

preacher and a total membership of sixty-one. After two annual reports it disappeared, but reappeared in 1851 with seventy-three members. A church at Sutton was in the place of the Farnham East church. After 1852 it was reported not connected with any Y. M., and though then it had four ministers and eighty-three members, it gradually lost, till its last report in 1860 showed but three churches, with eighty members, and one minister, Rev. R. Austin.

**Vilas, Rev. Aaron**, son of Aaron and Deborah (Spencer) Vilas, was born in Derby, Vt., Oct 9, 1810. Converted in the summer of 1825, he was licensed by his church in February, 1856, and ordained in June, 1858. After being deacon of the East Farnham, P. Q., church eighteen years, and Sunday-school superintendent sixteen years, he now became its pastor. He has organized a church at West Bolton, also serving it as pastor. He has baptized forty converts. March 10, 1835, he married Fanny C. Kent and has five children.

**Vincent, Rev Clarence Augustus**, son of Augustus R. Vincent, was born in Bainbridge, O., Dec. 17, 1859. He was educated at Oberlin College, and pursued his theological studies at Yale and Oberlin. After a Christian experience of six years he received license to preach in 1885, and was ordained by the Free Baptists in 1888. He became pastor of the Buffalo, N. Y., church, and is prosecuting the work with success, having baptized sixty converts. He is also editing a monthly paper, *The Enterprise*. In November, 1888, he was married to Lucy S. Hall.

**Virginia**. The churches in the northeast part of this state had their origin in the Shenandoah Mission, and are connected with the Virginia and West Virginia Association. See *West Virginia*.

The churches among the white people in the extreme southwest part of the state had their origin in influences from Tennessee and North Carolina. See *Tennessee*.

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**Wabbey, Rev. Isaac**, was a member of the Brothertown (N. Y.) church, to which he ministered. He was an eloquent preacher; but, like others of the Indian race, he was not strong in resisting temptation. For some time he was a useful minister.

**Wade, Rev. Charles**, was born in Gloucester, R. I., in 1791. Though the eldest of a large family of children and with little opportunity, he acquired sufficient education to enable him to teach. He married in 1812 Miss Sarah Pray, of Foster, and settled on his farm in western Gloucester. In 1823 he married Mrs. Abigail Bowen, thus uniting two families of four children each. Up to this time he had no fixed religious belief, though claiming at times to regard with favor Universalism. Converted through the faithfulness of an old friend, he was baptized and joined the Foster church in November, 1828, four months after its organization, Rev. Daniel Williams being pastor. He was ordained as deacon of this church Nov. 7, 1825, through the

assistance of Rev's Reuben Allen and Joseph White. About this time the farm was abandoned for factory life. Four years were spent in Blackstone, Mass., during which he preached his first sermon, Feb. 12, 1826. For nearly ten years his labors as a minister were desultory. After a few years on his farm in 1834, he went for factory toil to East Killingly with his family. In 1837 he returned to his farm and lived there for thirty-seven years. In 1832 he changed his membership to Foster and Gloucester church, and in 1841 this church became destitute of a pastor and he was ordained.

Still managing the farm for support, he now began a useful ministry. Before the close of 1843 sixty-one converts had been baptized and added to the church. The Morning Star church was organized in 1846 and he was called as its first pastor. With this church he continued till his seventieth year, when he baptized some thirty-four converts and retired from active ministry. He took the

*Morning Star* from the first, was attached to his denomination, and was a close student of God's word. In 1875, on the death of his wife, he went to live with friends in Norwich, Conn. Here at the



Rev. Charles Wade.

age of ninety his good health was cut short by a severe shock, from which he never rallied. He died in his 93d year April 13, 1883. His son, Almon Wade, has for many years been a prominent member of the Roger Williams church, Providence, R. I.

**Wade, Dea. Ebenezer D.**, son of Turner and Hannah C. (Farham) Wade, was born in Woolwich, Me. While young he was converted in his native place under the Rev. Samuel Hathorn in the fall of 1841. For a year he followed the sea. In the fall of 1842 he went to New Sharon to learn a trade, where he was baptized in 1845, uniting with the Christian church. In 1846 he settled at Sangerville, and in 1850 he moved to Parkman, where he superintended the Sunday-school for several years. In 1863 he served in the Legislature. In 1864 he moved to Foxcroft, attending the Free Baptist church, and in 1875 moved to Dover. He united with the church there in June, 1880. In 1882 he was elected a member of the executive committee of the Maine Home Mission Society, and since 1882

has been its president. In 1883 he was delegate to General Conference from the Penobscot Y. M. In 1884 he was chosen deacon; he has also served his church as chairman of the trustees. For fourteen years he has been Sunday-school superintendent. He is a trustee of Maine Central Institute.

**Mrs. Mary Ripley Wade**, of Dover, Me., was born in New Sharon, Me., Aug. 8, 1823. Her parents were James and Betsey (French) Dyer. She became a Christian when about twelve years old, and at the age of fifteen was baptized by Rev. Joseph Edgecomb, and united with the East New Sharon Free Baptist church. She was educated in the High School of her native town, in the Seminary at Kent's Hill, Readfield, and in Bloomfield Academy. From the age of sixteen she taught twelve terms. About this time she wrote several poems, some of which were published in the *Mother's Journal and Family Visitant*.

Mrs. Wade is widely known as a prominent helper in Christian and philanthropic work, in which she is notably generous and efficient. When a girl she was active in the "Martha Washington" temperance society, and later held a leading position in the "Daughters of Temperance." She has been active also in the W. C. T. U. In efforts in behalf of young people she has been especially zealous, by organization or otherwise developing in them a taste for intellectual pursuits, and interesting them in Christian culture. Always in the Sunday-school, either as a scholar or a teacher, many have been under her molding influence who are now filling useful positions in church and state. For many years she was treasurer of the Dover and Foxcroft church. In missionary work she has stood in the front rank. She is a charter member of the Woman's Missionary Society, and on its board of managers. She has been secretary and treasurer of the W. M. S. of the Penobscot Y. M. from its organization in 1874, except in 1879, when she was its president. In the W. M. S. of the Sebec Q. M. she has been sometimes president and sometimes secretary and treasurer; likewise

in the auxiliary of her church, where she has been also director of the Children's Band. She was early interested in the *Missionary Helper*. In all these varieties of benevolent effort she has shown also an abounding liberality.

She married Feb. 2, 1847, E. D. Wade, Esq., of Sangerville, who is now a dry-goods dealer at Dover and a prominent church worker. Their only son, Eben E. Wade, entered Bates College at the age of eighteen, graduated in 1870, and immediately became principal



Mrs. M. R. Wade.

of the normal department of Maine Central Institute. He had been in this position about two years when he died. Their elder daughter, Mary A., is the wife of Prof. Kingsbury Bachelder, of Hillsdale College, Michigan. She graduated from the Maine State Seminary (now Bates College) in 1870. The younger daughter, Mrs. Florence N. ("Hopestill Farnham") is the wife of S. S. Whitcomb, Esq., of Lawrence, Kan. She graduated from the Maine Central Institute in 1880, at the age of nineteen. She is a writer of merit. Many of her poems have appeared in the *Morning Star*.

**Wainwright, Rev. C. C.**, of Charlestown, W. Va., was born in Alexandria, Va., Dec. 19, 1857. He married Lizzie Dunlap Dec. 27, 1877, and has four chil-

dren. He was ordained about 1875, becoming pastor of the churches at Charlestown, and Shepardstown. He then studied at Storer College (about 1876-78), and has since ministered to the Charlestown church, to which more than one hundred have been added by baptism.

**Wait, Rev. Alverdo**, born in Plymouth, N. Y., March 22, 1805, and converted in January, 1836, died Aug. 13, 1849, in Cincinnatus, N. Y. He began to preach in 1844, and was ordained at the McDonough Q. M., June 3, 1848. He was interested in benevolent work, active yet unassuming, and labored with the Cincinnatus and Cortlandville churches until his death.

**Wakefield, Rev. J. J.**, a native of Cornish, Me., died at Beaver Dam, Wis., July 28, 1865, aged 33 years. Such was the type of his piety that the church urged upon him a license to preach, and he was ordained May 30, 1853, at Neenah, Wis. He preached to destitute churches for a time and in 1854 became pastor of the Berlin and Fairwater churches. After four years he settled with the Johnstown church; but in 1860 he moved his family to La Crosse and traveled for his health, yet continued to work for the Master. His gifts were admirably adapted to winning souls, and his early death was widely lamented.

**Wakely, Rev. Sidney**, was born in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, Eng., Oct. 7, 1850. His parents were Simeon and Charlotte (Carr) Wakely. He came to the United States in 1869, when about eighteen years old. He was converted when sixteen and joined the Wesleyan Methodist church in Trowbridge. He joined the Free Baptist church at Lisbon Falls, Me., and was baptized by immersion. His early education was in the English Church school. He was licensed by his church Feb. 1, 1879, and by the Bowdoin Q. M. June, 1881, and was ordained at West Poland, Me., by the Cumberland Q. M., Oct. 4, 1882. He was pastor at West Bowdoin over a year, West Poland one year, Casco two years, at the same time a year at East Otisfield, and Bow Lake, N. H., three years. He settled at Kittery Point,

Me., March 1, 1888. He was married Aug. 22, 1870, to Miss Emma White, of his native place, and has eight children.

**Walden, Rev. John,** died in Willing, N. Y., May 20, 1873, aged 60 years. Otsego County was the home of his early life and his early labors were with the Methodists. Having removed to Allegany County, he united with the Free Baptists some seventeen years before his death and did efficient service. His labors were blessed in promoting revivals and winning souls to the Saviour.

**Waldron, Rev. John D.,** son of Fred and Sarah (Smith) Waldron, was born at Wakefield, N. H., Sept. 5, 1841. He studied at Wakefield and New Hampton, and was converted in 1858. He was ordained in 1868 by Rev's M. C. Henderson, A. Shepard and F. H. Lyford. He has held pastorates at South Strafford, Vt., Lawrence, N. Y., Warren, Vt., Sutton, N. H., Amesbury, Mass., Portsmouth, N. H., and Strafford, Vt., baptizing in all 104 persons. In each pastorate the church has been revived. He married Marie E. McDaniel in 1863, and Jan. 25, 1887, Mrs. Abbie E. Merrill, of Manchester, N. H. He has two children living. South Strafford, Vt., was his first charge; to this he was called back in June, 1887, and is laboring there with blessed results.

**Waldron, Rev. J. C.,** was born in Wilmot, N. H., in 1824. His mother's parents were Friends. He was converted at the age of eleven, and ten years later felt a call to preach, but delayed for over twenty years because he felt unprepared. He was licensed Jan. 29, 1868, at Manchester, and ordained Sept. 12, 1871. He was pastor of the Canaan and Orange church till 1882, and since that time of the Belmont church. He has baptized about seventy.

**Waldron, Rev. Orrin Wynant,** son of Wynant V. and Ann (West) Waldron, was born at North Creek, N. Y., July 13, 1859. He consecrated his life to God in 1878, and was educated at Hillsdale College, Michigan, in the college and theological departments, receiving honors from

his literary society for excellence in oratory. While in college he supplied the churches at Scipio, Litchfield and Hadley's Corners, and afterwards became pastor of the church at Marion, O., receiving ordination Oct. 12, 1884. After a successful pastorate of three years he entered upon the work with the church at Saco, Me. He has baptized about thirty converts and assisted in revival work. Aug. 5, 1884, he was married to Mary E. Phillips.

**Waldron, Rev. W. H.,** son of Jeremiah and Mary (Scott) Waldron, was born in Farmington, N. H., July 16, 1817. He was educated in Strafford Academy, New Hampshire, and Parsonfield Seminary, Maine, and studied in the Biblical School in connection with the latter. He was ordained Jan. 26, 1843, by E. Place and others. He held pastorates as follows: Farmington, and Lake Village, N. H., Lynn, Mass., Springvale, Me., Hampton, N. H., Pascoag, R. I., Ames, Fabius, Fairport, Norwich and Lowville, N. Y., and Milton, N. H. In all these places he had revivals and baptized 175 persons. He has preached at the ordination of several ministers and at the dedication of several churches. He has been a delegate to several General Conferences. He was married in 1846 to Miss Mary Green, and in 1856 to Miss Frances Payson.

**Walker, Rev. Abel,** of West Pittsfield, Me., was born in Union, Me., Sept. 25, 1814. His parents were Abel and Polly (Bowley) Walker. He was converted at the age of twenty-seven, and received license to preach in 1854. He was ordained by the Christian Baptists and joined the Free Baptists in 1881. He has had several revivals; has baptized about one hundred, and organized four churches. He married March 10, 1839, Miss Isabel Martin, who died leaving one daughter, the wife of Rev. T. P. Humphrey, of Bangor, Me. He married again Dec. 16, 1880, Mrs. Naomi Powers.

**Walker, Rev. Charles P.,** died in Johnston, R. I., Jan. 31, 1877. He was born in Scituate, May 14, 1832. In 1850 he was married, and about eighteen months afterwards he was converted and

united with the church at Johnston. He was ordained and installed pastor of this church Nov. 28, 1861. He received only donations for his services, and worked in a cotton mill, of which he became superintendent. He preached also in neighboring districts. Zeal for winning souls characterized him both as a layman and as a pastor. He was faithful and diligent in business, and his Christian life was uniform and exemplary.

**Walker, Rev. John**, died in Ossipee, N. H., June 1, 1870, in the 86th year of his age. He was born in Rochester, N. H. His parents were poor and he was apprenticed when quite young, so his advantages for education were extremely limited. He was converted in the great revival at Alton, N. H., in 1805, was baptized by Rev. John Bradley, and united with the Alton church. He soon began to hold meetings which resulted in revivals. In 1824 he moved to Tuftonborough, where he married a second time. Tuftonborough, Wolfborough, Wakefield and Ossipee shared in his labors. In 1830 there was a great revival in Tuftonborough, in which he was deeply interested. The converts wished him to baptize them. Accordingly he was ordained at East Ossipee, by John and Wm. Buzzell, E. Place, and P. S. Burbank. In 1833 he moved to Ossipee, where he spent the remaining thirty-seven years of his life. His wife, with whom he lived fifty years, survived him, with four children.

**Walker, Rev. J. Steward**, son of Samuel W. and Elizabeth T. (Jenkins) Walker, was born at Norridgewock, Me., April 20, 1835. Licensed Sept. 12, 1874, he was ordained at Stark, Sept. 10, 1876. In the summer of 1881, after a few successful years in the ministry, his health failing, he finally became insane. He married Sarah M. Hodsdon, Nov. 25, 1860, and has three children living.

**Wallace, Rev. George W.**, was born in Berkeley, Mass., and died in the Butler Asylum for the Insane, Providence, R. I., Sept. 11, 1880, in his 67th year. At the age of sixteen he was converted, and united with the church

in Pawtucket, R. I. He was licensed in 1834 by the Rhode Island Q. M., and Aug. 23, 1845, was ordained at Rehoboth, Mass., as pastor of the church in that place. His other pastorates were Hebronville, Mass., Georgiaville, R. I., Farnumsville, Mass., in 1870 Gonic, N. H., Apponaug, R. I., about seven years, and from 1877 at East Killingly (Chestnut Hill) Conn. In April, 1879, he returned to Apponaug, where his health failed. His wife and several children survived him.

**Wallace, Rev. John**, was born in Mystic, Mass., in 1787, and was carried by his parents the next year to New Brunswick. In 1809 he experienced religion with the Baptists. Two years later he married a pious lady, and in 1814 he moved to Marmashe. In 1818, having moved to Belgrade, Me., he became interested in the reformation there prevailing, and joined the Free Baptist church. In 1830 he moved to Freeman, near the Kingfield line, and by his labors the small church was revived and strengthened till it became large and flourishing. August, 1838, he was licensed by the Anson Q. M., and May 11, 1845, he was ordained. He helped organize a church in the center of the town of Freeman, where he afterwards lived till his death, Aug. 19, 1851.

**Wallace, Rev. J. W.**, son of John and Dorothy (Crawford) Wallace, was born at Addison, Mich., Oct. 3, 1841. He married Hannah Campbell Aug. 9, 1863, and has two children. He experienced religion in 1866, and received license in August, 1873, being connected with the Methodists. After a time he united with the Free Baptists, receiving ordination about 1884 in the Oxford Q. M., Michigan, where he has since labored as pastor of the Brockway, Capac, and Churchill churches, as well as at other places. He has engaged with success in revival work.

**Wallis, Rev. Moses**, was ordained in 1815, and labored in Vermont.

**Wallis, Rev. Thomas**, of Gilead, Mich., died Sept. 8, 1846. He had lately entered the ministry, and was well

qualified intellectually for the Master's work.

**Walrath, Rev. J. H.**, son of J. J. and Marietta (St. John) Walrath, was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., in January, 1847. In 1874 he married Miss L. M. Mount. Entering Hillsdale College in 1871, he passed through both the academical and theological departments, graduating in 1878. He was ordained by the Hillsdale Q. M. in September, 1876, and has had the pastoral care of the following churches: Dover Centre and Jackson, Mich.; Waupun, Wis.; Sioux Falls, Dak.; Agency City, Lockridge, Waubeek and Central City, Iowa. For four years he was secretary and treasurer of the Wisconsin Home Mission Board. Other important positions which he has occupied are, viz., agent of the Free Baptist Western Association, state agent and evangelist of the Iowa Y. M., and corresponding editor of *The Free Baptist* from its beginning to Feb. 15, 1888. In pastoral and evangelistic work, as well as in his official work for the denomination, he has been successful.

**Ward, Dea. Charles P.**, son of Ebenezer and Nancy (Sheldon) Ward, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1811. In early life he settled in Herkimer County, and in 1841 was married to Miss Elmina, daughter of John and Anna (Dickinson) Tefft, whose gentle piety shone brightly in the home. His first religious associations were with the Presbyterians, but about the time of his marriage he united with the Free Baptist church in Norway. On removing to Jefferson County in 1849, he became one of the early members of the Philadelphia Free Baptist church, being its only deacon for many years, and serving in that capacity until his death, May 9, 1881. He was held in universal esteem for his consistent Christian life and his interest in all benevolent work. His three children in their early years were gathered into the home church, of which Ann L. and Charles E. are still members.

**Ward, Rev. Duren James Henderson, Ph. D.**, son of Samuel and Eunice (Varnum) Ward, was born in Dorches-

ter, Ont., Can., June 17, 1851. He was converted in 1874, and graduated from Hillsdale College, Michigan, in 1878, and a year later from the theological department. He was married to Miss Zuba A. Corss, August 18, 1875, and received ordination Oct. 26, 1879. He held pastorates at Pittsford, Mich., and at South New Lyme, O., enjoying revivals at both places. He was principal of Northern Ohio Collegiate Institute 1879-1882, took a post-graduate course at Harvard University, Massachusetts, 1882-85, receiving the degree of Master of Arts, and studied at the Universities of Berlin and Leipsic, Germany, 1885-87, receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the latter institution. He has since been librarian of the Harvard University Divinity School, and is now principal of the Model School in New York City.

**Ward, Rev. John T.**, son of Deacon Chas. P. Ward, was born in Norway, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1847, and converted Jan. 20, 1858. He graduated from Whitestown



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Seminary in 1867, from Hillsdale College in 1870, from Andover Theological Seminary in 1873, and settled at Lexington, Mich., receiving ordination December 14 of that year. His subsequent pastorates have been Ashland, N. H.,

1875-78, Georgiaville, R. I. 1878-82, Park Street, Providence, 1882-88, and Jackson, Mich, 1888 to the present. These churches have prospered under his care, 119 converts having been baptized by him, and about one hundred and seventy added to the membership. He has been for six years a member of the Foreign Mission Board, and is also a member of the General Conference Board and a trustee of Hillsdale College. He was married in 1876 to Mary Tewksbury Cowell, of New Hampshire, who has been an efficient helper in pastoral work. She has also been active in temperance work and in the state work of the Woman's Missionary Society. Their daughter, Mary, united with the church when nine years of age.

