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REV. RALPH EMERSON HAINES.

After a noble struggle for life and health, on Wednesday morning, December 8, 1915, the knightly soul of Ralph Emerson Haines ceased its long warfare, and, answering the summons of his Lord, went up the shining way to be forever with his God. His birthday bears the date of May 20, 1880, and his birthplace was Muskegon, Mich.

His education was secured in the high school of Charleston, W. Va., one year in the State College of Agriculture of Michigan and two years in Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.

In June, 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Sanderson of Medina, N. Y. In quest of her health he moved to Oklahoma. Not finding any benefit they returned to New York, where the frail life ceased its struggle and passed away during the spring of 1911.

October 12, 1915, Miss Myrtle Wilson of Enid, Oklahoma, became the wife of Brother Haines.

The religious life of Brother Haines began during his sixteenth year, and it was at this time that he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1909 he was admitted on trial in the Genesee Conference. After his transfer to the Oklahoma Conference, in 1911, he served Quillan, Driftwood, Breckenridge, Lucien and Wellston. At the time of his death he was just entering upon his second year at Wellston.

Brother Haines was an industrious and energetic pastor, a hard student, a clear thinker and a passionate supporter of our work in all mission field, but he was especially enthusiastic for India. His religious life was rich and impressive. His zeal for souls was far beyond his physical power. It was his love for his chosen calling that drove him to our hospitals in quest of health. Time after time he submitted to operations in the fond hope that health might be secured so that he might be enabled to return to his charges and preach the Gospel of his Lord and Savior whom he loved so very much.

It was while upon one of these quests for health at our hospital at Guthrie that the inevitable confronted him and the noble life surrendered and he went home to receive his coronation from his Lord.

The funeral service was held in the church at Wellston, his last charge. The body was taken to Enid, Okla., and interment took place there.

A good man has gone. A noble Christian has been called home. A true soldier of the Cross has gone from the militant ranks.—
T. J. H. T.

REV. THOMAS PINGRY.

Thomas Pingry was born in Jay County, Ind., January 26, 1848. He was a farmer's lad and remained there till in 1863. He enlisted in the Eleventh Indiana Cavalry, and served through the war. After his discharge he returned to Indiana and entered college. He later went west to St. Clair County, Mo., and taught school. In 1873 he was married to Miss Amanda Short. To this union were born five children. Shortly after his marriage he returned to Indiana and taught school there for some years and then came back to St. Clair County for four more years taught school and farmed.

He began his religious life as a member of the New Light Church, in which denomination he was a minister for a time. Later he became a Methodist. He entered the St. Louis Conference in 1880 and served the following charges: Mt. Rose, Rockville, Adrian and Bolton. In 1889 he transferred to the South Kansas Conference and served the following charges: Humbolt, Madison, Osawatomie, Galena and Cherokee. He was then transferred to the Missouri Conference and served the following charges: Louisiana, Marceline, Bolckow, Cainsville and Stewardsville. While at Louisiana his wife died. In October, 1900, he was married to Miss Margaret Jackson, and to this union was born a daughter.

Brother Pingry was transferred to the Oklahoma Conference and served the following charges: Cleveland, Okmulgee, Sulphur Springs, Shawnee, Oklahoma City and Britton. In 1915 he retired from the active ministry and moved to Baldwin, Kansas to make that his future home.

After some rest, he made rapid improvement and offered himself for light work. In March, 1916, he was appointed to supply Blue Mount Circuit, a newly formed charge, which he was serving at the time of his death.

His ministry was marked by loyalty to his Christ and the Church of his love. His people loved him. He was diligent and fervent in spirit, capable administrator and executive. He delighted to preach the richness of the Gospel committed to his trust.

His sickness was not long, about two weeks. He told his District superintendent that he was going to die, but with a smile like the glory from the throne said: "I am ready; everything is in order." A few hours before his death he said to his wife, sitting by his side: "My death has been heralded in heaven."

The funeral services were conducted from the family residence in Baldwin by District Superintendent B. M. Powell, assisted by Rev. H. A. Church, Rev. C. G. Bear and Dr. C. W. Bailey.

X. Memoirs.

REV. A. G. MURRAY.

sketch reached the end of his life on August
 ce in Pacific Grove, California, at the age of
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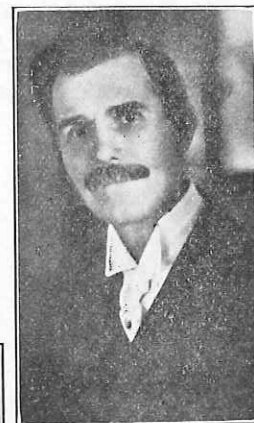
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Methodist Episcopal Church he held the
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 City, 1880-81; Lenexa, 1881-85; Alma, 1885-
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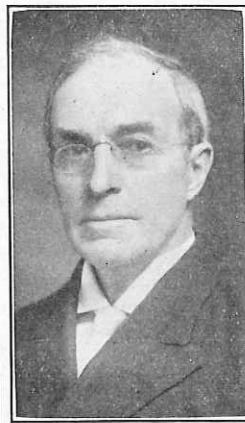
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 first place of worship erected in the city.
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THOMAS PINGRY



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A. G. MURRAY



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