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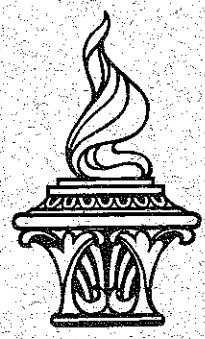
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St. Joseph Conference of the United Brethren in Christ

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION



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when new members are taken into and that to "give as the Lord may," the tithe. Then furnish them with make it easy for them to practice the into the Tithers League.

s to secure, not the tithe, but the r; not the money, but the man; not r.

WALTER STRUBLE.

'MEN IN CHURCH WORK

g the Kingdom of God on each is a ned. Christ's teaching and example in helping to work out this program a few years since Pastors were asking. Now they are asking, "What can we the big forward movements have been of men to the church and helping to ces one Brotherhood and Jesus Christ an appreciate fellowship and men will s and wise leadership.

unities and congregations are differ- done by the men in any church will al conditions, needs and the times. It d help to find worthy things to do as how to do them. The wise leader of ings at a time and do them well. This to the men. Only aim to adopt such best meet local needs.

nds, work and better positions. Help ace where it will offer to the mechanic es than those he seeks in the fraternal es of sickness, give relief to poor and ch so it can be found by visitors to nual banquet for all the men of the becoming more and more evident that y be isolated for scientific purposes but Individuals may be placed in solitary he society, but normally men live in ave been known in the past but have orts sealed. Churches and Christians attempt to ignore their obligations to s of Christ by whatever name they are air warfare against sin and all things the principles of the Christian religion ly extending and increasing throughout ly contradicted.

r can be reached and once reached can do not believe in this great conference l in which some Laymen cannot be en- church and the Kingdom. You ask why loing this work? I answer by saying, Leader of your Church and community your flock?" If you have not, try the e men to do in the work of the Kingdom done well, arrange to have another job gave enlisted him in the work of the t he will now find plenty to do while another. And in this way you will soon en. The Church needs men. To have

a campaign" or "promoting a drive" of kking God to bless our plans when we upon Him to learn His plan. "Be still us spoken many years ago but it is still God. When we once know God we can rk and be glad to do the work.

Respectfully,

CHAS. L. RAYMOND

MEMOIRS

Rev. A. M. Cummins

Rev. Alton Maynard Cummins was born April 19, 1857, and passed to his reward the evening of January 16, 1923. His father, Rev. Aaron M. Cummins, was one of the prominent and leading ministers in the St. Joseph Conference.

Alton Maynard entered the active ministry of the United Brethren Church in 1881, and was ordained by Bishop E. B. Kephart in 1885. He hsa remained an active worker until the last session of the conference, when, because of failing health, he took a superannuated relation.

He was a plain, forceful preacher of righteousness, and has served some of the strongest churches in the conference. For several years he served as conference superintendent, and as such was wise in counsel, logical and impartial in his decisions, and was loved and respected by all his brethren in the ministry.

Brother Cummins was one of the original members of the famous Arion quartet. He will be remembered by the delegates to the General Conference of 1913, held at Decatur, Illinois, as the first bass in the quartet which furnished music for that conference. For the past three months he had been confined to the house, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jacob Bonewitz.

In a conversation with his pastor, a short time ago, he said: "My peace is made, and I am ready to go at any time. The Lord knows how I have lived my life; to be sure, I have not lived without errors of judgment, but always with the consciousness of his justice and mercy. He knows my heart."

Funeral services were held in North Manchester, with interment at Warsaw, January 19. Fourteen pastors, from the conference, and the Ministers' Association of North Manchester attended the services. Superintendent D. B. Kessinger had charge. Dr. J. A. Groves, Rev. J. A. Farmer, Rev. G. F. Byrer, and Professor Schultz, of City Ministerium, participated. Rev. W. T. Kessinger preached sermon. Music was furnished by the male quartet of the local church, and Mr. and Mrs. Enos Thomas, who sang a beautiful duet. The closing prayer was by Rev. Harrison Butler.

Rev. J. L. Powers

It was in the evening of life, that our brother and friend, J. Logan Powers was called to exchange worlds. He was the son of Louis and Jane Powers, born in Delaware County, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1851, where he grew up to young manhood, and was united in marriage to Ella Wood, Dec. 24, 1871.