**Ward, Rev. J. C.**, died in Otis, Me., July 4, 1884, aged 64 years. He was converted in youth and entered the ministry about 1848. He was pastor six years of the Otis church, and his labors were highly appreciated. He was also engaged in teaching.

**Ward, Rev. W. H.**, son of Obadiah and Sarah (Blethen) Ward, was born at Hartland, Me., Oct. 10, 1844. Converted at the age of twelve, he was baptized, uniting with the Christian church in Canaan, Me. In 1860 he moved to Lowell, Mass., and joined the Paige Street church. In 1871 he yielded to a call he had long felt and was licensed for the ministry. He studied three years in the preparatory school and three years in the Theological School at Lewiston, Me. While at the Theological School he visited Hartland, his birthplace, and in the revival meetings held about fifty were converted. He was ordained in 1877, by Rev's J. S. Burgess, J. Mariner and E. Manson. His pastorates have been at Bowdoinham, Me., East Rochester, N. H., Water Village, South Berwick, Me., Farnumville, Mass., and Phoenix, N. Y. Revivals have attended his work and 125 have been baptized. He organized at South Berwick a Juvenile Temperance Band, which within a year numbered about two hundred. He married July 26, 1863, Miss Lydia V. Wills, and has two children.

**Warner, Rev. William**, was born in England, Oct. 25, 1796, and fought in the British ranks at Waterloo. Coming to America, he enlisted in the army of Jesus Christ in 1820, and soon received license to preach. His early labors were in the Province of Quebec, his ordination being received at Hatley, Jan. 17, 1837. Continuing in Quebec most of the time until about 1848, he then moved to Enfield, N. H., and labored there and in the vicinity a number of years. Afterwards he resided at New Hampton, and while there gave a very able lecture on the battle of Waterloo. About 1864 he moved to Clemensville, Wis., uniting with the Vineland church. His earthly life closed in May, 1872. He was an acceptable minister, serving his generation faithfully in his various fields.

**Warren, Rev. Charles**, was born in Durham, Me., Feb. 6, 1788. At the age of nine his parents removed to Troy and at twenty-three he settled in Thorndike. Converted June 15, 1812, he was baptized and united with the Free Baptists. A few years later, his brethren felt that he should be ordained and called as a council Rev's Moses McFarland, Samuel Whitney, and Simon Emery. He traveled from church to church in the Montville Q. M., dispensing the word of life. Moving to Plymouth June 6, 1835, he joined the Dixmont and Plymouth church and continued to work there in the Prospect Q. M. He was one of the first to advocate temperance, missions and education. After months of declining health, he died beloved and happy June 2, 1839.

**Warren, Rev. J. S.**, son of Artemus and Eliza (Kerr) Warren, was born at Brockville, Can., Aug. 20, 1852. In March, 1871, he was married to Evelyn H. Wilson, and now has four children. He was led to Christ in February, 1873, and received ordination in May, 1880, Rev. G. B. Cutler and others serving on the council. He ministered for three years with churches of the Sanilac Q. M., Michigan, organizing the Fremont and Bethel churches, two years at Highland and two at Waverly, and then settled with the Hinckley and Royalton churches

of the Cleveland Q. M., Ohio. He has baptized thirty-one converts.

**Warren, Rev. Peter**, born in Limerick, Me., in January, 1818, was converted at the age of sixteen, and soon began preparation for the ministry. He graduated at Readfield, Me., and was in the Biblical School 1843-45. He sought improved health in the West, where he taught school. He was ordained by the Fond du Lac Q. M., Wisconsin, June 6, 1852. The next August he became pastor of the Boston, N. Y., church, and later of the Attica church. But health failing, he returned to Greenbush, Wis., where he died in the 39th year of his age. He possessed a mind of high order and was an able minister.

**Warren, William**, a native of New York, was converted when twenty years of age, and joined the Freewill Baptists because of their anti-slavery views. He died at Clinton, Wis., Feb. 21, 1848, aged 26 years, making the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society his residuary legatee.

**Washburn, Rev. F. M.**, became connected with the Sauk County Q. M., Wis., as early as 1879. He soon became pastor of the Evansville and Oregon churches of the Rock and Dane Q. M., and about 1884 of the Mt. Pleasant church of the Honey Creek Q. M. His labors in Wisconsin have been highly esteemed. He served for some time as treasurer of the Mission Board, and was a delegate to the General Conference in 1886. In 1888 he took charge of the important church at San Francisco, Cal.

**Washburn, Rev. Hosea**, of Madison, Me., died Jan. 19, 1883, aged 86 years. He was baptized when about thirty years of age, and soon began to preach, laboring mostly in Somerset County. In the early years of his ministry he worked successfully in revivals in many places. His exhortations were accompanied by tears, entreaties and earnest prayers. He founded the church at Pleasant Ridge. He left a large family.

**Waterman, Rev. Dexter**, son of Silvanus and Abigail (Jackson) Waterman, was born in Litchfield, Me., Jan.

13, 1807. He attended district school till his seventeenth year. Soon after leaving school, in May, 1825, he met with a change of heart, and after three years, in January, 1828, he was licensed to preach. At that time the denomination had no confession of faith, no established church polity, no benevolent societies, and had prejudices against special education for the ministry. Hence, stimulated to study neither by precept nor example, Brother Waterman says: "I have been crippled all my days." He was ordained in July, 1828, by Rev's Benj. Thorn, Abiezer Bridges, Samuel



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Robbins, Joseph Robinson and Silas Curtis, and for six years led an itinerant ministry, witnessing many revivals in the Bowdoin and Edgecomb Q. M's. He then began to serve numerous small churches, often two or three and even four being under his charge at the same time. In the twenty-five churches thus served as many as 375 were converted and baptized. Four churches were organized by his help.

He became early interested in the temperance and anti-slavery movements, preaching, lecturing and voting; has been two years president of the Foreign Mission Society, a member of the board of corporators of the Printing Establishment since 1844, nine times a

delegate to General Conference. He was one of the four brethren that originated the call for the convention that organized the Education Society, Jan. 15, 1840, and joined in the efforts to endow that society. His two winters, of seven months each, at Harper's Ferry, were especially blessed. He is now trustee of Bates College and of Storer College. During more than fifty years of active labors Brother Waterman has been earnest in every good word and work. His sincere regard for the young men who are coming into the ministry is deeply appreciated. At over eighty years of age he is still active, conducting the preaching service every Sunday, and attending the other meetings of the church. May his useful life have a bright and beautiful ending. A shock of wheat fully ripe, may he be gathered in joy into the garner of our Lord. In 1887 he became pastor at Carroll, N. H.

**Waterman, Rev. Granville C.**, son of Rev. Dexter and Mahala (Wentworth) Waterman, was born in Booth Bay, Me., May 4, 1835. He was converted when sixteen years of age. He received his education at Litchfield Liberal Institute, and at Bowdoin College. He received license to preach in 1863, and was ordained March 23, 1869, by Rev's D. Jackson, H. Perry, D. M. Stuart, G. H. Ball, and S. Aldrich. He has held pastorates in Lowville, N. Y., in Dover (Washington street), Laconia, and since 1886 in Littleton, N. H. He has baptized about sixty converts. For some years he was principal of Pike Seminary, New York. He has held important positions on the denominational boards. From 1881 to 1886 he was editor of the Sunday-school quarterlies, and for years has been prominent in Sunday-school work. April 20, 1861, he was married to Miss Julia A. Mansfield, deceased, and Dec. 4, 1873, to Miss Marietta Stewart, who had been for several years a successful teacher in Whitestown Seminary, and has since been active in literary and missionary work. He has three children, one of whom has graduated from Wellesley College.

**Watkins, Rev. F. M.**, son of Wm. T. and Elmira L. (Beeman) Watkins,

was born near Blanchester, O., July 18, 1857. He was converted in 1876, was married in 1878 to Sarah J. Hawkins, and received license to preach in 1886. He was ordained by the Salem Q. M., Indiana, Jan. 6, 1889, and is pastor of the Salem church, where he is prospered in the work.

**Watrus, Rev. Hiram**, was born in Williamson, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1815, and died in Boscobel, Wis., Jan. 25, 1874. He was converted in 1833, while living in Geneva, O., and ordained in 1861, while at Scott, Wis. He engaged actively in the work of the ministry in Crawford and Grant Counties, residing ten years at Marion, and in 1873 went to Boscobel, where he hired a house of worship, and soon organized a church. "He was rich in all the Christian graces," and his death was felt to be a great loss.

**Watson, Rev. Abijah**, was ordained in New Hampshire in 1803. Aug. 23, 1805, he baptized Samuel Appleby during a session of the Elders' Conference in Somersworth, N. H., and at the same time assisted in his ordination services. He afterwards left the denomination.

**Watson, Rev. Elijah**, died in Andover, N. H., Nov. 3, 1857. He was born in Nottingham, N. H., in 1777. He read his Testament with interest at the age of seven, at fourteen he was converted, and at twenty-three was baptized. Soon he began to hold public meetings. In 1803 he was ordained at Andover, where a revival attended him, and a large church was gathered as the fruit of his ministry. He continued his work at Andover and vicinity till 1806, when he moved to Springfield. His labors here were blessed. In 1816 he had an almost unanimous election to the State Legislature. He declined re-election, and in 1817 settled at Croydon. In 1819 he entered on a ten years' pastorate in and around Sutton, Vt., at one time having four churches under his charge. In 1829 he settled at Newport, and two years later returned to Andover, his first field of labor, where he reorganized his early church, and in the revival which followed many were added, among the number Rev. J. M. Bailey, of Saco, Me. He continued pastor here for some years,

leading an itinerant ministry in part, till 1846, when he felt that the infirmities of age disqualified him as pastor. His closing labors were with the Second Effingham church in 1848. He attended over nineteen hundred funerals, and solemnized as many marriages.

**Watson, Rev. Guy**, was born in Virginia Jan. 1, 1833. His parents were Robert and W. (Williams) Watson, and his early years were spent in slavery. In 1861 he escaped to the Union lines and enlisted in the navy. He was discharged at New Orleans, La., in January, 1865, after more than three years' service. He united with the First Freewill Baptist church there, having been converted in 1857. He was made a deacon the same year, and continued in that position until he was called to the pastorate of the church, and ordained in August, 1884. Since then the church has enjoyed continued prosperity under his care. He is very highly esteemed by his people.

**Way, Rev. Russell**, of Turin, N. Y., died July 23, 1848, aged 68 years. He was converted when about twenty years of age. In 1815 he was ordained. In his early ministry he gathered the Turin church, and remained its pastor to the end of a long and honored life. He was a ready speaker, an efficient and judicious pastor, a safe counselor and an ardent friend of the benevolent enterprises of the denomination.

**Weage, Rev. John Jay**, son of Ira and Keziah (Darling) Weage, was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., in 1830, and was born again in 1842. He received license to preach in 1855, and was ordained by the Honey Creek Q. M., Wisconsin, in 1863. He was five years principal of Prairie City Academy, Ill. (q. v.), and has held pastorates at Raymond, Wis., St. Albans, Paloma, Fairview, Wheatland, Burns and Kawanee, Ill., also six years with Congregational churches, and later ministered to the church at Smyrna, N. Y. He was married to Mary C. Dudley, daughter of Rev. D. Dudley, in 1857, and of their four children Edward is pastor of a Congregational church in California.

**Webb, Hon. Lindley M.**, son of John and Martha M. (Mayberry) Webb, was born at Portland, Me., March 7, 1849. He studied at Gorham Academy, and graduated from Bates College in 1870. He entered upon the practice of law. He has represented his city in the State Legislature. He is a trustee of Bates College. He renders efficient service to our Portland church in the office of Sunday-school superintendent. Sept 15, 1874, he married Miss Clara L. Cobb and has four children.

**Webber, Rev. David**, died after a short illness in Georgetown, Me., Feb. 3, 1868, aged 79 years. He was converted at the age of thirteen in 1802 under the preaching of Benj. Randall. After having preached as an itinerant in towns around Penobscot Bay, he was ordained in Westport in 1821. His ministry was mostly confined to Westport, Georgetown and Phippsburgh.

**Webber, Rev. Horace**, died in Osipee, N. H., Feb. 21, 1872, aged 65 years. He was born in Lyman, N. H. He became a Christian when about nineteen and soon began to preach. He was married in 1827, and Oct. 23, 1834, he was ordained. He was very successful as an evangelist, and spent much of his early ministry in that calling. He held ten pastorates, in every one of which souls were converted.

**Webster, Rev. John**, died in Montrose, Pa., Nov. 15, 1862, aged 69 years. He was born in Richmond, R. I., and converted at an early age. In 1816 he moved to Pennsylvania, where he gathered the Franklin church, of which he was a member thirty-five years. He was ordained Nov. 4, 1838, by the Gibson Q. M. He bequeathed \$200 to the Foreign Mission Society.

**Webster, Rev. Nathaniel**, of Tamworth, N. H., was ordained in 1801 and for many years did good work in his itinerant ministry in Maine and New Hampshire. In 1804 he visited Richmond, N. H., in company with Timothy Morse, and having baptized thirty or more converts gathered by the unordained preacher, Nathaniel Marshall, organized a church. In 1809, during a sweeping revival in Maine, he gathered

several members and organized them into a church at Wells, Me. He died in 1827.

**Webster, Rev. Samuel**, of Bolton, Vt., died in 1826, after a ministry of about ten years.

**Wedgwood, Rev. Dearborn**, died in Farmington, N. H., Oct. 7, 1876. He was born in Effingham, Oct. 29, 1810. While working at the carpenter's trade in Dover, he was converted, and joined the church at the age of twenty-three. He was ordained when preaching with the First church in South Milton, Sept. 11, 1844, by Enoch Place and others of the New Durham Q. M. He moved to Farmington and labored successfully one year. His last pastorate was at Lee, where failing health compelled him to resign. He moved to his old home in Farmington two years before his death. His wife and seven children survived him.

**Weed, Rev. Simeon J.**, son of Tracy H. and Cynthia (Cherrington) Weed, was born in Gallia County, O., March 11, 1854, and was married to Sarah R. Allison, May 15, 1878, and after her death in 1884, to Letitia C. Allison, in August, 1886. He received his education at Ewington Academy and Rio Grande College. In September, 1877, he was ordained and settled with the Harrisburg, O., church. His other pastorates have been at Jennerstown and Dunning's Creek, Pa., Cottonwood, Ill., and Colebrook and Green, O., where he labors at present. In all of these churches revivals occurred, resulting in a good number of conversions, and he has baptized ninety-four persons, of whom three are in the ministry. In 1883 he was a delegate to the General Conference at Minneapolis.

**Weeks, Rev. Eliphalet**, died in Chatham, N. H., July 24, 1881, aged 78 years. He was born in Parsonfield, Me. When seventeen years of age he was converted and united with the church in East Parsonfield. At the age of twenty-one he went to Chatham, N. H., then almost a wilderness, bought a farm and made him a home. There being no church of his denomination near, he joined the M. E. church, becoming a

local preacher. He was honored by his townsmen with many important trusts, and thrice represented his town in the Legislature.

**Weeks, Rev. Samuel**, the sixth son of Leonard Weeks, was born in Greenland, N. H., Nov. 21, 1746. In early manhood he went to Stratham and served an apprenticeship of cabinet-making and also of house-joiner. He married Mary Ranlet of that place, and soon after set up his trade in New Market. About 1772 he moved to Gilmanton, and was one of the original members and standing clerk of the Baptist church formed there in November, 1773. Having commenced public improvement, he was licensed by the church May 7, 1777, on the same day with Edward Lock. June 15, 1780, fifteen days before the organization of the New Durham church, he was ordained as pastor of his own church. Tingley, who had preached at Gilmanton and baptized several there, now united with Benjamin Randall. Weeks believed in a general atonement and free grace; and true to his principles we find him, eight months after his ordination, assisting Randall in organizing a Free church in Tamworth. He was strong in argument and his assaults upon hyper-Calvinism were resistless.

Finding himself out of harmony with a majority of his church, he removed to the portion of East Parsonfield known as Weeks' Corner, and settled there in February, 1783, two years before the incorporation of the town, building a house, which is still standing, in which religious meetings were held. Here a Free Baptist church was soon constituted and Brother Weeks ministered unto it and to the numerous settlements springing up in the adjoining townships. Some of his church lived in Cornish. He was mobbed in Limerick, but one who mobbed him afterwards sought an interest in his prayers.

In March, 1789, the Q. M. session was removed to Parsonfield. At this place on the 7th the meeting was appointed at his house. A driving snow prevented the arrival of the brethren. But Weeks preached a sermon to the few neighbors who gathered, from "Get

thee up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of abundance of rain." Randall arrived that evening, and afterwards recorded in his journal: "The power of the Lord was wonderfully displayed in the conviction and conversion of souls. Perhaps nothing ever exceeded it in these latter days." A remarkable revival had commenced. Of the thirty-four sessions of the Q. M. before 1792, Samuel Weeks was nine times chosen moderator. He usually attended public gatherings of his people and labored incessantly to sow the seed in that new country which others were destined to harvest.

For in the winter of 1795 he met with an accident which cast a gloom over the thirty-seven remaining years of his life. Having gone to Porter, an adjoining town, to attend an evening meeting, on his return, while crossing a branch of the Ossipee, the ice broke, his horse stumbled and he was thrown into the water. In the confusion and darkness he lost his path, and could not find the spotted trees set to guide travelers. He wandered about, going back and forth in the snow in his frozen clothes. And when the January night was ended, he reached a settlement and was conveyed to his home. His feet were so badly frozen that parts of each had to be amputated. A gloom had settled down upon his mind from which he was never again quite free. For a year or two during the great revival of 1798 he seemed to rise above his despondent state, but deep despair came on again. Religion was his constant theme; his Bible, which he wore to pieces, was his constant companion. He died June 19, 1832, aged 85 years.

**Wells, Rev. Theodore**, a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., was born Oct. 28, 1822. He married Jane E. Fowler June 15, 1855, and moved to Iowa two years later. He received ordination in 1860, and engaged in home mission work in the South River Q. M. After four years in this vicinity, he took up work with the Pilot Grove church, which was greatly strengthened, and soon organized another church in the vicinity. But the exhaustive labors, at times amid great opposition, had weakened his

strength, and he was compelled to relax his efforts. Later he was connected with the Le Mars church.

**Wentworth, Rev. James J.**, was born at East Alton, N. H., July 25, 1803, and died at Strafford Centre April 1, 1887, aged 83 years. His childhood was passed amid scenes memorable in the early history of the denomination. He remembered a meeting held by Randall when he was only three years of age, at the house of James McDuffee, who killed a young heifer to aid in feeding the multitude gathered from far and near. The meeting continued nine days, and resulted in many conversions. Early in life he was deeply impressed with religious sentiments, but was not converted until the age of twenty-two. In a few weeks after his conversion he was baptized, and joined the church at East Alton. He then began to go from house to house and invite others to Christ. His first convert gave him inexpressible joy, and encouraged him to go on in the work. He took for his first text, "I am the door." A certain deacon raised a discussion on election, and so discouraged him that he did not attempt to preach again for two years.

Having fully consecrated himself to Christ, he preached in Rhode Island with some success. Returning to Rochester, N. H., fourteen were converted during a single evening. Feb. 11, 1829, he was ordained at Crown Point, Strafford, as an evangelist, and before the close of the year baptized thirty-eight converts. In eight days he traveled one hundred miles, held nine meetings and witnessed conversions in every place. In 1830 his labors were again blessed in Rhode Island.

