

C. E. Dudley.

coming to South Central Conference as president, I was employed in the Southwest Region Conference treasurey department for two months."

We certainly wish for Elder Dudley the richest blessings of God in his new role as leader in the great field he has been called to.

H. D. SINGLETON

president of the Allegheny Conference where he served until he was called in December, 1953, to be president of the South Atlantic Conference.

While in Allegheny, among many projects, he led out in the establishment of the Pine Forge Institute. His vision caused him to boldly lead the conference into the purchase and development of the fine plant for the education of youth that now exists at Pine Forge.

In the South Atlantic Conference he was greatly loved, and inspired the field to advances in evangelism and church building activities.

Elder Wagner was born 59 years ago in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was married to Jessie R. Fordham of Charlestown, South Carolina, in 1925. To this union five children were born. Today they are all grown, married, and active in the Lord's service.

He passed to his rest on August 11, 1962. Interment was in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Nathaniel Edward Ashby, son of the late Blanche Ashby Lacy and Wilbert W. Ashby, was born in Washington, D.C., March 15, 1907. He attended Howard University where he received his A.B. and M.A. degrees. His postgraduate work was done at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary, the University of Mexico, New York University, and Hunter College, New York.

On September 3, 1935, he married Lillian Rebecca Burgess, who is a sister of Elder M. A. Burgess of Central States Conference. Nathaniel Ashby was a dedicated teacher and devoted many years of faithful service to the Advent message in the field of religious education.

He was principal and teacher of summer school at Oakwood, 1935-1945; principal of Washington Union Academy, 1946-1947; teacher and principal of Northeastern Academy, 1951-1960. In 1960 he returned to Oakwood as teacher of languages and history and remained there until his death.

He was loved by faculty and students wherever he worked, and has been a powerful influence on the lives of boys and girls he taught.

Death came quietly while he slept, Saturday night, July 14, 1962.

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Journey's End

THIS is the first issue of the NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT to be published since the passing of Elder J. H. Wagner, the beloved president of the South Atlantic Conference, and Elder Nathaniel E. Ashby. The passing of these men was a great loss to the church, as well as a great shock to everyone.

Upon completion of his schoolwork at Oakwood, Elder Wagner began his ministerial work in Paducah, Kentucky, and after that served as pastor of many churches, among them Nashville, Memphis, Pittsburgh, *Iewark, Baltimore, and Washinga, D.C. In 1944 he was elected



J. H. Wagner.



N. E. Ashby.