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Baptist Message Press Alexandria, La. with his Sunday School lesson by his side to tell of Among his beloved family and many dear friends, he the Church he had built. His beloved young Pastor, ad held up always, conducted his final rites on earth, felt this was the end of Brother Lee.

al ends with some words from the pen of Brother ed to his brethren of the Ministry. "I leave unto you, s, a testimony that God is able to see you through, if Romans 12:1, I Corinthians 13, and by I John

Jolly B. Harper

W. W. PERRY

and labors of W. W. Perry span the first half of the The story of his active and fruitful life gives up an attary on Methodism in Mississippi and Louisiana ion: the five and six point circuits, a difficult pasort, a town of 35,000 in 1911, low salaries and the true tradition of the itinerant Methodist circuit

nistry in Mississippi where he was admitted on trial red to the Louisiana Conference in 1912, and served parts of the state. His long ministry, beginning in nded over a period of 45 1/2 years. In the Louisiserved 15 charges, most being circuits. The various nal journal reveal some interesting insights into his. He majored in paying off Church debts, erecting increasing the membership of the churches. His of hard work, service, and Christian joy in every

id not have the opportunity of a formal theological born in 1877 near Greenwell Springs, Louisiana, y youth farming and working in timber both in sissippi. He enrolled in the Bethany Academy at 95 and completed his work in three years, working y and cutting timber for the school in the summer. nistry he continued reading and studying and the s journal reveal a quick and active mind.

ried Miss Arra Ann Raney who henceforth shared his itinerant ministry. Moving from town to town Methodist preachers must do, his growing family and varied experiences of the parsonage home. In his devoted children drove for him as he made the his circuits. After his retirement, his interest conof the church. Although his eyesight failed in his continued to read for him the news of the churches her ministers were always welcomed guests in his

home. The closing years of his life found his loyal wife and devoted members of his family repaying in small measure the love and concern he gave to them through the years. In bringing a witness for Christ to the world, he did not neglect the members of his own household, and they indeed "rise up and call him blessed."

This consecrated soldier of the Cross helped build the Methodist church across the parishes of Louisiana through difficult years and never wavered from his calling that came to him in his early boyhood. He has entered into joys of his Lord and others of another generation have the increase to this servant's sowing. Brother Perry passed away at his home in New Roads, June 13, 1964. He leaves a rich and loving heritage to his family, his friends, and his fellow workers in the Kingdom.

In one of his sermon outlines he had pasted a clipping of one of Charles Wesley's poems written to be set to music. It must have had great meaning for him:

O what are all my sufferings here, if Lord thou count me meet With that enraptured host to appear, and worship at thy feet! Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends away, I come to find them all again in that eternal day.

Bentley Sloane

JOHN CUDE ROUSSEAUX

John Cude Rousseaux was born in Florienville, Louisiana, on May § 1885, and died as a result of a traffic accident on a highway in Hancock County, Mississippi, on February 12, 1965. He was in his alghtieth year.

After seeing his son, Rev. J. C. Rousseaux, Jr., safely aboard a bus, he was struck by an automobile, while crossing the highway, during a rainstorm. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Hancock bounty Hospital.

Funeral services were held in the family residence in Waveland, Mississippi, on Sunday afternoon, February 14, 1965, followed by services in the Waveland Methodist Church. Burial was in the cemetery in logtown, Miss. Rev. Percy Byrns, pastor, was assisted by Rev. Fred Campbell, and Rev. H. J. Moore.

His was a long and useful life. He was graduated from Millsaps follege in Jackson, Miss. in 1908. In December, 1909, he was married in Miss Pearl Weston, who survives him. Other survivors are two sons, lev. J. C. Rousseaux, Jr., of Dodson, La., and Ralph A. Rousseaux, of Slidell, La., two daughters, Mrs. Carl DeVitz of Harper Woods, lich., and Mrs. Earl Zeller of Burns Flat, Okla., six grandchildren, and one great grandson. He had the pleasure of baptizing this only reat grandchild, on January 3, in Dodson.

In 1907, he was admitted on trial into the Louisiana Annual C_{01} , ference of the M. E. Church, South. He was ordained Deacon in 1909, admitted into full connection in 1911, and ordained Elder in 1913.

His long career as a Methodist pastor carried him into many communities, town, country, and city, in Louisiana, Bon Ami and Carson, Texas Avenue Shreveport, Zwolle, Greenwood, Abbeville, Springhill, Mangum Memorial Shreveport, Algiers, Morgan City, Lake Providence, Many, Jackson, Zachary, Colfax, Covington, Houma, Pearl River, Lacombe, and John Wesley in New Orleans.

At the age of 68, he retired but he refused to quit. He continued as a retired supply pastor, deeply loved by his congregation, until he was 74. Even then, he was not through.

He bought a home in Waveland, Mississippi, where there was no Methodist Church. He strongly felt that something should be done about that, so he began holding services in his home. The final outcome was the organization of the Waveland Methodist Church.

He was so helpful to this new church that, after his death, the Wave land Methodist Church changed its name to the Rousseaux Memorial Methodist Church, of Waveland, Miss. A memorial fund has been set up for the building of a new sanctuary. Contributions to this fund may be sent to Rev. Percy Byrns, Waveland, Miss.

Brother Rousseaux loved the Methodist Church; heloved people; but above all, he loved his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He loved to tell the old, old story of Jesus, and His Love.

His gentle spirit, kindly manner, and gunuine interest in people, endeared him to thousands of his parishioners, and friends outside his church in each community.

In the words of the Memorial Hymn, No. 521 in the Methodist Hymnal:

"Thanks be to God that such have been, tho they are here no more! More homelike seems the vast unknown, since they have entered there—they cannot be where God is not, on any sea or shore; Whate'er betides, Thy love abides, our God, forevermore!"

Henry A. Rickey

DAN F. ANDERS

Writing Memoirs is sometimes, the assembling of facts about the life and work of a man. It is designed chiefly to get the record straight. Writing them for a friend takes on a different dimension. Such will be the purpose of this paper. Dan Anders was my friend.

When I began my Ministry in Opelousas, in 1928, I was working under the direction of the Pastor of our Church there. At the Conference of 1928, Brother Dan was sent to that Charge. I lived in the Anders

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