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BISHOP J. RALPH MAGEE, *Presiding*
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FREDERIC H. KNIGHT

The Rev. Frederic H. Knight passed away at the Bethany Home, Chicago, on June 2, 1946, after several years of infirmity.

He was born in Canada on September 26, 1865.

A graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, his ministerial career took him into four annual conferences. He was received into the Central New York Conference in 1890, and served Freetown and Peterboro in New York State before going to school. In 1895 he transferred to the Newark Conference, in which he served Simpson Church, Paterson, N. J., and Watsessing Church, Bloomfield, N. J. From 1901 to 1916, he was a member of the Southern Illinois Conference, serving First Church, Mount Carmel, Saint John, Edwardsville, and First Church, Alton. He served a term as Superintendent of the Alton District.

He became a member of Rock River Conference in 1916, coming to Plainfield. Then followed a pastorate of five years at First Church, Maywood. Other churches served included Galena Boulevard, Aurora, Granville Avenue, Chicago, Lake Bluff, Leland and Suydam, Rock Falls and Hinckley.

His retirement came in 1935 and he made his home in Maywood for several years. His wife preceded him in death many years.

Three sons, Gordon, Oakley and Randall, survive.

He was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

These few facts do not begin to tell the story of his useful life. He was a man of great energy and resourcefulness. He was not afraid of a hard task. His ministry was a devoted one. Those who knew him will remember his unflinching good humor. He was a good man to know and a faithful fellow worker.

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FREDERICK K. RICH

Frederick Kimball Rich was born March 25, 1875, in Naperville, Ill., the eldest child of Lewis M. and Helen A. Rich. He grew to manhood in the home town where he attended school and graduated from North Central College in 1905. In 1907 he received his Master's Degree from his alma mater. He was united in marriage September 6, 1904, with Katie M. Collins in Rensselaer, Ind.

He served several years in the work of the Salvation Army and later became affiliated with the Naperville Methodist Church of which his parents were members. He traveled for three years with a Salvation Army Evangelistic group and for one winter with the Volunteers of America. In the fall of 1905 he accepted a student charge in the Joliet-Dixon District of the Rock River Conference and was received into the Conference on trial in 1906. In 1909, at Conference in Freeport, Ill., he was ordained elder and received into full membership of the Rock River Conference.

Rev. Mr. Rich served Methodist pastorates for thirty-four years, twenty-four of which were spent in the Joliet-Dixon District and ten in the Rockford District. After fifteen years of active service, he was retired by the Conference on account of poor health and served supply charges for the following nineteen years. When he was no longer able to serve his people in Lee, Ill., he retired to his home in DeKalb, in October, 1939, where he remained until his death at midnight, September 22, 1945.

Rev. Mr. Rich was a lover of the common people and was intensely interested in rural work. He enjoyed associations with his neighbors and received great pleasure from his garden and flowers. He loved his home, where he enjoyed reading and writing, and he was fond of making music, as well as listening to it. He had a great sense of humor which was displayed time and again even up to his last hours. Nor did his interest in, and sense of, world responsibility leave him in his final days. In the early hours of his last day on earth, he exerted the greatest effort to speak to his family and his nurse on the subject uppermost in his mind—"the task of correcting this war-torn world and our responsibility in co-operating for peace."

F. K. Rich is survived by his wife, Katie; three daughters, Mrs. Loren Mullins of Kirkland, Ill.; Mrs. Clifford Mullins of Lee, Ill.; and Louise of De Kalb. Three grandchildren: Shirley Kay and Gerald Keith Mullins of Kirkland and Ronald Willfred Mullins of Lee. Four sisters: Mrs. M. S. Garman, Miss Nettie Rich, Mrs. Walter Jensen and Mrs. Walter Knosher; one brother, Ernest W., and seven nieces and nephews, all of Naperville.

A memorial service was held in DeKalb, Ill., on Monday, October 24. The chapel was filled with members and friends of many of the churches he had served during his ministry. Their presence and floral offerings spoke of their love for him and the services he had given them. Rev. Wesley McKelvey of Waterman preached the memorial service on the subject, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Funeral services were held at Naperville on Tuesday, October 25. Rev. B. G. Whitney, District Superintendent of Rockford District, had charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. Wesley McKelvey, Rev. J. J. Hitchens, and Rev. Wesley Westenberg. Burial was made in the family lot in the Naperville City Cemetery.

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