

voice still rose in praise. Only a few minutes before he died Saturday, May 10, he was humming, happily, familiar hymn tunes.

His entire life exemplified a true humility, a dauntless courage, a buoyant, cheerful disposition, and strong Christian faith so that he was well-beloved by all those who knew him. He was a self-sacrificing husband and father who made home a place of joy and beautiful fellowship.

A lover of the out-of-doors, he never failed to convert a part of each parsonage lot into garden space—a thing of beauty. Not only did he foster recreation for children but frequently himself umpired for high school baseball games.

Although suffering in his recent illness he maintained a beautiful serenity of soul and sense of humor that proved the constant and ever bountiful source of inspiration to those in the home. "Be of good cheer" epitomized his everyday living. His children and loved ones mourn the loss of a unique and gentle character. The soul of him—the radiant, glowing soul of him—has entered in upon an Endless Dawn. But his gracious loving spirit will go on enriching the lives of those privileged to have known this consecrated, humble servant of God.

His death followed a convulsion, the fifth since an automobile accident suffered exactly a year ago, and subsequent cerebral hemorrhage. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 13, in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe, after a brief service at the Little Funeral Parlors, Dr. Harry Howard officiating. Burial was in the Roselawn Cemetery.

Advocate

VICTOR JOHN HUFTON

Rev. Victor John Hufton was born on May 17, 1883, in Grimsby, England, and died Nov. 21, 1946, in Osseo, Michigan. He was the oldest son of Edward and Maria Isabella Hufton. After graduating from the Municipal College, Grimsby, he spent two years in the Paris office of the firm whose Grimsby office his father managed. Then he taught in Blackheath College, London, and later attended Bradford Congregational College and Skery's College in Edinborough. From there he came to this country in 1908 through the influence of the assistant pastor of his home church. Here he entered the ministry of The Methodist Church in the Detroit Conference and transferred to the Michigan Conference in 1925.

On May 18, 1910, he was married at Mackinaw City to Miss Mary Campbell of Grimsby, England, whom he had known from childhood. He was a member of the Bay City Consistory No. 1620, the Saginaw Shrine, and the St. Charles F. and A.M. Lodge. Throughout his career he was vitally interested in community welfare, current affairs, church and home. Always cheerful he radiated courage cheer and inspiration.

Surviving besides his wife are four daughters: Mrs. Mary Utterback, wife of Rev. Ray Utterback; Mrs. Elaine Whipple of Boston, wife of Rev. Carl Whipple; Mrs. Dorothy Firth of Lansing, wife of Dennis Firth; and Miss Hazel Hufton, a junior at Albion College; one sister, Mrs. Florence Framery of Grimsby, England; a brother, Walter Hufton of England; and four grandchildren.

The memorial service was held at the Osseo Church of which he was pastor. Dr. Spencer Bacon Owens presided at the service and paid tribute to the faithful service which Brother Hufton gave to the churches of which he had been minister. Rev. Henry Liddicoat, for a number of years a friend of the Hufton family, brought a message from the Psalms 84:10-12. "I would rather be a doorkeeper at the threshold of God's house than to live in the tents of worldly men." He said, "The deceased had always been a good man of God. He has been loyal to the Gospel that he had preached,

and had carried his church to the best of his ability."

Dr. Dempster Yinger brought the prayer of comfort, and Rev. Leroy Dewey pronounced the benediction at the grave. Honorary pallbearers were Rev. Fred Schanzlin, Rev. Paul Lowry, Rev. Victor Niles, Rev. Dale Ward and Rev. Forrest Mohr. Rev. D. A. Rood with friends of the family from Vermontville honored the occasion.

Henry Liddicoat.

FLOYD STANLEY KINNEY

Floyd Stanley Kinney passed away suddenly August 7, 1946 at "Hickory Lodge," his cottage home at Swain's Lake. He was born in Gratiot County, Michigan October 19, 1884. A son of pioneer parents, he spent his youth assisting his father in clearing the virgin land of their farm. He taught school near his home and graduated from the Ithaca High School in 1906. He entered the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Church in 1907. In 1911 he was married to Georgia E. Newell, the daughter of a Methodist minister. For many years he was a member of the Ministerial Training Board and taught the philosophy courses in the Ministerial Training School. He was active in the Conference until 1940 when he retired because of a serious heart ailment.

His desire to work out the great problems of life led him to extensive studies at Albion College, Garrettsville, Alma College, University of Michigan and Michigan State College. He never sought high places because he believed that this quest for understanding was greater than position. He received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1927 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Michigan in 1939.

He was leader in creative thought. He had great faith in the creative genius of man. He brought a cultural approach to the social, economic, political and religious problems of his day and was recognized as a creative scholar in these fields. Many of his articles have been published in professional magazines. At the time of his death his book, *The Religion of Human Progress*, was in process of revision and several other works were near completion.

He is survived by his widow; two sons, Lee Francis, Superintendent of the Concord Community Agricultural School and Stanley Newell, Instructor in the Department of Written and Spoken English, Michigan State College; and two grandchildren, Frances Lee and Vinton Carl.

The memorial service was held at "Hickory Lodge" Saturday morning, August 10, 1946. The service was in charge of Reverend W. J. Dudgeon who was assisted by Reverend Spencer Owens. Pallbearers were: Dr. Roy Wood Sellars and Dr. Norman Maier from the University of Michigan, Dr. J. F. Thaden, Michigan State College, Mr. Dwight A. Aldrich, Concord, Michigan, Mr. Jake Baad, Union City, Michigan and Mr. Frank Lark, Albion, Michigan. Interment was in the family lot in Maple Grove Cemetery at Concord, Michigan.

Stanley N. Kinney

THOMAS HARRIS LEAMON

Rev. Thomas H. Leamon, retired minister of the Michigan Conference, died on February 6, at the home of his son in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Death came peacefully after a brief illness.

Mr. Leamon was born in Brigus, Newfoundland, the grandson of an English Wesleyan missionary to Canada, the West Indies and Newfoundland. He was ordained elder in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1897 by Bishop John H. Vincent. For forty-nine years he served churches in