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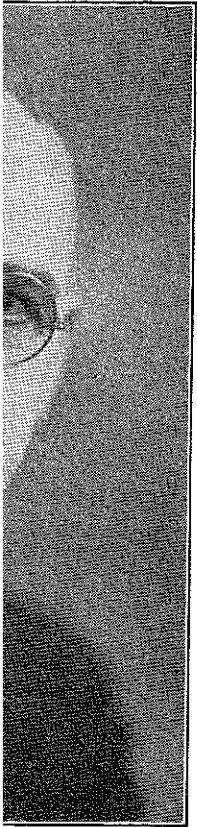
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The funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church, South on Saturday, April 22nd, in charge of the Presiding Elder, J. W. Blake, under whom Brother Statham had served as pastor of the Orange Heights Church. Mr. Blake was assisted by Dr. J. D. Hurt, pastor of the church, Rev. H. A. Ferguson and Rev. Lewis Sauerbrel. Many ministers and a large company of friends were present at the services. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Lakeland.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida Hattman Statham, and a son, Henry G. Statham. For thirty-one years he gave efficient service to Troy Conference. His first charge was at Upper Jay, to which he came as a transfer from the Genesee Conference. He held important pastorates at Schenectady, Troy, Albany and Plattsburg. Perhaps the

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Her funeral was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairmont, Nebraska, March 27, with the pastor, Rev. Robert L. Embree, in charge of the services. The interment was in the family lot at the Fairmont Cemetery.

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Mrs. Calvin P. Anibal

MRS. ANIBAL'S name before marriage was Josephine A. Anibal, daughter of Leonard and Amy S. DeLong Anibal. She was born in the town of Benson, Hamilton County, N. Y., October 11, 1855. At the age of thirteen she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, to whose interests she remained loyal to the day of her death. She was well informed concerning the various activities of the church and in quiet but effective ways was a useful friend of the cause of Christ.

In January, 1875, she was married to Calvin P. Anibal who, five years later, became a member of Troy Conference, and who passed away May 19, 1913. During all the years of her husband's pastoral service this wife gave good account of herself as "the mistress of the manse." Following Brother Anibal's retirement, a home was established in Northville, N. Y., not far from the scenes of earlier days. It was from this home that Mrs. Anibal left this life for the larger life of heaven September 10, 1938. The funeral services were held September 13, and were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Clark Defandorf, and the writer of this memoir. Interment was in the Northville Prospect Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Anibal's surviving relatives are a brother, Leroy Anibal, a niece, Mrs. Florence B. Wilbur, and five nephews, Charles Snyder, Ray and Roy Hogan and George H. and Wallace B. Sweet. Instead of being mother to children in her own home, she was in spirit mother to relatives beyond the circle of her own domestic life and to many others, by whom she is gratefully remembered.

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-1923-25, Ketchums
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numerary. [27]

Taylor, Edwin L.—(P. O., 420 Plum St., Cincinnati, O.)—1922-24, Morrison-
ville; '25-38, Manager Circulation Department of Sunday School Period-
icals, Methodist Book Concern. [16]

Taylor, Foster W.—(P. O., Cobleskill.)—Troy Conf., 1907-12; New Hampshire
Conf., '13-19; Troy Conf., '20-23; St. Johns River Conf., '24-27; New
York Conf., '28-30; Troy Conf., '31-32, Burnt Hills; '33, Delanson; '34,
Mineral Springs Circuit; '35-38, Cobleskill Suburban Parish. Troy [5],
N. H. [8], Troy [1], St. Johns R. [5], N. Y. [3], Troy [7].

Taylor, Le Roy N., retired.—(P. O., Schenectady.)—1903-5, Benson, Vt.; '06, asso-
ciate pastor, State Street, Schenectady; '07-10, Trinity, Schenectady; '11-37,
Chaplain, U. S. Navy; '38, retired. [35]

Terrell, Frank W.—(P. O., Attica.)—1907-11, West Chazy; '12-15, Dannemora;
'16-25, Hudson Falls; '26-29, First, Cohoes; '30, Poultney, Vt.; '31-38, Chap-
lain, Attica Prison. [31]

Thomas, Paul.—(P. O., Champlain.) (d. 1936, e. 1938)—1936, Elizabethtown and
Lewis; '37-38, Champlain, Rouses Point, and Perrys Mills. [2]

