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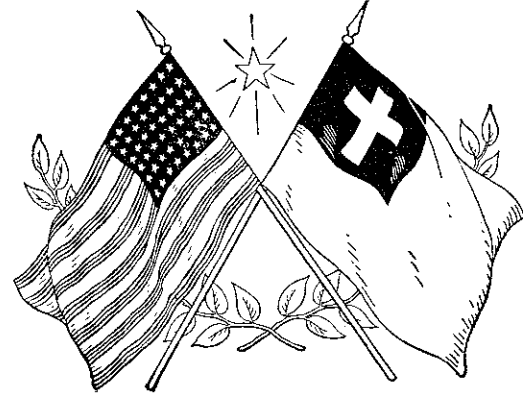
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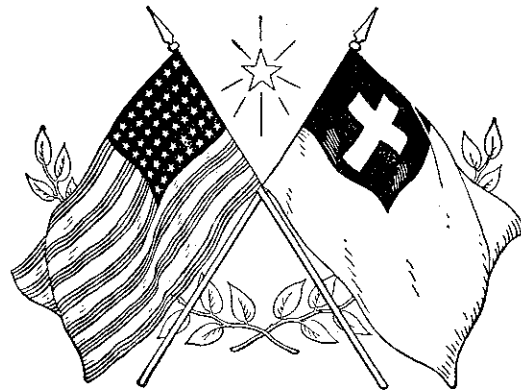
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- PULLIAM, WILLIAM G.**—Received on Trial Northwest Indiana Conf. 1911-12 Indianapolis, Riverside Park; Illinois Conf. 1913-14 Bath and Fairview; 1915-16 Palmyra; 1917-19 Ogden; 1920-21 Bowen; 1922-24 Pittsfield; 1925-28 Associate Supt. Chaddock Boys School; 1929 President Chaddock Boys School; 1930-32 Kewanee; 1933-39 Superintendent Champaign District; 1940-46 Associate Executive Secretary Preachers' Aid Society; 1947—Executive Secretary Preachers' Aid Society.
- PURSELL, JOHN WILBUR**—Received on Trial Tennessee Conf. 1937; Full Connection, Tennessee Conf. 1940. 1937-39 Antioch Ct.; 1940 Pisgah Ct.; Memphis Conf. 1941 Jackson Ct.; 1942 at own request left Methodist Church and entered ministry of Congregational Church; Re-admitted to Memphis Conf. and transferred to Illinois Conf. Nov. 1945-48 Pleasant Plains; 1949—Beason-Harmony.
- PUSEY, JAMES H.**—Received on Trial, Illinois Conference, 1943; Full Connection, 1945. 1943-44 Danville, McKinley and Central Park; 1945-49 Sadorus; 1950 Rossville; 1951—Cullom.
- RAGAN, RAYE L.**—Received on Trial Illinois Conf. 1920 Jacksonville Cir.; 1921-24 Atlanta; 1925-28 San Jose, First; 1929-31 Rantoul; 1932-36 Bloomington, First; 1937-42 Superintendent, Jacksonville District; 1943-49 Galesburg, First; 1950—Superintendent Springfield District.
- RAMSDEN, CHARLES**—Received on Trial Southern Illinois Conf. 1912-13 Irvington; 1914-16 Central City; 1917-18 Carterville; 1919-20 No record of appointment; 1921-22 Mt. Vernon Cir.; Illinois Conf. 1923-24 Broadlands; 1925-28 Findlay, St. Mary's; 1929-31 Lakewood; 1932-36 St. Mary's; 1937 Latham; 1938-39 Columbus Cir.; 1940 Middletown; 1941 Sciota; 1942 Plymouth; 1943 Supernumerary; 1944—Retired.
- REED, FRED E.**—Received on Trial Illinois Conf. 1906-07 W. Point and Basco; 1908 Mendon; 1909-13 Paloma; 1914-16 Golden; 1917-18 Augusta; 1919-20 Meredosia; 1921 Bismarck; 1922-24 Elkhart; 1925 Sy; 1926-31 North Henderson; 1932-34 London Mills; 1935-37 West Jersey; 1938-39 Potomac; 1940-41 Illinois City; 1942-46 Williamsfield; 1947-49 Alpha; 1950—Retired.
- REED, JAMES D.**—Received on Trial Illinois Conf. 1915 Farmersville; 1916-18 Harris-town; 1919-20 Sanner Chapel; 1921 Bethany; 1922-23 Island Grove and Alexander; 1924-25 Pleasant Plains; 1926-27 Grove City; 1928-29 Littleton; 1930-31 DeSelm; 1932 Gardner; 1933-35 Niantic; 1936-38 New Holland; 1939 West Point; 1940-41 Long Point; 1942 Kincaid; 1943-45 Oconee; 1946-47 Fairview-Midlegrove-Providence Chapel; 1948-50 Bluff Springs-Monroe-Browning; 1951—Retired.
- REEVES, RAYMOND A.**—Received on Trial Southern Illinois Conf. 1914-15 Beaver Creek; 1916 Signal Hill; 1917 Belleville, Epworth; Central Illinois Conf. 1918 Whitefield and Boyd's Grove; 1919 Alpha; 1920-22 Hennepin; 1923-25 W. Jersey; 1926 Colchester; 1927-28 Little York; 1929 Tiskilwa; 1930-32 Hanna City and Trivoli; 1933 Wyoming; 1934-36 Perry; 1937-39 Hillsdale; 1940-41 Wellington; 1942-45 Loda-Victor; 1946-47 Buda; 1948-51 Nokomis, South Fork; 1952—Barry.
- REYNOLDS, JAMES E.**—Received on Trial Illinois Conf. 1913-15 in School; 1916-18 Weedman; 1919-21 in School; 1922-24 Mt. Pulaski; 1925-26 Blue Mound; 1927-29 Rossville; 1930-33 Virden; 1934 Danville, Lincoln; 1935-40 Hillsboro; 1941-42 Monticello; 1943-49 Pekin, First; 1950—Grand Ridge.
- RIDER, FRANK JACOB**—Received on Trial Illinois Conf., 1945; Full Connection, 1947. 1945-46 Rushville, Schuyler Parish; 1947-49 Cissna Park and Goodwine; 1950 Sadorus-Ivesdale.
- ROBERTS, F. M.**—Received on Trial Illinois Conf. M. E. South, 1928-35 El Dara; 1936-38 Clay City; 1939-40 Retired; given Effective Relation Illinois Conf. 1941-42 Camden; 1943-45 Blandinsville; 1946-47 Yates City; 1948-49 Maquon-Orange Chapel; 1950—Owaneco; 1951—Loda-Buckley.
- ROBERTS, VICTOR**—Received on Trial Geneseo Conf. 1923 in School; Illinois Conf. 1924-25 Manchester; 1926-27 White Hall; 1928-31 Georgetown; 1932-35 Mazon; 1936-38 Momenice; 1939-43 Dwight; 1944-48 Macomb; 1949—Superintendent, Jacksonville District.
- ROBEY, ROBERT BRUCE**—Received on Trial, West Virginia Conference, Sept. 1946; Full Connection, Illinois Conference, 1949. West Virginia Conf. 1946-48 in School; Illinois Conf. 1949—Bellflower.
- RODGERS, AUSTIN A.**—Received on Trial Central Illinois Conf. 1923 Rutland; 1924-25 Roanoke and Benson; 1926-28 Brimfield; 1929-35 Magnolia and McNabb; 1936-38 Princeville; 1939-42 Chillicothe; 1943-46 Springfield, Kumler; 1947—Bradford-Boyd's Grove.
- ROGERS, O. T.**—Received on Trial Illinois Conf., M. E. South, 1925 DeSoto; 1926 Gorham; 1927 El Dara; 1928 Kell; 1929 Baldwin; 1930 Casey and Terre Haute; 1931—Retired.



