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A true talent as a worker with youth and his ability to lead churches in successful building projects received immediate recognition. In his first charge, the people built a lovely parsonage and the youth groups tripled in membership.

In 1952 Larry was appointed to the Seaford Circuit in the Peninsula Conference and became a part of this Conference. He faithfully served churches in Seaford, Whaleysville, Maryland, Felton and Townsend, Delaware, until retiring in 1962. During that time he was active in Youth work, became District Director of Youth and served as Counselor and as a Director at Camp Pecometh for many years. The educational units at Felton and Townsend are continuing symbols of his ability to encourage his people to construct needed facilities for their educational and recreational programs. Even after retirement Larry continued to minister as associate at the Richardson Park Methodist Church.

His last few years were spent in Towson, Maryland, where on February 22, 1968, he went to his reward. He is survived by his wife, Naomi, four children, Mrs. Ellen Wildey, Towson, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Renner, USAF, Merced, California, Mr. Edwin Renner, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Jeannette Cruse, Mill Hall, Pennsylvania, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The good works, the fine family and his many, many friends will continue to be symbols of a life well lived by a truly Christian gentleman and Christian minister, Larry Renner.

ADDISON L. SMITH

Addison Lamprey Smith was born on September 22, 1906 in Suncook, New Hampshire. He was the son of Rev. Albert L. Smith, and Gertrude Lamprey Smith. His father, and grandfather were members of the New Hampshire Conference for a total of 113 years.

Addison graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1930, with the intention of teaching school, but during the depression years, jobs were scarce so he went to New York City where he trained to be a detective. While there he attended a rescue mission, and was saved, and often gave serious thought to entering the Ministry.

He was sent to New Orleans, Louisiana, on an assignment, where he met his wife, Ursa Longman. They were married on November 24, 1936. In addition to his widow, three children survive, Marjorie Bishop, Pocomoke, Maryland; Shirley Davis, Salisbury, Maryland; and First Lt. Addison L. Smith USAF, stationed with the weather service in Athens, Greece.

Addison became a member of the Louisiana Conference in 1943, serving appointments in Rochelle, Second Church, New Orleans; St. Francisville; and Winbourne Avenue in Baton Rouge.

He served the Methodist Church in Conway, New Hampshire, from 1950 to 1952, while he attended Boston University. In May, 1952 he became a member of the Peninsula Conference, and wanting to further his education, attended Temple University School of Theology where he obtained his STB in 1956. While in the Peninsula Conference he served churches in Wye

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Mills, East New Market, St. Michaels, St. Andrews, and Mt. Pleasant, all in Maryland. At the time of his fatal accident on July 7, 1967, he was serving Ewell-St. Paul, Clayton and Kenton in Delaware.

Funeral services were held in Ewell-St. Paul's Church, Clayton, Delaware on July 11, 1967, with Dr. Hartwell Chandler and Harmony Lodge A.F. and A.M. in charge. He was laid to rest in Wicomico Memorial Park, Salisbury, Maryland.

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land.
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers there.
And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step, and the glad return—
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—He is just away."

James Whitecomb Riley

URSA LONGMAN SMITH.

CHARLES CLIFTON THOMAS

Charles Clifton Thomas, son of the late Charles and Mary Thomas, was born in Federalsburg, Maryland, February 3, 1908. He was educated at Princess Anne Academy, Princess Anne, Md. (now Maryland State College), Morgan College, Baltimore, and Drew Theological Seminary.

He was admitted to the Delaware Conference in 1929, and served the following charges: Swainton, N. J.; Dover Circuit, Delaware; Carmichael, Md.; Pomona, Md.; Wittman, Md., and Centreville, Md. Meanwhile he served twice as chaplain in the United States Army. Transferred to the Washington Conference in 1962, he served as associate pastor at Sharp Street Memorial Church, Baltimore, until, transferred to the Peninsula Conference in 1965, he served the Elkton-Port Deposit charge until ill health forced his retirement at the Conference session of 1967.

On March 30, 1932, he was united in wedlock to Miss Selena Josephene Purvey of Baltimore. She proved a faithful companion until Charles entered into eternal sleep on Sunday night, October 22, 1967.

In addition to his widow, surviving relatives are a daughter, Mrs. Sarah T. Millings of Baltimore; a grandson, Adolphus Millings; a sister, Mrs. Rhetta Richardson of Philadelphia.

Funeral services were held at Sharp Street Memorial Church, Baltimore, on Thursday, October 26th, the writer officiating, assisted by Pastor Forrest Stith and the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson, former pastor. Interment was in the Baltimore National Cemetery.

It was my privilege to have known Brother Thomas in several capacities; first as a fellow student, later as a pupil, and years later as a pastor on the district I served as superintendent in the former Delaware Conference, and finally in the same capacity in his last appointment, in the Penin-