

## ESTHER BERGMAN

Esther Louise Bergman was born at Superior, Wis., July 18, 1894; and died at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Dec. 10, 1935.

After receiving her elementary education in the public and church schools of Wisconsin and other places, she entered upon nurses' training in 1914 at Loma Linda, Calif. After finishing her training she served at various times as surgical nurse, supervisor of the women's ward, head of the obstetrical department, and head of the dispensary at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif. She then spent some time in private nursing, later accepting the position of field supervisor in connection with the Washington Sanitarium and the Columbia Union, at Washington, D.C.

She was called to work in Ethiopia three years ago, accompanying her brother, Dr. G. C. Bergman, when he returned to that field from furlough. The Zauditu Memorial Hospital was established and built up in these three years.

Miss Bergman's labor was not limited to nursing. She had a deep interest in teaching the Ethiopian workers under her charge during this time. Her cheerful disposition and exemplary Christian life were an inspiration to all. To her the needy could come for help, the discouraged for comfort. Her joy was to see that others advanced in learning and Christian experience. Her motto was, "Others." Truly a princess has fallen in Israel. May her life serve as an example to us in work for the Master in this world of sin and woe.

Her mother, Mrs. Jennie Bergman; a brother, Ted Bergman; and a sister, Ruth Bergman, all of California; and her brother, Dr. Bergman in Ethiopia, remain to mourn.

Her body was laid to rest in the foreign cemetery at Addis Ababa, there to await the call of the great Life-giver. The funeral was attended by a large number of missionaries, nurses, and doctors of many denominations, as well as representatives from the United States consulate office.

May we all be faithful till the Life-giver, in a little while, shall call His faithful children home. Herbert Hanson.

In the same mail which brought this life sketch, there came a letter from M. J. Sorenson, superintendent of the Ethiopian Union Mission. He bears this testimony as to the faithfulness and consecration of Sister Bergman in her work in Ethiopia:

"We all feel that a great and noble woman has passed away. Sister Bergman was a conscientious and devout Christian. She loved her Bible, and memorized chapter after chapter. Next to the Bible she treasured the 'Testimonies,' which she read constantly. When her brother, George, wired to her at Washington, asking her to go with him to Ethiopia, she responded by taking one of the first trains out of Washington for Los Angeles. This responsiveness and readiness was very characteristic of her.

"She was a tireless and faithful worker. Her pleasant smile and cheery ways not only were a healing balm to the sick to whom she so tenderly ministered, but also made it a pleasure to be associated with her as a fellow worker. She combined in a very beautiful way the two characteristics of Martha and Mary,—a willingness to serve and a desire to sit at the feet of her Saviour, whom she loved and adored. In her busy life she always found time for meditation and prayer.

"When she and her brother arrived in Addis Ababa to open the Zauditu Memorial Hospital, there was a great deal of hard work to be done to get the unfinished and unfurnished buildings ready for use. She stood shoulder to shoulder with her brother in those days of hard work, and it was this spirit that started the work of the hospital off in such a successful way, and which has contributed so much to the continued and rapid prosperity of the institution.

"Miss Bergman was a valued worker in our circle, and her loss will be keenly felt. Her personal work among the Ethiopian helpers and her untiring efforts to train them as nurses have already produced efficient Ethiopian nurses who loved her dearly."

## JAMES H. HOWARD, M.D.

Funeral services for Dr. James H. Howard, who passed away Jan. 6, 1936, at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, aged seventy-four years, were held Sabbath afternoon, January 11, at the First Seventh-day Adventist church. Burial followed at the Harmony Cemetery, Monday afternoon.

Dr. Howard was born at Brookville, Md. He attended the grammar school at Brighton, Md. In his early teens he came to Washington

and attended Howard University. In 1883 he received his M.D. from the Medical School of Howard University. After graduation he practiced as a physician, and at the same time served as a clerk in the War Department in Washington, D.C. In 1886 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Isabella Marion Cook, who preceded him in death by a number of years.

For over forty-five years he was a faithful and devoted member of the First Seventh-day Adventist church. His fellow members looked to him as a worthy leader, a friend and brother.

In 1923 he went to Abyssinia, and while there his interest in building a school for the education of Ethiopian girls materialized. Returning to this country after an absence of about a year, he reentered the government service. In 1925 he was married to Miss Retha Dillard, with whom he lived happily until the time of his death.

Dr. Howard was a Christian gentleman. His inspiring life, his noble character, have left their impression not only on the church circle, but on all who were acquainted with him.

He is survived by his wife; one sister, Mrs. Martha Ann Pumphrey; and many other relatives, and a host of devoted friends. We feel confident that our brother sleeps in Jesus, awaiting the voice of the Life-giver.

A. E. Webb.

## ELDER J. C. MIKKELSEN

J. C. Mikkelsen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 14, 1851; and died at Plant City, Fla., Nov. 27, 1935. His parents came to America when he was a year and a half old, and settled at Poy Sippi, Wis.

When he was thirteen years old, he accepted the message with his parents, under the labor of Elder J. G. Mattison. His preparation for the ministry was obtained at Battle Creek College.

In 1872 he married Emma Jergensen, of Neenah, Wis., to whom were born two children: Willis P., and Esther, now Mrs. E. E. Graham, of Plant City, Fla.

Elder Mikkelsen was one of the pioneers in the message, as there were less than five thousand believers when he accepted the truth. For forty years he was engaged in active service, and labored in the Dakotas, Iowa, Kansas, and Wisconsin. In 1907 he moved to Plant City, Fla., where his wife died in 1928. Here he shepherded the flock, and built a house of worship. When a new church was built he again had a part.

