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He came to the New Mexico Conference in 1915 and was appointed to Trinity Church, El Paso. Unfortunately he was taken seriously ill and unable to complete his year's work. He was then transferred to the Texas Conference and his health not improving he took a Superannuate Relation and in a few months passed to his reward.

Brother Packard endeared himself to the Trinity congregation and gave promise of great usefulness. He was a most eloquent preacher, handling the Word of God with great power, setting forth the doctrines clearly and effectively. His home life was beautiful and in his intercourse with his people quickly gained their affection and esteem. He was a faithful pastor, a good man, a devout Christian, loved and admired by all. He has gone to his reward and our sympathies are extended to all members of his family, who sorrow, not as those without hope, but with a sure and certain hope of a happy reunion in the joyful resurrection.

In Memory of Rev. B. B. Scoggins.

Benjamin Blanton Scoggins was born in Georgia, Dec. 10, 1852. Died at his home, Mesilla Park, New Mexico, December 11, 1916, aged 64 years and one day. Was married to Miss Pernacy Arnwine at Jacksonville, Texas, January 22, 1879. Nine children remain to mourn his loss. Licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Jacksonville Circuit, Palestine District, East Texas Conference, his license signed by John Adams, P. E. and W. C. Bolton, Secretary. Dated May 16, 1885, renewed by the Quarterly Conference of the Sweet-water Mission in 1886. Renewed by the El Paso District, Mexican Border Mission Conference, 1887, and by the Bonita Quarterly Conference, West Texas Conference, in 1888 and 1889.

In 1890, when the New Mexico Conference was organized by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, he was admitted on trial, and on Sept. 1894, was ordained an elder by Bishop Key. His first work in New Mexico was as Junior preacher under Bro. Monk on the Roswell Circuit. His first appointment in the New Mexico Conference was in the Bonita section, including White Oaks, Parsons, Ruidoso, Bonita, Eagle Creek, Indian Agency, Nogal, Fort Stanton. This work he served four years. He then served La Luz, Tularosa, James Canyon, one year, returning to his first charge for four more years, during which time he organized a camp meeting on the Bonita. His last appointment as an itinerant was Las Cruces where he remained two years and then located.

Bro. Scoggins was a vigorous and earnest preacher, devoted to his work. While in the ministry, he succeeded in gaining the respect and esteem of the people whom he served. His inability to continue in active service was a source of great grief to him for the remainder of his life.

Our sympathies are extended to his family in their bereavement of husband and father.

In Memory of Rev. A. H. Sutherland.

Brother Sutherland in many respects was a remarkable man, of great ability, devoted to the work of the ministry and faithfully preaching with great power the Gospel of the grace of God in its power to convict, convert, save and sanctify sinners. He was called to the ministry early in life and was assigned to the Mexican work, being the first preacher of our Church to receive that honor. He entered most heartily into his work and for more than forty years, with occasional intervals of mining enterprises, necessitated by financial conditions, he preached the gospel in their own tongue to the Mexicans of Texas, New Mexico, Old Mexico and Arizona. For some time during his later

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years he carried on a mission in El Paso in a tent for the benefit of the Mexicans and poorer Americans. During the closing years of his life he was employed as the agent of the American Bible Society in Northern Mexico, and when on account of conditions in that country he was prevented from pursuing his labors there, he resided in El Paso, established, edited and published a paper in the Mexican and English languages which had the promise of attaining a position of great influence among the Mexican people.

Brother Sutherland was closely connected with the New Mexico Conference, serving the Gallup, San Marcial and Cerrillos charges in the Conference years 1896-7-8 and 9. During the last few years of his life he sustained the relation of local elder. He attended the El Paso District Conference last spring and took an active part. No one thought that his end was so near. He passed away regretted by his brethren, but with a full assurance of entering into the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

In Memory of Mrs. W. W. Nelson.

Sister Nelson was the wife of Brother W. W. Nelson, who served the charges of Alpine and Deming. Sister Nelson came to this western country in poor health with the hope that the climate would be beneficial in restoring her. After a lingering illness she passed to her reward. She was an affectionate wife, a good mother and Christian character. Our sympathies and condolences are extended to Brother Nelson and his son in their bereavement. We commend them to the Great Father of all in the hope that while "They mourn her exit from a world like this," He will grant unto them every consolation of the Holy Spirit.

In Memory of Ira H. S. Huggett.

Ira Hughes Sherlock Huggett, the son of Brother W. Sherlock Huggett, was born in London, England, February 27, 1879. Died after a short illness in Phoenix, Ariz., September 3, 1917, aged 38 years, 6 months and 7 days. Was a member of the Methodist Church from his earliest infancy. He loved the church, and her ministers always found in him a friend and companion. He was the heart and soul of the only Conference Epworth League organization we have had in the New Mexico Conference. As its secretary he made District meetings possible and succeeded in securing an attendance of delegates that resulted in a League enthusiasm we have not known since.

A letter of appreciation written by one of his friends so truly describes the boy and man we knew and loved that we make it a part of this memoir.

"The sad news of Mr. Huggett's death has just come to me. I do want you to know and feel that in Mr. Huggett I have lost one of the best friends I have ever had, a friend whose loyalty was absolutely unshakeable. He had one of the biggest hearts God ever put in human body. He was generosity itself. He gave a great deal of his life to make life better for people who often did not care or would not understand. No man ever had more courage to stand up for the right, as God gave him to see the right, no man was ever more unflinching in his staunch support of principles nor a more loyal believer in the higher things. All the years of his newspaper life never warped him from the faith of his early training, and he fought valiantly for the best things always."

To the bereaved ones our hearts go out in genuine sympathy: we weep with them. Some sweet day, tearless, we will meet to part no more.