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T. H. Fitzgerald, son of Joseph and Martha Floyd Fitzgerald, was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, November 30, 1854. He was reared in a Christian home. Early in life he was converted, and united with the Union Baptist church. He graduated from Richmond College, now University of Richmond in 1876.

Soon after leaving college he was called to the Pastorate of Pleasant Grove and Chestnut Grove churches in Buckingham County, and Mt. Zion church in ~~Lee~~<sup>Lee</sup>burg Co., Va.

His ordination took place from the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. In 1882, he was called to a group of churches in Monroe County, and settled near Alderson, W. Va. While on this field he had the joy of leading many people to Christ at Broad Run and Sink's Grove churches.

In 1890, he was called by the Bethel Baptist church at Oak Hill, W. Va. for full time. This was the first church in the Raleigh Association to have a pastor for full time. In 1893, he organized the Oak Hill Baptist church and became its pastor. In 1894, he became a missionary in Central City, now a part of Huntington. This was a successful pastorate. Almost every Sunday there were conversions, and the Ohio River was our baptistry. This success led to the Washington Avenue Baptist Church.

In 1900, he became the pastor at Milton, and Mud River churches. Soon after this, he organized the church at Barboursville and was also its pastor. In 1902, he moved to Sixth Avenue, in Huntington, so that his children might attend Marshall College.

In 1880, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Anderson Lewis, widow of Rev. J. S. Lewis. To this union, were born, Sallie May, who married Prof. S. M. Archer, of Ohio; J. Anderson Fitzgerald married Clyde Doolittle, of Huntington. He is now a dean

the University of Texas. Thomas Will Fitzgerald married Lois Simmons, daughter of Rev. Dallas Simmons, , at one time editor of the Baptist Banner. For twenty years, he was head of the electrical department of Georgia Tech. Atlanta, Ga.; Boyce R. Fitzgerald, Attorney-at-Law, Bakersfield, California; Dr. Lawrence H. Fitzgerald, M.D., Temple, Penn.

In 1908, he was called for the second time to the Oak Hill Baptist church. This was, perhaps, his most successful pastorate; Strong mission stations were established which are now strong churches, Red Star, Scarbro, Minden, and Meadow Fork churches. In 1916, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Laura Huddleston. To this union, there ~~are~~ two children: Sue Frances married Follard L. Staley, of Charlottesville; Laura Elizabeth at home.

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