Thomas, Robert B.—(P. O., Averill Park.) (d. 1936, e. 1938)—1936-37, left without
appointment to attend school; '38, Averill Park and Sand Lake. [2]

Thompson, John E., retired.—(P. O., 38 Helwig St., Gloversville.)—1912-13, Edin-
burg and Batchellerville; '14-17, Rock City Falls; '18-23, Grace, Schenectady;
'24-25, Hedding, Troy; '26-32, Hudson Falls; '33-36, Memorial, Troy; '37-38,
retired. [25]

Thompson, Thomas G., retired.—(P. O., 9 Hall Ave., Johnstown.)—1881, Stuy-
vesant Falls; '82-3, Waterford; '84-6, Granville; '87-8, Middlebury, Vt.;
'89-91, Fremont Street, Gloversville; '92-4, Burlington, Vt.; '95-9, Johns-
town; 1900-4, Fremont Street, Gloversville; '05, First, Cohoes; '06-8,
Plattsburg; '09-14, Superintendent Plattsburg District; '15-17, Trinity,
Schenectady; '18-38, retired. [37]

Titus, Harry E.—(P. O., 11 Nevins St., Portland, Me.)—1915-29, Genesee Conf.;
Troy Conf., 1930-33, Conference Director Christian Education; '34-35, Green-
wich and Battenville; '36-38, Secretary, Council of Churches and Religious
Education, State of Maine. Gen. [14½], Troy [8].

Titus, Homer F.—(P. O., Moriah Center.)—1898-1900, Clintonville; '01-4, Crown
Point; '05-9, Peru; '10, supernumerary; '11-12, Warrensburg; '13-16,
Keeseville; '17-20, Hedding, Troy; '21-22, First, Albany; '23-24, Superin-
tendent Northern District; '24-26, Superintendent Central District; '27-28,
Superintendent Troy District; '29-30, Rutland, Vt.; '31-33, Eastern Park-
way, Schenectady; '34-38, Port Henry and Moriah. [40]

Tripp, Ernest F.; d. s.—(P. O., 97 Twenty-third St., Troy.)—1915, Rotterdam
Junction; '16, Carman; '17-19, Stanford, Schenectady; '20, left without ap-
pointment to attend school; '21-22, Assistant, State Street, Troy; '23-27,
Ballston Spa; '28-29, Trinity, Troy; '30-35, First, Amsterdam; '36, Superin-
tendent, Plattsburg District; '37-38, Superintendent, Troy District. [23]

Tucker, Roy P.—(P. O., Silver City, N. M.) (e. 1933)—1932-34, Schuylerville; '35,
Valley Falls; '36, Keeseville and Harkness; '37, Middlebury, Vt.; '38, Worker
in New Mexico Mission. [16]

Vogel, F. W.—(P. O., Middleburg.)—Kentucky Conf., 1922; Troy Conf., '23-24,
Mooers and Mooers Forks; '25, Champlain and Rouses Point; '26-28, Third
Avenue, Watervliet; '29-36, Whitehall and East Whitehall; '37-38, Middle-
burg and Huntersland. Ken. [½], Troy [15].

Ward, Lester W., retired.—(P. O., Amherst, N. H.)—1898-99, Loon Lake and
Vermontville; 1900-03, Lyon Mountain and Standish; '04-05, Beekmantown;
'06-07, Huntersland; '08, Knox; '09-11, supernumerary; '12, Sprout Brook
and Salt Springville; '13-15, Lake Pleasant; '16, North Creek and North
River; '17-19, Shushan; '20-21, Hampton; '22-26, Bloomingdale and Ver-
montville; '27-29, Speculator and Lake Pleasant; '30-31, Schaghticoke and
Tomhannock; '32, Schaghticoke, Melrose, and Tomhannock; '33-35, Johnson-
ville, East Pittstown and Tomhannock; '36-38, retired. [38]

Warner, Walter R.—(P. O., Fultonville) (d. 1932, e. 1934)—1929-37, Oregon Con-
ference; '38, Fultonville and Ephratah. Oregon [8].

Watson, George E., retired.—(P. O., 35 Summit Ave., Clifton, N. J.)—1903-4, Peters-
burg; '05-6, Averill Park; '07-10, Shelburne and Charlotte, Vt.; '11-12,
South Shaftsbury and Shaftsbury, Vt.; '13-14, Castleton, Vt.; '15-38, retired.
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