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"I saw an aged man upon his bier,

His hair was thin and white, and on his brow
A record of the cares of many a year;

Cares that were ended and forgotten now.
And there was sadness 'round, and faced bowed,
And women's tears fell fast, and children cried aloud.

"An aged man arose and said, 'Why mourn that our friend is dead?
And I am glad that he has lived thus long,
And glad that he has gone to his reward;
Nor deem that kindly nature did him wrong,
Softly to disengage the vital cord.
When his weak hand grew palsied, and his eye
Dark with the mist of age, it was his time to go'."

J. B. KIRSCH.

28b. MEMORIAL

Rev. Henry Lohr departed from his home in San Diego to be with Christ September 18, 1922, having attained the age of 76 years, 2 months and 16 days, and having honorably filled the office of the holy ministry of the Gospel in the United Brethren Church for fifty years.

He was born in Somersett County, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1846. He leaves to mourn his going, a wife; two brothers, Benjamine, in Roseberg, Oregon; Frank, in Columbus, Missouri; two sisters, Susan, in Nebraska; Rachel, in Pennsylvania; two sons, L. L., of San Diego, who was daily at his father's side during his last sickness; Harvey, of Millers, Nebraska; two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Beebee of Oscoola, Kansas, and Mrs. Elva Norton of Seatle, Washington. There are twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was married to Eva Van Gordon, who died three years before he came to California. To this union were born three sons and four daughters. January 20, 1898, a little over twenty-four years ago, he was married to Hattie Ludwick, who has been a faithful companion and been spared to give the ministry of love in the last lingering hours. To this union were born two daughters—Gladys, lived only seven weeks; Beulah blessed their home for eight years. The church erected near Kerman bears her name and is known to this day as the Beulah United Brethren Church.

Rev. Lohr spent three years of service in the Civil War, after which he moved to Elpaso, Woodford County, Illinois, where he was converted in a United Brethren meeting in a school house. He immediately sought to win his cousin for Christ and was successful. Thus began a long ministry of successful soul winning. His Bible, dated January, 1866, is a precious heritage in the home.

His public ministry of the Gospel began in East Nebraska Conference, where he was ordained by Bishop Milton Wright September 18, 1877. He joined California Conference in 1897. At the Palms Conference, 1908, he accepted appointment at Kerman Mission. Here he organized a class, beginning with nine members, built a church and parsonage, leaving all free of debt in three years. He served at Woodbridge one year and then at Bell Memorial. At the latter place a parsonage was built and left free from debt.

For three years he lived at Baker Home in a cottage built especially for his convenience by the donor of that institution. The last four years he has been a resident of San Diego. He was a charter member of this church and happily lived to see the present splendid building out of debt and the church self-supporting. In his lingering days he displayed a passionate desire to attend the public services of worship and had an ardent Christian faith. Among his favorite gems of Scripture were the words, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

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