To them were born five sons and two daughters, Leo W., Mrs. Daisy Wolf of this place, Chester of Chicago, Mrs. Netta Huffer of near Warsaw, Floyd of Ft. Wayne, who with the good wife, one brother, Frank, of Ashley, Ohio, Mrs. Ella Benedict, of Marengo, Ohio, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren are left to mourn the departure, two sons having preceded him in their infancy.

After coming to Etna Green, he, with his wife, united with the United Brethren Church under the pastorate of J. C. LaRue. He was given quarterly Conference license at a quarterly meeting held at West Center near Bourbon, Sept. 19, 1874, and was given Annual Conference license to preach at an Annual Conference held at Warsaw, Sept. 9, 1897. He continued with his farm duties and preached at various places, served as Township Trustee two terms, and was interested in all the affairs of the town and community. His evangelistic gifts were pronounced and he was successful in revivals, possessed unusual talent and many souls were saved through his efforts. Possibly no other minister was ever called to conduct so many funerals. He was called hundreds of times to conduct funerals throughout the section tributary to home and places where he served as pastor, also performed many wedding ceremonies, the last one being that of his grandson whom he married at Christmas time.

During his 41 years of active ministry, he served six years at Monroeville, a lesser time at Donaldson, Indian Village, Goshen, served one year in his home church, these following his work which was largely evangelistic.

His preaching had no uncertain sound and possibly no other man in the community had a wider circle of friends. In his death the United Brethren Church has lost a staunch member and helper.

Brother Powers' last illness was of short duration, during which he was a very patient sufferer, and his suffering was intense, although he wanted to live longer, yet expressed himself many times as being ready to go, and the end of his earthly life came Friday evening, Jan. 19, at the age of 71 years, 1 month, 17 days. As the shadows were gathering on earth he went to sleep to awake on that morn of resurrection.

Besides the grief-stricken family, the church has suffered a great loss, the community a great friend and brother, but we do not mourn as those who have no hope, but in the great Beyond, he lives with Jesus not beholding as through a glass darkly, but face to face.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. L. G. Bears, the pastor, assisted by Superintendent D. B. Kessinger, Revs. S. M. Hill, A. E. Grubbs, E. F. Highley and G. E. Lake.

Rev. J. T. Keesey

Rev. John T. Keesey, of Saint Joseph Conference, received 1,450 members into the United Brethren Church, during the forty years of active ministry. During this time, he never missed the opening session of an annual conference and never resigned a charge. Such constancy is worth while. His death occurred in Silver Lake, Indiana, April 22, 1923, at the age of seventy-two years, seven months, and twenty-one days. His birth was at Tippecanoe City, Ohio, but his entire life, excepting the first two years, was spent in Indiana. He was a Christian from nineteen. The names of Nicholas Castle, H. A. Snepp, and J. Dickson are found respectively on his quarterly conference licenses to exhort and preach and his annual conference license to preach, the years being 1873, 1875, and 1876. He married Delilah Snoke, March 20, 1873. The wife and two of five children preceded him in death. A second marriage was to Mrs. Huldah Huffman, in April, 1915. For a number of years, illness kept him out of the active work. The funeral services were held in Center church, conducted by Rev. D. W. Zartman, assisted by Revs. J. N. Martin and N. E. Tillman, other ministers of Saint Joseph conference being present. The conference has lost a most ardent worker and a successful toiler in the vineyard.

Mrs. Mary J. Thomas

Mary J. Thomas was born July, 8, 1837 and died Feb. 28, 1923. Age 85 years. She was born in Humbolt County, Ohio, and was the daughter of Levi and Phoebe Brown. She was married to Rev. Fletcher Thomas in 1853. There were three children, Boyd L., and Annis V. who preceded their mother in death. Enos, the only remaining one of the family, lives in North Manchester, Ind., at whose home, Mrs. Thomas died.

For fifty-three years, Mrs. Thomas shared the responsibilities incident to the work of the ministry, meeting bravely the trials and privations of that pioneer period.

For many years she was an earnest and enthusiastic worker in the interest of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.