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an W. Townsend to those who knew him

A. BOYLAN FITZ-GERALD

by A. BOYLAND FITZ-GERALD, JR.

On March 23, 1959, a long and energetic ministry of thought and time and substance came to its fulness with the passing of Boylan Fitz-Gerald, at the age of eighty years.

Born of a well-known Methodist family, Boylan's earliest memories included the holiness camp-meetings sponsored by his Grandmother, the founding spirit of Mt. Tabor. His uncle was Bishop James N. Fitz-Gerald whom he accompanied as Secretary on an official World missionary tour in 1906.

Boylan began preaching in 1899 as an evangelist, and first served as a pastor at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Newark, in 1905. His early ministry was marked by a three year pastorate in the Home Mission Church at Marshallburg, North Carolina. He became a full member of the Newark Conference in 1907.

His education included A.B. from Columbia University, 1911, with Phi Beta Kappa; M.A. in 1912; B.D. from Drew Seminary in 1913; Th.M. from Drew University in 1930; and the honorary D.D. from Taylor University in 1913.

His pastorates included the founding of Wesley Methodist Church, Roselle, an accomplishment which he always believed to be the greatest single satisfaction of his life. His other pastorates included Hilton; Newfoundland; Grace, Dover; Eighth Avenue, Newark; Vailsburg, Newark; Phillipsburg; Woodbridge; and First, Bayonne. During World War I, he served as Y. M. C. A. Chaplain at Camp McClellan, Alabama. His last pastorate before retirement was a fifteen year labor of love at Lafayette Church, Jersey City.

Boylan always considered himself a minister to men. From the early days of football at Rutgers and pro-baseball, he cherished the fellowship of men. All through the years he was known and loved by thousands of Masons and Odd Fellows all about the Middle Atlantic area. His Masonic activities and honors included past-officership in all the York and Scottish Rite bodies, and the cherished Thirty-third Degree. He spoke in every one of the two hundred and eighty four Masonic Lodges of New Jersey at least once, and, in some instances as often as thirty times. His straightforward virile approach made a particular appeal to men. His speech was rapid, his voice powerful, his ideas were clear and his emotion compelling. He always thought of himself as a preacher and orator, and will most often be remembered as such. His personality was dynamic and positive. Great resources of energy seemed available to him throughout most of his life. His official chaplaincy of various fraternal bodies, local and state, included a total of more than two hundred and twenty seven cumulative years of service to mankind. Although his world-parish was the world of men and often took him outside of the established Methodist Church, like John Wesley, he always insisted upon wearing the clerical collar and was known, first and last as a clergyman, a chaplain to men.

A true Methodist by heritage, Boylan was methodical in every phase of stewardship. He kept an accurate diary. To the best of my knowledge he missed less than three out of more than fifteen thousand fraternal appointments, and these three were missed through no fault of his own. He kept accurate records of a chaplaincy of many long years. He was a tither of time and substance, giving methodically over and beyond the letter of the law. He supported loyally and generously most of our Newark Conference benevolences, including the retired preacher's pension fund, the Methodist Home, the Methodist Hospital, and Drew University.

Boylan's passing reminds us of Markham's tribute to "Lincoln, The Man of the People":

" he went down
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

RALPH RUSSELL ROBY

by MARY ROBY TROTTER

Ralph Russell Roby was born in Laurel, Maryland on September 21, 1887, a son of William Septimus and India Maclin Roby. His early years were spent on the farm of his parents and when at 21 he felt called into the ministry he faced a long period of preparation for he had not had the opportunity of attending high school. Entering the

