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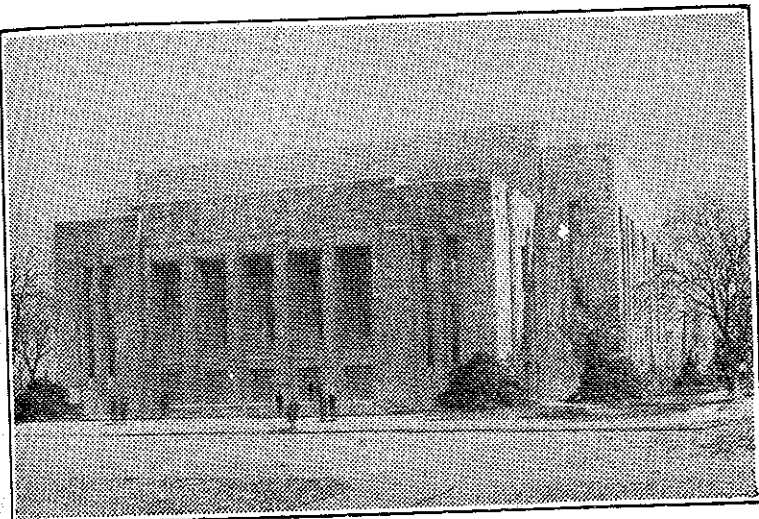
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service. His interment was in the Crown Hill Cemetery of Indianapolis. His memory rests in the hearts of all who knew him.

JOSEPH GRANVILLE MOORE
(W. C. Patrick)



Joseph Granville Moore, son of Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Moore, was born at Port Fulton (now Park Place), Jeffersonville on August 2, 1887. He graduated from DePauw University in 1911 and was admitted on trial into the Indiana Conference in September 1911. That same

year he was united in marriage to Lou Bruner.

During the years of his active ministry he served as pastor at Crothersville, Charlestown, Corydon, Capitol Avenue Indianapolis, and First Church, Connersville. For three years, 1932-35, he served as Secretary of the Preachers' Aid Society, and for six years, 1935-41, as Superintendent of the Rushville District.

In 1937 DePauw University conferred upon him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. Moore took the retired relation in 1953, after serving First Church, Connersville, for twelve years, the longest pastorate in the history of the church.

After his retirement he moved to his own home just north of Lafayette, to "stop moving." He served the Yoeman Church in the Northwest Indiana Conference for a few months, and then served the Camden Church for about four years.

Dr. Moore was characterized by his sincerity and his deep devotion to the Christ who called him into the ministry. His genial humor won him a host of friends in every charge he served and among his brother ministers in the Annual Conference. He was truly a devoted minister, husband, and father. He gave himself with faithfulness and devotion to meet

the spiritual needs of his people, and the responsibilities placed upon him in the various Conference positions which he was privileged to hold. No higher tribute could be paid to him than to say that he was indeed a "good minister of Jesus Christ."

He passed to his eternal reward on March 17, 1959. Funeral services were held at Lafayette in charge of Rev. T. L. Stovall. Graveside services were held in the New Chapel cemetery near Jeffersonville in charge of Rev. Donald Boyd and Rev. Charles P. McKinney.

He leaves his widow, who sadly misses a devoted and beloved companion of 48 years, and three daughters, Mrs. Grace Gable of Detroit, Mrs. Lucille Washburn of Lafayette, and Mrs. Irene Becraft of Liberty, Missouri.

HARLEY LeROY OVERDEER
(Frank Templin)



On August 14, 1958, death came to Harley LeRoy Overdeer at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born December 11, 1876, at Roanoke, Indiana; was a graduate of DePauw University, where he had membership in Delta Upsilon Fraternity; was a high school teacher until 1905; was admitted into the the Illinois Conference on trial in 1905, with full membership in 1907; and had served churches in that conference, the North Indiana Conference, the Nebraska Conference, the Colorado Conference, and the Indiana Conference. Churches he served in Indiana include Grace Richmond, First Wabash, First Goshen, Huntingburg, Washington Street Indianapolis, and Simpson Evansville. He retired in 1945 from Simpson Evansville and established his home in Indianapolis.

On December 16, 1956, from the vantage point of his 80th birthday, he had preached with strength at Meridian Street Church, Indianapolis, on the sub-

ject, "Some Observations." He had come back from retirement to give effective service to Meridian Street in 1950-51, during the late Dr. Logan Hall's illness.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Grace Stevenson Overdeer, whom he married April 7, 1931; two sons, John H. and Robert M., of San Diego, California; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Rummel, of Goshen, Indiana, and Mrs. Betty Gagen, of Speedway City, Indiana; a sister, Mrs. James Bryan, of Washington, D. C.; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Meridian Street Church, Indianapolis, on Monday, August 18, 1958, with burial at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, Indiana.

