

THOMAS M GUILD

Son of the Rev. George and Sarah Hull Guild, Thomas M. Guild was born in Pennsylvania June 29, 1854. He passed to his eternal home on July 19, 1941, at the age of eighty seven years and twenty days.

Early in his childhood, his parents moved to Indiana, where the father preached for a number of years until, forced by ill health, he retired to a farm near Medaryville, Indiana. It was here that Thomas grew up under the guidance and protection of a godly home. It was here also, that he met the girl who was to be his future wife, Miss Sarah Brown, who had come to live in the community upon the death of her parents in Stockdale, Indiana. They were united in marriage on Feb. 22, 1874.

Being soundly converted to God, he soon felt the call to become a minister of the Gospel; In a day when college graduates in the Methodist ministry were the exception rather than the rule, he entered and graduated from DePauw University. Later his alma mater, because of his distinguished service to the church and to the kingdom of God, honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Guild served for thirty-eight years as an effective conference member. He served appointments at Harmony, Hillsboro, Hagerstown, Greentown, Ligioner, Elwood, Auburn First, Marion First, Conference Evangelist, Wabash First, Markle and Huntington First.

On June 27, 1920, after forty-six years of happy companionship, Dr. Guild had the misfortune to lose the wife of his youth. He later married Miss Myrtle Judkins, a girlhood friend of the first wife, who was his faithful companion for nineteen years. Again he was left alone. Her funeral was held on Easter, 1940.

Dr. Guild was an unusually good preacher. He was fervently evangelistic and his ministry has been blessed with many revivals. Wherever he went, the churches have prospered under his ministry.

His death came in July 1941. Funeral services were held at First church Huntington, on July 20th, with Dr. Burl M. Bechdolt preaching the sermon.