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He lived dangerously, but cleanly and successfully. He died gloriously and triumphantly. We need such men and such living. We thank God for the promise that we shall see him again.

H. C. EMORY.

JOHN THOMAS McMULLEN

Rev. John Thomas McMullen was born in Ireland on June 20, 1874. He came of the sturdy kind of stock which produced Philip Embury, Barbara Heck and others who migrated from the Protestant section of Ireland to America. Brother McMullen was licensed to preach in the Irish Conference in 1901 and served two years. He then came to America, located in Chicago and was admitted to the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on trial in 1904 and in full connection in 1906. He was ordained deacon by Bishop William Fraser McDowell in 1904 and elder by Bishop Thomas B. Neeley in 1908.

Brother McMullen served in the Rock River Conference until 1930, meanwhile being appointed to a position with the American Red Cross in 1919. Upon being transferred by the latter organization to Atlanta, he was also transferred in 1931 to the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he remained until 1939, when the union of Methodism brought him into membership in the North Georgia Conference. During World War II, he accepted an assignment to work with service men in Gulf Coast ports and overtaxed himself so that he died from a heart attack at Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 16, 1946. Interment was in Chicago, where he is survived by a niece and a nephew as well as a sister, Mrs. Minnie Sherson, Manitoba, Canada. His wife had preceded him in death by several years, and he left no children.

It was the privilege of this writer to know Brother McMullen quite intimately for many years. He possessed all the traditional Irishman's love of humor. He possessed also Irish Methodism's traditional loyalty to Wesleyan principles and almost to the end of life arose, as Wesley did, at 4 A.M. daily to engage for an hour in personal devotions. Like Abou Ben Adhem, he could truly, and always humbly say, "Write me as one who loves his fellow men." Our Conference is the poorer, and heaven richer, in his passing.

EDMUND J. HAMMOND.

F. DARCY BONE

Dr. F. Darcy Bone was born January 10, 1900, in DeWitt, Missouri, and died in Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, May 5, 1946. He was a member of the North Georgia Conference and held brief pastorates in Georgia before coming to Nashville in 1935 to the staff of the General Board of Christian Education.

Dr. Bone was the son of Mrs. Ida May (Darcy) Bone of Mexico, Missouri, and the late Rev. Joseph Warren Bone. He was educated in the public schools of Missouri, and received degrees from Central College, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and Yale University. He held M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale and studied in the University of Berlin in 1928-29.

He had served at various times during the past eleven years as editor of *Adult Student*, *Wesley Quarterly*, *Home Quarterly*, and *Challenge*, all Methodist publications.

He had been a member of the International Uniform Lessons Committee of the International Council of Religious Education, of the Committee on Religious Education of Adults of the council, the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, the American Sociological Society, the Southern Sociological Society, and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

On December 21, 1929, he was married to the former Miss Vera Howell of Atlanta, Georgia.

In addition to his wife and mother, Dr. Bone is survived by two sons, Howell Darcy and George Joseph Bone, both of Nashville, and a brother, Joseph Bone of Mexico, Missouri.

Dr. Bone died at the early age of forty-six years. From a human viewpoint his death was very premature. God does not measure life by figures on a dial plate, not by length of days but by breadth of sympathy, depth of feeling and height of purpose. Darcy Bone lived a rich full life, and how eagerly he looked forward to the work that lay ahead of him. He was in love with his work. God estimates the life of a man not only by what he has accomplished but by what he would have accomplished if the opportunity had been given.