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educational training, culminating in graduation from Middlebury College in 1916, is an indication of the spirit of determination which possessed him, for this end was achieved with little outside help, being almost entirely the product of self reliance. He literally worked his way through. He did some teaching while getting ready for the work of the Christian ministry. He was one of our promising young men and it seems to us could ill be spared from his wife and the two young children, the second of whom was born only three weeks before the father's death. We needed him too in the great work to which he had dedicated himself. At the Conference session of a year ago he received deacon's orders. It was not a long day, but it is not for us to say complainingly that he did not finish his work.

We doubt if the membership of our Conference ever included a manlier man than George C. Morehouse, who was born at Shelburne, Vt., January 24, 1839, and died at Watertown, Mass., February 25, 1919. After serving in the civil war he entered the Biblical Institute at Concord, N. H., from which he was graduated in the class of 1866, uniting the same year with Troy Conference. His wife, Julia Hunt, to whom he was married in 1868, was a most acceptable minister's wife and the home life was ideal. She died eight years ago. Brother Morehouse was a man of scholarly tastes, was habitually studious and in his preaching was thoroughly evangelical and edifying. He was preeminently a thoughtful man and would have made an enviable record as a teacher. In fact his ministry was a teaching ministry and the people of his several charges were really "built up" in the things which make for sound thinking and good living. He excelled as a pastor and represented a ministerial type none too common in these days when the genuine is in danger of being overlooked because it is not always noisy. As might be expected the end of this life was both peaceful and triumphant.

George D. Baker was born in Blankenshire, England, in 1858, and died at Eagle Mills, N. Y., March 2, 1919. Before coming to this country 35 years ago, he served as a soldier under the colors of the British Empire and no doubt this kind of training had something to do with his dignified, manly bearing, which did not in the least detract from his usefulness. He came to us from the Free Methodist Church, eight years ago, and since that time has done acceptable work. He was earnest, evangelistic and fervent in his preaching and had considerable capacity for business administration. Only a few days before his death, which occurred unexpectedly, he prepared for the Troy Preachers' Meeting a paper on "The Resurrection." It was found lying on his study table after his death and was read by another voice before his brethren. How true it is that the two worlds are very close together and that the people of God are one company whether here or over there.

And now we have called the roll and those named in this composite memoir have not responded. We would not have them come back even if we had authority to summon them. This world would now be no place for them. They have outgrown us and gone beyond us and would not be comfortable here in the midst of the cumbersome things of time. But they are not lost to us. They are ours still. It does not matter if we do not know just where they are. They are with Him and to know that is to know enough.

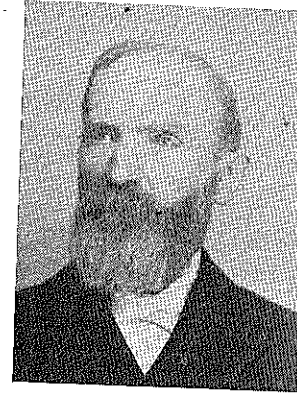
"Forever with the Lord!
Amen, so let it be!
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality."

Joel Hall

JOEL HALL was born at Schroom, N. Y., February 18, 1831, and died May 8, 1918, at the age of 87 years. He was converted under the ministry of J. D. Burnham in 1844. The call to preach came early in life. Before studying at Troy Conference Academy he did some work as a "supply" preacher. After some time spent at the institution just named, he united with Troy Conference in 1857. He was appointed junior preacher on a circuit consisting of Sandy Hill, Fort Ann, Kingsbury, Patten's Mills, and West Mountain. For 37 years, with a devotion and a spirit of heroism unexcelled, he served the charges to which he was sent. All his active life as a minister of the gospel he exemplified the traits of the gospel pioneer. He was always and everywhere a Christian optimist. He greatly enjoyed the fellowship of his ministerial brethren and Methodist preachers were regarded by him as among the very best people in the world.

He was married to Mahala U. Merrill in 1860. Of this union three children were born, Lester, Ella M., and Albert E., of whom two survive, Mrs. Mayne Howard, of New York, and the Rev. Albert E. Hall, of Cazenovia, N. Y. Mrs. Hall died in 1911, since which time Brother Hall lived with his son, until

called to his heavenly home. Until hardening of the arteries deprived him of the normal use of his mental powers, he was active and useful and read the best things published with an eagerness commendable. His retirement from the



FRED L. DECKER.

