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He came to the New Mexico Conference in 1915 and was appointed to Trinity Church, El Paso. Unfortunately he was taken seriously ill and unable to complete his year's work. He was then transferred to the Texas Conference and his health not improving he took a Superannuate Relation and in a few months passed to his reward.

Brother Packard endeared himself to the Trinity congregation and gave promise of great usefulness. He was a most eloquent preacher, handling the Word of God with great power, setting forth the doctrines clearly and effectively. His home life was beautiful and in his intercourse with his people quickly gained their affection and esteem. He was a faithful pastor, a good man, a devout Christian, loved and admired by all. He has gone to his reward and our sympathies are extended to all members of his family, who sorrow, not as those without hope, but with a sure and certain hope of a happy reunion in the joyful resurrection.

In Memory of Rev. B. B. Scoggins.

Benjamin Blanton Scoggins was born in Georgia, Dec. 10, 1852. Died at his home, Mesilla Park, New Mexico, December 11, 1916, aged 64 years and one day. Was married to Miss Pernacy Arnwine at Jacksonville, Texas, January 22, 1879. Nine children remain to mourn his loss. Licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Jacksonville Circuit, Palestine District, East Texas Conference, his license signed by John Adams, P. E. and W. C. Bolton, Secretary. Dated May 16, 1885, renewed by the Quarterly Conference of the Sweet-water Mission in 1886. Renewed by the El Paso District, Mexican Border Mission Conference, 1887, and by the Bonita Quarterly Conference, West Texas Conference, in 1888 and 1889.

In 1890, when the New Mexico Conference was organized by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, he was admitted on trial, and on Sept. 1894, was ordained an elder by Bishop Key. His first work in New Mexico was as Junior preacher under Bro. Monk on the Roswell Circuit. His first appointment in the New Mexico Conference was in the Bonita section, including White Oaks, Parsons, Ruidoso, Bonita, Eagle Creek, Indian Agency, Nogal, Fort Stanton. This work he served four years. He then served La Luz, Tularosa, James Canyon, one year, returning to his first charge for four more years, during which time he organized a camp meeting on the Bonita. His last appointment as an itinerant was Las Cruces where he remained two years and then located.

Bro. Scoggins was a vigorous and earnest preacher, devoted to his work. While in the ministry, he succeeded in gaining the respect and esteem of the people whom he served. His inability to continue in active service was a source of great grief to him for the remainder of his life.

Our sympathies are extended to his family in their bereavement of husband and father.

In Memory of Rev. A. H. Sutherland.

Brother Sutherland in many respects was a remarkable man, of great ability, devoted to the work of the ministry and faithfully preaching with great power the Gospel of the grace of God in its power to convict, convert, save and sanctify sinners. He was called to the ministry early in life and was assigned to the Mexican work, being the first preacher of our Church to receive that honor. He entered most heartily into his work and for more than forty years, with occasional intervals of mining enterprises, necessitated by financial conditions, he preached the gospel in their own tongue to the Mexicans of Texas, New Mexico, Old Mexico and Arizona. For some time during his later