



### REV. LAWRENCE JAMES VALENTINE

On February 18, 1928, the life of the Rev. Lawrence James Valentine came to a close. Those who were privileged to know this great and good man during his eighty-seven years of life, shared with his family the saddened sense of a personal and irreparable loss while at the same time rejoicing in the thought that the far-reaching influence of Rev. Valentine, as a true minister of the gospel has made the world a much better place in which to live.

An outstanding characteristic of this far seeing man, was his love of the beautiful things of life and the full life he lived was crowded with efforts which resulted in good that will bring pleasure and benefit to a great many people through years to come.

He has had charge of many pastorates in the Methodist Episcopal Church, two being in Baltimore, St. Paul and Centennial. He was also at one time Presiding Elder of the Alexandria, now Richmond, District. Always truly giving of himself, he felt it not only a duty, but a privilege to be of help to his fellow man. Gentle, courteous, kind, considerate and above all modest of self, he fulfilled his sense of obligation to God even regardless of financial gain for himself.

He was twice married, having survived the whole of his first family, excepting grandchildren. His radiant personality and his spirit of making others happy, inspired in every person, young and old, man or woman, high or low, a mingled reverence and affection that made them feel their loss of a true friend.

The passing of Rev. Valentine was closely followed by that of one of his sons, Lawrence James, Jr., on March 23, 1928, but his widow, Mrs. Phenola Singleton Valentine, and nine children survive.

The oldest son, Singleton Valentine, is married and is a teacher in the city schools of Baltimore. The other children are Thaddeus, Harry, Marjorie, Amy, Phenola, Alvin, Wilbur and Naomi.

The above appreciation is presented by one who esteems it a happy honor to be privileged by the family to sign himself,

A friend,

GEORGE LEO FERGUSON.