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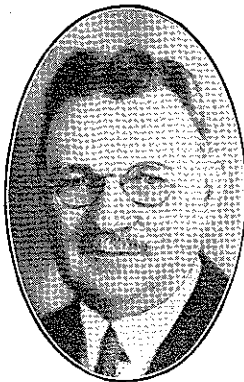
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of Children's Day, was the pastor, he was converted and united with Bethany Church, just when late youth was merging into early manhood. An unmistakable call to the ministry of the Word sounded in his soul, while he was engaged in the activities of this church of his choice. Its Quarterly Conference licensed him to preach.

Abram K. Street, a distinguished member of the New Jersey Conference, after he retired, resided in Camden. He maintained in his home a "School of the Prophets" for young men looking toward the ministry. Our brother entered this school, while still toiling at his trade by day, and received initial training at night from this eminent veteran of the Cross, who became his spiritual father, as he was of several other young ministers. He preached his first sermon in Bethany Church. Dr. Street, his father in the ministry, was an intensely attentive listener on the pulpit platform. He was a student at Pennington Seminary. After a course of study in this educational institution, he studied several years under the direction of Taylor University, which conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.



On April 30, 1895, Melville E. Snyder was married to Elizabeth Street, in Broadway Church, Camden, by her grandfather, Abram K. Street. Mrs. Snyder, both on her father's and mother's side, came from generations of Methodists, extending back into England. By heredity and choice she was a Methodist. Only the light of eternity will reveal fully what a helpmeet she was to her minister-husband. And our Lord will say to her, as he did to another whom he loved—"She hath done what she could."

Our Comrade of the Cross was received on trial in the New Jersey Conference in March, 1889. His years and positions of service are as follows: 1888, Pearsonville, under the presiding elder, as the office was then called; '89-91, Lumberton and Smithville; '92-94, Camden, State Street; '95-97, Moorestown; '98-1903, New Brunswick, St. James; '04-05, Bridgeton, Central; '06-12, Atlantic City, St. Paul; '13, Trenton, Hamilton Avenue; '14, Educational Secretary; '15-24, district superintendent of Trenton District; '25, Haddon Heights; '26 and up to the day of his death, December 31, 1933, executive secretary and business manager of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. He had unusual business ability. He carefully looked after the temporalities of his churches, raised their debts, and brought up the benevolences to the apportionment. He was a preacher of ability, loved the Gospel, and proclaimed it without mutilation, subtraction, or addition. No sound in discord with the Gospel trumpet ever came from his lips throughout his ministry of forty-five years. He courageously battled enthroned iniquities, saved sinners, comforted saints, built up the church, and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. And from every field, where he sowed the seeds of the kingdom, he reaped golden sheaves for the Lord of the harvest.

For many years Dr. Snyder was a member of the executive board and president of the Preachers' Aid Society. He aggressively toiled for its interests and continued existence. He opposed its proposed merger with the Conference Claimants' Fund, on the ground of righteous dealing with those members of the Conference, who had paid annually one per cent of their salaries, some of them over periods approaching fifty years, and in some members amounting to a few hundred and in others to above fifteen hundred dollars. Its separate existence, in the interest of such sacrificial supporters of the society and their wives, our brother contended was simply a matter of fairness and justice.

From the beginning of his ministry Brother Snyder was a secretary in the church. Men are born poets, so are secretaries. He was unusually qualified for this position by sensitive ears, instant insight, a retentive memory, and a hand that speedily transmuted vocal sounds into written words. His experience in the printer's trade during early life, united with the above qualifications to make him a model secretary. He served the New Jersey Conference on its secretarial staff for about twenty-three years, six years of which he was secretary of the Conference, and was also on the secretarial staff of the General Conference for three quadrennial sessions. He was recording secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for twelve years; and was educational secretary during one year, and toured the Conference territory in the interest of Pennington

Seminary. If the recording angel has need of assistants, Brother Snyder is now on his staff.