Harley Overdeer had that robust straightforwardness and good humor which, coupled with considerable platform talent, made him a friendly pastor and an interesting preacher. He never failed to put his abilities to good use—was always in demand as a speaker for teachers' institutes and commencements.

He valued his many friendships. His death reminded one member of Meridian Street of a saying long remembered from childhood, "To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die." That life he surely has; and the life God gives. These are enough.

MERLIN OMER ROBBINS
(Mrs. M. O. Robbins)



Another sheaf of ripened grain has been safely garnered. Another life has been brought to a close. Once more He, who sits in regal majesty upon the great white throne, issued His kindly edict and sent His imperial messenger to summon to his reward one who, for many strenuous years, had conse-

crated all his efforts to the service of his blessed Redeemer.

Merlin Omer Robbins, only child of Charles and Louie Robbins, was born near

Centerville, Indiana, October 20, 1881. His early education was in the local schools. Later he was converted at sixteen through the influence of his mother's Godly life and at eighteen felt a definite call to preach the Gospel. He took the Conference Course of Study under almost insuperable difficulties, but passed with good grades and was admitted to the Indiana Conference in 1904, having already preached three years.

During his first pastorate he was united in marriage to Dessie Wilson who passed away in 1920. To this union were born Horatio Robbins, now minister of the Methodist Church in Leominster, Massachusetts; Anna Adis Robbins, missionary in India; and Mrs. Kenneth Durell, of Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Rev. Robbins was later married to Laurabelle Goddard, of Connersville, Indiana. She, with the children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, survives.

His early pastorates were in southern Indiana, but in 1929 he began two years of service as Field Secretary for the Children's Home at Lebanon, after which his pastorates were all in the Indianapolis District, namely: Edgewood, Victory Memorial, Union Chapel and New Jersey Street. Wherever he lived he was a leader in every good work and strongly supported whatever he believed to be right. Though he now "rests from his labors, his works do follow him." Position and wealth are passing things but honor and character and nobility of heart leave their benediction upon the world, for such influence never dies, but goes on and on while time endures.

Rev. Robbins retired at the Annual Conference in Bloomington in 1951 after having preached fifty years, and with Mrs. Robbins, moved to Memorial Home Community, Penney Farms, Florida, a community for retired Christian workers, where he soon found a place for himself. Retirement for him, however, did not mean stopping all activity. He took his turn preaching and was part-time teacher of the Men's Bible Class. His hobby was gardening.

Rev. Robbins had a strong personality spiced with a good sense of humor. He was a sincere preacher of the Word and a faithful pastor to his people. His daily life in the home was consistently Christian. Throughout his ministry he stressed the necessity of a personal religious experience. Many letters have come stating that his preaching had enabled the writers to

gain a deep religious experience. Numerous young people have gone out into Christian work from his churches. He was loved in every pastorate.

The Robbins were in prayer-meeting as usual on the evening of February 25. At midnight came the stroke that ended fifty-seven years of Christian service. He was taken to the Mary Olin Clinic of Memorial Home Community where three days later, as Sunday, March 1 began to dawn, he went home to Glory to be with his Savior in Whose service he had given his life. The Memorial service was held in Penney Memorial Church and was in charge of Rev. C. M. Ackerman, assisted by Rev. C. E. Dibble, fellow ministers. Interment was in nearby Memorial Home Community cemetery.

MRS. HERBERT D. BASSETT (Martin M. Bassett)



Mrs. Herbert D. Bassett died very suddenly October 9, 1958, while visiting friends in New Albany. Mrs. Bassett was born June 1, 1879 in Shelby County, Indiana, the daughter of Martin and Martha Jones. She was married in 1902 to Herbert D. Bassett, who later became a member of the Indiana Annual Conference. Reverend Bassett died in 1943 while serving as pastor of DePauw Methodist Church of Indianapolis. Soon after the death of her husband, Mrs. Bassett moved to Goshen, Indiana to live near her sons Martin M. Bassett and Herbert Dale Bassett. Her son Dale was killed in World War II as a member of the United States Air Force in October, 1943. Mrs. Bassett's great loss of husband and son within a six months period was a great shock, however, she was sustained by her wonderful faith in God and church. Upon coming to Goshen, Mrs. Bassett immediately became active in the First Methodist Church and continued to work in the church, as had been her practice while serving with her husband during his min-

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