

erhill church and the pastorless Boston church weighed heavily upon his heart. During his last hours he uttered frequently, "Home," "Rest," "Glory." He was buried in his native State. Rev. I. D. Stewart preached a sermon to his memory. He married Nov. 4, 1861, Sara S., daughter of Rev. N. K. George, who survived him but a few months.

Avery, Rev. Fernald, died of consumption, in Cornith, Vt., Oct. 13, 1866, aged 31 years. He was converted in 1855, and feeling a call to the ministry, entered New Hampton in 1859; but ill-health soon compelled him to leave school. In October, 1860, he was licensed by the Cornith Q. M., and became pastor of the Williamstown Church. The next year he was ordained there. In August, 1864, he again commenced study at New Hampton, but after a year his disease became so seated in his lungs that he was obliged to leave his wife and friends, and go to his home above.

Avery, Rev. Newell Augustus, son of Edward and Hannah F. (Harding) Avery, was born in Prospect, Me., June 30, 1847. He studied at the Methodist

Seminary at Bucksport, Me., and graduated from Bates Theological School in 1880. He was converted in 1870, received license to preach in 1874, and was ordained July 4, 1875, at Islesboro, Me., by Rev. A. Clark and others of the Montville Q. M. He held one pastorate before taking the theological course, and one at Sabattusville, during the course. After graduating he settled in Epsom, N. H. He next became pastor of the Water Village and Second Ossipee churches. From this field he was called to the Manchester church in 1888. Besides special revivals, he has had continued interest in his churches, and has baptized eighty-four persons and given the hand of fellowship to over one hundred. He has been a member of the State and Quarterly Meeting Mission Boards for three years. He was married May 19, 1881, to Sarah C. Goodwin. They have one child.

Ayres, Rev. Alexander, died in Cal-edonia, Ill., Nov. 13, 1854, aged 40 years. He united with the Free Communion Baptist church in Virgil, N. Y., in 1830, and was ordained in 1838. He was a faithful pastor. His labors were chiefly with the churches in Chenango County, N. Y.

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Babcock, Rev. Milton H., son of J. M. L. and Miriam (Tewksbury) Babcock was born May 1, 1860, at Buxton, Me. He studied at Williamette University. Converted in 1883, he was licensed, May 24, 1888, and ordained October 28, by the Rockland church, of which he is still pastor.

Babcock, Rev. William S., the son of a wealthy merchant, born in 1764, was sent to Yale College by his father to prevent his being drafted as a soldier. "Prodigal habits led him into dissipation, and corrupting influences of college life led him into infidelity." He settled in Springfield, Vt., where he began a study of the Scripture to refute its teachings. But it mightily convinced him of its truth, and resulted in his deep conviction and thorough conversion in 1800. He at

once began to preach. His first sermons, about fifty in number, were written in full. Becoming acquainted with the Freewill Baptists he found himself in agreement with them, and was baptized and ordained by Rev. Jeremiah Ballard of New Hampshire. Under the date of May 4, 1801, Babcock wrote a long letter to the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting requesting that his church might be instructed in discipline and received into fellowship. A committee of which Randall was chairman went by instruction to Springfield and found Babcock, as they reported, to be "a man of good understanding, of liberal education, and very gifted, with the weight of the cause on his soul." He had gathered a church of twenty-five members about him. This, with another church of twenty-one members under Rev. Stephen Place, from an

adjoining town then united with the denomination. These were pioneer days of our work in Vermont. When Colby came down the Connecticut river to Springfield in November, 1809, he held several meetings with Wm. S. Babcock and Nathaniel Marshall. Colby felt it his duty to continue to Ohio. They advised and urged him to be ordained before taking such a journey. Colby, reluctantly consenting, was ordained by them November 30. Babcock's father's estate continued to yield him an annual remittance and he preached the word with acceptance. His bark was capsized in the Angel Delusion, the parent of modern spiritualism, which swept over Vermont, but it was soon righted again in 1817. Shortly after, his life was cut short by consumption. He died in the triumphs of faith, Aug. 21, 1821, in Bar- ington, N. H.

