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JAMES WILSON HANEY, D. D.



Rev. James Wilson Haney, D. D., was born in Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 24th, 1840, where his father, Rev. R. Haney, was pastor of the First M. E. Church. In 1838 his father was united in marriage with Miss Adaline Murphy, of Quincy, Ill., and James was their first born child. He began his school life at the old Rock River Seminary at Mt. Morris, Ill., where his father was then Presiding Elder. Later at Hedding College he took a preparatory course. In 1857 he entered the Northwestern University at Evanston, completing the classical course and graduating in 1861. In 1864 his Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of A. M., and in 1866 that of D. D.

The year of his graduation he was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law in the city of Chicago. June 18th, 1862, he was married to Miss Jane Elizabeth Sherman, daughter of A. T. Sherman, Esq., of Evanston, Ill.

In the fall of 1862 he raised Co. I, 72nd Illinois Infantry, and was commissioned as its captain. While in the army he was soundly converted and after his resignation on account of broken health and return home, he united with the M. E. Church at Bushnell, Ill. He was licensed to preach by Dr. Wm. H. Hunter and in the fall of 1863 at Canton, Ill., he was admitted to the Central Illinois Conference on trial. In 1865 at Onarga, Ill., he was admitted into full connection and ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Ames. In 1867 he was ordained Elder at Monmouth, Ill., by the same Bishop.

For nearly thirty-seven years he served in the itinerant ranks. Among the charges he served were: Tonica, Phelps Chapel, Lacon, Dwight, Pekin, Abingdon, Moline, Woodhull, Hale Chapel Peoria, Streator, Fairbury, Carthage, Blandinsville, Canton, Kewanee, Geneseo, Normal District six years, and his last appointment, Galva, where, on Thursday morning at 7:45, April 5th, he closed his earthly career and entered into life eternal.

He was honored by his church in his selection in 1891 as a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference held that year in Washington, D. C. In 1896 he represented his Conference in the General Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio.

His grandfather and father were Methodist preachers and his son, a member of the Illinois Conference, makes the fourth in the consecutive line of ministerial service.

For several years he had been in failing health, although he would not concede it. On the 4th of March he preached his last sermon and one month and one day thereafter he had joined his father, who had pre-

ceded him only a little time, in the land that is "afar off" to so many but was so near and real to these two.

He preached the Gospel of Christ with an unction and fervor that brought forth much fruit. At three of his appointments, Lacon, Abingdon and Canton, eight hundred souls were brought into Christ's kingdom during his pastorate. He was never so happy as when engaged in evangelistic labor, where the happy living converts were crowding the gates of Zion.

He was in his prime a strong man, large framed, large hearted, hopeful, happy, inspiring, he won friends for himself and for his Master he so loyally served.

He was buried at Riverside Cemetery, Moline, Ill., where this valiant captain in God's army "rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

HENRY KANAGA METCALF.

Henry Kanaga Metcalf was born in Kenosha, Wis., June 5th, 1852, and died in his home, the parsonage, at Sheldon, Ill., Sept. 12th, 1900, aged 48 years, 3 months and 7 days. When about four years of age he removed with his parents to Boston, Mass., where the family lived till Henry was ten years old. They now turned back toward the West and lived for five years in Appleton, Wis. The family then moved to Lincoln, Neb., where Henry spent the remainder of his childhood. At the age of 18 he entered the Nebraska State University, and remained as a student for three years. In the fall of 1873 he enrolled as a student at the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., from which institution he graduated in June, 1875.

While yet a child he gave his heart to God and his entire life has been characterized by gentleness, purity of heart and purpose. He was blessed with a cheerful and winning disposition, and won many friends wherever he was known.

Soon after his twentieth birthday he was licensed to preach, and whenever and wherever the Gospel story was told it was told well. In the fall of 1875 he was appointed by Dr. W. H. Hunter to supply the LaFayette charge. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Peck at Streator in 1878 and in the fall of 1880 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Hurst at Fairbury.

On the 28th day of September, 1878, Bro. Metcalf was united in marriage with Miss Ella L. Robinson near Geneseo, Ill., who shared with him the cares and responsibilities of the itinerant's life for fourteen years. To them four children were born, Myrtle, Frank, Florence and Zella.

During his five years' pastorate at Elmwood a new church enterprise was planned and executed. More heartily than her strength would allow, the pastor's wife entered with her husband into the work. Soon after the new church was dedicated the frail tabernacle of clay in which Ella Metcalf had dwelt for thirty-eight years collapsed, and the wife and mother of the parsonage went home where tears and weariness are not known, and where "the inhabitant never says, 'I am sick.'"

On the 30th day of June, 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Olive Ray, of Oregon, Ill., who with one son, Ray, born to them, remains to

"Sigh for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still."

In the fall of 1876 Bro. Metcalf entered the Central Illinois Conference