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WILLIAM E. HISLE

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deeply devoted to his church, his family, his friends, and his God. He was dearly
 beloved by his people.

Funeral services were conducted at the Barbour, Merritt, and Hamlin funeral home
 at Tollesboro. The Rev. J. H. Ritchie, pastor of the Tollesboro Methodist Church,
 officiated. His body was laid to rest in the East Fork Cemetery, in Lewis County, to
 await the glad resurrection morning.

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

J. H. RITCHIE

CARL EDWARD VOGEL

On Wednesday, 3:00 P.M., August 7, 1957, this Kentucky Annual Conference lost
 a valiant leader, an irreplaceable builder of the Church in Kentucky. My friend, your
 friend, a good minister of Jesus Christ, Dr. Carl E. Vogel, will not answer roll call
 at this Conference session. He has left us and his going brings not only grief to his
 family and friends, but such serious loss in the ranks of the ministry of this Conference
 that the thoughtful leaders of this Conference are stunned and perplexed with the
 problem of carrying on without him.

Carl Edward Vogel was born February 21, 1891, at Cold Springs, Kentucky, the
 youngest of a family of thirteen children. He graduated from Campbell County High
 School. In order to attend college, he carried the rural mail for some three years and
 saved his earnings for college expenses. He graduated from Berea College with
 distinction and in 1950 he was honored with the Doctor of Divinity degree at Union
 College.

Dr. Vogel was admitted into membership of the Kentucky Annual Conference of
 the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1919, and served effectively many churches of the
 Conference. His entire ministry was in Kentucky. He was pastor at Corbin, Berea,
 Harlan, First Church in Ashland, Trinity Temple in Louisville, Fort Thomas, Pikeville
 and Maysville. He was District Superintendent of the Barbourville District in his
 earlier ministry and recently was District Superintendent of the Frankfort District.
 For a brief period he was Acting Dean of Union College. He was a most devoted
 Trustee of Union College for many years. During all his pastorates, Dr. Vogel was a
 community man. The entire life of every city or community where he served felt the
 lift and power of his leadership for righteousness. Today all Kentuckians are proud
 of Cumberland State Park which enshrines beautiful Cumberland Falls—a scenic center
 of Southeastern Kentucky and enjoyed by all Kentuckians as well as by thousands of
 tourists from many states each year. But Dr. Carl E. Vogel was the moving spirit that
 fought for the creation of Cumberland State Park while he served as President of the
 Cumberland Falls Preservation Association. He was also a friend of Boy Scouts, and his
 outstanding service in scouting earned for him the Silver Beaver award presented to
 him by the National Council of Boy Scouts of America in 1933. This is the highest
 honor that can come to an adult volunteer Scout leader. In Rotary and Kiwanis he was
 always a civic leader and was known and beloved community-wide wherever he served.

An adequate appraisal of the life and work of Carl Edward Vogel is not easy.
 He was a man of many marked qualities, but all his talents were organized completely
 around his one passion—to lead men and women to God. His own spiritual girth made
 him a master in the skill of spiritual guidance and evangelistic power. He was not
 simply a preacher but a revivalist of the first order. People loved him because he never
 grew weary in helping people. Self-denial to help people was the mold in which he was
 cast. This was the chief joy of his life and he never tired in utmost efforts to help his
 fellowmen to find Christ in their personal experience. At all hours and at any personal
 inconvenience, he was available to counsel and assist any in trouble and to guide any
 confused and frustrated in mind or heart. The warmth of his brotherly spirit made other
 lives glow in hope and faith.

Brother Vogel was a man of definite and intense convictions. He did not parade
 his convictions but neither did he apologize for them. He was utterly unafraid when
 it came to declaring his convictions, or taking an uncompromising stand in loyalty
 to Christian principle as he saw it. In his early ministry, he was inclined to be offensively
 dogmatic in his declaration of convictions and made enemies at times. But in his later

years, he was sweet-spirited in his firmness of convictions, and those in disagreement held him in high esteem.

Again Brother Vogel was a dedicated man. Putting his hand to the plow, he never looked back. He possessed resources of dedication to a cause that seemed almost inexhaustible. He would never surrender or waver in his loyalty. This loyalty to a commitment was a thing of supreme concern to him and he was a stranger to retreat. Whenever this man settled a course of action or an attitude as right, there was no compromise.

Another mark that distinguished Carl Vogel was his enthusiasm. From his private conversation to his public utterances, he was always bubbling over with enthusiasm. There was a whole-heartedness in his living as well as his preaching that made him ever fresh and interesting to all who came under his attention. He impressed all as having within him a spring of living water that flowed ceaselessly in a refreshing stream. This gave a contagion to his personality that explains his winsomeness with people everywhere.

I hope I may be excused for a personal testimony in my experience with this man of such rare spirit. During his long tenure as Trustee of Union College, I worked closely with Dr. Vogel. He was never absent from a Board meeting except last May when his health made attendance impossible. Never have I witnessed such devotion and loyalty as he had for Union College. For many years he was minute secretary of the Board and worked with full abandon for the promotion and welfare of the College. During these years of his trusteeship, Dr. Vogel was a great builder of this institution and I learned to lean on him in many critical situations for skilled leadership, sound wisdom, and plenty of hard work. His replacement in this post will be hard to find, and for years to come Union College will suffer a severe loss in his absence.

Our deep sympathy and prayers go out to the stricken widow, Mrs. Minnie Vogel, the son, Karl E. Vogel, Jr., and the two sisters, Mrs. Katie E. Puff, and Mrs. L. B. Pendery, and a brother, Jacob F. Vogel. Thousands of friends share with the family the painful experience of the loss of this great man of God from their fellowship and from the leadership of the Church he loved and in whose service he gave his all. The memory of Carl Edward Vogel will bring strength and inspiration for finer living and richer service to all who were fortunate in knowing him.

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EDWARD COMBS WATTS, SR.

Edward Combs Watts, Sr., was born in 1882 in Winchester, Kentucky. He was educated at Kentucky Wesleyan College, and continued throughout his life a vital interest in scholarly studies. He was an avid reader, and even in his latter years read his New Testament in the Greek. While his chief studies were in the field of Church History, he was at home with recent developments in the field of theology and kindred subjects.

Brother Watts was admitted to the Kentucky Conference in 1910 and served many churches in the Kentucky Conference, among them being Whitesburg, Letcher Mission, Fleming Mission, Owingsville, Corbin, Lynch Mines, Jenkins, Morehead, Butler, Berry, Lawrenceburg, Ghent, Simpsonville, and Jonesville. He never served the larger churches, but he never thought of his responsibility as being small. He served with sacrifice and devotion, known perhaps only to a few of those closest to him. He was the pastor of several large circuits, but never had an automobile. He walked many, many miles in his ministerial work, and always kept his appointments faithfully, and served his churches with diligence. He retired in 1947, and made his home at Simpsonville.

I had the privilege of following Brother Watts in one appointment, and found that the people of the church and community were devoted to him. He loved people, and his life was a benediction, even in the humblest homes where he served.

Brother Watts loved his Church. He was devoted to his Lord. He was a devout and careful student of the scriptures, and possessed the ability to explain and expound them. Just a week before his passing, evidently sensing that the end was near, he conducted a funeral service for a friend, and mentioned the fact that this was probably his last public utterance. Feeling this to be true, he spoke again to his friends and neighbors, and in so doing, testified of his own personal experience, and spoke a good word for Jesus Christ.

Brother Watts passed away in his sleep on the morning of August 14, 1957. His funeral was conducted at Shelbyville by the Reverend Edward L. Tullis, Frankfort, and

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