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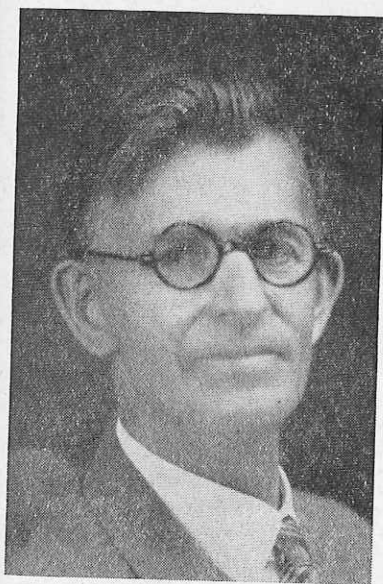
"A better priest is nowhere to be found.
He waited not on pomp or reverence,
Nor made himself a spiced conscience.
The lore of Christ and his apostles twelve
He taught; but, first, he followed it himself."

Funeral services were conducted from First Church, DuBois,
by the pastor, W. Harold Sloan, assisted by Dr. W. E. Davis, Dr. J. A.
Galbraith, Rev. G. H. Palmer, Dr. D. A. Platt and Dr. W. E. Bartlett.
The last two ministers delivered eulogies in which they paid deep
tribute to the co-worker with whom they had been closely associated.
Interment was made in beautiful Morningside Cemetery, DuBois, Pa.

W. HAROLD SLOAN.

SIDNEY J. SARVER

On the afternoon of March 19, 1946, Sidney J. Sarver, retired
Methodist minister, waited his summons to "that world" from whose
boundary none ever returns. It was Tuesday afternoon, at the Bloss-
burg Hospital, Blossburg, Penna. A brief illness preceded the ending
of his 72 years of living. His life
began in Newport, Va., April 20,
1874.



Brother Sarver was the son of
Shelton and Hattie Sarver. He re-
ceived his early education at New-
port, Va. There were eight child-
ren in the family, two survived him.
Brother Sarver's brother, Rev. C.
M. Sarver was a member of the
Baltimore Conference of the Meth-
odist Church. He preceded his
brother Sidney to the Conference
beyond the Border by four years.

On the 26th day of July, 1927,
Rev. Sarver married Eva S. Cray-
ton. One child blessed this mar-
riage.

For many years he served as
postmaster of the community of
Marsh Hill where he resided since his retirement from the Erie
Conference. Here he performed his ministerial duties as opportunity
permitted.

Brother Sarver was licensed to preach August 10th, 1889, by W.
W. Pyott, Presiding Elder of the Holston Annual Conference,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was serving the Auburn

Circuit of the Wytherville District. His license was renewed, 1891 and 1892, by the Baltimore Conference. Then on the 26th day of October, the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference granted him license to preach. The license was signed by order of the Ralston Quarterly Conference of the Williamsport District meeting at Newelltown. The signature of Rev. J. Harper Black appears on the license. The year was 1901. He was again licensed to preach by the Southern Illinois Annual Conference on the 17th day of April, 1902, by the District Conference at Mount Vernon.

The year 1905 brought him his Deacon's Credentials, provided by the Central Ohio Annual Conference meeting at Fremont, September 25th. Bishop Charles C. McCabe was the presiding officer.

Bishop Joseph F. Berry, who presided at the Central New York Annual Conference, made Brother Sarver an Elder on the sixth day of October, 1907.

Brother Sarver served in five Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, totaling fifteen years of active service. He lived in retirement 15 years. His last charges were at New Richmond, Pa., 1927-29; Spring Creek, Pa., 1929-30.

He is survived by his wife, Eva C.; a daughter, Betty Jo, at home; a sister, Mrs. J. A. Hunter, of Ralston, Pa.; and a brother, James Sarver, of Jonesboro, Tenn.

Funeral services were held in the Clyde Maniville Funeral Parlors, Williamsport, Pa. His District Superintendent, Rev. Elvin Clay Myres, of the Williamsport District, Central Penna. Conference, and Rev. James A. Farrar, of the Altoona District, Central Penna. Conference, conducted the services. His body lies at rest in the Pennsdale Cemetery, a few miles from Marsh Hill.

"God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What He has given;
They live on earth in thought and deed, as truly
As in His Heaven."—Whitter.

JAMES A. FARRAR.

ALFRED B. SMITH

"One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth."

On the afternoon of May 9, 1946, Alfred B. Smith, of Brookville, Pennsylvania, went out into his garden where he loved to work. A few minutes later he was stricken with a heart attack, and laying down the tools of life he entered into his heavenly rest. God called him in the garden and he answered the call in the assurance that he was ready. He is survived by the following members of the immediate family: his widow, Lucinda J. Smith, his loyal helper at home and in the church for more than forty-eight years; his elder daughter, Ruth, the wife of the Rev. Harold Knappenberger, of Warren, Pennsylvania; and the younger daughter, Grace, who is Mrs. Richard

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