

Charges and

J. D. Parker; 1850, S. B. Sullivan;
Himebaugh; 1853, J. B. Hammond;
nd; 1857-58, Samuel Hollen; 1859,
avid Mizener; 1863, A. H. Domer;
; 1869-70, B. F. Delo; 1871, A. H.
; 1875-77, W. L. Riley; 1878, W. B.
over; 1883-85, H. G. Hall; 1886-90,
5-96, J. C. Rhodes; 1897-99, T. J.
L. Perry; 1915-20, J. A. Lyons;
1926, E. D. Hulse; 1927-31, S. T.
M. Reed; 1940-, Dwight Jack.

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Swedish Methodism. Northwestern University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

His last pastorate was Epworth Church, Jamestown, New York, from 1917 to 1924, when ill health forced his retirement. As pastor he took an active interest in community affairs and was much in demand as a lecturer. He was an honorary member of the Swedish



Club of Chicago and of the University Club of Jamestown. In recognition of his services in cementing friendly relations between Sweden and the United States he was decorated by King Gustav V. with the Order of Vasa.

Dr. Hillberg was twice married. On June 12, 1897, he was united in marriage with Johanna Christine Lundgren, who passed to her eternal reward June 18, 1929. On May 28, 1932, he married Signe Olive Nyberg, who together with an adopted daughter, Mrs. Adrian Sandstrom of Jamestown, New York; and a sister, Mrs. Gunnard Wold, in Sweden, mourn his departure. Funeral services were conducted in the Epworth Methodist Church in Jamestown, and were in charge of Dr. John A. Galbraith,

district superintendent, assisted by Dr. John E. Roberts and Rev. O. J. Lundberg.

ELMER F. LUND.

OLIVER H. NICKLE

The Rev. O. H. Nickle, for fifty-nine years an honored Methodist preacher, was called to his eternal reward on April 27, 1943. He was born at Nickleville, Pa., on April 12, 1855. His early years of manhood were spent in teaching school in Pennsylvania.

Early in life Brother Nickle heard the call to preach the Gospel. He was admitted into the Erie Annual Conference in 1884. His long useful life was spent in this Conference.

For thirty-two years he served efficiently in the effective ranks of the Methodist ministry. His pastorates were: Putneyville, Brockport, Luthersburg, New Bethlehem, Sugar Grove, Garland, Panama, Mount Jewett, Silver Creek, Tionesta, Nebraska, Conneautville, Barnes, Glade, Albion, Ripley, Lakewood and Celoron. During his retirement he served Second Church, Greenville; and Plumer.

During his ministry he officiated at 180 weddings, 615 funerals, 510 baptisms, and preached 5680 sermons. He conducted 100 revivals in which 1500 were converted; and 1180 were received into the church.

On Christmas, 1942, Rev. and Mrs. Nickle observed their 65th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Nickle is the daughter of the late Charles and Catherine Linn of Van, Pa.

Oliver Nickle was a good student, a hard worker, a devout Christian, a clear thinker, and a loyal friend. He studied God's Work carefully and thoughtfully. The Bible which he used is worn and fingermarked and passages that touched him in a special way are underscored and marked. These showed that he was living in constant communion with God. He was an able preacher of the Gospel

which he believed with all the passion of his soul, and presented it in a way that caused people to find God. There are many people in heaven because Brother Nickle lived.

He was a lover of the beautiful. There were no more beautiful flowers grown than those in his garden. Growing tomatoes was very interesting to him. It was his delight to have the first ripe ones on his lot. But back of the material things, he saw God with whom he lived and worshipped. So by cooperating with God in plant life, he learned to cooperate with God in a spiritual way. As he watched the development of plant life, he was led to the beauty of the development of the Christian.

All who knew him well join with his friend and former pastor saying, "Servant of God well done."

Besides his wife he is survived by four daughters: Mrs. A. M. Sweet, Kennedy, N. Y.; Mrs. L. E. Watson, Seneca; Mrs. M. C. Main, and Mrs. V. S. Snapp, Wesleyville, Pa.

The funeral service was held in the Seneca Methodist Church. Dr. H. A. McCurdy, District Superintendent of Brookville District, had charge of the Service. The writer of this memoir gave an address. Other ministers took part. There were a number of ministers present. The church was well filled with friends. His body was laid to rest in Nickleville Cemetery near the village where he was born.

H. H. THOMPSON.