May 29, 1831, he married Miss Clarissa J. Hall, of Strafford. His first settlement was at North Strafford, next Barnstead, Me., then Shapleigh, Me. He was afterwards pastor at Wolfboro', N. H., six years. Then he preached at Deering, Bradford, Sunapee, and Newbury. Here his health failed. He moved to Dover, and lived there five years. Then he preached in Gilford, and Waterboro' Centre, Me., and Bradeen's Hill, Me. He then returned to

North Strafford. Three weeks from the day of his funeral, his wife, with whom he had lived over fifty-five years, followed him, aged 77 years. Their graves are at Dover, N. H. All their nine children were converted in youth.

**Wesley, Rev. Earnest G.**, lineal descendant of the Thane Guy de Wellesloe, or Welsloe, of Kent, England, A. D. 970, and of the same family as Rev. John Wesley, was born at Biggleswade, England, April 29, 1847. His parents were strict Episcopalians, and he was con-



Rev. E. G. Wesley.

verted in early life. He lived several years at Buenos Ayres, South America, where he joined the Methodist church and received a license as local preacher. He came to the United States in 1871, and filled two appointments under the Protestant Episcopalians. He was immersed by Rev. G. H. Ball in Brooklyn, N. Y., and ordained by Rev's G. H. Ball, J. L. Phillips, N. L. Rowell and others in the Twenty-ninth Street church, New York City, Oct. 29, 1876. For eight years he was a successful teacher in the public schools of New Jersey, preaching as opportunity offered. In August, 1880, he was called as a supply to the Congregational churches of Montsey and Tallman, Rockland County, N. Y., with good spiritual results. In

August, 1883, he assumed charge at a pecuniary sacrifice of a mission in Philadelphia, souls being brought to Christ. In August, 1884, he went to Lowell, and was pastor of the Mt. Vernon church, till, Oct. 1, 1888, he resigned to accept the pastorate of the Park Street church, Providence, R. I. He is the author of numerous hymns, some of which have appeared in the *Star*. He, in early life, both in England and South America, wrote for the secular press. He now employs his pen for the glory of God under an assumed name.

**Wesley, Rev. James**, son of James Mattison, was born in Harden County, Ky., Nov. 1, 1848. He was brought to God in 1882, licensed in 1883, and ordained by a council of the New Madrid Q. M., Missouri, Jan. 23, 1887, being connected with the New Madrid church.

**West, Edmond**, is the son of William and Almira (Leaper) West, and was born at Hess Creek March 29, 1860. He turned to God in 1876, and received his license in 1885.

**West, Rev. John D.**, was born in Standish, Me., May 22, 1822. He gave his heart to God when about twenty years of age, and soon began to preach; but having hemorrhage of the lungs so that continued preaching seemed impossible, he studied medicine, graduating at the Medical College in Philadelphia in 1849. In the meantime he received license to preach, and was ordained in 1850 in Waterborough, where he settled. After preaching there and at Augusta and Unity, as health would permit, nearly seven years, he was pastor two years at Booth Bay, and at Parker's Head eight years, enjoying good success, when, health declining, he went to New York for medical aid and died Sept. 13, 1865. He was endeared as minister and physician to a large circle of friends, and was highly esteemed for his work's sake.

**West, Rev. Joseph K.**, son of a Free Baptist minister, was born in Barrington, Shelbourne County, N. S., Jan. 20, 1846. He was licensed to preach by the Massachusetts Association in October, 1883, and was ordained by a council of the Montville Q. M., Maine,

at Islesboro Aug. 19, 1885. He has been pastor of the Islesboro church since Oct. 12, 1884.

**Westerberg, Rev. August**, son of Carl August Westerberg, was born in Sweden, in 1845, and after wandering on the sea for a time, came to Christ at the Island of Mauritius, Dec. 31, 1877, giving heed to the early instructions of pious parents. He served as missionary to seamen at Glasgow, Scotland, eighteen months. After coming to America he was introduced to the Free Baptists at Minneapolis, Minn., by the Rev. J. B. Jordan, and received ordination March 1, 1885. He has ministered to the Frankford and Pickwick churches in Minnesota, enjoying the blessing of the Lord.

**Western Association of Free Baptists.** In October, 1881, delegates from a few churches, chiefly of Minnesota and Iowa, met at Wykoff, Minn., and organized the "Northwestern Free Baptist Association." The object was unity of action among scattered churches, and general denominational work. The founding of the Free Baptist paper was determined upon at this meeting, and a Northwestern school was recommended. In October, 1882, the association met at Racine, Wis.; the constitution was amended, the name changed to the "Western Association of Free Baptists," with nine trustees representing Y. M.'s in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota, and the association was incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin, in Racine County. Subsequent meetings were held as follows: in 1883 at Minneapolis, Minn., in connection with General Conference; in 1884 at Warren, Ill.; in 1885 at Masonville, Iowa, when offers of land and money for school sites from two localities were discussed and declined; in 1886 at Marion, O., when a bid for the location of a Northwestern college was made by Winnebago City, Minn.; in February, 1887, special session at Waterloo, Ia., when the purchase of the Free Baptist paper was resolved upon, and the college located at Winnebago City; in April, 1887, special session at Minneapolis, to consider the failure of the

Waterloo action upon the *Free Baptist*. "The Western Free Baptist Publishing Society" was originated at this meeting, and the interest of the association in the paper was transferred to that society; in October, 1887, at Evansville, Wis., and in 1888 at Winnebago City, Minn. The geographical bounds of the association are not definitely defined. Y. M.'s are entitled to one delegate for a constituency of 1000 or major part thereof, and one for each additional 1000 or major part.

**Western Free Baptist, The**, is a sixteen-page quarterly, published at Kenesaw, Neb., by the Western Free Baptist Printing Company, Rev. A. D. Williams, manager. Brother Williams is also its editor. It is devoted to the interests of the Free Baptist churches in Nebraska and Kansas, giving information concerning their work as well as presenting papers on general topics. It began its course in October, 1884. The subscription price is twenty-five cents per annum.

**Western Free Baptist Publishing Society, The**, of Minneapolis, Minn., was incorporated in May, 1887, primarily for the purchase and publication of *The Free Baptist* (q. v.), but with general powers of a publishing house. The capital is \$10,000—1000 shares of \$10 each. Its stockholders are found in all parts of the denomination.

**Westlake, Rev. John**, was born in Hartland Parish, Devonshire County, Eng., Jan. 5, 1840. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Hartop) Westlake. In November, 1861, he married Miss Harriet L. Gibson. Nov. 1, 1861, he received ordination from the Wolf River Q. M., Wisconsin, and has had charge of the Harrisville, Greenburg, and Raymond, Wis., churches. He has also held the office of town treasurer.

**Westley, Rev. Joseph**, of Haddam, Kan., is a native of Kentucky. His parents were James and Polly (McNew) Westley. He was converted in January, 1848, when about fifteen years of age, and six years later married Mary Jane Olds. Of their three children now living John E. has received license to preach. Brother Westley was educated at Mt.

Vernon Seminary, Indiana, and afterwards spent some years in advanced study. He received license to preach in 1856 and was ordained by Bishop Baker. About ten years ago he united with the Freewill Baptists. He has had in all some eight pastoral charges, in all of which many conversions have been wit-



Rev. J. Westley.

nessed. He has also labored extensively as an evangelist and with much success. The conversions under his ministry probably exceed three thousand. He has baptized some ten or twelve hundred of the converts and organized several churches. His labors have been especially helpful to the denominational interests in Nebraska and Kansas.

**West Virginia.** The denominational interests in West Virginia and Virginia are considered in three sections, the first in eastern West Virginia, extending into Virginia and also into Maryland, arising from the Shenandoah Mission (*q. v.*), the second consisting of the interests which cluster around West Virginia College (*q. v.*), and the third in the Kenawha valley, arising from the labors of brethren from the neighboring churches in Ohio.

I. **HARPER'S FERRY Q. M.** was organized Jan. 26, 1868, with the Martinsburg, Charlestown, and Harper's Ferry churches, to which the Winchester

and Berryville churches were soon added, when the total membership was 250. The Leetown and Staunton churches were added the next year, and in 1870 the Amelia Court House, Smithfield and Shepherdstown churches. The Kerneysville church was received in 1872, Pleasant Valley about 1880, Hagerstown (Md.), and Lovettsville in 1883, and Baltimore (Md.) in 1887. The Leetown and Smithfield churches were merged into the present Johnstown church. The Winchester, Berryville, and Staunton churches were dismissed in 1870 to form the Winchester Q. M., and the Amelia Court House church in 1877 entered the James River Q. M. The ten remaining churches now have a membership of 641.

**THE WINCHESTER Q. M.**, located south of the Harper's Ferry Q. M., was organized in 1870 with the Berryville, Staunton, and Winchester churches. The Elizabeth Furnace, and Luray churches were added about 1873, Zion about 1878, Craigville, Halifax County, Second Halifax County, Needmore (now Blainsville), and Bunker Hill about 1880, and Scottsburg about 1887. The Staunton church was reorganized as the present Folly Mills church. The Elizabeth Furnace, Zion, and Bunker Hill churches have become extinct. The remaining churches have a membership of 441.

**THE JAMES RIVER Q. M.** was organized in 1877 with the Richmond, West Point, and Amelia Court House churches. They were active a few years and then ceased to be reported.

**THE VIRGINIA FREE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**, called after 1880 the **VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION**, was organized in 1870, consisting of the Harper's Ferry and Winchester Q. M's. The James River Q. M. was also connected with this association. The two Q. M's first named continue to the present with increasing numbers, and are accomplishing much for the Master.

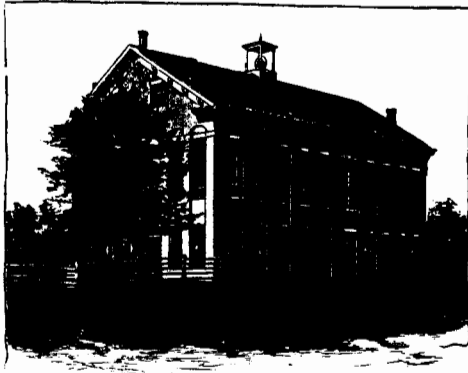
II. **TAYLOR Q. M.**, known after 1873 as the **WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION**, was organized about 1868 with the Fairview, Flemington, and Laurel Run churches. It is located in Taylor County

and vicinity in the northern part of the state. The same churches continued until 1887, when the Grafton church was added. The membership of the Q. M. in 1888 is 145. This Q. M. has been from the first connected with the Ohio River Y. M.

III. FIRST KANAWHA Q. M., located in Kanawha County, was organized in July, 1883. At Hampton, July 19, 1877, Rev. W. J. Fulton baptized E. M. McVey and wife, and James Shaver. These three persons, with Brother A. C. Shaver, employed Brother Fulton to preach regularly once a month until July 22, 1879, when they were organized into a church. Brother Fulton continued with them until 1883, when

to form the Raleigh Q. M. in 1884, and the Nazareth church to enter the Lincoln Q. M. in 1887. The Christian Bride and Slaughter's Creek churches have been merged into others, leaving the Q. M. in 1887 with twelve churches and 500 members.

THE RALEIGH Q. M., located south of the Kanawha Q. M., was organized in 1884, with the New Salem, Rock Creek and Clear Creek churches, from the Kanawha Q. M. The Baptistery Scene and Laurel churches were added in 1885, and Jarrold's Valley in 1886. The New Salem and Laurel churches were dismissed to the Boone Q. M. in 1886, and the four remaining churches now contain 179 members.



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Rev. J. E. Cox became their pastor. This church (Kanawha) was the beginning of the denomination in this vicinity. It has grown to number 140 members, and has one of the finest houses of worship in the valley. Its activity brought other churches into existence, and in 1883 the Q. M. consisted of the Kanawha, Christian Bride, Liberty, Lewiston, Palestine, and Winifrede churches, with 247 members. In 1884 there were added the Alderson, Clear Creek, Dry Branch, Nazareth, New Salem, Rock Creek, Slaughter's Creek, West Charleston, and Sand Fork churches; and the next year the Fifteen Mile, Mt. Carbon, and Union churches. The New Salem, Rock Creek, and Clear Creek churches were dismissed

THE BOONE Q. M., southwest of the Kanawha Q. M., was organized in 1886, with the Laurel and New Salem churches from the Raleigh Q. M., and the Liberty, Martha, and Van churches recently gathered. The New Salem and Martha churches dropped out in 1887, and the Eliza and Pond Fork churches took their places.

THE LINCOLN Q. M., located west of the Boone Q. M., was organized in 1887, with the Nazareth church from the Kanawha Q. M., and the Camelton, Nine Mile, and Union churches.

THE WEST VIRGINIA Y. M. was organized Sept. 25, 1886, with the First Kanawha, Raleigh, and Boone Q. M's, which had been connected with the

Ohio River Y. M. (Ohio). To these the Lincoln Q. M. was added the next year, making a Y. M. with twenty-five churches and 875 members. The energy manifested in the growth of this Y. M. is displaying itself in present efforts to extend its work.

**West Virginia College**, at Flemington, W. Va., was founded in 1868. It was at first under the care of Rev. A. D. Williams. He was succeeded by Rev. W. Colegrove. After him Rev. D. Powell was agent of the school and Prof. O. G. Augir principal. Rev. Thos. E. Peden is now the president. Normal, preparatory and collegiate courses are arranged. Many have laid the foundation for usefulness here. Sixty-seven students are now in attendance, seven being in the college classes. The college is chartered by the West Virginia Legislature, and, with a suitable endowment, would accomplish a needed work in the state.

**Wetherbee, Rev. Josiah**, a native of Rindge, N. H., died in Grand Detour, Ill., Feb. 25, 1883, aged 92 years. He served as a volunteer in the war of 1812, to its close. He began preaching in Reading, Vt., in 1815, and was ordained in 1821. In 1820 he began a five years' pastorate in Stowe, Vt. He was then at Northfield two years, and at Huntington eight years, where the power of the Spirit was manifested in the conversion of many. Added numbers and deeper piety came to the West Rutland church during his pastorate the next two years. He then labored at Johnsburg, N. Y., and vicinity five years, and saw many converts. In one community of thirty families every adult was converted. Later he labored at Lebanon, Me., and Sandwich and North Hampton, N. H., where he remained until the death of his first wife, in 1855. His last pastorate was in Uniontown, Ia., where he preached three years. After this, again bereaved, he made his home with his children in Illinois. As a preacher he was clear, concise, and practical. He drew largely from the divine word, which so forcibly presents Christ as the lover and redeemer of sinners. He was an early advocate of temperance, and a

friend of the slave, declaring that the nation must suffer for its sin; and he lived to see the freedom of the slave, which gave him great joy.

**Weatherby, Rev. Samuel C.**, a native of Nassau, N. Y., died at Pine Valley, July 25, 1877, aged 67 years. When about nineteen he joined the Stephentown and Nassau church, and in 1843 he was ordained. After two years with the Crooked Lake church, he entered upon a pastorate of ten years with the Veteran church. In 1855 he commenced preaching at Dix, but health prohibited continuous pastoral work. He preached also at Odessa and Pine Valley. He was an instructive preacher, a wise counselor, a safe leader and a valuable friend.

**Weymouth, Rev. Nathaniel F.**, son of John F. and Miriam (Staples) Weymouth, was born in Gray, Me., Oct. 3, 1818. He became a Christian at the age of twenty-one, and was licensed in September, 1852, at the age of thirty-four. After this he was a student five terms at New Hampton, N. H., mostly during his thirty-eighth year. He was ordained June 18, 1857, by the Exeter Q. M. His pastorates have been at Exeter, Plymouth, Burnham Village, Unity, Hermon and Dixmont, Me. The Exeter church was organized during his pastorate there. He has assisted in the organization of several churches and had revivals at Exeter, Pittsfield and Burnham. He gave liberally in building churches, and for the Maine Central Institute, of which he is a trustee. He has been clerk of the Exeter Q. M. twelve years. Since 1876 he has resided in Troy, Me., where, as a citizen, he has served in town offices. He was married in 1845 to Miss Judith P. Simons, and has three children living.

**Whaley, Rev. E. B.**, was born Dec. 26, 1828, at Dale, Wyoming County, N. Y. His parents were David and Hannah (Been) Whaley. Sept. 10, 1849, he married Clarissa Nichols. In 1852 he became a Christian, was licensed in 1873, and received ordination in 1874. He has engaged in revivals and baptized about fifty converts.

**Wheeler, Rev. Abel**, died in Haverhill, N. H., March 13, 1870, on his 77th

birthday. He was born in Newport, N. H. He became a Christian when about twenty-six years of age, and twelve years afterwards moved to Haverhill and was one of the original members of the church there. He was licensed by the church, and soon after was ordained by the Lisbon Q. M. in 1832. He preached Christ faithfully in several towns until obliged by failing health to retire from the work. He was much respected for his honesty as a man and his consistency as a Christian.

**Wheeler, Rev. Austin**, a native of Gilead, Me., died in Prescott, Minn., March 24, 1873, aged 72 years. He was licensed at the age of twenty-six, and ordained the following year. He moved to Otisfield in 1837, and subsequently labored in Hebron, Gardiner, Minot and Canton. Going in May, 1862, to reside in Minnesota, he soon organized a church, and aided in building up the Minnesota Southern Y. M. His baptisms numbered 231. He was a safe counselor and a good preacher, enforcing both with an exemplary life.

**Wheeler, Rev. Daniel C.**, son of Job and Lucinda W. Wheeler, was born in Wells, Me., Dec. 3, 1827. He became a Christian in his youth, but wandered away. He afterwards united with the Boston, Mass., church, and was licensed by the Boston Q. M. in 1868. He was ordained at Farnumsville, by a council of the Rhode Island Association in 1870, and the next year settled at Chepachet, R. I. He has since preached in several places in Connecticut, Maine, New York and New Hampshire. In July, 1879, he left Wolfboro', N. H., and has had no pastorate since. He resides in Charlestown, Mass., and is in poor health.

**Wheeler, Rev. George**, son of William and Joanna (Nichols) Wheeler, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., June 7, 1817. He studied at Shelburne Falls, Mass., in the common school. Converted Jan. 26, 1836, he was ordained at Olneyville by Rev's G. T. Day, W. H. Bowen, B. F. Hayes and J. A. McKenzie. His pastorates are: Warren, R. I., West Campton, Stark, Milan, and Dunmer, N. H. In 1875 he entered

upon a nine years' pastorate at Block Island, R. I., during which 120 were added to the church, and a good parsonage was built and paid for at a cost of \$2,200. He has preached in South Kingston, R. I., two and a half years; twenty-two were added to the church and the edifice repaired. He has enjoyed ten revivals, organized one church, baptized 300, attended 400 funerals, and solemnized 102 marriages. He married Aug. 1, 1839, Mary E. Grant, and Dec. 2, 1841, Mary E. Munroe, and has six children living. His home is in Providence, R. I.

**Wheeler, Rev. John**, a native of Rehoboth, Mass., died Aug. 4, 1878, aged 90 years. In 1808 he married Miss Mary Franklin and moved to Richmond, N. Y. After serving in the army (war of 1812) he was converted, and in 1818 moved to Greenfield, O., where he began to preach, gathered a church and received ordination in September, 1825. After the church was put upon a good basis, he resigned the pastorate and labored in that region. He was a close student of the Bible and successful in winning souls.

**Wheeler, Rev. Lovell**, of Oshkosh, Wis., was born in Newport, N. H., April 24, 1800, and was married to Anna Brown in 1822. His education was obtained in the academy of his native town, and he was ordained by the ministers of the Weare Q. M. in August, 1831. His ministry was spent in New Hampshire, Vermont, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Several churches were gathered through his labors. His death occurred at his home, April 26, 1888.

