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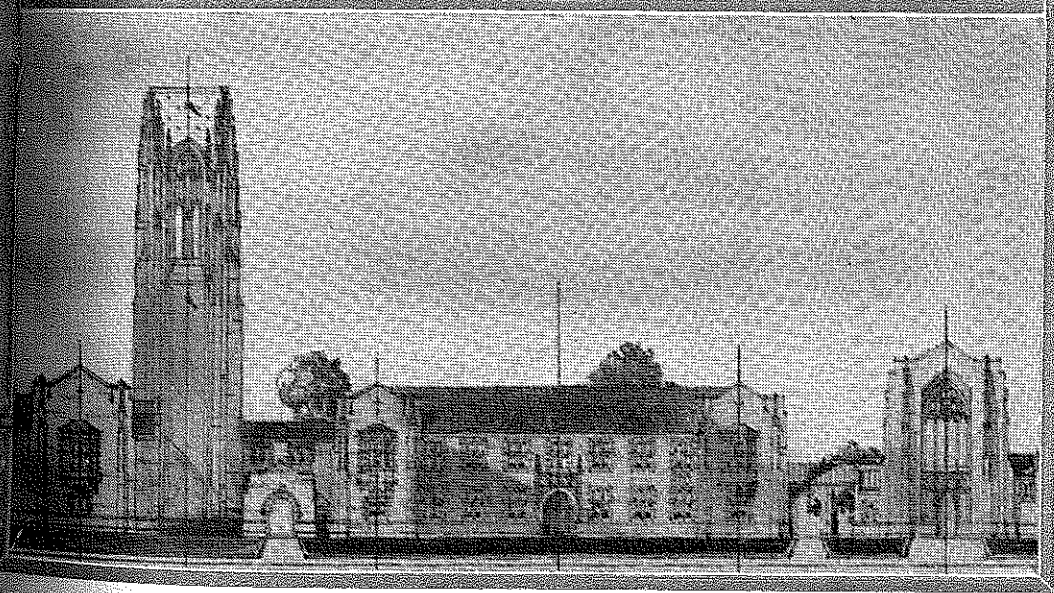
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and LaGrange, and was presiding elder of the Maysville District for four years. As both presiding elder and pastor he was diligent and aggressive in promoting all the varied interests of the Church. He placed emphasis on evangelism, and was successful in revival work, yet he valued also the other important interests of the Church that a minister should promote. We cite one instance of his appreciation of the value of an adequate church building. While pastor at London he led the congregation in building a handsome new church, adding materially to the funds by personally soliciting money in various parts of Kentucky. He was married to Miss Pelagia A. Mulligan on June 26, 1838. Four children were born to them. The second born, Alexander Earl, died in infancy. Three survive: Herman Redd, of Huntington, W. Va., Mrs. E. B. Driskell, of Worthville, Ky., and Mrs. Lewis Frederick, of Lexington, Ky. Deeply devoted to his wife and children, he was rewarded with their loyal respect and love. During a visit at his bedside the writer was privileged to read the ritual after which he sat up in the bed and christened the baby daughter of his elder daughter, Mrs. Driskell, she desiring his ministry in that sacred service. The following characteristics were clearly marked in his personality: First, he was preëminently unselfish. He gave constantly of his time, strength, sympathy, and service to others. "The most unselfish man I ever knew," is the tribute Rev. A. P. Jones telegraphed from Florida; and Dr. C. C. Fisher, in his funeral tribute, confirmed this statement. The writer was privileged to read letters written to him during his illness, and to his family after his decease, from various parts of the United States acknowledging the debt of the writers to him and declaring their love. Some he had led to Christ, others he had inspired to nobler living, and yet others he had, as a shepherd, led into green pastures and beside still waters. Second, he had an intense nature; what he did he did with all his might. Whether he prayed, preached, built churches, or fought the liquor traffic, there was ever the dynamic of deep earnestness and tireless energy. He was like a lamp that shines because it burns. Perhaps he was at his best at a throne of grace. It has been said of Bishop Francis Asbury that he was an effective preacher, but excelled in prayer. And no one who ever heard J. D. Redd pray can forget the eloquence, born of earnestness, with which he pleaded for the Divine favor and blessing. Third, he did

not, as some have done, substitute a social gospel for the gospel to the individual; yet in addition to calling individual sinners to repentance he also attacked the social evil of his day and was active in other reforms besides prohibition. His activity and ability in fighting for prohibition are indicated by the fact that he was once the nominee of the Prohibition party for governor of Kentucky, and was sent at various times as delegate to national and international conventions. Col. George W. Bain, who was his coworker in temperance promotion, has this to say in a letter to Mrs. Redd: "A truer, braver heart never beat in the breast of any of my friends. He stood foursquare to every wind that blows. I knew where to find Jeff Redd on every moral question." He quietly fell asleep in the late evening of May 21, 1926, in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Frederick, Lexington, Ky. His last days were characterized by great physical pain, yet his faith and patience shone like light that transfigures darkness. The funeral services were held in First Church, Lexington, the pastor, Dr. G. R. Combs, having charge. Dr. C. C. Fisher made the principal address, J. W. Hughes, R. B. Baird, J. R. Savage, W. E. Arnold, R. H. Kleiser, and the writer also taking part in the service. In the congregation were a large number of his fellow pastors in the Kentucky Conference, also many of his friends and former parishioners from the various parts of Kentucky where he had ministered. In Lexington's beautiful cemetery his body waits the resurrection call.—*J. P. Strother.*

