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Memoirs

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ed April 30, 1939, at the age of 71

Simpson College, a Methodist School,
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married Miss Lucy Mabel Starr, of

erence, he served pastorates in Ben-
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f the Minneapolis Goodwill Industries.
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members of this Conference. Inter-
al Park, Minneapolis.

two sons, Harold Xavier of Wayzata,
Kansas; one daughter, Mrs. Byron F.
brother, Mr. I. A. Bartholow of In-
rs. George Hitchcock of Pleasanton,
f Grand River, Iowa; also by seven

G. VALLENTYNE

ELIJAH HEDDING

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a desire for a liberal education became

e available he accepted work on the
ilroad to earn his daily bread and for
the desired education. With his hard
ing's Academy at Barre, Vermont. After
school he served for a brief season as

Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. Following his urge
for a more adequate education he matriculated at Oberlin College. As
his next step in preparation for his life work he enrolled in the
Divinity School of Yale University. His courses in Divinity covered the
years 1882 to 1885 inclusive. Upon the completion of the course Yale
University conferred upon him the degree, Bachelor of Divinity.

During his student days he served several Churches as a student
Pastor. From February, 1887 to March, 1891, he was the Pastor of the
First Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsville, N. Y. The crowning event of
his pastorate at Mechanicsville was his marriage to Miss Louise B.
Sherman, March 12, 1891. During the forty-eight years of their union
they demonstrated their marriage as verily a sacrament instituted of
God. Their home fairly radiated happiness and hospitality.

During his pastorate at the Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsville, he
felt the yearning for the Church of his fathers. At the session of the
Geneseo Conference, October, 1892, Bishop Charles H. Fowler, presiding,
Melvin Elijah Hedding was admitted into the membership of the Con-
ference upon the recognition of his Orders from the Presbyterian
Church. He was assigned to the Cornhill Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Brother Hedding remained a member of the Genesee Conference for
fourteen years and served several Churches. He transferred to Indiana
and was appointed to Trinity Church, Terra Haute. In 1907 he transfer-
red to the Northern Minnesota Conference. He was appointed to Wes-
tern Avenue, now Calvary, Minneapolis. He served seventeen years in
the effective relation at Calvary, Long Prairie, Cass Lake and Taylors
Falls. During his six years at Taylors Falls he also served the St.
Croix Church in the West Wisconsin Conference. At St. Croix he
promoted the erection of the substantial church at that place.

Melvin Hedding had the faculty of attaching to himself many en-
during friendships among both ministers and laymen. The long sus-
tained interest of his friends was the source of his gratification and
gratitude. The outstanding accomplishment of Brother Hedding's min-
istry was evangelism in which he was pre-eminently successful in his
earlier years. Supplemental to his pastoral work, he was an omnivorous
reader.

During his pastorate at Taylors Falls his health failed. It became
expedient for him to ask for the retired relation in October, 1924. Mr.
and Mrs. Hedding moved to California, where they established their
home on the park-like grounds in Pasadena provided for the use of re-
tired ministers by the late Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson. His last four
years were spent in partial or complete invalidism. His patience never
failed. He passed into God's Other Room, March 10, 1939.

Bishop Mitchell conducted the recessional service and spoke the ten-
der words of Christian certitude and comfort and an appreciation of his
useful life. Dr. W. A. Shannon and the writer assisted in the service.
Interment in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California. We have
not lost Brother Hedding. He is ours yet and will be forever.

REESE B. KESTER.

ANTON PEIK

"For all the saints who from their labor rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confest
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Hallelujah!"

In the passing of Rev. Anton Peik, Methodism records the triumph
of one of her pioneer missionaries for Jesus Christ. He was a part of
that band of intrepid spirits who blazed new trails for the progress of
America and helped to shape the moulds in which our civilization
should be formed; a company of virile men and women, whose characters

cannot be pictured in pastel shades, but in strong, positive colors.

Anton Peik possessed not only these characteristics of the pioneer, but he was also fired with a passion for Christ and gave himself, like Paul as a missionary to the unsaved. He gloried in naught but Christ, and Him crucified.

He was born in Westphalia, Germany, November 14, 1859, the youngest of eight children. The older members of the family emigrated to America and settled in Brownton, Minnesota. In 1878 Anton and his widowed mother came to join the others in this land. A German congregation of Methodists had been formed in Sumter, Minnesota near the farm where they lived. Here he was converted and responded to the call to the ministry. He immediately entered the German College at Galena, Illinois, where he prepared himself for his calling.

In the fall of 1885 Rev. Peik joined the Northwestern German Conference. The following year the Conference divided and he became a member of the Northern German Conference, in which he served until that Conference was merged with the Northern Minnesota Conference.

On September 30, 1885 he was united in marriage with Mary Bublitz of Brownton, Minnesota, and they were appointed to their first charge at Clearwater. Several years later he was sent to Valley City, North Dakota. It was here that he found his largest opportunity for genuine missionary service. This was a new country and settlers were coming constantly. Among them were many German families, and he felt it his calling to bring them the Gospel of Christ. Consequently, his buggy became his home to a large extent, and while his horse shagged over the prairies, he looked up those to whom he could minister in the Gospel. These journeys took him away from home days, and even weeks, at a time. The German people, wherever found, were his responsibility, and he followed them as far as 100 miles from his home.

Ten boys and girls came to bless the Peik home. Two of them died in infancy, but the other eight received a college and university training, and are continuing to bless the world in the service they are rendering.

Rev. Peik served the following charges: Clearwater, Minnesota; Valley City, N. D.; Panola, Minn.; Nokah, Morris, Red Wing, Jordan, First German Church, Minneapolis; Rice Street, St. Paul; West St. Paul, and North German Church, Minneapolis. From this last charge he took the retired relation in the Northern Minnesota Conference at the age of 56 years, having spent over 40 years in the active ministry.

Four years ago Mr. and Mrs. Peik celebrated the Golden Anniversary of their marriage. They made their home with their daughter, Mrs. H. B. Mielke of Minneapolis since his retirement. On Thursday evening, February 2, 1939, he quietly slept away, to be awakened by his Savior's voice in gloryland. He is survived by his loving wife, who shared life with him for more than 53 years; three daughters, Mrs. H. W. Mielke of Minneapolis; Miss Bertha Peik, a professor in Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y.; Miss Esther, a teacher in the New York City schools; four sons, Dr. W. E. Peik, Dean of the College of Education, University of Minnesota; Dr. F. B. Peik, Dentist of Carrington, N. D.; Paul C., of Akron, Ohio; and Leon A., of New York City. In 1920 a daughter, Ruth, preceded him in death. He also leaves one brother, Fred Peik of Brownton, Minnesota, and seven grandchildren, as well as many other relatives, besides a host of friends to whom he ministered during the many years of service in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, February 5, 1939. Dr. J. R. Chadwick was in charge and was assisted by Dr. J. A. Rinke and Dr. G. G. Vallentyne.

SARAH HELENA BRYAN

Mrs. Sarah Helena Bryan, wife to the Rev. F. J. Bryan, died in Asbury Hospital in Minneapolis on May 30, 1939. She was born in London, Ont., March 21, 1874, and was the daughter