Rev. Frederic O. Winans

EARLY Tuesday morning, September 3, 1918, Rev. Frederic O. Winans entered into rest. Glad indeed am I in being privileged to write words of sincerest respect and deepest reverence in memory of a noble man.

Brother Winans was born in the Methodist parsonage of Woodbridge, N. J., July 31, 1856. He was one of eight children in the family. For many years his father, Rev. Rodney Winans, was a member of the Newark Conference. In his early teens he was converted and united with the church.

Brother Winans was a student in the Hackettstown Collegiate Institute, where he graduated fitted for college. After his graduation he went into busi-



ness, became partner in a house dealing in notions in New York city. In this life he proved himself to be a successful business man. After six years of business he responded to the call to preach the gospel selling out his share in the business and taking the four years' course of study at Drew Theological Seminary. He joined our Conference in 1887.

In 1888 he married Miss Emma J. Hill, his brother, the Rev. William R. Winans, officiating. Two children were born into their home, a daughter Susan, and the son, Professor Rodney Winans, who lives to mourn the loss of a revered father, and to comfort the stricken mother.

Brother Winans was a man of positive individuality, his characteristics standing out bold and commanding like the rugged towers of a castle. He was genuine. He was blessed with a fine physical presence and splendid bass voice; for ten years he sang in the Troy Conference Glee Club. His glorious optimism, spiritual healthfulness, and generous sympathies made him a soul winner and builder up of the churches he served.

Our beloved friend was a brotherly man; nothing seemed more congenial to his nature than to say a kind word or do a kind act. He possessed a charming personality, so dignified in bearing, so chaste in conversation, so courteous in deportment that he gathered to himself a host of choice friends. For several years before he retired from the pastorate his health was giving way; he made a brave effort to continue in the work he loved. He took the retired relation in 1917, making his home at Round Lake. Here he became a regular attendant of, and often took active part in, the services of the local church.

His funeral took place from the Round Lake Church. The services were conducted by the pastor. Fifteen preachers of the Conference were present. Dr. George W. Brown, Dr. Edwin P. Stevens and the writer of this made the addresses. Members of the old Conference Glee Club stood by the casket and sang one of his favorite hymns: "O Love that wilt not let me go!"

His body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Westfield, N. J. We lift our eyes aloft to the golden city where we will meet him again.

JOHN H. CLARK.

William J. C. Wilson

WILLIAM JAMES CONGER WILSON was born in the town of Berne, N. Y., August 26, 1858, and entered into the heavenly life from Dalton, Mass., July 9, 1918. He began life with the gracious advantage of Christian parentage, his father, William Wilson, and his mother, Hannah Conger, being loyal members and ardent workers in the Methodist Church. Converted at the age of sixteen, he united with the Church of his childhood. After completing his academic education, he continued his preparation for his chosen life work of teaching, under private tutors and added a four years White Seal Chautauqua course. For several years, he followed the profession of teaching, but in 1894, the Quarterly Conference of his home Church licensed him to preach and the succeeding year asked that he might be appointed pastor of their charge. Dr. Joel W. Eaton, then presiding elder, consented and he was so appointed, and continued in this pastorate four years. In the mean time, in 1897, he was admitted on probation



into Troy Conference. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Goodsell in 1899 and Elder by Bishop Hurst in 1901. His faithful service at Huntersland was followed by pastorates at Sharon Springs, Central Bridge, Broadalbin, Trinity, Schenectady, Granville and Dalton. In each of these charges, he rendered notable service. The fine new church at Granville was erected during his pastorate. Brother Wilson was an excellent preacher. In the pulpit, his fine presence awakened the expectancy of the congregation, which was well realized

