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VII. MEMOIRS

EDGAR M. COMPTON

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L DGAR MARCELLUS COMPTON, was born in Grafton, West Virginia. He was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan and took his theological training at Drew Seminary from which he graduated in 1906. His first service in the Church was as assistant to Dr. James Howard, in Staten Island. In 1909 he was assigned to Gladstone; in 1910 he was sent to Cranford; in 1916 he became pastor of Sanford Street, East Orange; in 1920 he went to Park Church, Bloomfield; in 1927 he assumed the pastorate of Wesley Church, Belleville where he served for twenty years. Upon his retirement in 1947, he was assigned to the Asbury and West Portal Churches.

Edgar Compton was a man of deep humility serving well, not for glory or gain, but for the joy of serving. He was deeply appreciative of the best that life had to give and sympathetically sensitive to the needs of his parishoners. His faith was sure, resting upon the Divine Testimony. As a testimonial, appearing on the Minutes of one of his churches says, "He was a forthright preacher, a man of high ethical stature whose devotion and loyalty endeared him to all."

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He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth Gulick Compton, and three daughters, Mrs. Donald K. Moore, Mrs. Frederick F. Jenkins, and Mrs. Earl A. Carlson. He died in the Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, New Jersey on August 27th. Memorial Services were held in the Asbury Church, on August 31st with the Rev. J. Edgar Washabaugh, D.D., officiating, assisted by the Rev. Archibald N. Smith, the Rev. Boyd Greenwalt, the Rev. Harold E. Cheney, and the Rev. Frederick F. Jenkins, his son-in-law.

HERBERT CLYDE LYTLE, JR.

By HARRY MILTON TAYLOR

WHEN we first met Herbert in the Dean's Seminar at Drew, it was at once apparent that his was a keen and eager mind with a special gift for careful and thorough scholarship. As the years wore on and he applied his energies more and more to the practical services of the Church and the Kingdom, shrewdness and dependable accuracy and hard work continued to characterize him while the eagerness of his spirit became ever more evident. He was restless, impatient to get things done, things that mattered, especially those that mattered most: things which expressed and furthered the love revealed in Christ.

Herbert C. Lytle, Jr., was most unusually a part of the Newark Conference: horn in one of our parsonages in Newark, February 28, 1908; son of Herbert C. Lytle and nephew of John G. Lytle, father and uncle hoth distinguished members of our Conference. He was graduated from Summit High School, took his A.B. from Wesleyan University in 1929 and his B.D. from Drew Theological Seminary in 1935. He did graduate work at Rutgers, Columbia, and Mansfield College, Oxford, the latter on a Delaplaine-McDaniel Fellowship granted by Drew. He was a public school teacher for three years after leaving Wesleyan. In 1932 he married Ruth Constance Bayley. From 1936 until his death, he served pastorates in our Conference; but from 1945 on, he divided his time so as to assist with the missionary and relief activities which became Church World Service, Inc., with which organization he held several positions, the last being that of administrative secretary. administrative secretary.



He was fitted by temperament and passion for this interdenominational, world-wide, practical service. Who is to say that he died too young? . . . for he lived intensely, burning his energies recklessly, eager to give himself in order to bring to the uttermost and neediest parts of the earth that love which revealed its grace on Calvary and its power in the Resurrection.

WALTER CLAYTON KINSEY

By JOSEPH M. BLESSING

WALTER CLATON KINSEY, who at the time of his death was the senior member of the Newark Annual Conference in years of service, passed to his eternal home from the Brooklyn Methodist Hospital on October 7, 1950, after an illness of several months. He was 86 years of age. He had been a minister for 63 years.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut, son of Charles P. and Lavinia Kinsey, on February 23, 1862, he soon transferred his home to Kearny, New Jersey, where he spent the balance of his long and fruitful life. He was buried from the church he had known since early childhood, a church in which his father had spent many years as custodian, and to which he retired after the years of his active ministry had come to an end. ministry had come to an end.

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Largely self-educated, he had graduated from the Conference Course of Study and was admitted into the Newark Conference in 1888, having proved his worth in prior student appointments. He began his ministry in Dingman's Ferry, Pa., in 1887, two years after his marriage to Miss Carrie W. Blanchard, his childhood sweetheart, who, with their son Leslie E. Kinsey, survives him. Two other children were born to this happy union: Eva May, who died in 1896 and Clarence Yatman, who died in 1918.

Brother Kinsey's ministry was long and varied. He served many churches within the conference with fidelity and distinction. He was the state organizer for the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League and spent four years as Conference Evangelist. He retired from the

active ministry in 1925.



Funeral services were held in the Davis Memorial Methodist Church, Kearny, New Jersey, truly the "church of his fathers." The Rev. R. Wesley Smith, pastor, officiated at the service, and was assisted by lifetime friends in the ministry. He was buried in Fairmount Cemetery, Newark, New Jersey.

FRITZ L. HAGBERG

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RITZ L. HAGBERG was born in Malenbrack, Sweden, March 7, 1889, and passed from the scenes of this life in San Antonio, Texas, October 16, 1950.

He was married to Hilda Skog in 1918. He was a graduate of the Jonkopings School of his native state, a graduate of the Swedish Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., completed two years acceptable school work at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and was a graduate of the Dallas Academy of Speech and College of Fine Arts of Dallas, Texas. He was a professor of languages at Texas Wesleyan College from 1913 to 1914.

During his ministry he served the following charges: The Swedish Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, 1917-22; Swedish Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, 1922-27; District Superintendent and President of Texas Wesleyan College, 1927-28; Pastor of Central Methodist

1922-27; District Superintendent and President of Texas Wesleyan College, 1927-28; Pastor of Central Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, 1928-32; Pastor, Epworth Swedish Methodist Church, Worcester, Mass., 1932-38; Pastor, Swedish Methodist Church, Arlington, N. J., 1938-40; Pastor in Jersey City, N. J., 1940-41. Due to illness he took a leave from active work in 1941. He returned to active duty in 1945 and served the following charges: Manchaca and Haynie Chapel and Cedar Creek, 1945-47.

Due to failing health he resigned from active duty June 29, 1947.

No minister ever had a fuller and a more complete ministry than Rev. Hagberg. He possessed a brilliant mind and a keen insight of the spiritual needs of

