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MEMORIALS

During the past year we have been reminded again of the transitory nature of that which we call physical life and of the inevitable occurrence of that which we term physical death.

The ranks of the active ministers of the conference have not been broken since we last met in annual session. However, one of our retired colleagues, has slipped away.

Ernest F. Movius

Ernest F. Movius was born in Germany, March 24, 1853. As a boy he came, with his parents, to Minnesota.

Converted as a youth he became active at once in the work of the church. His first office was that of class-leader.

Licensed to preach by the Minnesota Conference in 1876, he volunteered for work in the new fields of the Territory of Dakota. His work in that mission field was exceptionally successful. He served for three terms as presiding elder. Retiring from active ministry because of health conditions, he engaged in business in North Dakota for several years.

Coming to California in 1923, he transferred his ministerial relationship to this conference, and his church membership to Melrose Church, Los Angeles, where he served as class-leader, steward, and Sunday School teacher as long as his health permitted.

Brother Movius was married in 1875 to Mary Rosenkranz. Together they travelled the pathway of life for fifty-seven years—until her demise in 1932.

Brother Movius was a cheerful, likeable soul. He loved his Lord and gave unequivocal testimony of his faith. He unstintingly devoted his talents to the promotion of God's work.

The funeral services were conducted in the church where he held his membership, Rev. E. Burgi officiating.

Josiah Holdeman

We note also the passing of Josiah Holdeman, a minister of the Nebraska Conference who has resided within the bounds of this conference for the past sixteen years. His active church membership was held in the Ontario Evangelical Church.

Brother Holdeman was born in Rose Hill, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1857. Licensed to preach by the Nebraska Conference in 1882, he served for many years in that conference.

He passed away on April 18, 1941.

Matthew T. Maze and J. F. Dunlap

Two of the bishops-emerti, Maze and Dunlap, have been called to the Church Triumphant during the year.

Matthew T. Maze was born near Lewisville, Indiana, November 16, 1857. Licensed to preach by the Nebraska Conference in 1888, he served not only that conference but the entire church in various capacities for nearly half a century. His active service ended with sixteen years in the bishopric from which he retired in 1934. He crossed the boundary into the next world, October 28, 1940.