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## Alba Marcus Markey

**A**LBA M. MARKEY, son of James P. and Eliza Abbott Markey, was born in Dover, N. H., October 15, 1864. His young manhood was spent in North Andover, Mass., where he was active in church work. Before entering the ministry he was engaged in Sunday School work and served for several years as secretary of the Massachusetts Sunday School Association.

He trained for the ministry in Boston University School of Theology, graduating in 1894. He was received on trial in the New Hampshire Conference at Lancaster, N. H., in 1899; ordained deacon at Littleton, N. H., April 1901 and elder at Woodsville in 1903. For ten years he was Statistician for the New Hampshire Conference and also served on important committees. He was successful in raising large sums of money for church improvements in parishes where he served with true faithfulness. He was a thorough and an efficient worker; a fine preacher and a great lover of poetry. He had a host of friends who will always cherish his memory. He held pastorates in the New Hampshire Conference for twenty years; Milton Mills; Canaan; Marlboro; West Swansey; Bristol; North Haverill and Salem.



In 1919 he transferred to the Vermont Conference and served devotedly the churches at Williamstown; Concord; Lyndonville; Groton; West Burke. It was from West Burke that Brother Markey took the retired relationship, largely because of ill health, in 1938. During his pastorate at Concord in 1923 occurred the centennial celebration of the first Normal School on the Western continent and the first Sunday School in Vermont. A. M. Markey was general manager for the town and impersonated Dr. Samuel Reed Hall, the founder of the Normal School, in the pageant presented at that time. Because of his work in this connection he was made a member of the Vermont Historical Society. He also held the position of Statistician of the former Vermont Conference for two or three years.

Rev. A. M. Markey was active in Masonry, being a 32nd degree Mason; prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was their Grand Master for Vermont. He also organized the Lyndonville Rotary Club of which he was secretary.

Alba M. Markey was twice married. His first wife was Linnie Greenleaf of North Andover, Mass. There were born three daughters, one of whom passed away several years ago. In 1919 he married Flora Thom of Salem, N. H. She survives him; also two married daughters, Mrs. Frank Poor of Waslaco, Tex., and Mrs. Kenneth Colburn of Baldwinville, Mass.; a grandson who is in the service, and a granddaughter and one great-grandson.

He passed away at his home in Lyndonville, Vt., November 18, 1943, after a long illness at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services were held in People's Methodist Church, Lyndonville, November 21. The church was filled with relatives and friends; the orders to which he belonged were represented by large delegations from subordinate and grand lodges. Participating in the service were Rev. R. D. Leonard, Ph.D., of Lyndonville; Rev. B. G. Lipsky, D.D., of Morrisville; Rev. A. E. Schoff of Barton and Rev. Norman C. Webster of Swanton, Vt., an intimate friend of the deceased. The latter paid tribute to the good qualities of Brother Markey as a Christian minister, a father, husband and fraternal brother. He was beloved by all, people and brother pastors alike. Interment took place in the family lot at Lyndon Center cemetery.

NORMAN C. WEBSTER.

## Salvatore Musso

**I**N the last decade of nineteen hundred the theological teaching of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Italy was given in Florence, under the superintendence of Dr. Everett Stackpole. In that time (1891-2) the young Sicilian lad, Salvatore Musso, arrived in Florence from Palermo, to join the few other students.

He had decided to give himself to the work of God soon after his conversion. Attracted by the announcements of services being held in the chapel of the Methodist Church, he had attended, and had been fascinated by the preaching, as well as by the pastoral work of the minister, Rev. Gaetano Conte. He took the Christian message to his family, and was instrumental in their conversion. It is not easy for people in this country to understand the troubles which fall on a family converted from Roman-

ism to Protestantism in that part of the world. The young Musso was able to confront the hardship of the case, and communicated his high spirits to the whole family. He became too a very active member of the church, especially among the young people. Once, in the day school which he frequented, he took the opportunity of a recess between classes to deliver to his fellow students a sermon, probably one he had heard by the Rev. Conte. The principal of the School, who meanwhile had entered the room, sat down and listened attentively. At the close, Musso was enthusiastically applauded.

At Florence, he showed an alert mind for learning. His outstanding gift was oratory. Upon any subject, which he had fairly well studied, he could give an excellent impromptu speech. Sometimes he was more successful in this way, than when duly prepared. He had no great difficulty in accepting the orthodox Christian doctrine; rather he was inclined to emphasize the supernatural character of our religion. The wish to make the Gospel known to those ignorant of it was a dominant motive with him. Dr. E. E. Powell, one of the professors, used to call him "the born missionary."

At the conclusion of the theological course, Musso started his ministerial career. He was an assistant minister, or a minister in full charge, in various parts of Italy. Later on, he became the assistant editor of the weekly paper of the church and of the other publications. This gave his colleagues the opportunity of appreciating him as a writer. His style was clear, concise, and not seldom epigrammatical.

In 1901 he resolved to go to the United States and evangelize the Italians here living. The Rev. Conte, who had been for several years the minister of an Italian congregation in Boston, was desirous of returning to Italy. Musso was offered the privilege of being his successor, and he accepted the offer.

In 1906, when I made my first visit to the United States, I met my friend again in Boston. I deeply admired the perfect masterfulness with which he directed a large and complex kind of work; also his fluent English. In fact, he had a gift for languages.

