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BISHOP CHARLES L. MEAD

Servant of God! Charles Wesley described the triumphant saint, and it applies to this Charles as well. "Servant of God" aptly describes a man who for nearly fifty years has been a good minister of Jesus Christ. From his first little New Jersey Church at Rutherford through a list of pastoral appointments that found him in some of Methodism's premier pulpits, Newark, Baltimore, New York and Trinity Church in Denver, from whose active and successful pastorate he went to the Episcopacy in 1920; then through twenty years of episcopal leadership he was instant in season and out of season, bearing all things, believing all things, never vaunting himself, nor being puffed up, seeking not his own, never easily provoked, and though others failed he never failed, knowing in part and prophesying in part, he has now been made perfect and knows fully even as he is known.

Emanuel L. Chiesa was born in Genoa, Italy, November 8, 1891. While yet a child he came with his parents to this country. He was graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., with Phi Beta Kappa distinction. He received his M. A. from Teacher's College, Columbia University, and received the degree B. D. from Boston University. He completed his resident work for his doctorate at Union Theological Seminary. In 1921 he was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1926 he came to Denver to take charge of the North Denver Italian Mission. For many years he served as treasurer of the Colorado Conference and was highly appreciated for his work. Early in the morning of January 17, 1941, Emanuel Chiesa relinquished mortality.

Alvin Ray Dickson was born July 4, 1884, near Pittsfield, Illinois. He was converted in a Methodist Church near Vernon, Colorado, and entered the ministry in 1918 when he was put on trial in the Colorado Conference. He married Miss Grace Coffman, June 14, 1913, in Denver. He served loyally as a pastor at Basin and Lovell, in Wyoming, Centenary Church at Salt Lake City, and Tremonton, in Utah, Clayton in New Mexico, and at Wray and Limon in Colorado. He was a loved and devoted minister of the Gospel and often described himself as "just a steady plodder." He was raised to eternal life on June 29, 1940.

Dr. Charles Bower Wilcox was born on a farm at Fox Lake, Wisc., Nov. 24, 1851. He married Miss Mary E. Leonard and continued his farming for two years before entering the ministry. He attended Northwestern University and Graduated from Garrett. He began his ministerial career at Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. He served charges at Janesville and Oshkosh, in Wisconsin, First Church in St. Paul, Minn., and Grand Avenue at Kansas City, Mo. While here in Kansas City, Mrs. Wilcox took ill, and they came to Colorado, where Dr. Wilcox served First Church, Colorado Springs, Trinity at Denver, and later Asbury.

John H. Wood was born on Staten Island, New York, in the year 1856. His father died when John was but ten. At seventeen John with two older brothers came to Colorado to work in the mines. In 1881 he met and married Miss Adele Blackman. He heard Bishop Fowler's sister preach in Denver and was led to seek an exhorter's license. Shortly after this he was sent to La Junta. Later he served in Denver as superintendent of the Epworth Mission. In Colorado he served at Breckenridge, Delta, Golden, Wheatridge, Keenesburg and Kersey. He went to be with God, December 13, 1940.

David Shaw Duncan was born in Kilsyth, Scotland, October 14, 1876, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was but three years old. His family settled in Pennsylvania where their son attended public school. From Taylor University, Upland, Indiana he received the degree of Ph.B., A.B., and A.M. His career as an educator started when he became principal of the Walnut Street Night School in Johnstown, Pa., in 1901. December 24, 1903 he married Miss Laura L. Walton. He came to the University of Denver