



REV. ABRAHAM J. PALMER, D.D.

York, and First Church, Yonkers, N.Y. New churches at Park Avenue, St. Paul's and Yonkers were built during his pastorate. In addition to a wide reputation as a preacher, he is well known throughout the country as a lecturer. His lecture, entitled "Company 'D,' the Die-no-mores," has been delivered many times. He received the degree of D.D. from Syracuse University and Alleghany College both on the same day, 1885.

REV. W. J. CARPENTER.

Rev. W. J. Carpenter is a native of Ohio by birth, but was raised in the West. He was converted in Western Kansas and licensed to preach, and entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in Missouri. In 1881 he joined the South-West Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was appointed to circuits, stations and districts till January, 1896, when he was transferred to Florida. He was the youngest Presiding Elder in his Conference in Missouri. He has always taken a deep interest in young people, and was elected President of the State League of Florida, after having been there six months. In his early ministry he began to collect a missionary library, and has given the subject of missions continued attention. He looked upon the movement as being the finest expression of the pulsing of the Redeemer's heart that belongs to the Church. God has blessed his ministry with many seasons of revivals; and, as a result, many have been added to the Church. During these meetings he urged the cause of missions, and those who have been converted under his ministry have shown a deep sympathy in and have been strong supporters of the work. He regards the Convention to convene in Toronto as one of the means to be used by our Lord to create and quicken a conscience in this work, which is so near to his heart.

REV. L. S. RADER, D.D.

Rev. L. S. Rader, D.D., who is to lead the devotional exercises at Metropolitan Church, Friday evening, although a young man, has been a pastor in the M. E. Church

eleven years, and a presiding elder four years. He was the ministerial delegate from St. John's River Conference to the General Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, May, 1896. He is a graduate of Scio College, and was given the degree of Doctor of Divinity by U. S. Grant University. He is now pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Greenville, Pa.

REV. F. E. DAY.

Rev. F. E. Day, who delivers the address on "Missionary Literature and its Circulation," at the Missionary Conference, is a member of the North-West Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is in his thirty-fourth year of age, and has occupied the offices of vice-president and president of the Iowa State Epworth League, which numbers over 100,000 members. At present he is a member of the Iowa State Epworth League Assembly Commission, elected to the State Convention, being editor of the official organ of that body.

He brings to the Toronto platform a reputation as an original and easy speaker, aiming at and succeeding in securing an interesting presentation of whatever subject he seeks to treat. Among his conference associates he enjoys full confidence, and holds a trusteeship of the conference-College at Sioux City. He has served on the Conference-Educational Committee for seven consecutive years. He is liberally educated in State and Church universities, and will happily occupy his place on the programme if he half fulfils the expectations of his friends. His local chapter of the Epworth League is one of the best of his Conference and his Church is one of the strongest, occupying the finest church edifice, within the bounds of the Conference, of any denomination. Rev. Mr. Day was born in California, but has passed his life since boyhood in Iowa.

REV. W. P. THIRKIELD, D.D.

Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D.D., is President of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., which Bishop Havgood has pronounced to be the most important and successful undertaking in the education of ministers, especially for the negro race in America or in the world. Mr. Thir-



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