

There were two services held in tribute to Lewis E. Stout, one being held at Plainfield on the morning of December 10th at the Plainfield Friends Church and then in the afternoon at the Friends Church at New London.

A TRIBUTE TO LEWIS E. STOUT

The following service paid beautiful tribute to the life of Lewis E. Stout, beloved minister of the Friends church, who died Saturday, December 7. More than 350 people attended the funeral services held Tuesday morning, December 10, 1935, in the Plainfield Friends church.

Ethel Atkinson played softly, music loved by the Rev. Mr. Stout, as the funeral party entered. A nephew, Wallace Stout, with his son, Burrell Stout of Russiaville, served as undertaker, and assistants were W. A. Rushton and Mark Hampton, Plainfield undertakers. The pall bearers were Frank Hanna, Benj. V. Hinshaw, Wilbur Kellum, Carl Jessup, and Charles Mendenhall--friends, neighbors, and lifelong associates.

A glow of soft light shone down on many beautiful flowers and ferns arranged about the platform of the church. Seated on the platform were the following pastors: John T. Hadley, Plainfield; the Rev. Lewellen Lockwood and the Rev. Florence Lockwood, Second Friends church, Indianapolis; the Rev. Albert L. Copeland, Mooresville; Edward Edgerton, Plainfield; the Rev. Jacob Griffink, Bethel; the Rev. Lesslie Bond, Hadley; the Rev. Addie Christæ, Amo; the Rev. George Carr, West Indianapolis; the Rev. Murray Kenworthy, Acton; Charles Wilson, Indianapolis; R. Furnas Trueblood, Plainfield; E. Duane Thisthethwaite, Plainfield M. E. church; the Rev. Mr. Biesell, of the Plainfield M. E. church, and the Rev. Mr. Paul, Pastor of the Plainfield Nazarene church.

Because at a time of sudden death, the hearts of relatives and friends are so heavy with grief, and because at the time of the death of the Rev. Lewis E. Stout, his only grandchild, Richard Votaw, was not old enough to realize the full meaning of death, the following excerpts from beautiful eulogies were recorded at the time of the funeral.

The Rev. R. Furnas Trueblood opened the service with especially fitting remarks. "We are assembled in the quiet of the morning to pay tribute-to express our words of love and appreciation for Lewis E. Stout," he said. "Let us turn our thoughts and attention to God's word for comfort and strength."

He quoted: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want--Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."

And from another favorite passage of the Rev. Mr. Stout, the Rev. Mr. Furnas quoted: "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will return again unto you and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also."

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" the Rev. Mr. Furnas asked. "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is Jesus Christ."

Mary Hiatt then read the following obituary, remarking that it would be impossible to touch on all the good things in the life of Lewis E. Stout.

OBITUARY

LEWIS E. STOUT

In a Quaker homestead not far from New London, Howard County, Indiana, Lewis E. Stout was born Nov. 14, 1861. His parents, Silas and Martha Stout, were thrifty, devout members of the church, and they represented that true type of people who believe that christianity and righteous living constitute the most important attainment of life. They judiciously taught this belief to the six children that came to bless their home. Lewis, the youngest, early in life began to manifest a keen interest in the Sabbath school and church work. After the experience of conversion, this devotion deepened and broadened with increasing years.

Lewis attended school at the Friends Academy at Spiceland, Indiana, and later Earlham College at Richmond.

Realizing a definite call of the Lord for service, he consecrated his life to the Master, receiving the Holy Spirits baptism as a power for the work to which he was called. His great ambition was to preach the gospel and, through personal work, assist the old and young alike to receive a clearer vision of Jesus Christ and come into that abundant life in Him.

On Dec. 27, 1883, he was united in marriage to Anna Kenworthy. Three daughters came to bless their home. Gertrude, the oldest, passed away at the age of 16. Ann Stout departed this life Oct. 20, 1924, while they were serving the meeting at Second Friends church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

On Nov. 1, 1927, Lewis was united in marriage to Julia Reitzel, who remains with the two daughters, Mrs. Frank Jessup and Mrs. Harold Votaw, to mourn their loss.

He was a devoted husband and father and practiced in his own home the selfsame virtues that he recommended to others. His children indeed rise up to call him blessed. His greatest earthly care was for the welfare of his daughters and their families. The only grandchild, Lewis Richard Votaw, was the idol of his heart.

In his work for the church, Lewis Stout was a power for righteousness in Western Yearly Meeting where most of his service was rendered.

