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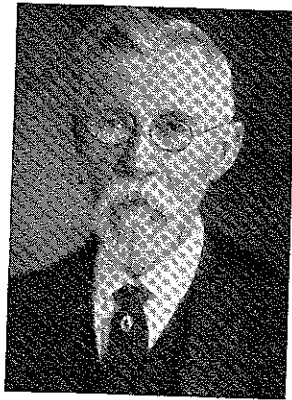
Memoirs

In Memoriam

JOHN B. GREEN

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

This question of King David concerning the man of whom he spoke, may be fitting applied to the subject of this memoir, for John B. Green was a prince in our Israel, and judged by all true standards was a great man.



Early in the history of the Conference he became one of its leaders. His power of intellect, clearness of perception, soundness of judgment transparent honesty, manifest singleness of purpose, brotherliness and courtesy won for him this foremost position, which was thereafter gladly accorded to him during all the years of his effective relationship.

When, two years ago, he took the retired relation, it was with the high esteem and affectionate regard not only of the members of the Conference, but also of multitudes of laymen whose lives had been enriched by their association with him.

He was born in Madison, Indiana, December 29, 1849; was educated at Moore's Hill College; joined the South East Indiana Conference in 1871, served two charges there, Sellersville two years and Vernon two years; then, in 1875, was transferred to the California Conference, at whose session that fall twenty members were set apart for the formation of the Southern California Conference, he being one of the number.

The organization of the Southern Conference was effected at the seat of the California Conference; the ministers received their appointments and departed southward to their various fields of labor, John B. Green going to Bakersfield. His subsequent appointments were Lompoc; San Luis Obispo; Orange; Compton; Pasadena; Fresno District; Ontario; Vincent, Los Angeles; Los Angeles District; Asbury, Los Angeles; Santa Ana; Fresno District; and Field Secretary and Treasurer of Conference Funds, in which position he remained twenty years, constantly manifesting by his efficiency and fidelity and his careful and judicious handling of the Conference funds his fitness for that responsible position.

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was elected a trustee, which office, by annual election, he held fifty-one years.

He was one of the founders of the University of Southern California, and for nearly half a century was a member of its board of trustees. In just recognition of his worthiness for the honor the University, about twenty years ago, conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1888 and 1912, where he ranked high in ability and influence. At the latter session he performed, by a five minute speech, the unprecedented act of defeating a report from the Judiciary Committee, the adoption of which was forcefully urged by the eminent jurist who was chairman of the committee, the Hon. Henry Wade Rogers.

John B. Green excelled as a debater. He would clearly and concisely state the question at issue or the point in dispute, and then proceeding with his argument, by fact and logic he would generally win the decision.

As a preacher Brother Green was practical, spiritual and evangelistic. Under his ministry sinners were converted and saints were edified. As a Presiding Elder he was wise in counsel and judicious and kind in administration. Pastors and people loved him for his brotherliness and his constant manifestation of the Christly spirit.

He was a companionable man. It was a delight to have him as a guest in the home. His well informed mind, his cheerfulness, geniality and optimism, his interest in life and people, in the affairs of the world and the kingdom of righteousness made fellowship with him interesting and profitable.

Eight years ago Brother Green experienced the great sorrow of his life, occasioned by the death of her who was the bride of his youth, the queen of his life, his companion and helper for forty-five years, and who, after the growth of her children to manhood and womanhood, gave herself unsparingly to the missionary work carried on by the women of the church.

He was a devout man. His belief in God as Creator and Father, in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, in the Holy Spirit as his regenerator and sanctifier, and in the Bible as the God given Book, was firm and constant, directing his thinking and shaping his life.

He was a man of profound convictions, which he always had the courage to express and defend whenever such expression and defense appeared to be necessary. Two of his prominent traits were sympathy and generosity.

He was a lovable man. Envy, jealousy, self-aggrandizement were foreign to his nature. He was too much like Him who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister" to be selfish or self-seeking.

We say "He is dead" but can that man be dead whose spiritual influence is on multitudes of his fellow men? What we call death is transition. Early in the morning of April 6th he passed from scenes of earth to scenes of glory.

What a legacy he left to his family and to the church—not gold and silver, houses and lands, stocks and bonds, but a priceless legacy—an unsullied reputation, a spotless character.

FRANKLIN D. MATHER.

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- GRAFF, GEO. R. **Phila.**, 92 Morrisville; 94 Fairhill, Phila.; **Colo.**, 96 Wesley, Denver; 98 Wray; 99 Simpson, Denver; **So. Cal.**, 02 Azusa; 03 Burbank; 05 Huntington Beach; 06 S'y; 07 Highlands; 09 Hemet; 10 Fullerton; 12 San Fernando; 15 S'y; 16 Owensmouth; 18 East Hollywood; 20 Imperial; 22 Escondido; 25 El Monte; 26 Garden Grove; 27 R'd, Robinson Park; Pasadena.
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- HARRISON, C. T. **St. Louis**, 03 Orange; 06 Neosho; Nevada Mission; 09 Austin; 11 Independence; **So. Cal.**, 12 Missionary in Nevada; 15 Sultana; 17 Porterville; 20 Santa Paula; 23 Trinity, Long Beach; 25 South Main St., L. A.; 26 S'y; 27 Asst. Santa Ana, First.

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