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ard lodge as the body was laid beside that of Mr. Paul, in the Harvard cemetery. A profusion of evidence of love and tender memory from many

we been so long together,
pleasant and through cloudy weather.
no part when friends are dear.
will cost a sigh, a tear.
away, give little warning.

in my own time; say not "Good Night,"
the brighter clime bid me "Good Morning."

J. Henry Stitt.

GEORGE M. JONES

Jones was born in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1833. As three years of age the family moved to Nesquehoning, where they lived until September, 1868, when he moved and settled in Stark County, Illinois, where

on March 2, 1878, he was united in marriage with his wife who shared with him, in full sympathy, the itinerant ministry for more than forty years. He died February 3, 1921. One son and five daughters survive, of whom the son and three daughters survive. He was married to Mrs. Ada Callahan who shared with him for three years of his ministry, and whose lot it was, by providence, to minister to him during his long and fruitful life. She knew better than she, how to care for him through his infirmities. She, too, has a share in the sympathy, and the love of a multitude of friends.

He was born on the 8th day of March, 1872 and joined the Methodist Church. He was licensed to preach at a District Conference at Miskilwa, Illinois, in the year 1877, and in May 1880 he was ordained in Nebraska, living for a few months near Friend. The next year he entered York Seminary, to prepare for the ministry. He did work as a supply pastor at Dorchester, from 1881, when he was received on trial in the Nebraska Conference, his first appointment being Exeter.

He was ordained Deacon in 1883 in Lincoln, Nebraska, by Bishop Doan. In 1885 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Doan. He has given forty-two years of service in the effective ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the Methodist Church, as the pastor, in which capacity he served con-

tinuously with the exception of one year, 1907-8, when he held the relation of Conference Evangelist. He was granted the retired relation in 1923. During the years of his effective relation he served twenty-four different charges, all in the bounds of the Nebraska Conference, and since retirement he has served three charges as supply pastor. His service was of the sacrificial, pioneering type. He had small charges, with large responsibilities, difficult tasks, and meagre support, but he has "souls for his hire". His preaching was vigorous, deeply spiritual and evangelistic. He was faithful to the doctrines, and loyal to the policy of his Church.

Why should our tears in sorrow flow,
When God recalls his own,
And bids them leave a world of woe,
For an immortal crown?
Then let our sorrows cease to flow;
God has recalled his own;
But let our hearts, in every woe,
Still say, "Thy will be done".

His faith in Christ never failed. His hope for the triumph of the gospel was fervent to the end.

In the early morning of February 3, 1930, the ninth anniversary of his early helpmate's death, he sweetly, quietly, peacefully, slipped away from the tent of clay to receive his "Exceeding great reward" amid the joys of eternal life; for did not Jesus say that "Whosoever shall lose his life, for my sake shall find it?"

The funeral was conducted from the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, February 5th, 1930. H. P. Fox, the Pastor in charge, being assisted by A. E. Chadwick, and Amos Fetzer, retired members of the Conference. The active pallbearers were Methodist preachers now in service. They were Victor West, Harold De Wolf, W. L. Hadsell, P. J. Rushlau, E. C. Staley, and W. C. Fawell. The honorary pallbearers were the retired ministers of the Methodist Church, there being about fifty present. Interment was in the family lot in the cemetery at Milford, Nebraska.

A. E. Chadwick.

WILLIAM A. WILSON

William A. Wilson was born at Mocksmills, Washington County, Virginia, the second day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-two, and died at his home in Stuart, Nebraska, March second, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty, aged seventy-seven years and ten months.

He received his early education at Waitburg, Tenn., and later attended the East Tennessee Wesleyan University at Athens, Tenn. He was converted when a little boy. He united with the church at Mt. Zion,

Morgan County, Tennessee, in August, 1875, joining the Virginia Conference March 5, 1880, at Norfolk, Va. On June 5, 1881, he was united in marriage to Louisa L. Fanning of Bland County, Va. Three years later he was ordained deacon and admitted into full connection in the ministry of our church at Mount Sidney, Va.

His early ministry consisted of circuit riding in the mountains of Virginia and Tennessee, and many are the interesting incidents he was fond of telling of those early experiences. In 1887 he moved with his family to Nebraska, transferring to the North Nebraska Conference in September of that year at Fremont. A year later he was ordained elder at Central City, Nebraska. Since moving to Nebraska this state has been his home, and he held pastorates in various points over the state until 1899 when he retired from the active ministry. In 1904 he moved with his family to Stuart, Nebraska, where he has since resided; part of the time was spent on a homestead north of Stuart.

