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ability, Brother Cain added to his mental equi- and keen observation, and became a preacher and nary capability and success. On the spiritual side, unquestioning faith in the verities of the Christian ecration to the work of the ministry, loyal obedience evotion of every ounce of his energy to the work mbined to make Brother Cain a successful minister

profound earnestness always characterized him. thly ambitions, no spirit of discontent or criticism charged to him. He lived the Sermon on the istlike. The grade of his appointments, and his t he "made good" and steadily advanced in his of God, thoroughly furnished to every good p his churches, in every interest, winning souls em up in Christ. He always loved his people.

warm friend of the Michigan Christian Advocate, an assistant pastor. He always pushed its circ- erved. d in December, 1897, at Russell, Ky., to Elizabeth e to the home, William Carner Cain and Eveline ; home life was beautiful, rare affection dominat-

Cain, has, like his father, given his life to the a time spent in work in the Near East, has New England. It was a great comfort to the illness, Carner occupied his pulpit. eciated the value of Sunday School work, being ses for men. At Campbell Avenue Church he s classes in the city. He attended two sessions ool Convention, one at Jerusalem in 1904 and n 1913.

tly missed by his brethren in the Conference, ighest esteem. His death seems untimely, d have been good for ten years and more of ows best. A fatal malady attacked him and usefulness, after a few weeks of illness. In e ransomed, he rests from his labors, and his

red on Wednesday morning, July 15. The on, at the East Grand Boulevard church, and perintendent E. J. Warren. Large numbers st respects. The Scripture was read by Dr. as offered by Rev. Marshall R. Reed. Rev. ate friend of Brother Cain, gave an address choice appreciation. Dr. Warren followed

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with a warm tribute to the sterling qualities and faithful work of Brother Cain. The bearers were selected from among the ministerial friends of our brother. Burial was at Woodmere.

MRS. MYRON S. WALKER.

Melissa Allen, youngest daughter of Gould and Ann Eliza Allen, was born in Madison Co., New York, December 11, 1850, and died at the Methodist Home, in Chelsea, June 23, 1925.

In early childhood she came to Michigan with her parents and located in Perry, Shiawassee County. Here, on July 4, 1869, she was united in marriage to Myron S. Walker and together they traveled life's journey sharing its joys and its sorrows, for more than fifty-four years, until her husband passed to the heavenly home on December 2, 1923.

In early life they became members of the United Brethren church and later united with the Methodist Episcopal church. For many years her husband was a supply pastor in the Michigan and the Detroit conferences and with him she shared the toils and sacrifices of a minister's life on large circuits and frontier charges. Robust health and strength she never knew, but such strength as she had she used unsparingly in helpful service to all, and especially to the sick and unfortunate. After retiring from the work of the pastorate they made their home in South Lyons where they lived at the time of her husband's death.

She leaves to mourn her departure, two sons, Rev. Fred I. Walker, of this conference, and Earl L. Walker, of Detroit, and one grandson Wilbur W. Walker, of Detroit; also two brothers, Leslie Allen, of Perry, and William Allan, of Grand Rapids, and a large company of friends scattered over the various fields where she had lived and served. She has wrought well in life's day, and at the Master's call has gone to her reward.

The funeral service was conducted from the Methodist Home in Chelsea; Rev. F. O. Jones offered prayer, Rev. J. B. Oliver read the scriptures, and her pastor from South Lyons, Rev. John Lockyear, preached the sermon. The remains were taken to Perry and laid to rest beside her husband in the Rose Lawn cemetery.

CLARA ELIZABETH SEELYE

Andrew Wood

Miss Clara Elizabeth Beadle was born April 1, 1864, at Ypsilanti, Mich., and died July 3, 1925, at the age of sixty-one years, three months and two days, at her home in Lum, Mich. Her early life was spent in the vicinity of Saline, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

On December 4, 1883, she was united in marriage to McKendree Thomas Seelye, who was then preaching in the central part of Wisconsin. To this union were born six children, all of whom are living. She leaves to mourn

her passing, the deeply bereaved husband the Rev. M. T. Seelye; her children, Mrs. John P. Wilson of Pontiac; McKendree O. Seelye of Coldwater; Lloyd M. Seelye of Burt; Mrs. Carl L. Keyes of St. Joseph; Mrs. Ralph M. Walz of Holland; Carroll E. Seelye of Lum; also her sister Mrs. Frank Hopkins of Gregory; and her three brothers, Lenox of Ypsilanti, and Roy and Frank of Lansing. She also leaves fourteen grand-children.

June 10th, she and Rev. Seelye while returning from the farm of their son Carroll met with an automobile accident from which she was apparently recovering nicely; but some mysterious and unexplained complications set in which caused a sudden sinking spell from which she did not recover.

She came to love God early in life, being the oldest child of christian parents, Myron and Helen Beadle, and practiced faithfully through the years of her life all the love which Jesus taught her. She died with the sure knowledge that all her children were prepared to meet her in heaven. She was always a help in her husband's chosen work.

She, with her husband, retired from the active relation in the Detroit conference, yet her husband was very frequently assisting other ministers, and living adjacent to the village of Lum, when death darkened the M. P. church there, he was urged to take the work which he did, she rejoicing that again they were at work. After assuming the retired relation in the M. E. conference, they held their membership with the Imlay City charge, Arcadia appointment. The funeral was conducted by their pastor, Rev. Andrew Wood of Imlay City and was largely attended by neighboring pastors, most of whom had some part in the services. Rev. Mr. Hemingway had the house service and then the remains were moved to the Church to lie in state until the hour for the services to begin. At the Church Rev. J. D. Young of Lapeer M. E. church offered prayer; Rev. Chas. W. Collinge of Romeo M. E. church expressed the sympathy of the Detroit conference; Rev. Mr. Goodman, pastor of the Baptist church in Imlay City, carried the sympathy of that church; Rev. F. E. Kunsman, president of the Michigan conference of the Methodist Protestant church spoke feelingly for that church, paying a rich tribute to the departed; Rev. Mr. Karr, retired, of Lapeer, spoke feelingly; Rev. John Meredith, former pastor, read the obituary. The music was furnished by Mrs. Ogden and Mrs. Rathsburg, Miss Titus pianist. Interment was in Lapeer cemetery. The wonderful floral offerings attested the sympathy of the people.

MARY LONGSTREET WILL.

R. D. Hopkins.

Mrs. Mary Longstreet Will, another loyal follower of the Lord Jesus, came to her coronation day on August 18, 1925. Mrs. Will, whose maiden name was Mary E. Lazarus, was born June 29, 1846, in Orangeville, Pennsylvania. Here she was married in 1868 to Frank P. Longstreet. Mr. Longstreet died in 1880, leaving his wife and three children, and in 1881, the