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A L L E N E L L W O O D B A R T L E T T

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Allen Ellwood Bartlett was born in Jackson, Michigan, February 20, 1904, twin brother of James Ellwood, Jr., and son of James Ellwood and Nellie Allen Bartlett of English descent. He has three sisters: Lois, who married (1) Donald Leroy Walker, father of Donald Lockwood; (2) Harry H. Tracy, father of Nathan Bartlett and resides in Venice, Florida; Ruth Jane, who resides with her father in Venice, Florida; Leah Jeanne, who married Clyde Lasbury and resides in Hartford, Connecticut.

Allen Ellwood Bartlett attended the public schools in Jackson, Michigan, and was graduated from Rollins Academy, Winter Park, Florida, in 1923; he then attended Rollins College for one year, after which he took one year at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, and then returned to Rollins College for another year; he then spent one year in the University of South Carolina, after which he spent another year in Rollins College and was graduated in 1928 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Later he spent one summer in the University of Michigan

and another summer at the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti; he also spent a short time in Asbury College; a part of 1929 he attended the University of Arkansas Medical College and in 1932 he did post graduate work in education at the University of Florida; he then went into the hotel and real estate business in Venice, Florida, and in 1937, he studied in Garrett Biblical Institute and in the summer of 1938 he took courses in real estate appraisal in Columbia University, New York. In 1930 and 1931, he was field representative for Taylor University and other schools.

January 3, 1926, he was married to Dorothy A. Dickson and became the father of Allen Bartlett, Jr., who was born January 13, 1928. Later he was married to Marguerite Johnson December 30, 1938, and received his first appointment as pastor of the Methodist Church in Augusta, Michigan, and preached his first sermon June 30, 1940.

In politics, Mr. Bartlett is an independent. When in college he played basket ball and was a member of the boat crew in Rollins College, and was a member of the Theta Kappa Nu fraternity; he also was a member of the Rho Lambda Nu, an honorary science club. In Venice, Florida, he belonged to the Lion's

club.

Marguerite Johnson Bartlett was born in Osprey, Florida, August 7, 1921, daughter of Ernest and Mabel Webb Johnson, attended the public schools and was graduated from the Sarasota high school in 1938. She has two brothers, Clifford and Alva, residing in Osprey, Florida.

When Mr. Bartlett was about five years of age he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Jackson, Michigan, becoming a member of the First Church. His father and mother were active members of that organization. As he grew up he became active in Sunday school, taught classes, also worked in the Epworth League and took a leading part in young people's work on the Eaton Rapids camp ground.

When he went to the University of Arkansas Medical School he intended to become a medical missionary, but the crash of 1929 put a stop to the plan. About 1935, he felt the call of the ministry and began to work definitely toward that end. The foregoing was written in 1940.

J. E. Bartlett

James E. Bartlett



James E. Bartlett Jr.

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James Elwood Bartlett was born in Jackson, Michigan, February 20, 1904, son of James Elwood and Nellie Allen Bartlett, of English descent.

He attended school in Jackson, Michigan, Rollins Academy and in Winter Park, Florida, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Rollins College in 1929. He also spent one year in Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, and some time in the University of Michigan, and in Asbury College. He has completed the work in Garrett Biblical Institute leading to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

For five years he was engaged in the real estate business in Florida during the big boom and its collapse in the firm of James E. Bartlett and Sons and had the experience of making a lot of money and then losing it. He served for a time as financial secretary of Taylor University and later as assistant business manager for John Fletcher College, University Park, Iowa. At one time he taught accounting in Losey Business College in Orlando, Florida. He also had experience as a salesman for autos and various

appliances. He also managed a hotel in Florida.

James Elwood Bartlett has travelled quite extensively. With other members of his father's family he has commuted for twenty-five years between Florida and Michigan and has made trips through the states east of the Mississippi river. With his twin brother, Allen Elwood, he made one trip abroad visiting Algeria, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Roumania, Austria, Turkey, Greece, including Athens and the Acropolis, Portugal, Paris, London, Brussels, Switzerland and other places in Europe.

He was given a local preacher's license in 1929 in the North Indiana Annual Conference. He did his first preaching while at John Fletcher College in Iowa in an abandoned Methodist Episcopal church, which he revived and secured the attendance of one hundred in a community of two hundred population. He renovated the building, wired it for electricity and served the church for one and one-half years in 1931-1933. While in Florida, he was appointed as supply pastor at Melbourne for a part of 1934. He then entered Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Illinois, and was appointed to supply the churches at Fox Lake and Ingleside, Illinois, for six months, while the pastor was making a trip around the world.

In March, 1935, Reverend James Elwood Bartlett was appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Centerville, Michigan, and in June, 1938, was appointed pastor of the Methodist Church at Allegan, Michigan. He was admitted on trial in the Michigan Annual Conference in September, 1935, at Grand Rapids; admitted to full membership in the conference and ordained Deacon by Bishop Edgar Blake at Battle Creek, September 13, 1936, and ordained Elder by Bishop Wallace Brown at Big Rapids, June 13, 1937.

His father and mother were both very active members in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Jackson, Michigan, and for twenty-five years his father was a trustee of the Eaton Rapids Camp Ground. He united with the church in which his parents were members during the pastorate of the Reverend Ames Maywood and for some years had felt that he was called to the ministry.

While pastor at Centerville he led his people to pay off a debt of \$4,000 which had stood for some years without the interest having been paid. At Allegan the attendance at services has been doubled during the time he has served that church as its pastor and the income has been increased by

100%. Ministerial support has been increased and all obligations have been met with a balance in the treasury, due in large part to the budget system which he introduced and which has made special pleas from the pulpit unnecessary. From the beginning of his pastorate in Allegan in 1938 to 1940 the membership was increased fifty per cent.

One of the most outstanding events during his pastorate in Allegan was the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the church, held November 12 - 19, 1939, with such eminent speakers as Bishop Edgar Blake, Governor L. D. Dickinson, Congressman Clare Hoffman and Jacob Kindleberger appearing on the program.

In politics Mr. Bartlett is independent, but in Florida he was president of the Hoover Club, was a member of the county Republican board, was a delegate to the state convention and to the national convention of that party.

In Allegan he helped to organize and is the president of the Allegan Community Council, one of the most active in the state, and is also a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

January 23, 1926, he was married to Ruth Bourquard, daughter of a Methodist minister, Alexan-

der Bourquard of Ohio. Her mother's maiden name was Margaret Bergen. Ruth Bourquard attended the public schools in Marietta, Ohio, and was graduated from the high school in 1924, after which she attended Taylor University for one and one-half years. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are the parents of Bonnavere Jean, who was born July 20, 1928, and an adopted daughter, Gretchen Sue, who was born October 4, 1939.

Mr. Bartlett's twin brother, Allen Elwood, is also a Methodist minister, and at the time of this writing in 1940 is pastor at Augusta, Michigan. They are two fine sons of a devout Methodist family.

BRILLIANT

M. F. Braund



Marshall A Braund

MARSHALL AUGUSTUS BRAUND

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Marshall Augustus Braund was born near Novar, Parry Sound District, Ontario, Canada, November 28, 1879, and was adopted by Susan Starr and John Braund, and is of English descent. He was reared near Novar, attended Albert College, Belleville, Ontario, from 1900 to 1903. After clerking in stores for a short time he came to Michigan in 1904 and was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bailey, Michigan, under Dr. G. D. Chase, Presiding Elder.

Mr. Braund was converted at the age of fifteen. He had, from childhood, felt that he was called to the ministry and as a small boy would play church and that he was the preacher. His adopted mother was a Christian, but the father made no profession. After he was converted he was made a local preacher in the United Brethern Church and taught a Bible class and superintended a Sunday school in the Presbyterian Church. In 1899, he preached in a Wesleyan Methodist church at Dunchurch and Amic Harbor, Canada. While in

college he preached in a Wesleyan Methodist church in Gooderham, Ontario, also Canifton circuit near Belleville.

December 28, 1904, Mr. Braund married Maud Rebecca Adams, daughter of Sarah Maria Davern and William Adams. They adopted Thelma Irene, who was born May 14, 1909.

Mr. Braund was received into the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on trial in September 1905, and into full membership and ordained Deacon in 1907. He received Elder's orders in 1909.

He served the following charges: Bailey and Ashland, 1904, paid off the debt and bought a parsonage; Alto, 1906, built the church and raised the money to pay for it and also bought a parsonage; Grand Rapids, Epworth, and Berlin, 1909, when he put the basement under the Epworth church and re-decorated the auditorium and held a big revival; leave of absence for 18 months spent in Canada, 1911; Elk Rapids, 1912; held a revival at Yuba adding 60 members to the church; Grand Rapids, Epworth, 1913, bought a parsonage, built an addition to the church building and furnished rooms

and held a revival taking in about 75 members; Breckenridge, 1915, raised money and pledges covering the debt at both Breckenridge and Bethany and held successful revivals at both places; transferred to Oklahoma Annual Conference in 1917 on account of illness; returned to Michigan, 1918, sent to Three Rivers, joined in a tabernacle meeting and added many to the membership; transferred to Michigan Conference, 1919; pastor at Nashville, 1920, raised money for the debt and had a successful revival; Ewart, had a troop of fifty-five Scouts and a Boy Scout Band of 30 pieces; 1923, held revivals at both Ewart and Sears; Alma, 1926, stayed nine years, remodelled church building at a cost of \$22,000, sold old parsonage, bought another and remodelled it, the church burned, the insurance being \$16,500, \$9,000 more was raised, plans were drawn for the new church, the parsonage was moved and the basement of the new church building started and 500 members were received; Eaton Rapids, 1935; Grand Rapids, St. Paul's, 1936, where he has received 173 members into the membership.

Mr. Braund has held membership in the Independent Order of Foresters and in the Knights of

Pythias and has served as Chaplain in both the Exchange Club and the Kiwanis Club. In politics he is a Republican. He has served his conference on the Board of Stewards and as Statistician and on various committees. He is fond of gardening and enjoys foot ball and at different times played on teams.

He has been a Scout Master for fifteen or twenty years, is a member of the Michigan Crippled Children's Society and at one time had charge of the work in Osceola and Gratiot counties.



Geo H Brown

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George Arthur Brown, a member of the Michigan Conference, was born November 3, 1865, in the village of Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan. His parents, James R. and Rebecca (Parsons) Brown, were faithful and devoted members of the Methodist Church; and among his earliest memories are those of Church and Sunday school, his mother's Bible stories and his father's family altar.

Before he was eight years old, both father and mother had passed to their heavenly home, leaving him, their only child, to the care of relatives. But their influence remained. He says of his youthful experience: "I continued to attend church and Sunday school with interest, prayed by myself, and purposed when I should be grown to take my place among Christians. But it was not until I was eighteen, after graduating from the high school in Saline, that I definitely took Christ as my Saviour, and, in the Methodist Church in Ann Arbor where I was then employed, made my first public confession of faith."