Bachelder, Prof. Kingsbury, was born in Prospect, Me., Oct. 27, 1841. His parents were Elijah and Hannah (Piper) Bachelder. At the early age of 12 years he became a Christian. He was educated at Dummer Academy, Byfield, Mass., and Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. In 1873 he became Principal of Maine Central Institute, which place he filled until 1881 when he entered Bates Theological School, where he remained two years. In the fall of 1883 he accepted the Professorship of the Latin Language and Literature in Hillsdale College, which position he held until 1887, when he was transferred to the Greek Department. He has also held other positions of honor and trust, being a Trustee both of the Maine Central Institute, and Hillsdale College, also one of the incorporators of the *Morning Star*. June 27, 1877, Prof. Bachelder was married to Miss Mary Augusta Wade, daughter of E. D. and Mary R. (Dyer) Wade. She was born in Parkman, Me., in 1851. When only ten years of age she consecrated her life to Christ. In 1870 she graduated in the classical course at Maine State Seminary, Lewiston, Me. Mrs. Bachelder has always been actively interested in the work of God, especially in the line of missionary effort, holding positions of responsibility and exerting a wide influence. She

is a member of the W. M. Board, an Editorial Contributor to the *Helper*, a member of the Michigan Y. M. Board and President of the Woman's Mission Society of the same Y. M.

Bachelor, Henry M., M.D., son of Rev. O. R. Bachelor, was born in Balasore, India, June 16, 1849. He was educated at the New Hampton Literary Institution, and, after some time spent in teaching, entered the medical department of the University of New York in 1875, from which he graduated three years later. He was converted in 1871, uniting with the church at New Hampton, and received license to preach in 1875. In 1877 he was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Benjamin S. and Phebe (Badgley) Dean, of Summit, N. J., where she was born in 1859. They were appointed by the Presbyterian Mission Board as missionaries to Africa and served four years at Gaboon, on the west coast, two hundred miles up the Ogowe river. After their return they were appointed by the Free Baptist Mission Board as missionaries to India, and entered devotedly upon the work at Midnapore at the close of 1886. See *Mission in India*.

Bachelor, Rev. Otis Robinson, M.D., was born at Andover, N. H., Jan. 17, 1817. His parents were Odlin and Huldah L. (Searl) Bachelor. He studied in Hollister and Wilbraham, Mass., and at Kents Hill Academy, Me., also at the medical schools in connection with Dartmouth College, N. H., and Harvard College, Mass. In 1831 he was converted, and seven years later license to preach was granted. He was ordained in Lowell, Mass., and in May, 1840, was married to Catherine Palmer. They had accepted appointments as missionaries to India, and sailed the same month, reaching Calcutta in September, and Balasore in October. He then entered upon the great work which, from that place, and later from Midnapore, as a center, he has continued, with but short seasons of rest in America, to the present time. The history of his work is to a large extent, a history of the mission, to which the reader is referred. See *Mission in India*.

After four years of devoted effort in the boarding school, Mrs. Bachelor was pros-

trated by disease, and hoping for favorable results from a sea voyage, she with her husband started for Calcutta. Stopping for a short rest at Midnapore, she sank rapidly, and died Jan. 20, 1845. There the bereaved husband made her grave.

Aug. 12, 1846, Miss Sarah P. Merrill, daughter of Rev. Asa Merrill, sailed for the mission field. She was born at Stratham, N. H., March 10, 1820, was converted in 1828, and studied at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Massachusetts, 1843-45. Reaching the mission, she became Mrs. Bachelier, Feb. 26, 1847, and from



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that time her life has been united with his in the work. Their home has been blessed with ten children, two being the children of the first wife. Six yet live, one being Dr. H. M. Bachelier, and another Miss Mary W. Bachelier, who has served in the mission, and is now completing her preparation for the work by studying medicine in New York City.

