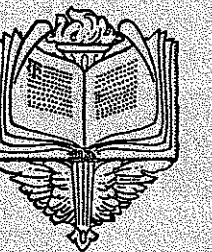


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A cerebral hemorrhage and a slight stroke of paralysis threw this active life into second gear; and so, by the physician's order, he superannuated and moved to Black Mountain; but he kept on driving toward the things that really count. A few hours before his death he attended a special service at the Methodist Church along with the other members of the Junior Order brotherhood, encouraged the minister with his appreciative remarks at the close of the service, and upon his arrival at home, told his wife that he planned to attend church in the morning. He did go to church, the church triumphant, where sermons are clearer and music sweeter; for at 2:15 a. m. Marcus Dargan closed his eyes to this life and opened them to the larger life of the upper room. That was the morning of September 17, 1935. His wife, two of her sisters, a neighbor, the doctor and his wife were the only ones present at the house when his spirit passed on. No, that's not the whole fact, for God was there, marking the passage with Christian serenity.

July 10, 1901, Brother Dargan was happily married to Miss Mary Graham Wall, of Lilesville, N. C. She has proved herself a genuine co-laborer under God.

We all loved him and appreciated his strong character. The Black Mountain Council, Number 145, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, had this statement in a preamble to their resolution of respect for him, "Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst, by death, our esteemed friend and brother, Rev. M. W. Dargan, who has for many years occupied a prominent rank in our midst, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach." And that was the start of the good things said of him.

Having been his pastor for three years I deem it a privilege to say that he was a man who kept the Christian spirit of youthfulness and good humor down to the end of his earthly sojourn. He was outstanding in the virtue of love and in the tonic of geniality toward all men; and naturally in his last days he was more than conqueror, for life did not close in on him—he moved up unafraid.

HERMAN F. DUNCAN.

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THOMAS FULTON GLENN

Thomas Fulton Glenn, son of Eli and Massinda Starnes Glenn, was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, December 18, 1837. He was a graduate of the famous Sand Hill Academy.

His wife was Miss Mary Stephens. To them six children were born. A son died in infancy and two children, Eugene and Mary, died after reaching adult life. Three daughters survive. They are Mrs. John H. Dills, Wheeler, Washington; Mrs. S. G. McEllreth, Asheville; and Miss Annie Glenn, Asheville.

In 1857 he was received on trial into the Holston Conference in session at Marion, Va. He was not yet twenty years of age. He served the following charges: Abingdon, Va., 1857-58; Jasper, Tenn., 1859; Ducktown, 1860; Cleveland Station, 1861; Chaplain Third Confederate Cavalry, First Brigade, Fourth Division (Wheeler's Corps Army of Tennessee), 1862-64; Waynesville Circuit, 1865-67; Franklin Circuit, 1868-70; Hayesville Circuit, 1871; Presiding Elder, Franklin District, 1872-73; Maryville Circuit, 1874; Sweetwater Circuit, 1875-76; Kingston Circuit, 1877-79; Charleston Circuit, 1880; Blountville, 1881-84; Pearisburg, 1885-88; Newbern (Va.), 1889-90; Lebanon (Va.), 1891; Auburn (Va.); 1892; Bland Street, Knoxville, and Editor *The Holston Methodist*, 1893; Editor *The Holston Methodist*, 1894-96; transferred to the Western North

Carolina Conference and appointed to the Leicester Circuit, 1897; Macon Circuit, 1898-99; Jonathan Circuit, 1900-01; Clyde Circuit, 1902; and superannuate, 1903-1935. For several years prior to 1893 Dr. Glenn was Associate Editor of *The Holston Methodist* and wrote most of the editorials.

Dr. Glenn served in the active ministry forty-five years. It is stated that, appointed to the Waynesville Circuit at the close of the Civil War, he saved our church in that section of the state. Brother Glenn was a builder of character and church property. It is said that he always left the church property in much better condition than it was when he came.

Superannuation for him did not mean that he would quit. He had a clear mind and liked to write. As during his active ministry, he now continued to write on moral and religious topics for both church and secular periodicals. For some years he had a weekly column in the *Asheville Times* on "Short Talks on Great Subjects"; and he was a regular contributor to *Christian Work*, a Presbyterian publication in New York.

