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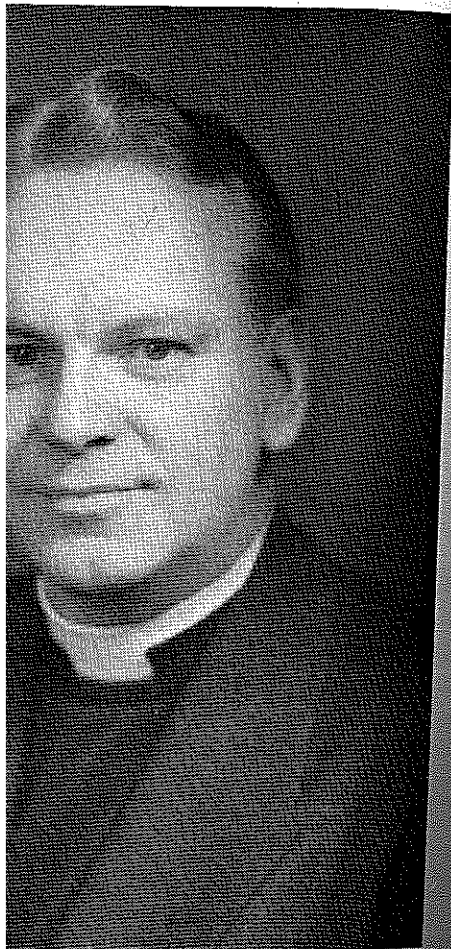
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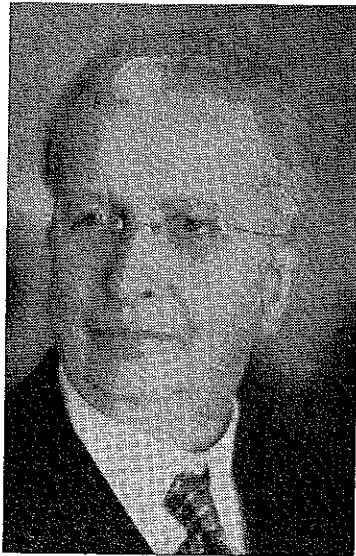
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ALBERT LONG SMITH



When Dr. Albert Long Smith died in Washington, D. C., October 27, 1950, he was over ninety years of age—the oldest member of the New Hampshire Conference. He served in the Conference as an active member for 46 years. His father, Eleazar Smith, had an even longer record in the same Conference. It is heartening to add that a son, Addison L., is also in the Methodist ministry, being at present stationed in Conway, N. H.

Albert L. Smith was born in Salisbury, Mass., June 30, 1860. He was graduated from Wesleyan University in 1883. Later for several years he served as a trustee of that institution. He married Gertrude Lamprey of Laconia, who died in Woodsville in 1929 during their pastorate there. Two children were born of this union—Addison L., and Mrs. Robert D. Bailey of Goffstown, N. H. In 1931 he married Nira O. Wilson of Woodsville. Shortly after his retirement in 1933, they moved to Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Smith still resides.

He joined the Conference on trial in 1887, and in full connection two years later. His appointments read as follows: Rumney, Auburn and Chester, Newfields, Laconia, Penacook, Suncook, Lancaster and Grange, Plymouth and

Ashland, Claremont, Woodsville, Whitefield. Because of distance and the long term of his retirement, recent accessions to our Conference knew little of Dr. Smith. But older men remember him as agile in his movements, mentally alert, cordial, dignified, possessed of cheery greetings and merry laughter.

In his early ministry he was greatly influenced by the "Holiness Movement" then sweeping our state. This helped to make his ministry one filled with evangelistic fervor. People still remember the meetings held during Campmeeting at The Weirs in the Laconia House under his leadership.

He was a strong preacher, a good scholar, well read. Even in years of retirement, articles from his pen appeared frequently in religious journals.

For two activities in Conference sessions he has long been remembered. For 21 years he served with distinction as Secretary of that body. And on innumerable occasions his musical ability, both vocal and instrumental, was called into play. During his last visit to the Conference, two years ago, he and Mrs. Smith brought acclaim from the Conference, when they sang a duet for which he played the accompaniment.

Uniformly his ministry has been fruitful. And now he, too, has fought the good fight, finished the course and kept the faith. We hail him our brother beloved, and bid him Godspeed in the new and glorious life before him.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 29, 1950, in the First Church in Laconia, of which he had been pastor fifty years ago. Rev. Frank P. Fletcher was in charge, assisted by Rev. G. B. VanBuskirk and the son, Rev. Addison L. Smith, who paid touching tribute to his father. Mrs. Edwyna Chapman sang "Crossing the Bar." Burial was in Union Cemetery, Laconia.

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