Bachelier, Rev. Tappan Hilton, a cousin of Rev. O. R. Bachelier, was born in Bridgewater, N. H., in 1817. He was converted at Holliston, Mass., and later joined the Blackstone Free Baptist church. He preached as a licentiate at Grafton, Mass., and was ordained at Georgiaville, R. I., in 1841, where he preached two

years. He then labored in Pawtucket, R. I., three years, and at Taunton, Mass., ten years. In 1855 he moved to Iowa, where he organized the Pleasant Prairie church and was also pastor of the Welton, Clay, and Central City churches. His death occurred Oct. 29, 1885. He was a faithful worker, strong in the doctrines of the denomination, useful in councils, and bold in defense of the right, and his labors were blessed to the salvation of many souls.

Bacon, Rev. Hiram, son of Alvin, was born in Rutland, Pa., July 18, 1808. Being early left an orphan, he lived with his Uncle William, in Chenango County, N. Y. He was ordained in June, 1832, at New Berlin, and was married soon after to Miss Mary Stebbins, a most devout Christian. In 1853 he was married again to Mrs. Lucy M. Stamp. He spent some years in itinerant work and afterward ministered to the Middlesex, Potter, Gorham, Bradford, Pultney, Odessa, and Brookfield churches, in all of which tender memories of their former pastor are cherished. He was a man of large native talent, and after so long a ministry, he rested from his labors Nov. 12, 1886.

Badger, Rev. William, died in Medford, Mass., May 14, 1865, aged 61 years. He was born in Farmington, Me., April 12, 1804. His parents lived in Gilmanston, N. H. Both died when William was four years old, leaving seven children, of which he was the youngest but one. He was bound out to Jonas Green, who soon settled on the northern frontier in Byron, Oxford County, of his native state. On reaching his majority he moved to Brunswick, Me., where his brothers and sisters resided, and began work as a farm laborer. Here, in the summer of 1825, he was converted. A few months later he returned to Byron, settled on a tract of land and married Rebecca Taylor of that place, who survived him with six children. After hesitation, urged by his brethren, he began his ministry. An appointment had been given out by a minister who failed to appear; he came to the rescue of the meeting with such satisfaction, that he was urged to appoint further services. The next year he was licensed

and received a call to preach at Phillips, where his labors were signally blessed, and scores saved. He was ordained by a council from the Farmington Q. M., in 1833. He still resided at Byron, traveling over the rough roads from thirty to fifty miles, frequently on foot, to preach in Phillips and in Weld. In 1835 he became pastor of the church in Wilton, Me., where he made his residence, preaching on alternate Sundays with the church in Phillips, working on the farm during the week for support of his family. With the assistance of his three boys on the farm, he would go out from six to twenty miles on Saturdays to be present at the Saturday conference. In this way he would preach at Vienna, New Sharon, Farmington, Temple, or Livermore. His services were always well attended and churches always prospered under his labors. His wife attested that she remembered but very few Sabbaths when he did not preach somewhere, from the time of his removal to Wilton in 1836 to 1861, when his health failed. He had a protracted sickness, and visited Boston in 1862, seeking medical relief. He sold his place and moved to Medford, Mass., in September, 1863, where his daughter resided. His funeral was attended by Rev. A. W. Avery, of Haverhill. His body rests in Oak Grove Cemetery, at Medford.

Bailey, Rev. James M., D. D., son of James and Sarah (Davis) Bailey was born in Andover, N. H., March 3, 1817. When a boy he could attend school only three months in a year, but read all the books in his reach, and sat up nights to study. He completed his preparations for college at New Hampton, N. H., in 1839, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1843. He was converted in 1832, when 15 years old. In 1846, he graduated from Andover Theological Seminary. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred by Hillsdale College in 1869. He was licensed by the Weare Q. M. at Wilmot, N. H., in May, 1846, and ordained at West Buxton, Me., February, 1847, by a council of the Cumberland Q. M. Rev. A. K. Moulton preached the sermon. He remained pastor of the West Buxton church eight

years, and afterward preached there three years and a half, eleven and one half years in all. In 1855, he preached in Portland a year, then in Saco, and Manchester, N. H., three years each. He was acting pastor at Cape Elizabeth, Me., one year, and preached two years at Great Falls, N. H. Dr. Bailey has been an associate editor of the *Morning Star* more than twenty years, and prominently connected with educational work. At times he helped Mr. Burr in the editorial department of the *Star*, and had charge of it six months during the absence of Dr. Day in 1869. He also occupied the same position four months in 1882, and has several times taken the place of the editor



