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nineteenth century, John W. ry 8, 1845, and his exit there- 1922. He had been in failing which he was rarely able to dic schools and in Oberlin Col- Indiana, to Amanda M. Hollett. Illinois, and in 1872 he united and was assigned to Maroa. i, Windsor, Kansas, Nokomis, nent his voice failed him, and rk of the ministry. He settled ent till the date of his passing, Quarterly Conference of Grace changed from Stapps Chapel, was ever loyal to the church rk. He was quiet, unostenta- and blessed influence for good. other interests. For years he he held old friendships and he had been a newspaper re- ime with the Decatur Evening /sgatherers, and especially to e both as pastor and preacher, as of his Conference. During h acts of service to all classes ime in any way in touch with

daughter, Miss Minnie Crane, ly. He leaves two brothers, f Toledo, Ohio, and one sister,

urch, September 22, with the s. T. N. Ewing and Chesteen ' Powell, and W. W. Theobald reenwood Cemetery.

erence veteran has responded re up higher." Rev. J. L. B. ross of Jesus Christ "fell on daughter, Mrs. W. J. Richard- March 27, 1923. He was in his age and his race was run. County, Illinois, April 19, 1834. 5, he was united in marriage d. To this union ten children n survive. Mrs. Ellis passed He leaves two daughters and llis, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. yville, Illinois, and Jesse K. at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Ellis at the age of nineteen, gold in the state of Colorado. reparation for his life's work e was licensed to preach in

September, 1872, and was appointed to the Darien and Rock Hill circuit of seven churches. He joined the Illinois Conference in 1873. Afterward his appointments in succession were Majority Point, Grandview, Charleston Circuit, Humbolt, Windsor, Bath, Old Town, Waynesville, Heyworth, Paloma, Griggsville Circuit, Newman, Kansas, Charleston Circuit, Tower Hill, Owaneco, Georgetown, and Shelbyville (Moulton). At the close of his pastorate in Shelbyville in 1901, he took the Retired relation. However after his retirement he continued quite active. A carefully kept record of his preaching engagements indicates that he preached two hundred and fifty-five times after his retirement. Bro. Ellis excelled in the organization of church forces. The church prospered under his leadership, and Method- ism's advance in Illinois, in spite of almost insuperable difficulties, is due in part to his zeal and earnestness. He was held in highest esteem by the members of the Conference.

The funeral services were held from the First Methodist Church, Shelbyville. It was in this church that Brother Ellis placed a beautiful baptismal font as a memorial to his departed wife. His sympathy and co-operation with the pastors of the church will be held as a blessed memory. The sermon was preached by the pastor, E. V. Young. A. S. Chapman, C. S. McCullum, H. C. Gibbs and C. R. Booth assisted in the ser- vice. Amid a profusion of floral offerings he was laid to rest in beautiful Glenwood Cemetery.

W. F. GILMORE.

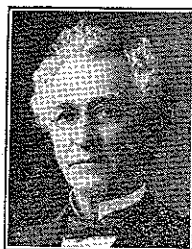
William F. Gilmore was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1843, and was more than eighty years of age at his decease. He grad- uated from the High School in Evansville, Indiana, and afterward served as a soldier in the Civil War. He then completed the classical course in Asbury, now De Pauw University, at Greencastle, Indiana, and graduated therefrom with the degree of A. B. During a period of five years he taught in the Methodist Academy. Feeling he had a distinct call to preach, he was not "disobedient unto the heavenly vision," and entered the Illinois Conference in 1870, along with Dr. W. H. H. Adams as a classmate among the candi- dates for Admission on Trial. For fifty years, without cessation, he con- tinued in the active relation in our Conference, and ministered to twenty- two charges, by appointment of the Presiding Bishops, as follows: Tolono, Perry, Pittsfield, Kimber church Danville, Rantoul, Gibson, Beardstown, Harristown and Niantic, Hillsboro, Farmer City, First Church Shelbyville, where he was instrumental in erecting a new church building, Stapp's Chapel, now Grace church, Decatur; Winchester, Fithian, Tolono, Peters- burg, two terms; Auburn, Irving, Mount Zion, Long Creek, Lowder, and Bath. He took the retired relation in 1920, but for two years acted as a supply at Bath, and Milton, one year at each place.

