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Rev. Peter C. Weidemeyer

Peter C. Weidemeyer, son of Adolph and Louisa (*née* Hafner) Weidemeyer, was born near Pimlico, now Baltimore, Maryland, February 18, 1849. He left the scenes of this earth life to take up his abode in the heavenly on the evening of July 13, 1932. Aged 83 years, 4 months and 25 days.

He was educated in the public schools of Baltimore. Later he took a course in Knapp's Institute of Baltimore. He was converted in early manhood and united with the Methodist Church at Powhatan (now Woodlawn) but soon transferred his membership to the Evangelical Church at Whitegrounds (now Hebbville). Here he was elected one of the first English Sunday-school superintendents; class leader, and exhorter.

Soon after his conversion he felt the call to the Christian ministry. This call he tried to evade for some time, but unable to resist the influence of the spirit, he surrendered his life to the work of the ministry. He was recommended by his class and was licensed to preach by the Central Pennsylvania Conference held in Baltimore in 1876 by Bishop Thomas Bowman and in due time received his ordination as deacon and elder.

In the fall of 1876 he took work and was sent as junior preacher under Rev. George W. Currin at East Prospect, Pa. At the conference held in Williamsport in the spring of 1877 he was sent, as junior preacher, to the Middleburg Charge with Father A. Krause.

In 1869 he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine B. Shom. To this union six children were born. Three of them preceded him to the Homeland. He is survived by his sorrowing widow and three sons, John V., William A., and Thomas T. E. Weidemeyer, all of Hebbville and Woodlawn, Maryland.

Father Weidemeyer was treasurer of the Lewisburg Evangelical Home fund from 1879 to 1923. He was one of the active workers and founders of the Evangelical church at Alberton.

He served the following charges: East Prospect, six months in 1876; Middleburg, 1877; Mifflinburg Circuit, 1878-1880; Center Circuit, 1881-1882; Brush Valley, 1883-1885; Look Haven Circuit, 1886-1888; Sugar Valley, 1889-1891; McClure 1892-1895; Loganville, 1896-1899; Lycoming Circuit, 1900-1903; White Deer, 1904-1907; Loganville, 1908-1911; Yorkana, 1912-1915; Yoe and Frysville, 1916-1920; Harford, 1921-1925. Superannuated in 1926 after which he served for one year, making in all 51 years of active service.

The funeral of Father Weidemeyer was held from his late home and at the church at Hebbville on the afternoon of July 16, 1932. At the home the Scripture was read by Rev. J. Womelsdorf, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Shortess. At the church Scripture was read by Rev. H. D. Hill and Rev. W. J. Campbell offered prayer. The sermon was preached by Rev. Edward C. Basom, district superintendent. The obituary was read by Rev. E. B. Dunn. There were twenty ministers present.

Interment was made in the beautiful Woodlawn Cemetery. As a minister of the gospel, Father Weidemeyer was an earnest worker. He was sound in doctrine and conscientious and sincere in his devotions. Many souls did he have for his hire. He has passed from labor to reward and his works follow him.

"Servant of God well done
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is run,
And thou art crowned at last."

H. D. HILL.

Rev. Samuel Edward Koontz

Our departed brother and friend, Rev. Samuel E. Koontz, son of Rev. Elias W. and Sarah Anne Koontz, began his life in Carroll County, Maryland, on December 19, 1867. It continued for 64 years, 10 months and 15 days, coming to a close, suddenly and unexpectedly, but unruffled and tranquil, triumphant and glorious at 6:45 p.m., November 4, 1932, in the Lewistown Hospital. Although the deepening shades of night were gathering, the glow and glory of eternal light shining upon his redeemed and rapturous spirit were not dimmed by the nightfall nor by the shadows of death.

