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characteristic of Dr. Martindale's ministry to get hold of the leading men of the com-
 munity to reach others. He did some of his
 while serving as presiding elder in Kansas.
 was then frontier territory. He was at the
 District during the terrible drouths of un-
 clear vision and unwavering faith he led the
 igh crop failures to rich, spiritual victories.
 rrat District, he was privileged to see many
 rches built, and the vanguard moving for-
 Country and New Mexico. During his six
 District he traveled 83,000 miles, 16,000 of
 this same period he held 220 more religious
 in the six years. This was indeed a very
 Martindale was always a voracious worker
 length into his life task.

ment of men and of the best books all his life.
 He procured the best equipment his
 could permit. He graduated from the Peru,
 and completed his studies in Lewis College,
 Magistri Artium was conferred upon him by
 June, 1879. McKendree College in June, 1892,
 degree of Doctor of Divinity. For thirteen
 years of the Missouri Conference.

The conference sent him as one of its delegates to the
 conference in 1876. This conference was held
 when he was just thirty years old at the time and
 "boy" member of that session. The South-
 west honored itself by sending him to the General
 Conference again in 1908.

He was also a delegate to the Centennial Christmas
 School Convention in Baltimore in 1884. He was also a delegate
 to the school Convention, which met in Rome, Italy,
 also a member of the General Missions Com-
 mittee during the quadrennium from 1896 to 1900.

When the evening has come. But the shadows of
 the glow of the dawning day of the eternal
 life, death is but the merest incident, the
 door that shuts out the domains of the heavenly
 with complete confidence, this veteran of the
 down to the valley of the parting, for he was
 into the realms where there shall be no more
 sorrow nor suffering, and where there shall be no

Martindale, servant of the Lord, preacher, prince
 of peace, friend, farewell. We shall meet you
 again, when the mists of the earthly life have
 transcended glory of the New Jerusalem, the
 only Kingdom.

AUGUST H. PONATH.

EDWIN ALONZO HOYT

HOYT. In the death of the Rev. Edwin Alonzo Hoyt, D. D., the South-
 west Kansas Conference loses one of its strong men, and
 Methodism loses one of its most faithful ministers.

He was born in Hill, New Hampshire, in 1845, and those cele-
 brated granite hills of his childhood days helped to mold his spirit
 with a strength that characterized all his life.

The march of empire in those days was west-
 ward, and the parents of young Hoyt struck out
 through the wilderness to the fair plains of
 Illinois. Here young Hoyt grew to manhood.
 The public schools then, as now, were splendid
 means for assisting ambitious boys and girls to
 equip themselves for more useful service to their
 generation. Edwin Hoyt made good use of his
 time, and was faithful to his studies.

The spirit of the public school always points to
 the doors of the college. It fosters a generous
 disposition and makes for a broad, liberal, pro-
 gressive citizenship. Edwin Alonzo Hoyt en-
 gaged for a higher education. For that reason
 he went to study in McKendree College. Here he
 graduated in 1865.

His college record was such that his fame
 spread to St. Louis, where he was offered a posi-
 tion in the city schools at a salary of fifteen
 hundred dollars per year. This princely offer came
 as a reward of excellent work done as a teacher
 and superintendent of city schools in a smaller
 place. Tempting as the St. Louis offer was to
 this aspiring young man, he declined the offer
 nevertheless, and joined the Southern Illinois Con-
 ference in the fall of 1867.

This rather strange action on the part of the
 young superintendent becomes perfectly clear
 when it is known that he had felt the call to
 preach from childhood. Another remarkable fea-
 ture of Dr. Hoyt's career is the fact that he could not remember the
 time when he was not a Christian. His parents were devout Christian
 folks, and young Hoyt joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at the
 age of twelve.

For twenty years Dr. Hoyt was one of the ablest preachers of the
 Southwest Illinois Conference. During those years he served some of
 the most important churches in that territory.

It was in 1887 that the lure of the West overcame this very suc-
 cessful preacher and pastor, and he transferred to the Southwest
 Kansas Conference. His first assignment was to North Wichita,
 where he organized and established the present prosperous and prom-



inent St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church. Here he remained three years in a most agreeable pastorate.