He was an able preacher, and could fill any pulpit in this Conference. Few men in the Conference in his day, if any, could surpass him as a pulpit orator. During his ministry he solemnized 350 marriages, officiated at 500 funerals, while the last sermon he preached was number 7,000. His grandfather was a minister, and he served in the Revolutionary War. His father and ten uncles were all ministers, and their combined terms of ser- vice covered an aggregate of 300 years. His wife, whom he married March 3, 1867, a great help and inspiration to him in his ministerial work, went to her reward July 2, 1913, during his pastorate at Auburn, and was buried there in accordance with her expressed wish to be entombed where she fell from the ranks. Brother Gilmore's health failed in 1922, brought on largely by injuries he received in an automobile accident a few years ago. He went to Des Moines, Iowa, to spend his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Grace Gillmore Ullman, where he fell asleep June 25, 1923. Surviv- ing him are this daughter, a son, Lewis R. Gillmore, of Springfield, Illinois;

one sister, Mrs. E. S. Hubbard, of Spokane, Washington, and four grandchildren.

All that was mortal of him was brought to Auburn, Illinois, where the funeral services were held, June 27, 1923. Dr. T. N. Ewing of Decatur District, officiated, assisted by Rev. A. L. Wood, the local pastor. Interment was made in the Auburn Cemetery, by the resting place of his life companion.

J. A. KUMLER.



John A. Kumler for four score and five years sojourned in this land of the dying on his way to the land of the living. He began his mortal march in Butler County, Ohio, April 20, 1838, and ascended therefrom on the sixth day of his birth month, April, 1923. His parents, Michael and Nancy Beam Kumler, were humble folk, living on a farm, and John, like many a distinguished man, first saw the light of life in a log cabin. He early became a toiler on the farm, working sixteen hours a day. His educational facilities were primitive and meager. His first school book consisted of a shingle with the large letters pasted on one side of it, and the small ones on the other, which was also sometimes used for disciplinary purposes. His first schools, private and public, were attended from two to three months in the year till he reached the age of 16. He next entered the Otterbein University from which he graduated after a course of four and a half years with the degree of A.B., and from the same institution in 1865 he was given the degree of A.M. In 1862 he entered the Law Department of the University of Michigan, and in 1864 this school conferred on him the degree of LL.B. On his birthday, that same year, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Meharry, of Montgomery County, Indiana, who went to her reward from Springfield, Illinois, December 19, 1900. She was the daughter of Hugh Meharry, a philanthropist of large means and prodigal liberality. The same year of his marriage Brother Kumler settled in Danville, Illinois, and began the practice of law. For some years he was Prosecuting Attorney for Danville and filled other important legal positions, for which he was eminently fitted. But his paramount life-work was that of a minister of the gospel. In his 17th year he was converted and joined the United Brethren church, of which his ancestors for several generations had been members. For years he was active along religious lines before he entered the ministry, as a Bible class teacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, and as President of the Vermillion County Sunday School Association, and during all this time he was called on for many Sunday School addresses all over the County as a "Lawyer Preacher." Convinced of his call to preach, he closed up his law business, and in 1868 entered the Illinois Conference of our church. His assignments have been, Rossville, Fairmount, Saybrook, University Charge Bloomington, Bement, Griggsville, Jacksonville District, Second Church Springfield, Virden, Clinton, Chancellor of Illinois Wesleyan University, Prentice Church Springfield, Superintendent of the Domestic Missionary and Church Aid Society of which he was the father and incorporator, and President of Walden University. Since 1913 he has been on the retired list, living on a farm with his two surviving sisters near Hamilton, Ohio. The Illinois Wesleyan University gave him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1897.

