

E. Gaston Collins

E. Gaston Collins was born in Huntland, Tennessee on December 4, 1890. He became a Christian in 1906. He was a cousin of David Lipscomb, who also came from Huntland, and it was likely this connection that brought Brother O.H. Tallman there to preach a meeting in 1907. In 1909, Gaston travelled to Nova Scotia to attend Tallman's new Maritime Bible and Literary College, majoring in music. In 1910, he preached his first sermon at Mill Village, Nova Scotia. He preached in the summer of 1912 in Kentucky and in the summer of 1913 in Manitoba. He graduated in 1913 and married Ada Simm, one of the college teachers who was from West Gore. That fall he began teaching music and math at the college.

In 1915, he began a life of evangelism in which, for over fifty years, he preached to numerous churches in twelve states and in Ontario. He preached in dozens of revival meetings and led singing in fifty more, as well as having radio programs at several times. He received further college training at David Lipscomb College and Middle Tennessee State College. He was the editor of the Christian Monthly Review in Meaford, Ontario from 1926 to 1929, and the office secretary for the Gospel Advocate in Nashville, Tennessee from 1931 to 1937.

He and Ada raised three daughters. He died March 6, 1970 and is buried in Nashville.

- Frank Cook, grandson