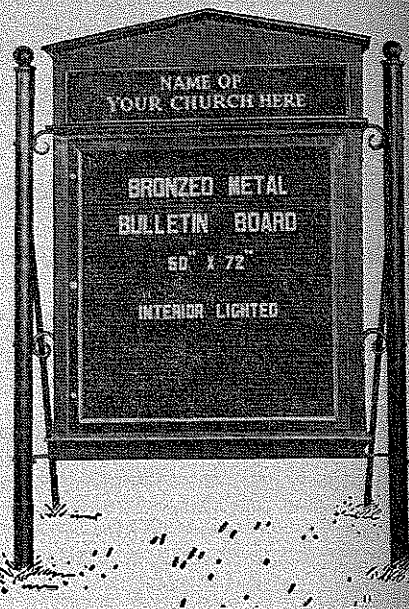


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"Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

"For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my care and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end."

—J. C. Reichard

WILLIAM ARNOLD LAMBETH

October 5, 1879-November 20, 1952



Honored son of a noble Methodist family, keen student of life and literature, effective churchman and an "infinitely lovable man," Dr. William Arnold Lambeth was a Christlike man throughout his useful and blessed ministry.

He was born October 5, 1879, in Thomasville, N. C., the son of Frank Simmons Lambeth and Ella Arnold Lambeth. Early in life he gave evidence of special gifts and characteristics which would lead him ultimately into the Methodist ministry. Graduating from Trinity College (Duke U.) in the class of 1901, he attended Vanderbilt University for two years during which time he definitely decided to become a minister. He received the B.D. degree from Yale University 1904 and the A.M. degree from Harvard University in 1905. Later he was honored with the D.D. degree from Emory and Henry

College in 1924, the Litt.D. degree from Florida Southern College in 1929, and the D.D. degree from Duke University in 1941.

It is significant that at the age of ten years he was awarded a silver medal for a speech, "Prohibition, the Hope of Our Country." In high school he was honored with a Declaration Medal, and at Trinity College he won two oratorical medals and the noted Wiley Gray Medal. While at Vanderbilt he was winner in the Southern Inter-State Oratorical Contest. In 1920 the Duke Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa received him into membership, and in 1927 he was initiated into the honorary leadership fraternity of Omicron Delta Kappa. These recognitions, along with others, were not mentioned by William A. Lambeth, because he was most modest in reference to compliments on himself; however, he was always very generous in giving praise to others for their achievements.

Will Lambeth, as he was affectionately known by thousands of admiring laymen and devoted ministers, was pre-eminently a pastor, for his was the heart of a beloved shepherd of the sheep. He loved persons, and he was never too busy to manifest his sincere interest in every individual who came his way.

His pastoral assignments were these: Holmes Memorial, Salisbury, 1905-06; Spring Garden, Greensboro, 1906-07; Love's Church, Walkertown, 1907-09; West End, Winston-Salem, 1909-13; Main Street, Reidsville, 1913-16; First Church, Salisbury, 1916-18; Wesley Memorial, High Point, 1918-22; Main Street, Gastonia, 1922-24; Mount Vernon Place, Washington, D. C., 1924-30; Trinity, Durham, 1930-31; Central, Asheville, 1931-33, 1940-44, Wesley Memorial, High Point, 1933-36.

This man of God was an efficient administrator of the business and temporal affairs of the Methodist Church, serving as District Superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, 1936-40, and the Greensboro District from 1944 until his retirement in 1949. His many abilities, especially in financial matters, were brilliantly shown in his leadership of the Methodist Assembly at Lake Junaluska, rescuing it from the bonds of indebtedness by engineering a wise campaign for funds and serving it as both president and

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His churches: Holmes Memorial, Salisbury, 1905-06; Spring Church, Walkertown, 1907-09; West End, Winston-Salem, 1913-16; First Church, Salisbury, 1916-18; Second Church, Main Street, Gastonia, 1922-24; Mount Vernon Church, Durham, 1930-31; Central, Asheville, 1931-36; High Point, 1933-36.

He was administrator of the business and temporal affairs of the District Superintendent of the Winston-Salem District from 1944 until his retirement in 1949. His financial matters, were brilliantly shown in his leadership of Lake Junaluska, rescuing it from the bonds of indebtedness for funds and serving it as both president and

superintendent in the years 1938 to 1944. Few of us can ever go to Lake Junaluska without recalling his many and wise contributions to that grand institution.

On several occasions he was host pastor at sessions of the Western North Carolina Conference. He was a delegate to the Uniting Conference in Kansas City in 1939, to General Conferences in Birmingham, 1938; Atlantic City in 1940 and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences in Asheville, 1940, and Columbia, S. C., 1948.

United in marriage to Evelyn Elizabeth Walker on October 14, 1913, three children were born to this happy and devoted couple, all of whom survive: Mrs. Hal K. Reynolds (Frances Walker Lambeth) of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Miss Elizabeth Walker Lambeth of Morehead City, N. C.; Dr. W. A. Lambeth, Jr. of Winston-Salem, N. C. There are five grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. W. W. Rankin of Durham.

Upon retirement he and his family moved to the North Carolina seashore to reside in Morehead City, where beside the gentle waters of the Atlantic Ocean he spent his last days. On the morning of November 20, 1952, God called his spirit home to that land in whose broad and blessed circuits Will Lambeth will be forever at home with the dear God whom he served so well. A funeral service was conducted in his home church, the Memorial Methodist Church of Thomasville, N. C., on Sunday, November 23, 1952, by the Reverend Harold M. Robinson, minister.

This minister walked with Presidents of the United States of America, preached to Senators and Congressmen, counseled with Bishops and other leaders of Church and Nation, and yet he kept close touch with the humblest of God's children. The poor and downtrodden in every community where he ministered were the recipients of his gracious and gentle ministry through kind words and generous gifts. People loved him because he was truly lovable. *He was lovable because he lived in daily communion with his Lord and Savior!* What else needs to be spoken of anyone?

To say that I loved this noble soldier of the cross is to speak what countless others have experienced. To say that I was with him and observed him under wide and varying circumstances and always saw him play the part of a stalwart soul is to affirm the testimony of many others who met with him along life's journey. And to say that the Methodist Church is a stronger and more virile servant of the Lord Jesus Christ because Dr. William Arnold Lambeth was one of her grand ministers is to speak words of shining truth! How can we better describe him than to paraphrase those ancient words? . . .

"When you go home
 Tell them of me and say
 That for your tomorrow
 I gave today."

Wilson O. Weldon

PERCY ELLIOT LINDLEY

May 5, 1895-October 9, 1952



The study of any great occupation and the study of any great institution is primarily a study in personality. As Bishop William Frazier McDowell expressed it in a series of lectures of many years ago, "The 'man on the farm' continues to be the chief factor in farming, just as the problem of the school is always the schoolmaster." No institution can rise higher than the character of the people who build it, who conduct its life and program, and of whose vision it is the objective realization.

Whereas the life of every institution is intermingled with the lives of those who constitute its personnel, occasionally we find a person whose life is the embodiment of the very spirit and soul of the institution of which he is a part. Such was true of Dr. Percy Elliott Lindley. When he passed away the college newspaper commented, "Mr. High Point College himself has died."