**Wheeler, Rev. Samuel**, was born May 20, 1801, in Chesterville, Me., where he has since resided. His parents were John and Charity (Linscott) Wheeler. His grandfather, John Wheeler, Sr., came from England about 1770, and served in the Revolutionary War with courage and gallantry under Commodore John Paul Jones. Mr. Wheeler became a Christian at the age of seventeen and was licensed in June, 1841, and ordained at Vienna, Me., the following year in June, by a council of the Farmington

**Q. M.** He has been pastor of the following churches Chesterville, Second Wilton, First Wilton, First New Sharon, Norridgewock, Second New Sharon, Vienna, and Readfield, and has baptized 150 converts. He was the successful and honored pastor of the Chesterville church forty years. In 1864 he represented his town in the Legislature. He was married Nov. 11, 1823, to Miss Nancy W. Keniston. Of his seven children two sons are living.

**Wheeler, Rev. Z. J.,** son of James and Esther (Grover) Wheeler, was born in Albany, Me., March 3, 1837. He was converted in 1856, and after many years, finally, encouraged by his faithful wife, he was licensed in November, 1874, at West Bethel, Me., by the Otisfield Q. M. He first settled at East Hebron, and for over two years attended, at the same time, Bates Theological Seminary. Meanwhile a revival occurred, in which sixty were added to the church by baptism. He then entered upon a pastorate of five years at South Gorham, where he was ordained Jan. 29, 1879, by a council from the Cumberland Q. M. While there he supplied at Scarborough, Buxton and Windham Centre. May 1, 1883, he settled at West Charleston, Vt., preaching fortnightly at East Charleston. He is clerk of the Wheelock Q. M. He married May 31, 1860, Lucy J. Hobart, who died in April, 1879. In June, 1881, he married Maggie Davidson. He has two children living.

**Whitacre, Rev. Wilford,** was born at Blanchester, O., Aug. 30, 1833, and died at his home, Iowa Falls, Ia., July 7, 1880. He was converted in early life, and having completed his college course at Hillsdale, Mich., became pastor successively at New Hope, Butterville, Goshen, Centreburgh, Chagrin Falls and Berwick, all in Ohio. At Centreburgh especially, much good resulted. At Berwick also 100 were converted under his labors. In connection with pastoral work he was principal of the Ohio Central Normal School. He was also for a time editor of the *Wilmington Journal* and later of the *Register*. In April, 1879, he moved to Iowa. His wife,

Mary E., whom he married in 1858, was a constant helper.

**Whitaker, Rev. A. H.,** son of Oliver and Hannah R. (Hollingsworth) Whitaker, was born at Kirklin, Ind., June 9, 1845, and was married Jan. 1, 1868, to Sarah Ellen Balcom. They have three children. Brother Whitaker was converted when eleven years of age, studied at Centreburgh Academy, Ohio, and four years at Hillsdale, Mich., and received ordination in January, 1871. He has been pastor of the churches in Waverly, Mich., Concord, Centreburgh, Rome, Broadway, Newton and East Liberty, O., and Honey Creek and New Berlin, Wis. In nearly all of these, revivals have been enjoyed under his labor. He has organized three churches and baptized about two hundred converts. Active in temperance and in every good work, he is highly esteemed among his brethren, both as a preacher and as pastor.

**Whitaker, Rev. Jesse,** was ordained in 1829 and labored in New Hampshire. He finally left the denomination.

**Whitaker, Rev. Richard B.,** son of John and Jennet (Banester) Whitaker, was born in England in 1839, and married Miss Ann Atkins in 1867. He was



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educated at Layland Academy, England. Having devoted himself to God's service in 1877, he received license to preach in

1881 and was ordained Nov. 26, 1882. His ministry has been with the church at Masonville, Ia., two years, and at Estherville three years, and he has entered upon the work with the churches at Hillsboro and Utica. Revivals have attended his labors with these churches, as well as also at Nashville, Minn. He is secretary of the Iowa Y. M., and much respected by his brethren.

**Whitcher, Rev. Hiram**, son of Simeon W. and Dorcas (Kittridge) Whitcher, who were formerly of Methuen and Andover, Mass., was born in Danville, Vt., March 18, 1809. The family moved to Sweden, N. Y., in 1815. Here in 1823 Hiram was converted, and uniting with the Union church of Sweden



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and Ogden, he received from it in 1829 a license to preach. During the summer he was chiefly engaged in study, and through the fall and winter attended Middlebury Academy. In the spring he assisted Elder T. Parker in a glorious revival at Penfield, and soon joined the church there, after which he was ordained May 30, 1830, by a council of the Bethany Q. M. In 1831 Brother Whitcher went into Chautauqua County and labored in revivals in many places there, and also in Cattaraugus County. Many converts were baptized, among

them Miss L. Crawford and Miss H. Baldwin (afterwards Mrs. Cooley), our missionaries, also Dr. Kingsley, later bishop of the M. E. church. In 1832 he was married to Miss Lovisa B. Greno, and held meetings in Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. The following year was spent revisiting and confirming the churches in western New York. In 1834 he settled at Springville and entered the academy, preaching also in the vicinity. After this he labored with success at Aurora, Warsaw and Batavia.

In 1840 he, with others, served as a committee from the General Conference to arrange a union with the Free Communion Baptists. He preached also at Clinton, Poland, Unadilla Forks, and Whitestown. From 1845 to 1854 he labored in Rochester, N. Y. From there he went to Concord, N. H., under direction of the Home Mission Society. The following twenty years were spent in Maine, at Booth Bay, Bath, Augusta, Phillips, Falmouth, Saccarappa and elsewhere. After fifty years' active service he accepted a home provided by his brother, C. J. Whitcher, and moved to Brockport, N. Y., from which place he has rendered service to several churches. During his ministry Brother Whitcher has been engaged in many revivals, and has baptized 680 converts. An active, devoted life brings hopeful rest as it closes.

**Whitcomb, Rev. Ebenezer**, died in Chester, Mich., August 21, 1868, aged 51 years. For a number of years after his conversion he labored with the Methodists, but later united with the Free Baptists. At the time of his death he was clerk of the Grand River Q. M., and pastor of four churches.

**Whitcomb, Rev. Samuel**, died in Clarendon, Mich., April 7, 1867. He was born in Lisbon, N. H., June 1, 1788. Aug. 5, 1813, he married Miss Nancy Jacobs. In 1816 he was thoroughly converted. Soon after he moved to Lyons, N. Y., and joined the Presbyterian church. Disagreeing with them in doctrine, in December, 1819, he united with the Free Baptist church in his place. He moved to Hartland in April, 1822, and soon to Shelby, where he organized a

church in 1824, and was its pastor till he moved to Michigan in 1835. Here the next year he organized the Cook's Prairie church in Clarendon, where he retained his membership till death. Oct. 10, 1844, his wife died, and he afterwards married Miss Lydia Cowles, of Burlington, Mich. He was in sympathy with all denominational enterprises, a safe counselor, a practical preacher. He was once a member of General Conference. He labored on the farm to support his large family. For years his services were hindered by ill health.

**Whitcomb, Rev. Simeon C.**, son of Hezekiah and Salome (Coffin) Whitcomb, was born in Thorndike, Me., Jan. 16, 1845. After he was eight years of age he lived at Hampden, Me., where he studied at the academy, also at Maine State Seminary. In 1862, at the age of seventeen, when partly fitted for college, he enlisted in the army as a private, and rose to second sergeant before the close of the war. At the age of twenty-two he was converted and soon felt called to preach. He was licensed in September, 1874. He graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary, and was ordained at Dover, Me., July 1, 1875. After a successful pastorate of six years, he accepted a call to Pittsfield, Me., in 1880, where after seven years' labor his ministry is more acceptable than ever before. He has baptized forty-eight converts. He is a trustee of the Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, and clerk of the Maine Central Y. M. He was married Aug. 1, 1877, to Miss Celestia Cates.

**White, Rev. George L.**, son of Hiram D. and Susan (Patch) White, was born in New Gloucester, Me., March 30, 1854. He was converted at the age of twelve, in meetings held by Rev. C. F. Penney. He entered Nichols Latin School in 1870, and graduated from Bates College in 1876. He taught school four years, the last year as principal of the graded school at Machias Port, Me. He began to preach Dec. 7, 1879, received license from the Chenango Q. M., New York, June 18, 1880, and was ordained the following January at Smyrna, by Rev's T. H. Stacy (who preached the sermon), W. N. Merriman, and C. E.

Brockway. The first two were college classuates. He was pastor at Smyrna, and afterwards at Sherburne, N. Y., and later of the Brunswick Village church, Me. He supplied the First Brunswick church one year, till spring of 1887. In 1888 he became pastor of the church at Farmington, N. H. He was married to Miss Sarah J. Gummer, of Brunswick, in 1880, and has three children.

**White, Rev. Joseph**, was born in Standish, Me., May 24, 1789. At the age of thirteen he went apart into secret places to pray, and at the age of twenty he witnessed the baptism of 150 in his town by Rev's Z. Leach and S. Hutchinson. As Leach was coming up out of the water, he noticed a young man of serious face gazing earnestly, and grasped his hand, saying, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord." These words God blessed to the conversion of Joseph White. He soon saw the shelterless condition of sinners and began to preach to them the glorious gospel. For several years he did not get far from home.

In 1814 he became deeply impressed with Colby's petitions for help in Rhode Island, and in company with Rev. Geo. Lamb May 1, 1815, he set out for this field, which for the next ten years was to be so richly blessed by his ministry. At Burrillville he met Colby, and for three months they preached together there and in surrounding towns. He returned to Maine, and was ordained November 4 at a session of the Yearly Meeting held at Fort Hill in Gorham. During the next twenty-two years of his ministry he was incessantly engaged in the Master's work. After a winter in Maine he made a second visit to Rhode Island in March, 1816. By June he left the state to visit the Yearly Meeting in New Hampshire and to make a tour into Maine, at his home administering his first baptism. He went by the last of summer back again for two months to Rhode Island. His labors proved so successful that churches in his native state detained him for eighteen months. A little previous to Colby's death, in 1817, Colby urgently solicited White to revisit Rhode Island. A revival had at-

tended his efforts at Parsonfield, Me. He went to Rhode Island for a while, but returned, and in 1819-20 ministered to the churches he had served in Maine around Standish, Gorham, Otisfield, Gray, and Danville.

For the next six years he spent most of his time settled in Rhode Island. May 16, 1820, he organized the First Smithfield church at Greenville, which so prospered "under his care" that at the Rhode Island Q. M. in October, 1821, the church numbered 144 members. He presided at the organization of the Quarterly Meeting, and at that time assisted in the ordination of the first Free Baptist minister ordained in the state. This year he was married, and the next his wife died at her home in Standish, Me., leaving an infant son. In the spring of 1824 he married her sister, Elizabeth Leavitt. In June, 1826, he attended the New Hampshire Y. M. at Sandwich and preached a most excellent sermon, from the text Luke 12:56, which was afterwards printed. He was a member of the second General Conference, and preached a discourse in memory of Rev. T. M. Jackson from the words, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth." Previous to this he had moved from Rhode Island to Standish, and now he moved for two or three years to Gorham. He was present at Yearly and Quarterly Meetings and ordinations, comforting the people and bringing consolation to sinners. He returned to live at Standish, preaching in 1831 half the time at Cape Elizabeth.

He was a member of the sixth and also the seventh General Conferences. With John Buzzell, Henry Hobbs, Enoch Place and Hosea Quinby, he was chosen by General Conference as a committee of revision for the denominational treatise published in 1834. Finally, after a struggle with consumption for three years in which he yielded, abridging his active labors inch by inch, beloved by friends, everywhere esteemed and respected, he fell asleep in Jesus May 17, 1837. Two days before his death he said, "I find support in the Christian religion, my soul rests in the bosom of God." "Life is none too

good to wear out in the service of God" is one of his last remembered remarks. A son lives in Lewiston and a daughter in Standish.

**White, Rev. Joseph**, son of Stacy White, was born in Tennessee about 1856, and received ordination about 1881, in the Cairo Q. M., Illinois. He has since ministered to the Tiptonville and Commerce churches, his labors being blessed to the strengthening of the churches.

**White, Rev. J. H.**, died Aug. 1, 1887, aged 60 years.

**White, Rev. Marshall M.**, son of Denison and Loamy (Cook) White, was born at Plattsburgh, N. Y., in 1835, and married Charlotte C. Sweet, in 1860. He received license to preach in 1873, and was ordained June 13, 1875, by Rev. W. Whitfield and others. He was pastor of the church at Burke, N. Y., (Lawrence Q. M.) thirteen years, when he resigned because of failing health.

**White, Rev. Thomas**, died in Hodgdon, Me., Dec. 19, 1859. He was born in York County, N. B., in 1804, and was converted in the autumn of 1822, uniting with the Christian church of his native place. In 1829 he married and moved to Hodgdon, where he joined the Free Baptist church under the evangelistic labors of Elders Hathaway and Stillson. In 1840, feeling called of God, he entered upon the Christian ministry. He was ordained in 1853. He built, mostly by his own labors and property in his place, a neat little Free Baptist chapel.

**Whitestown Seminary** was opened by the Free Baptists in 1844, the faculty and students at Clinton Seminary (*q. v.*) being transferred to this place for increased accommodations. The buildings had previously been occupied by the Oneida Institute, under the presidency of Beriah Green. Rev. John Fullonton was principal the first year, after which he became pastor of the church, and taught in the seminary, retaining an active influence in the management of the school. Rev. D. S. Heffron, who taught several years, was principal 1845-46, and Prof. S. Farnham occupied that position 1846-53. The first year there were 225 students, and the num-

bers increased the next year. The Biblical School (*q. v.*) was conducted in connection with the seminary for ten years, and aided much in the early success and usefulness of the school.

Prof. Jas. S. Gardner became principal in 1853, and continued in that position until his death, in 1881. Under his guidance the departments of study were increased, and the seminary won an enviable reputation among the schools of the state. The buildings were increased to four in number, the central building, erected last of all, and called Walcott Hall in honor of Wm. D. Walcott, a generous patron of the school, being a beautiful brick edifice with well-fitted recitation rooms, and containing a commodious hall for rhetorical exercises. This school during its long and successful

gauge foreclosure. The buildings were used for school purposes until 1886. The "Ladies' Hall" has since been burned, and the other buildings are unoccupied. In 1889 the grounds were divided into lots to be sold for private use.

**Whitfield, Rev. William**, of Pierpont, N. Y., was born in London, Eng., Dec. 27, 1811. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Bentley) Whitfield. He was converted in September, 1830, received license eight years later, and ordination June 14, 1841. He assisted in organizing the Pierpont and several other churches; and, with the exception of two years in the Jefferson Q. M., he has resided at Pierpont since 1840, ministering to the people there, a part of the time preaching also in other places. He



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career has given instruction to more than ten thousand pupils, and among its alumni are many standing high within the denomination and in religious and secular life outside. It was a credit to the denomination for the successful work done and the lasting influence for good exerted.

By the election of trustees from the Presbyterian denomination, the institution was transferred to Presbyterian control. The state withdrew its aid to schools of this class at about this time. Financial embarrassments arose; the institution was estranged from those who had established it. In the midst of these difficulties Professor Gardner died, and the property was sold under a mort-

gage for sixteen years clerk of the town, and has been for thirty-seven years clerk of the St. Lawrence Y. M. Among its churches he has had a wide influence. Though advanced in years, he still has an appointment each Sabbath morning at the home church. Three hundred and eighty-seven couples have been joined in marriage by him. In 1831 he was married to Diantha M. Axtell, and of their four children two still live and are active workers for God.

**Whitley, Rev. Aaron S.**, died at his residence in Willseyville, Tioga County, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1881, aged 81 years. He was licensed to preach about 1833 and ordained in 1835, being a member of the Caroline church of the Owego Q. M.,

and residing at that time at Candor. He remained with this church until in advanced years, when he became a member of the Owego church. He was an efficient laborer in the ministry, having gained many friends and won to Christ many souls. He took a bold stand in the anti-slavery cause.

**Whitman, Rev. Eugene Z.**, son of Zephaniah B. and Eliza (Chase) Whitman, was born in Woodstock, Me., Dec. 6, 1850. He married Dora V. Whitman Dec. 6, 1870, and has three children. Oct. 20, 1873, he was converted. He studied at Kent's Hill Academy, was licensed as a Methodist April 7, 1875, and held three pastorates, enjoying one revival in which twenty-five were baptized. Dec. 29, 1883, he was licensed by the Free Baptists, and was ordained at the Waterville and Sidney church, March 27, 1884. He entered the class of 1889 in the Cobb Divinity School, at the same time serving the church at West Bowdoin. In 1888 he took pastoral care of the Sabattus church. In a recent revival thirty-eight were added to the church.

**Whitman, Rev. William**, was ordained in Ohio soon after 1820, and his ministry, so far as is known, was in that state.

**Whitmore, Rev. J. E.**, son of George W. and Rosetta Whitmore, was born in Islesboro, Me., in 1857. When three years of age his parents moved to Hampden. His father was lost at sea when he was five years of age. He became a Christian at the age of twenty-two under the labors of Rev. S. F. Pearson, of Portland. He studied at Hampden and at Bangor Theological Seminary. He was ordained June 10, 1886, and has been pastor of the Danforth church since 1885.

**Whitney, Rev. A. L.**, of Holton, Mich., son of William and Elizabeth (Howard) Whitney, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., in 1831. He was married to Mary A. Hagar in 1855, and now has two children. His conversion took place in 1877. Two years later he received license to preach, and in 1884 he was ordained. He has ministered to the Hazel Grove church of the Holton and White River Q. M., Michigan, and now

also to the Maple Grove church recently organized by himself.

**Whitney, Rev. Geo. W.**, died in Rochester, N. H., September, 1878. He was born in Gorham, Me., June 14, 1792. He was a brother of Rev's John and Samuel Whitney. His father, Asa Whitney, died when he was about fourteen years of age. In 1810 he with his mother moved to Bridgton, then a comparatively new town affording few privileges. In 1813 he served as a soldier and was stationed in Portland. In March 1817, he married Miss Mary Whitney, of Buxton. In an extensive



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revival in the winter and spring of 1827-28 under the labors of Rev. Samuel Lewis, assisted by Rev. Clement Phinney, he was converted, was baptized by the latter and united with the First church of Bridgton at its organization. The Lord having blessed his labors he was licensed by the Gorham Q. M. About three years afterwards he was ordained at a session of the Otisfield Q. M. held at Bridgton in February, 1835. His was the first ordination after the organization of the Q. M. He continued to serve the churches in Bridgton and adjacent towns, on the Sabbath mostly with those destitute, and during the week devoting much time also to visiting the churches, attend-

ing funerals, Quarterly Meetings and protracted meetings. At the same time he was compelled to labor on the farm for support. In the winter of 1839-40 there was an extensive revival, known as the great reformation, and several towns in which he had been preaching shared in it largely. In this work he took deep interest, and afterwards devoted all his time to the ministry. He lived in Bridgton until 1842. He was pastor of the following churches in the order named: Harrison, Gray, West Bethel, Sherban, N. H., Gonic, N. H., North Berwick, Me., Hiram, East Parsonfield, South Parsonfield and Buxton Centre. In these pastorates of from one to five years each he baptized many and added them to the churches. He resided with a daughter in Bethel until her death, and afterwards with a daughter in Rochester. He was a member of the General Conference held at Topsham, Me. He gave the church at Rochester his earnest efforts; was a member at its organization and remained useful till death.