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for shorter periods. He has been on the school committee in Buxton, and supervisor in Saco more than twenty years, and many times on the examining committee of the Theological School. He was an acting professor in the Theological School at New Hampton, N. H., one year in place of Prof. Butler, and one year in place of Prof. Fullonton. For twenty-two years he has been clerk of the Maine Western Y. M., and twenty-one years clerk of the Cumberland Q. M. He is now supervisor of schools, and city missionary in Saco.

Bailey, Rev. John M., died in Woolwich, Me., Oct. 5, 1857 aged 93 years.

He was born in Woolwich in 1764, and was converted by the preaching of Benj. Randall and baptized by Rev. E. Lock about 1787. In 1798, when the denomination had less than a score of ministers, he was ordained by Timothy Cunningham and Dea. Daniel Dunton, neither of whom were then ordained ministers. He entered upon a long ministry. In 1823, the best of feeling was restored by the aid of a council between him and his church, and with the help of Rev. Allen Fitch a revival sprung up in which over 100 were converted. He retained his mental faculties to the end of his long and useful life, and died in peace, fully resigned to his Master's will. He left a wife with whom he had lived more than sixty-six years; also several children and three brothers, one older than himself.

Baker, Rev. B. E., son of Emerson and Jane (Wright) Baker, was born in Pierpont, O., Jan. 11, 1830. He experienced the new birth in 1851 and soon received license to preach. After being admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1855 and in Ohio in 1860, he devoted himself to the ministry, receiving ordination May 28, 1863, at the hands of a council from the Ashtabula Q. M. His labors with the Free Baptists and others have resulted in good, being attended at times by marked displays of divine power.

Baker, Rev. George Washington, one of the "Fathers" of the denomination in Ohio, died at Marion, O., Oct. 11, 1881, aged 78 years, less eleven days. He went from Litchfield, Me., his native town, with his parents, Eber and Lydia Baker, and in 1822 settled in Marion, O., where, with the exception of very brief intervals, he resided until his death. He and his wife, Louisa (Davis) Baker, were converted under the labors of Rev. D. Dudley and united with the Marion church in 1827. He soon felt that God was calling him to special work, but he hesitated. Through the urgent entreaty of his brethren, he at last "consented to improve his gift" and received license to preach, though with the firm resolve that he would never be ordained. However, when his labors were crowned with success and he found himself surrounded by many converts

who were pressing him to baptize them, he could refuse no longer, and in 1834 was ordained.

Bro. Baker was pastor of one or more churches nearly all the time of his ministry; but he delighted in, and greatly preferred revival and itinerant work, and consequently he was away from his family much of the time. His wife was left, in the years of his early ministry, with the chief care of their six children, and with limited means to supply their wants; but she cheerfully and uncomplainingly



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endured much care, privation and loneliness, that her husband might work for the Master and win souls; and, in this, his ministry was crowned with great success. Though with but limited educational advantages, he had a strong and vigorous mind, with keen perceptions. He was deeply spiritual, affectionate in manner, and a good singer,—the whole sustained by a large body and a strong constitution. He went all through that region preaching Christ to all classes, and building up the Redeemer's kingdom. It is estimated that not less than 3,000 persons became professed Christians under his ministry, and 2,500 of these he baptized. Of these, some twenty-six entered the ministry.

