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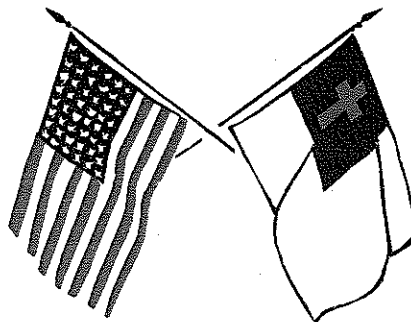
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The funeral service was held at the McConnell Funeral Home, Wooster, with Dr. Curtis R. Douglas, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, officiating. He spoke fittingly of the place of the minister's wife in the hearts of the congregation. Dr. Charles F. Wishart, president of the College of Wooster, assisted with the service. The body was taken to the Sebree Funeral Home in Canton, where D. E. Melton, pastor of the South Park Methodist Church, conducted the service. Interment was beside the body of her husband in Greenwood Cemetery, Canton.

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MRS. RICHARD D. RUSSELL

Ella Maria, daughter of John and Leicretia Snedaker, was born at Tonica, Illinois, May 8, 1857. She died at Pomona, California, July 19, 1943, aged 86 years, 2 months.

On October 6th, 1878, she was united in marriage to Richard D. Russell a member of the Central Illinois Conference. To this union four children were born, of whom three survive: Harry E. Russell of Pasadena, Paul Russell of Lakesire, and Mrs. B. W. Boyden of Whittier, all in California. There are also 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

For about 20 years she labored with her husband in the work of the ministry and presided with grace and tact over parsonage life. About 1900, owing to Mr. Russell's failing health, they retired from active service and went to reside in Pomona, California, where Mr. Russell died in 1913.

During her years in Pomona, Mrs. Russell took an active part in the work of the Methodist Church until failing health made this no longer possible. She was President of the W.F.M.S. for many years, a member of the Official Board of the Church, active in all branches of women's work and for many years taught a class of boys.

During her latter years she lived with her daughter, Mrs. B. L. Boyden, of Whittier. Funeral services were held in Pomona Methodist Church, in charge of the pastor, H. G. Earle. Interment was in Pomona Cemetery beside her husband.

MRS. ANDREW L. SIMMONS

Elspeith, daughter of Henry and Margaret Leeten, was born near Cairo, West Virginia, on September 10, 1873. She was united in marriage with Andrew L. Simmons on March 28, 1899, and immediately the young couple went 1000 miles from her home to a mission field in southern Missouri.

Mrs. Simmons was a loyal helpmate for her husband whether it was in working with the women in the Home Mission Field or the carrying on of the usual round of duties of a pastor's wife in Illinois.

Her faithfulness had high exemplification in her care of her husband who was an invalid, most of the time bedfast, for the last twelve years of his life. During these years her own health gave way but she was able to minister to him until his death on January 13, 1944. Three days later she too passed from earth.

She was the mother of four children. One son, Walter, died in 1931. She is survived by Mrs. Cecil Bennett of Dearborn, Michigan; by a son Marvin, also of Dearborn; and by a son James, of Algonac, Michigan.

A double funeral was held for Mr. and Mrs. Simmons conducted by the pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church of Algonac. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery of Algonac.

J. E. EVANS.

MRS. WILLIAM M. JOHNSON

Born August 22, 1872. Died November 7, 1943. (Memoir received too late for printing and will be published in Journal of 1945.)