**Whitney, Rev. John**, of Gouldsborough, Me., went 150 miles to New Durham, N. H., in June 1785, to attend the Q. M., and there related his Christian experience and call to the ministry. The question of his ordination was referred to the next Q. M., when it was decided in the affirmative, and he was ordained at Westport, Sept. 7; Randall himself preached the sermon, Tingley made the consecrating prayer, and Hibbard gave the hand of fellowship. He was the first to be ordained to the ministry in the denomination, and for thirty years he was successful especially in awakening sinners in his evangelistic work. He frequently met with opposition in his preaching tours. He visited the frontier settlements with Tingley the year of his ordination, and souls were saved and a few churches organized. He went to reside at Edgecomb, where a church of twenty members was organized by the aid of Hibbard. In 1787 a remarkable revival was enjoyed by him at Royalsborough. In 1788 he baptized several at Lewiston and visited the "Eastern country." He moved his family to Leeds, where they resided for sev-

eral years. He organized churches at Canaan, Bristol, and at the present Camden. In 1791, from the revival in Kittery, a church was embodied. In September, 1793, with Randall, Tingley, Hibbard, and Deacon Otis he went from the Y. M. to answer the call for help from the churches in the Sandy River valley. Later he was requested by the Y. M. with Hibbard and two laymen to visit what is now Burnham. He was partly drawn into Lock's plan to form a Christian community with common property in 1800, but he made a public confession and a speedy return. In 1813 he moved to Newfield, and through faithful labors the place of death soon bloomed as a garden. One hundred and fifty were converted during the year. Samuel Burbank, the teacher, with many pupils was among the number.

**Whitney, Rev. Reuben**, was ordained in 182-, and labored in Maine. He died in 1837.

**Whitney, Rev. Samuel**, died in Jackson, Me., Oct. 13, 1859. He was born in Gorham, Me., July 29, 1777. In 1798 he married Miss Hannah Snow, of Gorham. At the death of his wife, he provided a suitable home for his babes, and settled on a lot of land in Thorndike, Waldo County. Here, in 1801, he married Miss Mary Rich. During a revival in this place in 1803 he was converted, and baptized soon after by Rev. John Whitney, his brother. He was one of eight who were organized to form the Thorndike church. His deep interest and earnest efforts soon led his brethren to look to him as leader. He began to hold meetings, and Dec. 27, 1806, was licensed by their request, and July 23, 1807, was ordained. Rev. E. Stinchfield preached the sermon. Working on the farm during the week, and preaching on the Sabbath, his health failed, and he sold his farm and moved to Brooks. Business there proved to his disadvantage. During this time, however, he saw some revival interest attend his preaching. In 1819 he was a delegate to the convention at Portland which framed the constitution of Maine. He served in the Legislature several times as representative and senator, and also as one of the

Governor's council. In the year 1823 his wife died. He moved to Newport, where he married Mrs. Ring, who survived him. He resided in Jackson, Monmouth, Hallowell, Bath, Portland and Plymouth. He spent two years in New York.

He was moderator of General Conference at Strafford, Vt., in 1833, and at Byron, N. Y., in 1835. He labored in Lowell, Mass., and in New Hampshire for a time. He made a tour to New Brunswick, and through an extensive revival gathered a large church in that province. He preached at Frankfort on the Penobscot River, and at Mt. Desert. In these places the work was blessed and churches gathered. Soon after this he was employed by the anti-slavery society to travel and lecture as an advocate of human freedom. He was bold and fearless. For the last five years of his earthly life his mind was a blank, his memory refused to act, but Jesus and heaven were sweet to him. His funeral was attended by Rev. A. Lovejoy.

**Whitney, Rev. William E.**, a native of Penfield, N. Y., died at Leslie, Mich., Sept. 17, 1883, aged 71 years. He was converted in 1832, moved to Canada in 1834, commenced to preach in 1844, and was ordained in 1846. He went to Michigan in 1849 and labored with various churches there. He served as a soldier in the early part of the Civil War and re-enlisted in 1864. He lost a limb, but on his return resumed the work of the ministry and was a faithful soldier of the Lord.

**Whittemore, Rev. David Richards**, was born in Salisbury, N. H., July 31, 1819. He was the sixteenth child of Eleazer and Lydia (Richards) Whittemore, of a well-known New Hampshire family. The residence of the father was in that part of the town which became Franklin in 1828. In 1835 he left the employment of the farm, and went to Lowell, Mass., where he was successively a mechanic's apprentice, a student in Dracut Academy, and the publishing agent of *Zion's Banner*, a weekly religious newspaper. During this period he was especially active in religious work. Early in 1842 he removed to Rhode Is-

land, and in October of that year was ordained as pastor of the church in North Providence. Rev. Martin Cheney and Rev. James A. McKenzie were members of the council. In 1846 he became pastor of the South church in Newport. Since 1849 he has resided in the western part of Providence. He has been deeply interested in organizing and perfecting the work of the association, and has aided many of its churches in securing supplies and settling pastors. He long cherished the plan of securing the best possible historical and literary



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facilities for the denomination. Through his zeal the Free Baptist Cyclopædia was undertaken. For many years he was an active agent in the association for the *Register* and *Morning Star*. Benevolent work in the state he has been deeply interested in. He was an outspoken Abolitionist when it cost much to be outspoken; he was always an advocate of total abstinence and prohibition; for many years he has held office in the Rhode Island Peace Society. He has successfully prosecuted at the same time the insurance and other business. Incisiveness of intellect, correctness of judgment, and positiveness of opinion have been traits which have made him to many a wise counselor and

bold leader. He died after an illness of a few months March 23, 1888. In November, 1842, he married Eliza Jane Gilbert, of Francistown, N. H., and has four children, of whom one is a member of the school committee of Providence, two are editors, publishers and printers of the *Burrillville Gazette*, and one is the wife of the editor and publisher of a weekly paper in Iowa.

**Whittemore, Rev. E. E.**, son of George M. and Sarah A. (Loomis) Whittemore, was born in Oneida County, New York, November 26, 1850. He was educated at Whitestown Seminary, and was principal of the Prospect School six years. He turned to God in March, 1873, and, after serving one year as a licentiate, was ordained by the Whites-town Q. M., June 12, 1881. He has held pastorates at Prospect, Grant and Unadilla Forks, and has supplied elsewhere. He was married to Ellen M. Myers, Aug. 1, 1876, and four children cheer their home.

**Whittemore, Rev. Joseph**, a brother of Rev. D. R. Whittemore, was born in Salisbury, N. H., Sept. 10, 1813. He studied medicine in Concord, N. H., in 1834, and theology in Dr. Mott's school at Nashua. He was licensed by the Congregationalists in 1836, and ordained about 1841 at Tiverton, R. I., by a council of the Rhode Island Q. M. His pastorates were Tiverton, Pawtuxet, Pawtucket, and South Providence, R. I., Grafton and Taunton, Mass., and Randolph and Charleston, Vt. He baptized about three hundred converts, and served as delegate to the General Conference. About 1865 he went to Iowa, and is not now connected with our ministry.

**Whitten, Rev. S. F.**, was ordained in 1821, and labored in Maine.

**Whittier, Philander E.**, a native of Farmington, Me., died at Rome Corners, O., Oct. 2, 1878, aged 44 years. Converted in early life, after various journeyings, he married in 1863, and soon settled in Ohio. He was licensed by the Richland and Licking Q. M. in May, 1877, and devoted himself to the work of the ministry with good acceptance, but the end of his labors came soon after.

**Wiggin, Rev. George O.**, was born in Pittsfield, N. H., Feb. 17, 1859. He is the son of Levi and Elizabeth (Boston) Wiggin. He studied in the Academy at Pittsfield, N. H., and graduated from Bates Theological School in 1882. He was converted in 1873, received license in 1879, and was ordained at Bristol, N. H., May 24, 1882. He was pastor of the Bristol church four years. He then accepted his present pastorate at Centre Sandwich church. In 1882 he married Miss Lizzie M. Ward and he has two children.

**Wiggin, Rev. John Ansel**, son of John and Martha A. (McKenney) Wiggin, was born at North Baldwin, Me., July 2, 1859. In January, 1875, he was converted. He graduated from Nichols Latin School in 1882, and from Cobb Divinity School in June, 1887. In July, 1884, he was licensed, and was ordained July 21, 1887, by the Anson Q. M. as pastor of the church in Madison. At the same time Rev. R. B. Hutchins, at the request of the Lexington church, was ordained, the Rev. A. T. Salley preaching the sermon.

**Wight, Rev. Philip**, a native of New Hampshire, died in Hornby, N. Y., March 11, 1853, aged 60 years. He commenced preaching with the Free Baptists when thirty years of age, and, after gathering the Milan church, was ordained as an evangelist in 1826. In 1836 he removed to New York. He was a faithful advocate of the reforms of the day, and his labors were blessed.

**Wilbur, Rev. Thomas**, was ordained in Maine in 1800, and afterwards left the denomination.

**Wilcox, Rev. John**, went from Rhode Island to Petersburg, N. Y., where he united with the church at its organization, June 18, 1796. He was subsequently ordained.

**Wilder, Rev. A. G.**, born in Clevelerfield, Mass., died in Berea, O., Aug. 27, 1875, aged 46 years. The family moved to Ohio in 1833, and ten years later Brother Wilder was converted, uniting with the Hinckley church. He was ordained Oct. 5, 1856, by a council from the Medina Q. M. His labors were chiefly with the Hinckley, Royalton, Rockport,

Liverpool, and Henrietta churches, and in most of them there remained living evidences of the fruit of his labors. He was loved much.

**Wildman, Rev. F. A.** was born in Solon, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1812. His father, Eli Wildman, was of old Puritan stock, of Danbury, Conn., and his mother, Sally Lull, was from Massachusetts. He obtained a hope in Christ when fourteen years of age, studied at Cazenovia and Hamilton, and received ordination in Barrington, July 12, 1840. Having preached in Milo two years, he took up the work in Catharine, preaching in a ball-room, and after a time organized a church, now known as the Odessa church. He then preached in Jerusalem four years, and in 1849 made his home in Pultney and ministered to the church there, and to others in the vicinity. His baptisms number 150. He married Miss Sarah Bidwell when twenty-five years of age, and Mrs. P. A. Whitney in 1849.

**Wiley, Rev. Frederick L.**, was born in Maryland, N. Y., March 16, 1836. His parents were John and Charlotte



Rev. F. L. Wiley.

(Boardman) Wiley. He was converted at the age of sixteen. He received his preparatory education at Whitestown Seminary, N. Y., and graduated from the

Theological School at New Hampton, N. H., in 1868. In 1865 he received license to preach, and Sept. 8, 1868, he was ordained by Rev's. J. Mariner, L. B. Tasker, and others. He was married in 1860 to Miss Lena L. Smith, who died in 1863. In 1868 he was again married to Miss Rebecca Weeks. He has two children living. He has held pastorates in Sheffield, and Sutton, Vt., Bath (Colliss Street), Me., Concord, Whitefield and Gilford, N. H. He resides at Laconia, N. H. (1887), and supplies adjacent churches when health permits. At present he supplies stately the Canterbury church. While he was a theological student he spent his winters as an evangelist in northern Vermont and in Canada, where many were converted. He has received 250 persons into the churches, 127 by baptism. He was a member of the General Conference of 1877. He was several years editor of *The Messenger* (q. v.).

**Wilkins, Rev. Noah D.**, a native of Hamilton, died in German, N. Y., April 21, 1871, aged 65 years. He was licensed by the Coventry church, and in 1840 was ordained. His pastorates were with the churches at Coventry, Walton where a revival was enjoyed, Windsor several years, Sanford (Oxford), where a church was organized, Willet two years, German, where after a year a strong church was organized and a house was soon erected, the pastorate continuing six years, and then again at Windsor, the declining years, being filled with labor as health would permit. The McDonough Q. M. passed very complimentary resolutions at the session following his death.

**Willard, Rev. Edward**, died in Manchester, Ill., Nov. 17, 1852, aged 45 years. He was converted in 1830 while in Vermont, his native state, joined the Free Baptists in Ohio in 1838, and was ordained soon after. His labors were chiefly with the Boone County Q. M. (Ill.). He was interested in benevolent enterprises, and was devoted and useful in his work.

**Willard, Josiah F. and Mary T.** (Hill) Willard, the parents of Miss Frances E. Willard, were both Freewill

Baptists. Mr. Willard's grandfather was forty years pastor of a parish in Dublin, N. H., and was a Baptist. Mrs. Willard's grandmother, who lived to be nearly one hundred years old, was what was called a Whitefield Congregationalist, but after she was seventy years of age was baptized and joined "the Free-will order." Of their parents, Dea. John Hill was a zealous exhorter and Oliver A. Willard was the first clerk of the church at Ogden, N. Y., of which Rev. J. N. Hinckley was the first pastor in 1816. That spring John Hill had come on runners across the snow from Danville, Vt., and Oliver A. Willard from Wheelock, Vt., to make a home, side by side, fifteen miles west of Rochester, N. Y. At that time Josiah Willard and Mary T. Hill were children of ten years. Meetings were frequently held in the log houses which formed their homes. In 1829 at a prayer-meeting in the "stone schoolhouse," in the midst of "harvest time," Josiah F. Willard arose and asked for prayers, but as no one knelt to pray, he "fell on his knees and poured out his soul with strong crying and tears." The new life thus begun was zealously maintained. Mary T. Hill, also, was converted in the "reformation" which followed; and Nov. 4, 1831, they were married. The next year both were active in building the "old stone church" at Ogden. In September, 1839, Frances E. Willard was born, the fourth of their five children. David Marks preached at Ogden, and there an intimate acquaintance was formed, which was continued after the family in 1841 moved to Oberlin, O., where Mr. Willard spent four years in college. His health, never robust, showing symptoms of decline, he in 1846 removed to Janesville, Wis., and later to Evanston, Ill., where he died Jan. 24, 1868, and where his wife still resides at an advanced age.

**Willey, Rev. E. C.**, was born in Bartlett, N. H., in August 1805. He experienced religion and was baptized by Rev. Samuel Hazelton in his nineteenth year. He was licensed in 1834 and in 1837 was ordained by a council from the Sandwich Q. M. He was pastor in Eaton and then in Brighton. Settling in Lew-

iston, Me., in 1846, in the vicinity and throughout the state he labored successfully as an itinerant missionary. The church at Albany, N. H., was blessed under his labors from 1859 to 1862. He then removed to Lawrence, Mass., and joined the church there. While on a visit to friends in Concord in the summer of 1863, he fell from the train in the station, fracturing his thigh. The confinement, together with his weakened condition already, resulted in consumption of the blood, of which he died April 6, 1864.

**Williams, Rev. Alvin Dighton, D. D.**, was born at Smithfield Centre, Pa., Oct. 13, 1825, his parents being from Connecticut. He was converted at



Rev. A. D. Williams, D. D.

thirteen, and commenced preaching two and a half years later, gaining some notoriety as the "boy preacher." He was ordained at Carolina Mills, R. I., in May, 1848, and graduated at Hamilton College, New York, in 1849. He has been pastor of churches at Carolina Mills, and Pawtucket, R. I., Lawrence, Mass., Minneapolis, and Fair Point, Minn., and Cheshire, and Middleport, O., and has baptized nearly five hundred converts. He has assisted in organizing churches at East Killingly, Conn., Elk River, Otsego, Ramsay (Ia.), and Lebanon, Minn.,

Flemington, and Fairview, W. Va., and Kenesaw, Marshall, Pleasant Plain, Long Branch, and Lincoln, Neb.; also the Hennepin Q. M., Minnesota, the West Virginia Association, and the Hastings, Aurora, and Nemaha River Q. M's, in Nebraska. He has been superintendent of schools for Lawrence, Mass., and for West Virginia, president of the Northwestern and West Virginia Colleges, principal of Nebraska State Normal School, and member of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred in 1871 by Quincy, now Chaddock College, Illinois. He did good service on the *Freewill Baptist Quarterly* (q. v.), and is the author of "The Rhode Island Freewill Baptist Pulpit," "The Support of the Ministry," "Memorials of the Free Communion Baptists," and of "Four Years of Co-operation in Nebraska and Kansas." He has several times been a member of the General Conference. April 25, 1850, he was married to Miss Sarah Haru, of Maryland, and has a son and three daughters, a son and a daughter having died.

**Williams, Prof. Clarence O., A. M.,** (Hillsdale College, Michigan,) son of Stephen P. and Hannah (Brown) Williams, was born at Foster, R. I., Nov. 10, 1859. He was converted in childhood. He prepared for college in the Grammar and High School, Providence, and graduated at Brown University in 1883. From 1883 to 1886 he was professor of Latin and metaphysics at New Hampton Institution, New Hampshire. In 1886-87 he attended Bates Theological School and taught mathematics in Nichols Latin School. At the same time he preached for the South Lewiston church. He was then elected to the chair of Latin in Hillsdale College. He married June 25, 1889, in Providence, R. I., Miss Mabel E. Kenerson.

**Williams, Rev. Daniel,** died in East Killingly, Conn., July 16, 1873. He was born in Gloucester, R. I., Oct. 3, 1790, and was a descendant of Roger Williams in the sixth generation. He was converted at the age of eleven, but lapsed. In his twenty-third year he became a Christian again under the la-

bors of John Colby, was baptized by him and united with the church in Burrillville. Soon after, he began to preach. In 1817 he felt it his duty to go to the town of Foster, then destitute of religious influences. Many were converted there. In 1819 there was a great revival and its influence became permanent. During these years he traveled much with Rev. Joseph White. He was ordained in Burrillville, Oct. 13, 1822. In 1820 he organized the church in Foster, and for more than fifty years was its only pastor. He preached in the school-houses at Mt. Hygeia, Harmony, and Hopkins Mills. He moved to Chestnut Hill (East Killingly), Conn., June 7, 1826, and lived there till his death. He preached in his own hired house, and worked at the blacksmith's trade. Soon a number were baptized, and he began to preach in the schoolhouse. In 1830 there was a great revival. The converts united with the Foster church, which became the Foster and Killingly church. At one time this church numbered 300 members. They built a good house of worship in Foster. A large number of ministers went out from this church. At last his ministry absorbed wholly his time. He baptized about seven hundred, married between one thousand three hundred and one thousand four hundred couples, and preached more than two thousand funeral sermons. He regarded a fixed salary as contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Yet he was progressive. He advocated missions and every good cause. His education was limited, but he had a good mind and a knowledge of human nature and of the Bible. He depended on the Holy Spirit for success in preaching. He was strongly attached to his denomination. His wise and industrious wife was a great help to him. She was taken from him eleven years before his death. There were eleven ministers present at his funeral. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. Mariner. A substantial granite monument was erected by his many friends to his memory.

**Williams, Rev. Henry,** was born in Rhode Island, Feb. 10, 1823. His father was a descendant of Roger Wil-

liams, and his mother a descendant of King Phillip. His parents and grandparents all died in the triumphs of faith in Christ. He was converted March, 1849, and joined a Christian Union church at Rice City, Coventry, R. I. He moved away from this place and began to preach elsewhere. After exhorting from place to place, he took a letter and joined the Six Principle Baptist church of Crompton. After six months trial he was ordained March 17, 1874. He afterwards joined the Free Baptist church in West Greenwich. He has preached as an evangelist in many places, and many have been converted under his labors. He was married Sept. 10, 1838, to Mary Calling (deceased), daughter of Thomas and Lydia Calling. Of ten children, five are living, one is a minister. He resides at Quidnick, R. I.

**Williams, Rev. James, M. D.**, died in Wellsburg, Pa., Oct. 26, 1851, aged 53 years. He was converted when eighteen years of age, and soon after was ordained by the Baptists. After a period, for preaching a free salvation, he, with his church, was excommunicated, and seven years later united with the Free-will Baptists. His labors with the Crawford Q. M. were signally blessed. He was a man of sound judgment, eminent as a physician, interested in moral enterprises, and kind and affectionate in all his relations.