A few years before his death a sunstroke seriously impaired his nervous

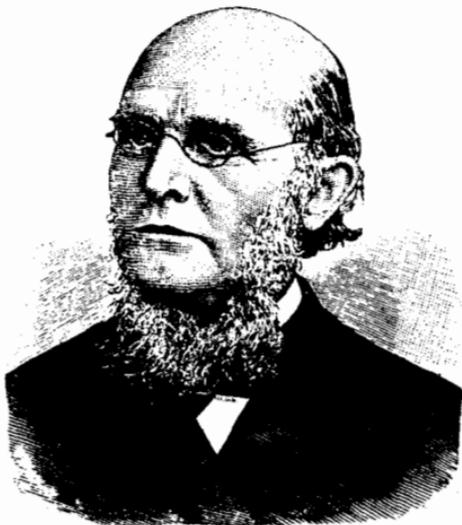
system, and after this he did not have the strength necessary for revival work, though continuing to preach until the fall of 1880. During this long service he took a prominent place in the general state and denominational work. Many churches were gathered, and his service on organizing and ordaining councils was extensive. His last sermon was preached Aug. 28, 1881, at a reunion of the pastors and members of the Centreburgh church, one of the first he gathered. With peculiar feeling and deep interest the service was conducted, as it seemed to be his last. Returning to his home the following Tuesday, and taking his bed Wednesday, he soon left the companion of his life, his children and his many friends to follow him to a better land.

Baker, Rev. Joel, son of Joel and Malitta (Spaulding) Baker, was born in Pomfret, Conn., Aug. 15, 1824. He found Christ in 1841, and studied Theology at New Hampton, N. H. Nov. 19, 1857, he was ordained, since which he has served as pastor, at Alton, N. H., three years, South Berwick, Me., four years, Amesbury, Mass., five years, Mendota, Ill., one year, Epsom, N. H., eight years, Philadelphia, N. Y., three years, and Belle Vernon, Pa., four years. He also spent nearly two years in the Freedman's Mission in Virginia, thus filling the years with useful service.

Baker, Rev. Matthew, a native of Vermont, was converted in the fourteenth year of his age. Removing to Ohio, he united with the Freewill Baptists, and received ordination. His ministry in Ohio and Indiana was acceptable and successful, two churches being gathered through his instrumentality. He died in Illinois, Jan. 18, 1852, aged 60 years, and was mourned for by many.

Baker, Rev. Oscar, E., son of Rev. George W. and Louisa D. Baker, was born at Marion, O., Jan. 9, 1826. At the age of 13 he became a Christian, was baptized by his father, and joined the church at Liberty. He was licensed to preach by the church when he was 17 years old. At a little past 18 he was called to the pastorate of four churches, and soon after his nineteenth birthday,

his ministry having resulted in revivals, his ordination was called for and granted. From time to time he endeavored to go to college, but the demands of the churches interfered with his plans. Meanwhile he applied himself to study, and with the aid of private teachers acquired at length an elective collegiate and theological course. In 1850 he was married to Jane Powell, of Marion, O. They had a son and a daughter. The former died. In 1860 he was married to Mrs. Augusta Wilson. They have one daughter. Mr. Baker preached in Ohio until 1866, when he moved to Iowa and became pastor of the church at Wilton



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Junction, and also took charge of the seminary at that place. The seminary grew into a college, of which he became president. His health failing, he resigned. He then took charge of the church at Waterloo, Ia. In 1881 he was called to the church in his native city, Marion, O., and in 1884 he accepted a call to the Roger Williams church, Providence, R. I. He remained there till 1888, when he was called to Lincoln, Neb. He has seen many converted under his labors. He has served the denomination for many years through the several benevolent societies and as a member of the Board of Corporators of the Printing Establishment. He has

also been a frequent contributor to the denominational papers.