From St. Paul's he was sent to Peabody. After a pleasant pastorate of two years, he was sent to the Lyons church, where he remained only one year. Then he was sent to Arkansas City, where he labored for three years. Many of his parishioners are still active in the work of this growing church. After a pastorate of two good years at Wellington, he was sent to Kingman. After working hard here for one and a half years, his health broke, and he relinquished his pastorate. He spent the winter in El Paso, Texas, in search of his former good health. In the spring he came back to Kansas, and settled on a forty-acre fruit and chicken farm near Arkansas City.

This ranch was a veritable sylvan retreat for the veteran Dr. Hoyt. One room in the dwelling was given over to his fine library, and here the weary rancher wended his way at eventide to refresh his mind and soul, after communing with nature during the busy hours of the day.

This hearty ranch life soon brought him back to his wonted health, and when Dr. Alpha O. Ebright, superintendent of the Winfield District, offered Dr. Hoyt the vacant pastorate of the Anthony church, the offer was immediately accepted. His virile pastorate of three years in this church is remembered to this day.

From Anthony he was called in 1904 by Bishop W. Hamilton to the superintendency of the Wichita District. With his usual acceptability he served here for the full term of six years. Upon leaving the work of the district he accepted the appointment as principal of the Wichita Deaconess Training School.

On account of rapidly failing health he found it imperative to resign from this position the following year. At the session of conference in 1911, he asked for, and was granted the retired relation. Close friends recall that the veteran preacher's health began to fail immediately after he retired from the work of the Wichita District. With a courage not often found today, this brave man set his face to the task assigned him, although he did not desire the position of principal of the Deaconess school.

After a brief sojourn in California, he was enabled to satisfy his longing for the active pastorate by supplying the Colwich church. Here he labored for a few years with unusual acceptability until about one year ago, when poor health again compelled him to give up his chosen life work. His conference mate and friend, Dr. Harrison Waitt, took up the work and filled out the year for him.

Dr. Hoyt was a student and a scholar. In recognition of his intellectual attainments, Missouri Wesleyan College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was a keen writer, and the products of his pen appeared in the church periodicals regularly.

So sure was he of his call to the ministry, and so decided was he in his loyalty to his call, that he could not be induced to turn aside to any other work, however great.

Twice was he called to the educational work of the church, once to a college presidency. At another time he was offered the position of assistant editor of the Central Christian Advocate, but he could not see his way clear to accept any of these apparent opportunities.

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In 1908 the Southwest Kansas Conference honored itself by elect-
ing Dr. Hoyt as a delegate to the General Conference.

He was a man of one work—a preacher of the Gospel of Righte-
ousness. This task consumed the strength of his life. His zeal flamed
always at white heat.

Dr. Hoyt was a man of prayer. He not only believed in God,
but believed in close fellowship with God. His daily life was the best
index of his abiding faith. He once told his wife that the prayer he
learned at his mother's knee: "Now I lay me down to sleep," was
never omitted from his evening prayer. So thorough were the im-
pressions made upon him during his childhood days.

It was at Lebanon, Illinois, that Dr. Hoyt, as a young itinerant,
chose Miss Mildren Thornton Lee as his bride, who survives him.
Three daughters were born to this union. The eldest, Mrs. Augusta
Hoyt Johnson, died twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Frances Hoyt Al-
mond resides in this city, and the youngest, Laura, is at home.

A short time ago Dr. Hoyt attended the funeral of his friend and
conference mate, Dr. Martindale. Since that time this venerable
divine, like St. John on the Isle of Patmos, has been quietly waiting
the call to come to the heavenly realms to get a closer view of the
New Jerusalem, and to meet his Saviour face to face. Yesterday
morning, just after the morning star brought tidings of the new day,
a messenger from heaven brought Dr. Hoyt the glad tidings that the
time had arrived for him to come home to the Father's house. Quiet-
ly he went out with the welcome messenger to receive the crown of
eternal life.

AUGUST H. PONATH.

