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Oh, how real is their presence with us now! I can feel the throbbing of your hearts, my brethren, as you listen to the names of those "who walk with us no more."

HARRY H. SHERMAN

Youngest of the group, with twenty-eight years of service in the Conference in some of its hardest fields, departed September 3, 1937.

EMORY M. STEVENS

Oldest of the group, with fifty-five years of ministry, strong preacher, great administrator, wise counsellor of young preachers, departed September 17, 1937.

JAMES H. MORGART

Forty-nine years a member of the Conference, unsullied in character, devoted to his work, faithful minister of the gospel, departed November 2, 1937.

JOHN H. DAUGHERTY

Having a record of forty-five years as a forceful preacher, successful evangelist, and courageous reformer, departed November 29, 1937.

WILLIAM E. RUTH

Who labored for thirty-five years in our Conference ranks with unchallenged devotion and successful ministry, departed December 10, 1937.

GEORGE W. FAUS

Good minister of Jesus Christ, quiet, unostentatious, plodding on for forty-six years in unbroken service for his Lord, departed February 10, 1938.

Though not a member of our Conference at the time of his departure, it is eminently fitting that mention should be made of—

DORSEY N. MILLER

Sweet gospel singer, evangelistic preacher, soul-winner, forty years a member of this Conference, transferred only ten months before his death in a Philadelphia Hospital, departing for his heavenly home March 21, 1938.

These are they into whose character, service, and message we are to look, in order that we may see the value of this memorial service to us as ministers and to the great work in which we are engaged.

Our first thought, then, is the Character of these men.

They were good men, men of real character. They were not perfect, by any means. They had their failings and imperfections, as we all have; but they were men of sincerity, honesty, honor, and devotion to their Lord.

Every one of them, if they could speak audibly to us today, would declare, with genuine humility, that what they were they owed to the transforming grace of God in Christ. They were redeemed men. We can imagine each one of them singing:

"I rise to walk in heaven's own light,
Above the world and sin,
With heart made pure and garments white,
And Christ enthroned within."

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