

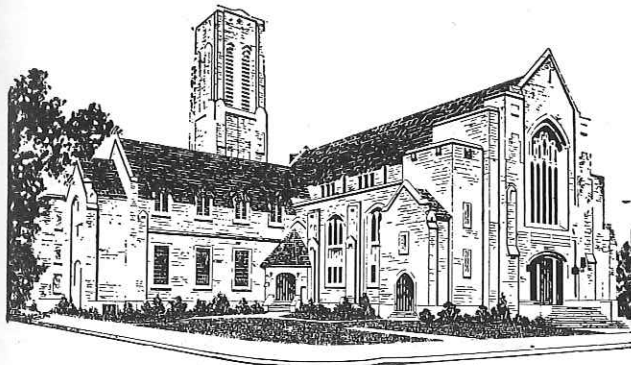
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(IX) *Memoirs*

JAMES THOMAS BEAN



James T. Bean

James Thomas, son of Rev. James T. and Ruth (Frisbie) Bean, was born at Rome, Indiana, April 28, 1872. His father was a local preacher, serving as a chaplain in the Civil War and later conducting an academy at Rome. From boyhood Thomas was active in the work of the church. To better prepare himself for Christian service he entered DePauw University, graduating in the class of 1904. Later he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by his Alma Mater.

While in college he met Miss Pearl Cecil to whom he was married September 22, 1897. The home was delighted by the birth of three sons, James Cecil, now of Keene, N. H., Harold, Indianapolis, and Horace, Galveston, Texas. Besides Mrs. Bean and the sons there are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In 1893 Brother Bean joined the Indiana Conference, serving the following parishes: Stuartsville, Patoka, Waldron, New Harmony, Oakland City, Evansville (Simpson). In 1914 he transferred to the North Indiana Conference with pastorates at LaGrange, Columbia City, Union City, Greenfield, Warsaw, a term on the

Fort Wayne District, followed by his last pastorate at Logansport (Broadway). In 1938 he took the retired relationship, the most of the time since he had resided in Indianapolis, where after months of ailing health he came to his crowning on December 6, 1954.

Doctor Bean was an exceptionally strong pulpit man, his sermons showing scholarship and vital Christian experience. When serving the church he cared for every detail. In the Conference he was active on various important committees, including for a time the chairmanship of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne Methodist Hospital.

Funeral rites were conducted from the North Methodist Church, Indianapolis, on December 8th, Revs. E. E. Lawshe, Rev. H. R. Carson, Rev. J. F. Seelig and Bishop Titus Lowe, officiating with committal services in the Crown Hill mausoleum, Indianapolis.

G. F. HUBBART

ALFRED LEWIS EDDINGFIELD



Alfred L. Eddingfield

Alfred Lewis Eddingfield was born January 28, 1907, at Roanoke, Indiana to Lawrence and Etha Eddingfield.

"Al," as he was affectionately known by his friends, graduated from DePauw University in 1928, after three and one-half years. He was a Rector scholar and was given a scholarship key by his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha.

He taught school in Andrews, Indiana for one year and then took employment in the commercial department of Indiana Bell, at Indianapolis.

On June 27, 1931 he was married to Mildred Williams. One and one-half years later he decided to fulfill a call from God and the desire of his heart and started to study for the ministry. He graduated from Garrett Biblical Institute in 1936 with distinction. He was awarded the Swift Fellowship and a Scholarship from Yale University. He enrolled as a graduate student in the fall of 1936 at Yale.

While in the East two daughters were born into this parsonage home: Anita Lou, born July 27, 1939 and Marilyn Kay, born April 17, 1943.

In December of 1936 he accepted a student charge at Durham, Connecticut. By the spring of 1937 he was so anxious to give himself full time to the ministry that he decided against any further schooling. This charge became full time and he remained there for four and one-half years. He then served the St. Paul's Methodist Church at Oyster Bay for six years. It had long been his intention to return to Indiana, and in June 1947 he transferred from the New York East Conference, where he had been ordained and made a full member in 1938, to the North Indiana Conference and was appointed to the Wabash Street Church in Wabash. Following five years at Wabash he was appointed to the Trinity Methodist Church at Columbia City. On Sunday morning, January 23, 1955, during the morning prayer he suffered a stroke and died at 8:15

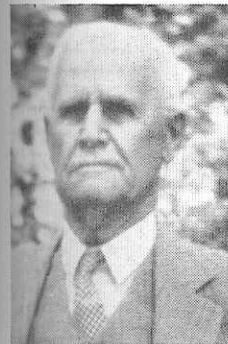
that evening. Memorial services were held in Trinity Methodist Church, with Dr. George D. Greer, district superintendent, in charge; and Dr. Russell Compton, long time friend and professor at DePauw University, bringing the memorial address. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Roanoke, Indiana.