As district superintendent he was eminently successful, and presided over one district for ten years—the Trenton District. In the entire history of the Conference, no other served as long on one district. In part this was because of new legislation by the General Conference, which made a ten-year period possible; but in large part it was because of very special fitness for and distinguished service in the office of district superintendent. His qualifications for this position were a passion for accuracy even in details, tireless toil, punctuality in keeping his engagements, marked administrative ability, uncommon acquaintance with business methods and legal procedure, patience, kindness, fairness, and firmness in his dealings with both preachers and churches on his district. Above all these qualities he had an ever-present sense of his responsibility to the church and to the great Head of the church, our Lord Jesus Christ. All these invaluable elements combined to make him one of the outstanding district superintendents of our Methodist Episcopal Church.

For many years our brother was president of the Conference Board of Trustees, and also a trustee of Pennington Seminary. His watchful eyes, alert mind, and loyal heart guarded faithfully the interests of both institutions.

Brother Snyder was the first minister of our Conference to occupy the position of executive secretary and business manager of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. He served seven years in this field of labor, and up to the time of his departure for the "better country." When he began his work the fortunes of Ocean Grove were at low ebb tide. But he built an efficient organization, greatly and in many ways improved the place, saw the threatening debt paid, and, contending against the personal abuse and the stubborn opposition of those antagonistic to the time honored restrictions of the place, maintained unimpaired the sacred traditions of Ocean Grove and the sanctity of its Holy Sabbath Day. The testimony of those associated with him in this work is that he attained the success above described because he possessed ministerial, business, and legal ability.

On the night appointed by the Great Teacher, our brother was graduated with high honor from earth's senior class to heaven's beginner's class. Men called it death, but Our Lord termed it "Receive you unto Myself." He was ready for such reception, for he was arrayed in spotlessly white robes, woven by the pierced hands of the Saviour on the crimson loom of Calvary's Cross. He was ready from an earthly standpoint too, for on that night of December 31, the night of his translation, all his books were balanced to the cent and closed for the year 1933. He thought that he was about to enter 1934 on earth. But, "far better," he swiftly passed out of earth's dark night and entered the splendors of eternal day, beheld the King in his beauty, and is forever at home with the Lord.

The funeral service was held in St. Paul Church, Ocean Grove, on Wednesday, January 3, 1934, at 11 A. M. A congregation that filled the church to overflowing was assembled to do honor to his life and distinguished service. F. A. DeMaris, his district superintendent, presided and delivered one of the two addresses, Dr. Charles M. Boswell, of the Philadelphia Conference and president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, giving the other. The other district superintendents of the Conference, Drs. Wright, Hann, and Chamberlain, participated in the service, as did Dr. Buck. Interment was made at Harleigh Cemetery, Camden, where Dr. DeMaris and E. A. Wells, Conference secretary, conducted the burial service.

The great Bishop of Souls has transferred our brother to a charge in the capital city of his Universe. "Tis sweet to muse, as one by one we lose our friends out of sight, how grows in heaven our store." There are far more members of the New Jersey Conference in heaven than on earth. What a Conference Love Feast and Reunion are in store for us in the Homeland of Heaven!

GEO. H. NEAL.

WILLIAM THOMAS VALLIANT

WILLIAM THOMAS VALLIANT came of a ministerial family, father and grandfather being ministers of the Gospel. He was born in Cumberland, Md., November 18, 1852. His parents were Rev. Theodore and Martha Valliant. The mother's maiden name was Albers.

Having given his heart to God in early youth, it was to be expected that the call to follow in the footsteps of father and grandfather would find him ready to respond.

He was graduated at the Baltimore City College and received his doctorate from the Western University of Chicago. In 1877 he joined the Wilmington Conference, where he served until 1898, when he was transferred to the New Jersey Conference and stationed at Woodstown. His subsequent appointments were Spring Lake, Toms River, Pitman Church, New Brunswick; Sea Bright, Cape May Court House, Atlantic Highlands, Adelphia, Kaign Avenue, Camden; Bridgeport, and Fairview, Camden.



In 1921, after forty-four years of service, Brother Valiant took the retired relation, making his home at Royersford, Pa., where he has since resided.

Though past his eightieth year, he was in unusually good health, when a strange accident ended his earthly career. Monday morning, May 14, this year, as he was walking past an open lot near his home where some brush was burning, he must have stepped too near the edge of the embankment, the earth gave way and he fell six feet into a bonfire and was fatally burned before being rescued. He lingered in the Pottstown Hospital until the following Sunday, May 20, when his spirit took its immortal flight.

