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VII. MEMOIRS

(a) OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

O Thou, Father of us all, we remember before Thee, all these who have faithfully lived and who have entered Thy eternal service. We thank Thee for all fair memories and all living hopes; for the sacred ties that bind us to the unseen world; for the dear and holy spirits who compass us as a cloud of witnesses, and make the distant heaven a home to our hearts. May we be worthy followers of these who have inherited the promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Unbroken Fellowship

*The memory
Of these who journeyed hence
Will be to us
Such steadfast confidence*

*That following
Where they have preached His Name,
We will repeat
The Master's fame!*

*Our fellowship,
Unbroken by the strips of earth
Between their charge
And those we served,*

*Continues now
Though they have crossed celestial
strands
To minister
In future lands*

—WILFRED HANSEN

JOHN J. SNAVELY

IN JEREMY INGALLS' Ode to William Rose Benet are lines particularly fitting to John J. Snavely—

"In time's redemption all he saw and heard
Was part of praise. The sea below, above,
One grace together. So he praised the Word
And lived the Word to the whole gauge of love."

Many virtues marked his life, love, laughter, sincerity, integrity, devotion, quietude, sweetness and light, but most of all he praised and lived the Word.

I first met him, that is in an understanding way, when one day he came inquiring for a young man to become his associate in a church where his ministry had run-on some years and had attained the gracious beauty that always effused from his pattern of life and work. I heard him describe the qualities he sought and wondered where any young man could be found who could possibly possess them. I am sure he never imagined that the attributes he sought were the very ones which made his own life beautiful and his service lasting for, of all men, he was least presumptuous. Later, much later, as our lives became intermingled in supervisory work I found all the qualities he sought that day exemplified in him—"Strength and beauty were in his sanctuary." The strength was not so much physical as it was spiritual and the beauty while his own was indeed a reflection of the divine light which radiated through his being.

Dr. Snavely was born Jan. 1, 1881 in Quarryville, Pa., and was educated in Franklin and Marshall Academy after which he entered Dickinson College from which he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1904. He brought honor to the college which in turn bestowed upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.



His Seminary was Drew to whose halls he often returned and by which he was held in high esteem.

On June 30, 1904 he married Ada M. Kauffman and to them came a daughter, Helen Elizabeth. Dignity and charm mark the households of many Methodist ministers but none more than this home whose quiet beauty one felt upon entering and one retained in leaving to bless his pathway from the door.

His service in the New York East Conference which began in 1907 contained six pastorates and the superintendency of the New York District. He retired in 1949. How shall one describe these 42 years? To call them successful would be insufficient praise. They were more than success. They were years of goodness in which an understanding heart and a clear and careful mind proclaimed the Word, always with acceptability, always with clarity and judgment—always in sincerity and self effacement. He was a beloved pastor of his people, a shepherd in whom there was no guile. He did not seek the superintendency. It sought him and having found him found patience and fortitude and calm insight and sound judgment and best of all a tranquil gentility which enshrined him in the hearts of his ministers and in the people of his churches.

At the age of 68, on August 26, 1949, he entered the greater Conference beyond the horizon and left an empty place in our hearts which emptiness the passing days have filled in reflection and contemplation with a new appreciation of the quiet beauty and gentle sweetness of his life. He walked among us in dignity and understanding and his passing shadow cast upon us all the sense of a holy healing presence.

FRED B. NEWELL

JOHN R. HENRY

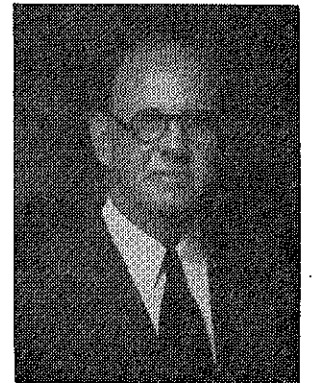
IN THIS teeming turbulent city of millions John R. Henry will never be forgotten. From out the dark and dank tenements he saw the kindling excellence of the city's life. As John Masfield so well phrased it—

"... years ago as impulse led,
I crossed by Patchin Place, and turning thence
Heard the loud railway roaring overhead
And felt the city's kindling excellence."

In John Masfield's rhyme he was seeking an old bookshop on New York's lower west side where perchance "shopping better than he knew" he found in an ancient "Volume One" King Arthur's Knights of Old and the Holy Grail. And John R. Henry, searching through the rubble of the city's lower east side found in an ancient slum an equally Holy Cup from whose battered and often broken rim he poured the "water of life" freely.

It is too soon after his death fully to appraise the gift of this good man to the city, the nation, and the world. In some future age, when the patterns of life have changed and the Bowery has lost its insobriety and slime, and the dwellings of mankind have become fit habitations, humanity will look back with gratitude and reverence to this life whose mind could find in the child-life of hovel and gutter an imperishable goodness which, when deeply cultivated and touched by the redemptive process, becomes the strength of the nation and the gentility of humanity.

