

VII.—MEMOIRS

J. S. STEININGER

James S. Steininger was born February 28, 1870, near Litchfield, Michigan, son of Levinus and Lydia Steininger, and died October 6, 1934, at Wayne, Michigan.

Graduating from Litchfield High School, he entered the ministry of the Evangelical Association April, 1891, later joining the Detroit Conference in 1899. In 1894 he was married to Mary A. Heist. There were three children, Blanche W. Steininger, Russell H. Steininger, and Dr. Wilbur J. Steininger.

Not content to continue his ministry without the best mental equipment, he attended Garrett Biblical Institute, graduating in 1906.

His charges in the Methodist Church were: Marquette Circuit, Davis and Washington, Manchester, Garrett; student appointments at South Chicago, and Chebanco, Ill.; Munising; Burns Avenue, Detroit; Owosso, First; Martha Holmes Memorial, Detroit; Whitefield, Detroit; Woodmere, Detroit.

In addition to the three children who survive, there is one granddaughter, Dorothy Ruth, daughter of Russell H. and Ruth P. Steininger.

The son, Dr. Wilbur J. Steininger, paid his father this fitting tribute: "The spirit of self-sacrifice and service which characterized my father's 43 years in the ministry is both an inspiration and a challenge to me. It is my highest ambition that I may carry this same spirit into my life as a doctor."

Funeral services were held at Wm. R. Hamilton Chapel, October 9, in charge of Dr. Walter R. Fruit, assisted by Drs. D. C. Littlejohn, H. Addis Leeson and E. J. Warren. Pallbearers: George Curts, H. A. Field, Harvey Pearce, Addis Leeson, R. T. Kilpatrick and Eugene Moore.

James S. Steininger was a good minister of Jesus Christ. He had a fine chance at life, and he took it and the record is written in earth and in heaven.

WM. B. WEAVER

Wm. B. Weaver was born in Middleton, Norfolk County, Ontario, November 18, 1865; died January 30, 1935. Converted at the tender age of eighteen he soon after felt the call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which he did most faithfully until God called him home.

He received a local preacher's license while living in Ontario and continued to preach after moving to Michigan in 1886. He joined the Detroit Annual Conference in 1890 with his first appointment at Pinnebog. Succeeding pastorates were Carsonville, Dryden, Leonard, Davis, Jeddo, Cass City, Gratiot Port Huron, Asbury Detroit, Bethlehem Detroit, and Crosswell, completing forty-five continuous years of gospel ministry.

In 1892 he married Alice Brown of Burnside. Six children were born who with their mother cherish the memory of a loving husband and a kind and godly father.

Brother Weaver was President of the Simpson Park Camp Meeting Association, which post he held until the time of his death.

His time, talents and godly counsel were given without stint and he was ever recognized as a beautiful example of the Grace of God.

Dr. F. M. Field, Port Huron, District Superintendent, conducted the funeral services from Bethlehem Church on Saturday, February 2, 1935, with interment Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Well might the heavenly welcome be, "Servant of God, Well Done."

TIMOTHY EDWARDS

Rev. Timothy Edwards was born in Cornwall, England, April 1, 1834, and departed this life March 21, 1935, aged 100 years, 11 months and 21 days.

He first came to America at the age of sixteen, and before he was twenty years of age, he had crossed the Atlantic five times and had traveled around the world.

At the age of 22, he settled at Galt, Ontario. Here he studied for the ministry, coming to Ionia, Michigan, at the close of the Civil War. Here he reorganized the Methodist Circuit, and preached on Sundays. His next appointment was Newaygo. His voice failing, he became editor of the Newaygo Tribune; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1872. He was elected Circuit Court Commissioner of Newaygo County.

In 1884 he was appointed to West Branch, Michigan. In 1895 he retired from the ministry, having served pastorates at St. Joseph and Belleville.

The last fifteen years were spent in Washington, Michigan, where he owned 1½ acres of land.

Since the death of Dr. Seth Reed, he has been the dean of the Conference, having been a member since 1864.

He was married three times, his third wife, Dr. Anna S. Rankin, whom he married in 1886, surviving him. She is nearly 91 years of age.

The funeral was held in the Crosby Funeral Home, Detroit, on Saturday, March 25, 1935, Rev. Frank Field in charge. Bishop Edgar Blake offered the prayer, Rev. William Collycott, Rochester, read the Scripture, and Rev. Albert Chase of Lexington, preached the text, "And he died."

Besides his widow, he is survived by five sons: Dr. T. H. Edwards and Dr. H. Edwards, Detroit; Harry K. Edwards, Beulah; Dr. Martin Edwards, Boston, Mass.; Rev. C. E. Edwards, Clarkston, and one daughter, Mrs. Fred Richer, Detroit.

ELLIOT W. ZOLLER

Elliot W. Zoller was born near Rodney, Ontario, April 27, 1889. His early education was received in that community. His early years of manhood were spent in business, in which he was a successful shoe merchant.

