

MEMORIAL

William Culbertson (1905-1971)

Dr. William Culbertson went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 16, 1971, just two days before his 66th birthday. He was born in 1905. He attended Temple University and Reformed Episcopal Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. After serving as pastor for some years he became bishop at the age of 31, the youngest ever to have this position.

He came to MBI in 1942 as Dean of Education and became president in 1948. His first love, actually, was the classroom and the subject he liked to teach best was Historical Geography. He was a meticulous Bible scholar and served on the Committee of the Scofield Review. He was Editor-in-Chief of the Moody Monthly and wrote extensively. He served as President for 23 years during which MBI saw its greatest expansion in campus development and supporting ministries. He was an able and wise administrator with a keen discernment, and his spiritual depth was a challenge to students, faculty and staff of the Institute.

He had a breadth of interests which included a wide conference ministry and Jewish work. For years he provided the leadership for the American Association of Jewish Evangelism. He became the first Chancellor and providentially, the Lord kept him until the present president, Dr. George Sweeting was installed.

His two sons serve in the ministry as pastors. Those at MBI as well as Christian leaders and lay people around the world thank God for him. Besides his depth of scholarship, Dr. Culbertson was a soul winner. In his last hours he was witnessing to a roommate in the hospital and his testimony left an indelible impression upon the roommate. His last words were characteristic of his life; when he was going, he breathed, "God—yes God."

Philip C. Johnson (1915-1971)

Dr. Philip C. Johnson, a charter member of our society, was called home June 8, 1971, after a long and courageous struggle with cancer. He was a native of Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Johnson received his undergraduate education at the University of Chicago and Wheaton College. He was graduated magna cum laude from Wheaton and was elected to the Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society and the National Honor Society of Social Science. He received the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

As an ordained minister of the Conservative Baptist Association, he pastored several churches, most recently the First Baptist Church of Manchester, Mass., and served as a Chaplain in the United States Army in the South Pacific from 1942-1945.

After a brief time teaching at North Park College, Dr. Johnson became a member of the faculty of Gordon College in 1948, first in Boston then at Wenham. He served as Professor of Bible until his death last June. He was chairman of the Department and chairman of the Division of Humanities at the time of his death.

In addition to his teaching career, he authored many articles and wrote commentaries on Exodus, Daniel, Titus and Philemon.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette, his three daughters—Mrs. Judith Hoffsomer, Deborah, Jane Ellen—and four grandchildren.