Baker, Rev. Varnum, died in Bangor, Me., Aug. 24, 1862, aged 46 years. He was run over by a fire engine which he was attempting to move at the alarm of fire in the morning at two o'clock. He survived the accident but four or five hours. He began his ministry about 1842. His labors were confined mostly to the Penobscot Y. M. As a licensed preacher, he was connected that year with the Frankfort church. In 1843 he became pastor of the Otis church and was ordained. In 1851 he transferred his standing to the Newburgh church, retaining this connection till his death.

Balcom, Dea. William, of Reading, Mich., was born in Ontario County, N. Y., in 1836, and converted when 8 years of age. He has been for thirty years active in Sabbath-school work and is President of the Sunday-school Union of the Hillsdale Q. M. His devotion to the interests of the church is widely known. In 1857 he was married to Adelaide E. Ransome, and their two children are helpers in the church.

Baldwin, Rev. E. H., son of Ebenezer and Thirza (Murray) Baldwin, was born Jan. 24, 1826, at Whitehall, N. Y. Feb. 12, 1862, he was united in marriage to Miss Clarissa A. Platt. June 1, 1873, he was ordained, and has served as pastor of the Lake Pleasant (Penn.) church three years, and the Lake Pleasant Branch church one year. He has held the office of Quarterly Meeting Treasurer. His residence is in Venango, Erie County, Penn.

Baldwin, Rev. Jeremiah, was born in Strafford, Vt., in 1798. At the age of nine years he went with his grandfather, Rev. N. Brown, to Bethany, N. Y. At Ellington, N. Y., in 1832, he turned out his liquors from his hotel, and soon began to preach. He was licensed the next year, and ordained in 1840. At Ellington he was interested in every good work, especially education, temperance, and the anti-slavery cause. He was a half-brother of Rev. Wm. Johnson, and the father-in-law of Pres. Fairfield, of Hillsdale, Mich., to which place he moved about 1861. A

man of great energy and force of character, he was always in earnest, and his convictions were strong and positive. He died in Oakland County, Mich., March 8, 1878, aged 79 years.

Baldwin, Rev. John, a native of Dover, Vt., died in Forestville, Ia., Dec. 29, 1861, aged 66 years. He was converted in early life, licensed to preach in 1827, and ordained at Halifax, Vt. He preached in Halifax, Dover, Reading, Plymouth, Mt. Holly, and other places in that part of the state. His later years were spent with the Baptists.

Baldwin, Rev. William B., was born in West Fairlee, Vt., in the fall of 1831. At fourteen he publicly professed Christ, joining the Congregational church there. Through sympathy with the Free Baptists in doctrine, he united with the Washington church in 1861. The same year he was licensed by the Corinth Q. M. He preached a year in Brookfield, and about the same time at the Second church in Corinth. He was ordained in October, 1863. In the fall of 1864 he entered the Biblical School at New Hampton. He trusted in God for his support, and went forward seeking useful learning. He died April 5, 1865, and was buried at Washington, Vt.

Ball, Rev. George H., D. D., son of William and Marcy (Harvey) Ball, was born Dec. 7, 1819, in Canada near Sherbrooke. His parents were from Massachusetts. In 1836 they removed to Ohio, where, while making a home in the wilderness for the family, he studied systematically evenings until ten o'clock, under the guidance of his mother, and when twenty years of age commenced teaching. During that winter Rev. R. Dunn, holding meetings in the school-house, said to him, "Do you think it reasonable and right to serve God?" "Yes," he replied. "And you aim to be a reasonable man do you not?" "Most certainly." "Then you will serve God of course," said the preacher, and passed on. The appeal to reason prevailed, where other appeals had failed.