- Callender, Edward D.**—1925-26, Wyoming Conf., Without appointment to attend school; '27, Newark Conf., Fort Lee; '28-30, Everittstown, Mt. Salem and Pattenburg; Nov. '30-32, Oxford and Summerfield; '33-36, Clifton, Trinity; '37-43, Chatham; '44-52, Dover, First; '53- , Pearl River.
(1925-26, Fort Lee)
- Callender, J. Clark.**—1925-26, Wyoming Conf., Without appointment to attend school; '27, Newark Conf., Johnsonburg; '28-31, Roselle, Wesley; '32-36, Bloomsbury and Finesville; '37-39, Hackettstown; '40-55, Nyack; '56- , Union.
(1925, East Millstone; 1926, Johnsonburg)
- Callender, Paul A.**—1922-23, New England Conf., Walpole; '24-26, Newark Conf., Staten Island, Asbury and Roselle Park, Aldene (St. Paul's); '27-28, Flemington; '29-32, Roselle, St. Paul's; '33-'55, Hasbrouck Heights; '56- , D.S., Western District.
(1921, Walpole, N. E. Conf.)
- Carruth, John E.**—1932, Central Texas Conf., Weatherford Circuit; '33-34, Olney Circuit; '35-36, Weatherford Circuit, South; '37-39, Milford; '40-43, Weatherford College, Instructor; and Minister to Service Men, Mineral Wells; '44-46, Weatherford College, Administrative Dean; '47-48, Daniel Baker College, Southwestern Univ., Head of Dept. of Bible and Philosophy, chaplain; '49-50, Without appointment to attend school; '51, Newark Conference, Vienna; '52-53, Staten Island, Summerfield; '54, Morristown; '55- , Bernardsville.
(1949-50, Vienna)
- Cartwright, Frank T.**—1911-15, Wisconsin Conf., Racine; '16, Milwaukee, Asbury; '17-22, Fochow Conf., Fochow, Central Institutional; '23-28, Dist. Missionary Coast Districts; '29-39, Bd. For. Missions, N. Y. City; '40-56, Newark Conf., Assoc. Secy., Board of Foreign Missions; '57, Retired.
- Cheyney, Harold E.**—1933, Maryland Conf., M. P. Without appointment, school; '34 West Baltimore; '35-37, Lynchburg, First; '38, Newark, N. J., First; Nov. '39-47, Newark Conf. (now Trinity); '48-56, Washington; '57- , Hackensack.
- Cole, George W.**—1938-40, Harrison; '41-42, Sparta and Ogdensburg; '43-45, Flanders and Drakestown; '46-50, Bayonne, First; '51-53, Metuchen; '54, Sabbatical Leave; '55-'57, Supernumerary; '58- , Staten Island, St. Mark's.
(1937, Harrison; '55-'57, Elizabeth, Park; Sept. '57- , Staten Island, St. Mark's)
- Conger, Hiram G.**—1912-13, Vernon and Glenwood; '14-17, Sparta; '18, Stereopticon Department, Board of Foreign Missions; '19, Stereopticon Department, Inter-church World Movement; '20-23, Council, Boards of Benevolence; '24-40, World Service Commission; '41- , Board of Missions and Church Extension.
- Conklin, Edward D.**—1945, Andover; '46-48, Harrison; '49-53, Staten Island, St. Paul's '54- , Plainfield, Monroe Ave.
- Cooper, James E., Jr.**—1943-45, Troy Conference, Fort Edward and Sanford's Ridge; Sept. '46-47, Vergennes and West Addison; Oct. '48-51, Newark Conference, Califon and Fairmont; '52-'55, Staten Island, St. Mark's; '56- , Nyack.
(1939-40, Philadelphia Conference, Prospectville; March '41, Tabernacle; Oct. '41-42, Parkersburg)
- Corradini, Robert E.**—1911-13, Italian Mission Conf., Dobbs Ferry; '14-17, Newark Conf., Paterson; '18, New York Conf., Mott Ave.; '19-22, Research Secretary Anti-Saloon League, New York; '23, Leave of absence; '24-44, Foundation Narcotics Research and Information, World League Against Alcohol; (Alcoholism) Claims relinquished, 1922- ; '45-46, Sy.; '47-'55, Newark Conf., Elizabeth, Holy Trinity '56- , Supernumerary.
(1956- , Elizabeth, Holy Trinity)
- Crain, Charles E.**—1941, Mendham; '42-43, Paterson, Simpson; '44-47, Rockaway; '48, Alpine-Demarest; '49- , Instructor Western Maryland College.
- Crowcroft, Benson S.**—1904-05, Asbury and Bethlehem; '06-09, Metuchen; '10-12, Frenchtown; '13-15, Andover; '16-19, Rahway, First; '20-23, Mountain View; '24-26, East Rutherford, Wesleyan; '27-30, Jersey City, Summit Ave.; '31-32, Spring Valley; '33-35, Belvidere; '36-37, Elizabeth, Park; '38, Retired.
(1898, Johnsonburg; 1900, Montvale; '01, Palisades; '02-03, Norton and Mt. Salem; '38-42, Asbury and West Portal)
- Dabinett, Herbert F.**—1937, Asbury, Glen Gardner and West Portal; '38-47, New Providence; '48-50, Port Jervis; '51-52, Paterson, Embury; '53- , Livingston.
- Davis, Ralph E.**—1917, California Conference; '17-18, Chaplain A.E.F., France; '19-21, Without appointment to attend school; '23-25, New England Conference, New-ton Center; '26-28, Ohio Conference, Columbus, Broad Street; '29-46, New York East Conference, Brooklyn, St. Mark's; '47- , Newark Conference, Maplewood, Morrow Memorial.

