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GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OIL CITY, PA.
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1938

(b) MEMOIRS OF DECEASED PASTORS**JOHN A. LAVELY**

John Anthony Lavelly was born June 29, 1860, in Clarion County, Pa., and died May 3, 1938, in Akron, Ohio, where he and Mrs. Lavelly made their home with their daughter, Rachel. The death, somewhat unexpected, was the result of an operation from which he never rallied. After a brief service in Akron, the body was brought to Meadville, Pa., where funeral services were held in the parlors of Stone Church. Dr. Charles T. Greer, the District Superintendent of the Meadville District, conducted the service, a number of fellow ministers participated, and Dr. W. H. Crawford gave a beautiful tribute. Interment was in Greendale Cemetery in Meadville.



On April 23, 1889, Mr. Lavelly married Hannah Rebecca Foster. For nearly fifty years they lived a life of mutual loyalty and devotion, and gave themselves in consecrated service to their fellow men. To them were born nine children, all of whom survive.

Brother Lavelly attended two institutions of higher learning in the Middle West, but received most of his education at Grove City College in Pennsylvania, where he graduated in the class of 1887. Before entering the ministry he taught school for a short time and engaged in a brief period of newspaper work in New York City.

In 1889 he was admitted on trial in the Erie Conference of which he continued a member until the time of his death. Two years later, 1891, in the same church from which he was buried, he was received into full membership and ordained deacon by Bishop Fowler. He was active in the work of the Conference, serving for a number of years as one of the secretaries and being for a time on the Board of Ministerial Training. He was a tireless worker and gave himself with energy and enthusiasm to his task. He was unusually faithful in pastoral work. The pastorate in Sharpsville, where he reaped a rich harvest from the Billy Sunday meetings held in Sharon, was in many ways the high point in his ministry.

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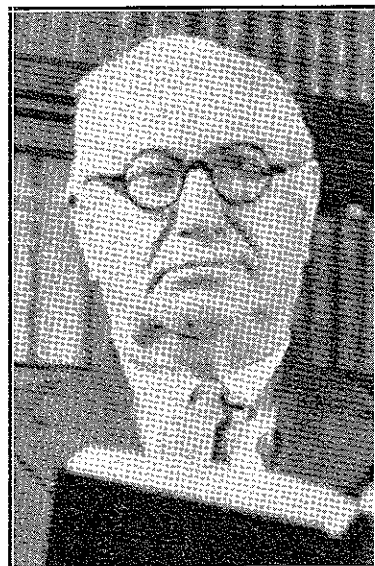
He was intensely human, interested in every movement calculated to enrich human life, but one special interest dominated his life and thought. He deplored and was constantly endeavoring to point out the devastating effect of alcoholic liquor on human life. He was an avowed foe to the traffic in liquor, which he looked upon as society's most dangerous enemy. In every pastorate and especially during the years when he was Conference Temperance Evangelist, he tried to make his life and work count against the pernicious influence of liquor and the liquor traffic.

Love for his fellow men, loyalty to his church, faith in his Saviour characterized the life of John A. Lavelly to the end.

HORACE A. LAVELY.

KELSEY T. JAQUAY

Kelsey T. JaQuay was born at Sugar Grove, Pa., on September 21, 1856, and departed this life at Salamanca, N. Y., July 29, 1938. When still a boy he moved with his parents to Corydon, Pa. As a



young man he conducted a general store there. One day he found God and life was never again the same for him. He became an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving for a number of years as Sunday School Superintendent. Feeling a call to preach the Gospel he left all to follow Christ, and was admitted on trial in the Erie Conference in 1893, and in full connection in 1895.

He served his God and the Church faithfully in the following charges: Ferdinand, Pa., Dicksonburg, Pa., Belleview, Pa., Salamanca, N. Y., Cochranon, Pa., Sharpville, Pa., Clarendon, Pa., and South Dayton, N. Y., where he retired in 1925, returning to Salamanca to spend his sunset days.

Brother JaQuay was twice married. On October 10, 1877, he was united in marriage to Alice C. Black, of Corydon, Pa. To this union were born six children, two of whom survive, Mrs. J. A. Williams, of Grove City, Pa., and Paul W. JaQuay, of Warren, Ohio. Mrs. JaQuay passed away on May 30, 1915. On June 5, 1917, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Mae Fisher, of Salamanca, N. Y., who, with a