A few months later, he decided to enter the

University of Michigan, from which he graduated in the class of 1888. He had taken an active part in the work of the Students' Christian Association, but says that he then had no thought of entering the ministry. In his college course, he had spent much time on science and mathematics, and began teaching in those lines. During the year following his graduation from the University, however, the conviction came with growing force that God would have him in the Christian ministry. After some weeks of mental struggle, he at length yielded; and on the advice of his pastor, he went at once for training to the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill. During the summer vacations (there were no summer terms then), he employed his time and gained experience by supplying, for the three summers, pulpits in Mackinaw City, Constantine, and a rural circuit in Oakland County. He graduated from the Institute in May, 1892. Through the influence of a classmate, Thomas Nicholson (afterwards Bishop) and of Presiding Elder N. L. Bray, he was led to apply for admission into the Michigan Conference. At the session held in Hillsdale that September, he was received on trial and appointed to the Camden Charge in Hillsdale County.

The young preacher purchased a horse and buggy

and plunged into the work, preaching morning and evening at Camden, on Sundays, and afternoons at Montgomery four miles away. Several weeks of revival meetings were held in the winter at each church. The Lord honored his ministry with many additions to the church; and a children's meeting or junior league led by him weekly is still remembered by many who were then children. He was ordained to Deacon in 1893 by Bishop Bowman; and to Elder's orders in 1896 by Bishop Walden.

After Camden, his subsequent appointments were as follows, the conference year beginning in September in all cases: White Pigeon (and Mottville), 1894 to 1898; Evart (and a schoolhouse), 1898 to 1905; Allegan (and Millgrove), 1905 to 1908; Upton Avenue, Battle Creek, 1908 to 1911; East Avenue, Kalamazoo, 1911 to 1915; Lyons (and Pewamo), 1915 to 1919; Coloma and Watervliet (and Riverside), 1919 to 1922; Ganges Parish (comprising Ganges, Glenn, Saugatuck, and later, Pearl), 1922 to 1927; Cassopolis (Vandalia and Jones), 1927 to 1930; Paw Paw (and Almena), 1930 to 1933.

His college work in science, not chosen with the thought of preaching, has nevertheless, he believes, been of value in giving him a sympathetic understanding of this age of science.

In his church at Camden, he found a young woman, Miss Metta Alward, who became his wife on September 19, 1894; and went with him to grace the parsonage home at White Pigeon. There they stayed four years. To them were born three sons, Alward Embury and Wesley Laverne at White Pigeon and Beverly George at Evert.

At Evert, an enterprising town still surrounded with pine stumps and other reminders of logging days, he served his longest pastorate. A new parsonage was built, the membership increased, and they passed several happy and useful years. But in the sixth summer the beloved wife and mother sickened and she passed away October 6, 1904, leaving him alone to carry on his work and care for his three boys, eight, six, and five years old.

At Allegan he found a beautiful, new church building, but with a heavy debt, and a sadly divided membership. Some progress was made with both problems. In his last year there, on May 20, 1908, he was married again, his bride being Miss Frances Ehle of Pulaski, New York. She has served with him efficiently in all his subsequent pastorates, and is still with him in his retirement.

Upton Avenue, Battle Creek, and East Avenue,

Kalamazoo, were suburban churches, the first with a debt and a fine group of young people, and the second with a difficult situation due to previous divisions. During these years, he served also for five years as Secretary of the Michigan State Holiness Campmeeting Association, which held an annual campmeeting at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Lyons again was a village church with an out-appointment, but each type of church has its advantages, and its opportunities of working with fine Christian people. During this pastorate came the exciting days of America's participation in the World War, the enlistment of the youngest son and his service in France, and the other sons' enrollment in training corps. In this place came also the strenuous work of the Methodist Centenary Campaign.

Coloma and Watervliet, twin towns in the fruit-belt, Ganges, a church in the open country grouped with other small churches into a so-called "Parish", and the later appointments at Cassopolis and Paw Paw, all presented a variety of opportunities and problems which called for his best in preaching and pastoral service.

In the work of the conference, he served three years as Conference Treasurer. For ten years he was

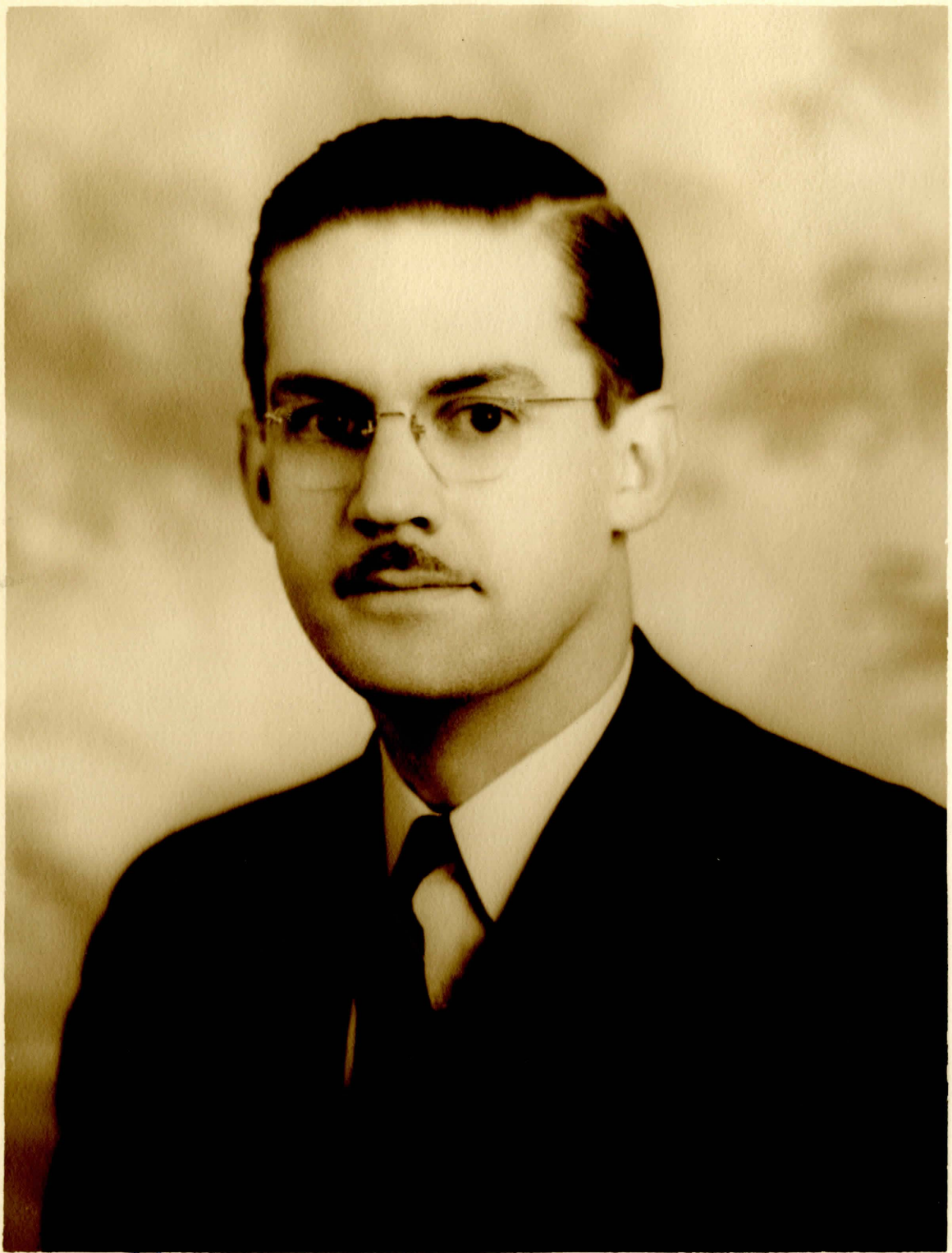
on the Secretary's staff, and for six years he was Conference Secretary. He was also one of the delegates from the conference to the General Conference of 1920, which met in Des Moines, Iowa.

At the close of his third year at Paw Paw, recognizing the increasing limitations of advancing age in himself and wife, and having given forty-one years of continuous service, he decided to take the retired relation and make way for younger men. He now is living at his home on Cambridge Drive, in the suburbs of Kalamazoo, helping as he can in the local church and occasionally as pulpit supply for pastors.

Written in September, 1938.

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WARREN EMERSON BROWN

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Warren Emerson Brown was born in the Methodist parsonage at White Cloud, Michigan, July nineteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, the son of George Brown and Arlos Gaskill-Brown. He shared the family relations with a sister, Leah Arlos Brown. His primary education began while his parents were located at Bannister, Michigan. Having lived successively in White Cloud, Middletown, Bannister, Okemos, Riverdale and Sheridan, he was graduated from the Sheridan High School. In 1923, he matriculated at Western State Normal School while his parents were serving the Schoolcraft charge. His first teaching contract was with the Lawler School, south of the village of Augusta. After two years here he contracted to teach a suburban district to Kalamazoo, known as the Lay District. Six years were spent in this district, the last four of which were spent in the new \$16,000 grade building known as Hoover School, of which he was principal.

In 1925, Warren received a license to preach while his father was serving the Galesburg charge.

His first appointment was at Pavilion, Michigan. Later, in 1931, he was made assistant to his father on the Leslie parish. In May, 1932, he was appointed to serve Moscow and South Jackson churches. At conference in 1932, he was appointed to the Spring Brook church, northeast of Kalamazoo. Until this time Warren was continuing his teaching work under the advice of Bishop Nicholson. In 1933, he entered the full time ministry with his appointment to the Hopkins parish. On Christmas Day of the same year he married an acquaintance of a life-time, Helen Georgiana Riggs, who for several years served as an evangelist throughout Michigan and Ontario. Helen was a fully ordained minister and became a most helpful partner in this pastoral team.

In 1936, the couple were sent to Portland, Michigan. Because of his teaching and supply work, Warren was not finally ordained Elder until 1936. He was graduated from the conference course of study. Besides a place on a minor committee, he was elected in 1936 to the Conference Board of Stewards. In 1935, he was elected second vice president of the Eaton Rapids Camp Meeting Association, and in 1937 was made a trustee of this group.

Music, radio amplification, and pipe organs are

the principal hobbies of this young preacher. At the Portland church he had an opportunity to work on all of these. In 1937, a new Moller pipe organ was installed under his direction. An auditorium amplification and hearing aid system was acquired, and "Singing Tower" equipment, making possible the broadcasting of chimes and sacred music over the city.

From time to time Warren has been associated with such enterprises as The Boy Scouts, The Lions and other dinner clubs, and community projects. The foregoing was written in 1938.