- Dennis, Frank D.**—1940-42, Teabo; '42-45, Chaplain U. S. Army; '46-49, Tranquility and Greendell; Sept. '50-54, Rahway, Trinity; '55- , Staten Island, Grace.
- Dewart, James.**—1951-53, Sergeantsville and Kingwood; '54- , North Plainfield, Grace.
(1949-50, Sergeantsville and Kingwood)
- DeWire, Arthur L.**—1922, Jersey City, West Side Ave. (Asst.); Aug. '22-Apr. '23, Arcola; '23, Vernon and Glenwood; '24-25, Newfoundland; '26-28, Otisville and Westbrookville; '29-30, Metuchen; '31-33, Sparta and Ogdensburg; '34-35, Midvale, '36-37, Succasunna; '38-41, Sussex and Wantage; '42-47, Bloomsbury and Finesville; '48-54, New City-Centenary; '55-57, Stanhope; '58- , Whitehouse.
(1919-20, Weehawken, Nineteenth St.; Aug. '21, Jersey City, West Side Ave., Asst.)
- Dexheimer, John R.**—1947-48, Dover, Grace; '49-50, Belvidere; '51-57, Kenilworth; '58- , Hillsdale.
(1945-46, Port Morris)
- Dickisson, Benjamin F.**—1910-14, Vailsburg; '15-19, Bloomfield, Park '20-29, Newark, Central; '30-35, Paterson, Wesley; '36-38, East Orange, Sanford St.; '39-40, Agent, Home for Aged, Ocean Grove, N. J.; '41-43, Linden; '44-49, Roseland; '50- , Retired.
(1908-09, Newark, Roseville (Asst.); '51, Jersey City; Bethany; '53-57, Paterson, Trinity)
- Dow, John F.**—1954-56, Pond Eddy, N. Y.; '57- , Bloomsbury and Finesville.
(1953, Pond Eddy, N. Y.)
- Ellis, Ruth M.**—1956, Waterloo; '57- , Port Morris and Waterloo.
(1953-55, Waterloo)
- Fassitt, William H.**—1916-Nov. '17, Hope; Nov. '17-18, Wesley Chapel Circuit; '19-20, Stony Point, First; '21-22, Staten Island, Linoleumville, Dickinson; '23-24, Andover; '25-29, Whitehouse, '30-32, Bound Brook; '33, Colesville and Libertyville; '34, Located at own request; '45, Readmitted, Retired.
(1911-12, Mount Freedom and Millbrook; '13, Towaco; '14-15, Stillwater and Mount Holly)
- Felton, Ralph A.**—1919-22, Wyoming Conf., Board of Home Missions; '23-29, Extension Professor of Rural Social Organization, Cornell Univ.; '30-'52, Professor Rural Sociology, Drew; 1941, Newark Conf.; '53- , Prof. Emeritus, Drew Univ.; '55, Retired.
- Fitz-Gerald, A. Boylan**—1905-07, Atlantic Mission Conf., Marshallberg; Nov. '07, Newark Conf., Roselle, Wesley; '08-09, Hilton; '10, Newfoundland; '11-14, Dover, Grace; '15-18, Newark, Eighth Ave.; '19-21, Newark, Vailsburg; '22-26, Phillipsburg, First; '27-29, Woodbridge; '30-34, Bayonne, First; '35-50, Jersey City, Lafayette; '51- , Retired.
(1905, Newark, St. Andrew's)
- Follansbee, Charles D.**—1952, Palisades and 19th St. Weehawken; '53-'55, Haverstraw; '56- , Demarest.
(1951, Palisades and 19th St., Weehawken)
- Forman, L. Gardner.**—1917, Mich. Conf., Frontier-Amboy; '18, Y.M.C.A., Toledo, Ohio; '19, West Ohio Conf., Coldwater; '20-21, Maplewood; '22, Toledo, Ironville; '23-24, Supernumerary (Asst. Portland, Ore., First Church); '25, Liberty Centre; '26, Calif. Conf., Winnemucca, Nev.; '27-28, Corning, Cal.; '29, Sy. (Assoc. Berkeley, Trinity); '30, Berkeley, Trinity, Assoc.; '31-34, S. W. Kans. Conf., Meade; '35, Cimarron; Dec. '36-42, Newark Conf., Staten Island, Kingsley; '43-46, Newark, St. Paul's; '47-48, Flemington; '49-51, Staten Island, St. Mark's; '52- , Field Secy., Methodist Home for Aged of New Jersey.
(1914, Mich. Conf., Keeler, Silver Creek; '16, Frontier-Amboy; '52-56, Newark Conference, Paterson, Calvary; '57- , East Orange, Grace).
- Fowler, Kenneth A.**—1952, Newark, Grace; '53- , Martinsville.
(1951, Newark, Grace)
- Frerichs, Ernest E.**—1951-54, Without appointment to attend school; '55- , Asst. Professor of Biblical Literature, Brown University.
- Fuess, Forest M.**—1933-35, Northern New York Conf., Ava; '36-37, without appointment to attend school; '38, Newark Conf., Broadway and Montana; '39, Paterson, Trinity; '40-43, Paterson, Trinity, and Clifton, Belle Vista; '44-45, Civilian Chaplain, Paterson Defense Areas; '46-50, Paterson Totowa, Union; '51-'55, Jersey City, Simpson-Grace; '56- , Hasbrouck Heights.
('36-37, Broadway and Montana)
- Gamblin, Harold A.**—1936-42, W. Va. Conf., At school; June 1, '42-43, Newark Conf., Roselle, St. Paul's; '44-50, Newark, Franklin Memorial; '51- , Dunellen.