

## LESSON 10

### FRANK E. HAY

April 17, 1863 Oct. 7, 1934

Last Sunday as the community gathering at the chapel was sitting down to eat, one of the saddest deaths of late years occurred. Mr. Hay, who had been a pillar of the Congregational church for years and secretary of the Congregational society for about a quarter of a century, had just seated himself after the invocation when he was suddenly seized with apoplexy which, owing to his weakened heart caused him to expire in less than five minutes.

It seems well and fitting that the leader of the Congregational society for all these years should pass away among the friends and surroundings that he loved so well.

Immediately on his sinking to his chair, Doctor McLaughlin, who was seated directly behind him and others close by came to his immediate assistance, but in spite of everything that could be done he passed to a Heavenly reward without regaining consciousness.

Through all the years he has maintained the solidity of the Congregational society by his untiring efforts and his perpetual and constant vigilance, even to the cutting of the weeds and grass. There was no detail that ever escaped him.

Mr. Hay occupied a very high place in the community and has often been elected to public office. He was director of the school board of the Chance district for over a quarter of a century. He had held the office of Justice of the Peace in the township and he was at the time of his death treasurer of the township of Vermontville and trustee of the village of Vermontville; a member of the common council who took definite action on his passing, by a special meeting of sorrow on Tuesday of this week. The resolutions are printed in another part of this paper.

He also was an active worker in the Grange, being a member for years and working for the interest of the farmer and for all mankind. Mr. Hay was born April 17, 1863, at Concord, Indiana, and died October 7, 1934, at the age of 71 years, five months and 20 days, being the son of Adam and Christina Hay.

On March 15, 1882, he came to Michigan and purchased the large farm west of town where he lived until 1927. Since he has resided on West First street in the village.

On March 26, 1885, he was married to Miss Martha Benedict, who survives him together with an only son Howard, a resident of Vicksburg, Michigan. Of his immediate blood kin, besides his son and wife, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Morehouse and Mrs. Laura Satterlee, both residents of the village.

It is unnecessary really to dwell upon the virtues of Mr. Hay. He was a man among men and could see both sides of every question. He was brought in contact with a great many people and by his friendly manner made friends that were lasting. His passing will be grieved by many in all walks of life.—Vermontville Echo.

### VILLAGE OF VERMONTVILLE

#### Vermontville, Michigan

At a special meeting of the Common Council on October 9, 1934, the following resolution was passed, all signatories being present.

Whereas, Divine Providence has seen fit to remove from among us one of our members, therefore

Be It Resolved, that the Common Council of the Village of Vermontville for, and in behalf of the people they represent and for themselves, express our deepest sorrow at the untimely death of Trustee Frank E. Hay;

And that this resolution be spread on the minutes of the proceedings of the Common Council of the Village of Vermontville;

And that a suitable floral offering be made;

And that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family.

No other business coming before this special meeting council was adjourned.

President, O. E. McLaughlin  
Clerk, L. R. Tubbs  
Trustee, Floyd Titmarsh  
Trustee, Joseph Faust  
Trustee, L. W. Loveland

### JAMES H. CLAPPER

James H. Clapper was born in Jackson County, Michigan, December 22, 1856, and passed away Sept. 30, 1934, at the age of 78 years.

He leaves his widow, Elida, one son Marshall of Grand Rapids, and one daughter Ruth Wiersema of Battle Creek, also one grandson Kenneth Mosher of Lansing; two sisters Kate Barhyte of Battle Creek and Mrs. Una Schriver of Utah; two brothers Leon of Vermontville, and Earl of Saginaw, besides several nieces and nephews.

He spent most of his life in and around Vermontville.

The funeral was held Tuesday, October 2nd from the Ward funeral home in Vermontville, Elder

### MRS. EDWARD AVERILL

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Rosetta Thompson Averill, eldest daughter of 5 children of Washington and Deborah Thompson was born Oct. 17, 1853 at Wilkes-Barre, Penn. At the age of three yrs. she came to Portage County, Ohio where the family made their home for six years before coming to Eaton Co., Michigan in 1862. On February 18, 1873 she was married to Edward Averill. Practically all their married life was spent on the farms adjoining her childhood home. She was a woman devoted to her home and family. She will be remembered by all for her generous gifts of flowers which she so dearly loved.

She is survived by her husband Edward Averill, two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Eitel, Vermontville, and Mrs. Ida Andrews, Nashville at whose home she died August 6, 1934. Two sisters are still living. Mrs. Clara Shadderdon, Battle Creek and Mrs. Georgia Knowles, Vermontville. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Mrs. Leta Jacobson and Miss Della Eitel, Lansing, Mr. Gaylord Andrews, Eau Claire, Wis., and Miss Mildred Andrews, Grand Rapids, two great-grandchildren, Harold and Marilyn Jacobson, also two nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were held at the Harley Andrews home in Nashville at two o'clock Wednesday, August 8th, Rev. Roth of the Congregational church, Charlotte, officiating, and burial was at Woodlawn cemetery, all the old neighbors attending.

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Milo C. Deuel, son of Milo and Nancy Deuel, was born in Sunfield township December 16, 1874, and passed away at his home in Needmore June 2, 1934, at the age of 59 years, 5 months and 17 days. He spent his boyhood days around Vermontville and on Feb. 23, 1896 was married to Maude Preston. To this union was born five children, Mrs. Eva Cole of Charlotte, Mrs. Wilma Sayles of Detroit, Victor of Grand Ledge, Mrs. Mary Phillips of Lansing and Cecil of Lansing. Besides his wife and children he leaves three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Mary Prescott of Charlotte, Romey Deuel and Mrs. Sarah Seitz of Vermontville, Mrs. Jennie Porter of Sunfield and Marion Deuel of Greenville. He was a kind and loving husband and father, giving of his best to his home and family. He was converted in early life and 18 years ago joined the Free Methodist church. He was a faithful member and tireless worker as long as health permitted. He made many friends through life and will be greatly missed.

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The funeral services were held at the Needmore church Wednesday, June 6th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. Quintan Smith officiating, assisted by J. A. Hudnutt. Interment was made in the Needmore cemetery.