

## ERRATA

- On page 347, the tables on the lower half of the page should have the heading: WEEK DAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.
- On page 353 the total "Current Expenses not including Ministerial Support" should read, 8195.
- On page 359, the total "Paid for interest on indebtedness," Liberal District, should read 1124.
- On page 379, the names of the delegates to the Unifying Conference should read, I. D. Harris, A. E. Kirk.

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The life of Brother Williams, since his retirement has been a great blessing to his home church and a source of inspiration to each minister who has been his pastor. The evening time of his life was radiant. During the last few hours he was eagerly and cheerfully made ready for his last Conference. Conscious until the very last moments of life he waited until, near mid-night, the chariot of the Lord swung low, and the watchers at his bedside, like Elisha, caught a vision of the glory of God.

Memorial services were conducted in the Kingman Church, August first, by Brother William's District Superintendent, Nelson S. Gardner, assisted by Superintendent I. D. Harris of the Winfield District, Superintendent Paul D. Womeldorf of the Dodge City District; W. B. Barton, a close friend and retired member of the Conference; and Ernest A. Hull, pastor.

**STEIN** William Henry Stein was born in Wettensing, Germany, September 26, 1851. He passed away in Halstead, Kansas, July 31, 1938.

When two years of age he came to America with his parents who located on a farm near Cameron, Missouri. Here he spent his childhood. At 21 he answered the call to the ministry, attending college at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and entering West German Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1878. He was sent to Wichita, where he preached in school houses, homes, and other available buildings to early German pioneers, his circuit covering a large area. Under his and P. W. Matthaer's ministry, Calvary Church, Wichita, was begun. His next appointment consisted of Harvey, Reno and Kingman counties with headquarters in Halstead, where in 1880 he married Miss Katherine B. Hessel. Later he served at Great Bend, LaCrosse, Junction City, Salina and Russell. He was a faithful shepherd of the sheep.

Falling health caused them to move to a farm near Junction City in 1900, where his wife died.

On October 27 1910, he married Elizabeth Eberhardt of Salina. They lived in Halstead until her death in 1933.

Mr. Stein became a Christian in his early youth. He gave himself untiringly to the Christian life and ministry as long as his health would permit. When he could no longer serve as a pastor, he did what he could to assist his pastor and to help in the general church work. He never lost interest in life but was always ready to have a part in what was being done about him. He was faithful in attendance despite his handicap of deafness, eager to set a worthy example to those about him. His last years were filled with devotion to the Word of God, and joyful anticipation of life eternal in His presence.

Brother Stein is survived by two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Louis Bockhaus, Monte Vista, Colo; Mrs. W. H. Lohmeyer, and W. C. Stein, of Halstead, Kansas; A. L. Stein of Cheyenne, Wyo., and M. A. Stein Morrison, Colo.

Funeral services were conducted from Halstead Methodist Church August 2, 1938, with pastor Rev. L. C. Gale, in charge, and a number of brother pastors assisting.

**SAWYER** Robert A. Sawyer was born in Northeast Missouri, July 20, 1867.

He began his ministry as a local preacher at New Salem, Kansas, in 1894. He served at Dexter, Atlanta, Chicaska, Corbin, Atlanta, Rock, Wilmot and Atlanta. He joined the South Kansas Conference on trial in 1906 and was sent to Jefferson, and in 1907 he had Tyro in

addition to Jefferson, and then went to Peru. He was admitted to full connection and ordained Deacon by Bishop McDowell in 1908. In the spring of 1910 he transferred to the Southwest Kansas Conference and was appointed to Rock where he served 4 years. He was ordained Elder by Bishop McIntyre in 1912. In 1913 he went to Bluff City, then to South Haven, Wesley Church in Wichita, and Potwin. On account of his health he had to drop out of the work for 5 years. During this time he lived in California. Gaining in health somewhat he returned to Kansas and served the Hutchinson Circuit, Rock, and Udall when his health compelled him to step aside again for about three years after which he served Bloomington and Arlington. He then retired and moved to Orange, California where he has resided until his death in Los Angeles August 5, 1938, at the age of 77 years and 15 days. He was ill a long time and suffered a great deal but was patient through it all and happy to enter into the presence of Him whom he loved and had served so long.

Brother Sawyer's ministry was an evangelistic ministry. We doubt not but there were hundreds of souls there to greet him as he came into his eternal home and there will be hundreds more whom he will greet as they enter into the home of the Soul.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters: Mrs. Nuffer, Orange, California; Mrs. Minnie Magnusson, Alliance Nebr; Mrs. Marie Michael Montebello, California; Mrs. Frances Smith Udall Kansas; two sons, Arthur, of Shreveport, La. and Earl, of Salina, Kansas. Other relatives included 17 grand children, 3 great grandchildren, 3 brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were held at Orange, California, Rev. Arthur T. Hobson used 2 Timothy 14: 7, 8 as the text at the request of Brother Sawyer. Interment was in Fairhaven Cemetery.

**KESSLER** Bertha Buerhaus, was born May 28, 1873 at Logan, Ohio, and died at Wichita, Kansas, Feb. 2, 1938. She was united in marriage to the Rev. C. N. Kessler, Jan. 15. 1891. She is survived by her husband and five children. A son, Edward Marion, gave his life in France in the service of his country. Mrs. Kessler's life was devoted to the Master, and followed where He led. She early gave her heart to Christ and ever sought to do His will and followed where he led. It was a happy day for her when her husband answered the call to the ministry. In her quiet unassuming way she went about doing good in the communities where they lived and ministered. The same spirit that motivated her church and missionary effort found its way into the atmosphere of the home where a consecrated life was lived in beautiful fulfillment of her faith in God. Funeral services were held from St. Pauls Church in Wichita, with Rev. W. B. Barton, a life long friend in charge. He spoke from 2 Timothy 4:6-8.