**Williams, Rev. Jules Legender**, a native of Wales, died at Oskaloosa, Kan., July 14, 1878, aged 37 years. He became a student at Hillsdale in 1859, but soon entered the United States service, from which in 1866 he received his fourth honorable discharge. In May of that year he settled in Kansas, commenced to preach, having been converted some years before, and received ordination. He was probate judge of Jefferson County two terms, and from 1873 until his death edited a county paper. Genial, kind and generous, he was much loved and respected by all.

**Williams, Rev. Samuel**, of Avon, Me., was ordained at the Q. M. in that place Jan. 20, 1805. He was a rough, stalwart man, and after several years of successful labor in Maine he moved

to southwestern Pennsylvania and planted our first interests in that part of the state. Being detained in the fall of 1817 in Moreland County near Pittsburgh, he appointed meetings and labored till the next spring. The next season converts were baptized and a church organized, which continued to thrive amid great opposition. No reports were too slanderous to circulate against "the mad Yankee," as he was called, but everywhere his labors were blessed. He decided to relinquish the idea of settling in Ohio, and made his home permanently in Pennsylvania. By 1824 the Cookstown church had 200 members, and several copies of the *Religious Inquirer* assured them that the people they represented were rapidly advancing in the country. During the year Williams labored in Washington and Fayette Counties, and more than two hundred were converted. The churches in Dunbar and Loyalhanna were organized, and united in 1825 to form the Cookstown Q. M. Williams for many years was a strong and efficient man in this pioneer work.

**Williams, Rev. T. S.**, of Paintsville, Johnson County, Ky., was born in Morgan County, Ky., Dec. 10, 1833. He married Melissa Stafford in 1856, and has six children. In 1859 he was brought to God and the same year he began to preach. Ten years later he was ordained. His ministry has been chiefly in the Sandy Valley, and was for a time with the United Brethren. He has held many revivals and has organized seven churches, a part of which, now connected with the Johnson Q. M., he continues to serve as pastor. He has been commissioner and also clerk of the county.

**Williamson, Rev. Stephen**, died in Stark, Me., his native town, July 2, 1873. He was born Feb. 16, 1795. When twenty-one years of age he became a Christian and united with the First church in Stark. He was licensed to preach Aug. 10, 1822, and again by the Farmington Q. M. Feb. 5, 1824. Dec. 4, 1826, he was ordained. He labored successfully in many revivals, particularly at New Portland, Anson, Mercer and Stark. In business he was wise

and successful, and the benevolent causes found in him sympathy and support. He was a friend of freedom and temperance. His name is frequently found on the records of Q. M's, Y. M's and General Conferences. His wife, *née* Miss Betsey Greenleaf, and seven children survived him.

**Willis, Rev. O. F.**, died in Franconia, N. H., May 18, 1865. He was born in Hanover, N. H., in 1809, was converted in March, 1830, and in June baptized by Rev. David Cross. He soon commenced holding meetings, traveling mostly in Vermont and New Hampshire, where several revivals were witnessed. In 1832 he was licensed by the Strafford, Vt., Q. M. The same year he moved to Lyndon, Vt., to preach a part of the time with Rev. Daniel Quimby's church. In 1834 he was ordained here by the request of the church, and settled as pastor. In 1835 he entered on a six years' pastorate with the church at Sugar Hill, N. H., during which revivals were enjoyed. In 1841 he moved to Potsdam, N. Y., and in company with Rev. M. Cole labored in an extensive revival, when a church was organized at West Potsdam with which he held a pastorate for two years. In 1849 he returned to Sugar Hill. He commenced the practice of medicine in 1838. The ministry was now neglected for this calling; for the rest of his life he preached but occasionally, on funeral occasions. He was often heard to regret that he had not followed the work of the ministry. A wife and child survived him.

**Willis, Rev. West G.**, entered the Theological School at New Hampton in 1868, and graduated in the full course from the theological department of Bates College in 1871. He soon became pastor of the Philadelphia, N. Y., church, where he was ordained. He and his young wife were greatly loved by the people, and the church, during his pastorate, enjoyed its most hopeful period. At the close of the first year he was obliged to return to his father's home in Parishville, N. Y., where he died May 29, 1873, aged 27 years. Rev. R. Parks, under whose ministry he was converted, expressed at his open grave

the sorrow universally felt at the early death of one so kind, so faithful, so devout, and so well fitted for usefulness in the ministry.

**Wills, Rev. Samuel F.**, son of Samuel F. Wills, was born in Raleigh County, W. Va., in 1854. In 1875 he married Paulina Webb, and was ordained Dec. 6, 1886. His pastorates have been with the New Hope and Rock Creek churches in West Virginia.

**Willson, Rev. Daniel**, born in Oxford, N. Y., June 14, 1814, was married Aug. 28, 1834, to Mary Atherton. Seven of their children are living. He received license to preach in 1840, while connected with the larger Baptist body, and was ordained at Money Creek, Minn., in 1859, by the Winona and Houston Q. M. He has held six pastorates, assisted in organizing five churches and conducted several revivals. He was a member of the first Minnesota Legislature.

**Wilson, Rev. A. E.**, son of Rev. Joseph Wilson, was born at Gilbert's Mills, N. Y., April 8, 1840. He was educated at Falley Seminary, Fulton, N. Y., and at Mexico Academy, New York, his conversion taking place in 1859, and his ordination in 1869. He has been pastor of the church at North Scriba ten years, at Gilbert's Mills two years, at Lansing, Mich., four years, and again in New York, at Unadilla Forks two years. Revivals have been enjoyed in all these pastorates, as well as also at other places where he has assisted in the work. During these years he has baptized nearly two hundred converts. In 1887 he entered upon the work at Oneonta. He has three times been chosen a delegate to the General Conference. Nov. 26, 1862, he was married to Frances M. Parker, who was a valuable aid in his ministry. Her death occurred in May, 1886. Their son, Clinton W., graduated from Mexico Academy in 1882, and from the law department of Hamilton College in 1887.

**Wilson, Rev. Joseph**, was born at German Flats, N. Y., July 8, 1808. His spiritual life began in 1835, and he soon received license to preach. In 1840 he

was ordained. He was pastor at Granby four years, at German Flats six years, witnessing a gracious outpouring of the spirit, at Gilbert's Mills six years, and also preached in Hastings, Constantia, West Monroe, Parish and other places. He preached a full gospel and was abundant in labors of love. Aug. 29, 1829, he married Ruth Thomas, of German Flats, who remained to mourn at his death, at Gilbert's Mills, Nov. 12, 1878. Benjamin Randall was a great-uncle of Mrs. Wilson.

**Wilson, Rev. Nathaniel**, was ordained in 1805, and labored in New Hampshire.

**Wilton, Collegiate Institute**, of Wilton, Ia., was opened as a seminary under the care of the Free Baptists in 1866. The buildings of the Citizens' Seminary were leased for five years, with the condition that, if certain other buildings should be added in three years, the property should be transferred to the Free Baptists. The additions were made, a state educational society was organized to conduct the school, and many subscriptions were made to an endowment. But the citizens failed to transfer the property. There were about one hundred and fifty students, and it was decided to change the seminary into a college. Rev. O. E. Baker was elected president. A second party purchased the stock of the Citizens' Seminary for the institute; but he, in turn, refused to transfer the title. At length, liens and judgments having been fastened upon the property, a third party obtained the title, promising that on receipt of costs he would transfer the title to the institute. The money for this was obtained; but, at this juncture, agents of the Congregationalist Association offered a larger sum, and, the protests of the Free Baptists being disregarded, the title was transferred to them. The favorable outlook for a useful and prosperous school was thus destroyed.

**Winch, Rev. Joseph**, died in Galena, Ind., Feb. 10, 1854, aged 54 years. Only the last few years of his life were devoted to the ministry. His death was one of the most triumphant ever witnessed.

His early life was spent in Massachusetts, Vermont and Ohio.

**Wing, Rev. Amos**, died at Oneonta, N. Y., June 29, 1879, aged 82 years. He was born in Saratoga County, but when young moved to Burlington, where he was baptized by Elder William Hunt. He soon began to preach and spent the remainder of his long life in the ministry, being connected many years with the Oneonta church of the Otsego Q. M. He was a good man and God blessed his labors.

**Winnebago City College**, was opened to students Sept. 11, 1888, with Rev. A. J. Marshall as president, and an able corps of assistants. Preparatory as well as collegiate studies are taught, and the students in attendance the first year number 110. Rev. J. H. Reeves took a leading part in establishing the school and now serves it as financial agent. The building (70 x 80 feet) is situated on a beautiful campus, in a slightly spot. See cut p. 706. The outlook for the school is auspicious.

**Winship, Rev. Nathaniel**, was ordained in 1821, and labored in Maine.

**Winslow, Rev. Ephraim**, died in Barnstead, N. H., Jan. 23, 1872, aged 66 years. He was a native of Nottingham. He began to preach at about forty years of age. He was licensed in 1844 and ordained by the Nottingham Q. M. in 1846. He soon moved to Candia. A congregation was gathered, and a revival occurred which extended to other neighborhoods. He was next in Northwood, but he was soon unfitted for work by ill health.

**Winslow, Rev. Ezra**, was born in New Vineyard, Me., April 13, 1808, and died in New Portland, July 27, 1884. He was the son of Rev. Howard Winslow, a M. E. minister. He was an acceptable teacher for many years. His conversion in early life was thorough, and his evidence of pardon bright and clear. He joined the M. E. class and was soon licensed by "camp-meeting" John Allen. Having become convinced that baptism should be administered by immersion only, he took a letter and joined the Free Baptists. He was

united in marriage with Miss Mary Thomas, of Farmington, March 24, 1831. He was ordained by a council appointed by the Anson Q. M., in June, 1850. His labors in many towns in Somerset and Franklin Counties were abundant and fruitful. He remembered each of the benevolent causes of the denomination in his will.

**Winslow, Rev. Levi H.**, son of Kernelmn and Hannah (Cotton) Wins-

where he had supervision of schools. In 1888 he became pastor at East Tilton, N. H. He was a member of the General Conference of 1886. In 1867 he married Mary J. Pease, and has one child.

**Winsor, Irving**, son of James and Mary M. (Sweet) Winsor, was born in Smithfield, R. I., Nov. 20, 1859. He studied at New Hampton, and graduated from Cobb Divinity School in 1889. Con-



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low, was born in Hallowell, Me., in 1842. He graduated from a business college in Lowell, Mass., and afterwards took a theological course under Dr. Barrows, Methodist. Converted in 1857, he was licensed in 1873, and ordained June 8, 1879, by Rev's G. H. Pinkham, B. Minard, H. Lockhart, N. S. Palmetoer, having joined the Free Baptists from the Methodists that year. He has since had charge of churches at North Woodstock, and Strafford, N. H., Lyman, North Parsonfield, and Edgecomb, Me.,

verted in 1878, he was licensed in 1888. He has preached at West Bethel and Winnegance, Me.

**Winsor, James W.**, nephew of Rev. M. Burlingame, was born in Gloucester, R. I., Aug. 30, 1813. His parents were Welcome and Tabitha (Burlingame) Winsor. He was married in 1837, and his three children living occupy good positions, the two sons having served in the army. He was converted in 1836, and has been connected with the churches in

Olneyville, and Providence (Roger Williams), R. I., and since moving to Hillsdale, Mich., about 1863, with the church there. He has been active in church and Sunday-school work, and gave liberally toward the erection of the houses of worship in Providence and Hillsdale. In each city, too, he has served several years in the city government. He has also been vice-president of the Home Mission Society, a trustee of Hillsdale College for twenty-six years, and a supporter of all the progressive work of the denomination. With the wife of his youth, who has been a helper in every good work, he resides at Hillsdale.

**Winsor, William**, son of Asa and Elizabeth (Foster) Winsor, was born at Greenville, R. I., Nov. 12, 1819. He studied at the Smithville Seminary in



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1841-42. He entered the Smithfield Exchange Bank in March, 1845, becoming its cashier in July. He became cashier of the National Exchange Bank at its start in 1865, and treasurer of the Smithfield Savings Bank at its organization in 1872. He has been many years treasurer of the town. He was converted and baptized April 4, 1858, by the Rev. Richard Woodworth, and from that day has

been an earnest supporter of our church. With Hon. Benedict Lapham he bought the buildings of Smithville Seminary, giving the school to the association as Lapham Institute. He generously supported this institute himself, bearing its whole expense for the last year or two of its existence. He has been generous in his gifts to Bates College and to Storer College. He was a delegate to General Conference in 1874. He married, April 11, 1844, Miss Harriet S. Steere, and has one son.

**Winton, Rev. David**, was born in Centreville, Pa., Jan. 25, 1825. At the age of fifteen he was converted with the Methodists, and the next year commenced the work of an evangelist. He traveled in Crawford, Venango and Erie Counties, and in 1844 married the daughter of Rev. James Williams. In April, 1846, he became pastor of the Free Baptist church of Wellsburg, and for six years labored incessantly, preaching in Lockport, Girard, Franklin and Pageville. After a brief rest, he held meetings with the Cookstown and Belle Vernon churches, and spent three months in western New York. In August, 1854, he became pastor of the church in Jackson, Mich., and for several years he labored with the Jackson and Spring Arbor churches. He served three years as chaplain and two years as general agent of the Michigan State Prison. In 1869 he returned to Pennsylvania, and the following February took up the work at Pierpont, O., where after a brief illness he died, December 29. Brother Winton's gift was that of a revivalist. He was an able preacher. Temperance, education and freedom had in him a strong advocate.

**Wire, Rev. Samuel**, was born in Goshen, Conn., in 1786, and closed his earthly life at Commerce, Mich., June 6, 1870. His father served in the British army and was present at the defeat of Braddock; he also served in the army of the Revolution. Brother Wire moved to western New York in early manhood, and was baptized with his wife by Elder Z. Dean in May, 1819. Immediately he began to preach and was ordained the same year. In July of that

year he and Elder Dean sought out David Marks and introduced him to his life of usefulness, and from that time Brother Wire was active in carrying forward the work. His labors were abundant and successful in western New York and northern Pennsylvania until 1833, when he removed to northeastern Ohio, and labored in the Ohio and Pennsylvania Y. M. Subsequently he returned to New York, where in 1843 his companion of thirty-eight years was parted from him. He afterwards mar-



Rev. S. Wire.

ried Widow Colby of Sodus, N. Y., and removed to Michigan, where his remaining years were spent. Brother Wire was a man of unusual natural ability and of extraordinary energy, which made his life an exceedingly active one. For many years he is prominently mentioned in the field of his labors, and he did much to strengthen the denomination. His love of preaching was intense, and in the days of his strength, his soul burning with holy zeal, there was sometimes a power in his sermons which was well-nigh irresistible.

**Wisconsin.** The denominational interests in this state, soon after it had been made a territory, were begun by Rev. Rufus Cheney, who spent the summer of 1836 in the West, and settled in Frank-

lin the following spring. Two years later he moved to New Berlin, Milwaukee (now Waukesha) County, where he organized a church July 11, 1840. He also labored at Honey Creek and organized another church there Feb. 6, 1841. Rev. Jesse Burnham settled in Janesville, Rock County, in 1840, and organized the Prairie du Sac church at that place Nov. 4, 1841. After a preliminary meeting, December 3, delegates from these churches met with the Honey Creek church Jan. 1, 1842, and organized the Honey Creek Q. M., consisting of three churches, with thirty-four members—New Berlin twelve, Honey Creek twelve, and Prairie du Lac ten. F. P. Augir, later a minister, was chosen clerk, and Hon. T. C. Hoyt treasurer.

The second session of the Q. M. was held with the Prairie du Lac church, April 1, and Rev. A. C. Andrus, who had been sent out by the Home Mission Society, appeared, requesting the admission of a church of sixteen members which he had organized at Newburg, Ill. Besides the three ministers, there were present of the older laymen Benjamin Hoyt and Benjamin Fowler of Honey Creek, Daniel Gurlbert of New Berlin, and Jeremiah Douglas, then of Illinois but later of Rutland, Wis., while F. P. Augir, Geo. Gambol, Priscilla Hoyt, Louisa Augir, and Juliette Augir were among the younger workers. The Hon. T. C. Hoyt was chosen "book agent," and instructed to procure Registers, etc. The four churches now had a total membership of fifty-seven, and before its next session the Q. M. was received into the Northern Illinois Y. M.

At the July session much encouragement was given by the appearance of Rev. Hermon Jenkins, who soon settled in the territory. The Elgin, Ill., church was also received, but was dismissed six months later to the Fox River Q. M., Illinois. At the next session Rev. A. Coombs, of New Hampshire, who immediately settled at Honey Creek, was present, and Brother Felch was acting as special agent for the *Morning Star*. In January, 1843, the presence of Rev. R. M. Cary, of New York, added much to the interest, and the Jefferson and Pike Grove churches were received. At this

session, too, a State Mission Society was organized, with T. C. Hoyt president, Benj. Fowler vice-president, F. P. Augir secretary, Benj. Felch treasurer, and a solicitor in each church. In April the Johnstown church, organized by Cary, was received. In October the Badfish church, Rev. David P. Lowe pastor, united with the Q. M., and Nathaniel G. Goodhue of the Jefferson church was ordained. The next year Almon Jones, a licentiate from New York, who moved to Pike Grove, and Rev. J. B. Morford, also from New York, who moved to Jefferson, were added to the ministry, while the Sharon, Oconomowoc and Sugar River churches made the number eleven. Jas. R. Pope, later a minister, became standing clerk.

In 1845 this Q. M., was dismissed from the Northern Illinois Y. M., the Rock County Q. M. was organized and the two Q. M.'s united in forming the Wisconsin Y. M. at Honey Creek, September 17. Rev. J. Burnham was made moderator. Brethren Cary, Coombs and Pope had been previously appointed a committee to present a constitution. After arranging the constitution the delegates joined hands, Elder Cary led in prayer to God for His sanction and blessing, and the Wisconsin Y. M. was organized. Alson Felch was made clerk and J. R. Pope treasurer.

THE HONEY CREEK Q. M., after the organization of the Rock County Q. M., was left with the New Berlin, Honey Creek, Pike Grove, Sharon and Oconomowoc churches, and the Menomonie and Washington church, which was added at about this time. Of these, the three last named soon became extinct. The New Berlin church, which in 1845 numbered fifty-one members, has steadily done a good work to the present. The Honey Creek church has continued a gradual increase and now has 124 members. The Pike Grove church, at one time called the Racine and now the Mt. Pleasant, attained a membership of eighty-one in 1860, and now numbers ninety-nine. The Richfield church was added to the Q. M. in 1848, Wheatland, and Ashippun in 1849, Paris, and Rubicon in 1850, and Raymond, and Grafton in 1851. Of these, the Wheatland and

Raymond churches in 1860 had respectively ninety-six and seventy-six members, and still continue. The Paris church held on its way until 1876, while the others soon became extinct. The Hart Prairie church united with the Q. M. in 1855, and the Sugar Creek Prairie church a little later, but both soon disappeared. During the next decade the Vernon and Mukwanago churches had a brief period of usefulness, while the Caldwell Prairie, now Caldwell church was, in 1863, numbered with the permanent interests. In 1866 and 1868, respectively, the Spring Prairie and Rochester churches were added to the list, the former for a brief period, the latter to continue its useful work to the present. The Q. M. has exerted a steady influence for good, and since 1860, when it had six churches with 398 members, it has not changed very much in numbers, its present record being seven churches, with 356 members.

THE ROCK COUNTY Q. M. was organized at Janesville, Sept. 3, 1845, the Prairie du Lac, afterwards called Janesville, Jefferson, Johnstown, Badfish, Sugar River and Newburg churches being set off from the Honey Creek Q. M. for this purpose, the First Lake and First Dodge County churches uniting with them. The Manchester, Manchester South Creek, Sun Prairie, Otter Creek, and Willow Creek churches were added in 1846, Porter in 1847, Oregon, Harmony, and Prairie Precinct in 1848, and subsequently Chemung, Center, Spring Valley, and Avon. Of these the Jefferson, First Lake (later First Rutland), and First Dodge County (later Chester) united to form the Jefferson Q. M. June 2, 1847, and the Sun Prairie and Oregon churches were afterwards transferred to it. The Manchester, Manchester South Creek, Otter Creek, Willow Creek, Prairie Precinct, and Chemung churches united to form the Boone County Q. M., Illinois, Dec. 19, 1849. See *Illinois*. The Sugar River, Newburg, Porter, and Center churches became extinct, and the six remaining churches entered into the Rock and Dane Q. M. at its organization in 1854.