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At the age of ten years he was converted and in earnest consecration gave
 himself to Christ and the Church, becoming a member of the Bendersville
 congregation, Rev. H. A. Stoke being pastor. The boy grew into splendid
 manhood in the environment of a godly home, and, under the influence of
 spiritual impulses and impressions, he developed a high type of Christian per-
 sonality. At 22 his ministerial life began and continued unbrokenly for
 nearly 42 years. Regarding his call into the ministry, from his personal rec-
 ord written about five years ago, I quote, "For some time I resisted the call.
 By an incident, I was necessitated to take charge of a revival service for
 the evening. I bargained with the Lord that if new penitents came to the
 altar, I would preach. Thirteen came and I am still preaching."

He was licensed during the 1889 session held in the Bennett Street church,
 Williamsport, Bishop J. J. Escher, presiding; ordained deacon in 1891 at
 Berwick, Rev. W. E. Detwiler, chairman; ordained elder in 1893 at Milton,
 Bishop W. M. Stanford, presiding. He served with general acceptability and
 commendable success the following charges: 1889, junior preacher on Miles-
 burg Circuit, with his father as senior; 1890, junior on Nittany Valley Circuit
 with Rev. P. F. Jarrett as senior; 1891, Wayland, N. Y., three years; 1894,
 South Williamsport, 4 years; 1898, Patterson, now Mifflin, 3 years; 1901,
 Spring Mills, 2 years; 1903, New Berlin, 4 years; 1907, Winfield, 4 years;
 1911, Bloomsburg, 3 years; 1914, York (St. Paul), 5 years; 1919, North
 Berwick, 4 years; 1923, Lewistown (Grace), 6 years; 1929, Newport nearly
 4 years.

By his wise counsel, untiring labors and successful financial policies, Brother
 Koontz became an outstanding leader in the erection and dedication of new
 churches in our conference. In 1895 the church at Eagle was erected under his
 supervision; in 1897 the church at Balls Mills on the same charge; in 1906
 the churches at Winfield and White Springs, simultaneously; in 1926 Grace
 church, Lewistown, an imposing edifice, commodious and well-arranged, was
 completed under his experienced leadership.

On February 23, 1893, he married Miss Ollie S. Harter, who for almost 40
 years has brightened his home and shared with him the experiences of the
 itinerant preacher. She sits today in loneliness and sorrow, but she rests
 quietly and confidently upon the promises and hopes of that gospel he preached.
 Along with her are the son and two daughters who mourn a good father and
 keenly feel their irreparable loss; four brothers, five sisters and many others
 also sorrow. Farewell father, pastor, brother. "Sleep on and take your rest."
 In a little while we, too, will come and meet you in that land where partings
 are unknown.

Funeral services were conducted in the Grace church, Lewistown, November
 9 under the direction of Rev. S. A. Snyder. The sermon was delivered by Rev.
 A. F. Weaver. Five others assisted in the service. Fifty-nine of his confer-
 ence associates and eight ministers of sister denominations were present. His
 body was borne by six of his brethren to its resting place in the Mount Rock
 Cemetery near Lewistown.

LYMAN M. DICKE.

Rev. James A. Hollenbaugh

Rev. James A. Hollenbaugh was born March 5, 1852, at Blain, Perry County,
 Pennsylvania, and died at his late residence in Lewisburg, Pa., on the 6th day
 of November, 1932. Age, 80 years, 8 months and 1 day.

He was licensed to preach by the Central Pennsylvania Conference in 1877
 and was stationed on Wyoming Circuit which he served from 1877-1878. He
 served Lenoxville 1879-1880.

On March 29, 1881, he was married to Miss Emma Davis. To this union
 one child was born, Dale D. Hollenbaugh, who with his mother mourn the
 departure of husband and father.

Brother Hollenbaugh with his bride went to Oregon immediately after their
 marriage and served in the Oregon Conference six years, four of which he
 served at Albany and two at Salem, Oregon.

In 1887 he returned to the Central Pennsylvania Conference and was sta-
 tioned at Lewisburg from 1887 to 1889; Lock Haven, 1890-1891; Williams-
 port (First), 1892-1895; Williamsport (St. Paul), 1896-1897; Altoona, 1898-