ELIJAH J. TERRILL was born in Garrard County, Ky., May 27, 1855, and departed this life on April 14, 1926. He came into this world with a feeble body and, according to his own testimony, for almost fifty years he lived on the grace of God. He was powerfully converted, gloriously sanctified, divinely healed, and called to preach while yet a young man. In 1886 he joined the Kentucky Conference, and took joyfully his appointments and disappointments as an honest and humble Methodist preacher. He firmly believed all the doctrines of the Methodist Church, and when necessary he was ever able and ready to defend them. Most of his preaching was of the evangelistic type. He had a passion for souls, and was ever anxious to win men to Jesus Christ. He was blessed with a good mind. He loved good books, and when unable to buy them he borrowed from his friends, read them, marked, and used their con-

tents to a good purpose—a worthy example to all young preachers. He was a worthy illustration of his name, "Elijah," for, like the man of Bible fame, he was a man of undaunted faith, and in spite of disadvantages and earthly discouragements he showed the world again that man is not a creature of circumstances, but that in spite of physical disadvantages a man may count in this life for good and for God. Many months before his death he made definite arrangements for his funeral, place of burial, price of coffin, cost of marker, and the distribution of all his earthly possessions, and wrote the following testimony with his own hand: "I want my friends to know that I believe in the two distinct works of grace—regeneration and entire sanctification. I was divinely healed, and I lived on the mercy of God for almost a half century. If I ever backslid one hour, I don't know it. At the close of my earthly career my life is hid with Christ in God. My trust is entirely in the atonement." Brother Terrill was a great believer in prayer, a man of great faith and deep consecration, a safe and good expounder of the word of God; and if he had been blessed with a good body, he had sufficient ability to have ministered to our strong Churches with a mighty gospel. He leaves behind four stalwart sons, a sister, and a brother with a host of friends, who will miss him in the journey of life.—*W. L. Clark.*

JAMES M. BAKER was born February 17, 1870, at Gratz, Owen County, Ky., and passed away at his home at Hughes Chapel, Boone County, June 26, 1926. His early life was spent in Carroll and Trimble Counties. His father, Wilburn B. Baker, and mother, Rachel Baker, moved with their family to Tyrone, Anderson County, when the subject of this sketch was a lad about twelve years old. Here he completed the common school course, after which he attended school at Lawrenceburg under Prof. J. B. Willis. He walked to and fro, a distance of four miles, daily to this school, having from childhood an ambition to secure an education. He was always bright and studious. He attended State College, completed the commercial course, and received a Teacher's Life Certificate from that institution and another by examination by the State Board of Education. His life was always a busy one from the beginning to its very close. He was married on February 20, 1896, to Miss Agnes Tolls, of Anderson County, and to them were born two children: Myrtie Lee, married, lives at Har-

rodsburg, and Hubert, also married, lives in Boone County. For twenty-one years Brother Baker was a successful school-teacher, spending most of his life at Tyrone, where he taught school. He was postmaster there for twelve years and was a leader in that town and community. From there he moved to Salvisa, where he lived nine years and was cashier of the Farmer's Bank during the time. Through all these years he was known as a local preacher, deacon, and elder in our Church, having been converted when a young man at Salvisa, where he was then teaching school, in a great revival held there by W. W. Green, A. P. Jones, B. F. Cosby, and others. He had, however, been preaching a few years prior to this time. He was a splendid preacher, a man of real worth and ability, and served as supply for a number of years with acceptability Lawrenceburg, Salt River, Mortonsville, and other Churches. Had he joined the Conference twenty-five years ago and given himself exclusively to the work of the ministry, I do not doubt that he would have gone to some of our very strong Churches. However, two years ago this fall he knocked at the door of the Conference for admission, and notwithstanding his age and because of the faithful service he had rendered the Church through all these year while he earned his own living from without the Church, he was admitted on trial without any difficulty whatever. In less than two years he had already completed three years of the Conference course of study. Five years ago next fall he was sent as supply to Hughes Chapel and Big Bone, where he finished his life work among people who loved him. It has been said that he was everybody's man. The writer was assisting him in a meeting, which was the second one we had assisted him in at Hughes Chapel. He had taken his part in every service from Monday night through the service Friday night, and got up Saturday morning as usual. After going a mile to attend to some business, he was taken with a peculiar shortness of breath. He returned home at once, went straight to bed, and was gone at 8:30 A.M. It was a shock to us all. The people did everything that kind hands and sympathetic hearts could do for the bereaved family. The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon at the church there by J. L. Clark, his presiding elder, and several other pastors of the district who were present in the presence of a large crowd from all the countryside round about. Leaving early Monday morning, we carried his remains.