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BOUNDARY, NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

"On the north by the State of Michigan; on the east by the State of Ohio, including Union City; on the south by the National Road from the State line west to Marion County; thence north to the northeast corner of said county; thence west to the Michigan Road; on the west by said Michigan Road to South Bend; and thence by the Saint Joseph River to the Michigan State line, including Logansport and all the towns on National Road east of Indianapolis."

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which proved too much for the weakened condition of the
s much of the time with occasional flashes of consciousness
l smile at her broken-hearted husband and friends, and
er his pet name on her lips, she slipped away from us
1921, the seventeenth anniversary of their departure from
ung missionary.

Smith, who had been house guests of Bishop and Mrs. Fisher
present during the entire time. Bishop Smith took charge of
eeling and Calcutta. The service at Darjeeling was attended
friends in the station. The Calcutta services were held
Thursday, June 9, at 5 P. M. Bishop Smith was assisted
e and J. W. Robinson, and several ministers and mission-
onderful in their profusion and beauty. There were between
ndred set pieces besides numerous sprays and bouquets.
eneral for India and Burma was among the mourners and
ican flag of the consulate for the casket. In the cemetery
ound of flowers which covered the entire vault, the body
was laid to rest.

is thrown new light on the depth of her devotion to India.
scholarship for Isabella Thoburn College. This scholarship
omen of India to the United States for post-graduate work.
one knowing anything about it, saved the money through
onomy. Already, through the desire of Bishop Fisher, the
or its purpose.

REV. SILAS L. CATES.

born near Williamsburg, Wayne County, Indiana, Feb-
raduation from high school, he engaged in teaching for a
ll to the ministry, he prepared for the work by attending
DePauw University and Garrett Biblical
Institute. In the spring of 1903, he was
was admitted on trial in the North Indiana
Conference, and served the following
charges while a member of this Conference:
Hillisburg; North Street, Kokomo; Cody,
Wyoming; Topeka; Nappanee; Green-
field; Newcastle.

He was united in marriage to Miss
Lulu Gawthrop, of Milford, Indiana,
April 18, 1905. To this union two lovely
daughters, Lucille and Mabel, were born.

During his first year at Newcastle,
failing health compelled him to give up
his work and to seek a change of climate.
The family moved to Colorado, where he
gained strength. Later he was trans-
ferred to the Colorado Conference and
appointed to the pastorate of the Uni-
versity Park Church in Denver. After
a successful pastorate of three years
in that important college church, he was
again overcome by failing health which
resulted in months of protracted illness.

At the session of the North Indiana
Conference one year ago, he was trans-
ferred back to the Conference and granted
the retired relation. This unusual action
on the part of his old home Conference
indicated the high esteem in which he was
held by the brethren of this Conference.
24, 1921, at his home in Denver, he passed peacefully
weariness of the flesh, and where his gentle, gracious
with immortal strength. Brief memorial services were

held in the home conducted by Dr. O. W. Auman, superintendent of the Denver
district. A number of the ministers of the city came to express their appreciation of a
brother greatly beloved. The body was brought to the old home church at Williams-
burg, where the service was in charge of Dr. Somerville Light, who gave the funeral
address. Several pastors of the Conference were present and assisted in the service.
The body was buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Williamsburg, Indiana.

Silas L. Cates was a capable preacher, a successful pastor, and an efficient ad-
ministrator of Kingdom affairs. Those who knew him in Colorado, as in Indiana,
saw in him a prince among men and a saint among Christians. And as always be-
cometh true piety, he did not know that he was good. Humble in success, patient
in tribulation, his generous spirit was always given to hospitality. In all his charges
he won the confidence and the affection of the people to a degree that was unusual.
They recognized his gifts and genuineness, and they gave him their hearts. His
ministry was not long in years, but it was fruitful in good works and rich in results
that abide. God's work he did; God's truth he taught; God's children he helped;
with God he dwells.

REV. S. C. MILLER.

Samuel C. Miller, son of Robert and Rebecca Miller, was born at Connersville,
Indiana, December 28, 1830, and died at his home on the Peru and Paw Paw Pike,
Miami County, August 11, 1921, after a lingering illness of several years due to gen-
eral debility. He, with his parents, in 1837, moved to the neighborhood in which he
died, and where he grew to manhood.

After completing the schools in his home community, he entered Asbury College,
now DePauw University. He later attended Lima College, now Syracuse University,
where he graduated in 1859. June 29, of the same year, he was united in marriage to
Miss Susan E. Beswick. To this union four children were born: Mrs. Amos Long,
of Chili, Indiana; Mrs. Joseph Elliott, of Wabash, Indiana; Edward B., of the home
place; and Laura, who died in 1900.