Beside his widow, and two daughters, he is survived by his mother and a half-brother.

His quiet friendliness, genial and kindly spirit, and winsome way will be missed most by his family, but also by his host of friends in the Conference who greatly admired, respected, and loved him.

O. WAYNE PAULEN

JOSEPH LINCOLN GILLARD



Joseph L. Gillard

Dr. Joseph Lincoln Gillard, retired member of the North Indiana Conference, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Claud Roney in Anderson, August 4, 1954. He was 93 years of age. Dr. Gillard was born April 21, 1861, in Fairville, New York. His parents were Peter and Mary Gillard. He was one of a family of eleven children, nine of which lived to maturity. He was married to Clara Maria Judd on February 23, 1891. They were the parents of three daughters; Mrs. Russell Grubb of Converse, Indiana, Mrs. Glenworth Stroberg of Elkhart, Indiana, Mrs. Claud Roney of Anderson, Indiana, and one son, Melvin Gillard of Winona Lake, Indiana. After the death of Mrs. Gillard in 1945, Dr. Gillard lived with the daughters in Converse and Anderson.

Dr. Gillard through his own efforts was able to secure an education which gave him a fine equipment for his ministry. He received a B.A. degree from Syracuse University and two graduate degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University, a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology.

Rev. Gillard served ten charges in the Central New York conference. In 1912, he transferred to the St. Paul church in Elkhart in the North Indiana conference. He served the following charges: St. Paul, Elkhart; Upland; Wabash Street, Wabash; Greentown; Montpelier; and Van Buren. He retired in 1929. Dr. Gillard was a strong preacher, and sought to challenge his congregations with the type of message that exalted Jesus Christ, and gave the sense of urgency in accepting Him as a personal Saviour. He gave to his ministry of preaching a fine mind and a genuine evangelistic passion. In the years of retirement he and his splendid wife continued a very fine and active interest. The church in Warsaw gave many fine testimonies of their interest and appreciation in the Gillards. The writer of this brief memoir considered it a real privilege to be their pastor for a period of eight years.

The final services were held in the Landis Funeral Home in Warsaw, August 7, 1954. Rev. Plank was in charge, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Loveless, who read the Scripture lesson and offered the prayer. Interment was in the Oakwood cemetery in Warsaw, beside the place of burial of his wife.

R. C. PLANK

ELDRIDGE H. AND ROSA MAE SAUNDERS

For over forty years Eldridge and Rosa Mae Saunders were inseparable companions. Death itself did not part them. On August 26, 1954, during a violent rain storm, they suffered a fatal collision on U. S. Highway 36 near Williamsburg, Indiana. Rosa Mae was instantly killed; Eldridge joined her within a few hours after being taken to Reid Memorial Hospital in Richmond, Indiana.

Eldridge Saunders was born at Hillsboro, Kentucky on July 10, 1895. Rosa Mae Steven's birthplace was Moorhead, Kentucky. She was born September 4, 1899. They were united in marriage on April 20, 1914.

They are remembered with great affection and respect by three sons and three daughters: Viot and Dean of Logansport, Indiana, Gaylord of Topeka, Mrs. Clarence Hildebrand of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Warren Thomas of Etna Green, and Mrs. Don Stuart of Logansport. One child, Carl, died in infancy.

After raising their own family, Eldridge and Rosa took into their home an infant niece, Eldina Spicer. Eldina who is now fourteen years of age, was with them in the accident but miraculously escaped unhurt.

Eldridge and Rosa were faithful servants of the Church for 30 years. They served pastorates at Morris Chapel, Point Isabel, Lagro, Uniondale, Etna Green, Logansport Parish, Topeka,

