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WHAT must it be to swing away from the finite to the Infinite! To breathe a new air and find it celestial air! To take hold of a hand and find it God's hand! To wake up and find it glory!" There is no language for this, for we have no experience comparable to it. It must be a glorifying event.

William Quinn was a citizen of two countries. He is now a citizen of heaven. He was welcomed into this world on November 15, 1887, when the chill of winter was approaching; and went out to greet the unseen world on April 9, 1943, when spring was clothing the face of the earth with new life. Which is also an allegory. The wintry winds beat on his path through life, but he turned them into creative life-giving assets.



He was born in Belfast, Ireland, where his earliest contact with religion was through the Episcopal Church. As a young man his entire life was sublimated by a genuine conversion and call to the ministry. Following a course of intense college preparation he offered himself as a candidate for the Methodist ministry in Ireland. He was accepted and after graduating from the Methodist Seminary in Belfast, served six years in the active work of the Methodist Church.

Conscious of a call to enlarged service he resigned from the Methodist church in Ireland and came to America. The New York Conference received him, on his credentials, at the session of

1922. For the past twenty-one years he has served this Conference as a beloved and faithful minister.

William Quinn spoke with conviction and assurance, mingled with tenderness, and illuminated with a lovely pastoral. He had a heart sensitive to the sorrows of his people, and walked in the wake of trouble to bring counsel and cheer to the bed-ridden and lonely.

He possessed a youthful spirit which captivated and challenged young people. His work with them was one of rewarding success, and gave him supreme joy. When death claimed him he had an acceptable group of young people prepared to take their church vows. His loving spirit kept tryst in watchfulness and prayer when a neighboring pastor consummated their membership in the church. At the funeral service a choir of young folk were in charge of the music, and the bearers consisted of young men from his church; evidence of the esteem in which the young people held this radiant pastor.

William Quinn was a modest and retiring minister, but possessed the quality of investing it with majesty, and making a retiring nature into an acceptable personality.

Good pastor, now glorified, many offerings of love and thanksgiving have followed you westward.

At the beginning of this Conference year Brother Quinn's health failed. He underwent several major operations, and a trying period in the Methodist Hospital. He failed to recover and finally passed beyond medical skill.

The funeral services were held in Hobart on April 12, with Dr. Arthur G. Carroll in charge. He is survived by his wife, a boy 10 years old, two married sisters in Ireland, and two nephews in America.

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