Albert J. Cartland

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I was born at Pascagoula, Mississippi, on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, April 5, 1874. My father, Samuel Asa Cartland, was the oldest son of Asa S. Cartland and was born at Bangor, Maine. The Cartlands in Maine were Quakers and connected distantly with the Whittier family to which belonged the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier. My mother was Ella Louise Hannahs, the oldest daughter of George H. Hannahs, a prominent lumberman of South Haven and one time state senator from Van Buren County.

In the year 1873, my father was sent to Mississippi to manage a lumber business and mill belonging to a group of South Haven businessmen, but after a year's time he was stricken with yellow fever and died in the fall of 1874 when I was a babe of six months. My bereaved mother returned to South Haven where she resided with her two little boys for two years

until her marriage to Reverend William Henry Thompson of the Wisconsin conference. Thus it providentially fell to my lot to be brought up in the home of a Methodist minister. My stepfather was always good to my brother Waldby and myself, giving us the loving care and counsel of a real father throughout his long and honorable life.

We lived in the parsonages at Randolph and Waupacca, Wisconsin, until, when I was five years old, we moved to Traverse City, father having transferred to the Michigan conference. Our appointments during my boyhood were, after Traverse City, Reed City, Dowagiac, Lansing Central, Charlotte, Lansing District, Second Street, Grand Rapids and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. It has always been my lot to be a traveller as from my earliest remembrances, I have been either a Methodist minister's boy or a Methodist minister myself. I can number at the present time (1938) 32 different homes in which I have lived. It has been a restless, moving life- this life of mine.

There was no Methodist church in Reed City

when we moved there. It was during Father's pastorate that the first Methodist church was built in Reed City. Of all the churches of my boyhood, only one remains- Second Street church, Grand Rapids. The others have all either been torn down or rebuilt into new structures. I think of the old Central church in Lansing on Washington Avenue, with such splendid laymen as Dr. Hayes, Allan Nichols, Dr. A. D. Hagadorn, George Mack- men all of them active a few years later in the building of the present Central church edifice. These men made a marked impression on me as a boy.

I attended high school in Grand Rapids and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. At the age of eighteen, I entered the Michigan State College as a student in mechanical engineering. During my Junior year, I decided that my future work would be the Christian ministry and the course I was taking was not the best sort of preparation for a minister. As my parents were living in Pennsylvania, I went to Meadville, Pennsylvania, and enrolled as a student in Allegheny College where I studied for one year and then returned to Michigan State, graduating in 1897. That

spring I preached my first sermon in the Williamston church, and soon after was given a local preacher's license by the quarterly conference of Lansing Central church upon recommendation of Reverend F. L. Thompson, the pastor, and Dr. W. M. Puffer, district superintendent.

That summer Dr. Puffer sent me out to supply the Danby and Hoytville circuit. There I began my work in the ministry and there I remained for the following year. I was received on trial into the Michigan conference at Kalamazoo, September, 1897. I was ordained Deacon two years later by Bishop Fowler at Ionia. Bishop H. W. Warren ordained me Elder at Muskegon in September, 1901. My appointments in the Michigan conference have been Danby, Wacousta, Upton Avenue, Battle Creek, Bath and Pine Lake, Cassopolis, Fremont, Dowagiac, Manistee, Stockbridge Avenue, Kalamazoo, Damon, Kalamazoo, Carson City, Lowell, Lake Odessa, Rockford and now, last of all, Climax and West Leroy. There have been ten years during the forty-two years of my ministry during which I was out of the effective

relation. But four of these years were spent regularly as a supply pastor. I served one year as a missionary preacher on the Whitebrush circuit in Alberta, one year as supply pastor of Damon church, one year supplying the work at Day school house and one year in shorter pastorates at Lowell, Wexford, Fulton and Lacota and Grand Junction.

During my pastorate at Dowagiac we had a great revival and one hundred and eighty-three persons were added to the church. During most of my pastorates, I held revival meetings, making special and intensive efforts to bring men and women to Christ and into His church. At Lowell, with the help of Miss Helen Riggs and Miss Margaret Coghlan, we held a very successful revival which greatly encouraged and strengthened the church. I have never counted myself especially strong as an evangelistic preacher or leader but I have always considered it my duty and privilege to lead men and women and children into the Christian life, and my work in this respect has not been fruitless. There are people today active in all the churches I have served, who came into the church under my

ministry. For this I humbly thank God and rejoice.

At Fremont we enlarged the church building by adding larger Sunday school and social rooms to the church and putting in a steam heating system. At Stockbridge Avenue, we bought a new parsonage- the present parsonage next to the church. I always aimed to keep the church property in good shape and improve it as much as possible, counting it a pastor's duty to hand the work on to his successor in better shape than when he came to it.

My ministry has been broken up some by long vacations in other fields. From September, 1905, until April 1909, we were homesteading in central Alberta. I went out into that big, new country broken in spirit and totally discouraged with myself in the ministry. It was a great life and I have never regretted the years in Alberta. There I farmed, taught school and finally preached a year on the Whitebrush circuit, preaching myself back into the ministry, and finding an irresistible demand within me that I get back into my work in the ministry as soon

as possible. I came back to Michigan with full assurance of faith and strong hope, taking up my work again eagerly and energetically. I had a series of good pastorates covering a period of ten years.

Throughout my ministry I have had certain definite aims and convictions. I have thought that a minister of the Gospel ought to be something of a Christian scholar. Therefore, I have spent much time at systematic reading and study in my library. I have longed to be a wise, understanding, sound and interesting preacher of the everlasting Gospel in all its applications to individual lives and world movements. I am a man who loves books and have many happy and great experiences in reading them. I have felt that the minister ought to be the friend and pastor of the people who are allied in any way with his church. I have tried to shepherd my people, not fleece them. I have gained many warm friends whom I expect to be my friends forever. This is one of the great compensations of a minister's life. Administrative work has never been easy for me. I really don't want to run

anything or anybody- not even a church, but I have always had a conscience concerning my obligations toward the church organization and machinery, and have tried to be loyal to the institution. So everywhere I have held up the great benevolences and missionary programs of our church and do not recall any church which I have served, which fell down to a lower record during my pastorate in these matters.

The young people in Sunday school and Epworth League have claimed a large part of my thought and efforts, but in my last two pastorates I have to confess that I have not succeeded well with the young people's work in my churches. Perhaps, after all, a man does get too old for young people generally, to respond to his leadership.

With me during all but the first year of my ministry, has stood my faithful and lovely wife, Edith Cartland. Through all my wanderings, my bright and successful moments, my days of deep and mysterious despondency, in country, village and city churches, and far away in our little cabin in Alberta, this noble woman has gone with me, not to chide, but to

bless and steady and enrich my whole life with her unfailing devotion. Together we have had six children: one, Little Tim, born only to die the day he was born, we yielded up to the care of the Great Shepherd, September 1, 1915. The others have all grown to manhood and womanhood. We count them our greatest treasures. Fred is a professor of electrical engineering at the Michigan College of Mines. George Francis is chief pharmacologist in the Upjohn Company laboratories. John is manager of the Augusta Lumber Company. Clara is the wife of Dr. Lawrence H. Walkinshaw, Battle Creek. Robert is a grocer's clerk at Rockford. In raising this family, we consider that we have done a good work for our country and our God.

And now my active ministry draws to a close. Forty-two years in the Christian ministry, thirty-six of them regularly spent in the pastoral care of churches and constantly preaching, is enough. I long for a few years at the close of this earthly journey for quiet thought, quiet reading, quiet and obscure work- that peace and quiet which I believe it is the desire of our Heavenly

Father to give to His children at the close of their active work here on earth before we go hence. I press on towards these closing years that "I might finish my course in faith, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify unto all men the Gospel of the grace of God."



John Clemons

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I have always cherished pleasantest memories of those prevailing patterns that molded my early life in a happy Christian home, the church, and helpful outside associations.

My father's name was Charles Clemens, and my mother's maiden name Mary Oliver. They resided at Drift, Buryas Bridge, Cornwall, England, where I was born the youngest of a family of five children February 15, 1878. They were members of the Bible Christian Connexion, which later, participated in forming the United Free Church of England. Father had prepared for its ministry but the physician's negative health report changed his whole career. He continued as a local preacher ranking among the ablest; became speaker at State public school teacher's institutes; teacher in exact sciences under the Science and Art Department of London; clerk to the Sancreed and St. Paul school boards; and managed a business of blacksmithing and farm machinery originally established by his great grandfather. He was a prolific reader of classical literature and a

Christian student owning a magnificent library; and, interesting to say, in bringing home-tokens with me on coming to America I selected such books as:-- Complete set of "Cambridge Bibles for Schools and Colleges"; "Christian Ethics" and "The Reality of Faith" by Newman Smyth; "Introduction to the Literature of The Old Testament" by Dr. S. R. Driver; others from such contemporary writers as Drs. Geo. Adam Smith, T. G. Selby, John Watson and many more. The Bible was an integral part of our family life. We had regular round-table bedtime readings and as a family we could say as Dr. William Lyon Phelps wrote in his auto-biography, "to attempt an estimate of what I owe to it would be to appraise what I owe to my lungs or my heart."

The Christian influences which surrounded my life made an early and lasting impression. At eleven, I testified to an experience in conversion, an inward awakening, the reality of which never left me, also, was given a class membership in the church; at thirteen, was a member of a Mission Band whose duties, under pastoral appointments, as in the case of local preachers, conducted religious services employing methods of personal testimony and vocal and instrumental musical leadership. A Band

comprised eight or ten workers. At seventeen, I was received on trial as a local preacher, made a member of a Homiletical class for training, receiving a full license a year later which relation I sustained until I became a member of the Michigan conference in nineteen hundred and six.