During his residence in Royersford he regularly attended the local Methodist Church, assisting in the services when desired, and occasionally preached in nearby churches.

Brother Valiant's ministry was a long and useful one. He was true to "the faith once delivered to the saints." His sermons were Scriptural, thoughtful, instructive and helpful. Personally he was genial and brotherly. Though missed from the Conference sessions in these later years, he was nevertheless

remembered by his brethren with affection and esteem.

March 18, 1885, at her home in Snow Hill, Md., he was married to Miss Theodora May Morris, who proved a devoted and faithful helpmeet, sharing with her husband the joys and trials of his long ministry. She, with their six children, survives. The children are: Frank L. Valiant, J. Wilson Valiant, T. Barnwell Valiant, all of New York City; Mrs. Eloise V. Douglass, Oaklyn, N. J.; Dorothy P. Valiant, Birdsboro, Pa.; and Emily H. Valiant, Royersford, Pa.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 23, conducted by J. J. Bingham, pastor of the Royersford Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by other ministers. Burial was in Fernwood Cemetery, Royersford.

S. MONROE VAN SANT.

JACOB BORN

JACOB BORN was born August 7, 1871, at Feuerbach, Germany. He died August 10, 1933, at Point Pleasant, N. J., while pastor of Central Church. He came to America at the age of eight, and his family settled in Philadelphia, Pa. He was one of thirteen children.

Jacob Born was converted in Snyder Avenue Congregational Church, Philadelphia, in May, 1899. He married Nathalie Ellis, February 21, 1906.

He attended classes of Philadelphia Bible College about 1910. After completing the course at Philadelphia Bible College, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he attended the Atlanta Theological Seminary.

Upon completion of the course at Atlanta in 1914, he received a call from a Congregational Church in Audenried, Pennsylvania. He served both Audenried and Coleraine churches for twenty-two months, during which time he was ordained at Audenried. He applied to Alexander Corson, superintendent of Camden District, New Jersey Conference, and was given Barnsboro Circuit. He served Clarksboro and Jefferson from 1921 to 1923; Tabernacle, 1923 to 1926; Richwood, 1926 to 1928; Greenville, 1928 to 1931; Central, Point Pleasant, 1931 to 1933. Brother Born was an efficient and successful supply pastor, and was among the first to be placed on the roll of "Accepted Supply Pastors."

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Anna Schaeffer, W. Duluth, Minn., and five daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. Alice N. Keeler, West Cape May, N. J.; Miss Emma I. Born, Lakewood, N. J.; Mrs. Ethel M. Brown, Lakehurst, N. J.; Miss Louise M. Born, Point Pleasant, N. J.; Mrs. Anna E. Fucillo, Point Pleasant, N. J.; and James J. Born, Lakewood, N. J.

The funeral services were held in the Central Church at Point Pleasant, on January 15, 1934, in charge of his superintendent, F. A. DeMaris, assisted by other members of the Conference.