Doctor Kumler was elected a delegate to the General Conferences of 1896 and 1900. He was a faithful pastor, a strong preacher, a high class administrator, and a successful Presiding Elder. During his pastorate in Second Church, Springfield, he paid off a crushing debt of \$25,000, of long

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- FLAGGE, ALBERT H.**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1893 Time; 1894-5 Bath; 1896-7 Ches-terfield; 1898-9 Kenney and Chestnut; 1900 Topeka; 1901-4 Island Grove; 1905 Sy.; 1906-10 Franklin; 1911 White Hall; 1912-15 Assumption; 1916-18 Casey; 1919-21 Arcola; 1922 Homer.
- FLAGGE, GEORGE WILLIAM**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1887 Kinderhook (Junior preacher); 1888-9 Time; 1890-1 Bluff Springs and Grigg's Chapel; 1892 Lynville; 1893-7 Perry; 1898-9 Mason City; 1900-3 Paxton; 1904-6 Quincy Dist.; 1907 Lincoln; 1908-11 Clinton; 1912-15 Jacksonville, Centenary; 1916 Charleston; 1917-22 Taylorville.
- FLANIGAN, ALBERT SIDNEY**—Rec. on trial Northwest Iowa Conf. 1888-9 Latti-mer; 1890 Downs; 1891 Algona; 1892 Eagle Grove; 1893-4 Clear Lake; 1895-6 Ida Grove; Ill. Conf. 1897-9 Farmer City; 1900-2 Tuscola; 1903-6 Urbana; 1907-10 Paris; 1911-12 Quincy, Vermont Street; 1913-18 Quincy Dist. (Quincy); 1919-20 Hoopeston; 1921 Leave of Absence; 1922 Georgetown.
- FRAZIER, GEORGE A.**—Rec. on trial Holston Conf. M. E. S. 1866-67 Wythville; 1868-69 at school; 1870-74 Prin. Conf. H. S.; 1875-80 Fres. Abingdon Dist. Seminary; 1881-82 Dickensonville Ct.; 1883-85 Saltville Ct.; Ill. Conf. 1885-90 Indi-anola; 1891-92 Villa Grove; 1893-96 Sidell; 1897-1903 Sy.; 1904-22 R'd (Villa Grove)
- FULTZ, CHARLES M.**—Rec. on trial Va. Conf. 1891-5 August and Frost; 1896-1900 Niantic; 1909-10 Bellflower; 1911 Deland; 1912-18 Sy.; 1919-22 R'd (Wausau-kee, Wis.).
- FUNK, H. RAY**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1915 Caldwell; 1916-17 Buckhart; 1918 Kin-caid; 1919-20 Butler; 1921-22 Chestnut.
- GALEENER, CHRIS.**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1878-9 Shelbyville, Moulton; 1880 Sullivan; 1881 Shelbyville, Moulton; 1882-4 Warsaw; 1885-7 Pana; 1888-9 Spring-field, Second; 1890-2 Quincy, Vermont St.; 1893-5 Decatur Dist.; 1896 Jacksonville, Grace; 1897-1903 Danville, Kimber; 1904-7 Champaign; 1908-13 Springfield Dist.; 1914-15 Paris, First; 1916 Gibson City; 1917-22 Carrollton.
- GANT, CHARLES W.**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1908 Martinsville Ct.; 1909-10 Gays; 1911-12 Humbolt Ct.; 1913-15 Vermilion; 1916-17 Findley and Moulton; 1918-20 Windsor; 1921 Assistant State Supt. of Tenn. A. S. L.; 1922 Conf, Evangelist Decatur Dist.
