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University. For two years he was Professor of Classical Languages in Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Between the years 1881 and 1898 he was in continuous service in the pastorate of the following churches: Egleston Square; Newton Centre; First Church, Boston; Saratoga Street, Boston; St. Mark's, Brookline. In the year 1899 he was elected to the chief secretaryship of the American Bible Society, and administered this great office with unremitting faithfulness and power for nearly thirty years.

He was never limited in his sympathies or in service to a mere routine of official duties. Boston University, Wesleyan University, Drew Seminary, each made him a trustee. He held an appropriate place in the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions; for his main purpose was to be instrumental in sending the Light of revealed Truth to the uttermost parts of the world. He was one of the leaders in founding the Epworth League, in 1888. In the Methodist Ecumenical Councils of 1901 and 1911 he was an active member. In the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America he was for four years chairman of the Administrative Committee, one of its Committee on Relations with the Orient, and in other branches of the Council's work.

In pulpit ministrations and in platform addresses Dr. Haven was always so charged with the value of his message that his ready and forceful diction and clear thinking commanded the attention of his hearers. The churches he served were built up by his preaching upon the secure foundations of an intelligent faith. His discriminating judgment in matters of taste showed itself in all his experiences. The Church of St. Mark's, Brookline, and the Methodist Church in Summit both bear the imprint of his good judgment in their structure and finish. His home was made beautiful and hospitable by the added grace and loveliness of his perfectly-mated companion, who joined him in marriage vows in 1894, Mrs. Minnie Speare Haven.

For things beautiful, righteous and of good report through the three score and twelve years of his fruitful life, he has been the devoted disciple and champion. His works do follow him. He is sorely missed by kindred and friends near and far; but the radiance of his soul lingers with them.

WILLIAM EDWARD HUNTINGTON.

#### CHARLES F. PARSONS

That New England Methodism has played its part in the pageantry of Christendom is due to men like Brother Charles F. Parsons. He slipped away from us November 14, 1928, after an illness of six long years. His suffering did not change his lovable disposition, but rather enhanced it. Like many others, he could not answer the question: "Why must these days be?" Yet the brave and rugged man of righteousness "kept the faith and finished the course."

Brother Parsons was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1854, the son

of Fisher A. and Harriett Parsons. In early life he went to live in Maine, where he attended the public schools and Kent's Hill Seminary. Later he attended Boston University School of Theology. In 1882 he entered the Maine Conference. The same year he was married to Etta Drew of Biddeford.

His first charge was Island Church, Portland. His other pastorates in Maine were: Kennebunk, Bridgeton, Cumberland and Falmouth, Mechanic Falls, Hallowell, Bath and Westbrook.

In 1899 he was made District Superintendent of the Augusta District, and from 1905 to 1909 he was District Superintendent of the Central District. He was a delegate to the General Conference in Baltimore in 1908. He had two pastorates in the New Hampshire Conference, Amesbury and Sunapee. In 1913 he was transferred into the New England Conference, and held pastorates at Chicopee, Orange, Maynard and Franklin. In 1922 he entered upon the retired relation and moved to Medford. He is survived by his wife and one son, Carl.

Through all the years of illness Brother Parsons made no complaint. The same genial nature which characterized his successful pastorates marked the sunset days of his useful life. With a humble heart and a noble purpose he trod the way of life unflinchingly, and always kept in mind the needs of those whom he served. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for there is a happy end to the man of peace."

The funeral service was held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Medford, on Friday, November 16. The service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Carl C. Clarke, and Dr. Charles C. P. Hiller, District Superintendent of the Lynn District. Burial was in Biddeford; Maine. The Rev. Thomas Whiteside of Saco conducted the service at the cemetery.

CARL C. CLARKE.

#### FRANK H. WHEELER

When the tired heart of Frank Hale Wheeler ceased its pulsations at Ocoee, Florida, March 4, 1929, a pure, unselfish spirit winged its way to the realms of eternal blessedness.

Failing health caused Brother Wheeler to take the retired relation in 1919; since then, and even before, his heart action had been very faulty, occasioning frequent sinking spells. His life was, undoubtedly, prolonged by spending recent winters in Florida where he was able to spend much of his time in the open. While he had been in failing health for some time, the end came suddenly after a day of mild activity and congenial companionship with his wife in the house.

Brother Wheeler was born in Keene, N. H., December 1, 1852; the family moved to Bernardston when he was four years old and his mother died when he was eight; his father entered the Civil War and the family was separated. He was educated in the public schools of Bernardston,