through it all she proved herself a true helpmeet in the home and did all that she could for the church she loved so well. When she was told that she had reached the end of her earthly career, she shouted, "Glory," and with a holy triumph her spirit passed out of the tenement of clay.

She was the mother of two sons and three daughters and all of them survive her, save Andrew, who died in 1892. After the death of her husband she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Bucks, of Aurora, Ill., where all the comforts of life and many loving ministries were accorded her. At the setting of the sun her body was laid away in the family lot in the cemetery at Freeport, Ill., where it will rest until the resurrection of the just.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP.

Program.

Tuesday, March 15th—

9.00 A. M.—Examination of junior preachers.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon by C. K. Orsborn.

Wednesday, March 16th—

9.00 A. M.—Examinations continued.

1.00 P. M.—Annual meeting Church Extension Society.