For six years Dr. Glenn taught the Glenn Bible Class in the West Asheville Methodist Church. As long as he was physically able he was a regular attendant at the services of this church, and often filled the pulpit. On October 2, 1932, he and the West Asheville Church observed the 75th anniversary of his entrance into the ministry. He preached on this occasion and his subject was: "The Ministry of Angels."

Brother Glenn loved children and they loved him. He also appreciated the great hymns of the church. It was the writer's privilege to be with him on his last birthday. As was his custom, before parting, he wanted all present to join him in singing, "Rock of Ages." His voice was weak but clear and sweet. He had unflinching faith in God and in the power of the Gospel to save.

A true father, a Christian gentleman and minister, and a saint has traveled this way 97 years, two months, and one day, and has gone Home. He went to his Father's house Tuesday, February 19, 1935. What a blessing he has been to all who knew him! His influence for good and God can never die.

The funeral services were held in the West Asheville Methodist Church and were in charge of his pastor, Rev. E. H. Nease. The following assisted in the services: Reverends J. S. Hiatt, Robert Turnbull, L. W. Colson, W. B. West, C. C. Weaver, and J. B. McLarty. His body was interred by the grave of his wife in the cemetery at Clyde, N. C.

E. H. NEASE.

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EDWARD JASPER POE

After an illness of two months, the Reverend Edward Jasper Poe, at midnight, Sunday, March 3, 1935, made triumphant entry into the city of God. Stricken with paralysis while in his regular place at public worship on January 6, Brother Poe was taken to his home in Thomasville, where, despite medical skill and devoted care, he failed to rally. Beside him at the end was his heroic wife, who had gallantly helped him in the rich but difficult labors of 39 itinerant years, two children, his pastor, and neighbors beloved. The funeral service was conducted from the Main Street Methodist Church of Thomasville on Tuesday afternoon, March 5, by Revs. R. Dwight Ware, R. S. Howie, P. E. Parker, and W. L. Hutchins. Interment was in the Thomasville City Cemetery.

Brother Poe was born April 21, 1864, in Chatham County, the son of W. S. and Mariah Poe. At the age of 14 he was converted and joined the Methodist Church. Feeling definitely the call to preach, he prepared himself for

the ministry by attending the old Salem School in Randolph County when it was taught by the famed Dr. York, and by years of painstaking study in Trinity College and Vanderbilt University.

December 4, 1895, he was married to Mittie Cranford of Montgomery County, the sister of Dr. W. I. Cranford of Duke University. Besides his wife, he is survived by the following children: Edward, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala.; Charles Cranford, of Lyburn, W. Va.; Mary Theresa, a member of the faculty of State Teachers' College, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Mrs. G. H. Shutt, Jr., of Advance; Henry Martyn, of Thomasville; and Mrs. B. D. Harrill, of Columbia, S. C.; and by six grandchildren; and by one brother, L. H. Poe, a local preacher, of Hickory.

Forty-five years, 41 of them in unbroken active service, Brother Poe served various Committees and Boards of the Conference and the following charges: Jackson Hill, 1889-91; Kernersville, 1892-94; Mt. Island Station, 1895; Bakersville, 1896; Mills River, 1897-98; Jackson Hill, 1899; Wentworth, 1900; Pleasant Garden, 1901-02; Liberty, 1903; Alexander, 1904-07; Lilesville, 1908-09; Matthews, 1910; Morganton Circuit, 1911; Connelly Springs-Rutherford College, 1912-13; Walnut Cove, 1914-15; New London, 1916-17; Woodleaf, 1918-19; Haywood, 1920-21; Weddington, 1922; Albemarle Circuit, 1923; Rutherford College, 1924; Bostic, 1925-26; Old Fort Station, 1927; Statesville Circuit, 1928; Dudley Shoals, 1929-30. In all these years he never took a vacation. In 1930 he was granted the superannuate relation, and since then had made his home in Thomasville.

Brother Poe was among his people and among his brethren a noble man of God. Quiet, industrious, unassuming—his studious ways and his kindly ministry made him greatly beloved. The rush of the world found him meditative, bent on choice accumulations of devotional life. Each day he faithfully and appreciatively read his Greek New Testament and reasoned on the beauties of truth and charm of life's deep coursing streams. Each day he moved among his people, carrying to them a wealth of love and gathering from them more of the same. Brother Poe never sought for himself the honors of the world—content was he in the hard work of the Master—yet in his death all of Thomasville and regions beyond look upon his life as one crammed with loveliness, spent in helpfulness and blessed with the honors of a brighter world.