In Boston he met the young lady whom he chose as his life companion. Alas! After only a few happy years of marriage and companionship in work—their union having been blessed by the birth of four children—she died tragically in a street-car accident. With his heart irreparably broken, he devoted himself to the bringing up of his children, all small. He never contemplated marrying again.

I visited him again in Rochester where he was the pastor of an English-speaking congregation. I felt almost a remorse for my own happiness, before my dear friend living a life of privations, a life of abnegation. Only when he spoke of his children, of their individual moods and characteristics, did he smile and seem to be happy.

His two daughters married, his two sons, splendid types of manhood, occupied good positions in life and showed devotion to their father and his welfare. He seemed to realize and enjoy the improvement of his family conditions. But the last call was at hand.

Rev. Musso was a loyal American. He obeyed the laws of his adopted country. He loved them. He defended them from criticism of aliens. He felt no sympathy for Fascism. He was a democrat to the core.

ALFREDO TAGLIALATELA,  
Toronto, Canada.

## David Bell Wilson

**D**AVID BELL WILSON was the eldest son of William and Jane Wilson. Born in Ireland in 1863, he came to this country as a small boy with his parents. His childhood days were spent on a farm at Dean's Corners, near Ketchums Corners, Saratoga County, New York. Besides himself there were five sisters and two brothers in the family. Of this family there are still living: Joseph Wilson, Quaker Springs; William Wilson, Dean's Corners; Mrs. Emma Myers, Ketchums; Mrs. Nellie Wilcox and Mrs. Jennie Tilton both of Troy; Mrs. Mary Foster, Saratoga Springs and Mrs. Margaret Kuen, of Pennsylvania.

As a boy, David attended Church and Sunday School at the Schuylerville Dutch Reformed Church where his mother taught a Sunday School class for many years. When he was seventeen years of age he was converted in the Quaker Springs Methodist Church during the pastorate of Rev. Purcell L. Dow who was conducting revival





services there. Following those meetings David decided to become a preacher in response to his call from God.

When twenty-one years of age he started his school life at Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, Vt. He deserved great credit for pushing through his course though compelled to work his way through school. He then entered Drew Theological Seminary, completing his course in June, 1893.

On June 7, 1893, David married Miss Elouise French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell French of Troy. For thirty-two years she was an efficient helper in the several charges that they served, which included Clarksville and Reidsville, Delanson, Hartford, Luzerne, two years of War Work in France, and one year as Religious Director, Y.M.C.A., in the U. S. Navy. David's final pastorate was from 1923 to 1926 at Melrose and Cooksboro. In 1926 he retired, and they made their home in Pittsburgh, Pa. Here, after nearly a year of lingering illness, Mrs. Wilson fell on sleep on June 21, 1934.

David returned to Ketchums Corners and made his home there, purchasing the former Methodist parsonage where he lived his later days from 1936.

In 1938 he married Miss Bertha M. Baker, a young lady who was a native of Ketchums. For five years or more he enjoyed his home here and cared for his garden with great delight.

In October, 1943, he was stricken with rheumatic fever, and then during Christmas week he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he did not rally. He passed quietly from his lovely earthly home to his Heavenly Home on Feb. 10, 1944.

During their years in their home at Ketchums, they attended the Saratoga Methodist Church, and on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3, 1943, they were present at the service, and David for the last time was able to assist Brother Moss, the pastor, in his final Communion in and with the Church Militant. He has now been transferred to the Church Triumphant.

The funeral service was held on Sunday, Feb. 13, 1944, in his home in Ketchums, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Norman M. Moss, assisted by the pastor of the Schuylerville Methodist Church, Rev. H. Allen Cooper, and a school friend in his last days at Poultney, Rev. Luther A. Brown, of Ballston Spa. The burial was in the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Schuylerville, in which he had tenderly laid the ashes of his first wife ten years before.

Besides Mrs. Wilson he is survived by three daughters: Miss Elma Hurst Wilson, Mrs. Alice Smith and Mrs. Benjamin Freilich, the brothers and sisters mentioned above, several nephews and nieces and a host of friends who mourn his going.

LUTHER A. BROWN.

#### William R. Winans

I HAVE very pleasant memories of William R. Winans. We joined Troy Conference the same year and became neighbors. Our relations were very cordial as from time to time we assisted each other in our church work. He was ever a true Christian gentleman. He was very conscientious, painstaking, obliging, and true to his convictions, a genial companion and a loyal friend.

William Roberts Winans was born in Quakerstown, N. J., August 6, 1851, the son of Rev. Rodney Winans of the New Jersey Conference. He attended school at Hackettstown, N. J., and from there went to Union College, Schenectady, from which he received his M.A. degree. He also attended Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.

While attending school in Schenectady, he met Miss Ida Matilda Lansing, who sang in the Methodist Church choir. On July 9, 1882, they were married. This gentle, lovable, sweet-spirited woman, whose hospitality the writer enjoyed many years ago, preceded her good husband to the heavenly home. From this happy union there survive three sons, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Brother Winans joined Troy Conference in April, 1885. His charges in this Conference were: Warrensburg, South Glens Falls, Port Henry, East Greenbush and Seward. In 1893 he moved to Salem, Ore., and became a missionary of the Sunday School Union for the Pacific Coast. His splendid qualifications, genial spirit, earnestness and fine Christian example, fitted him well for this important post. He continued in this capacity, giving excellent service in several states, until 1913 when he took

