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ifter his marriage in 1888 he Deacon by Bishop Joyce, an Conference he served the irches: Moberly, Jamestown id Edwardsville, Illinois and rict of the Saint Louis Ger-

nia German Conference and I, Superintendent California I, Bethel, Los Angeles; 23, With the uniting of the German Conference and the Southern California Conference he became a member of this Conference and was appointed to Anaheim and in 1928 he retired. His was a long and useful ministry.

He was a man of conspicuous ability and prophetic courage. The outstanding characteristic of Brother Brinkmeyer was his originality. There was no one like him. An attempt to imitate him was a sure method of finding humiliation and defeat.

Another characteristic of this man that made him distinctive was his loyalty to his friends. He was a prolific reader and somewhat advance thinker, but he never lost sight of the fact that Christ was his all and in all and his preaching held closely to the gospel.

He was a true pastor and always endeared himself to his flock. With those who knew him best the memory of his genial smile and friendly handclasp will remain fresh and beautiful all through the years.

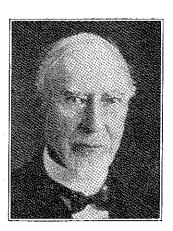
His homegoing took place on Sunday afternoon, September 27, 1936 and was preceded by a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude and patience.

He is survived by his widow and three daughters Edith, Esther and Mabel and two sons, Arthur and Emil. His body rests in a fair green hillside in Forest Lawn, Glendale, California, but his noble spirit is with his God.

B. C. VOLL J. H. DURNAHN.

ALEXANDER HARDIE

Alexander Hardie was born at Norwick in Canada on October 4, 1841 and departed this life on June 25, 1936 at the age of ninety-four. When a boy of fifteen, he attended an old-fashioned camp-meeting where he was converted to God and at once joined the Methodist Church. Three years



later he entered Victoria College at Cobourg. Here he graduated as an honor student in Arts in 1866. The same year he was ordained at Montreal and at once began his active work in the ministry. On June 26, 1873 he was united in marriage to Maria Davidson. Three children were born to them; one died in infancy, but his son, George Alexander, and his daughter, Ethel Jane, still survive. For seven years Dr. Hardie acted as financial agent of the Staustead Wesleyan College and during his stay in Canada served some most important charges. In 1887 he received a call as English teacher in Nobles College, Tokio, Japan. After four years, he returned with his family, to Los Angeles and joined the Southern California Conference and became a teacher in our University for seven years. After serving several churches in this Conference, he retired from the active work in 1915.

Since his wife's death fourteen years ago, he has devoted his time and study to writing. He made it a practice to study five hours a day and walk one hour. Six books have been published and he has left three others

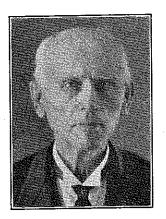
in manuscript form. He gave away thousands of his books. His funeral service in University Church was largely attended by friends and members of the church and ministers from the Conference. Professor C. V. Gilliland had charge of the service and read his obituary notice. Short addresses were given by Rev. John Oliver and Rev. W. C. Hodgson. Appropriate music was given by the choir. The student body will not soon forget his "God bless you." His son and his wife, who ministered so faithfully to all his temporal needs during his declining years, will ever cherish his memory as a true son of God. His body was interred in the Rosedale Cemetery, beside that of his partner of other days, to await the resurrection morn. We would sing

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

-FOSTER McAMMOND.

WILLIAM M. STERLING

William M. Sterling was born in Newport, Nova Scotia, July 4th, 1845. He received his early education in the common schools of his native birthplace and at the Wesleyan Academy, Sackville, New Brunswick. He was converted in early life and soon felt the call to ministry. He then entered and later graduated from the



entered and later graduated from the Wesleyan University, at Middleton, Conn. From there he went to the Boston Theological School finishing his education there, and entering the Vermont Conference, was appointed to Newport. Serving four pastorates in Vermont he then transferred to the Maine Conference; and in 1881 to the Minnesota Conference, and after four years coming to Maine, and after four years coming to the Southern California Conference, where he gave 27 years to the active pastorate, six years of which were given as Superintendent of the San Diego District. In 1874 at Barton, Vt., he was married to Miss Eva E. Drew, and they walked together in loving fellowship for 40 years. To this union one daughter was born, Mrs. Ellen Sterling Thorne of Pasadena. In 1914 he took retired relation, and has since lived in

Pasadena. The last years were years of great feebleness, and on August 24th, 1936, "he was not for God took him." Brother Sterling was indeed a man of God. His presence in any church was a benediction for he was a man of clean hands and pure heart. He was a man of prayer. The secret of his beautiful life was that it was one of constant and closest communion with his Christ. He was a faithful preacher of the Word. The passion of his life was to preach Christ and Him crucified. And now he has heard his Master say: "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant."

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