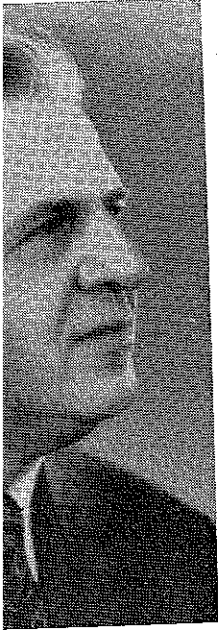


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June 18-22, 1952

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l daughter are his mother, Mrs. other Wm. E. Litchfield of Clinton, relatives and many friends.

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John W. Harris.

### LEROY E. HOISINGTON

LeRoy E. Hoisington was born on a farm in the town of Excelsior, Sauk county, September 15, 1870. The final summons came to him in his home in Dodgeville, Wis., on the morning of November 28, 1951, following a long illness. His was a long and useful life full of the "fruits of righteousness" and at its close he passed peacefully away having attained the age of 81 years.

After attending high school in Reedsburg and Wisconsin Dells, he prepared for the ministry at Evansville Seminary and Garrett Biblical Institute of Northwestern University

On Christmas Day, 1895, he took for his life's companion, Miss Maud M. Blakenstoe, who was ideal for the calling in which they engaged successfully for so many years. They enjoyed nearly 56 years together. During his career Brother Hoisington served ten Methodist charges, commencing at Kendall in 1895, following which he served charges at West Salem, Onalaska, New Lisbon, Black River Falls, Tomah, Richland Center, Dodgeville, Fennimore, and Montfort, serving the last named charge nine years before retiring to Dodgeville in 1938, after serving the Methodist church for 41 years.

A son, Donald LeRoy, gave his life for his country in World War I and was later brought to East Side cemetery, Dodgeville, for burial. A daughter, Edith Faith, also preceded her father in death. Besides his bereaved companion of many years, Rev. Hoisington is survived by one son, Rev. Forest W. of Rochelle, Ill., who is superintendent of the Joliet-Dixon District of the Methodist church in that state.

Funeral services were held in the Dodgeville church on Friday p. m., conducted by Rev. Theo F. Matthews, assisted by Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, and Dist. Supt. W. Ross Conner. Burial took place in the family lot in East Side cemetery, Dodgeville.

Members of his immediate family, other relatives and friends, and a long list of former parishioners will always remember him as a faithful and devoted man of God who had that rare gift of appealing to both young and old alike.

Dennis A. Long.

### WILLIAM J. JAMES

The Rev. William J. James, 77, retired Methodist pastor, died Friday, Sept. 21, in a Portage hospital of a heart attack. Funeral services were held the following Monday in the First Methodist church, Portage, with the Rev. Deane W. Irish, pastor of the church and the Rev. W. Ross Conner, superintendent, officiating, with burial in the Spring Green cemetery. Pallbearers were neighboring ministers.

William John James, second of eight children, was born in Penponds, Cornwall, July 7, 1874, son of John E. James and Mary Ann Treloar. He came to the United States in 1879, when the family came to Houghton County, Michigan. The family lived in Michigan and the territory of Dakota before coming to a mission field in Barron County, Wisconsin. (His father was badly injured in a mining accident. During his recuperation he took up various high school studies and upon the suggestion of the village minister, prepared himself to become a local preacher).

In 1890, Rev. James united with the Methodist church in full membership at Prairie Farm, Wisconsin. The next month he took the teachers' examination and received his third grade Teachers' Certificate, which entitled him to teach in a rural school—when he should become 16. He taught various rural school terms in that vicinity for the next years.

April 23, 1892, at the quarterly conference, he was granted a local Preacher's License.

Following were a couple of notations in his diary:

July 31, 1892, "Walked to Pleasant Creek and held my first service in the school house among many friends who wished me well." Text: Phil. 3:14.

Sept., 1893, "Was appointed to "Hay River Circuit"—the boundaries of which no man knoweth to this day and began work on studies for admission on trial."

Rev. James entered the West Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Church in 1894, and became a full member in 1897. He was ordained in 1898. He received his theological education at Garrett Biblical Institute.

He was married to Nellie Vaughan of Unity, August 27, 1905, and together they served many parishes in the West Wisconsin Conference until 1935, when Mrs. James preceded him in death. At his retirement in 1946, Rev. James had completed over 50 years of continuous service in the Methodist ministry.

Survivors are two sons, Dr. William Donald James, Oconomowoc, and Ralph Vaughan James of Madison; one sister, Mrs. P. Hepburn Mann, and two grandchildren.

At the time of his death, Rev. James was secretary of the Fraternal Aid Society of the Conference, chairman of the committee on Memoirs, and a member of the committee on Methodist rural fellowship.

He had been active in the Portage Methodist Church and was teaching an adult Sunday school class.

Appointments served during his life were as follows:

Dexterville, 1894; Loyal, 1895 and 1923-27; Cameron, 1896-98; Dawning, 1898-1901; Bayfield, 1901-04; Colby and Unity, 1904-09; DeSoto, 1909-11; Fayette, 1911-13; Benton, 1913-16; Rewey, 1916-18; Mt. Hope, 1918-20; Shellsburg, 1920-23; Plainfield, 1927-31; Spring Green, 1931-34; Ridgeway, 1934-36; Briggsville, 1936-40; Browntown, 1940-43; Stanley and Cadott, 1943-45; Cassville, 1945 until his retirement in 1946.

#### A. A. MARCY

Born in Holland, Mass., May 26, 1860, A. A. Marcy was received on trial in the North West Iowa Conference in 1886, and became a full member in 1888. He received his Deacon's orders in 1887, and Elder's orders in 1890. In the year 1906 he transferred to the West Wisconsin Conference when he served at Grantsburg, Prescott, Fairchild, Cuba City, Colfax and then retired in 1915.

Death came to brother Marcy, August 27, 1951.

#### IRA W. ELLIS

Ira W. Ellis was born at Fairchild, Illinois, and received his college education at McKendree College.

The Southern Illinois Conference received him on trial in 1905, ordaining him a Deacon in 1907, and an Elder in 1911. In 1914 he transferred to the Wisconsin Conference where he served until 1925, coming to the West Wisconsin Conference at that time.

Pastorates served during his active ministry were at Gays Mills, Pepin, Spencer, St. Croix Falls, Perley, Grandview and Centuria. He retired in 1937.

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