He leaves to mourn him his widow, Mrs. Louisa L. Wilson, Stuart, Nebraska; Arthur Wilson, 3805 Franklin, Des Moines, Iowa; Howard Wilson, 3068 Myrtle street, Sioux City, Iowa; Dr. Fred L. Wilson, Stuart, Nebraska; Frank P. Wilson, Stuart, Nebraska; Mrs. Truman Hamilton, 0431 Norfolk avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska; Mrs. Harry Cowles, Stuart, Nebraska. All the children were at his bedside when he passed into the beyond. Pierce, the second son, preceded his father by eighteen years.

In his death the community has suffered a distinct loss. He was a man who gave freely of his strength and talents to aid and assist humanity, and the world is better because of his labors. Nevertheless, his life was from the beginning a battle against ill health. His heroic spirit won the day for him. In his first efforts as a young minister, preachers and physicians, who knew William A. Wilson as only close friends could know him, tried to discourage his going on in the active ministry, saying to him that he could not live very long. In his early ministry he was known to say that all the property he cared for was his Bible, his saddlebags and his horse.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, M. Wayne Pickerel, assisted by the Rev. John Caldwell, Presbyterian minister in Stuart from the Methodist Episcopal Church at Stuart on March 4. The Masonic Lodge, of which the deceased was an esteemed member, had charge of the services at the cemetery, and his body was laid to rest in accordance with their impressive ritualistic ceremonies at Stuart. A very large congregation of neighbors and friends was present at the funeral, and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. One of God's chosen has rounded out the period of his earthly existence and has gone to claim his reward. For him there was no sting in death. About a week previous to his passing he said he longed to go home.

M. Wayne Pickerel.

H. H. HACKMAN

Henry H. Hackman was born at Hopewell, Warren county, Missouri, May 23, 1855, where he grew to young manhood. His parents who were members of the Evangelical church, gave him a religious training. In 1875 he entered the Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Mo., where he spent two years preparing himself for the teaching profession. During this time he was converted under the pastorate of Charles Heidel and joined the church. He felt the call to the Christian ministry. After teaching two years he joined the West German Conference. The pastorates in which he ministered with visible success were Salina, Kansas, 1882; Great Bend, Kansas, 1884. Here he had seven preaching places in four counties. He had splendid revivals and aided in erecting three churches—Larnerd, Kansas, 1887; Halstead, Kansas, 1888; Concordia, Kansas, 1889; Lake Creek, Missouri, where camp meetings have been held for 75 years, 1891; Swanton and Western, Nebraska, 1896; Sterling, 1899; Waco and Seward, 1901; Eustis, 1906; Columbus, 1909; LaCrosse, Kansas, 1912; Otis, Kansas, 1912; Harvard, Nebraska, 1914; Columbus, 1916; Culbertson, 1924. He was retired in 1926.

In 1881 he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Riske, who died in July, 1922. In 1924 he was married to Mrs. Fredrica Gassmann, who survives him. He is survived also by three daughters, four sons and sixteen grandchildren.

He was a faithful pastor. He had the spirit of awe and wondered at the beauty of God's word and His providence. He was always ready to give God due praise for his wonderful goodness. He was interested in education. All of his children attended Central Wesleyan College, and are active Christians in our church. One son is a minister, a member of the St. Louis Conference, and four are in the teaching profession.

Since his retirement he lived at Seward. He passed away at Lincoln on May 31st, 1930, at the age of 75 years and 8 days. The funeral services were conducted by Samuel Beechner and F. F. Travis. The following ministers were present and took part in the services: E. Unvert, W. C. George, J. A. Klein, Z. T. Meyer, A. Wurst, John Koehler, John Steimemger, H. A. Feldman, Geo. Beck, F. Reichardt. The interment was in Wyuka cemetery.

EUGENE C. KEMBLE

Eugene Collen Kemble was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, September 5, 1881, and passed away at his home, 1525 North Thirtieth street, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 8, 1930, at the age of 48 years, 9 months and 8 days. He was the son of John F. and Sophia Kemble, who were long time residents of Lincoln.

During his school days his parents resided in Lincoln and Germantown, now called Garland. He later attended Wesleyan academy, Ne-