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In early life a well as trained hands. thing new. He was the best scholar in the one of the best in the Discipline, which he knew the Scriptures as few men know nd something to preach about and how to

alanced temperament, and this showed in ll-balanced and sane. In disposition he was character he was never an extremist. As a and careful in his preparation and in his people felt it, too. So they wanted him as im. What a pleasant line of appointments ns said 'twas a great sermon, but all said, was everybody's pastor. The people knew children's pastor supreme. Think of his hink of his Christmas trees in the parson n town. Men may be broadly divided into who are pleasant, and those who are not. ace our brother; in the other crowd are the od old days when he came into the Confer-every year. What a privilege it was to be od manners for a week in the homes of the ntleman, so careful not to give trouble, so reful to fit into his proper place. Every l an improper or selfish thought.

ited in marriage on the second day of June housekeeping in Camden, where he united d his activities in all kinds of church was licensed as a local preacher by Rev. then by Dr. Lawrence he was induced to ensauken, N. J.

M., Wednesday, December 27, and came as short time before he was stricken with a take to his bed and receive medical attennot considered fatal. He had the care of in constant attendance. He is survived by ett, who is married and resides in Palmyra its had planned and built, and where the

family of her son. was held in Woodstown Methodist Church, agg, district superintendent, conducted the Corson, Scripture lessons were read by e address was made by G. T. Harris, class f the Woodstown Baptist Church also bore ors of Brother Jewett in their city. The The ministers of the Conference, of whom

the casket and, led by John Handley, sang tev. T. S. Brock led in prayer. Interment at Woodstown. The committal service was W. J. Sayre and G. T. Harris.

JAMES D. BILLS.

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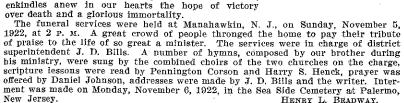
in Tuckahoe, N. J., October 23, 1870, and arsonage at Manahawkin, N. J., he quietly ıman activity to receive from his Lord and His early training was such as equipped schools, which profession he followed for

Converted at an early age, and being ever do God's bidding resulted in his answering ry. In the year 1899 he left the profession residing elder, and was sent to Eatontown hree years with such marked ability as to the Conference in 1903 and thus served in an The pastorates receiving the inspiration ntown and Tinton Falls, West Collingswood, thts, Belford, Bargaintown, Southard, West

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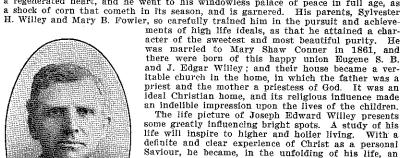
church to which he ministered. Believing that God's word yielded up its messages only to those who with prayer and study set themselves to its declarations, he consequently spent much time in his study. No

church he ever served needed to apologize for its minister, for he was jealous for the privilege of preaching, and never allowed himself to occupy the important place of the pulpit without very careful preparation. He was natively endowed as a writer of poetry and a careful student of harmony, and as a result, his fine Christian spirit found beautiful expression in a number of hymns which he wrote, several of them being sung at his funeral service. The highest point he reached in life was his character as a man of God. What he was spoke fluently in his every message, and his close association with his Lord made his sage, and his close association with his Lord made his ministry an irresistible force for righteousness. His religion was not a Sunday garb or a pulpit piety, but a devoted, living, shining light, showing forth in every deed the life of Him who had called him to be an apostle. As the embalmed body of Joseph in Egypt was an inspiration to hope and faith that some day God would visit Israel and emancipate them from bondage and bring them into the promised land, so the heritage of a godly life, an optimistic spirit, and a triumphant death, left us by our brother beloved, enkindles anew in our hearts the hope of victory



