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young people, and children all respected and  
 as, what we ordinarily call a great preacher,  
 her. His prayerful insight into the truth,  
 y people, and his passion to be of service to  
 r personality, made him a good steward of  
 ny found Christ, were enriched by Christ,  
 ough the inspiration of his ministry. In  
 ie, loyal and considerate; a father kind,  
 al. As a friend, his friendship was con-  
 crete, tested by the light of the sun. As  
 iotic. His enlistment and service during  
 nnuity and loyalty of his citizenship.  
 f his District Superintendent, Dr. G. G.  
 offman, D. N. Weiford, and the writer,  
 afternoon in Selma Church. The church  
 a third of the throng of friends who had  
 of respect to a pastor and friend so dear-  
 o the cemetery yard by the Presbyterian  
 y storm clouds threatened as we slowly  
 inter his body to await the sound of the  
 he midst of this final service the clouds  
 more glorious, enveloped us, prophetic of  
 lop us all, who like Borther Eubank have

#### ANDER ANDERSON.

C. Prettyman.

born at Asbury, Greenbier Co., W. Va.,  
 in the schools of Greenbrier and Union  
 Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Va.  
 Courtney Butler and later married her

the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church,  
 mmodation of Blue Sulphur Quarterly  
 ue Sulphur Circuit as Junior preacher  
 arch, 1879, he was sent to Hillsdale,  
 itted into full connection, ordained a  
 His appointment for March, 1881,  
 82, he was ordained Elder by Bishop

pointments: 1883, Berryville, Va., three  
 r years; 1890, Bladensburg, Md., two  
 years; 1896, Central, Baltimore, Md.,  
 f the Baltimore District, three years;  
 years; 1905, Presiding Elder of the  
 1909, Central, Baltimore, one year;  
 istrict, one year; 1911, Presiding Elder  
 15, Presiding Elder of the Winchester  
 r of the General Conference in 1902.  
 eived a superannuate relation. Upon  
 me at Asbury, W. Va. During the  
 e rendered such service as his health

record of thirty-nine years of holy and  
 God to his church. The outstanding  
 appointed five times Presiding Elder.  
 ings, that he was judged to have  
 rhaps most of all he was a trustful

fellow-worker in the ongoing of the church. All the preachers recognized in  
 him a sympathetic and faithful friend, into whose hands could be trusted  
 all their most sacred and personal interests. His faithful and laborious  
 efforts to fulfil the duties of this high office no doubt hastened the day of  
 his retirement from active service in the Conference.

The ministry of Bro. Anderson was molded and directed by the essen-  
 tial truths of the Gospel. This Gospel to him was not a mere text book  
 from which to draw useful lessons for life, but was a revelation of a loving  
 and gracious God showing to men the way of life eternal. In his preaching  
 he dealt with men and women who were desperately in need of a knowl-  
 edge of the truth of God. He was never lost in the outcry of passing fads  
 and isms, but held true to the changeless facts of sin and salvation. This  
 attitude brought great passion into his ministry. He believed with all his  
 heart, mind and soul, and preached what he believed. His method was not  
 ornate, but was attended by that eloquence that arises out of clear thinking,  
 and a sense of the importance of the message that he had for the church  
 and the world. His preaching would be spoken of as evangelistic in spirit  
 and orthodox in form. This was so because the source of authority was the  
 Word of God, and his intellectual process was guided and inspired by his  
 own religious experience, and that of all the great masters of spiritual  
 truth who have found God by the way of the Cross of Christ. A marked  
 characteristic of his public ministry was his prayer life. Back of his  
 prayers was a great and good God. A God whose greatness made him  
 humble, and whose goodness made him eager to find access into His pres-  
 ence. And this God whom he sought and found gave him a sure and power-  
 ful message to the people. His message did more than merely proclaim the  
 truth, it was of that type of Gospel appeal that helped to create the atmos-  
 here of the Old Baltimore Conference.

In his personal life he was a mountaineer, and embodied many of the  
 finer qualities that inhere in those who hold communion with the changeless  
 hills. Though called out into the great metropolitan areas of the Confer-  
 ence, he did not lose that sense sublime that lingers in the mystic depths of  
 the mountains. When his ministry was done he went back to these mountains  
 that he loved so well and waited for the call to the heights beyond.

He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ray M. Parker, July 10,  
 1940. Funeral services were held in Emmanuel Church, Asbury, W. Va.,  
 and he was buried in the cemetery of the church. His beloved wife, and two  
 children, Mrs. Ray M. Parker and John Alexander, Jr., survive him.

Another link of the blessed associations of the Old Baltimore Confer-  
 ence is broken. His memory is precious, his work abides, his home is on  
 the hills of the Eternal City.

#### CHARLES H. FIELDING.

By D. D. Holt.

Charles H. Fielding, son of Eppa and Melissa Fielding, was born in  
 Albemarle County, Va., in April, 1876.

He was educated in the public schools of Albemarle County, Randolph-  
 Macon Academy at Front Royal, and the University of Virginia at Char-  
 lottesville. He was admitted into the Virginia Conference in 1902, when  
 he was twenty-six years of age. He closed his ministry just before the  
 Annual Conference met in 1940, thus giving himself in untiring service to  
 God and his fellowman for thirty-eight years.

He served appointments throughout the Virginia Conference. Among  
 those charges he served were: Chester, Dinwiddie, Capron, Middlesex, Al-  
 bemarle, Lovingston, Buckingham, Gordonsville and Batesville. He was  
 serving Batesville and was at his height as a Christian minister when the  
 end came.

He was happily married to Miss Mae Rector of Woodville in Rappahannock County, Va., in 1906. She, with two sons, Homer Willis and Robert V., survive.

Rarely does one meet such a lovely spirit as Brother Fielding. He was quiet, unassuming, unsuspecting, faithful and loyal. He was aflame with the love of God for the souls of men. His only concern was the Kingdom of God and its coming. To know him was to love him. To be with him was to understand that he was an ambassador from God with a message of love to all the people.

The writer visited him two days before he went home, and he said: "I am going in a few days to be with my Heavenly Father." I added: "You have wrought well, you have been very faithful, you have earned your rest and reward." Then he said this, which probably expresses superbly his most fundamental efforts: "I've done the best I could."

It was early on the morning of October 11 that he went to sleep, confident that "underneath are the everlasting arms of God," to awake in the more intimate presence of his Heavenly Father, methinks, to hear the plaudit: "Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." He was, indeed, a faithful steward of life's energies and opportunities, and of the word of God.

#### DECEASED MINISTERS.

*"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."*—  
Psalm 112:6.

No.	Name	Date of Death
1.	James Marvin Hawley.....	October 10, 1939
2.	John H. Kuhlmann.....	November 18, 1939
3.	George Kriebel Heydrick.....	January 13, 1940
4.	Charles Herbert Cannon.....	February 2, 1940
5.	Boyd Valentine Switzer.....	January 14, 1940
6.	Robert Finley Gayle.....	March 4, 1940
7.	Henry T. Todd.....	March 8, 1940
8.	William Thomas Green.....	March 16, 1940
9.	Palmer Eubank.....	March 29, 1940
10.	John Alexander Anderson.....	July 10, 1940
11.	Charles H. Fielding.....	October 11, 1940