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George Mooney

By W. H. MORGAN

George Mooney, born May 6, 1863, New York City, passed to his eternal home January 18, 1929, in the parsonage at Summit, N. J.

His useful and loyal life here on earth had a fitting close. He literally "fell on sleep" surrounded by his loved ones in the evening hours.

His educational preparation for his life work was thorough. He was prepared for college at Hackettstown and never ceased to express his gratitude for the training and associations of that fine school. From here he entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. After studying two years there he moved to Chicago and entered Northwestern University. While in Evanston he took special courses at Garrett Biblical Institute. After graduation at Northwestern he came to Drew Theological Seminary and finished his education. He was honored by Wesleyan with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On July 5, 1894, he was united in marriage to Caroline Emerson at Haverhill, Mass., who for 35 years was his loving companion and helpmeet. Two children were born of the union—Wandell McMaster and Faith Emerson, who, with their mother, survive.

Immediately after his marriage he went West, entering the Northwestern Nebraska Conference, and was appointed to Lander, Wyo. In 1896 he was transferred to the Newark Conference. The following were his appointments in the Newark Conference: Hilton, Caldwell, Mendham, Plainfield, Monroe Avenue; South Orange, Madison, Paterson, Grace; Nutley, Summit, Oakes Memorial.

Dr. Mooney was of Irish extraction and as a result he was gifted with a large sense of humor and enjoyed thoroughly the humorous side of life. He was a devoted minister of our Master—a faithful pastor—a good administrator and a fine preacher. He loved his people and they in turn loved him. This was evidenced by a large delegation from all the churches he had served in attendance at his funeral services which were held in his church at Summit, and the floral offerings which were numerous and beautiful.

Dr. Henry Lyle Lambden had charge of the service, which was simple and beautiful. Two life-long chums, Dr. Ralph B. Urmy and the writer, made short addresses. I can do no better than to quote from *The Christian Advocate* the editorial comment on the service:

"In a nearby Conference three preachers began their ministry some forty years ago. Following each other on the same rural charge, they came to know each other well. That common experience, added to congenial temperaments, brought them together and though the passing of years bore them far apart, they kept that manly friendship bright and sweet through the years, meeting when they could as if nothing had intervened. And when one of them answered the inevitable call and 'ceased at once to work and live,' the two surviving members of the trinity of friendship came and stood beside the coffin and told in simple and tender words what welled up from their hearts. The church was crowded with those from many charges who respected and loved their former pastor, and whose faces glowed with sympathy as they heard his praise from those who had known and loved him best. A Catholic, whom acquaintanceship with the bereaved family had brought within the Protestant sanctuary, perhaps for the first time, was deeply moved. 'This service,' said he, 'is not Methodist or Catholic, it is just Christian.' And at the graveside the two strong men who had bared their hearts for his sake, each dropped a rose upon the casket as the solemn words of the committal service were spoken."

A testimony which "in every accent spoke of human love stronger than death."

"To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die."

Louis C. Muller

By F. C. BALDWIN

Louis Conrad Muller was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, July 12, 1849. His father, Louis Muller, was of German descent, and his mother, Eudocia Gelston Hills, was descended, on her mother's side, from the Hills of Malden, Mass. Thus in the character of our lamented comrade were blended the traits of two great colonial civilizations: on the one hand, the inflexible conscientiousness of New England, and on the other, that luxurious love of life which signalize the Southland. Integrity and generosity found a well-nigh complete expression in this man's long and eminently useful life. Courage and kindness, mysticism and humor, poetry and common sense—these, also, were among the conspicuous blends of his opulent nature. And above all, it is both a pleasure and inspiration to recall his genius for hard work.

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Doctor Muller was converted in early youth, and from the beginning of his career as a Christian was engaged in one form or another of service for his Master. His call to the ministry was clear and impelling—a fact that was never doubted by those whose privilege it was to hear him proclaim “the unsearchable riches of Christ.” He was graduated from Drew Theological Seminary with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in the spring of 1871; and in March of the same year was admitted on trial to the Baltimore Conference. Severn, Md., 1871-72; Baltimore, Md., Cross Street, 1872-74; Washington, D. C., Mt. Zion, 1874-75; Rockville, Md., 1875-78; West River, Md., 1878-80; Baltimore, Md., Grace, 1880-83. These appointments make the official record of his work in his native Conference. In the spring of 1883 he was transferred to the Wyoming Conference and stationed at Adams Avenue Church, Scranton. In 1886 he was transferred to the Newark Conference. His appointments in the Newark Conference were as follows: St. James, Elizabeth, 1886-89; Emory, Jersey City, 1889-92; Superintendent, Newark City Church Extension Society, 1892-97; Passaic, 1897-1902; Grace, Paterson, 1902-07; Superintendent, Paterson District, 1907-13; De Groot, Newark, 1913-18.