After about two years at Farnington Academy, he spent two years more at Grand River Institute, and preached occasionally in the vicinity, receiving

license to preach from the Ashtabula Q. M. in 1843. The next year he went to Ontario, Can., to teach, but was kept constantly at preaching for more than a year, and enjoyed several revivals. He then attended the Biblical School at Whitestown, graduating in 1847. The following year he was married to Maria L. Bently and entered upon a three years' pastorate at Chester, O. A part of this time he was principal of Geauga Seminary, and numbered James A. Garfield among his pupils. In 1851 he went to Buffalo, N. Y., to plant a church. After four years he settled with the Roger Williams church, Providence, R. I., but soon returned to Buffalo to save the interest there. In 1870 he became New York editor of the *Morning Star*, and the next year editor of the *Baptist Union* (q. v.). In 1877 he returned to Buffalo,

having served as Trustee of Storer College from its foundation, and of Hillsdale College also, except one term; and being now a member of the Foreign Mission and Conference Boards. In 1886 he visited the General Baptists of England, under appointment of the General Conference. His daughter Julia is a graduate of Packer College, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Ella J., since completing the Classical Course at Hillsdale College, has been eight years lady-principal of Pike Seminary, N. Y.

Ball, Rev. John C., died in Lock's Village, Mass., Feb. 4, 1872, aged 33 years. He became a Christian when quite young and united with the church in Ashfield, Mass. He began to preach in 1862 and was ordained at the September session of the Rensselaer Q. M., in 1867. His ministry was mostly in this Quarterly Meeting. He preached as he had opportunity in Leverett, Shutesbury and Ashfield, Mass., till 1868, when he became pastor of the church in Stratton, Vt., and preached also for the West Jamaica church. His death was most painful. While watching with a sick daughter, he fell asleep and overturned the lamp. The oil saturated his clothes so that he was fatally burned before he could be relieved. He was a devoted and consistent Christian, and willing to do what he could.

Ballard, Rev. Jeremiah, preached considerably among the Methodists along the Connecticut river, but becoming dissatisfied with his baptism, he applied to our people for admission. In May, 1798, he quite captured the sympathy of the New Hampshire Q. M. by the fervor of his eloquence. He was baptized at New Durham the next month, June, at the Yearly Meeting, and July 2, after relinquishing all claim to the ministerial land in the town of Unity, as opposition had arisen on account of his creed, he was ordained on mountains just outside the town; Randall preached in the house, then they sought the hills. This year Ballard's converts that sprang from his preaching united in a church of fifteen members, at Corinth, Vt., being the second church of our denomination in the state.



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where he still remains pastor of a flourishing church planted by himself.

Bro. Ball has always been a diligent student and an indefatigable worker. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Bates College, Me. He has published several small books of merit, and written extensively for the religious and secular press. As a preacher he is argumentative, pungent and direct; as a pastor, sympathetic and helpful. He has had a wide influence in the denomina-

He almost alone gathered the churches of the Unity Q. M. and for two or three years stood side by side with his brethren. But his unbalanced mind soon led him to gross improprieties and strange heterodoxy. He vehemently opposed the authority of Randall and of the denomination and declared his independence. As personal work with him and repeated committees accomplished nothing, he was publicly excluded in 1802. Soon after he removed to Ohio, where he saw his error and became an exemplary man. John Colby met him a few miles from Cincinnati in 1810, and pronounced him a consistent minister of the gospel, though not calling himself a Freewill Baptist.

Banghart, Rev. Andrew, was converted in Upper Canada, 100 miles west of Buffalo, in 1821. When forty or more had been converted under his labors, he went to New York, where he was ordained by the Bethany Q. M., after which he returned to carry on the work where he had begun it so successfully.

Banks, Rev. John J., was born in Levant, Me., Dec. 20, 1826. His parents were John M. and Elizabeth Morey Banks. He became a Christian at the age of 26. He was two years a member of a Baptist church. Sept. 29, 1855, he received license to preach, and Jan. 3, 1857, was ordained by the Springfield Q. M. He had a revival in Lincoln, Me., in 1856, and raised up a church of thirty-six members, of which he was chosen pastor. In 1858, he had a revival in Lee. In 1859, he became pastor in Chester. He had a revival in Kenduskeag, in 1866. A church was organized there two years later of which he has been pastor up to this time (1887). He supplied the Congregationalist church of Kenduskeag part of the time eight years. He was married Nov. 1, 1854, to Miss Catherine Chandler. They have two children.