F. A. DEMARIS.

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- Uhl, Frederick Charles.** 1897. Philadelphia Conf. '97, Summit Hill; '98, Slatington; '99, New Philadelphia. 1900, N. J. Conf. 1900-02, Centerton; '03-05, Manahawkin and Cedar Run; '06-07, South Amboy; '08-09, New Brunswick, St. James; '10-11, Beverly; '12-13, Cape May Court House; '14-19, Trenton, Greenwood Avenue; '20, Mt. Holly; '21-22, Millville, Trinity; '23-25, Pitman; '26-27, Haddon Heights; '28-29, Bridgeton, Central; '30, Trenton, Cadwalader Heights; '31-33, Salem, Broadway.
- Valliant, William Thomas.** 1877. Wilmington Conf. 1898, N. J. Conf. '98-99, Woodstown; 1900-02, Spring Lake; '03-04, Toms River; '05-07, New Brunswick, Pitman; '08, Sea Bright; '09-10, Cape May Court House; '11-13, Atlantic Highlands; '14-15, Adelphia; '16-17, Camden, Kaighn Avenue; '18-19, Bridgeport and Center Square; '20, Camden, Fairview; '21-33, Retired.
- Van Cleaf, Harry.** 1920. N. J. Conf. '20-27, Eatontown and Tinton Falls; '28-33, South River. ('19 [part], Eatontown and Tinton Falls, under D. S.)
- VanHook, Carlton Radcliffe.** 1912. N. J. Conf. '12, Atco and Chesilhurst; '13-15, Linwood; '16-18 [part], Glassboro; '18 [part]-20, Camden, Tabernacle; '21-24, New Brunswick, First; '25-27, Collingswood, First; '28-31, Camden, First; '32, Long Branch, St. Luke's; '33, Pitman.
- VanSant, Samuel Monroe.** 1884. N. J. Conf. '84-86, Englishtown; '87-88, Cranbury; '89-92, Moorestown; '93, Supernumerary; '94, made effective; '94, New Egypt; '95-96, Collingswood; '97-1900, Sea Bright; '01-03, Merchantville; '04-07, Trenton, Central; '08-09, Camden, State Street; '10-12, Bridgeton, Central; '13-14, Red Bank, First; '15-17, Palmyra; '18-22, Paulsboro; '23-27, Pleasantville, Salem; '28-33, Retired. '28-31, supplied Northfield; '33, supplied Margate City.
- Veal, John W.** 1906. N. J. Conf. '06, Haleyville Circuit; '07-08, Goshen and Dias Creek; '09, Leesburg and Dorchester; '10-11, Mariton and Crescon; '12-14, Cedarville; '15-17, Port Republic and Smithville; '18, Clarksboro; '19-22, Bridgeboro; '23, leave of absence; '24, Columbus and Hedding; '25, Deerfield; '26-28, Centerton; '29, Lumberton and Smithville; '30-32, Lumberton Circuit; '33, Dividing Creek. ('99, Linvale and Amwell; 1900, Pearsonville; '01-02, Lower Bank Circuit; '03-04, Winslow Circuit; '05, Haleyville Circuit, under P. E.)
- von Uffel, Harry F.** 1925. N. J. Conf. '25-26 [part], Collingswood, Embury; '26 [part]-29, Sea Isle City; '30, Alloway; '31-32, Manahawkin and Cedar Run; '33, Cedarville. ('23, Magnolia; '24, Sicklerville and Tansboro, under D. S.)
- Wagg, Alfred.** 1883. N. J. Conf. '83, Titusville; '84-86, Smiths Landing; '87-89, Alloway; '90-92, Collingswood; '93-95, Hammonton; '96-98, Elmer; '99-1902, Salem, Broadway; '03-06, Red Bank, First; '07-11, D. S., Trenton District; '12-17, Collingswood; '18-22, D. S., Bridgeton District; '23-24, D. S., New Brunswick District; '25, leave of absence; '26-28, vice-president, Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association; '29-33, Retired. ('79, Lower Bank Circuit; '80, Woodruff and Rosenhayn; '81-82, Titusville, under P. E.)
- Wagg, John Stanley.** 1929. St. Johns River Conf. 1929, N. J. Conf. [part] '29-30, Whitesville and Pleasant Grove; '31-32, Island Heights; '33, Riverside.
- Wainwright, John W.** 1904. N. J. Conf. '04, Southard Circuit; '05-06, Goshen and Dias Creek; '07, Sharptown; '08-09, Monroeville Circuit; '10-11, Berlin and West Berlin; '12-13, Columbus; '14-15, Barnegat; '16-18, Trenton, Broad Street Park; '19 [part]-20, Cape May Court House; '20 [part]-22, Absecon; '23-24, Toms River; '25-26, New Brunswick, Pitman; '27-29, Audubon; '30-31-[part], Long Branch, First; '31 [part]-33, Woodlynne. ('03, Lower Bank Circuit, under P. E.)
- Ward, Alfred D.** 1906. N. J. Conf. '06, English Creek; '07-08, Port Republic and Smithville; '09, Pemberton; '10-11, Pennsville; '12, Trenton, Clinton Avenue; '13, New Lisbon; '14-16, Burlington, Union; '17-19, Mantua; '20-21, Trenton, Wesley; '22-23, Mays Landing; '24-25, Adelphia and Jerseyville; '26-27, Bridgeport and Center Square; '28, Chews; '29, Lakehurst and Whitings; '30-33, Brooklawn. (1900 [part], Hancock Bridge; '01-03, Woodruff and Rosenhayn; '04-05, English Creek, under P. E.)