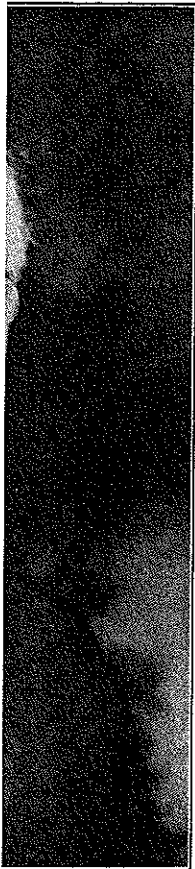


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Theodore S. Henderson, D.D., LL.D., Presiding Bishop

F. I. Johnson, B. D., M. A., S. T. D., Secretary

was appointed with her husband to Mexico Mission. They spent two and one-half years in Guanajuato and Leon, Mexico, returning in 1884 with a sick child. Afterward Mrs. Kemble entered Ohio Wesleyan University graduating in the Classical course in 1887. When a chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society was established in Ohio Wesleyan University, she was elected a member on her college record.

Mrs. Kemble was the faithful and accomplished help-meet of her husband during a long and honored ministry. In Mexico in mission work; as pastor, of St. Paul's Church, Toledo; William St. Church, Delaware; First Church, Berea; First Church, Mansfield; then as Superintendent of the Cleveland District, North Ohio Conference; again as pastor, at First Church, Bucyrus; a long pastorate at Detroit Avenue Church, Lakewood; closing a distinguished ministry at Courtland, from which field of service he was called to his eternal reward. During this ministry Mrs. Kemble stood by his side, sharing joys and sorrows, the burdens and victories, that came to him.

In many spheres of activity Mrs. Kemble has served the church; as Secretary of Cleveland District W. F. M. S. and later as President of that Society; member of the Cleveland Deaconess Board, President of the Mansfield District W. F. M. S., Vice-President of the Cincinnati Branch W. F. M. S. She was the peer of her husband in scholarly attainment. Possessed of a keen mind, with rare intellectual ability. She could grace any platform. She gave herself and her talents unstintedly to the work of the church.

With all her devotion to the church, Mrs. Kemble did not neglect her home. That was her throne of power and influence. She was a loyal, loving wife, and a good mother to her boys. One of the most beautiful things in this beautiful life was her tender devotion to her aged and sick mother. The closing years of her life were given to this sacred service. Under the strain of it her own health was broken and never regained.

She has gone to a well-earned reward. She has left behind her a fragrant memory, a never-dying influence, the record of a well-spent life. What richer heritage could her children wish? She left three sons; Thomas S., Arthur C., and Edwin E. The funeral services were held in the Detroit Avenue Church, Lakewood, Ohio, September 23, 1927, in charge of the pastor, C. D. Marston, assisted by John H. Blackburn. The interment was in Lakewood Park Cemetery.

#### MRS. H. F. PATTERSON

Nora L. Patterson, wife of the Rev. H. F. Patterson, our pastor of Medina, and daughter of the deceased Rev. R. S. Strahl, who served as a Methodist pastor for almost sixty years, passed to her heavenly home, February 26, 1928.

Graduating from her parent's parsonage home into a parsonage home of her own, she shared as wife, mother, comrade, helpmeet the past thirty-two years with her husband, always keenly interested and actively associated in the work of the churches they served.

Thoroughly loyal to the doctrines of her chosen Church, and an ardent believer in experimental religion, she could truly say, "I know whom I have believed." Truly her whole life was one of sacrificial service. She leaves her husband, three sons, Frank, Harry and Myron, and one little

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Funeral services were conducted in the Medina parsonage, Tuesday, at 2:30 P. M. in charge of District Superintendent C. B. Hess, who delivered the message. The Rev. T. L. McConnell led in prayer, and the Rev. W. R. Taylor read the Scripture. A large number of brother pastors were in attendance and a very large attendance from Medina and former charges served by Brother and Sister Patterson. Interment took place on Wednesday in the Deersville Cemetery.

#### MRS. R. M. YODER

After more than seventy-seven years of beautiful living Mrs. Ann Maple Yoder went from her home in Smithville to her Eternal Home, October 30, 1927, leaving alone the Reverend R. M. Yoder, her husband of fifty-five happy years. She had been the mother of seven children, three of whom had gone on to welcome her when she came. With her husband she had served the Christ in parsonage homes for forty years. Quiet and modest in manner, but most devoted to her Lord, a lover of the people among whom was their ministry, her influence in home, in neighborhood and in church was that of one whom all who knew rise up and call blessed. Out of her home came the fragrance of a life that is a benediction to the family, a precious memory to her friends and an assurance to all who knew her that Heaven will be brighter because she is there. She gives one son to the Mission field of South America, one son to the ministry of medicine, a daughter to the schools and another daughter to a home. Her body rests beside her children in Canal Fulton.

#### MRS. JOHN B. McCLAY

Mrs. Myrtle E. McClay, widow of the Reverend J. B. McClay, died at her home in Tarentum, Pa., after a five days illness of pneumonia on October 24, 1927. She was married to Reverend McClay on October 13, 1884 and with him served appointments in the North Ohio Conference, the Kentucky Conference and the North East Ohio Conference. Brother McClay died December 8, 1916, while Pastor of the Martins Ferry Church of the North-East Ohio Conference. To her was left the care of two sons, K. L. McClay now living in Cleveland, Ohio and V. L. McClay of Tarentum, Pa. Having received a liberal education she was able to care for them well, as it was possible for her to secure a position as a teacher in public High School.

Mrs. McClay was a talented woman and was a great help to her husband in the various appointments which he held, but most of all she was a good mother to her two sons whom it was her joy to see holding responsible positions in the business and manufacturing world.