in the clear, cogent sermons that followed. He spoke out of a fervent personal experience of the life vouchsafed to the believer, here, and his unhesitating faith in immortality, hereafter. In his maturity, he held closely to the faith he had espoused in his youth. Continued study and added experience only increased his confidence in the doctrine and polity of our Church. Loyalty to his Church did not lessen his kindly relation with all lovers of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was always a devoted pastor. His flock found him a safe counselor and a sympathetic friend. He was held in goodly esteem by his Conference brethren. A member of the Conference Board of Stewards, he served in recent years as its Secretary. His gift of alert and accurate accounting and the brotherly spirit of his correspondence with claimants were the signals of his excellent service in his important office. A manly man, a courteous gentleman, a consistent Christian, a loyal citizen has passed out from us, called onward to higher tasks. On Nov. 26, 1884, he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Cook, of Huntersland, N. Y., who after these intervening years of loving home life and church service, survives him, as do the daughter, Mrs. Frank J. Burhans of Cobleskill, and also three sisters: Mrs. Martha Ball of Berne, N. Y.; Mrs. Victoria Morehouse of East Durham, N. Y.; and Mrs. De Witt Benjamin, of Stamford, N. Y. Funeral services were conducted at Dalton, by District Superintendent Higgins, assisted by Rev. E. C. Noble of our Conference and Dr. C. W. Andrews of the Congregational Church, and later at Cobleskill, by Superintendent Higgins, assisted by F. L. Decker and L. A. Brown, several members of Conference being present. Interment was at Cobleskill.

W. H. HUGHES.

William J. Chapman

THE writer of this memoir, at his first appointment (1866), found a very interesting class of young people, beautifully trained in the beginnings of the Christian life. Among these promising young Christians was William J. Chapman, then about seventeen years of age. He had been converted a few months before, during the pastorate of Rev. B. B. Loomis, D.D.

Brother Chapman was born in Swanton Abbot, England, November 19, 1847, and came to this country with his mother, five brothers and one sister, when six years old. The husband and father had preceded his family and prepared a home for them in Hoosick Falls, New York, where Brother Chapman's boyhood days were spent.

He received his advanced education at Burr and Burton Seminary, Man-



chester, Vt., and at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., from which Institution he graduated in the class of 1874.

Brother Chapman joined the Troy Conference in 1876, and spent thirty-eight years as an active pastor, and serving fourteen different charges. He was a careful student and did his work well. His sermons were brief, spiritual, and interestingly delivered. He was a sympathetic pastor, and was appreciated by the congregations he served.

September 1, 1874, Brother Chapman was united in marriage with Miss Willamina H. Munn, of Manchester, Vt., who died four years later, leaving a daughter, and infant son, who died soon after the mother.

