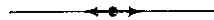


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demand our undivided attention at this time. However, this is not intended to discourage any of our people who may wish to send further contributions for Hildreth Memorial Church.

We observe with a deep sense of sadness that the grim reaper of death again entered the ministerial ranks and homes of our Conference this past year and removed from our midst several brethren and wives of ministers; we rejoice, however, to know that they died in the faith and have gone to their reward.

Rev. F. W. Doede passed away after months of suffering on November 12, 1927, at the age of 51 years. He entered the ministry in 1900 and served the church for twenty-six years, a faithful pastor and preacher of the Word. His widow and children have our sympathy in their sorrow.

Professor H. H. Rassweiler was of Evangelical stock, born in 1842 at Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, near the birthplace of the Evangelical Church. Early in life our brother felt the need of a good education, and strove earnestly to secure it. He became a great educator, served for many years as an efficient teacher at North Western College (now North Central College) at Naperville, Illinois, and later was the President of this institution. His was a long and fruitful life.

Mrs. Minnie Leitner Schwartz, wife of our brother and co-laborer Rev. F. Schwartz, died on May 22, 1927. Early in life she was converted to God and united with the Evangelical Church. Since 1916 she had been the loving and efficient help-meet of Brother Schwartz until her departure to be with God.

Mrs. Emily Kiest, widow of the late Rev. J. C. Kiest, for many years an honored member of this conference, finished her course August 8, 1927. She was a faithful member of the church, deeply interested in all its interests, especially in the work of the Deaconess society.

Mrs. Catherine Thurner Johnson, beloved companion of Rev. J. H. Johnson, fell asleep in Jesus, December 26, 1927, after years of suffering. At the age of twelve she dedicated her life to God and identified herself with the church. For more than forty years she stood faithfully by the side of her husband in his labors as a minister of the gospel.

Mrs. J. B. Rife, nee Divan, widow of the late Rev. J. B. Rife, likewise a former member of the Illinois Conference. Our sister was a faithful Pastor's wife and active in the work of the Church. The end of her fruitful life came on September 5, 1927.

Mrs. Louise Knobel Kletzing, widow of the sainted Professor H. F. Kletzing, a former teacher in our College at Naperville and a member of this body. Mrs. Kletzing was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and an active member of the Church from her youth. She passed away April 11, 1927.

Brother David Hostetter of Polo, a lay delegate to our merger Conference at Naperville a year ago, was summoned to the great beyond December 15, 1927. Brother Hostetter was a devoted follower of his Lord and faithful to the Church to the end.

Your Committee would recommend that a memorial service be held on Saturday afternoon at the opening of the session in memory of the brethren and sisters who were called from labor to reward during the past Conference year.

Bishop John S. Stamm is to preside at this service and have charge of the devotional part of the service. The Conference quartette is asked to sing. Rev. A. J. Byas is to speak on the lives of Rev. F. W. Doede, Mrs. J. C. Kiest, and Mrs. James Fritch; Rev. L. C. Schmidt on the lives of Professor H. H. Rassweiler and Mrs. H. F. Kletzing; Rev. J. C. Schaefer on the life of Rev. B. R. Wiener, Secretary on Evangelism; Rev. J. G. Eller on the lives of Mrs. F. Schwartz, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. B. Rife, and David Hostetter.