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### THOMAS W. RIPPY

Thomas W., oldest son of James and Eliza Ann Rippy, was born at Sugar Grove, Tennessee, in 1881. He died at Findlay, May 14, 1953, after two years of failing health.

He was married to Hazel Gibbs of Odin, Illinois, in September, 1907. They were parents of two children, Mrs. Glen Valentine of Rushville, and James of Middle Grove. Having lost his wife by death, he was married in 1940 to Florence Bearce of Lewistown, who survives him.

Mr. Rippy was a coal miner who followed that occupation in southern Illinois for twenty-three years. In 1915 he became a Supply Pastor. His ministry was characterized by the affection in which he was held by his people, and by long pastorates.

The funeral service was held at the Findlay Church, and burial was at Odin, Illinois.

### ORVILLE THANE ROGERS

In the death of Orville Thane Rogers, our Illinois Conference lost a member with whom it had small acquaintance, as he came to us as a member in the Retired Relation of the Illinois Conference of the Southern Methodist Church at the time of the merger in 1939.

Yet he was a product of our Conference, born at LeRoy on February 22, 1861; a graduate of the State Normal, at Normal, when that was the unusual thing; a teacher in the Paxton schools. He was married to Miss Addie Short on Christmas Day, 1884. His decision to become a Methodist minister came at Paxton, induced by the death of his born child, but, due to the frail health of Mrs. Rogers, he went to New Mexico as a missionary.

Later he was a member of the North Texas Conference, where he served until 1925, when he returned to Illinois. He was a revivalist, who balanced the love and Fatherhood of God with the justice and dignity of Jehovah.

Death came for him in Dallas, Texas, December 27, 1952. His wife had preceded him in death in 1929. He is survived by three daughters; Mrs. C. H. Thomas, Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Edith Reed and Mrs. Beulah Bright, both of Lewisville, Texas. There are fifteen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Burial was in the Old Hall cemetery, Lewisville, Texas.

### T. WALTER THOMPSON

Thomas Walter Thompson was born on November 25, 1886, at Piper City, Illinois, and died at St. Petersburg, Florida, on January 16, 1953, following a period of partial invalidism of eight years. During his first years in the ministry, he attended the University of Chicago, and later completed the correspondence course of that University. In 1942, he was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Illinois Wesleyan University.

He was Received on Trial in the Central Illinois Conference in 1912, and served 23 years in the pastorate and 9 years in the District Superintendency, five years on the Bloomington District and four years on the Champaign District, when a heart condition brought his active ministry to a close. He was an able preacher, a devoted pastor, and a capable administrator. In 1944, he was granted the Retired Relation on account of ill health.

Dr. Thompson held many important positions on Conference Boards and Commissions. For 14 years he was the treasurer of the Board of Conference Claimants. He was a director of the Preachers Aid Society and a trustee of the hospital at Peoria. He was deeply interested in young