I came to America in the spirit of adventure, "wanting out", my family seriously opposing it, as I resigned my work with John W. Saundry, commercial and magazine printers, and, following father's death, as clerk to the Sancreed School Board, for the uncertainties of things in another world. It was quite a venture. The new world and its people fascinated me, but the old has never been replaced. Landing in New York, September 19, 1901, the solemn day when America was paying her tribute of sorrow to the memory of the late President McKinley on the sad occasion of his burial, I was possessed of a deep and abiding impression freely sharing the sympathies of a bereaved nation. This incidental but impressive introduction, together with other favorable experiences, fostered in me a spirit of an at-home-ness, making it easy for me later to share in its permanent citizenship rather than following the plans I had about returning in a few years to the

homeland. Following a short stay at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with uncle Francis Clemens and his family, I left for Munising, Michigan, to work on the Munising Republican, a weekly newspaper, and where many changing events followed my young manhood. Here, the Rev. C. M. Thompson, Presiding Elder of Lake Superior District, induced me to accept an appointment to preach at Hurontown, near Houghton, Michigan, which began my ministry in the Methodist church. After attending Albion College I later joined the Michigan conference receiving my ordination at Muskegon, Michigan, under Bishop Burt in nineteen hundred and fourteen. In Munising, also, I met Miss Karen Sofie Bjornstad whose companionship I tremendously enjoyed. We were married the twenty-seventh of June 1906, making a honeymoon trip to visit my family in England. She was attending the Northern State Teachers College at Marquette, Michigan, and following her graduation taught school in the Munising system. Her people conducted mercantile business of dry goods, gents furnishings, and shoes. We have two children. Our son, Dr. John Ewart Clemens, having obtained his Ph. D. in Physical-Chemistry from the University of Illinois, is research chemist in the Esso

laboratories of New Jersey Standard Oil, at Elizabeth, New Jersey. Our daughter, Helen Margrete, graduated from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, married Mr. James Dale Knox, of Hinsdale, Illinois, who graduated from the University of Illinois in Commercial Engineering, now resides at Muskegon, Michigan.

Two years after joining the conference I took a change of relations for eighteen months because of ill-health in the family. Before then I served Aurelius and Camden, and since, Ashley, Alden, Williamsburg, East Jordan, Quincy, Breckenridge, Asbury--Traverse City, Manistee, Greenwood Avenue--Jackson, and am now in my seventh year here at Grand Haven. Through the stirring and strenuous Centenary Movement I served the Quincy charge doubling the already breath-taking quota of \$11,000. A telegram, dated May 14, 1919, sent from New York by Dr. Ralph S. Cushman, now Bishop Cushman, is before me, it reads: "Learned from your area office your church first in conference to go over top in financial quota, congratulations,.....mail special delivery what part this total was subscribed by your tithing stewards". Have reasonably shared the honors of service on conference committees and in

the cities wherein I have labored. Was three years on the conference Board of Stewards, fifteen years on Board of Conference Relations, nine years secretary, two years chairman. In Manistee was a member of the city Social welfare, and chairman of the Ministerial Association; in Grand Haven on Boy Scout District Council and chairman of committee on Scout literature. Am a member of Grand Haven Lodge, No. 139, F. & A. M. Was once honored by the Prohibition Party with a place on their ticket for Congress, a recognition well founded for I have always been an ardent "Dry".

"To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage,
To do my Master's will!"

The above was written in 1939.



D. Stanley Coan

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D. STANLEY COORS.

D. Stanley Coors, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in this city (Kalamazoo) from 1925-1934, is the son of a Methodist parsonage. He was born in Pentwater, Michigan, on August 1, 1888, his parents being the Reverend August H. and Mrs. Julia M. Coors. His father states that before Stanley was a week old he carried him into his study and solemnly dedicated the baby boy to God. Not until his twenty-first birthday did the boy grown to manhood know of that dedication.

The sacrament of Christian baptism was received by him in infancy from the hands of the Reverend D. W. Parsons.

Stanley started going to the public school in Clare, Michigan, and was graduated from the High School in Shelby, Michigan. During his High School experience he participated in W. C. T. U. declamation contests, High School oratorical contests and debates, winning honors in all of them.

In 1908 he enrolled as a freshman at Albion College. After one year there the exigency of the family exchequer made it imperative for him to take

up some remunerative work. Hence for a year he was the editor and manager of a Shelby newspaper published weekly, primarily in the interest of Prohibition.

He returned to Albion in the fall of 1910 for his sophomore year. The following summer he was offered the pastorate of the Ferry charge as a supply and accepted. Necessary funds for returning to college not being available and a cordial invitation being extended by the people of the Ferry charge to remain as their pastor, he received the appointment and served there for one year. In 1912 he returned to Albion to complete his college course in 1914. During his college career he won the Horn contest, served on four debating teams, was elected to the position of editor of the College Pleiad and was active in many other student organizations. To assist in paying expenses, he did some tutoring, worked in a printing office, and was steward of a dining club.

The conviction was deepening within him that his life should be devoted to the field of religion, particularly in the capacity of a minister in the denomination in which he was reared. He therefore enrolled as a student in Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, New Jersey, in the fall of 1914. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from that

institution in 1917. During this same period he also earned his Master of Arts degree at Columbia University. At Drew he earned his board by working as head waiter in the Samuel Bowne Refectory.

While pursuing his studies in the East Mr. Coors served for two years as student pastor at Roosevelt, Long Island, and was one of the voluntary camp chaplains at Camp Upton during the spring and summer of 1918. In December 1918 an opportunity came to return to Michigan and he was appointed to Plainfield Avenue, Grand Rapids. In 1923 he was appointed pastor at Burton Heights in the same city and served there for two years. At the urgent request of the pulpit supply committee from First Church, Kalamazoo, he was appointed pastor there in 1925 and served that loyal congregation for nine years. During his first year in Kalamazoo the old First Church on Rose and Lovell Streets was burned to the ground making it necessary to build a new structure. The first unit of the beautiful new Church building was dedicated in 1929.

With the sudden death of the pastor of Central Methodist Church, Muskegon, in September 1934 Dr. Coors was invited to accept the pastorate of that great Church, and was so appointed. He is there now.

Various honors have come to Dr. Coors in

recent years. He was the President of the Michigan State Epworth League for two years and for several years its Life Work Secretary. He is serving his denomination on its Board of Ministerial Training, its Conference Board of Education, its Clark Memorial Home Board, and the Albion College Board of Trustees. For nine years he was on the Bronson Hospital Board of Trustees. In 1931 his alma mater honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He has been twice elected to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Recently he was elected to membership in the International Society of Theta Phi. WHO'S WHO has honored him by including his name in its directory. While resident in Kalamazoo he was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Outlook Club and the Torch Club.

In 1917 he was married to Margaret Havens of Bellevue, Michigan. Three children came to bless their home: Robert Stirling, now a freshman in Albion College; Winifred, a student in Muskegon High School; Marie, a pupil in the grade school. Mrs. Coors is well-known to many Kalamazoo people through her activities in various Church and community organizations.

(Leo C. Robinson contributed the photograph of Mr. Coors).

(The foregoing was written in 1936)



Ralph M. Dean

R A L P H M E R R I C K D E A N

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Ralph Merrick Dean was born October 2, 1898, in a log house in Chester township, Eaton County, Michigan, the first child of Charles R. and Florence Merrick Dean. He grew to young manhood on his father's farm and attended the country school through the lower grades. He started high school in Vermontville, Michigan, and was graduated from the high school in Charlotte, Michigan, in 1916. The following summer he attended Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Michigan, and that fall he entered Alma College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921.

He enlisted in the United States Army December 12, 1917, and served for nineteen months with troop B, 15th United States Cavalry, as a first class private. Of those nineteen months, sixteen were spent in France with the American Expeditionary Force. He returned to college in the fall of 1919 to continue his studies.

March 23, 1920, he was married to Hazel Irene Ayres of Holland, Michigan. The ceremony was

performed in Central Methodist Church, Lansing, Michigan, by the Reverend W. H. Phelps, who was Ralph's District Superintendent at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean became the parents of: Olga May, born May 24, 1921; Ralph Merrick, Junior, born May 11, 1923; Charles Rufus, born January 20, 1925; and Edith Irene, born August 18, 1928.

Ralph joined the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on trial, in September, 1917, at Traverse City; he received his deacon's orders from Bishop Henderson September 16, 1923; and his elder's orders from Bishop McConnell September 30, 1925.

While attending Alma College he held student appointments at Elwell, Elmhall and Sumner Center. In September, 1921, he was appointed pastor of the Alba Federated Church, a federation of the Methodists and Congregationalists, and served for four years. His next appointment was as pastor at Pellston with out appointments at Alanson and Brutus, where he served for three years. His next move was to Centreville in the fall of 1928, where he had an out appointment at Nottawa, and was pastor there for six and one-half years, when he asked to be released from the charge to go into

Civilian Conservation work in the capacity of a company commander, holding this position for seventeen months. At that time his transfer from the Cavalry to the Chaplain's Corps became effective and he was sent to take the position of District Chaplain in the Sparta, Wisconsin, District, where he continued until January 30, 1941, when he was called to active duty with the United States Army and stationed with the 5th Division at Fort Custer, Michigan.

His relationship with the United States Army began as far back as 1917, when he served his country as a private. In 1923 he was appointed to the Reserve Officers' Corps, with the commission of 2nd Lieutenant of Cavalry, and was later advanced to Captain in that corps. In June, 1941, he was commissioned a Major in the Chaplains' Corps.

When he was pastor of the Federated Church at Alba, he became acquainted with motion pictures and pioneered in their use for church work. When he took over the Sparta District and found a very inadequate program of recreation for the boys in the camps, he again ventured into the untried and set up a motion picture schedule for a few of his camps. From this experimental work with five

camps, the project spread over the entire district; and by 1940 practically all the camps in the United States were equipped to show motion pictures and were giving not only feature billings, but also educational films. He made movies and colored slides, himself, for use in orienting enrollees. Movies were not the only contribution that Ralph made to the success of the Chaplains' work in the Civilian Conservation Camps. He held schools for his chaplains at least twice a year, with the result that the Sparta District rose from the position of having the poorest religious report to having the highest in the United States. Editing a District paper, managing Golden Gloves Tournaments, base ball and basket ball tournaments, all were a part of the pattern used to build morale in the camps.

One of Ralph's dreams was realized before he left the Civilian Conservation Camps, that of having a chapel in every camp. It is possible to worship God in any place, but it does help to have a place more suitable than a recreation room with a pool table as a pulpit. As a result of his pioneering in this field, Sparta District was one of the first districts to have chapels in all their camps. These chapels were made with altars that

could be moved to one side so that the room could be used for classes or movies.

Ralph is a member of the American Legion, the Sojourners, The Chaplains' Association, Order of the Eastern Star, Reserve Officers of the United States, and he is a 32nd degree Mason. His many diversified hobbies include hunting, fishing, archery, photography and wood-working.

One fact that has helped him achieve the success he has in his associations in the Civilian Conservation Camps and the Army is that he has had experience as a line officer commanding troops, and as a private, as well as a chaplain, and this has given him an opportunity to become acquainted with both sides of the problems which may come up. He has always, as one superior officer put it, been a "trouble-shooter." He took the tough job and with his tact and personality, plus hard work, turned bad feelings into good will, so that when he left a job, he turned it over to his successor in much better condition than he found it. A compliment which has often been paid him is, "He is my idea of what a chaplain ought to be. He inspires confidence and is always friendly without being too intimate; he is sympathetic and understanding but can be stern when the occasion demands; he is a good fellow with

men and officers without lowering his conduct to do so; a clear thinker and a good preacher."

