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ON MEMORIALS.

D. H. WONDER.

Father D. H. Wonder was a faithful, devoted and sweet-spirited servant of God and the Church; one who was loved by all who knew him. As a pastor he was ever a soul-winner, a man of spiritual power and a great stimulator of the spiritual life of his people.

While located, he was always a friend and helper to his church and pastor. His private life was equal to the truth he preached, and in itself helped many a soul to a better life. No one ever doubted his sincerity or his integrity. He was called to his reward June 19, 1904, and is at home with his God.

DANIEL KERN.

The beauty of old men is the gray head. Surely this was true of Father Kern, who, in the beauty, the glorious beauty, of eighty-seven years, passed into his rest. While his service in the itinerancy covered but ten years, it meant much of sacrifice and hard labor, for his circuits were large and his sufferings great.

Father Kern did pioneer work in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin; serving for one year the Illinois Mission, and one year the Wisconsin Mission. He organized the first Evangelical church in Chicago.

The last years of his life he was a constant sufferer from rheumatism and from a stinging cancer. His patience was something remarkable, and his praiseful spirit was an inspiration to all who came into touch with it.

We thank God for having given to the Church this grand old man, and commend her, who for so many years shared his life, and lovingly ministered to him in his sufferings, to the consolations of Divine grace.

SISTER E. SWENDEL.

In the death of Sister E. Swengel we are again reminded of the noble band of women, who, by their sympathetic entrance into the cares and perplexities of the preacher's life, help him to solve his most difficult problems, and inspire his heart to bear his heaviest burdens.

Sister Swengel was an invalid for twenty-six years, but instead of giving way to a murmuring spirit, her amiability and smile won many hearts. Early in life she was converted and joined the Evangelical Church, in whose ministry her husband served a number of the principal congregations of Central Pennsylvania and Warren.

May God bless the bereft husband and children with a happy reunion in heaven.

EX-BISHOP YEAKEL.

In the past year our beloved Church suffered the loss by death of Rev. Reuben Yeakel, who filled many important positions in the Church, and at one time the highest, that of bishop, was the first Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, and, at the time of his death, official historian of the Church. He belonged to the whole Church.

Bro. Yeakel was a remarkable man intellectually and spiritually. His talents were extraordinary, his activities varied, and in every position he was faithful, efficient, capable. He rendered invaluable service to the whole Church through a long period of years. He not only wrote history, but he made history. His life enriched the Church; his death is a distinct loss.