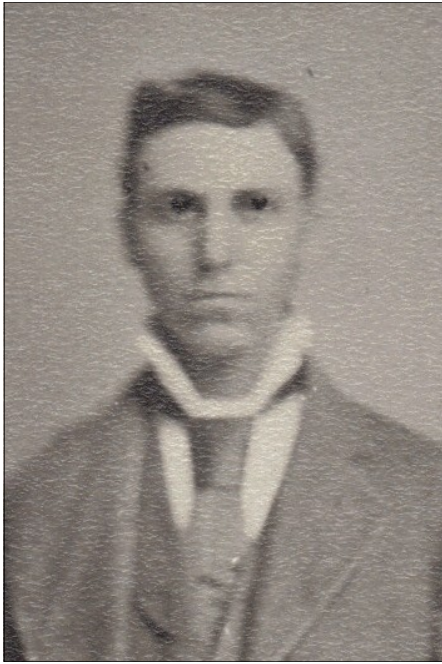
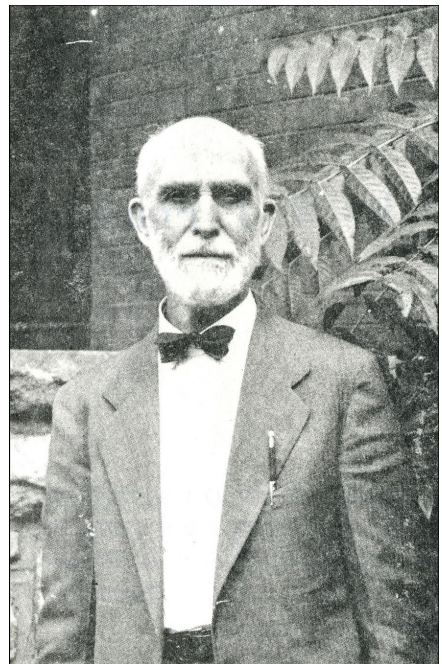


## Albert Sidney Copley and the Grace and Glory Bible School



Albert Sydney Copley (known as A.S. Copley) was born in 1860 and came from Ohio. He was raised under the Evangelical Church and was saved at the age of 14. He was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1906, one of the multitudes that experienced the Pentecostal revival that spread from Topeka, Kansas (in 1901) to Azusa in Los Angeles (in 1906) and then to other regions of the United States.



According to his biography, he moved to Kansas City, Missouri in 1907 and and pastored a Pentecostal church, The Christian Assembly. A.S. Copley became associate editor of a magazine, The Pentecost, in association with J. Roswell Flower, which had started the magazine in Indianapolis (with a couple other editors) in August 1908 as a joint publication of two Indianapolis Pentecostal missions.

Soon after A.S. Copley became co-editor, J. Roswell Flower moved the publication to Kansas City in 1909 and joined alongside A.S. Copley to minister in his church. When J. Roswell Flower moved back to Indianapolis to marry, he turned over The Pentecost magazine to A.S. Copley who solely took over the editorship and in 1911 renamed it Grace and Glory.

J. Roswell Flower, with his wife, went on to publish another magazine, The Christian Evangel, in 1913 and in 1914, was elected to be the first general secretary for the Assemblies of God USA at their first organized meeting.

A.S. Copley was later joined by Mary M. Bodie in the magazine and new Grace and Glory Bible School.

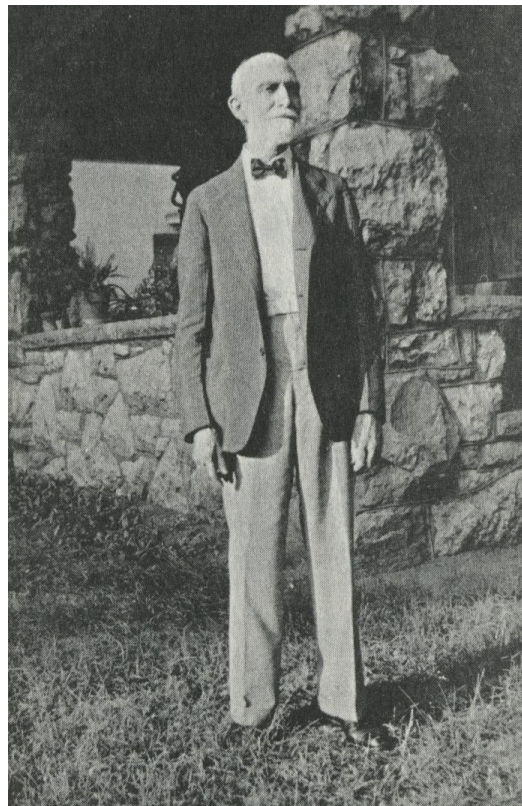


After the Grace and Glory Magazine began under A.S. Copley, he held several Bible School sessions (one being in 1909 and again in 1911, that only lasted a few months and were not intended to become academic institutions. The teachings were informal and the courses were practical: how to study the Bible, the doctrines of the Bible, holding street and prayer meetings. Many, however, learned from the early Grace & Glory informal teaching sessions and were ordained and sent out during these years before 1937. It would not be until then before another more permanent Grace & Glory Bible School was started, holding yearly courses under the financial support and direction of Mary M. Bodie.

A.S. Copley met C.E. Foster from Topeka in 1907. C.E. Foster was born in 1879 and began to preach at the age of 19. He was ordained by an independent Holiness group. After 1907, A.S. Copley had close association with C.E. Foster and held many meetings, camp meetings and conventions with him. It far as can be determined, all the Pentecostal Grace assemblies and groups that hold doctrines they proclaimed are fruit of their ministries.

The Grace & Glory Bible School still exists to this day and has influenced hundreds of students in the Word, who have become pastors, evangelists and bible teachers all over the country.

Albert Sidney Copley died in 1945 in Kansas City after a long and fruitful life at age 85.



IN MEMORIAM

*ALBERT SYDNEY COPLEY*

The Founder and Editor of Grace and Glory. He has finished his course. He departed in triumph to be with Jesus, September 19, 1945, in his 85th year of age.

Beloved Friends in Christ:

Tidings probably have reached you of the home-call of our cherished Pastor and Editor. It was a great shock and loss to us, for though he had been ill for eight months he was not bedfast and we hoped, as he did, for his full recovery. He trusted the Lord for healing till the end. We called in a physician at the day of his departing and he said that it was his heart which refused to function any longer, it was worn out.

Albert Sydney Copley was born in Ohio, July 22, 1860. He joined the Evangelical Church of which his parents were members. He was saved at the age of 14 years. He was married on February 6, 1882 to Bertha McCracken. To this union five children were born, three sons who died in infancy, the daughter, Amy, who served here until she went to be with the Lord, and also the daughter Beulah, who survives, together with her husband and three children. He entered the ministry at the age of 21, being ordained in the Evangelical Church. He severed his connection with that church and later identified himself with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. But when the Lord was pleased to send a Pentecostal shower in 1906, he embraced that truth. He was pastor here in Kansas City since 1908, and was loved and cherished by all who knew him. He has been promoted to a greater place in courts above. His last words of Scripture, spoken to us in the home, were Romans 15:13. "Now the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope thru the power of the Holy Ghost." Amen! May it be so.

*Grace & Glory, October, 1945*