Ralph is amply fulfilling the heritage handed down to him by his forefathers, some of whom fought for the freedom of our country in its wars, others of whom preached its freedom in the early Quaker churches, and still others of whom pioneered in extending our country's borders in a geographic sense as well as in the broader regions of the intellect.

His motto may well be, "Without God - Nothing. God - and everything" as taken from the Merrick shield, and his work done, "Not somehow, but Triumphantly."

The foregoing was written in 1942 from material provided by Mrs. Dean.



Louis DeLamarter



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Among the noble men of the Methodist ministers who have served the Church faithfully and efficiently within the bounds of the Michigan Conference none is more revered than Louis DeLamarter of Lansing, Michigan. Now nearly ninety years of age (1939) he walks and thinks with the tempo of a man a score of years or more his junior. Tall, erect, dignified, kindly crowned with beautiful white hair, he attracts attention wherever he goes.

Dr. DeLamarter is the grand old man of Lansing Central Church--where he worships regularly with the community of believers and where frequently he preaches with power and inspiration to the blessing of the people who believe in him and his interpretation of Jesus' way of life. May the kind Providence grant him the physical vigor to bless his friends with his presence at the services and with his eloquent, cultured pulpit messages as long as possible.

Louis DeLamarter was born in Brighton Township, Livingston County, Michigan, August 16th, 1850.

He came of pioneer farmer parentage, the quality of virile stock and the kind of early life setting that so often provide the "something" whose value cannot be computed in giving the initial impulse to human achievement. He attended the rural district school in his boyhood days, then entered the Lansing public schools. The privilege became his to attend for two years at the Michigan Agricultural College. Then he was compelled to leave college to provide support for the home family.

He secured employment at the Capitol, serving as the head of a department in the office of the Secretary of State for eight years, meantime devoting his evenings to diligent study for his chosen profession. In 1880 he resigned his position with the state and joined the Michigan Conference. He was then thirty years of age, and like his Master at a similar age, ready for service in obedience to the will of the Heavenly Father.

Just prior to entering the Conference he was united in marriage on June 4th, 1879 with Mary E. Baker, a young woman of keen mind and sparkling wit. She read widely, thought deeply, her radiant soul breaking forth occasionally into poetic expression

of unusual merit. Four children were born of this union: Eric, Elsie, Donald, Luella. For sixty years Louis and Mary DeLamarter walked together in blessed companionship maintaining a parsonage home life filled with the charm of culture, simplicity and love, and sustained by a humble earnest faith in the God to Whom they had dedicated their lives for service. Mrs. DeLamarter passed on to the Heavenly Home this last year after a lingering illness.

Dr. DeLamarter has served the Church in various positions. The pastoral charges which knew the worth of his cultured ministry were Leslie, Mendon, Mason, Eaton Rapids, Kalamazoo First, Muskegon Central, Coldwater, Greenville, Ovid, Hillsdale. Besides the pastoral work he occupied administrative positions as superintendent of the Lansing District and as field Secretary of the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund. Every appointment has been marked by pains-taking devotion to duty and by efficient administration of the responsibility imposed. Every contact with his brother ministers and with laymen has left the impression that a man of God was around. Every sermon preached has been a master-piece of logic, beautiful in diction and persuasive in appeal

to the mind and heart.

Frequently he responds to invitations to address various groups in the city where he resides. Young people sit at his feet eagerly when he speaks of the things of God and life. They sense in him the authority that comes from ripe experience in the Christian way. The middle-aged folks listen to his words with confidence because they know the quality of his soul. The older people value highly the comradeship of this elder brother in the faith and thank God constantly for the comfort and inspiration that he is to them.

No one in the city spends more time in its libraries. His eager mind ranges over vast territory, keeping abreast of development in various fields of thought. The marks of the Christian graces are plainly evident on his personality. He is so vitally alive and finds so much to live for that he plans to be with us at least another decade. God grant it may be so.

Written by D. Stanley Coors in 1939.

MARY ELIZABETH BAKER DELAMARTER

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Mary Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Lorenzo and Eleanor Thockmorton Baker, was born in Seneca, New York, October 2nd, 1849. Her father enlisted in the Union Army in the war of 1861-65, and his child daughter assumed her share in "Keeping the home fires burning." From her earliest teens to the end of her life she lived and worked for others. After the death of her father she assumed the main support of the family. She walked the road of this life in courage, self-sacrifice and service; she mastered life in truth, goodness and nobility.

She began teaching school at the age of sixteen. When the family came to Michigan, she attended the State Normal School at Ypsilanti and taught in rural schools. In 1869, she came to Lansing as a teacher in Central High School. After several years of successful teaching she secured the responsible position of mail-clerk in the Auditor General's office during the administration of William Humphrey. She resigned that position in 1879, and on June 4th of that year, was united in marriage with Louis DeLamarter.

Mrs. DeLamarter joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in early childhood. She served the church faithfully on pastoral charges with her husband as follows: Leslie, 1880; Mendon, 1883; Mason, 1886; Eaton Rapids, 1889; Kalamazoo, First, 1894; Muskegon, Central, 1898-1901; Coldwater, 1907; Greenville, 1910; Ovid, 1913; Hillsdale, 1914. From 1901 to 1907 she resided with Dr. DeLamarter in Lansing, while he served as Presiding Elder of the Lansing District. They also resided in Lansing following his appointment as Field Secretary of the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund in 1918, and she became a devoted member of Central Methodist Episcopal Church.

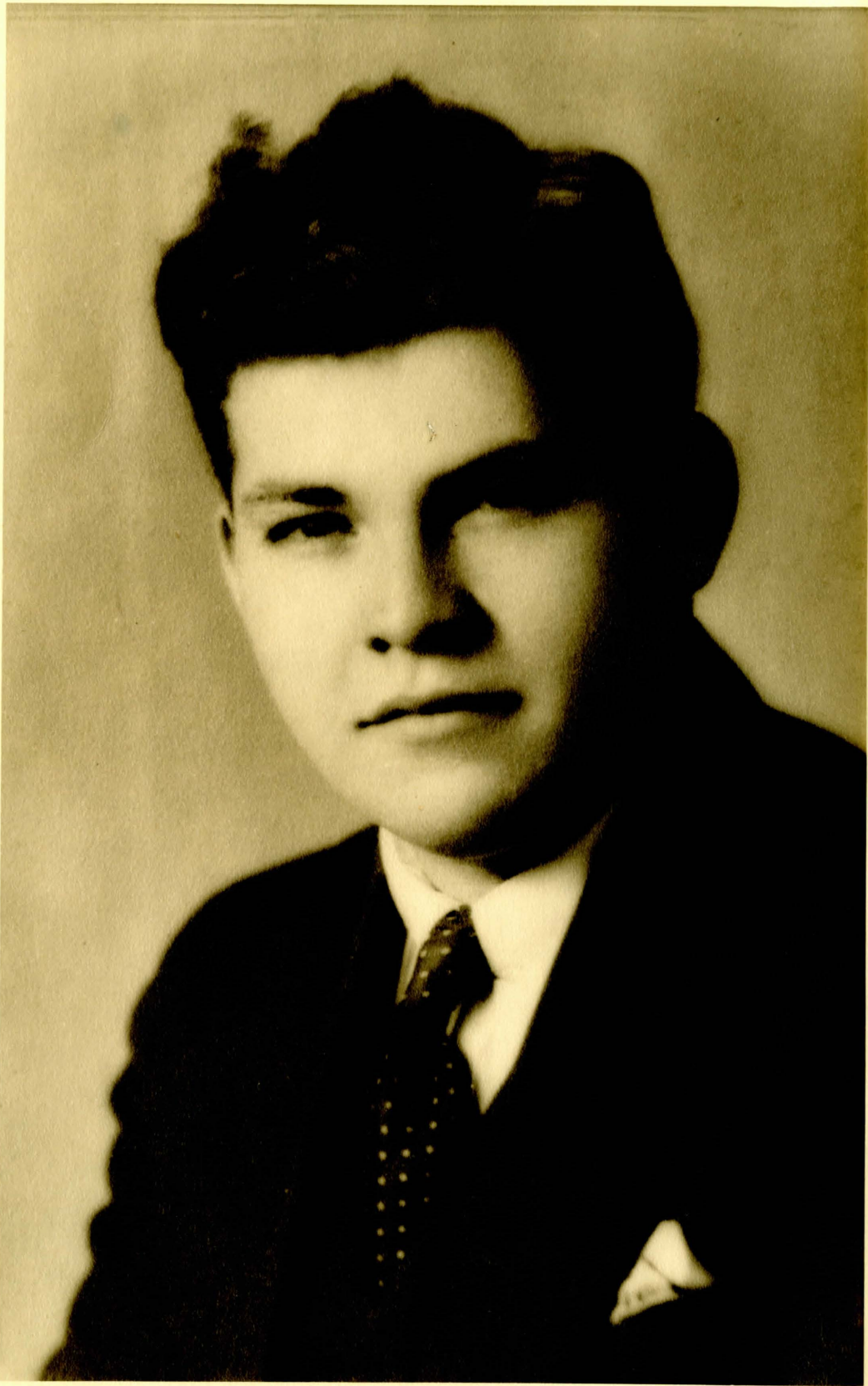
Mrs. DeLamarter had a keen and intellectual mind, poetically inclined and during her busy life wrote hundreds of poems. When the Inter-Ocean of Chicago, was a leading newspaper, she often contributed to the Poets' Corner, poems of smiles and philosophy. She held a membership in the Michigan Authors' Association.

According to the habit of her whole life she gave herself unsparingly to the service of others. She never tried to be in the lime-light - she never desired to be - rather, she modestly lived in the sunlight of God.

On December 5th, 1938, in her ninetieth year, after several years of invalidism ending in several weeks of constant suffering, she passed away. At the close of her long and fruitful life she had nothing to make right with anyone. Each day closed with the abiding peace of a clear record.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon, December 7th, at the Estes Leadley Funeral Home, with Dr. D. Stanley Coors in charge. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Written in 1939.



C H A R L E S W I L L I A M D O B B E R T I N

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Charles William Dobbertin was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, April 23, 1912, son of John Charles and Sadie Mabel Stowe Dobbertin. The father was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, and his father was born in Germany. Sadie Mabel Stowe was born in Menasha, Wisconsin. The paternal grandmother was French. Charles William Dobbertin's maternal great grandmother, Mrs. J. N. Young, at the time of this writing in 1942, is living at the age of ninety in Menasha, Wisconsin. His great grandfather Stowe was a soldier in the Civil War. Mrs. J. N. Young came to Wisconsin from New York in an ox cart. Sadie Mabel Stowe was of English descent and her grandmother is still living. The children of Charles William Dobbertin make the fifth living generation.