THE JEFFERSON Q. M., formed as stated above, soon received the Fairfield,

Oakfield, Salisbury, Winnebago, Manchester, Greenbush, and Second Rutland churches, and in 1851 the Belleville church. Two years after its organization it dismissed five of its churches to form the Fond du Lac Q. M., and after a time, some of the churches having disappeared, the remaining ones united with the churches of the Rock County Q. M. to form the Rock and Dane Q. M.

THE ROCK AND DANE Q. M. was organized Nov. 11, 1854, the Janesville, Johnstown, Badfish, Harmony, Avon and Spring Valley churches from the Rock County Q. M. uniting with the Jefferson, Rutland, Oregon, and Belleville churches of the Jefferson Q. M. To these were added the Concord and Shirland churches the next year, Bradford, and Rome in 1857, Dunkirk in 1858, Sullivan in 1859, Palmyra and LaGrange in 1861, and Troy and Palmyra in 1866. The Janesville church (called the Prairie du Lac in 1841, and at the last the Fulton), never attained a large membership, but was useful in its day and became extinct in 1867. The Johnstown church attained a membership of 143 in 1870, and has ever been as a light upon a hill. The Badfish church, later known as the Union and Magnolia, and now as the Evansville, has continued for more than thirty years a membership exceeding fifty. The Jefferson church, starting in 1842, and after a time merged into the Oakland, now has a membership of sixty-two. The Rutland church, at first called the First Lake, has gradually increased in membership, until it now numbers seventy-two. The Oregon and Bradford churches still continue. The Concord and Rome churches were useful many years, but now with others are extinct. This Q. M., which in 1855 reported twelve churches, with a membership of 301, now reports but six churches, yet with just the same membership as then. It has exerted a strong influence for good for many years.

THE FOND DU LAC Q. M. was organized in 1849 with the Chester, Oakfield, Winnebago, Manchester, and Greenbush churches, from the Jefferson Q. M., and the El Dorado and Highland Prairie churches, recently organized. To these

were added the Nekimi, Fairwater and Newark churches in 1850, Farmington, Fond du Lac, and probably Byron, and Lamartine in 1851, Berlin, Marcellon and Montello, and probably Grafton in 1852, Trenton, and Brothertown in 1853, Holland, Scott and Sheboygan Falls about 1854, and Washington Island in 1855. The Oakfield (sometimes called Oak Centre) and Greenbush churches, starting their course in the Jefferson Q. M. in 1848, have done a good work for forty years. The Scott church was merged into the present Boltonville church. Six churches were dismissed to enter the Marquette Q. M., and the remains of the Chester church went into the Waupun church of that Q. M. The Manchester, El Dorado, and Holland churches for several years, the Trenton for a longer period, and the Fond du Lac and the Brothertown churches until near the present, were blessed in the work, but now with others have become extinct. The South Prairie church, added in 1865, has continued its work; while the Stockbridge church, which for a time developed considerable strength, and the Addison, Linden, Chilton and Charlestown, Auburn, and Second Oakfield churches have disappeared. In 1855 the Q. M. contained 311 members; in 1870, 384. Since that time, though true to the faith, its numbers have decreased.

THE LA FAYETTE Q. M. was organized in 1850 with the Fayette (Fayetteville), Willow Springs, and York Prairie churches. Of these the first continued to the present decade, and the last, called for a time the Green's Prairie, is still a power for good. The Rush church had a brief existence about 1853. The Warren, Wayne, Union, Jordan, and probably the Fennimore churches were added in 1855, also the Mill Creek church from the Rock River Q. M. (Ill.), which soon went into the Apple River Q. M., and the next year the Harmony and probably the Monticello churches were added. The Warren church, which is in Illinois, has continued one of the strongest churches in the West, while the Wayne and Monticello churches have also been to the present reliable helpers in the work. The Fennimore church for some years, and the Hurricane Grove church,

which was added about 1859, until near the present, continued their work; but, with the Dodge Grove, Marion, Darlington and Boscobel churches, added later and helpful for a time, they have now with others become extinct. This important Q. M. had its largest membership about 1870, and now numbers 282 members in its four churches.

THE SAUK COUNTY Q. M. was organized about 1852 with the Brooklyn, Roxbury and Sauk Prairie churches. The last named has since been known as the Hope of Sauk, Sauk, and now as the Prairie du Sac church. To these were added during that decade the Leeds, Arena, Baraboo, Narrows Prairie, Reedsburg, Newport, Harmony, Merrimack, First Washington, Second Washington, Dell Creek, Honey Creek, Portage, Scott and Marcellon, Buffalo, and Okee churches. In the next decade the Bear Creek, Hillsboro', Richland Centre (now Ithaca and Richland), Kilbourn City (now Big Spring), and Ironton churches were added. Then followed the Strong's Prairie, Sumpter, Forest, Kickapoo Centre, Loyd, and Spencer churches, and from the Adams and Waushara Q. M. the Plainfield church. This Q. M. is characterized by the large number of churches that have been organized within its borders. Many of these did a good work for a time and then became extinct, particularly the Arena, Merrimack, Okee, Leeds, Newport and Ironton churches. The Scott and Marcellon church was transferred to the Waupun Q. M., while the Big Spring, Hillsboro', Ithaca and Richland, Kickapoo Centre, Loyd, Plainfield, Prairie du Sac and Sumpter churches still continue the Master's service and maintain the work of the Q. M.

THE WOLF RIVER Q. M. was organized July 4, 1856, with the Hortonville church, organized the year before, and for a time connected with the Marquette Q. M., and the Winneconne and Oconto churches, then recently gathered. The Omro and Second Winneconne churches were added the next year. In 1858 the Berlin church of the Marquette Q. M. was transferred to this, and the Centreville, Harrisville, Marion, and Sacramento churches were added. The next year the numbers were increased by the

addition of the Almond and Plainfield church from the Marquette Q. M., and the Belmont, Newton, Ogdensburg, and Shields churches. About 1862 the Burr Oak Valley and Rosendale churches were added, and in 1863 the Dale church was organized. This Q. M. continued to do a good work until about 1869, when it was decided to unite with the Waupun Q. M., and the Berlin, Harrisville, Hortonville, Omro, Winneconne, Dale, and Rosendale churches were so transferred, the Plainfield church going into the Adams County Q. M.

THE MARQUETTE Q. M., known after 1858 as the WAUPUN Q. M., was organized in Berlin May 27, 1853, the Berlin, Winnebago, Fairwater, Montello, and Marcellon churches being set off from the Fond du Lac Q. M., the Nekimi also being transferred a little later. The Neenah and Trenton churches united with the Q. M. at its organization, and after about five years disappeared, as did also the Montello church. The Winnebago, Fairwater, Marcellon, and Nekimi churches are still active, as are also the Rolling Prairie (Burnett) church, which united with the Q. M. in 1854, and the Waupun and Grand Prairie churches, which became connected with it two years later; while the Waukau and White Lake churches, formed in 1854, and the Hustisford, formed in 1857, continued but a few years. The Plainfield church, added also in 1857, soon went into the Wolf River Q. M. The Hortonville (organized in 1855), and Berlin churches belonged for a time to the Wolf River Q. M., but returned to this, the latter to disappear about 1880, the former continuing to the present. The Vineland church, added in 1865, and the Dale, Rosendale, and Winneconne churches from the Wolf River Q. M., and the Scott and Marcellon church from the Sauk County Q. M. are still active in the work; the Harrisville church united with the Adams and Waushara Q. M., while the Snyderville, Fox Lake, Ripon, and East Wrightstown churches, added at about this time, together with the Omro church, soon became extinct. The Wrightstown and Greenleaf churches, which united with the Q. M. respectively in 1870 and 1877,

are still working for God. This Q. M., with fifteen churches and 437 members, enjoys the distinction of being the largest in the state.

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY Q. M. was active for but a few years. It was organized in 1859 with the Boydstown, Georgetown, and Maple Grove churches, the Hickory Grove church being added the following year. It had a membership of seventy, more than half being in the Georgetown church.

THE ADAMS COUNTY Q. M. was organized about 1859 with the Monroe, Jackson, and Saratoga churches, the last named having a membership of fifty-four. To these were added the Oasis, Pine Grove, Quincy, and Packwaukee churches, also the Plainfield church from the Wolf River Q. M. The two last named entered into the Adams and Waushara Q. M.

THE ADAMS AND WAUSHARA Q. M. was organized about 1874, the Harrisville church of the Waupun Q. M., and the Plainfield and Packwaukee churches of the Adams County Q. M. uniting with the Lincoln and Strong's Prairie churches, then recently organized. After the disbanding of the Q. M. the Plainfield church became connected with the Sauk County Q. M., and the Lincoln is reported as an independent church.

THE MCHENRY Q. M., the Apple River Q. M., and the Chicago Q. M., though connected with the Wisconsin Y. M., were in Illinois. See *Illinois*. Mention should be made also of the Washington Harbor and Helenville churches, reported in 1856 as not connected with any Q. M.

THE ST. CROIX Q. M., located in St. Croix and adjacent counties, was organized about 1859 with the Diamond Bluff church, which had been organized some three years, and the Stillwater (Minn.), Trim Belle, and Troy churches. The Beldenville church was added about 1863, Rock Elm in 1867, Cady Creek and Centreville in 1869, Eau Galle, and Second Rock Elm about 1870, Big Missouri, and Tyrone about 1871, Plumb Creek, and Spring Brook about 1873, River Falls about 1875, Maple Grove, and Tiffany Creek about 1879, and Dallas, and Downing in 1887. Of these

the Diamond Bluff, Beldenville, Rock Elm, Cady Creek, Spring Brook, Maple Grove, Dallas, and Downing churches continue to the present, with a total membership of 173. This Q. M. at the time of its organization joined the Minnesota Y. M., with which it continues.

The churches in this state have from the first been active in missionary work, and helpful to the cause of education by the support given to our institutions of learning. The Wisconsin Y. M. now manifests much vigor. By its Woman's Missionary Society of the state and its churches working together, it supports a missionary family in India, besides caring for other interests, and appears at present to lead other states in its benevolent work. The changes incident to a new country have caused the loss of some churches, but those that remain are continuing well the work begun by the fathers.

**Witham, Rev. Lewis H.**, died in Biddeford, Me., Jan. 26, 1880. He was born in Milton, N. H., July 6, 1817. His father was Obadiah Witham, of Wakefield, N. H., and his mother, Abigail Hanson, of Milton. He was a teacher in a large number of schools. In 1834 he became a Christian, and three years later began to preach. He was licensed the next year, and was ordained Sept. 13, 1839, by the Waterboro' Q. M. Rev. H. Hobbs preached the sermon. In 1840 he was married to Miss Martha A. Richardson, of Limington, who, with a son and daughter, survived him. He spent some time in missionary work in his Q. M., and supported himself by teaching. During his ministry he baptized 182 persons: fifty in Saco, forty-one in Biddeford, twenty-six in South Buxton, and the others in Kennebunk, Kennebunk Port, Hollis, Lyman, and Lebanon, Me., Portsmouth, and Contoocookville, N. H., and two in Bristol, Pa., while connected with the army. He enlisted in the Thirty-second Maine Volunteers in February, 1864, and finally acted as chaplain. Through ill health he was mustered out of service in July, 1865. He was pastor at Shapleigh two years, and South Buxton six years. He preached six months at Kittery, and

was supplying at Kennebunk Port when he was prostrated by the disease which resulted in his death. He was clerk of the Maine Western Y. M. twelve years.

**Witham, Rev. William C.**, died in Buckfield, Me., July 22, 1868. He was born on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in 1794. He was converted in Paris, Me., at the age of thirty, and in 1829 was ordained. He traveled through the new settlements for half a year at a time, receiving but slender support for his family. He was thrown from a load for hay, receiving fatal injuries, and died after four days, having survived the wife of his youth but eight months.

**Woman's Missionary Society, The**, was organized in June, 1873, at Sandwiche, N. H. In plan of organization, it followed the Female Mission Society, but had its own distinct treasury, and the power to select and support its own missionaries approved by the board of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Different sections of the home field were put under the care of home secretaries, and a standing committee was formed in the foreign field to represent their work in India. This society sent in 1874 its first missionary, Miss Susan R. Libby. Since that time it has been represented by Miss Ida O. Phillips, Mrs. D. F. Smith, Miss H. P. Phillips, Miss L. C. Coombs, Miss Mary W. Bachelor, M. D., and Miss E. M. Butts. At the various stations are employed about fifty native Christian teachers in day, boarding, and industrial schools, and in the zenanas. Its ragged schools, gathered from the dregs of heathendom, were established by Mrs. J. L. Phillips. The orphanage, removed to Balasore, is now called the Sinclair Orphanage, and is under the care of Mrs. Smith.

January 26, 1883, its charter was granted by the Legislature of Maine, through the efforts of Rev. O. B. Cheney, D. D. The work of organization has gone steadily forward, and there are now several Y. M. and Q. M. societies, with 250 auxiliaries, and seventy children's bands, with a membership of 6,000. Its officers have included some of the leading women of the denomination. Mrs. M. M. Hutchins Hills, eighty-one

years of age, continues in her place as chairman of the executive committee. Mrs. V. G. Ramsay was several years its home secretary, Mrs. E. S. Burlingame its first president, Miss L. A. De'Meritte its faithful treasurer, and Mrs. J. A. Lowell the esteemed corresponding secretary, while Mrs. B. F. Hayes, Mrs. M. R. Wade, Mrs. E. W. Porter, Mrs. G. C. Waterman, Mrs. E. W. Page, and others remain members of the board. The chair is now held by Mrs. J. Burnham Davis.

Each year there has been a steady increase of receipts, and the aggregate since the organization is about fifty thousand dollars. There have been several bequests, notably that of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Sinclair. One of the cardinal teachings of the Free Baptist denomination is that human slavery is a sin, and pulpit, press, and the home have been outspoken. Trained in such an atmosphere, as soon as the emancipation proclamation became a fact, the freed people were an object of attention. Storer College, in West Virginia, with its college charter and normal department, opened at Harper's Ferry, and here was an open field for the society. It erected Myrtle Hall, a young woman's boarding-home, and rendered assistance in building Anthony Hall, containing recitation rooms, chapel, and library. In 1874 Miss Lura E. Brackett, now Mrs. Lightner, was engaged to be a teacher in the college, and is still at her post. In 1880 Miss Coralie Franklin was cordially accepted, and has been of great help to the young people of her race. A gift of Mrs. Mary De Wolf, of \$2,000, enables the enlargement of an industrial department under the care of Mrs. N. C. Brackett. Home mission work in the West especially, has received some attention, and steps have been taken towards organizing an auxiliary or branch society in that section.

It became apparent early that an organ to voice the object and work of the society was needed, and the *Missionary Helper* was issued in Providence, R. I., under the care of Mrs. M. M. Brewster, who continued its editor and publishing agent for nine years. It is now issued from the Free Baptist Publishing House

with Mrs. E. S. Burlingame as editor, and Mrs. E. H. Andrews agent.



Mrs. M. M. Brewster.

The cut of Mrs. Brewster, not received in time to accompany her sketch, is here inserted in connection with the magazine in the inception and development of which she rendered material aid.

The publication committee, recognizing the demand for literature, have published several valuable leaflets. "Missionary Reminiscences," a history of the India Mission, written by Mrs. M. M. Hutchins Hills, was issued by the society in 1886, and is in its second edition. The society became auxiliary at its annual meeting in 1888 to the National Council of Women of the United States.

**Wood, Rev. Austin B.**, died in Greenfield, Mass., Sept. 21, 1848, after an illness of a few hours, in his 41st year. He was born in Vernon, Vt., and at the time of his death resided at Conway, Mass. For twenty years he was a faithful minister, most of the time of the Dover Q. M. He was excellent in consolation and a kind father and husband.

**Wood, Rev. A. J.**, son of Timothy Wood, was born in Virgil, N. Y., April 11, 1827, and converted May 20, 1845. He received license to preach in 1848, and was ordained June 9, 1867. His ministry has been with the Richford,

Dryden Hill, Burns, Second Sparta, First Naples, Italy and Naples, Wirt and Bolivar, Adrian and Brookfield churches, caring for two a part of the time. He has engaged in evangelistic work with success and assisted in organizing a number of churches. June 20, 1854, he was married to Miss E. M. Briggs. Their only daughter living is a teacher.

**Wood, Rev. Daniel**, was born at Sumner Hill, N. Y., in 1829. His parents were Elisha and Sally (Coller) Wood. In 1846 he was married to Miss S. Cutler. He became a Christian in 1843, was licensed to preach in 1849, and received ordination at the hands of the Freewill Baptists. He has seen about two hundred conversions, and has also given some attention to farming.

**Wood, Rev. Harrison F.**, son of Asa and Betsey B. Wood, was born in Vienna, Me., Feb. 15, 1840. He was converted in his native town when seventeen years of age. He fitted for college at Kent's Hill Seminary, and at Maine



Rev. H. F. Wood.

State Seminary, and graduated from Bates College in 1867, and from the Theological School in 1872. After leaving college he taught in Lapham Institute, Rhode Island, and was for two years principal of the Commercial Col-

lege at Augusta, Me. At this place he aided in organizing the Y. M. C. A. and was its first president. While in the Theological School, and for two years after, he was pastor at West Waterville (now Oakland), where he was ordained in November, 1873. In June of that year he married Miss Mary E. Taylor, daughter of Daniel Taylor, of Winslow, Me. His subsequent pastorates have been at Mauchester, N. H. (Pine Street), 1874-76, Concord 1876-82, Dover (Broadway) 1882-89, and now at Bath, Me., with the North Street church. In these pastorates he has made religious and temperance work among the young a specialty, and has had large success in it. He was active in establishing Ocean Park, for three years was a member of the Foreign Mission Board, and for many years has been corresponding secretary of the Sunday-school Union. In 1889 he was a delegate to the World's Sunday-School Convention held in London, Eng., and also made a tour on the Continent.

**Wood, Rev. Jeremiah**, brother of Rev. John Wood, was born in Randolph County, Va., April 24, 1825. He married Lydia Freeman in 1848, and has six children. He was converted in 1847, was licensed to preach by the United Brethren in 1868, and ordained by the Freewill Baptists the next year. He has assisted in organizing four churches, baptizing over one hundred converts. His labors have been in the St. Francois County, Mo., Q. M.

**Wood, Rev. John**, son of Joshua and Sarah (Marsh) Wood, was born in Randolph County, Va., Nov. 23, 1829. He was married in 1850 to Fidelia Nichols. Of their seven children one is commissioner of schools in California. His early education was limited. With commendable devotion he learned to read after his conversion, which took place in 1853. In 1871 he received license to preach, and three years later he was ordained. He has since engaged in revival and pastoral work. His labors have been largely instrumental in building up the St. Francois County Q. M., Missouri, all the churches of which, except two, he has either organized or

assisted in organizing. He is an untiring worker, and is widely known and influ-



Rev. John Wood.

ential in adjoining counties. In the pulpit and out he gives his influence for Christ and for the union of Christians.

**Wood, Rev. Joseph**, a native of Vermont, died at Naples, N. Y., May 3, 1878, aged 68 years. For nearly thirty years he was devoted to the work of the ministry. He preached for some twelve churches in western New York, and in nearly every instance good results were manifest. He was a man of excellent judgment and a good minister. The Genesee Y. M. made him a member of the General Conference at Fairport in 1877. His only son fell at Gettysburg.

