

O. F. LINN

O. F. Linn was born near Falun, Kans., June 27, 1887. He was converted in January, 1905, while doing senior work in high school. His mother was with the Church of God and he was sufficiently clear on doctrine to stand although the first two years were a time of isolation and opposition. He soon heard the call for service and after an extended period of struggling consecrated for service in any field, and while alone in prayer received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

In June, 1907, he attended the camp meeting in Anderson, Ind., and remained as a worker with the Gospel Trumpet Co. Before coming to Anderson he had done some active gospel work and while there assumed responsibility in N. Anderson and assisted in the work in other places.

In May, 1909, he left Anderson for New York City, where he entered the Church of God Missionary Home. During the three years spent there he received much practical as well as theoretical training. During the last two years he was vice president, and the last year had charge of the correspondence division known as "Bible Study by Mail," in which a number of Bible courses were offered.

In the fall of 1912 he located in Anthony, Kans., and engaged in evangelistic work and also assisted some near by congregations in a pastoral way. In the summer of 1914 he accepted the pastorate at Anthony, which responsibility he held until May, 1920, when he entered the evangelistic field again. During his stay there the congregation enlarged their house of worship and grew from a very small beginning to a strong body. In his evangelistic work brother Linn has held revival meetings in nine different states. In a revival which he held in a new field near Caldwell, Kans., a large congregation was raised up. He remained with them as pastor until June, 1923, when he prepared to sail to the Scandinavian countries. Some time before, he had definitely decided that he would resign the pastorate as he felt the Lord had other plans. Shortly after his decision he received an urgent call from the secretary of the Missionary Board, placing before him the pressing needs of his present field of labor. For a number of years he had felt that some day the Lord would have him do gospel work there, and when he dedicated his life to the ministry that was a definite part of his consecration. After much prayer he submitted himself to the Missionary Board and sailed from New York, July 4, 1923. Since arriving in Scandinavia he has worked in Denmark and Sweden. The Gospel Trumpet has again been published in both languages. Brother Linn being editor of the Evangelii Basun (the Danish Gospel Trumpet) and a regular contributor to the Swedish paper. He is known to the readers of the Gospel Trumpet through his poems and articles contributed from time to time.

The accompanying picture was taken on his 46th birthday, June 27, 1933.