The brothers of Charles William are:

Willard Henry, born October 21, 1915, married Pearl Kammerman, resides in Chicago, Ill

Bruce Allen, born March 12, 1918, is in Australia with the 32nd Division, Quartermaster's Corps.

Charles William Dobbertin attended school in Neenah, Wisconsin, and when he was yet a small boy the family moved to Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, where he continued his education and was graduated from the high school in 1930. He then went at once to Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, which gave him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1934. During his junior and senior years at Lawrence College he served as pastor of a student charge at Stockbridge, Wisconsin. Prior to this he had intended to become a meteorologist, but his experience as a pastor led him into the ministry.

He was given an exhorter's license by the quarterly conference of the Methodist Church in Oconto Falls and entered Garrett Biblical Institute in 1934 and was graduated in 1940.

June 25, 1935, he was married to Loryce Thelma Douglas, who was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan, January 5, 1911, daughter of George F. Douglas, who was born in Casnovia, Michigan, of Scotch, Irish and English ancestry, and Eldora Douglas of French and English descent. Both are deceased, George Douglas in October 1942 and his wife in March 1924. Joseph Douglas, father of George, fought in the Civil War and was a prisoner in Andersonville

Prison. Mrs. Dobbertin has one brother, Terrence, who was born March 16, 1900, married Helen Moreau and became the father of Jack and Juliane; and a sister, Lynne, who married Harold Eaton, who is in the United States Navy. She was born March 8, 1913. Mrs. Dobbertin attended Lawrence College Conservatory of Music, from which she was graduated in 1934.

From 1935 to 1937, Charles William Dobbertin served as pastor of the Methodist Church in Edwardsburg, Michigan, where Deane Ruth came to gladden the parsonage after being born in Elkhart, Indiana, March 25, 1937. Upon recommendation by Dempster Yinger and the Superintendent of the Appleton District, Wisconsin, Mr. Dobbertin was received into the Michigan Annual Conference in 1936 and ordained Deacon. In 1938 he was ordained Elder, both ordinations being by Bishop Edgar Blake.

In June 1937 he was appointed pastor of the Methodist Churches in New Buffalo and Lakeside and served until June 1942, when he was appointed pastor of the Methodist Church at Allegan. His second child, Nancy, was born in Elkhart, Indiana, June 19, 1941.

Mrs. Dobbertin was an honor student in music at Lawrence College and belonged to the Mu Psi

Epsilon. She is of medium height and build with brown eyes and hair. He is about five feet six inches tall and of robust build with dark hair and blue eyes. He is a discriminating reader and makes a hobby of photography, building a photographic record of his ministry.

Having been raised in a Christian home and taken to church, Sunday school and prayer meeting from early childhood and dedicated by his mother at his baptism to the Christian ministry, Charles William Dobbertin was led into the Methodist ministry in a normal and beautiful way. While in Lawrence College his spiritual life was enriched by the Oxford Fellowship to which he belonged. During his ministry he has been especially interested in religious education. This was written in 1942.



L. E. Roy L. Dewey

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LeRoy Lyster Dewey was born on a farm three miles southeast of Decatur, Michigan, November 8, 1882, son of Ellen Cornelia Redfield and Isaac Simeon Dewey, both of English descent. The father was born at Cambridge Junction, Michigan, April 4, 1848, and the mother was born in Woodstock Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, September 7, 1849.

Ancestors on both the Dewey and Redfield sides came over to America from England long before the Revolution and the records of that period show that ancestors from both sides fought in the Revolution.

Early in the nineteenth century the forebears of Mr. Dewey migrated to Michigan from the New England States where they first settled.

LeRoy Dewey lived on the farm where he was born with his parents until he was ten years of age when the family moved to the village of Decatur, where about four years later the father, I. S. Dewey, started a clothing store and in which LeRoy clerked out of school hours.

In the spring of 1901, LeRoy Dewey was graduated from the Decatur school. He had decided to become a preacher during his senior year, largely through the influence of his pastor, the Reverend L. H. Manning, and the encouragement of his family, of which he was the youngest, and the repeated suggestions of associates and friends. He had been reared in a Christian home and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of eight.

At the session of the Michigan Annual Conference in the fall of 1901, Breedsville was taken from the Bangor circuit and the Presiding Elder, Dr. R. W. Van Schoick and L. H. Manning conceived the notion "of sending me, a bashful, unsophisticated youth just out of high school to that spiritualist center. After some protests I went and was there a year, trebling the membership in that year. Of course, that doesn't sound so great when there were only six members to begin with."

In the fall of 1902, Mr. Dewey entered Albion College and received his A. B. degree in 1906. From July to September 1906, he served as pastor at Alden, Michigan, and in the latter part of

September went to Hartford, Connecticut, to attend the Hartford Theological School. While attending this school, he preached at Unionville and South Britain, Connecticut, in the New York East Annual Conference.

January 1, 1908, Mr. Dewey was married to Emily Catherine Wesbrook, a graduate of Albion College and daughter of Margaret Anderson and the Reverend James H. Wesbrook, a member of the Michigan Annual Conference. They have one son, George, born February 21, 1917, at the time of this writing, 1939, a senior in Albion College and editor of the Albion College Pleiad.

LeRoy Dewey had one brother and two sisters: Fred, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Vedah, who married R. E. Rouse and resides in Los Angeles, California; and Elizabeth, who married George Rice and resides in Lodi, California.

Mr. Dewey was received into the Michigan Annual Conference on trial in 1907, was ordained Deacon and received into full membership in 1909 and was ordained Elder in 1911. His appointments were as follows: pastor at Girard, 1907; Galien, 1908; Cassopolis, 1910; Reading, 1912; Shepherd, 1916; Ithaca, 1919; Big Rapids, First, 1922;

Hastings, 1927; Grand Rapids, Burton Heights, 1934; Superintendent Grand Rapids District, 1935. During the pastorate of Big Rapids, a beautiful parsonage of Dutch Colonial design was built.

Mr. Dewey led in the promotion of Chautauquas in Cassopolis, Reading, Shepherd, Ithaca and Big Rapids. He was chairman of the Red Cross at Shepherd during the World War and was one of the county speakers and Liberty Bond solicitors. He was Roll Call chairman of the Red Cross in Gratiot county and county chairman of the Red Cross in Barry county. He sponsored the organization of unified relief organizations in Big Rapids and in Hastings. He has always been active in boys organizational work and in community betterment movements. He has been affiliated with the Grange, the Odd Fellows, The Eastern Star, of which he was Worthy Patron for several years, and with the Masons, of which last he was Prelate of the Commandery. In college he belonged to the Athenaeum Literary Society and later the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Mr. Dewey is an independent Republican in politics although at one time, unbeknown to him, his name was placed on the ballot of the Prohibi-

tion party as a candidate for State Senator. He was president of the Commercial club at Reading and was a member of the village council at Shepherd. He was president of the Rotary Club at Big Rapids and president of the Lions Club at Hastings.

His favorite sports are baseball and football. He is proficient in music and for many years has led the singing at conference sessions and is in demand for this service at conventions and camp meetings. He served his annual conference on the treasurer's staff for five years and on the Board of Ministerial Training for eighteen years and as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1933.



Henry W. Ellinger.

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Henry William Ellinger was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 22, 1879, the son of Anna Katherine Blickley and John Daniel Ellinger. His mother was also born in Grand Rapids. Henry secured his education in Grand Rapids schools and Albion College, receiving at the latter his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913.

In his younger years as a young man, he learned the trade of shoe cutting and was engaged in that trade for twelve years, cutting uppers for the firm of Rindge-Kalmbach-Logie Company of Grand Rapids.

On the 9th day of September, 1908 Henry W. Ellinger was married to Nellie E. Taylor. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Levi P. Goodwin. Mrs. Ellinger was the daughter of Jennie Howell and Charles Taylor, pioneers of Pittsford, Hillsdale County. Mr. and Mrs. Ellinger are the parents of three children: Elaine, born May 24, 1912, died in infancy; Alice who died in infancy; Beth Leone, born September 4, 1925. Mr. Ellinger had two sisters: Mamie who married Clyde Ford, died in 1911; Ida who married Siebran DeGroot, deceased.

Henry W. Ellinger entered the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Albion in 1907. While pursuing his college course in Albion, he supplied the Methodist Episcopal Churches of the Midland Circuit in the Detroit Conference in the summer of 1907; Winfield in 1907-08; Horton in 1908-11; Eckford in 1911-13. He served as full time pastor the following: Hanover 1913-1915; Sunfield 1915-1919; Shepherd 1919-1922; Fremont 1922-1926; Simpson, Kalamazoo, 1926-1935. In the fall of 1935 he was appointed Superintendent of the Kalamazoo District. While at Sunfield he assisted in War activities and built two community buildings, one at each of the out appointments. While pastor of the Simpson Church the pipe organ was installed and paid for.



Albert R. Elliott

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Albert Ransom Elliott was born February 28, 1875, at Shelby, Oceana County, Michigan. Mr. Elliott has no record of his ancestors further back than his grandfather, David Elliott, who was born in New York State, but came to Ohio as a young man, and married, living there for several years on a farm. He lived for a few years at LaGrange, Indiana, and came to Shelby, Michigan, in the early seventies, settling on a farm in that newly developing section of the state.

Albert's father, Sylvester Elliott, was born in Ohio January 25, 1851, and came to Shelby, Michigan, with an uncle in 1868, when the only means of transportation in that section of the state was by stage coach. Sylvester Elliott later returned to LaGrange, Indiana, and married Jane E. White and together they returned to Shelby to make their permanent home. Mrs. Jane Elliott died April 7, 1917, and Sylvester Elliott passed away December 30, 1927.

Albert R. Elliott attended the village grade and high school at Shelby, leaving school after he fin-

ishing his junior year. He began working in a stove mill at the age of twelve and followed that occupation during the summer vacation periods for seven years. He then obtained employment in commercial life, first in a general store and later in a furniture store and undertaking establishment.

Albert R. Elliott was married to Della M. Springer of Shelby June 10, 1899. In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Elliott moved to Muskegon, Michigan, where he worked in a large wholesale and retail grocery and bakery for three and one-half years. It was while at this employment that he felt called to the ministry. Having had several years experience in Epworth League work, the pastor of the Wood Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Reverend William H. Wright, persuaded Mr. Elliott to take a local preacher's license and to assist in some religious work at North Muskegon and in two country school houses. The experience in this work confirmed the call to the ministry and in the spring of 1909 he resigned from his position in the store and accepted an appointment to the Cannonsburg Circuit under the District Superintendent, Reverend G. D. Chase.

After finishing out this first year Mr. Elliott began the conference course of study and was admitted into the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist

Episcopal Church in 1910. He was ordained Deacon in 1912 and Elder in 1914. Up to this date, November 1936, he has served the following charges: Cannonsburg Circuit, two and one-half years; Ravenna, three years; Holton, four years; Lakeside Church, Muskegon, five years; Potter Park Church, Lansing, five years; Kent City and Casnovia, one year; Joy Memorial Church, Grand Rapids, two years; Constantine, four years, and is now serving the second year at Augusta.