### JOSEPH EDWARD WILLEY

OSEPH EDWARD WILLEY, a loved veteran in the Gospel ministry, passed from the earthly to the heavenly life, April 21, 1922. Born December 15, 1839, near Dover, Kenty County, Delaware, he was reborn at Canterbury, Delaware, when a mere lad, and his long life was a living testimony from a regenerated heart, and he went to his windowless palace of peace in full age, as



orthodox and evangelistic preacher of a most pro-nounced kind. He imbibed in a full measure the Master's passion for souls. His geniality and devo-tion in pastoral work made him a popular and most helpful personality. He was a true shepherd in look-ing lovingly after his church flock. He was naturally executive in his mental makeup, and this administra-tive faculty, developed by prayerful training, led him in crisis hours to be successful in the solution of

a healer instead of a creator of church wounds. In a marked degree he was a cohesive force uniting diverse congregational elements. He was quiet and dignified

in his manner, and systematic and versatile in his methods of religious work; and in a true sense he became a lifter to the congregations to which he so faithfully ministered. He was a devout man of a very high type, and his intensely spiritual ministry made him a prolific exemplar of more than human virtues, and his influence a benediction to the people whom he served. In the growing twilight of the evening of a long life day, quietly he stepped out of the deepening shadows into the golden splendor of eternity's endless day.

Funeral services were held on April 25th at the Broad Street Park Church, with

the golden splendor of eternity's endless day.

Funeral services were held on April 25th at the Broad Street Park Church, with which organization Brother Willey for many years had been officially and efficiently connected. The solemn exercises were in charge of District Superintendent M. E. Snyder. He was assisted by O. A. Lee, J. J. Messler, J. S. Garrison, W. S. Ludlow, J. W. Lee, and J. E. Shaw. In the presence of many clergymen and a large gathering of relatives and friends, all that was mortal of this translated man of God was interred at Colonial Cemetery to await the coming call of the glorious resurrection day.

CHARLES H. ELDER.

# GERTRUDE SARAH BOWEN

ERTRUDE SARAH GOODELL was born in Middletown, Connecticut, April 26, 1837. She became acquainted with William Case Bowen, a member of acquaintance influenced her life most profoundly. To that acquaintance was come a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mutual affection of the two marriage, Miss Goodel had taken a course of study at Cazenovia, N. Y., in the inteaching school.

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In 1895 she gave up teaching, and returned to the home of her childhood, where she spent the remainder of her life. Eight children had been born into the family, after Mrs. Bowen's retirement from the work of teaching, she spent the remainder of her life in the congenial company of her daughter in view of the migratory habit of American society, for Mrs. Bowen to spend the last girlhood. The years of Mrs. Bowen's retirement from the work of teaching, she spent the remainder of her life in the congenial company of her daughter in view of the migratory habit of American society, for Mrs. Bowen to spend the last girlhood.

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The years of Mrs. Bowen's life in Middletown were uneventful. She cherished a loyal devotion to the Methodist Episcopal Church; but her broken health made it impossible for her to engage to any considerable extent in church activities. Her life was a life of faithful and unobtrusive service. She died January 3, 1923.

A simple funeral service was held in Middletown, conducted by William North Rice, professor emeritus in Wesleyan University. A service was held also in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bordentown, N. J., conducted by H. S. Hammond and J. S. Garrison. The burial was in Bordentown.

WILLIAM NORTH RICE.

# MRS. ELIZABETH VAN SANT CHAMBERLAIN

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LIZABETH VAN SANT, daughter of Edward and Rebecca Van Sant, and wife of Rev. Leon Chamberlain, after a most beautiful life of song and service of Rev. Nicholas and Mercy Van Sant of Port Republic, who gave to the strong and gifted workers. Her rare gifts as a singer were early consecrated to Atlantic City. April 26, 1904, she gave her hand in marriage to Leon Chamberlain. then pastor of Pensauken Methodist Episcopal Church, where the ceremony was and consecrated to the Master's work: popular wherever they were called to serve, she was a most sympathetic and efficient helpmeet to her pastor-husband, until painful limitations she continued her ministry of blessing in and out of the home. Her long, brave struggle to recover her health in which her husband shared with

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