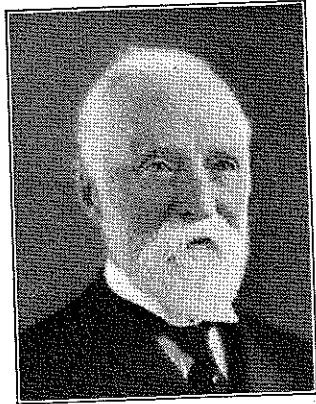
In the spring of 1918 Dr. Muller was granted the relation of retired minister, an honor never more worthily bestowed. During the years of his retirement he lived successively at Ocean Grove, Asbury Park, Passaic and New York City, and through all those peaceful years his mind retained its accustomed activity and his soul kept ablaze with zeal for the Kingdom. The degree of Doctor of Divinity, from Dickinson College in 1904 was never bestowed upon a worthier workman or more diligent student of the saving truths of God. On Wednesday, April 4, 1928, Dr. Muller went on to test those truths in a realm of larger application and more glorious fulfillment. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 6, at his home, 50 West Central Park, New York City, and were participated in by Rev. Paul Scheerer, a Lutheran minister, who had become endeared to Dr. Muller, Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, D.D., and the writer of this memoir. Interment was made on Friday morning, the 6th of April, in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Newark. A large group of ministers from the Newark Conference were in attendance. Those who are left to mourn the departure of our beloved brother, more keenly even than ourselves, are his widow, Mrs. Carrie M. Muller, to whom he was married November 18, 1873; his son, Paul W. Muller; and his two daughters, Mrs. Jay Ten Eyck (Henrietta) and Miss Emily Muller, all of whom reside in New York City.

Frank Lee Rhodes

By W. J. HAMPTON

A distinguished gentleman whose days had been spent amidst the busy marts of life, feeling the sands of time fast ebbing away, said: “I have been crowded all my life; bury me in the open country.” It means more to be born in the open spaces than to be buried there. Fortunate in many respects is he who has been cradled in the open country, where God has not been crowded off the map by the hand of man; where the stars can be seen by night; where one may witness the majestic king of the day begin his sweep across the face of the sky and sink to rest at even-tide in his chariot of gold; where one may watch the approach of the thunder cloud as it appears above the crest of the hill or peak of mountain, and behold the display by day as well as by night of nature's fireworks, and listen to the low rumbling of heaven's distant artillery, until the storm king breaks forth in resplendent fury in a valley carved out by the hand of God; where flowers grow in rich profusion and where birds sing in perfect abandon of God's out-of-doors. Such was the birthplace—the boyhood home of Frank Lee Rhodes, in the Vernon Valley, as beautiful as a poem, whether in springtime, autumn or winter. Vernon Mountains to the right and Pochuck mountains to the left. Billows of golden grain and fields of waving corn to be seen everywhere.

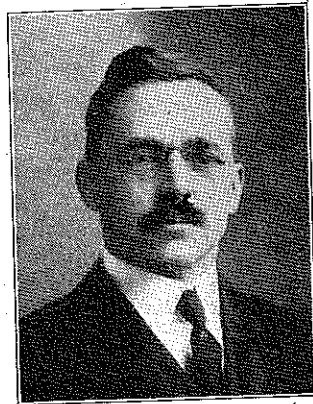
Frank was nurtured in a Christian home. His parents were James Edsall Rhodes and Elizabeth Shaw. He was born in Vernon, New Jersey, August 3, 1869, and was converted during a special revival service which was held in the local church when twelve years of age. We still retain a vision of that boyhood home which we visited before either Frank or the writer entered the ministry. The father was a church official, holding practically every office with which the church could honor him. Before breakfast, the family gathered for morning prayers. None were absent with the exception of Anna, a married daughter. Four daughters were present, viz., Emma, Clara, May and Nettie, and the three sons, Bert, Frank and Louis. These eight children were all gathered into the fold of the church. The father was the priest in his own home. “Do Ministers Pray?” Such was the query propounded by a