When appointed to Holton in 1914, Mr. Elliott found the people planning to remodel an old church building, but persuaded them to sell the building and erect a new and modern brick structure. This was completed in the early part of his second year there and was completely paid for during the four years he served the church as its pastor.

On going to Lansing in 1923 Mr. Elliott found a newly organized Methodist class with a partly completed church building in the suburbs and a temporary structure in a new but growing section of the city. During the five years he served this church the suburban church was completed and an \$18,000 brick building was erected on the Potter Park location. A parsonage was also purchased and partly paid for during this period.

On account of his previous business experience Mr. Elliott was selected as an assistant to the Conference Statistician early in his ministry. He served in this capacity for five years and was then elected as Conference Statistician for three years. He then served seven years as an assistant Secretary of the Conference and is at this time the Conference Biographical Secretary and a member of the Board of Stewards.

Mrs. Elliott had several years of experience as a school teacher before her marriage to Mr. Elliott and has been a very faithful and efficient pastor's wife and assistant. Most of her activities in the work of the church have been given to the Sunday School and to the training of junior choirs in the various parishes where they have served.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have three children: Paul A., city editor of the Muskegon Chronicle; Lois A., who, after three years as a missionary in South Africa, married Paul G. Dickey, a fellow missionary, at this time a student at the Chicago Theological Seminary, preparing to enter the ministry in the Congregational Church; Merton S., who is a chemist in a large creamery at Constantine, Michigan.

As a sport for personal participation, Mr. Elliott

prefers volley ball. While attending school he usually kept score for the boys who played base ball, marking the runs for the two teams by cutting notches on the two edges of a stick. Later in life he has become quite a base ball"fan", and is usually seen at all the games played by the high school teams where he is located and often listens in over the radio to the national games.

Mr. Elliott has always been an ardent worker in the temperance cause and took an active part in a local option campaign in Muskegon County while pastor of the church at Holton. He has been affiliated with the Republican party, but has never held public office. For five years he was engaged in Boy Scout work, three years as a Scout Master and two years as a member of the City Scout Council in Muskegon. He is now a member of the Scout Troop Committee at Augusta.



Arthur L. Ellsworth

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Autobiography

I was born in Corunna, Shiawassee county, Michigan, August 10, 1866, the youngest son of William B., and Charlotte Mudge Ellsworth. My parents came from New York state and settled in Shiawassee county early in the 1850s.

My father was born in New York state in 1830 and died on the farm where he had lived, in 1885, aged 56 years.

My mother was born in New York state in 1835, and died at Bancroft, Michigan, July 20, 1895.

My grand parents, John and Sarah Ellsworth, both came from New York state.

I was educated in the school near my boyhood home in Shiawassee county.

I was married to Miss Eva M. Byam November 20, 1889, and lived on the farm until 1903. There our two children were born: Hazel Vivian, who married Clifford E. Carr of Detroit, Michigan; and Joyce Marion, who married Roy L. Nichols of Richland, Michigan.

I was converted in 1894, in meetings held by Reverend Mr. Wain, assisted by Dewey Bryant, singer. To my mother I owe much for the conviction that led me to Christ. Those convictions were deepened under the ministry of F. E. Morehouse. A new love came into my life for the things I once cared nothing for. I began to study the Bible and do some Christian work. I was ordained Deacon by Bishop L. B. Wilson at Charlotte in September, 1905, and Elder by Bishop David H. Moore in Grand Rapids, in September, 1909.

In the fall of 1903, I was appointed by Dr. M. M. Callen as pastor at Kendall, Van Buren county, and preached there two years; Parkville, 1905; Fulton, 1907; Richland, 1911; Oshtemo, 1914, and including Comstock 1918 and 1919; Battle Creek Circuit, 1921; Athens, 1929. I also served Northwest Oshtemo part of one year and preached at Bedford a year and a half. I moved to Battle Creek in 1935, there to live until called to higher service above.



Franklin J. Feather - Rosa Mae Feather

MR. AND MRS. FRANKLIN J. FEATHER

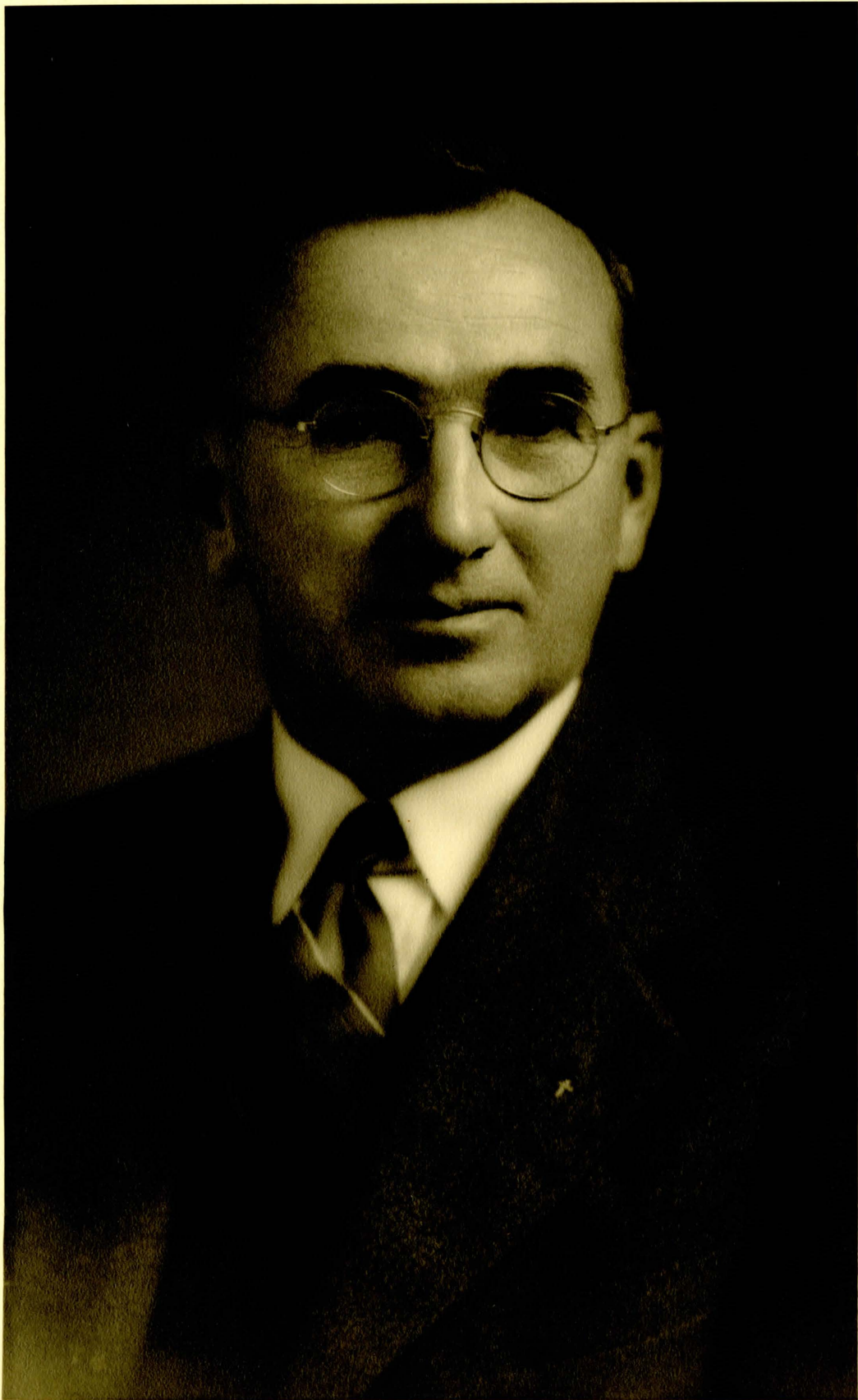
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Franklin J. Feather was born November 14, 1868, in Berrien County, Michigan, and at the age of eighteen began a career as an evangelist, conducting meetings through southern Michigan and in Indiana.

He married Miss Rosa Mae Harter, a native of Pennsylvania, August 14, 1888, after which they served pastorates in the Free Methodist church in Blissfield, Decatur and Kalamazoo. He served the Evangelical Church in Byron, Eureka, where he was ordained Elder in 1898, Ludington in the Riverton charge, and in South Rockwood. Later he was a Congregational pastor at Bostwick lake and Bedford. His last three pastorates were in Berlin Center, Morley and Trowbridge, where he served as a devoted pastor in the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He retired from the ministry and moved to Allegan in 1914.

Mr. Feather entered politics in 1923 and was elected alderman and served 1923 and 1924. In 1931 he was elected city treasurer and served in that office until he was elected city clerk in 1933, which office he still holds in 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Feather are the parents of three children: Samuel, of Grand Rapids, Merle of Muskegon, and Mrs. Pearl H. Padgham of Allegan. They have one grandson, Edgar R. Repp, of Allegan. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, August 14, 1938.



DR. J. P. KELLY
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ELVIN CARL FINKBEINER

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Elvin Carl Finkbeiner was born in Leighton township, Allegan county, Michigan, May 3, 1896, a son of Andrew G., and Anna B., Finkbeiner of German descent. He has a sister Lula, who married James D. Clark and resides in Middleville, Michigan; a brother, Oscar L., who married Marion Harper and also resides in Middleville; and a sister Ruth, who married Wilbur Klump and resides in the same village.

Elvin Carl Finkbeiner attended the rural schools and the school in Caledonia, Michigan, and was graduated from the Middleville high school in 1914. He remained with his parents on the farm for six years and then in the fall of 1920 entered Albion College, planning to enter the Christian ministry. In 1924 Albion College granted him the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

In October, 1922, he was appointed by Dr. Franklin H. Clapp, District Superintendent, as supply pastor of the Butler charge and in September, 1923, he joined the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on trial. In the fall of 1924,

he entered Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois, and was graduated in 1927 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

June 21, 1925, he was married to Burmah Wortz of St. Clair, Michigan. She is the daughter of John L. and Ada Langel Wortz, was graduated from the St. Clair high school, earned a teacher's life certificate in the Normal School at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and taught school several years at Yale, Algonac and other schools in that part of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Finkbeiner are the parents of:

Barbara, born March 2, 1928;

Betty, born February 1, 1933;

Ellen, born February 6, 1935; and

Norma, born January 5, 1937.

