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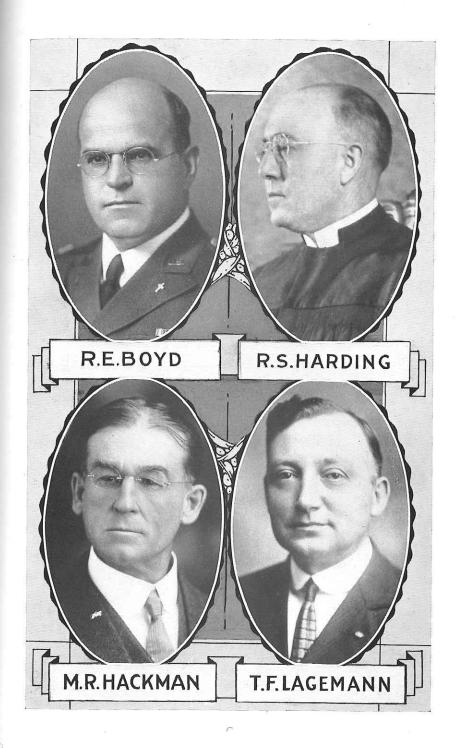
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Memoirs

Maris Russell Hackman

Maris Russell Hackman was born January 20, 1856, at Willow Street, Lancaster county, Pa. He was next to the oldest in a family of eleven children. Born of Christian parents, his was a home where God was honored, and the children were accustomed to hear their parents' voices in prayer. Historic Boehm's Church, a sturdy stone structure dedicated by Bishop Asbury in 1791 and still in good condition, standing near the present edifice which was erected in 1899, was near his home. Here he was taken as a child and later attended the Sunday School, and to the time of his death he cherished the tokens of attendance with their Scripture verses which he received.

His father was a cabinetmaker, and by the time young Hackman was twenty-one years of age he had learned his father's trade and was about to embark in business. But a revival broke out in the old church, and under its influence there was born in his consciousness the conviction that he must preach the gospel. For days he fought against it, and the struggle continued in his soul until finally he yielded, and there came to him a wonderful experience of joy, long remembered by those present who survived the passing years. The assurance of this blessing never left him, and was a wonderful comfort to him in the trying days of service.

When he accepted the call to preach the gospel, he recognized his need of more thorough preparation for a work so great and responsible, but, having lived out the years of his youth and with but the wages coming through daily toil, he faced a discouraging problem. But to him a call to service was a call to preparation. He gathered up his kit of tools and went to work. When he had accumulated some money he went to school. When the funds were exhausted, he went to work to secure more. In this way he struggled on, graduating from "Old Scio," now Mount Union, in 1884, and later from U. S. Grant University.

He began his ministry in the Oregon Conference in 1884, and spent fifteen years in that and other Conferences of the West and Northwest. He was one of the "frontier preachers" of those days, and the gospel he preached was well suited to the people he served. It would be called "old-fashioned" today, but in that day was forceful, effective, successful. He came to the Pittsburgh Conference in 1899, and for twenty-three years preached the gospel on some of the hard circuits, retiring in 1922. Because of his quiet, modest ministry and the location of his various charges, he was not so well known by his brethren of the Conference, but his friendship was highly prized by those who were privileged to know the rare beauty of his inner life.

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In 1888 he married Carrie F. Clark in Minneapolis, Minn., who passed from this life March 15, 1906. Five children were born of this union, two of whom survive: Dr. H. C. Hackman, of East McKeesport, and Mrs. R. P. Cooley, of Wilkinsburg. On February 16, 1909, he married Martha E. Bracken, who survives him.

He was a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. He gave his best: Naturally of a shy disposition, yet he loved people and yearned over those who were in distress or were finding the way difficult. To the Church and the Bible he was loyal and devoted. His preaching was Scriptural, practical, and helpful. To do good, and not merely to please, was his aim. His Christian life was consistent and steadfast and his faith childlike. His home life was tender, devoted, and beautiful.

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As age and its weaknesses came upon him, in his mind he lived again the days of his early ministry. Gently and patiently he awaited the end, though at times begging to "go home." As the old year was departing, December 30, 1936, his spirit passed on to be truly at home with his Lord. His body was carried back to the place of his boyhood and laid to rest beside old Boehm's Church, a most hallowed spot to him.

Theodore Frederick Lagemann

Theodore Frederick Lagemann was born June 24, 1883, at Cincinnati, Ohio. When he was six years old, the family moved to New Knoxville, where he was reared in a Christian home and early in life was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. After completing the course of study in the public schools, he felt the call to the ministry, and enrolled as a student at German-Wallace College (now Baldwin-Wallace College), where he graduated in 1909.

In September of that year he was received on trial in the Central German Conference. One year later he was ordained as deacon, under the Missionary Rule, by Bishop William F. McDowell. He was ordained as elder in 1913, by Bishop Earl Cranston. He served very successfully the following pastorates: Monroefield, Ohio Circuit, Marion, Ohio Circuit, Hopkins, Michigan, and Batesville, Indiana.

While on this last charge, he was taken seriously ill and was operated on at the Mayo Clinic for a brain tumor. Although railying marvellously from this operation, it left him unable to resume the regular work of the mimistry. After three more years of service at the Berea Children's Home, he was granted the retired relationship in the Central German Conference in 1929. At the dissolution of this Conference in 1933, he was placed as a member of the Pittsburgh Conference.

On September 16, 1911, he was married to Miss Martha Niemann, who has since then been his loving and faithful companion in service and suffering. Their home was blest with two sons, Robert and Albert, who are a credit and an honor to their parents, their church, and their school. Besides these he is survived by two brothers and four sisters, who mourn his untimely departure.

Since 1925 he has made his home in Berea, Ohio, finding employment with the Children's Home and at Baldwin-Wallace College.

Brother Lagemann led an exemplary Christian life. His place in the church services, the Sunday School, and the prayer meetings was seldom vacant. His simple and hearty prayers were always to the point. In his leisure time and for his recreation he enjoyed calling upon the sick and the shut-ins of the congregation. His calls were always short. But his friendly smile and his chosen words of cheer and comfort always brought a blessing to the afflicted ones. In this respect he was a real pastor's assistant. He will be missed in our homes, in the church, and in the community. His one regret was that he was not permitted to continue in the work of the ministry and of soul-saving. But in his quiet and unassuming way he did continue to love and to bless folks.

After an illness of only eight days, stricken with the flu and pneumonia, he died early Sunday morning, January 31, 1937. His end was peace. He has gone to be with the Lord, where he will undoubtedly be honored with a stargemmed crown.

The words of Charles Wesley are fittingly applied:

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past.
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

C. E. Severinghaus.