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FRANCIS E. PURCELL

R EV. FRANCIS E. PURCELL was born June 2, 1871, at Stanley, Derbyshire, England. He was long and useful ministry which began in the Central Pennsylvania Conference as a supply pastor in 1894. He was admitted to that Conference in March, 1895, transferring to the New Jersey Conference in 1901 and retiring in 1938.

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In 1895 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Middleton also of England. Brother Purcell was truly abundant in good works, intelligent, of sound judgment and graciousness of manner motivated by the love for his Lord and His Kingdom.

Translated on November 29, 1943, Brother Purcell came into realization of "When That Which is Perfect is Come." Mrs. Purcell with their two children survives him, Dr. Ernest Purcell, an official member of the Cadwalader Heights Methodist Church and Mrs. Marguerite Justice, of Trenton. Memorial services were held in the Cadwalader Heights Church on December 3, 1943, under the direction of the District Superintendent, Dr. Rolland W. Raver. Many friends joined to pay tribute to his memory. Among the ministers taking part were Revs. Joseph Kulp, John Goorley, Austin Brady, Henry Bradway, Lawrence Pitt, Harry Boughey, Ernest Caldwell and the writer. PENNINGTON CORSON, JR.

EDWARD MOUNT

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EDWARD MOUNT was born near Juliustown, N. J., February 27, 1863. His father's name George, William, Franklin, Edward, Watson, and Dayton.

His early years were sickly, so very little opportunity to attend school. He was converted October 28, 1880, in old Third Street Church, Camden, under the ministry of J. B. Graw. He learned the printer's trade and worked on the Temperance Gazette, of which J. B. Graw He editor. All the time he was working he felt the call to preach the Gospel. He left his work in January, 1884, and went to Pennington to prepare for the ministry. In March, 1885, he left school, going to western Nebraska as a Home Missionary, After a few months he returned to Camden and was married to Miss Eleanor Thompson Elmer, returning with his bride to his station in Nebraska.

He was admitted into the West Nebraska Conference in September, 1885, and ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrews. On account of his wife's health he was transferred to the Genesee Conference on October 4, 1887. In March, 1889, he was transferred to the New Jersey Conference and stationed at Hamilton Square.

Had Brother Mount lived until September of this year he would have been a member of conference for fifty-nine years. He was retired in 1935, but never ceased to do the work of a minister, assisting his brethren in revival meeting and otherwise.

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Brother Mount was an earnest preacher, evangelical, successful in winning recruits for Christ. He gave his life to one work, the work of the kingdom of God. Perhaps a bit handicapped because he was not a college man, yet he never ceased to be a student. He was deeply interested in the retirement fund for the retired ministers, and took an active part in the Preachers' Aid Society.

No church ever suffered under his ministry. He watched over the details of the church with great care and wisdom. Personally he was genial, jolly, and friendly, making friends wherever he served.

His wife was for some years in poor health, and while living in Matawan, N. J., she passed on to her reward on September 11, 1930. One daughter came to bless this home, but she passed just on the threshold of a brilliant womanhood.

Brother Mount came to Pleasantville in September, 1931, and while here married the widow of Rev. J. B. J. Rhodes, who now survives him.

In 1942 he was appointed supply pastor at Bayville. But his health soon compelled him to suffering he heard the call on March 3, 1944: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." The interment was beside his wife and daughter in Overlook Cemetery in Bridgeton, N. J.

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