He has served well on most all the important committees of the church, and very ably rendered fruitful service as general superintendent for five years. For a number of years he was a member of the American Friends Board of Missions of the Five Year Meeting. His zeal for the missionary cause never slackened. To the churches he has served as pastor he has said, Pay me what you think I am worth, but do not stint the missionary work.

During the 45 years of his ministry he has served as pastor the meetings at Mt. Lebanon, Azalia, Plainfield, Carmel, Union St. Kokomo, Second Friends Indianapolis, Center, Farmers Institute, Walnut Chapel and Fairfield in Western Yearly Meeting and at University Meeting, Wichita, Kansas.

During his entire career he has championed the cause of the small meetings.

The unfortunate have had his sympathy and the children, his love. He possessed the happy faculty of remembering names and faces, and perhaps could call more people by their first name than any other member of our church. He often felt led to worship with the people of the colored church of Plainfield and won many warm friends among them.

Lewis Stout was a staunch promoter of the Faith, ever honoring Jesus Christ and the sufficiency of His atoning sacrifice for the sins

of the people. He was mighty in the scriptures, having many portions stored in his memory.

He was a lover of music and gave great encouragement to its place in public worship. In so many ways he was a man who filled humbly more than an ordinary place in the home, community, and church.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, 1935, at his home in Plainfield, when preparing to start for a funeral service to render comfort and blessing to others, he was stricken, and right in the harness, he passed on to the higher fuller service with the Master whom he loved and served so faithfully here.

We can truly say, A prince and a great man is fallen in Israel today.

The warfare is ended, the veteran reposes;

The rest of the victor is now his reward;

More fragrant and lovely than garlands or roses,

- Is the wee-ripened cheaf garnered thus by his Lord.

Albert L. Copeland then paid a lovely tribute. "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen Israel?"

King David thus paid tribute to the General Abner who had waged a losing battle to hold succession to the throne for the King of Saul, the Rev. Mr. Copeland said. Later Abner became a soldier for King David, only to fall at the hand of Joab in a blood feud.

"If this was true of the ancient soldier, Abner, a man of wars and bloodshed, how much more could the same be said of a man who for a lifetime has been joined to the cause of love and of peace of Jesus Christ, and as a friend and companion of Jesus, the King, has become truly a prince in His Kingdom," the Mooresville minister said. "Lewis E. Stout was loyal to Him to whom he had dedicated himself and his talents. He was trustworthy in service. He was a conscientious minister of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ as evangelical Friends have held it. He was a good man among his fellow men.

"Jesus has honored those who have done service for the building of His Kingdom, and He will still honor those of us who adjust our lives to His in service," the Rev. Mr. Copeland continued. "Lewis E. Stout was a man of sincere convictions--a true Christian character teaching the principals of His Lord and Master. He was sincere in his ministry, preaching truths and making statements of facts he could put into practice. He lived a man among men, genial as he passed about on the street, friendly to all, and with that appreciative handshake by which all knew him---truly, he lived the principals of a Saint----yes, a prince in Israel has fallen this day."

The Rev. Mr. Copeland pointed out that because of the principals which Lewis E. Stout advocated and experienced in his life, his personality was projected unto others, that they, too, might be princes.

"Shall we say today, he was prince and shall be raised a King to reign with his Lord and Master," the Rev. Mr. Copeland concluded.

"There is a Happy Land," was the title of a sacred solo by Mrs. Shimer, following the eulogy presented by Mr. Copeland.

John Compton then made a very fitting talk, which might be termed, also, a tribute, for all who knew Lewis E. Stout agreed they could not speak of him without paying tribute.

"If I were privileged to carve letters on marble, for Lewis E. Stout, the words would read, 'He went about doing good.' This might be his epitaph," Mr. Compton said. "There has been but one Lewis Stout. He has been a father to me. He was my pastor, and as I look back over the years, the interest he manifested in men, the wise council he gave me, saying the right thing at the right time, I am proud to say he was my friend. When I started in the ministry, he encouraged me very much. Often I would go over to the parsonage, into his sanctorum to talk to him; and I remember one time when I was about to leave, he said, 'Wait a minute, John. Let's pray.' And all of you know what it meant to have Lewis Stout pray with you and for you.

"Like Abraham, he was faithful in all things; he was 'a father in Israel;' those who have been under his ministry were led and guided into better things of life.

"Like St. John, he believed with all his soul that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. He always took his stand on the scriptures and was against modernism and unitarianism. He believed the Gospel with all his heart and was not afraid of any man.