November 12, 1879, Brother Chapman married Miss Jennie M. Purdy, of

- Wilcox, Charles F.**, *retired*.—(P. O., Troy.)—1881-3, Raceville; '84, Cooksboro; '85-7, Northville; '88-91, Shelburne, Vt.; '92-5, Cambridge; '96-1900, Dalton, Mass.; '01-5, Third Avenue, Watervliet; '06-8, Trinity, Troy; '09-13, supernumerary; '14-18, retired.
- Williams, Donald E.**—(P. O., Upper Jay.)—1909-11, Johnsburg; '12-13, Long Lake; '14, Ephratah and Rockwood; '15, Averill Park and Sand Lake; '16-18, Upper Jay and Keene.
- Wilson, David B.**—(P. O., Luzerne.)—1907-9, Clarksville and Reidsville; '10-12, Delanson; '13-15, Hartford; '16-17, Luzerne; '18, War Work in France.
- Wilson, William J. C.**—(P. O., Dalton, Mass.)—1897-8, Huntersland; '99-1900, Sharon Springs and Center Valley; '01-5, Central Bridge; '06-10, Broadalbin; '11-14, Trinity, Schenectady; '15-17, Granville; '18, Dalton.
- Winans, Frederic O.**, *retired*.—(P. O., Round Lake.)—1887-8, Schroon Lake; '89-92, Gansevoort; '93, Ketchums Corners and Quaker Springs; '94-6, Center Brunswick and East Brunswick; '97-1900, Stamford, Vt.; '01-2, Valatie; '03-6, Castleton; '07-8, Round Lake; '09-12, Winooski, Vt.; '13-16, Schaghticoke; '17-18, retired.
- Winans, William R.**—(P. O., Ajo, Arizona.)—1885-7, Warrensburg; '88, South Glens Falls; '89-90, Port Henry; '91, East Greenbush; '92, Seward; '93-09, Missionary of the American Sunday School Union for the Pacific Coast; '10-12, Missionary Pacific Coast District of American Sunday School Union; '13-18, Arizona Mission.
- Wiseman, Eugene.**—(P. O., Cohoes.)—1885-7, Round Lake and Coons; '88-9, Rock City Falls; '90-4, North Main Street, Gloversville; '95-9, Green Island; 1900-5, Grace, Troy; '06-11, Superintendent Troy District; '12-18, First, Cohoes.
- Woodall, George W.**—(P. O., Troy.)—South India Conf., 1879, Hyderabad, India; '80, Ahmedabad; '81, Centerville, N. J.; '82, Central China Mission and transferred to Newark Conf.; '88, Professor in Missionary Training Institute, Brooklyn; Troy Conf., '89-91, North Ferrisburg; '92, Poultney, Vt.; '93-4, Port Henry; '95-7, Westport; '98, transferred to Wilmington Conf.; Troy Conf., '02-5, Pittsford, Vt.; '06-7, Fonda; '08-10, Delmar; '11-15, Union Street, Schenectady; '16-18, Memorial, Troy.
- Woodruff, Almond M.**—(P. O., Indian Lake.)—1882-3, East Nassau and Hoags Corners; '84-5, Stuyvesant Falls and Landing; '86-8, Stamford, Vt.; '89-90, South Cambridge and Buskirk's Bridge; '91-5, Saranac Lake; '96, Saranac; '97-8, Pownal, Vt.; '99-1900, Luzerne; '01-3, North Chatham and Niverville; '04-6, Clifton Park and Newtown; '07-9, Delanson; '10-11, Clarksville and Reidsville; '12-15, Ketchums Corners and Quaker Springs; '16-18, Indian Lake.
- Worden, Franklin W.**—(P. O., Jonesville.)—1909, Bleecker, West Bush, and Meco; '10, Blue Mountain Lake; '11-15, Schroon Lake; '16-18, Jonesville.
- Worrick, Charles**, *retired*.—(P. O., Schoharie.)—1886-7, Quaker Street; '88-90, Guilderland; '91-5, Sprout Brook; '96-8, Schoharie; '99-1900, Bath-on-the-Hudson; '01, Vergennes, Vt.; '02-3, Mayfield; '04-5, North Chatham and Niverville; '06-8, Akin; '09-18, retired.
- Wright, Newton.**—(P. O., Sharon Springs.)—1909-10, Mineral Springs Circuit; '11-15, Richmondville and West Richmondville; '16-18, Sharon Springs, Sharon, and Center Valley.
- Zichmn, Ralph W. C.**—(P. O., Watervliet.)—1886-7, Northampton and Edinburg; '88-90, Rexford Flats; '91-2, Crescent; '93-5, Rock City Falls; '96-8, Gallupville; '99-04, Fultonville; '05-9, First, Rensselaer; '10-13, St. James, Cohoes; '14-18, First Avenue, Watervliet.

2. PROBATIONERS

- Beza, Anton**, *d.*—(P. O., Schaghticoke.)—1917-18, Schaghticoke.
- Biglands, James.**—(P. O., North Creek.)—1917-18, North Creek and North River.
- Cornell, George C.**—(P. O., Panton, Vt.)—1916-17, Panton and West Addison; '18, War Work.
- Dodd, Alan L.**, *d.*—(P. O., Manchester Center, Vt.)—1917-18, Manchester, Vt.
- Dunckel, Roy E.**—(P. O., Glens Falls, R. F. D. No. 1.)—1913-14, Huntersland; '15-18, Sandfords Ridge and West Fort Ann.
- Fiala, Angelo**, *d.*—(P. O., Albany.)—1917-18, Italian Work.
- Kroeger, William H.**—(P. O., Pottersville.)—1917-18, Pottersville.
- Magce, Hugh W.**—(P. O., Hartford.)—1917-18, Hartford.
- Morrison, Paul**, *d.*—(P. O., Ames.)—1917, left without appointment to attend school; '18, Ames and Root Center.
- Overholser, Martin J.**—1917-18, left without appointment to attend school.
- Paton, David.**—(P. O., Petersburg.)—1916-18, Petersburg and North Petersburg.
- Reid, David W.**—(P. O., Weybridge, Vt.)—1916-17, Weybridge, Vt.; '18, War Work.
- Robinson, John G.**—(P. O., Hampton.)—1917-18, Hampton.
- Swart, George W.**—(P. O., Nelliston.)—1917-18, Nelliston and Freys Bush.
- West, Elmer R.**, *d.*—(P. O., Ticonderoga.)—1918, left without appointment for War Work.
- Whitman, Charles B.**, *d.*—(P. O., Newcomb.)—1918, Newcomb.
- Winch, Claude V.**—(P. O., Champlain.)—1916, Beekmantown and Point Au Roche; '17-18, Champlain and Perrys Mills.