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spiritual, gospel preacher and beloved pastor. His wife, Anna Elvira Odell, passed away Aug. 28, 1946 in Richmond, Va. He was married on March 12, 1949 to Lonelle Hawthorne Stith, of Richmond, who survives him.

Brother Paylor moved from Richmond, Va. to St. Petersburg, Fla., 10 years ago. From there he went Home to his Heavenly Father.

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Along the path of life we tread, They have but gone before.
The Father's house is mansioned fair, Beyond our vision dim;
All souls are his, and here or there, Are living unto Him".

NATHANIEL LEE SCOTT

By JAMES E. SCOTT, JR.

Nathaniel Lee Scott, son of Elisha Scott and Mary Jane Fee Scott, was born in Lee County, Virginia, on March 24, 1913.

On October 28, 1922 he was married to Miss Mary Farris. To them were born two daughters, Patricia Faye and Sue Frances.

Mr. Scott graduated from Union College, Barboursville, Kentucky, in 1948 with an A.B. degree. His seminary work was done at Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, from which he received an STB degree in 1951.

He was received on trial in the Kentucky Conference, in which he was ordained a Deacon in 1949. He was received into full connection in the Virginia Conference, where he was ordained an Elder in 1951.

While in college, Mr. Scott served Second Methodist Church, Corbin, Kentucky. In seminary he served the Airville Methodist Charge in the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

In the Virginia Conference he served the Charlotte Charge of the Farmville District (1951-1954); the East Franklin Charge of the Danville District (1954-1957); and the Design Church in Danville from June 1957 to the time of his death (March 9, 1960).

In all of his appointments church property and parsonages were remodeled and improved. An outstanding achievement of his ministry was the building of the new church at Penhook on the East Franklin Charge—a result of the consolidation of three small churches into one church. As a result of his work on this project and other qualities of ministerial leadership, he was selected as Rural Minister of 1956 for the State of Virginia. Into his work he poured body, mind and soul—as in all of his appointments.

He served on the Advance Committee for the Virginia Annual Conference for four years (1952-1955). He also served as Danville District Director of Temperance for three years (1957-1960).

The writer spent much time with Lee Scott, upon many occasions. We saw him at work as a planner, a builder, a pastor, a preacher, and a man. We were in his home and saw him as husband and parent. He was always the same—quiet, patient, faithful, and dedicated. No better passage of Scripture to illustrate his life can be found than Zechariah 4:6—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord of hosts."

On Wednesday, March 9th, Lee Scott was stricken with his second and fatal heart attack, while watching the birds eat some food that he had put out on the snow for them. He went to his eternal home as he had lived—quietly and lovingly.

He is survived by his widow; his two daughters: Faye (Mrs. William Smeltzer of Airville, Pennsylvania) and Sue (Mrs. William Thomas Stephens of Broqueville, Pennsylvania); his grandchildren; and his father.

Funeral services were conducted at Design Church in Danville on Friday, March 11, 1960 at 4 p.m. by Rev. J. A. McKenry, his District Superintendent, and the writer. His interment was on Sunday, March 13, 1960 at 3:30 p.m.

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in the cemetery of the McKendree Methodist Church, Airville, Pennsylvania, conducted by the pastor, the Reverend Mr. Edward S. Hayes.

The earth and its people are much better because Lee Scott spent his days here.

REUBEN ELDRIDGE SHAW

By LEWIS W. DARST

A sense of gratitude wells up within our hearts as we think of Reuben Eldridge Shaw who was born June 14, 1891 at Mt. Airy, North Carolina. He was married to the former Minnie Frances Moore of Stuart, Virginia, May 3, 1913. To this union was born 1 daughter and 5 sons: Virginia, William R., Raymond E., Dee Bec Moore, Bernard B., and Herbert E.

Brother Shaw's first service in the ministry of Christ was as a Salvation Army officer. He entered the Salvation Army in September, 1923 and served in the following places: Columbia, S. C., Staunton, Va., Norton, Va., Portsmouth, Va., Petersburg, Va., Pulaski, Va., Suffolk, Va., Martinsville, Va., and Hopewell, Va. At Norton he introduced the work of the Salvation Army and opened a corps there. In Petersburg he was engaged in a building program and the purchase of a new citadel. While in Suffolk he was also engaged in a building program and the purchase of a new citadel. He left the Salvation Army in 1939 with the rank of Captain.

Brother Shaw entered the Virginia Methodist Conference in October, 1943 and served the following appointments: Pinners Point, Portsmouth, Va., 1943-52; Wallace Memorial, Fox Hill, Va., 1952-54; New Church Charge, New Church, Va., 1954-56; Greenville Charge, Emporia, Va., 1956-57; Claremont Charge, Claremont, Va., 1957-59. He was retired at the session of the Annual Conference June, 1959.

Only those who knew him best could ever know the depth of his dedication to God and to his calling. He was a quiet humble servant of Jesus Christ. To know him was to love and admire him. Funeral services were held in Broad Street Methodist Church, Portsmouth, Va., January 29, 1960, conducted by W. Kenneth Haddock, Lewis W. Darst, and J. Floyd Carroll.

Surely it may be said of him:

"Servant of God, well done;
Thy glorious warfare past;
The battles fought, the race is won,
And Thou art crowned at last."

GEORGE WILLIAM MARTIN TAYLOR

By CLAUDE F. MOSELEY

"George William Martin Taylor, son of George William Taylor and Emma Sue Martin, born in Accomack County, Virginia, ("The Sycamores"—the ancestral home of the Taylor Family 1640-1910) April 10, 1876. His parents having died before he was two years old he was reared in the home of his Grandfather, William Milby Taylor and Grandmother, Sallie Chandler Taylor, whose gentle care and training in a Christian home supplied his every need with love and affection that was denied him in the passing of his parents. He was educated in the Public Schools of Accomack County, Randolph-Macon Academy, Bedford City, Virginia, and Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, having graduated with the A. B. degree conferred in 1903. When he was 15 years old his Grandfather died (1891) and the following year, the family left the farm and moved to the village of Pungoteague. It was at that time he