"Like Paul, he believed Christ died to redeem all men. He did his best to let the world know this blessed truth.

"Like Jesus, he went about doing good all his life, and he had a ready scripture for all occasions. He knew his Bible and could quote

more than anyone I ever knew.

"Like Knoch, 'He walked with God, and God took him,' because he was a blessed man of God, always true to his God--a consecrated Christian.

"What an addition to Heaven he was, because of the love of God--the blood of Jesus Christ applied--and led by the Blessed Holy Spirit. What more shall I say? Time would not permit me to say all. May the Lord bless those who mourn," John Compton concluded.

George Carr then offered the following prayer:

"To Thee, God, we come through Jesus Christ, our S_avior, to pay our tribute this morning to one who for years has been very close to our hearts and minds. There are times when human sympathy seems very weak--times when only the arms of Jesus can give strength; and to Him do we pour out our sorrows and griefs.

"Our hearts are tendered by the going of one who has lived among us for so long--one who was so thoughtful or everyone--one who offered advice--one who encouraged--by word--by that friendly hand clasp; such a one has gone to enjoy that Celestial City--where Holy Angels bid him welcome--where all is prepared, he sees Jesus.

"We rejoice this morning that his was a life of beauty, a saintly life, a life that will live on. We should let the Lord Jesus reign in our hearts--even as he did--and may we dedicate our lives to his work that our work may be a blessing to others. May our hearts be comforted and may the mantel fall on us that we may win souls as did Lewis Stout; may our messages be full of Divine love.

"We pray for the loved ones--all relatives--and may His strong arm reach round and draw all to his loving heart. May they be mindful of the priceless heritage, the wonderful example of the one who is gone; may they be conscious that Christ is making up to them the loss

they have sustained. We can prostrate ourselves at His feet--the Lamb of God--thanking Thee for promises--that we may be encouraged to new zeal--to loyalty to Thee, his God and ours.

Edward Edgerton then said; "I remember the scripture says that 'I have given thee a wise and understanding heart; and I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked--crowned thee with glory and honor.' And such had He done for our friend.

"I have had privilege to be with this friend in silent meetings, and his presence was always an encouragement. He that has been led by the Holy Spirit 'shall hunger no more--neither thirst any more; for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them unto living fountains of water; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. '"

Charles Wilson, in a tribute, said; "I find myself very unprepared to say anything this morning, as I had not been informed, and in so short a time found it impossible to prepare any talk. I was so overwhelmed with the loss sustained in the passing of Lewis E. Stout. I do not feel that I am putting it too strong when I say that Western Yearly Meeting has lost Quaker No. 1.

"I do not speak as a pastor--just as a layman. And if I had the time to say things as a representative of the laymen of the West Indianapolis church--my loss is so great as is theirs, that, I am heartbroken because of his passing.

"My contact with him as a pastor was all too short--so many who had no interest in Jesus Christ had the highest respect for Lewis E. Stout--and knew the sound of his voice. There are two passages of scripture that come to my mind this morning--'Behold, the perfect man,' and 'Behold, a man in which there is no guilt.

"I never knew him to have bitterness toward his fellowmen. We suffer a great loss. He leaves us to follow in his footsteps. May we produce more men like Lewis E. Stout. May God be with you.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood then sang a sacred duet.

Eulogizing Lewis E. Stout, Murray Kenworthy said: "I trust I am not intruding to say just a few words. Lewis Stout and I grew up together and I feel like expressing a word of appreciation about the life so worthwhile of the one we mourn. His heart wholly devoted to the church and to his God, he gave himself to the saving of souls. We appreciate such a representative group of people in attendance--those who have had the privilege of and have been willing to work shoulder to shoulder with Lewis E. Stout. How much he enjoyed messages in song and often expressed himself accordingly!

"Western Yearly Meeting has lost a staunch worker--one most valuable in all departments. The Five Years Meeting also has lost a very capable man--capable in furthering the interests of the church.

'May I say that it would be well for us to seek out those attributes in his life that we might be like him--that we might be more useful under the Master's direction.'

John T. Hadley said: "I have had a long acquaintance with Lewis E. Stout, have always found him true and not driven about with every doctrine--but a man established. His testimony to us, 'Be ye therefore steadfast, abounding in the works of the Lord,' and to the children, 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth that thy days may be long which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee,' and to all, 'Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,' are some of the thoughts which come to me this morning.

Quoting again, John Hadley said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have ever lasting life."