The consciousness of the Divine call to the ministry of Christ, impelled him to seek further educational equipment, and went to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Graduating, he entered the Evangelical Theological Seminary,

Naperville, Illinois, graduating in 1922. He took his deacon's orders in the Evangelical Church, serving two years in Vicksburg, Michigan.

He then transferred to the Detroit Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was appointed to Ontonagon, serving two and one-half years, and in succession, Republic, one year; Denton, two years; Pontiac City Parish, Wilson Avenue, four years. At the Conference in Saginaw in September, 1934, was appointed to Grayling, and was getting a splendid beginning on a successful pastorate when he was stricken with influenza which developed pneumonia. On March 30, his noble spirit answered to call.

His body rests—awaiting the promised awakening—in the family lot in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

MRS. JOEL B GOSS

Mrs. Joel B. Goss, widow of the late Rev. Joel B. Goss, an honored veteran of the Detroit Conference, was born in Georgetown, Ontario, April 16, 1849. Her maiden name was Mary J. Fee and she was married to Mr. Goss, August 23, 1869, while he was pastor on his first charge, now First Church, Bay City.

She is survived by three sons, George W. of Chicago, Ill., Arnold H. of Ann Arbor, and J. B. Jr. of Detroit; and three daughters, Mrs. Amy W. Tiplady of Flint, Mrs. Stella E. Foster of Detroit, and Mrs. Iva May Thomas of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. A son testifies of her, "Mother was always an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of father in all his work and especially in evangelism; a strong supporter of temperance, she was one of the charter members of the Michigan Woman's Christian Temperance Union; and a firm believer in and supporter of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society wherever she was. Her final illness lasted some four and a half months during which time, amidst the sufferings through which she passed, she remained the same sweet, inspirational spirit for which she had been noted not only by her own family, but by all who knew her."

After eighty-five years of devoted service, she entered into rest September 28, 1934. Her funeral was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tiplady, in Flint, in charge of the Rev. E. D. Dimond, and burial beside her husband in the beautiful cemetery at Vernon.

MRS. CLEMENT AINGE

Margaret Kershaw was born in Staleybridge, Cheshire, England. Her early life was spent in the city of Oldham. On April 13, 1882, she was married to Rev. Clement Ainge at Manchester Street, Wesleyan Chapel.

For over 52 years they walked the path of life together in true congenial love and harmony and for 30 years of that period in the Methodist ministry of the Detroit Conference. At the age of ten she was converted and continued through the years with sweetness of character and lovely spirit. She was always a member of the Methodist Church and as a minister's wife served loyally in the societies of the church.

Death came in Royal Oak, Michigan, on November 12, 1934. Rev. James Chapman officiated; burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Faithful to the last; leaving a glorious testimony that she was going to be with Jesus: this is not defeat but coronation.

*"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."*

MRS. J. W. KENNEDY

Agnes Simmons was born in Ohio in 1857. The family of children were reared in the Presbyterian Church where she gained a good Christian experience which she maintained until her death in Detroit, December 19, 1934.

In 1876 she married James Worthington Kennedy, then a religious skeptic. Through the influence of Mrs. Kennedy's father and a young circuit rider, W. H. Rider, he was led into a compelling faith and experience that led him into the ministry from 1883 until his retirement. Their last pastoral charge was "Old Haven" Church, Detroit.

Though unable to attend church services during the past seven years she maintained a close touch with all interests. The funeral service was held from Whitefield Church, Detroit, and burial was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Wm. M. Wood; a son, Horace W. Kennedy, and a sister, M. Lou Simmons.

Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord.

MRS. J. J. LINK

Edith Roxina Johnson was born in Lowell, Mich., February 6, 1876, and died at Hurley Hospital, Flint, January 1, 1935, after a severe illness of five days.

She lost her mother when she was four years old. At the age of five her grand uncle and his wife took her in their home, which was a real Christian home.

When twelve years of age she played the organ in the church services and in Sunday School, in which she also was secretary and teacher.

She was converted in her seventeenth year and united with the Methodist Church in Monterey, Michigan.

She was married to Rev. Jacob J. Link, April 8, 1897, and for thirty-eight years shared with him varied experiences of a parsonage life. Eight children were born to them, four of whom survive: Mrs. Leslie G. Lee, Northville; Hildegard Link, Detroit; Mrs. P. R. Morgan, Flint; and Milton C. Link, Ann Arbor. Also two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Fred Liechti, of Allegan.

Mrs. Link shared with her husband the following pastorates: The Allegan Circuit in 1897-1902; Saginaw, 1902-04; Twenty-fourth Street Church, Detroit, 1904-09; Lansing, 1909-12; The Bethlehem Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1912-16; Third Church, Detroit, 1916-19; Lowell, 1919-25; Salem Church, Toledo, Ohio, 1925-26; The Bethlehem Church, Flint, 1926-33.

Dr. Dunning Idle, District Superintendent, preached the funeral sermon in