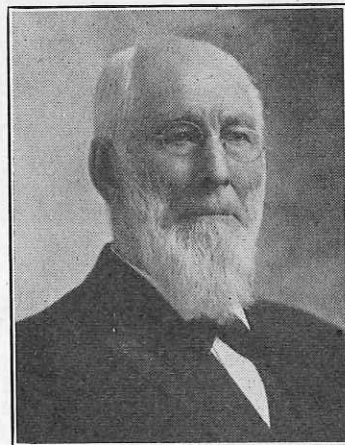
In 1861, he moved to the state of Iowa,
and after a period of four years returned to
Indiana to teach school. He taught at New
Carlisle, Marion, and Wabash, acting as
principal of the schools at Wabash and
Marion.

He entered the North Indiana Conference
in 1867. He was in the active ministry for ten
years. Then, because of ill health, he took
a supernumerary relation, which relation con-
tinued until 1898, when he was granted a
retired relation, in which he continued until
he was taken to the Church Triumphant.
Brother Miller was a believer in the gospel
of Jesus Christ, and he did not hesitate to
preach it with all the energy he had. There
was no element of compromise in him. He
was preeminent as a teacher of adults and
Sunday-school Bible classes.

After quitting the ministry, he moved
onto his home farm, where he spent his
remaining years, retaining an active interest
not only in the affairs of his home church,
but in the work of the church in general. One
of the hardest crosses that came to him to bear was that of being deprived of at-
tendance at the sessions of the Annual Conference during the last few years, on ac-
count of ill health.

"His was a life of service, unquestionably a servant of the Most High God.
While he is no longer with us, his spirit has received its reward. Yes, he has gone
from us; we would not have it otherwise. For in the presence of his Saviour and
Lord, in the land of peace which all in glory find, he now is reaping his reward. And
we are sure he's more than satisfied."

The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Paw
Paw near his old home and where he attended services so many years, August 13,



Rev. S. C. Miller

1921, in charge of Rev. F. A. Hall, district superintendent. The music was furnished by a quartet of ministers of the Conference, F. F. Thornburg, F. E. Fribley, J. F. Seelig, and R. C. Plank, who sang several beautiful sacred selections. D. V. Williams, intimate friend and former neighbor, read the Ninetieth Psalm. The pastor, C. A. Byrt, read Rev. 7. 9-17 as the New Testament lesson. Prayer was offered by B. S. Hollopeter. T. M. Guild read the memoir. L. M. Krider delivered the funeral sermon, Job 14. 14. The funeral services were attended by fifteen members of the Conference. After the services the body was buried in the cemetery adjoining the church yard. He is survived by the wife of his youth and the three children mentioned, who have the great comfort of his abiding faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

MRS. MARY FLORENCE WALKER.

Mrs. Mary Florence Walker, nee Morrison, died August 13, 1921, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

She was born in Greencastle, Indiana, September 6, 1850. Her mother was the daughter of the Rev. Daniel DeMotte, one of the heroic pioneer Methodist preachers of Indiana. Her father, Colonel A. L. Morrison, was a soldier in both the Mexican and Civil Wars. Flora was the oldest daughter in a large family, and so shared with her mother much of the care and responsibility in the home. She was converted when a girl of ten and from that time was a loyal disciple. In addition to the advantages she enjoyed as a student in Greencastle, she spent some time in the Indiana Female College, in Indianapolis.



Mrs. Mary Florence Walker

In the nineteenth year of her age (April 21, 1869) she was married to Rev. Wilbur Fisk Walker, who had graduated from Indiana Asbury University, in the class of 1868, and had just been admitted to the North Indiana Conference on trial. Their first appointment was Centenary, now Simpson Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. For a little more than four years they were in the work, serving in Fort Wayne, Winchester, and Peru.

caused Mrs. Walker a great struggle and deep sorrow. The breaking of home, church, and social ties was a cross she found very heavy; but grace abounded, and when she reached the mission field her heart quickly responded to the call and she became at once deeply enlisted in the work. Her sympathies were aroused by the troubles and sorrows which greeted her on every side, and she was Lady Bountiful with a helping hand at every opportunity. Her China home was one of open hospitality; she loved to entertain the friends of her own and other missions, her many Chinese friends, student boys and girls; Chinese preachers, and not a few friends outside the mission circle. To one and all she was an outspoken witness for the truth and the cause of missions. She was deeply interested especially in the work for women and girls and ever ready to do all she could to advance the interests of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

In her missionary experience of thirty-one years she passed through some unusual scenes. In the spring of 1900, after a stay in the homeland, she, with her husband and daughter Joyce, returned to China just in time to get caught in the Boxer uprising in which so many native Christians lost their lives, and a large number of missionaries died as martyrs. Though naturally timid she passed through the siege in Peking with a heroism that was an amazement to her friends. Her missionary life was about equally divided between Peking and Tienstsin. In the latter place, in addition to regular missionary work, she did a great work among the Europeans and American sailors and soldiers who were in port.

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