"To me, it seems Lewis E. Stout would speak to us on these things, and along these lines of evangelism," Mr. Hadley said. "As a group of true friends we are touched by his passing."

R. Furnas Trueblood said, "This closes the service. No doubt there are many others who if time would permit would be glad to pay tribute, but after lunch is served, the funeral party will go to New London for another service, before burial there."

As the long line of more than 350 friends viewed the body of Lewis E. Stout, Mrs. Ethel Atkinson played a beautiful medly of sacred music which included the following songs, "Face to Face," "I Am Coming Lord", "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown," "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," and "In the Garden."

And it seems appropriate to close this tribute with the immortal lines from "Thanatopsis,"

"So live that when thy summons come to join
"That innumeral caravan
"Which moves to that mysterious realm
"Where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death,
"Thou go not like a quarry slave at night
"Scouraged to his dungeon
"But sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust
"Approach thy grave like one
"Who Wraps the draperies of his couch about him
"And lies down to pleasant dreams."

--Mrs. Robert W. Stephenson

SERVICE AT NEW LONDON
By Frank Stafford--Pastor at New London

Scripture Reading--1 Cor. 15:-51:58. Rev. 7:17 Rev.21:1:7 Rev.22:5
Text--Rev. 21:7, Prayer by M.S.Kenworthy. Obituary read by Mary
Hiatt.

The "Over-comer,"
Shall "inherit all things."
"God will be our father."
"and we shall be His sons."
"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints."
Psalms 116:15

At the grave, Committal read by Frank V. Stafford. Prayer by
Mary Hiatt.

Names of Ministers present and taking part in service.

1. Frank V. Stafford, Russiaville, Ind.
2. Russel Rees, Kokomo, Ind.
3. Luther Addington, Kokomo, Ind.
4. J. Grant Johnson, Russiaville, Ind.
5. Eldon Farmer, Russiaville, Ind.
6. E. James Carter, Russiaville, Ind.
7. J. Edward Hartsuck, Russiaville, Ind. (Did not speak)
8. Thomas Newlin, Russiaville, Ind. (Did not speak)
9. Leon Roby, Hemlock, Indi
10. Layman G. Cosand, Bloomingdale, Ind.
11. Austin Osborn, Sheridan, Ind.
12. Jehu Reagan, Sheridan, Ind.
13. Elizabeth Reagan, Sheridan, Ind.
14. Murry S. Kenworthy, Amboy, Ind.
15. Orval H. Cox, Westfield, Ind.
16. Lawrence Hadley, West Lafayette, Ind.
17. Mary Hiatt, West Newton, Ind.
18. Herbert Haldy, Marion, Ind.
19. Fannie B. Roberts, Westfield, Ind. (Did not speak)
20. Charles E. Thomas, Kokomo, Ind.
21. J. Ord Fortner, Terre Haute, Ind.

All these ministers were on the platform except Fannie
B. Roberts and J. Ord Fortner.

I am not sure whether this is what you wanted or not, if it is
not let me know and I will make further attempt.

My best ministerial friend is gone, but some glad day
we shall meet again, May God's richest blessings be yours is my
prayer.

Sincerely,

(signed) Frank V. Stafford.

REMARKS AT FUNERAL OF UNCLE LEWIS E. STOUT

No other Minister on this platform has had the intimate relationship with Uncle Lewis and his family that I have had except my cousin Murray S. Kenworthy. Great men may pass the tests applied before the public eye, but may fail in the family relationships and in the so called small opportunities for kindness and service. Three of the four years spent as a student at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas was during the Pastorate of Uncle Lewis of the church there. The many kindnesses received from him and members of the family have never been repaid and can never be.

It was during this period that I was recorded a Minister. Uncle Lewis was Chairman of the Quarterly Meeting Committee. He felt it was very important that I should attend the Quarterly Meeting at the time for the final action by that body so the committee could meet with me. As President of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association I felt it was my duty to attend the State Convention that would be in session at that time in another part of the state. Uncle Lewis kindly prepared a list of questions that I might answer to have ready to present to the committee.

It was during this period that I began my ministry and I received his help and encouragement.

At the time Nora Carter and I were united in marriage Uncle Lewis was present to receive our vows and to pray that the blessing of God might rest on our lives in the work of the ministry.

In recent years I tried to render some service in one of the small Meetings in Bloomingdale Quarterly Meeting and felt that an Evangelistic Meeting should be held there and that Uncle Lewis was the Minister who could best lead the Meeting in that effort. Although it meant a sacrifice for him and his wife he willingly undertook this work after the will of the Lord became clear to him.