PRICE. Rev. Samuel F. Price was born near the northern limits of the
city of Barnesville, Ohio, Belmont County, January 26th,
1827, and died at his home in Wellington, Kansas, early Sunday morn-
ing, July 30th, 1916, at the ripe age of eighty-nine years, six months
and four days, after an illness of a little more than two weeks. The
going of this good man marks the passing of another of the few men
still among us who had a share in the pioneer work incident to the
work of the Christian ministry. For more than thirty years he had
been a resident of Wellington, Kansas, and had so woven himself into
the community life of that city that he was spoken of as a friend by
men and women of all walks of life, and now that he has gone
every good movement has lost a staunch friend and supporter. He
was given a license in the Methodist church as a local preacher in 1853
and in 1864 was ordained a local deacon at the session of the Pitts-
burg Conference by Bishop Scott, and in 1868 at New Philadelphia,
Ohio, was ordained a local elder by Bishop Ames. It was not until
the year 1878 that he entered the regular ministry which he did by
accepting an appointment at Humboldt, Kansas, and offering himself
as a probationer in the old Kansas Conference. At the close of a
successful three years pastorate at Humboldt, his Conference met at
Burlington when it was decided to divide the Conference, forming in
addition to what is now the Kansas Conference, the Southwest Kan-
sas Conference. At this Conference Rev. Price was appointed to the
Wellington charge. This placed him in the Southwest Kansas Con-

SUPERNUMERARIES

NAME	POSTOFFICE	ENTERED	
		ITINERANCY	S.W.K.C.
Botkin, J. D.....	Lansing.....	Illinois 1870	1883
Dexter, W. L.....	.....	S. W. Kan. 1892	1892
Munger, Alvin T.....	.....	S. W. Kan. 1912	1915
Pierce, I. N.....	.....	S. W. Kan. 1893	1893
Smith, M. W.....	.....	.....	1908
Spencer, R. A.....	Sawyer.....	.....	1907
Webster, R. D.....	Cunningham.....	S. W. Kan. 1911	1911

SUPERANNUATES

Akers, Geo. W.....	Stafford.....	S. W. Kan. 1882	1882
Akin, D. D.....	Hutchinson.....	S. W. Kan. 1872	1882
Anderson, J. W.....	Wichita.....	S. W. Kan. 1881	1882
Bartels, John N.....	Boone, Colo. R.R.1	Central Ill. 1857	1882
Beacock, W. L.....	Campbell, Cal.....	S. W. Kan. 1892	1892
Bernstorf, F. F.....	Winfield.....	S. W. Kan. 1887	1887
Bixler, A. J.....	Marion.....	South Kan. 1879	1882
Bottorff, C. N.....	Cedar Point.....	South Ill. 1872	1907
Case, Isom B.....	Wichita.....	S. W. Kan. 1888	1888
Dalby, G. W.....	Sterling.....	S. W. Kan. 1888	1888
Foard, B. F.....	Wichita.....	South Ill. 1899	1903
Fox, John W.....	Lawton, Okla.....	North Ohio 1859	1882
George, A. P.....	St. Louis, Mo..... 2636 Hord Ave.	South Kan. 1881	1884
Goodrich, Francis A.....	Stockton, Mo.....	Des Moines 1870	1888
Hill, B. F.....	.....	.....	1910
Hodson, R. W.....	Wichita.....	.....	1907
Hoffman, Adolph.....	El Paso, Texas.....	W. German 1878	1886
Hoyt, E. A.....	Colwich.....	South Ill. 1867	1888
Irwin, Geo. W.....	.....	S. W. Kan. 1889	1912
Lundy, Harvey.....	Diamond, Calif.....	Central Pa. 1874	1883
Lahr, P. D.....	Windom.....	South Kan. 1877	1882
Martindale, W. J.....	Wichita.....	North Ind. 1863	1878
McKibben, Samuel.....	Hazelton.....	South Kan. 1880	1882
Mathis, Geo. H.....	Wichita.....	South Kan. 1880	1882
McCaffrey, L. A.....	Winfield.....	N. W. Iowa 1891	1907
Price, Samuel.....	Wellington.....	South Kan. 1880	1882
Poillard, E. C.....	Newton, Mass.....	Cincinnati 1878	1888