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ow that he was a frequent contributor church literature. rned in midyear to the conference and Dr. Luke C. Queal, pastor at Moravia. Rixon continued as pastor of the church

iss Floy M. Thomas, who on October was a helpmeet indeed. For thirty-three dens of the parsonage home with a co-a devotion unsurpassed. They had no little Ruth Stacey, shared the love of ime, then she was not, for God took her

and made his home in Cortland. Last Florida to spend the winter weeks. While ith little warning to loved ones he slip-

Petersburg following which the mor-ly and sorrowing wife, was borne back g Monday funeral services were held in ge numbers from the Conference and l served were present to honor his mem-unselor and brother beloved.

seems the vast unknown,
e entered there;
were not so hard,
may fare.
where God is not,
shore;
s, Thy love abides,
ermore!"

WALLACE E. BROWN.

RICHARDS

intshire, Wales, May 17, 1863. He was er, England, and at Boston University achusetts. He came to Canada about d States about 1890. On July 15, 1896 Welch, daughter of Americus and Lucy husetts.

orytown and Catarqui, Canada; Evans onville, Beaver Falls, Adams, Camden, w York Conference. Syracuse, Furman ; in the Central New York Conference; ne Detroit Conference. In 1929 he be-orld Service, Stewardship, and Allied : Field Agent for the Conference Board er, 1936.

the S. S. "Virginia," April 13, 1937. He 1937. The service was held in Furman was in charge and was assisted by S. G. owney, G. Y. Benton.

: Dorrice Richards Morrow (Mrs. Glenn other, Charles of Fulton, N. Y.; and his astbourne, England. Mrs. Richards died

bare facts of a life that was particularly 1 Richards had a distinctive personality, s the dominant quality was its tireless



as an after-dinner speaker. But one of his greatest assets as a minister was his ability to individualize his attentions. He made each person feel important and said to each one an appropriate word.

But, John Richards will be remembered longest as a Christian gentleman. He was devoted to his Lord, and it was a real devotion. His thoughts and plans, indeed his whole life, was centered in the compelling passion of his soul, namely, to extend the Kingdom of God. For that kingdom he gave his life, yielding up to it all the resources at his command. Those who have heard his lecture on the Passion Play cannot but have caught a glimpse of the soul of the man and felt the deep sincerity and devotion of his inner life, his adoration for the blessed Lord and Savior in whom he trusted and to whom he faithfully tried to bring others.

To some of us, it seemed rather beautifully appropriate that he, who had traveled so much, should reach the end of his earthly journey on the ocean. His ship has passed through the Golden Gates of the West and come at last to that "ancient port, the happiness of heaven."

John Richards, faithful friend, able preacher of the gospel of Christ, successful pastor, gifted lecturer, charming Christian gentleman, your brethren salute you and say, Hail and Farewell!

GEORGE Y. BENTON.

ORA J. PURINGTON

Ora J. Purington was born in Richland, N. Y., July 17th, 1851, the youngest of eight children of Titus and Amanda Purington. He was a product of a Christian home. His father desired to become a minister, but like David it remained for his sons to build the temple; his satisfaction was complete when he saw two of his sons ordained. Ora J. Purington received his academic education in the schools of Mexico, N. Y. When a young man his physician told him that he must give up study. This he could not do, he was always studious. While in school he joined the Oswego Praying Band, well known in northern New York at that time.

Later he joined a similar band of laymen at Richland, N. Y. While engaged in this type of evangelistic work, he met Susie Ernst, a sister of Revs. George and Henry Ernst of Northern New York Conference. Their friendship ripened into love and marriage. To them was born one son, Elmer E. Purington, now a dentist in Auburn, N. Y.



When Brother Purington felt the unmistakable call to the regular ministry, he entered with fear and trembling. He was licensed to preach in 1879; ordained Deacon in 1883 by Bishop Foster. He received Elder's Orders in 1887 by Bishop Hurst. He served the following charges: Eaton, Kirkville, Virgil, Valois, Williamson, Warners, Minoa and Cicero. Failing health compelled him to retire in 1914. He was an evangelistic preacher; religious awakenings characterized his work on all of his charges. He built parsonages at Eaton, Kirkville and Williamson, and a church at Warners.

Much of the credit for his successful ministry belongs to the faithful lady who labored by his side, and who now survives him.

He slipped his moorings from this life June 24, 1937.

The funeral service, in charge of District Superintendent Houghton, was held from the church he built at Warners. His body was laid to rest in the family plot in the same village.

"With land in sight at close of day,
Nigh to the haven long desired,
By grace of God His servant lay
A little while, for he was tired.

"Through many seas the soul had passed,
Till, as a ship, its canvas furled,
At evening rides with anchors cast,
He rested near the eternal world.

"So he had rest; but wakened now,
He sees the city towers rise
With morning breezes on his brow,
And light of God within his eyes.

"O city, dreamed in early youth!
O city, loved till day was late!
No braver pilgrim of the truth
Has entered through Thy shining gate."

MARTIUS D. FOSTER.

FRANK J. ALLINGTON

Frank J. Allington was born April 3, 1857 in Pennsylvania. He came with his parents when about twelve years of age to live in the town of Potter, where he lived for nearly thirty years.

In 1869 he entered the new school at Rushville with the first class, walking to school and home each day. Here he gained his early educa-