- GIBBS, HENRY CARROLL**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1886-7 Harristown; 1888-90 at school; 1891-3 Indianola; 1894-6 Marshall; 1897-1900 Charleston; 1901 Decatur, First Church; 1902-6 Danville, First Church; 1907-8 Urbana, First; 1909-14 Dan-ville Dist.; 1915-19 Field Secretary for Conference Claimants and Preachers' Society; 1920-22 Field Secretary for Commission on Conference Claimants' Cam-paign for Endowment fund.
- GILMORE, WILLIAM F.**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1870-1 Tolono; 1872 Perry; 1873-4 Pittsfield; 1875-6 Danville, Kimber Church; 1877 Rantoul; 1878 Gibson; 1879-80 Beardstown; 1881 Harristown; 1882 Harristown and Niantic; 1883-5 Hillsboro; 1886-90 Farmer City; 1891-5 Shelbyville, First; 1896-8 Decatur, Grace; 1899-1901 Winchester; 1902-7 Fithian; 1908 Tolono; 1909-11 Petersburg; 1912 Auburn; 1913 Petersburg; 1914-15 Irving; 1916 Mt. Zion; 1917 Long Creek; 1918 Lowder; 1919 Bath; 1920-22 R'd Bath.
- GOLDSMITH, STEPHEN**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1868 Jacksonville Ct.; 1869 Petersburg; 1870 Grigg's Chapel; 1871 Forrest City; 1872-3 Petersburg; 1874 Champaign, University charge; 1875-7 located; 1878 South Champaign Ct.; 1879-81 Hoopeston; 1882-4 Bement; 1885-1902 Sy.; 1903-7 Black Hills Mission; 1913-22 R'd Thompson, Neb.
- GODELL, WILLARD A.**—Rec. Ill. Conf. 1922 Professor Religious Education, Wes-ley Foundation.
- GOODSPEED, JAMES M.**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1873-4 Tuscola Ct.; 1875-6 Lud-low; 1877-8 Catlin; 1879-81 Camargo; 1882-3 Fairmount; 1884-6 Georgetown; 1887-9 Homer; 1890 Arcola; 1891 Sy.; 1892-3 Villa Grove; 1894 Arthur; 1895 Sidell; 1896 Arthur; 1897 Broadlands; 1898-9 Hindsboro; 1900-4 Sy.; 1905-6 West Ridge; 1907 Georgetown Ct.; 1908-11 Sy.; 1912-15 Picklin; 1916-22 R'd (Tuscola).
- GOWDY, DUDLEY V.**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1893-4 Marshall Ct.; 1895 Mattoon Ct.; 1896-7 Neoga Ct.; 1898-1900 Martinsville; 1901-2 Brocton; 1903-6 Nokomis; 1907-9 Monticello; 1910-14 Barry; 1915-18 Rushville; 1919-20 Centenary, Jacksonville; 1921-22 Virginia.
- GROSS, JAMES J.**—Rec. on trial W. Va. Conf. 1915 St. George; 1916 Uniontown; 1917-18 Wana; Ill. Conf. 1919 Rockport; 1920 Mendon; 1921-22 West Point and Basco.
- GRUMMON, ARTHUR RAY**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1912 Beverly; 1913-14 Columbus; 1915-16 Pleasant Hill; 1917-18 Camp Point; 1919-21 Pittsfield; 1922 Lincoln.
- HAGER, C. F.**—Rec. Ohio Conf.; Trans. Ill. Conf. 1919 Littleton; 1920-22 Chester-field.
- HAIELY, WILLIAM M.**—Rec. on trial Ill. Conf. 1890-1 Batchtown; 1892-4 Berdan; 1895-7 Naples and Meredosia; 1898 Meredosia; 1899-1903 Barry; 1904 Marshall; 1905-8 White Hall; 1909 Rushville; 1910-11 Kinderhook; 1912-13 Sy.; 1914 R'd; 1915-19 Kinderhook; 1920-21 Located; 1922 Perry.
- HALLAM, JOSEPH**—Rec. from Congregational Church 1916 Hopedale; 1917 Peters-burg; 1919-21 Edgar; 1922 Brocton.