JOHN C. DAVISON



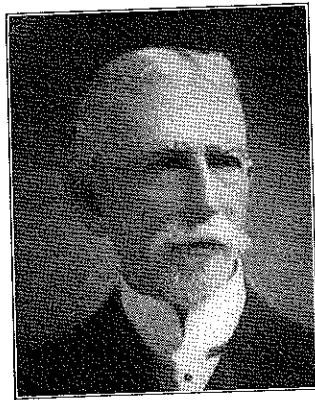
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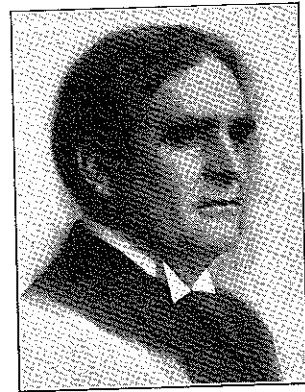
ALBERT S. DEZENDORF



FRANK L. RHODES



JOSEPH W. DALLY



GEORGE MOONEY

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- McCoy, Berryman H.**—1905-07, Newark, St. James; '08-11, East Orange, Sanford St.; '12-15, Bloomfield, Watssessing; '16-17, Paterson, Wesley; '18-22, Plainfield, First; '23- , Newark, St. Paul's, North.
- McCrea, Abel C.**—1895-96, Roselle; '97-1902, Staten Island, Port Richmond, Grace; '03-04, Ridgewood; '05-08, Plainfield, First; '09, Newark, Centenary; '10-16, Jersey City, Emory; '17-19, Ridgewood; '20- , National Director, Near East Relief; '27- , Sy.
- McGuire, William T.**—1917, Wilmington Conf., Hickman and Epworth; '18-20, Without appointment to attend school (Drew); '21-22, Ocean City, Md.; '23-24, Hillsboro, Md.; '25-27, Odessa, Del.; '28, Newark Conf., Westtown Circuit.
- Mead, Frank S.**—1926, Without appointment to attend school; '27- , Newark, Grace.
- Molyneux, William Addison.**—1921-23, New Providence and Union Village; '24-25, Flanders; '26- , Blairstown and Walnut Valley.
(Oct. 1917-Mar. '18, New York Conf., Vails Gate; '20, Newark Conf., Stockholm and Milton)
- Mooney, Frederick Chauncey.**—1894, Cranford, First; '95-97, Port Colden and Changewater; '98-1902, Rahway, First; '03-07, Union Hill, Union Place; '08-12, Newark, Union St.; '13-19, Elizabeth, Epworth; '20-22, Rutherford; '23-24, Jersey City, West Side Ave.; '25-27, Vernon; '28, New Providence.
- Mooney, George.**—1894-95, Northwest Nebraska Conf., Missionary in Lander, Wyo.; '96, Newark Conf., Hilton (half year); '96-99, Caldwell; 1900-03, Mendham; '04-05, Plainfield; Monroe Ave.; '06-09, South Orange; '10-12, Madison; '13-22, Paterson, Grace; '23-27, Nutley; '28, Summit, Oakes Memorial.
- Morgan, John L.**—1920, Pattenburg, Little York and Mount Salem; '21, Lebanon; '22, Sergeantsville and Rosemont; '23- , Paterson, Cedar Cliff.
- Moulsdale, Gilbert C.**—1885, Johnsonburg; '86-90, Suffern; '91-95, Flemington; '96-97, Rahway, Trinity; '98-1902, Boonton; '03-09, Belvidere; '10-11, Newton; '12-15, Roselle Park; '16-17, Haverstraw; '18-22, Phillipsburg, First; '23-24, Newark, DeGroot; '25- , Retired.
(1925- , Harmony and Brainards)
- Müller, George Max.**—June, 1915-June, '17, Elizabeth, Bethany Presbyterian; June '20, North-East Ohio Conf., New Pittsburg and Rowsburg; June '20-April '21, Newark Conf., Roselle, Wesley; '21-22, Staten Island, Port Richmond, Graniteville; '23-24, Jersey City, Summit Avenue; '25-27, Hawthorne; '28, Bernardsville.
(June '17, New Dover)
- *Muller, Louis C.**—1871, Baltimore Conf., Severn; '72-73, Baltimore, Cross St.; '74, Washington, St. Paul's; '75-77, Rockville; '78-79, West River Circuit; '80-82, Baltimore, Grace; '83-85, Wyoming Conf., Scranton, First; '86-88, Newark Conf., Elizabeth, St. James; '89-1901, Jersey City, Emory; '92-96, Superintendent Newark City Church Extension Society; '97-01, Passaic; '02-06, Paterson, Grace; '07-12, D. S., Paterson District; '13-17, Newark, DeGroot; '18-28, Retired.