Mr. Finkbeiner supplied the Carlton charge on the Ann Arbor District in the Detroit Annual Conference during the summer of 1925, and in the fall was given Pokagon in the Michigan Annual Conference as a student appointment while attending Garrett Biblical Institute. In 1927, he was ordained Elder under the seminary rule. Since then he has served as pastor the following charges: Schoolcraft and Portage 1927-9; Decatur, 1929-1931; Rosebush Circuit, 1931-1934; Levering Circuit, 1934-1940; Bangor and Breeds -

ville, 1940- .

Mr. Finkbeiner's parents are members of the Methodist Church at Middleville and the father served as a Sunday school teacher and as superintendent and Elvin very naturally joined the church at the age of twelve. He became an active worker in the Epworth League, which, with the influence of his pastors, particularly E. K. Lewis and J. H. Westbrook, led him into the Christian ministry. He was greatly encouraged by William H. Helrigel, who went into the ministry from the Middleville Methodist Church, as did also George Stanford and Halph Harper. Wesley Shondelmeyer and his brother Harvey went into the ministry of the Church of Christ from Middleville, which is some record for a town of its size.

Mr. Finkbeiner says that his seminary experience broadened his outlook and that his experience as a pastor has mellowed and deepened his spirit. He has sought to build steadily and has given special attention to the young people. The foregoing was written in 1941.



A. C. Geyer



Aminta S. Geyer

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Albin Carson Geyer was born on a farm near North Liberty, St. Joseph county, Indiana, son of John Michael Geyer, who was born in Verlangen, Germany, and came to America with his father's family at the age of eleven. They resided for a brief period at Dearborn, Indiana, and then moved to the farm home three miles east of North Liberty.

Albin Carson Geyer's mother was Phoebe Cole Geyer, who was born in Ohio and moved with her father's family to a farm home about three miles south of North Liberty, Indiana. After her marriage to John M. Geyer their home was established near the home of her father.

Albin Carson Geyer was one of eleven children, the first dying in infancy and ten becoming adult men and women.

When Albin was seven years of age the Indiana farm was sold and the family moved to a farm which had been purchased in Niles township, Berrien county, Michigan. This was a beautiful homestead where he spent his boyhood and youth.

He attended the rural school in Indiana and in

Michigan the rural school which he attended was located on a corner of his father's farm. The Buchanan high school gave him the training of its curriculum and the University of Michigan completed his educational preparation for his life work.

At his birth a devout aunt, Mrs. Catherine Geyer Kinzie, knelt at the bedside and prayed that the boy might become a good minister of Jesus Christ. She also requested that he might be named in honor of two good ministers who were then serving churches in St. Joseph county, Indiana, the Reverend Mr. Albin and the Reverend Mr. Carson; hence the name Albin Carson Geyer.

The call of the ministry was uppermost in his mind during his childhood and after seven years service in the public schools following the completion of his work in the University of Michigan, four of which were as superintendent of the public schools in New Carlisle, Indiana, he entered the Methodist ministry, in which he served for thirty-nine years, retiring in September 1929.

His first appointment as pastor was to the South Bend Circuit and he and his wife resided in South Bend. They had been married soon after he completed his work at the University of Michigan and she

shared in his labors until her death March 28, 1930.

Following the South Bend Circuit he served as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal churches in Thorntown; St. Paul's, Lafayette; Las Vegas, New Mexico; Oak Park, Illinois; Sterling, Illinois; First Church, Morris Illinois; First Church, Alton, Illinois; First Church, Carbondale, Illinois; First Church, Watseka, Illinois; and Kirkwood, Illinois. At Thorntown he received into membership one Easter ninety people; St. Paul's, Lafayette, burned and Mr. Geyer led in its re-building and Mr. Andrew Carnegie gave a new organ costing \$4500; at Carbondale, with his official board, \$65,000 was raised to be invested in the \$130,000 church building. His pastorate at Las Vegas was a very happy one and the letters and testimonials from other churches indicate unusually effective leadership. The following is but one of many such expressions:

"I count it a privilege to speak a few words of appreciation of a pastor who was a real inspiration to me when I was a youth and in need of guidance, and whose memory is still encouraging to me in the maturer years of my ministry.

"The Reverend A. C. Geyer came to Las Vegas, New Mexico, nearly forty years ago, when I was president of the Epworth League. During his pastorate, which, as I now recall, extended over a period of three or four years, the church took on new life, was virtually transformed from one of a number of Protestant

churches in the city to the leading church of all denominations. The pulpit spoke with a prophetic voice, the Sunday school gathered in children and youth from all quarters for religious instruction, the Epworth League took on numerical strength and leadership such as had never before been experienced in that community, the Ladies Aid became a power for good, and some of the most influential men of the city counted it a privilege to be known as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"It was my privilege to be associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church during two previous pastorates, both of which were regarded as successful at the time. And while I have no desire to make comparisons, the outstanding ministry of the three was that of Dr. Geyer. Las Vegas is the seat of the New Mexico Normal University, and many faculty members and students attended services at our church during this pastorate. But the outstanding achievement among youth was that no less than a dozen young people seemed to get the inspiration to go elsewhere to perfect themselves for Christian work, either in the Christian Ministry, the Mission Field or the teaching profession. Not a few of them - the pastor's daughter included - have made outstanding records in those fields. And those who chose to remain at home have had a higher conception of the Christian Church ever since.

"I think it is not too much to say that this particular pastorate was typical of the service which was given to the Church, and to the Kingdom, by Dr. Geyer. Altogether he served twelve years in college communities. I can speak of only one from first-hand knowledge; but since his ministry was singularly successful here, and greatly blessed, I can but conclude that similar results followed in the other communities where he was the spiritual shepherd.

"His ministry included pastorates in cities and churches of outstanding interest and usefulness, including Lafayette, Indiana, Las Vegas, New Mexico, Oak Park, Sterling, Morris, Alton and Carbondale, Illinois. Some of these churches

were burdened with debt when Dr. Geyer arrived; but all experienced a definite release from such burdens, and several were completely emancipated before he left. In two important pastorates he was the inspiration for the building of a new church and saw those enterprises successfully completed."

The foregoing was written by Dr. Benjamin Eitelgerge, the pastor of the University Park Methodist Church, Denver, Colorado.

The following testimonial, which came unsolicited, should serve as an example of the esteem in which Dr. Geyer was held in the Churches which he was privileged to serve:

"The undersigned members of the Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Church of Morris, Illinois, having been advised of the possible removal of our pastor, the Rev. A. C. Geyer, to a larger and more responsible field of labor, hereby tender to him this slight testimonial of our appreciation of his character and services among us.

"During a pastorate of three years he has been a faithful servant of the church. He has been loyal to every interest. In the pulpit and on the platform he has shown himself 'a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.' Never have we had occasion to be ashamed of his ministrations. His teachings have been orthodox, Scriptural, evangelistic. In the Sunday school he has been a guide and an inspiration. The children and young people have learned to honor and love him. In the prayer meeting he has been a tower of strength. He has been a faithful pastor. He has been especially helpful and friendly to the poor and the sick. He has comforted the dying and buried our dead, never shrinking but always ready with fitting words full of comfort and encouragement. On questions of civic righteousness and moral reform he has had the courage of his convictions and has been a leader in the community. He has been a good financier. He has been faithful to the benev-

olent collections. His ministrations have been earnest and deeply spiritual.

"Above all he has shown the spirit of the Master in his daily walk. There has been no reproach upon his character. He has been humble, patient, gentle, courageous, helpful, strong. The whole community honors him for what he is; and should he be transferred to another field he will leave behind no sting to hurt the church and impede the work of a new pastor.

"While we have unworthily followed his leadership, and though we would not in any way hinder his progress in the ministry, yet if in the wisdom of the conference he is returned to us for another year we pledge our earnest co-operation in every good work of the church. Should the conference call him and his most excellent family to the larger field which by gifts and graces they are well qualified to occupy, our prayers and benedictions shall go with them."

Morris, Illinois, September 4, 1914.

On retirement Dr. and Mrs. Geyer returned to his boyhood stamping ground and resided on U. S. 31 about four miles north of South Bend, Indiana. From this Dixie Highway home the loved form of Mrs. Geyer was borne to its final resting place.

July 11, 1933, Dr. Geyer was married to Armintha Smith, who grew to womanhood in Berrien county, Michigan. She was educated in the public schools of Berrien Springs and the Michigan Normal School at Ypsilanti. She then taught school and attended school alternately until near the time of her marriage, teaching three years at Berrien Springs; seven years in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois; ten years in

LaPorte, Indiana; ten years in Charlotte, Michigan; six years in Dowagiac, Michigan; then she retired and it was said of her that "she taught with the natural gifts of one who loved children and loved her work."

Dr. and Mrs. Geyer made their home in Niles and spent their winters in Florida following their marriage. Dr. Geyer was asked by the "Couples Club" of the Methodist Church in Niles to be their Sunday school teacher and he consented and was very much beloved by the members of the club as was also Mrs. Geyer. The pastor and the membership of the church held them both in high esteem and asked the privilege of including them in the Historical Directory in connection with the history of the Niles Methodist Church. The foregoing was written in 1942.



Frederic S. Goodrich

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Frederic Samuel Ives Goodrich was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, September 9, 1865. He graduated from the high school in Waterbury in 1882; Business School of Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, 1883; Wesleyan Academy, 1885; Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, 1890. He received the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1898; the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Defiance College, 1909; the degree of Doctor of Literature from Albion College, 1935. He studied in the University of Berlin; American Archaeological Institute in Athens, Greece; University of Chicago, Yale, and the American School of Oriental Research, Jerusalem. He was appointed teacher of Greek, Wesleyan University, 1891; professor of Greek, Albion College, 1892; professor of English Bible, Albion College, June 16, 1903.

Dr. Goodrich conducted a Bible Conference in Mexico in 1923. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Bronson Hospital since 1930;

was acting president of Albion College in 1924. He was candidate for governor on the Prohibition ticket, 1900; was state secretary of the Michigan Sunday School Association and editor of the Michigan Sunday School Advance, 1910-1921.

He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Free Masons, Psi Upsilon, Mystical Seven, Zeta Phi, and a Phi Beta Kappa.

He has served as acting pastor of Methodist churches in Vicksburg, Coldwater, Benton Harbor, Holland and Saugatuck, North Lansing, First Church; Kalamazoo, First Church; Grand Rapids, First Church; Muskegon Heights; Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek; Albion, First Church; Calvary, Jackson. He became college chaplain of Albion College in 1935.

In 1893, in Waterbury, Connecticut, he married Mary Maltby Harrison. They have two children, Frederic Harrison, and Helen Ruth Daulton.

Dr. Goodrich entered the New York East Annual Conference in 1890, and was ordained a local deacon in 1892, and Elder in 1893. He transferred to the North Ohio Conference, thence to the Detroit Conference, and thence to the Michigan Conference in 1914.

He has made three trips abroad, and three

trips to Mexico.