

## TREASURER'S INSTRUCTIONS

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE—1956-57

**CHURCH TREASURERS TAKE NOTICE**— All funds sent to the Conference Treasurer not later than May 31, 1957 received after this date will be counted on the succeeding receipts.

**PASTORS TAKE NOTICE**— It is important that church funds be paid as rapidly as received. Our program is a twelve month program and all boards and agencies need their money each month.

**THE EASY WAY.** Make pro-rata payments each month to take the load from your shoulders and from the office of the Conference Treasurer.

**APPORTIONMENTS.** Your funds will be disbursed to the Conference Treasurer by two designations this year. They will be:

**Disciplinary Apportionments.** These include all the apportionments for District Superintendent, Episcopal Fund, Conference Claimants and Special Conference Claimants, District Expense, Conference Expense and Minimum Salary. You will designate these items separately. They will be divided when they arrive at the Conference office on a percentage basis. This simplifies your task.

**Benevolence Apportionments.** These include World Service Conference Benevolences, Interdenominational Cooperation, and the Nebraska Council of Churches. You will designate these separately. They will be divided when they arrive at the Conference office on a percentage basis. This simplifies your task.

Send all money to Conference Treasurer, 624 Grain Exchange Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

**REMITTANCE FORMS** should include clear and specific information concerning the purpose of any Advance Special Remittance forwarded. Refer to list of Approved Advance Special Remittances to the Annual Conference by the Advance Committee. **Remember the Rule.** All funds must be in not later than May 31.

### THE EASY WAY.

Make equal monthly payments. It really works! Use Remittance Blanks furnished by the Treasurer.

Tell what the money sent is for.

Send even dollars— no checks less than one dollar.

Herman Crowell, Treasurer, 624 Grain Exchange Building, Omaha, Nebraska

**Remember Only:** the Sustentation Fund apportionment is for the pastor's cash salary and travel expense fund.

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**EDWARD E. LAEGER**

August 16, 1881, at Sterling, Nebraska, there was born to and Charlotte Laeger a son, whom they named Edward. He was reared in a Christian home and converted in youth, this in life felt the call to the ministry. He received his education at Enterprise Normal Academy in Kansas and at Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Missouri.

Laeger joined the West German Conference of the Methodist Church in 1904, in which he served for eight years. He then transferred to the Nebraska Methodist Conference, in which he served until his death. During his active years, he served charges in Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. His Nebraska appointments included Surprise, Culbertson, and Hardy.

August 29, 1912, Mr Laeger was married to Miss Mae Meyer of Lawrence, Kansas. They became the parents of one daughter, Charlotte, and one son, Loren Edward.

After spending two and a half years in a tuberculosis sanatorium at Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Rev. Laeger moved his home to Enterprise, Kansas, in 1932, and continued to reside there for the remainder of his life.

He departed this life July 4, 1955, and his funeral was held at the Surprise Methodist Church, with the Rev. G. C. Milner officiating. He left to mourn his passing his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Effie of New Orleans, Louisiana, and one son, Loren Laeger, of San Diego, California, three grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

**GEORGE A. RANDALL**

George A. Randall was born in Holt County, Nebraska, May 22, 1881, and passed away at Osceola, Nebraska, October 26, 1955.

He was graduated from Gates Academy at Neligh, Nebraska, and from the Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln. He was united in marriage to Loretta R. Wright June 18, 1913.

Randall was a minister in the Nebraska Methodist Conference for 43 years. He served charges in Union, Havelock, Scotia, Omaha, Osceola, Stromsburg, and Duncan. He retired from the ministry in 1952.

He is survived by his widow and four children: Darrell D. Randall of Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. George Thoburn Randall of Sherman, California; Mrs. Thelma Dunham of Colusa, California; and L. Randall of Osceola. He was laid to rest in the Osceola cemetery with the Rev. Homer L. Dickerson and the Rev. H. P. Rasmussen conducting the last rites.

**MRS. SANDER G. RASMUSSEN**

Ruth Elizabeth Lindblad was born at Oskaloosa, Iowa, October 28, 1888, the eldest daughter of Gust and Fredrica Lindblad. She passed away at Milford, Nebraska, August 9, 1955.

September 6, 1916, she was married to Sander G. Rasmussen of Thompson, Iowa. To them were born three sons and three daughters. Her life in a Methodist parsonage was active and useful, and her children rise up and call her blessed.

She is survived by her husband and five children. The eldest son, Gordon, preceded his mother in death. The surviving children are: Mrs. Helen Marie Bernays of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Barnett of Cleveland, Ohio; Robert W. and Bettie Mae of Lincoln, Nebraska; and John Paul in the U. S. Navy. She leaves also six grandchildren, three sisters, and one brother.

Funeral services were held at Milford Methodist Church, with the Rev. Laurence R. Davis and the Rev. S. B. Thomas in charge. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Park.

**BERT D. BROOKS**

Bert Darley Brooks, son of Thomas G. and Hattie Amelia Brooks, was born March 16, 1871, at Galesburg, Illinois. He was born into a Presbyterian home, and united with that church at the age of 14 years. When he moved to Kansas as a young man, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He began his preaching career in that church in August of 1894. After a few years he transferred to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and thereafter served in the Kansas, Arkansas, and Nebraska Conferences.

On February 8, 1893, he was united in marriage to Lillie C. Gibson at Arrington, Kansas. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1953, only a few months before the death of Mrs. Brooks.

The Rev. Mr. Brooks was transferred from the Arkansas to the Nebraska Conference in 1919, and subsequently served in the following charges: Giltner, Elwood, Republican City, Ansley, Pauline, Hampton, Bruning, Greeley, and Ericson. He was retired in 1935.

July 20, 1954, the aging minister entered the Methodist Home for the Aged at Lewis, Kansas, where he passed away January 28, 1956. A memorial service was held at the Home, and final rites were conducted by the Rev. Howard Benton and the Rev. Le Roy Arend in the Methodist Church of Lewis, Kansas, on January 31.

Survivors include: three sons, Ross Hendrix of Silver Spring, Maryland; the Rev. Elmer Lincoln of Clay Center, Kansas; the Rev. Paul Gibson of Kingsley, Kansas; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Brawner of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; and Miss Helen F. Brooks of Minneapolis, Minn.; one brother, the Rev. Blythe O. Brooks of Jericho Springs, Missouri; one sister, Mrs. Fay Bruton of Cory, Colorado; twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.