Layman G. Cosand.

Substance of Remarks Made
at
The New London Funeral Service

I hope it will not be out of place for me to speak as a representative of this community. I am sure this full house of relatives, former neighbors and friends is our attempt to express in person something of our estimate of the fine character of the one whom many of us have known for so many years.

You will likewise be gratified to know that at Plainfield this morning others, in an equally crowded house, gathered to express their appreciation of his life. We, many of us, not only knew him in the period of his public ministry, but in his younger years, for he grew to manhood in this community and some of us here grew up with him and thus knew him in the experiences that shaped his character, while those at Plainfield knew him in the more limited period of his public work.

I have today, at Plainfield and here this afternoon, heard many expressions of appreciation. Some of these have emphasized his zeal as a defender of the faith, some for his evangelistic spirit and ability, others for his leadership in the church and still others for his other virtues and qualities that might be said to be more or less professional. May I suggest that Lewis E. Stout held his unique place among us not just because of these qualifications, however valuable they may have been, but because his life and personality were saturated with the love of God. It was rather his christian manhood and inspired sympathetic touch, as has been stated here so frequently this afternoon, that endeared him to us.

To me personally he was cousin, uncle and protector. When a motherless boy I was taken into his home. There under the care of uncle Lewis and aunt Anna I received the consolation such a boy appreciates. For years our association was usually close. Though a younger man I with him and two others were recorded ministers by this Monthly Meeting about the same time. I refer to Sylvester Newlin, Alfred Hanson and Lewis E. Stout. (Alfred Hanson and Lewis E. Stout were recorded in 1896 and I in 1897) They are now all three gone to their rewards and I, because of their going, sense a feeling of loneliness.

Uncle Lewis and I attended conferences and quarterly meetings together. We exchanged work in evangelistic meetings, I have known him from my childhood and been strengthened by his character and advice. In his going I have sustained a distinct loss. Yet possess in the memory of his good deeds a great heritage.

May I suggest to this New London community that in the passing to Lewis E. Stout, the last of the three older ministers mentioned, who were sent out into the public ministry by this meeting at so nearly the same time, a vacancy—a wide gap in the ranks of the ministry—has been made that should be filled by at least an equal number of younger workers. Upon whom will, or have, their mantles fallen? The least we of his old home community and meeting can do is to discover those virtues which so well qualified him for his work and consecrate ourselves to the task of making them our own. May God bless us in that ennobling effort.

Murray S. Kenworthy.

"Uncle Lewis We are Here." Uncle Lewis has touched my life and Hazels' life in many ways. As a fatherless boy he showed his kindness by taking mother and her children into his and aunt Annas' home. When Hazel and I were married he performed the ceremony. When death claimed our first and third born he rendered service as minister and spoke words of comfort to our saddened lives. When Dayton came into our home he placed his hand on my shoulder and said, "Ord, that is worth being good all your life." Uncle Lewis often said to me, "Ord, you are prepared to earn a living for your family; you can preach." I have done the first two the greater part of my life and if God wills it I could be happy preaching as Uncle Lewis has done so nobly all these year.

My tribute to membry of Uncle Lewis E. Stout.

(signed) J. Ord Fortner.

Jehu Reagan.

When I heard of the death of Lewis E. Stout I felt lonesome. Our acquaintance through a period of nearly fifty years has been most enjoyable and pleasant.

We were associated together in close fellowship, in conferences, in meetings and social circles; it caused me to run over the list of the many ministers of Western Yearly Meeting who had gone on before, leaving the responsibility on those who are left.

Where are our Ministers to come from? The Friends Church must have Ministers, who are called, who are chosen, yes, who are sent of God if our Church advances.

I want to encourage the young men and young women who feel called of God to obey His voice.

After more than fifty years in the Ministry I am glad I said yes to the Lord and if I were to live that fifty years over would say yes again.

Elizabeth M. Reagan.

I want to speak in appreciation of the life of Lewis E. Stout.

In the earlier years of my ministry when he was our Yearly Meeting Superintendant of Evangelistic & Pastoral work (Western Yearly Mtg.) his ear and heart was always open to our problems and not only did he listen but was ready to give words of advice, helpfulness and encouragement. As he looked out upon the people, his heart was moved with compassion and sympathy and was eager to give a helping hand in time of need.

He is gone we are left, may our influence be felt for god, and in like manner be ready when He shall call for us.