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BISHOP MEAD PASSES

Bishop Charles L. Mead, host of the historic Uniting Conference, died in Kansas City, May 17, in his 73rd year. Elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Des Moines in 1920, he completed just a score of years service, having retired a year ago. His labors as a bishop were divided between the Denver (1920-1932) and Kansas City (1932-1940) Areas.

Born in New Jersey in 1868, Bishop Mead graduated with honors from New York University. Later Syracuse University, and the Universities of Colorado and of Denver in turn conferred degrees. He was married in 1896 to Eleanor M. Smith. They were parents of three daughters, Winifred, Marion and Eleanor, and two sons, Robert Smith Mead and Charles L. Mead, Jr. The latter is a Methodist pastor in Dover, N.J. Winifred is the wife of Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Skilled himself as a pastor and preacher, Bishop Mead was a particularly understanding administrator. He ministered in three New Jersey cities, Rutherford, Hoboken and Newark. Then followed pastorates in First Church, Baltimore; Madison Avenue (now Christ Church), New York City; and Trinity Church, Denver. During the World War he was with the Y.M.C.A. in France.

Funeral services were held from Trinity Church, Kansas City, May 20., with Bishop Titus Lowe . . . of Indianapolis in charge.



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