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the life of the local church where he for the ranks of his brethren of this Con- of the Church at large where he so influence will abide and his labors and benediction upon us.

R. F. CURL.

S ALEXANDER RICHARDSON

home of James Calvin and Sarah Ann on was made glad on March 12, 1880, baby boy came who afterwards was to name of James Alexander and was to become a Methodist minister. He was Saline county, Missouri, his father being r. There were four brothers and one e entered into rest on September 17, 1941, Robert B. Green Hospital, San Antonio, and was laid to rest in Oak Island Ceme- September 19, following services con- in the Oak Island Methodist Church of was pastor by the Rev. J. J. Mason, ndent of the Uvalde District; Rev. D. brook, appointed to supply the Somerset- d charge until Conference; Rev. Madison, San Antonio; and Rev. S. L. Batchelor, District. His death was tragic and un- hortly after he and his wife were leaving oncourse of friends and the many floral which he was held both by the laity and

ch McCracken at Comanche, Oklahoma, ives his going. Also three brothers, Mrs. Chas. Lone. In February of 1906 sas. That same month he united with Pleasant Ridge in Fulton county in that n the public schools and at Westminster he attended in 1909. In 1906 he felt in his twenty-sixth year at this time. licensed to preach at Hardy, Arkansas, as Conference of the Methodist Protest- sident. He was admitted on Trial at 1906, by the same Conference. He was same branch of Methodism at Rector, J. H. Stephenson, being the President. Conference. He served as pastor the oma, 1913-16; Pike, Texas, 1917; Em- , Texas, 1919-1932; Corsicana, Texas, ference of the Methodist Protestant 1938-39; Somerset-Oak Island, 1939-41. 1939 he fell within the bounds of the was chosen a delegate to the Juris- He was greatly loved not only by his unity at large.

He sleeps in the Oak Island Cemetery within a short distance of the mortal remains of Rev. John W. DeVilbiss who preached the first Metho- dist and Protestant sermon in San Antonio in 1844 and close by the grave of Rev. Jasper K. Harper who was the second minister of the West Texas Conference to die, this being in 1863.

His brethren of the ministry attested their love for him as evidenced by the presence of the following ones, some of whom drove more than two hundred miles, S. L. Batchelor, H. G. Birdwell, J. L. Brown, Edwin C. Cal- houn, W. P. Carmichael, A. A. Carter, N. W. Carter, Bruce M. Cox, Theo. L. Cox, S. R. Horwood, J. J. Mason, O. E. Moreland, Olin W. Nail, Madison C. Stearns, W. Vasco Teer, D. M. Westbrook, W. J. Wiemer, H. H. Washington.

Brother Richardson wrought well for God and Methodism and many lives were made richer and better by his useful ministry. He was a devout and earnest follower of our Lord and we confidently believe he has heard his Father say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

"Farewell farewell! You sail away
To where the lighted Homelands are;
Your face is turned to radiant Day
From glimmers of the sea and star;
Close the tired eyes until you gain
God's Haven, where there is no more pain."

OLIN W. NAIL.

THE REVEREND DANIEL SCARBOROUGH

The Reverend Daniel Scarborough, son of Henry P. and Nancy Scarborough, was born in Marion county, Mississippi on April 6, 1868. He passed from this life on September 27, 1941, at Columbia, Mississippi, where he had been called to the bedside of his sister.

On December 24, 1894, while he was serving his first pastoral charge, Southside church, Meridian, Mississippi, he was married to Miss Eugenia Flanagan of Morton, Mississippi. This union was blessed with six children, five of whom, with their mother survive; they are, Mrs. Julia Seymour, Grace, Cecil, Linton Dubose, and Eula Mae Scarborough.

After a short funeral service in the Columbia Metho- dist church, the body was brought to Eagle Pass, Texas, where further services were conducted in the First Methodist church, September 30, 1941. His pastor, Rev. J. H. E. Willmann had charge of the services. He was assisted by the Rev. Olin W. Nail of Carrizo Springs and the Rev. Gordon Birdwell of LaPryor. The remains were laid to rest in the Eagle Pass cemetery. Brother Scar- borough received his early education in Columbia, Mississippi, graduating from that high school. Later he attended Centenary College in Jackson, Louisiana.

In July, 1885, he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Columbia, Mississippi. He felt the call to preach at the age of 18 years and was licensed to preach on March 17, 1888 in his home church at the age of 20 years, the Rev. T. S. West being the Presiding Elder. He was admitted on Trial on December 9, 1893, and the following day was ordained Local Deacon by Bishop J. S. Key at Hazelhurst, Mississippi. He was admitted into Full Connection on December 4, 1896, under Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Port Gibson, Mississippi, and was ordained Elder at Hatties- burg by Bishop Chas. C. Galloway on January 1, 1899.



The appointments served in the Mississippi Conference were: Southside (Meridian), 1894-95; Neshoba circuit, 1896-98; Forest circuit, 1899-1900; Court Street, 1901; Fifth Street (Meridian), 1902-04; Leakesville circuit, 1905-06; Fayetteville circuit, 1907-09; South McComb (Ferwood), 1910-12.

In October of 1912 he was appointed by Bishop Waterhouse to Spurgeon Memorial church in the city of Santa Ana, California. He served this church most acceptably for three years. In the fall of 1915, Bishop Lambuth appointed him Presiding Elder of the Arizona district, at that time it included the entire state. During his four years on the district he lived at Phoenix, Arizona.

At his own request he was transferred to the West Texas Conference by Bishop Dubose in October of 1919. He served the following charges in this conference: Midland, 1919; Victoria, 1920-22; Kenedy, 1923-24; Alice, 1925; Mercedes, 1926; Floresville, 1927-28; Eagle Pass, 1929-31.

During his 42 years of service in the ministry he engineered the building of six churches and five parsonages, and the repairing and enlarging of several others. He received 2,060 persons into the church, and raised for all purposes \$185,000.00. He performed the marriage ceremony for over 1,000 couples.

The day his body was being laid to rest his sister whom he had been visiting in Mississippi died the same day.

Farewell, dear voyager—'twill not be long,
Thy work is done, now peace rest with thee;
Thy kindly thought and deeds, they will live on,
This is not death—'tis immortality.

J. H. E. WILLMANN.

MRS. STERLING FISHER



"Life! We've been so long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear—
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time; say not 'Good night,'
But in some brighter clime bid me 'Good morning!'"
—A. L. B.

To wide circle of friends these words appeal as most fitting to the life of the subject of this memorial sketch. That life had its sunshine and its shadows, but in a larger sense than is common, she had the gift of seeing another sunshine just beyond the shadow.

Her disposition was contagious. It lifted others to an appreciation of the beauties in life. Gifted in music and with a voice of fine quality, she made her contribution to the services of worship in the churches. As a teacher of voice in Coronal Institute formerly at San Marcos, she sought to inspire in her pupils an appreciation of the high values in musical art. She was loyal in her friendships, loyal in her home life, and loyal to her husband's work as a minister. Physical suffering attended the last months of her earthly life, but still she smiled and greeted death as "another friend."

Mary Edith Cones was born at Taylorville, Illinois, September 10, 1873, daughter of C. C. and Margaret Stillwell Cones. She was married to Rev. Sterling Fisher, D.D., of the Southwest Texas Conference, August 4, 1910. She passed to her reward at Austin, Texas, May 3, 1941. Memorial services were held at Austin and at San Antonio. Interment was in the Mission Burial Park in San Antonio.

F. B. BUCHANAN.