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Serials

Sept. 21, 1957, at his residence in Racine, following an

id Helikson was married to Anna Andersen at Wheaton, re his wife, Anna; two daughters: Mrs. John (Margaret) Ill.; and Mrs. Ralph (Ruth) Eckblad, of Racine, Wis., three great grandchildren.

re held at Racine, with interment in the family plot

#### MARVIN A. JOHNSON

as born September 30, 1912, at Lake Benton, Minn. lege and Garrett Biblical Institute, and did graduate Grand Forks, N. Dak. On August 29, 1941 he was vers of Minneapolis. They became the parents of three and Nadine.

Ralph S. Cushman, he began his ministry in North ; Arthur, and Erie circuit, and the Crystal, Hoople, and ; share of connexional responsibilities, he served as work in North Dakota. In 1951 he was transferred to where he served the Adrian, Dodge Center, Lind- polis), and Elk River churches.

ed Marvin for more than 25 years, but he gave a o his ministerial tasks. Minnesota Methodists in the Dundas-Little Prairie charges remember him as an their midst. Not many of them, nor of his later con- sical difficulty under which he labored until his ist Hospital, Minneapolis, on October 17, 1957. no Cemetery in Elk River.

#### ARTHUR KENT

Feb. 27, 1880 at Ann Arbor, Michigan. In early natics, among other places at North High in Minne- ed as superintendent of schools in the state of Utah.

a local preacher's license and served churches in es, in addition to charges he served in the Northern ng which were Meadowlands, Waite Park, Delano, nd Rosseau. He also served for a time as supply atana.

rother Kent resided at the Walker Home until the 1957. His wife and son had preceded him in death, rvivors. Funeral service and burial were at Delano.

ern for his welfare in the later years on the part of the high type of service he rendered before his

#### JOHN LORENTZ

a member of the Norwegian-Danish Methodist Con- thfully for forty-six years serving churches in She- urg, Martell, Viking and Hartstad, Wisconsin; Bethel- ork; Omaha, Nebraska; Grand Forks and Valley okston and Virginia, Minnesota.

He was born in Steinkjar, Norway, April 28, 1866, and he departed this life January 14, 1958. Burial was at Martrell, Wisconsin.

#### ANDREW G. OLSON

Andrew Gustave Olson was born in Gagnef, Sweden, February 10, 1866. He came to the United States when seven years of age. His theological edu- cation was completed at Evanston, Illinois. On April 23, 1896, he married Flora Westerling at Prentice, Wisconsin.

As a member of the Northern Swedish Conference (later called the Central Northwest Conference), he served 16 charges or circuits (consisting of 35 churches) in the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, North Dakota and Minnesota. In addition, after retiring in 1934, he served for one year at Belgrade and nine years in Stillwater, the last year in the capacity of Assistant Minister after the union of the Swedish and the English Methodist Churches.

After complete retirement in 1946, he and his wife made their home in Stillwater, Minnesota, until his death on June 9, 1958, after a relatively short illness. Funeral services were conducted on June 12th at Jones Funeral Home in Stillwater and at the Community Methodist Church of Atlas, Wisconsin, where he was laid to rest at the Union Cemetery in his family plot.

Surviving him are his wife Flora; two sons, Clement of Homewood, Illinois, and Earl of Beverly Hills, California, one daughter, Gladys of Anoka, Minnesota; two brothers, Albert of Fredric, Wisconsin, and Charles of Luck, Wisconsin. There are four grand children and nine great grand children.

He was a good minister of Jesus Christ. His labors of 52 years included considerable church building, property improvements and the retirement of many debts. His dedicated life with its long ministry has brought untold blessings to so many, young and old. May the memory of his name and influence ever enrich the lives of those who knew him, and who through him know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour!

#### WILLIAM EATON THOMPSON

William Eaton Thompson was born Dec. 25, 1868, near Melbourne, Australia, in a gold mining camp. At the age of three he travelled with his parents to Roscerea, Tipperary county, Ireland. At the age of 21 he came to the United States. He attended Hamline University and in 1893 was ordained a Methodist minister. The same year he married Zilpah Catherine Jones, a native of Wales.

In 1939 he was granted the retired relationship after having served churches throughout southeastern Minnesota for 47 years. He still continued to be active at sessions of the conference, and was its oldest member at the time of his death on March 8, 1958.

His wife preceded him in death in 1949. Four children survive. His son, William, lives in California. His son, Henry is in New Hampshire. A daughter, Frances (Mrs. George Smokey) resides in Farmer, South Dakota, and the other daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Elton Greta), in Sioux City, Iowa. He was making his home with Margaret at the time of his death.

Bishop D. Stanley Coors conducted funeral services in St. Paul. Rev. Elsie Hartman, who entered the ministry due in part to his influence, offered the prayer. Burial was in Acacia Park cemetery, St. Paul.

His first appointment was to Stewartville and Pleasant Grove in 1892. He was serving Gordonsville and Glenville when he retired.