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## LAMBERTSON

he promises his people, and how  
"we."

The burning affirmation that the  
The promise of this Epistle is  
's grace; and that means that  
and death is mastered. This firm  
as preached patiently by John  
Lambertson, first in the beauty  
character and life, and then in  
strength of his preaching and minis-  
cause of his influence, we ex-  
even in the hour of his death,  
"Most glorious Lord of Life!  
that on this day  
Didst make Thy triumph over  
death and sin."

wonderful is the miracle of  
that keeps yesterday alive. For  
we think of Paul Lambertson  
remember the friendliness of  
understood us, the goodness  
d in his humility, the tender  
on with which he helped us live  
ony, and the support of his un-  
ble faith. James Barrie was  
when he said: "God gave us mem-  
that we might have roses in  
r."

of the primary functions of a  
superintendent is to show con-  
the men who are appointed to  
whom he supervises. The last en-  
gave to Paul was expended in  
his assignment. Though he be-  
weak to complete other tasks,  
ed persistently concerning the  
d to the time of his death at  
68.

age, was born in Turtle Creek,  
he Reverend Mr. John Henry

Maryland College and Wesley  
B. degree, Western Maryland  
did graduate study at both  
University of Pittsburgh. From  
n 1939, and from the latter

rintendent of the Washington  
Pittsburgh District from 1956 to  
Meridian Terrace; Waynesburg,  
Mont; and Bellevue. He was a  
15 to 1947. He was elected a  
Methodist Church in 1960; and  
nd 1968.

Mills who survives him. They  
Hort, and a son J. Paul Lam-

Bellevue United Methodist Church  
of the Annual Conference  
Buckley Newell, Dr. Cuthbert  
e.

T. Porter

## HORACE THOMAS LAVELY

Horace Thomas Lavelly was born March 8, 1890, in Petersburg, Ohio, the son of Rev. John Anthony and Hannah Foster Lavelly. His father had been a member of the Erie Conference for 49 years at the time of his death in 1938.

Dr. Lavelly received his A.B. from Allegheny College in 1912, his S.T.B. from Boston University School of Theology in 1916, and his Th.D. in 1938, also from Boston University.



On June 18, 1915, Dr. Lavelly married Gertrude Hillman daughter of Rev. John L. Hillman, who was at one time a member of the Pittsburgh Conference. Four sons were born to them: John H. Lavelly, now professor of philosophy at Boston University; Horace T. Lavelly, Jr., now a surgeon in Nashville, Tennessee; William H. Lavelly, presently the minister of the Methodist Church in Grants Pass, Oregon; and Henry C. Lavelly, a manufacturer, Villanova, Pennsylvania. There are 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Dr. Lavelly was a man of many ministries. First, there was the ministry to two rural Methodist churches in Prairie City, Iowa (1916-1918) and Stuart, Iowa (1919-1920). Ordained deacon in 1915 and elder in 1917, he was admitted to full membership in the Des Moines Conference in 1917.

There was also the ministry as Chaplain during World War I: he served as First Lieutenant in the 127th Infantry, 32nd Division, from July 1918 to May 1919.

Then came the ministry as Methodist missionary in China from 1920-1926. Prevented from returning to the mission field by civil war in China, he pursued graduate studies at Boston University 1926-1928 and preached for a year in Saxonville, Massachusetts.

In 1928, he embarked on the ministry of teaching at Allegheny College, a ministry which spanned nearly three decades. He served the College as professor of philosophy for 28 years, retiring in 1956. Generations of students who came under his influence can testify to his clarity and insight. He served Allegheny in many other ways, notably as Dean of Men from 1942-1947. In recognition of his contribution to the College's athletic programs, a banquet was held in his honor in 1956. And the year following his retirement he served as the College's Resident Pastor. He was awarded the Alumni Medal in 1962.

Concurrent with his teaching career at Allegheny was another ministry, which might easily pass unnoticed. For nearly thirty years, week in, week out, he went out to preach, to speak, or to lecture at churches, civic, or educational organizations within a radius of one hundred miles or more of Meadville, Pennsylvania. He preached in Methodist churches up and down the Erie Conference, from the largest to the least. He preached just as often in Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Lutheran, and Unitarian churches. Twelve times he served interim or supply pastorates of anywhere from three months to a year and a half. He spoke at all sorts of occasions for many kinds of groups: Union services, Thanksgiving, Sunrise, Memorial Day services; high school commencements; Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions clubs; Men's Brotherhoods, Father and Son banquets, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Women's and District conferences. His was literally a travelling ministry: he

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drove thousands upon thousands of miles in all kinds of weather to meet these preaching and speaking commitments.

To all these ministries he brought the gift of clear expression, the openness of an inquiring mind, the highest standards of intellectual integrity and the message of a Christian faith grounded in deep philosophical convictions. The rehearsal of his work and the recognition of the wide impact it produced is all the tribute his life needs.

Mrs. Lavelly shared all these ministries with her husband, adding her own distinctive contribution to home and church and community. In 1957, they moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where in 1965 they observed their 50th wedding anniversary, which their four sons and their families joined in celebrating. It was in Nashville that, on April 15, 1968, Dr. Lavelly died. Mrs. Lavelly continues to live in Nashville.

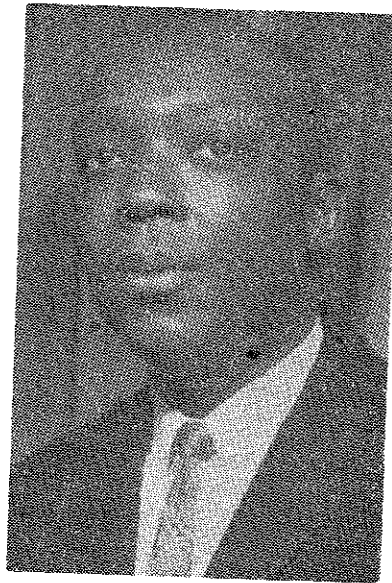
A memorial service for Dr. Lavelly was held on April 19, 1968, at Belmont Methodist Church in Nashville. It was conducted by his sons, Dr. John H. Lavelly and Rev. William H. Lavelly, assisted by the Rev. Farris Moore, pastor of Belmont church. Dr. Lavelly's body was willed to Vanderbilt University Medical School.

John H. Lavelly

**DANIEL F. MARSHALL**

Daniel F. Marshall was born on August 16, 1922, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was the son of William and Masalee Marshall. He departed this life, following a heart attack, on March 31, 1968.

He received his early education in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Later in life, he studied at Duquesne University, Penn State University, Johnstown College and the University of Pittsburgh. He was a student at the University of Pittsburgh at the time of his death.



Daniel F. Marshall was converted at an early age, baptized, and taken into the membership of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, under the pastorate of the late Rev. James H. Robinson. He was very devout and practiced his faith and religion in a very sincere manner. More than twenty years ago he felt called to the ministry. During his ministry he won many souls to the Kingdom of God. He was particularly persuasive with young people, whom he loved. He pastored churches in Sewickley Pa.; Wellsville, Ohio; and Johnstown, Pa. At the time of his death, he was serving his second year as the associate minister of the Warren Methodist Church, Pittsburgh.

On June 26, 1944, Daniel F. Marshall was united in marriage to Juanita White, also a native of Pittsburgh. To this union five children were born. Two of them preceded him in death, and three of them survive him.

He ran his race swiftly and well. He accomplished more for the Kingdom of God than many others who had a longer earthly career. He will be remembered by many as a "Good minister of Jesus Christ".

William H. Horner