**Wood, Joshua**, son of Daniel and Olive J. (Bassett) Wood, was born near Athens, O., April 12, 1857. He consecrated his life to God when twelve years of age, and received license to preach Dec. 25, 1885. He has been for several years a student at Carleton Institute, Farmington, Mo., and is clerk of the St. Francois County Q. M.

**Woodcock, Rev. E. C.**, son of George F. and Emily (Gilman) Woodcock, was born in Anson, Me., in 1848. He was converted at the age of eighteen, received license to preach in 1868, and

was ordained the following year. He has held five pastorates, labored in thirty revivals, and baptized about four hundred converts. He has been state missionary, and organized or reorganized three churches. He is now pastor of the Eastbrook and Clifton churches (1887). He married in 1871 Miss Lucella D. Rowe, and has three children.

**Woodman, Rev. James Monroe.** son of James March Woodman, was born in Sanbornton, N. H., Feb. 12, 1824. He united with the Sanbornton church when fifteen years of age, and the following year was one of the class of young men studying theology with Rev.



Rev. J. M. Woodman.

J. Woodman at Lowell, Mass. He then studied at the Biblical School in Dracut, Mass., traveled as an evangelist two years, and was ordained at Limerick, Me. He entered the Biblical School at Whitestown, N. Y., in 1845, and graduated two years later. He also graduated in medicine at Boston, Mass. After preaching a short time at South Parsonfield and at North Berwick, Me., he went West for his health and ministered to the Honey Creek, Wis., church 1850-56, and the Mt. Pleasant church 1856-61, when he went to California, where he has been principal of the Chico Academy since 1863. He is author of

"God in Nature and Revelation," and of other works.

**Woodman, Rev. Jonathan,** was born in Wheelock, Vt., March 27, 1798, and died in North Tewksbury, Mass., Jan. 18, 1888. He was buried in Sutton, Vt., four days later. In 1816, when Rev. Daniel Quimby moved to Lyndon, he found Jonathan Woodman, a lad of seventeen, "laboring under great trials of mind in regard to his duty to preach. In this distress the young man was near abandoning hope. Quimby came to his relief and Jonathan Woodman began his useful labors." He was soon after licensed by the Sutton church. In the summer of 1816 he crossed New Hampshire on foot to attend the meeting of the New Hampshire Y. M. at Parsonfield, Me. He offered to care for the horses at the meeting, and was admitted for entertainment to the house of John Buzzell. Multitudes assembled which the meeting-house could not accommodate. Finally Sunday came, "the last great day of the feast." John Buzzell arose, but after a few words he finally confessed, "Brethren, I have not got the word; if any one has it, let him stand forth." Immediately the Vermont boy, who was seated by the pulpit stairs, trembling with the burden of God upon his soul, arose to his feet and began to deliver his message. "Hold on, lad!" said Elder Buzzell, rising in his pulpit. "Brethren, shove some planks out of the window and give the boy a chance." They removed one of the side windows, pushed out some of the planks that were used for seating purposes, and made him a platform where he could stand and preach to the throng outside as well as to the multitude within the house. He took for his text: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek." He poured forth the message that surged and welled up in his soul. Strong men wept, sinners trembled and confessed, and there was no day like that in the history of that church. And when in after time candidates for baptism were examined, more than a hundred dated their conviction for sin and beginning of a life of consecration from the sermon of that day.

Jonathan Woodman was ordained in 1818 at the age of twenty as pastor of the Effingham, N. H., church. In 1819, during a few weeks' labor in Barnstead and Gilmanton, 150 professed conversion. On Nov. 4, 1820, he again attended the Yearly Meeting at Parsonfield and preached with John Buzzell and Enoch Place, and souls were saved. He entered upon an extended pastorate with the Sutton, Vt., church, at the same time preaching in several adjoining places. The year 1824 was one of remarkable power.

In 1825 he was one of the nine who



Rev. Jonathan Woodman.

perfected plans and bore the financial responsibility for the publication of the *Morning Star*. He suggested the name for the paper, and rode forty miles through the mud to purchase the paper for the first issue. For two years he was one of the proprietors of the Printing Establishment, for seven years a trustee, and for thirty-one years a corporator. In October, 1828, he was a member of the first General Conference and offered the opening prayer. He frequently afterwards occupied a seat in General Conference. In 1837 he was chairman of the committee on correspondence, in 1841 and 1853 of the committee on church polity, in 1850 on doctrine; he was moderator in 1844 and

1847. In 1843 he became the first president of the Anti-Slavery Society. In 1840 he was president of the Home Mission Society, and in 1848-50 of the Foreign Mission Society. Indeed, he was earnest and active in all the great undertakings of the denomination. In many he had an efficient hand in their origin. He resigned his parish at Lowell in 1844, and as soliciting agent carried to completion the \$10,000 endowment of the Biblical School at Whitestown, N. Y. His executive ability was recognized outside his denomination. For two terms he sat in the Vermont Legislature. In 1828 he was chaplain to that body.

With all his talent and efficiency in public enterprises, he was eminently successful as pastor and evangelist. While pastor at Sutton, his power was felt throughout the entire Wheelock Q. M. In 1837, during a year spent at Great Falls, N. H., sixty-nine were added by baptism and thirty by letter. The next year he returned to Sutton, Vt. In 1840 he became pastor of the First church in Lowell, and for four years a continuous revival was enjoyed, in which over two hundred were baptized and over two hundred added by letter to the church. His subsequent pastorates were at Lawrence, Mass., Sandwich and Jackson, N. H., and Sheffield, Danville, Lyndon, and Wheelock, Vt. Going to England with Rev. Eli Noyes as a delegate of the General Conference of this country to the General Baptist Convention, he traveled four months, preaching extensively in the churches of the convention.

At the close of his last pastorate, in Sutton, Vt., in 1883, he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Hilton, at North Tewksbury, near Lowell, in Massachusetts, where he died five years later, aged over 90 years. One personally acquainted with him adds: "He was a powerful and acceptable preacher, especially gifted in prayer, mighty in the Scriptures, a man of blameless life, a Christian eminently spiritual and cheerful. The whole denomination looked up to him with reverence. Many of other denominations appreciated his catholic spirit." In 1819 he married Charlotte Jackson, of Madison, N. H.,

who died in 1832. In 1833 he married Mrs. Mercy Eaton, of Danville, Vt., who died in 1877. Of his four children but two survive, the daughter who administered in tenderness to his last needs, and Jonathan Woodman, of Pelham, N. H.

**Woodman, Rev. Joseph Morrill**, son of Alfred and Aurelia (Burbank) Woodman, was born in Freedom, N. H., Sept. 28, 1821. He was converted May 5, 1839. In 1850, March 3, he married Sarah A. Leighton, and has four children. June 6, 1874, he was licensed, and June 7, 1876, was ordained. He was pastor of the First Ossipee and Wakefield church three years. His health being impaired he now preaches but seldom. He resides at Wakefield.

**Woodmansee, Rev. Ray**, died in South New Berlin, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1875, aged 81 years. He was son of Joseph Woodmansee, of Richmond, R. I., and received ordination with the Reformed Methodists in 1836. In 1845 he moved to New Berlin, N. Y., and soon joined the Holmesville Free Baptist church and was their pastor several years. With the infirmities of age he retired from the pulpit, but gave the influence of his sweet-spirited life to the cause. He loved every cause that honored God and promoted religion.

**Woods, Rev. Edward**, was born in Florence, Ala., March 11, 1846. His parents were Henry and Edith (Dee) Woods. In 1869 he married Mary Scrogans. He became a Christian in 1865, and in 1877 received a license. Two years later he was ordained by the Free-will Baptists. He has been quite successful in revival work, and has organized four churches. His present pastorates are with the Carbondale, Grand Tower and East St. Louis churches, in the Southern Illinois Y. M.

**Woodsum, Rev. William**, died in Peru, Me., July 24, 1872. He was born in Saco, Me., March 1, 1792. He was converted at the age of sixteen and soon felt called to preach, but being an orphan and having little education, he put it off until he should be settled in life. In January, 1814, he married and settled in Sumner, Me., and soon began with

trembling to preach the gospel. He was ordained in Sumner, Sept. 20, 1823. Many were led to Christ through his efforts. In 1831 he settled in Peru, and resided there till his death. He preached in various places in Maine and New Hampshire, attending about four hundred funerals. He repeatedly served his town in public offices, and in 1833 he represented his district in the Legislature. His wife was Miss Rosannah Woodman, of Leeds, Me. They had eleven children.

**Woodworth, Rev. Dyer**, died Feb. 7, 1859, at about 60 years of age. After joining the Calvinistic Baptists when twenty-two years of age, and studying three years in Madison University in preparation for the ministry, he became a Free Baptist in 1840, and was ordained the following year. He was pastor of the Free Baptist church at Addison, N. Y., nine years. While living he gave for benevolent purposes about \$4,000, and he perpetuated his influence by bequeathing \$8,000 to the Free Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies and the American Bible Society. In his pulpit ministrations he was clear, argumentative and impressive.

**Woodworth, Rev. N.**, son of John Woodworth, was born at Wayne, O., March 29, 1824, and experienced the new birth in 1841. He studied at Geauga Seminary and received license to preach in 1847, being ordained four years later. His pastorates have been at Warren, Ill., Rochester, Wheatland and Wayne, Wis., and Crystal Lake and Nashua, Fla. He has served as delegate to the General Conference, and has engaged in teaching, three years being in the High School at Warren, Ill. He married Jerusha Bidwell in 1848, and has three children now living.

**Woodworth, Rev. Richard**, son of Diodate and Inlania (Peercival) Woodworth, was born in Wayne, O., June 4, 1836. He became a Christian in 1848. He took a preparatory course in Geauga Seminary, Chester, O., and also a part of his theological course. He finished the latter as a private student under Dr. George T. Day. He was ordained in 1855 by the Rhode Island Q. M. His

Free Baptist pastorates have been at Danielsonville, Conn., two years, at Greenville, R. I., sixteen years, and at Hillsdale, Mich., two years. He baptized seventy-eight in one year at Greenville, and at Hillsdale he baptized 100. Since about 1873 he has been associated with the Congregationalists and is now at Salem, Mich. At this place in a little more than a year of his ministry thirty-three have united with the church. In February, 1850, he was married to Miss Lucy Gilmore. He married in 1868 Miss Hattie, daughter of Rev. George E. Hopkins. Both wives and two of his three children have crossed the river.

**Woodworth, Rev. Ziba**, of Montpelier, Vt., died in 1827, having had an ordained ministry in that state since 1803, in which he did excellent service for the Master. We have been permitted to catch but a glimpse or two of this true soldier. In September, 1818, he filed down through the Green Mountains with Nathaniel King and George Hackett, and there between mountain and lake he assisted in the organization of the Huntington Q. M. June 13, 1821, he wrote to the *Religious Informer*: "Three weeks ago yesterday, I had a call to visit Roxbury, a newly settled town twenty miles south of this place. A great collection of people assembled, and at the close of the meeting a number of youth, of both sexes, came to me and requested baptism. I appointed a meeting at 9 o'clock the next morning, and after preaching to a large and attentive audience, seven came forward and related what God had done for their souls. There were several aged fathers in the place who had belonged to the Calvinistic Baptists, but were alive in the work and ready to lead the lambs of Christ. They were embodied as a church, and at their request put under the 'watch and care' of Brother Sylvanus Robinson, a faithful young man of good report. Last Friday I met my brethren in Elders' Conference at Duxbury, and found a heavenly union of soul and sentiment. Two came forward and related their call to the ministry. The Q. M. was attended with divine presence, reports were good from almost

every church, interspersed with powerful exhortations and shoutings, such as we have never experienced before."

**Wooley, Rev. Edward**, born near London, Eng., labored six years in Jamaica, West Indies, as a missionary of the General Baptists, when, on account of failing health, he came to the United States and labored with the Free Baptist churches of Ohio and Indiana until his death, July 31, 1857, at the age of forty. He was highly esteemed as a clear reasoner and an unflinching defender of the truth.

**Woolsey, Rev. William B.**, of Woolsey College, Tennessee, was born in Greene County, Tenn., May 19, 1821. His parents were William and Sarah Woolsey. He was converted in 1842, received license to preach in 1843, and was ordained in 1847 by members of the larger Baptist body. Convinced of the error of close communion, he with others organized the Tow River Association of Freewill Baptists in Yancey County, N. C., Nov. 15, 1850, not knowing at that time that there was a denomination in the Northern States by that name. Since that time he has ministered in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee as pastor and evangelist, assisting in organizing eight churches and baptizing many converts. He has also been largely instrumental in building up Woolsey College. In 1842 he was married to Miss Alice Bird, and of their nine children several have engaged in teaching.

**Woolsey College** is situated ten miles south of Greeneville in Greene County, in the extreme eastern part of Tennessee. Rev. Wm. B. Woolsey, with others, was appointed in October, 1872, by the Freewill Baptists in eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina to select a site and erect buildings suitable for a college. Three and one-half acres, overlooking the valley and the Alleghany Mountains, were presented by Wm. B. Woolsey; here a two-story brick building, 60 x 30 feet, was erected, and the school was opened. Many generous subscriptions were received from the friends of the school, and \$300 was furnished by the Home Mission Society. By the failure to collect some of the sub-

scriptions, and the failure of S. M. Honeycutt, the agent, to apply all the money as intended, there remained an indebtedness to the contractors at the completion of the building. The school was opened as a high school, and during all the years of its existence it has accomplished much in furnishing increased facilities to those in need of its advantages.

**Wooster, Dea. John Edward Lacy**, was born in West Avon, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1809. His father was a minister in the Methodist church. In 1837 Brother Wooster settled in Wheatland, Mich., where he continued to reside until his death, Dec. 22, 1884. He united with the Free Baptist church in 1838, and was a deacon in the Locust Corners' church (Pittsford) twenty-four years. He was a faithful man in all relations, interested in the work of the denomination, and in his will gave \$1,000 to Hillsdale College.

**Worden, Rev. Alonzo Teall**, son of Calvin and Julia A. (Teall) Worden, was born in Trenton, N. Y., April 15, 1842. He was married to Sarah E. Whittaker in 1868, having now four children. He was educated at Prospect Academy. In 1872 he consecrated his life to God and was ordained in February, 1873, by Rev's J. M. Langworthy and G. P. Ramsey. He has ministered to the church at Prospect two years, at Unadilla Forks eight years, and at Ames four years to the present time. These churches have prospered under his care, about one hundred having been baptized, and the people have held him in high esteem. He has recently taken high rank as a literary writer.

**Wormwood, Rev. Samuel**, died in North Berwick, Me., March 25, 1865. He was born in Wells, Me., in 1792; was converted and baptized by Rev. John Buzzell when about eighteen years old, and at the age of twenty-one was ordained. Meeting with opposition in his early Christian life, he yet stood firm and remained true. His labors were confined mostly to the Wellington Q. M. on the St. John River. In Brighton seventy were converted under his labors in about three weeks. At that time another baptized the candidates, as Brother Wormwood was afflicted with

lameness from which he never afterwards was free. His life was characterized by the spirit of true piety, sound doctrine, and indomitable perseverance. He moved his family to North Berwick two years before his death, where his health gradually declined.

**Wright, Rev. E. N.**, son of Major and Aurilla (Cushman) Wright, was born Sept. 13, 1815, at Deerfield, N. H. He was converted in 1835, and studied at Geauga Seminary, Ohio, 1841-43, re-



Rev. E. N. Wright.

ceiving license from the Geauga Q. M. in 1844, and ordination two years later. His early ministry for several years was spent in revival work and building up churches in Wisconsin, where he was associated with the early fathers. A part of his labor there was with the Brothertown Indians, many of whom were converted. After three years (1858-61) with the Chagrin Falls and Auburn churches, Ohio, he returned to Wisconsin and was pastor nine years at Waupun, and preached also at Berlin, Grand Prairie, Rolling Prairie and other places. Brother Wright is highly esteemed in the Y. M., which he has served as treasurer sixteen years, and has also represented in the General Conference.

**Wright, Rev. Samuel S.**, died Sept. 30, 1860, aged 44 years. He was converted in youth, and baptized at Hart-

ford, Ind. His ordination took place at Centre Square, Ind., about 1847, and for some years before his death he was connected with the Mt. Pleasant church in the Switzerland Q. M.

**Wright, Rev. William**, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., and converted at the age of seventeen years. He was connected with the Erie Q. M., and after his ordination in 1842, with the Chautauqua and French Creek Q. M's. Later he resided in Iowa, being in feeble health, and died Aug. 11, 1877, aged 74 years.

**Wyatt, Rev. G. W.**, died Sept. 30, 1880, near Birmingham, Ky., (his native state) aged 47 years. He made a profession of religion about 1866, and commenced preaching the next year. A company was gathered, which a General Baptist minister organized into a church. He also ordained Brother Wyatt, but the association had no colored churches, and refused to admit this. In 1870 he, with the church, found a home with the Free Baptists. He was an efficient minister. With a clear head, a pure heart, and an earnest, loving spirit, he won all hearts, and was very useful.

**Wyatt, Rev. Samuel D.**, of Marlboro' Township, O., died August 25, 1842, aged about 46 years. He was ordained in 1827, and was a sound and efficient preacher, devoted to the benevolent work

of the denomination, and especially of temperance and abolition. The cause to the oppressed was a burden to him in his last sickness. His death was a great loss to the Delaware Q. M.

**Wyatt, Rev. Thomas**, son of Thomas and Martha (Wilson) Wyatt, was born in Campton, N. H., Sept. 5, 1818. He was converted in March, 1836, and, having been licensed in 1853, was ordained June 21, 1855, by the Sandwich Q. M. He has served the church at Thornton eleven years, at Holderness seven years, and as the result of revivals has baptized eighteen persons. March 4, 1839, he married Mrs. Sarah A. Sawyer, and in 1876, Mrs. Mary N. Johnson, and has four children living.

**Wylie, Rev. James**, is the son of Peter and Sally (Stowell) Wylie, and was born in Eden, Vt., August 10, 1836. On Sept. 4, 1855, he was married to Miss Achsah Griffin. In 1853 he entered upon the service of God, and was ordained in 1882 by the Blue Valley Q. M., Kansas.

**Wyotte, Rev. George**, was born in Kentucky, and took the name of his mother. He was a slave until made free by President Lincoln's proclamation. He subsequently became a leading minister in the Eddyville Q. M., where he continued until his death in 1881. He was always at his post, and persistent in his work. He was a good speaker, and beloved by all who knew him.

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**Yearnshaw, Rev. John M.**, was born in England. In August, 1828, he was appointed as an itinerant minister to visit the small churches on the eastern borders of the Rhode Island Q. M. The means for his support were raised by the sale of the Rhode Island *Freewill Baptist Magazine* and "Thornton's Life," eked out by private subscription. He was ordained at Slatersville, R. I., Jan. 29, 1829. The sermon was preached by Rev. Zalmon Tobey. He, though not present, was appointed with Samuel Burbank by the first General Conference to visit a small body of independent Methodists in New York and New Jersey who desired union with the Free

Baptists. He was the secretary of the third General Conference in October, 1829, at Spafford, N. Y., and of the fourth General Conference at Greenville, R. I., in October, 1830.

**Yeates, Rev. W. M.**, was born in Yorkshire, Eng., Jan. 18, 1796. He was converted with the Methodists in that country, and soon commenced preaching. In 1831 he came to Nova Scotia, and in 1837 moved from New York to Wellsburg, Pa., where he joined the Free Baptists. Moving to Ohio in 1842, he was pastor successively at Courneaut, Cherry Valley, Lenox, New Lyme and Austinburg. In 1851 he