Eldridge H. and
Rosa Mae Saunders

- Gierhart, B. Willis (1951)—W. Wis. Conf., 51, S.; Trans. No. Ind. May 21, 1952; 52—Howe Parish.
- Giles, Arthur D. (1934) M. P. Conf.—37, Lebanon Ct., 2 months; 37-38, S. (1939) N. Ind. Conf., 39, Ft. Wayne Larger Parish; 40-41, Leo Robinson; 42, Perkinsville Ct.; 43-45, Chaplain U. S. Army; 46-47, Point Isabel-Rigdon; 48-51, Wabash, Middle St.; 52—Converse.
- Gillard, Joseph L. (1889)—Cent. N. Y. Conf.; 86, 4 mos. Sup. Fairville, N. Y.; 89, Sup. 8 mos. Benton Center, N. Y.; 89-90, Shortsville and Manchester; 91-2, Pultneyville; 93-6, Middlesex and Vine Valley; 97-8, Burdette and Reynoldsville; 99-00, Newfield and Trumbull's; 01-3, McGrawsville and Blodgett's Mills; 04-11, Wolcott. N. Ind. Conf.; 12-13, Elkhart, St. Paul; 14-15, Upland; 16-18, Wabash, Wabash St.; 19-20, Greentown; 21-24, Montpelier; 25-28, Van Buren; 29—R. (Warsaw.)
- Glass, Robert (1950)—50—S.
- Glendenning, Ezra J. (1923)—22, Sup. Geneva Ct.; 23-25, Bluffton Ct.; 26, Bobo, resigned; 27-30, Kimmel; 31-35, Somerset-Peoria; 36-37, Highland Avenue, Marion; 38, West Middleton; 39-41, Hobbs-Aroma; 42-44, Hobbs; 45—Sy. Sup. Blackford-Oakland; 46, R. Sup. Blackford-Oakland (R. 1, Geneva.)
- Gorrell, Robert L. (1936)—35, Sup. Modoc; 36-39, Modoc; 40-44, Selma; 45-50, Anderson Central; 51—Elkhart, Grace. (139 Division St.)
- Gosser, David P. (1945)—44, Sup. Kempton-Scircleville; 45-47 Kempton-Scircleville; 48, Kempton-Scircleville, 5 mos., Mentone, 7 mos.; 49—Mentone.
- Graham, Morrison B. (1905)—02-4, Sup. Amboy; 05-7, Kempton; 08-9, Russia-ville; 10-11, Sharpville; 12-14, Summitville; 15, Converse; 16-17, Lagro; 18-19, Lynn; 20-21, Ossian; 22-25, Selma; 26-27, Fremont; 28-30, Muncie, Whitley, 31, Etna Green; 32-33, Boxley and Salem; 34, Boxley and Salem, 4 mos.; Cicero, 7 mos.; 35-36, Twelve Mile; 37, R. (615 N. Dill St., Muncie.)
- Graham, Ralph W. (1925)—25-26, Kokomo, Trinity; 27-29, Sharpville; 30-33, Greentown; 34-36, Kendallville; 37-41, Decatur; 42-45, Chaplain U. S. Army; 46-48, Muncie, College Ave.; 49, Muncie, College Ave., 1 mo., Marion, First, 11 mos.; 50—Marion, First. (812 So. Washington St.)
- Grant, Jr., Edwin Hoit (1954)—1952-53—Sup. New Paris; 54—New Paris.
- Green, R. Edwin (1942)—41, Sup. Barnes-Prospect; 42-43, Ninth St., Marion; 44-49, Wakarusa; 50—Ossian.
- Greene, W. Noble (1942)—40, Sup. Fountain City, 9 mos.; 41, Sup. Fountain City; 42-44, Fountain City; 45-47, Willow Branch-Eden; 48-50, Westfield; 51, Westfield 4 mos., Carmel 8 mos.; 52—Carmel; 53, Syracuse.
- Greer, George D. (1923) Troy Conference—22, Sup. Jay and Wilmington; 23, Jay and Wilmington; 24, Center and East Brunswick; 25-28, S. Sup. Uxbridge, Mass.; 28-31, Prof. Taylor Univ.; 32-36, S. Sup. Bayville, L. I.; 35, Trans. to N. Y. East Conf.; 35-39, Wethampton, L. I.; 39, Trans. N. Ind. Conf. Apr. 1, 1940, Montpelier; 40-41, Montpelier; 42-44, North Manchester; 45-52—New Castle, First; 53—Wabash Dist. (1055 N. Jefferson St., Huntington).
- Habgood, Albert E. (1929)—29-33, Marion, Highland Ave.; 34-36, Andrews; 37-41, Roanoke; 42-45, Main St., Muncie; 46—Portland, First; 53, Warsaw. (115 S. Indiana St.).
- Hall, Freeland A. (1901)—00, Sup. Hartford City Circuit; 01, Hartford City Circuit, 5 mos.; S., 7 mos.; 02-4, S.; (while in school, Sup. in N. W. Ind. Conf.; 02-04, Bridgeport and Ben Davis); 05-07, Alto; 08-12, Greentown; 13-15, Noblesville, First Church; 16-18, Auburn; 19-24, Logansport Dist.; 25-30, Anderson, First; 31-35, Richmond District; 36-45, Gen. Sec. Preachers' Aid

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