R. DWIGHT WARE.

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JOEL COLUMBUS RICHARDSON

Rev. Joel Columbus Richardson, son of A. M. and Jane Blaylock Richardson, was born near Mocksville in Davie County on December 5, 1858.

On July 11, 1882, he was married to Miss Asenath Isabel Ward, whose people had come from England to North Carolina. Their only child is Miss Lizzie Anne Richardson, who now lives with her mother at Rutherford College, N. C.

As a young boy J. C. Richardson attended the schools near his home in Davie County, two of them being Calahan Institute and the Mocksville Normal. After taking training in these institutions, he taught school for five years.

When the conviction entered his breast that he was called to preach the Gospel, he sold his home, in order that he might pay his expenses, while preparing still further for the work of the ministry, at Fairview College, which was first located at Traphill, N. C., and later moved to Washington, N. C., and called Collegiate Institute. After four years' work at Fairview College and Collegiate Institute, he entered the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist

Episcopal Church in 1894 and remained a member of that Conference for fifteen years. He was ordained a deacon in 1899 and an elder in 1903. In the Blue Ridge Conference, his appointments were as follows: Traphill, 1894-99; Davie, 1899-1901; Chandler, 1901-02; Yadkin, 1902-03; supernumerary, 1903-04; and Yadkin, 1904-09.

In 1909, at the session of our Conference at Hickory, with Bishop James Atkins presiding, Brother Richardson was received as a traveling elder from the Methodist Episcopal Church. During his membership in our Conference, his appointments were as follows: Pilot Mountain, 1909-11; supernumerary, 1911-13; Green River, 1913-14; Thermal City, 1914-15; supernumerary, 1915-19; Junior Preacher, Main Street, Thomasville, 1919-20; South and East Thomasville, 1920-23; Rosman, 1923-27; superannuate, 1927-34.

During the fifteen years he was in the Blue Ridge Conference, he served actively for fourteen years, with one year in the supernumerary relation. During the twenty-five years he was with the Western North Carolina Conference, he served actively for twelve years, with six years in the supernumerary and seven years in the superannuate relation. During the forty years of his ministerial life, he rendered twenty-six years of active service, fourteen in the Blue Ridge Conference and twelve in ours. Whenever he had to take the supernumerary relation, it was because his physician commanded him to rest.

He was converted in his early teens. Immediately thereafter he joined the New Union Methodist Episcopal Church, which was located near his old home. He liked to talk about his Christian experience. His friends say that he had Bible religion and that he knew he had been born again. He believed that Jesus Christ can save sinners. He had a profound faith in the power of the Gospel when faithfully and earnestly preached.

Consequently, he rendered acceptable service, both as preacher and pastor, wherever he was sent. While he was retiring and modest in disposition, he never failed to be firm, faithful, and loyal to the principles and ideals of our Lord and Savior, whenever he stepped into the pulpit. Some of his old church members have written me that his sermons were carefully prepared, plain, short, helpful, and full of love for his Master.

Whenever he invited any pastor to do the preaching during a revival meeting, he was untiring in his work with the prospects who were in the congregation and with the penitents who were at the altar.

As a pastor, he visited his members, both the active and the inactive ones. His members still say that he gave comfort and good cheer to the sick. He was always clean and chaste in his conversations. He noticed and loved the children and received from them their love in return. Not long ago a member of the Baptist Church at Rosman said this: "We dearly loved Mr. Richardson. When we were all in bed and quarantined, he visited us daily. He brought us food, milk, and comfort, when others failed." During the helpful pastoral visits which he made, his old parishioners now recall that one of his favorite expressions was this: "Praise the Lord!"

Wherever he lived, the brethren now say that he was always a Christian gentleman and very much interested in his work. One preacher writes that Brother Richardson was seemingly always in a hurry. His energy, good judgment, and modesty were easily observable characteristics. Because of his sterling character and his lovable disposition, it is no surprise at all that his congregations loved and trusted him.

When it comes to brick and mortar, perhaps Brother Richardson's most important service was the building of Trinity Church in Thomasville. Mrs. Richardson has written me that my own father requested the Bishop and presiding elder to send Brother Richardson to South Thomasville, in order that he might lead