Brother Mikkelsen took great pleasure in helping the youth to get an education. He and T. B. Snow were the first workers to build up the Bethel Academy in Wisconsin. He also was a friend of orphans, eleven of whom he and his wife cared for in their home. Brother Mikkelsen made many sacrifices to advance the message when the workers were few and the means to support the workers were limited. He knew what sacrifice and hardship meant. He was a faithful worker in the cause.

In 1907 he retired from active service on account of ill health, but his godly life has left a good influence for the truth. The writer had known our brother for over forty years, and labored with him in the same conference for sixteen years. At the funeral of his wife I sought to comfort him with the promises of the Life-giver. Again it fell to my lot to speak words of hope to the sorrowing hearts of his loved ones, but surely the separation cannot be long, for the coming of our Redeemer must be very near.

We laid our brother to rest in the hope of the first resurrection.

J. B. Locken.

Cottrell.—Mrs. Margaret Cottrell, nee Grant, was born at Fredericktown, Ohio, Dec. 23, 1849; and died at National City, Calif., Dec. 21, 1935. Completing her education, Miss Grant taught in the public schools of her native State until March 27, 1877, when she was united in marriage to Hampton W. Cottrell. Five years later they responded to the call for pioneer workers in the Maritime Mission field, following which they were transferred in 1893 to South Lancaster, Mass., where for twelve years Elder Cottrell served as president, first of the New England Con-

ference, and later of the Atlantic Union. In the spring of 1906 they were transferred to Mountain View, Calif.; and after six years of united labor in the Pacific Union Conference, she accompanied her husband to Portland, Oreg., from which center Elder Cottrell led the forces of the Western Oregon Conference, and later the North Pacific Union. In the midst of these activities, they were both suddenly stricken with serious illness; and upon their recovery, having unflinchingly braved the blast of many winters, it was thought best for them to retire to less active service. Accordingly, in 1925 they established a modest, comfortable home in Paradise Valley, and here took a lively interest in church and Sabbath school work. Sister Cottrell is survived by her husband, a nephew, and a niece.

R. F. Cottrell.

Smith.—Jasper G. Smith was born in Missouri, Dec. 11, 1856; and died at Ontario, Calif., Dec. 22, 1935. He came to California at the age of nineteen. Converted at the age of twenty-three, he accepted the blessed Sabbath truth about four years later. He took the ministerial course at Healdsburg College, and labored many years in evangelistic work in various parts of California, and a short time in Washington, some of the time being spent as a collaborator with Roderick S. Owen. During the last few years he spent much of his time visiting the sick and isolated, and many were cheered by his calls. Active until the very last, he quietly fell asleep in Jesus to await the call of the Life-giver.

He leaves his wife; three sons, Owen E., of Santa Rosa, Dr. Lloyd E., of San Bernardino, Captain Lowell H., of Washington, D. C.; and two daughters, Mrs. Frances Bolander, of Van Nuys, and Verna, who made her home with her parents; eight grandchildren and other relatives, and many friends who will mourn their loss.

He was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Cemetery, services being conducted by the writer, assisted by Howard Curran and George Grover. William G. Wirth.

Woolgar.—Dr. Clinton H. Woolgar was born at Caledonia, Mich., June 6, 1875; and died at Berrien Springs, Mich., Nov. 16, 1935. He accepted the third angel's message at the age of sixteen, and was faithful to the last. He was united in marriage with Katherine Rose Symmes. One daughter, Mrs. J. M. Chapel, of Flint, Mich., was born to this union. He was graduated from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery in 1889, and practiced in Ohio and Michigan for some time. In 1894 he was graduated from the Ohio College of Dentistry at Cincinnati, and practiced dentistry in New Mexico and Ohio, removing to Berrien Springs in 1923. Because of failing health he ceased his work as a dentist March 1, 1934. He leaves to mourn, his wife and daughter, two brothers, Dr. E. M. Woolgar and Dr. R. Fred Pettit, and two sisters.

C. N. Sanders.

Wheeler.—Dr. Ira A. Wheeler was born at Waukon, Iowa, Feb. 26, 1861; and died at St. Helena, Calif., Jan. 2, 1936. He was the grandson of Frederick Wheeler, one of the first Seventh-day Adventist ministers, and of Ira Abbey, of New York, at whose home Elder and Sister White spent much time when in need of rest. His unselfish life of ministry was marked by skill, sympathy, and kindness as a physician and surgeon; and by real self-sacrifice he was a father in Israel, as he and his faithful wife took scores of our young people into their hospitable home and gave them the advantages of a Christian education. He dearly loved the message of truth. His faithfulness in tithing and his liberality in offerings are worthy of emulation. His wife, seven sons and daughters, his sister, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, look forward to meeting him again when the Life-giver shall say, "Well done."

L. E. Folkenberg.

Grant.—Fred B. Grant was born at Lincoln, Maine, May 5, 1860; and died at Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1936. He was married in 1890 to Lilla Mae Reed. Under the labors of B. F. Goodrich they joined the church at Palmyra, and immediately entered the colporteur work, going to Battle Creek, Mich., two years later, to attend the General Conference Bible School during the winter of 1893. In the spring of 1894 they were sent with Elder and Mrs. Flowers to open up the work in Trinidad, West Indies, and on the following September he was obliged to return to Maine to complete recovery from the yellow fever. Later, as a result of his colporteur work, a small group of believers were baptized in Phillips, Maine.