

The Rev. F. Paul McConkey

Class of 1909



Rev. F. Paul McConkey served the church faithfully for 41 years, concluding his active ministry in the pastorate of one of the largest congregations in the country – the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, Wash.

McConkey began his ministry at the Presbyterian Church at New Park, Pa., in 1912. Starting in 1920, he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Grove City, and for the next seven years, he served the Gaston Memorial Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. Moving to the Midwest in 1927, McConkey was minister to the Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Mich. Fourteen years later, he assumed the pastorate of the Seattle Church and held this post until his retirement in 1953. He was then named pastor emeritus of the Seattle Church.

McConkey was born in Grove City. A world traveler and lecturer, he wrote *The Ebony Jewel Box*, *Hillstades of Heaven* and numerous religious booklets and articles. He was a member of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church for 15 years and a director of Whitworth College, San Francisco Theological Seminary and the Christian Freedom Foundation.

During his service in Seattle, McConkey's ministry accented tithing and missions with special emphasis on evangelism. During this time, many of the Sunday schools and missions became independent churches. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees for Grove City College from 1919 to 1923.

He passed away.

Additional degrees: M.A., Princeton University; B.D., Princeton Theological Seminary; Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Grove City College