- Murdock, Andrew Hugh.**—1912, Troy Conf., Blue Mountain Lake; '13, Stony Creek; '14, Hampton; '15, West Hebron and Belcher; '15-20, Army, Y. M. C. A., Camp Upton; '21-Jan. '23, Newark Conf., Garnerville; Jan. '23-25, Matamoras; '26- , Tenafly.
- Murkland, Harry Y.**—1902-03, New York Conf., Durham; '04, Poughquag; '05-07, Millerton; '08-09, Cornwall; '10-12, Catskill; '13-19, Newark Conf., Newark, Central; '20- , Orange.
- Neff, Warren E.**—1895-99, Milford; 1900-03, Jersey City, Browne Memorial; '04-12, Newark, DeGroot; '13-16, Hoboken; '17-18, Staten Island, West New Brighton, Trinity; '19-20, Elizabeth, St. James; '21- , Hackettstown.
- Nelson, Otto C.**—1921-24, Succasunna; '25-26, Passaic, Trinity; '27- , Jersey City, Lafayette.
(July 1919-20, Buttzville and Free Union)
- Newsom, William S.**—1890-91, Broadway; '92, Finesville; '93-95, Vienna and Janes Chapel; '96-98, West Town and Unionville; '99-1902, Lebanon; '03-06, Califon and Fairmount; '07-09, Frenchtown; '10-15, Staten Island, New Springville, Asbury; '16-20, Paterson, Calvary; '21-25, Newark, Union St.; '26- , Retired.
- Noble, Wilbur C.**—1909, Whippany; '10, Chester and German Valley; '11, Sergeantsville; '12-14, Metuchen; '15-17, Mount Horeb, Martinsville and Springdale; '18-28, Assistant to the Treasurer and Religious Work, Berea College, Ky.; '27, Sy.; '28, Auditor, Berea College.
- Okeson, George.**—1908-09, Mount Horeb; '10-11, Raritan; '12-14, Quakertown; '15-18, Midvale Circuit; '19-21, Hillsdale; '22-25, Midland Park; '26, Stanhope; '27- , Union City.
- Palmer, Francis Noel.**—1925, Hopatcong; '26-27, Paterson, Grace; '28, Sy.
- Paustian, Paul William.**—May 1922-23, Newark, Centenary (Assoc.); '24- , Missionary, India.
- Pearee, Elmer Ellsworth.**—1905-06, Baltimore Conf., Hagerstown, Washington Square; '07-09, Without appointment to attend school; '10-12, Baltimore, Stone Chapel; '13-21, North-East Ohio Conf., Cleveland, Broadway; '22-24, Newark Conf., Englewood; '25- , D. S., Jersey City District.
(1904, Central Pennsylvania Conf., Greencastle); ('07-09, Newark Conf., Cranford, First)
- Pender, Thomas Millison.**—1908-10, Beechview, Pittsburgh; '11-14, Walton, Pittsburgh; '14-24, Newark Conf., South Orange; '25- , Englewood.
(1906-07, Pittsburgh Conf., Enon Valley)
- Peterson, A. Laroy.**—1918, Eastern Conf. (M. P. Church), Millville; '19-20, Avon-by-the-Sea; '21-22, Shickshinny; '23-Oct. '27, Kearny; '28, Newark Conf., Barryville Circuit.
(Oct. 1927-28, Barryville Circuit)
- Peterson, Charles Fowler.**—1921-Dec. '22, New York East Conf., Stamford, (Asst.); Dec. '22-23, Newark Conf., Jersey City, Centenary; '24-26, Missionary, China; '27- , Staten Island, Asbury.
(June 1919-Sept. '20, Pittsburgh Conf., Ebensburg Circuit)

* Died, April 5, 1928.