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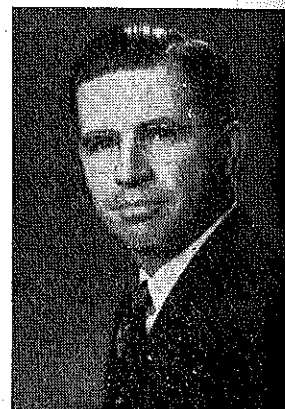


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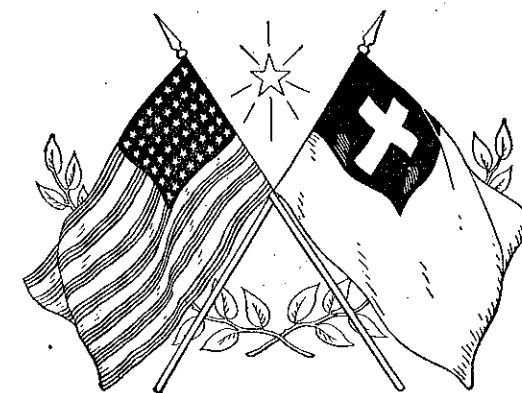
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He is survived by his wife and by four children; Mrs. C. M. (Lou Esther) Sampson, Waynesville; Mrs. E. H. (Bernice) Rogers, Chicago; Mrs. L. B. (Dorothy) Thompson and James, both of Portland, Oregon. He is survived also by two sisters, four brothers and nine grand-children.

Funeral services were held at the Wesley Grace Methodist Church, Bloomington, by E. E. Atherton, Merrill J. Holmes and Ira McCormack. Burial was in East Lawn Memorial Park cemetery, Bloomington.

MERRILL J. HOLMES

CHARLES M. M. FULTZ

Charles M. M., son of Archibald and Mary Blaine Fultz, was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, February 11, 1868. He died in Marlinton, West Virginia, February 15, 1949, aged 81 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. N. Carlson, a Methodist minister, assisted by District Superintendent, J. R. Fitzwater, and Rev. Roger Melton, a Presbyterian minister. He was buried with Masonic rites in the Morgan Memorial Cemetery, Marlinton.

He was twice married. His first bride was Miss Minnie Dever who preceded him in death, as did their son, Clinton. His second marriage was with Miss Nannie Curry. He is survived by his widow and their two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Jones and Mrs. Lelia Foster of Marlinton. There are six grand-children and one great grand-child.

Mr. Fultz was Received on Trial in the Virginia Conference in 1894. Later he transferred to the West Virginia Conference, and in 1906 came to the Illinois Conference where he served three charges, Harristown, Bellflower and Deland. He was given the Supernumerary Relation in 1912, and in 1918 the Retired Relation. His years of retirement were spent in Wisconsin.

He was active and energetic. He was a good pastor; he was evangelistic; but foremost was his record as a builder, for in three West Virginia counties there are twelve church edifices erected during his pastorates. He is credited with a total of twenty-one church-buildings. He liked people and was beloved of his members.

CHARLES E. PARSONS

Charles E., the fourth child of Samuel J. and Martha Hamrick Parsons, was born in Lewis County, Kentucky, February 15, 1859. Procuring an education was a difficult matter in the time and place of his boyhood but he persisted in his efforts, at different institutions, until finally in 1893 he graduated from the Garrett Biblical Institute. He had the pleasure of being a member of the first graduating class in 1882, numbering 1400, from all over the United States, of the famous "Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle" instituted by Bishop Vincent.

Mr. Parsons was a school teacher in Kentucky and later in Indiana, for several years. He was Received on Trial in the North Indiana Conference in 1893. He transferred to the St. Johns River Conference in 1908, and came to the Illinois Conference in 1909. He was granted the Retired Relation in 1925, but continued active in church work. He was teacher of a Bible Class in a Tampa church until within a month of his death.

He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Lucy Ross of Fleming County, Kentucky, who served with him through his active ministry. She died at Zepher Springs, Florida, in 1941. Their son Ross was killed in a highway accident in 1938. His second marriage, which took place on his ninetieth birthday, February 15, 1949, was to Mrs. Julia L. Beal of Tampa, who survives him. He is survived also by a sister, Mrs. Edella G. Butler, of Marion, Indiana and a grand-daughter, Mrs. John Dow of Kokomo, Indiana.

He died in Tampa, Florida, March 31, 1949. His funeral was held in Marion, Indiana, by the pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Sparling, assisted by several other ministers. He was laid to rest in Grant Memorial Park, Marion, Indiana.

WILLIAM A. PHILLIPPE

William A. Phillippe was born at Cedar Springs, Virginia, July 25, 1874. His schooling was received at the Cedar Springs Academy; at Emery and Henry College, Emery, Virginia; and at Grant University, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He early dedicated his life to God, and in 1905 was Received on Trial in the Northwest Kansas Conference.

He transferred to the Illinois Conference in 1907. The success of his ministry is evidenced by the host of people who call him their spiritual father. Twice he led his people in the building of church edifices, at Doddsville and at Paloma.

He was married to Miss Almyrtie M. Schuler at Comers Rock, Virginia, June 19, 1895. To them five children were born, two of them preceding their father in death. He is survived by his widow; two sons, E. F., of Avon Park, Florida, William, Crawford, New Jersey; and a daughter, Mrs. LeRoy Pickett, of Havana.

Death came on July 10, 1948. Memorial services were held at the Camp Point Methodist church by District Superintendent Sidney A. Guthrie and Orval L. Bear, pastor. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg.

ORVAL L. BEAR

THOMAS W. PUFFER

Thomas W., son of George W. and Agnes Willet Puffer, was born on a farm near Minden, Ontario, Canada, August 28, 1869, and there he grew to manhood. He was a graduate of the Minden Normal School; he taught for a time, then entered Albert College, Belleville, Canada, to prepare for the ministry. He was Received on Trial in the Bay of Quinte Conference in 1894.

He was united in marriage with Miss Joy Hubbell of Burnbrae, Canada, on November 18, 1898. The young couple came at once to Illinois and did Supply work at Cameron for three years, then in 1901 Mr. Puffer was received into membership, on credentials, in the Central Illinois Conference. He was granted the Retired Relation in 1926.

His was an evangelistic ministry, with outstanding revivals and many additions to church membership. He built two churches and repaired others, some to a considerable degree. He built the parsonage at Roseville.

He had the gift and the grace of being able to assist others in their upward calling because he, himself was so completely devoted to the Church and to God.

Mr. and Mrs. Puffer spent most of their retired years in Elgin, but last autumn moved to Crystal Lake. There death came for him on February 10, 1949, and for Mrs. Puffer on February 17. There are three sons to mourn their double loss, Noble J., Dallas B., and Willett C. Puffer.

His funeral service was conducted by Gilbert A. Weisshaar, pastor of the Crystal Lake Methodist Church, and he was buried in the McHenry County Memorial Park, near Woodstock.

GILBERT A. WEISSHAAR
(Rock River Conference)

JOHN H. RYAN

A leader was lost to Illinois Methodism when John H. Ryan slipped away on December 16, 1948. Dr. Ryan was born to lead. When he spoke, people listened; and when he beckoned, people followed. Whatever the occasion—if it had to do with the Church—he was at its center. He was a wizard with words, blessed with a pleasing personality and a rich sense of humor; people coveted his company and sought his fellowship.

John H. Ryan was born on a farm in LaSalle County, Illinois, February 26, 1860, a son of John H. and Ellen Daily Ryan. His father died before he