Dr. Henry was born December 16, 1868, at St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wesleyan University, Middletown,



NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE, 1949

- ✓ **Simonson, Mulford B.** '25 Assistant, Port Jefferson; '26-27 Orient; '28 Federated Church, Southbury; '29-31 Executive, Boy Scouts of America; '32-35 Waterbury, Grace; '36-39 Brooklyn, Cropsey Ave.; Oct. 1, '39-46 Greenwich, First; '47— Executive Sec., Conference Board of Education. (106 Vineyard Place, Port Jefferson, N. Y.)
- ✓ **Simpson, Charles W.** '08-9 New Eng., Shelburne Falls, William Butler Memorial; '10-22 Supt. Bridgeport Christian Union ('19-24 supplied Bridgeport, Trinity); '23-35 N. Y. E., Supt. Bridgeport Christian Union and Chaplain, Fairfield County Jail; '36-42 Cannondale and Saugatuck; '43-46 Gaylordsville, Conn.; '46 Retired. (Boardman District, New Milford, Conn.)
- ✓ **Sloatman, David K.** '22-5 Cent. Pa., At School; '26 N. Y. E., At School; '27-29 Rowayton; '30-31 New Haven, Howard Ave.; '32-34 Plainville; Jan. 1, '35-37 Lake Ronkonkoma; '38-39 Greenport; Jan. 1, '40-43 New Haven, Westville; '44-47 Ansonia, First; '48— Bridgeport, Washington Park, (459 Noble Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.)
- ✓ **Smith, Alson J.** 1934 Montana, Phillipsburg; '35 At School; '36-39 N. Y. E., Waterbury, Grace; Sept. 15, '39-40 Executive Secretary, Religious Union for Democracy; '41-43 Bayport, '44-45 Brooklyn, St. Paul's; '46— Stamford Circuit. (Roxbury Rd., Stamford, Conn.)
- ✓ **Smith, Eugene L.** '38-43 Newark Conf., Roselle and Wesley; Oct. '44-47 Emory; Oct. '47-48 N. Y. E. Conf., Brooklyn, St. Mark's; '49— Exec. Sec'y, Division of Foreign Missions, Bd. of Missions and Church Extension. (150 5th Ave., New York 11.)
- ✓ **Smith, Irving L.** '12-13 Pound Ridge; '14-16 Amityville, Simpson; '17-18 Woodbury, N. Y.; '19-21 Waterbury, South; '22-25 Bridgeport, Grace; '26-27 Brooklyn, Wesley Ch.; '28-33 Port Jefferson; '34-38 Stamford Circuit; Sept. 1, '38— Long Hill Conn.
- ✓ **Smith, J. S.** '39-40 Philadelphia Conf., Boehms; '41-42 Columbia, Cookman; '43 Germantown, First (Assistant); '44-47 N. Y. E. Conf., Brooklyn, Fenimore St. '47— Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.
- ✓ **Smith, T. W.** 32 years effective relation in the Methodist Protestant Church. May 24, '39 N. Y. E. Conf. of the Methodist Church in Retired Relation. (R. F. D. 2, Benton, Pa.)
- ✓ **Snively, John J.** '07-9 Bronx, Westchester; '10-13 Bridgeport, Grace; '14-17 Ridgefield; '18-22 South Norwalk; '23-31 Mamaroneck; '32-38 Supt., New York Dist.; '39-48 Waterbury, First Church; '49 Retired. (20 Vermont Terrace, Southington, Conn.)
- ✓ **Steinkraus, Ernest F.** '26-27 East German Conference, Mineola and Sea Cliff; '28-29 Jersey City and Hoboken; '30-32 Buffalo; '33-35 Bridgeport; '36-40 Bridgeport and Summerfield; '41-42 Paterson; Apr. 12, '43— N. Y. E. Conference Supt. Bethany Deaconess Hospital. (221 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn 27, N. Y.)
- ✓ **Stidley, Leonard A.** '29-32 Illinois Conf., At School; '33-37 N. Y. E., Church of All Nations; '38— Associate Professor, Graduate Theological School, Oberlin, Ohio. (29 N. Pleasant St., Oberlin, Ohio.)
- ✓ **Storaker, Gustav A.** '20-25 Western Norwegian-Danish, Portland, Ore., Vancouver Ave.; '26-31 Tacoma, Wash.; '32-37 San Francisco, Cal., Central Church; '38 Oakland, Twentieth St.; '39-40 California Conf., Oakland St. '41— N. Y. E., Brooklyn, Sunset Park. (673 45th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.)
- ✓ **Stowe, Everett M.** '17-18 Ohio Conf., Marietta; '21-22 New England Conf., Charlestown, Trinity; '23-43 Foochow Cent., Pukien, China; '44 Acting Sec'y East Asia Office, Division of Foreign Missions; '45-47, executive Secretary, Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students; '48 Associate Secretary World Council of Christian Education. Transferred to N.Y.E. Conf., March 11, '49—. (156 5th Ave., New York 11, N. Y.)
- ✓ **Strickland, Francis L.** '98 N. Y., West Farms; '99-1900 Orient; '01-3 Queens, Flushing; '04-6 Bayshore; '07-10 Northport; '11-14 Des Moines Conf., President, Simpson College; '15 Professor, West Virginia University; '16-19 N. Y. E., Professor, West Virginia University; '20-40 Professor, Boston University School of Theology; '41 Retired. (31 Dover St., Wellesley 81, Mass.)
- ✓ **Stromberg, Asbury G. E.** '23-24 Western Swedish, Sioux City; '25-27 At School; '28-29 Eastern Swedish, Mt. Vernon; '30-34 Ansonia; '35-36 N. Y. E. Conf., Central Islip; '37-40 Queens, Queens Village; '41— Mamaroneck. (464 E. Boston Post Rd., Mamaroneck, N. Y.)