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## ARTHUR PARTINGTON

Early in the morning of January 6th, 1944, Arthur Partington awakened his wife. She seeing at once that her husband was dying, cried out to him not to leave her. He put up his hand and replied, "Hush—be still, we must be very quiet in this hour." So it was, in perfect serenity and peace that there passed from the earth the spirit of this man of God, "With all the dignity and glory of a Prophet of old."



Arthur Partington was born June 25, 1875, the oldest son of John, and Sarah Knott Partington, in Oldham, England. He was graduated from St. Stephen's School for boys, in his native city, in 1895. He attended the Government Training College and Manchester University Royal Society of Arts, until 1898. He also took three years under a tutor for Anglican Orders, but did not complete the course.

In 1899, he was united in marriage to Annie Mary Harlow, the mother of his children, Mrs. Doris Mary Douglas, and the Rev. John Donald Partington of Genesee Conference. This little family arrived in America from England in January, 1913, and the same year, Brother Partington was received on trial into Genesee Conference. After the death of his first wife, in 1918, he married Alice Veale, who remains with his children to mourn his loss. He is also survived by three grandchildren of Reverend and Mrs. Donald Partington, a brother William of Bradford, Pa., two brothers and sisters in England, and a brother, Jack Partington of Ottawa, Canada.

With the exception of five and one-half years served in our Methodist Church at Mohawk, N. Y., in the Northern New York Conference, his entire ministry was given to the following churches in Genesee Conference: West Sparta, Johnsonburg, Varysburg and North Java, Grace Church Corning, First Methodist Church Kenmore, Trinity Church Olean, Portville and Bolivar. After his retirement he served as supply at several points on the Olean District. He retired in 1943 from Bolivar where he had served successfully for eight years.

Shortly after retirement he moved into a recently purchased home in Portville where he resided at the time of his passing into God's care.

His philosophy was characterized by a relentless optimism for eternal truth. No fatalistic outlook clouded his life. He taught a quiet confidence in God and died in the victory of his own teaching. He possessed a staunch faith in the unchangeable Christ. His attitude of unselfishness in service to the high and lowly brought its compensations through remembrances which came as a comfort at the time of his passing.

He was a strong preacher, unhesitating in his clearly understandable presentations of the word of God, which were an outgrowth of his keen mind kept ever alert by his studious nature.

Brother Partington expressed his belief anew in his sermon preached December 26, 1943, in the Portville Presbyterian Church, where he supplied during the illness of the pastor. Such scripture as: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." "Therefore

seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not," and "But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." "For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus, our Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." These words reinforced by his own philosophy and concluded with:

Then let our songs abound,  
And every tear be dry—  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground  
To fairer Worlds on high.

proved a fitting climax to his earthly preaching and ministry in Portville.

On Sunday afternoon, January 9, 1944, funeral services were conducted by the District Superintendent, The Rev. Harold Hewitt, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Homer C. Evans. The interment was in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Bolivar, N. Y.

JOHN F. LEFFLER

## LOWELL LINCOLN ROGERS

Lowell Lincoln Rogers, second son of Rev. Wm. H. and Elizabeth Brownell Rogers was born May 14th, 1865, at Willing, N. Y. At the age of fourteen he entered Lima Seminary, later completing his studies at Cazenovia Seminary. After a full course at Syracuse University in which he majored in languages, he was graduated in the class of 1889. He was a fine athlete, winning many honors for his college on the horizontal bar. Upon his graduation he taught school three years, one as principal of Red Creek Academy and two years teaching Latin in Erie, Pa.



His father, grandfather and great grandfather were all ministers of the gospel and the call to preach was ever present with our brother. In the fall of 1892 he was received into Genesee Conference. His first appointment was at Youngstown, N. Y. February 22nd, 1893, he was united in marriage to Jessie Coe, daughter of Dr. Jerome Coe of Syracuse. Four children were born to them: a daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Wm. Franchell), Medina; and three sons, Vincent J., Buffalo; Herbert B., Glenn Ellyn, Ill.; and Lowell Lincoln, Jr., Caledonia.

He and his devoted wife served the following Genesee Conference Churches: Youngstown; North Ridge; Wilson; Coudersport, Pa.; Hedding Church, Rochester; Silver Springs and Canisteo. Then followed a successful term as Superintendent of Corning District, 1913-19. June 18th, 1919, he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Taylor University. Then came two years in Batavia followed by eight years in Medina. There his beloved wife, Jessie, died September 27th, 1927, after a long and painful illness.

His next appointment was Webster in the fall of 1929. There he met a friend of his early youth, Miss Ida L. Shaver, to whom he was married August 19th, 1930. From Webster they moved to Barker from which place he retired in 1937 after serving 45 years in the ministry.

Brother Rogers in his latter years pursued an absorbing avocation. He was an ardent genealogist and wrote several books on family history.