Baptism and the Free Baptists.—The Free (or Freewill) Baptists are Baptists, because they believe that Jesus Christ instituted immersion as a perpetual rite in His church: a rite second in importance to conversion alone, which

two acts he most closely and significantly united.

The act of baptism is expressed throughout the New Testament by the Greek verb *baptizo*. The meaning of this verb—the kind of act expressed by it, is the simple problem which confronts every believer.

Our interpretation of this word, which sets forth the mode as well as the act of the rite called baptism, is based on philological, historical and exegetical reasons.

Since Hellenistic Greek, the Greek of the New Testament, is but a modification of classic Greek, we are led to ask for the meaning of the verb *baptizo*, before it was taken up into Hellenistic Greek and given a spiritual significance.

The root idea of the word is to immerse, dip, or overwhelm an object in water, or some other liquid. This root idea is universal, and the basis of all its metaphorical uses. Throughout the whole range of classic Greek not an example can be found where the word is used with any other than its root idea, or the root idea metaphorically applied. The testimony of classic Greek as to the meaning of the word is absolutely overwhelming. An examination of individual passages can not here be entered upon. But every such passage, quoted and translated, may be found in the appendix to the revised version of St. Matthew, by the American Bible Union.

But when this word was taken up into Hellenistic Greek and made to express a religious act, was the mode of the act changed? The presumption is against any radical change of meaning. The Septuagint preserves its earliest use in a religious sense. In each of the four cases where it occurs, the root idea seems to be applied either literally or metaphorically. There is not the slightest necessity of understanding the word in a different sense; although in two cases, viz.: Judith, ch. 12: 5-9, and Wisdom of Sirach, ch. 34: 27, (English Bible, Ecclesiasticus, 34: 25), an attempt has been made to extract another meaning.

The other Greek versions of the Old Testament agree with the Septuagint, in their use of the word.

In the remaining versions, which are a commentary on the New Testament

use of the word, as the Latin, the Syriac, the Coptic, the Ethiopic, the Teutonic, it is either transferred, or translated by a word which involves the act of immersion.

The Church Fathers are also very important witnesses. They wrote in Greek and must have known the meaning of the term which they used. Two examples must suffice. The first is from Basil (born about 347 after Christ), On the Holy Spirit, ch. 15:35: "Imitating the burial of Christ by the baptism (immersion); for the bodies of those baptized are as it were buried in the water."

The second is from Cyril (born about 315 after Christ), Instruction VIII, On the Holy Spirit 11. 14: "For the Lord saith: 'Ye shall be baptized (immersed) in the Holy Spirit not many days after this.' Not in part the grace; but all sufficing the power! For as he who sinks down in the water and is baptized (immersed) is surrounded on all sides by the waters, so also they were completely baptized (immersed) by the Spirit."

Abundant testimony, such as the above, from both the Greek and the Latin Fathers, can be adduced, enough to show unmistakably how those interpreted the rite to whom it was first given. But early in the history of the Church, perhaps in the latter part of the apostolic age, arose a digest of religious teaching, known as "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles." The discovery of this document was a literary sensation. The bearing of this document on the mode of baptism is so candidly set forth by Philip Schaff, that we quote his exact words. The more gladly do we do this since he is a man of profound learning and with no denominational bias toward the doctrine we are maintaining:

"Baptism was usually administered by triune immersion in a river, (in imitation of Christ's baptism in the Jordan,) but with a margin for freedom as to the quality of water and the mode of its application; and threefold aspersion of the head was allowed as legitimate baptism in case of scarcity of the element." Dr. Schaff must use aspersion as synonymous with pouring, for such the word means, and he himself so translates it.

This survey of the Greek word, both prior and subsequent to the time of Christ, will enable us to interpret the word more intelligently in the New Testament.

In a large number of cases we find in the context no hint as to the mode of the rite. Two passages only, Luke 11:38, and Mark 7:2-4, seem to call for anything less complete than immersion; possibly Hebrews 6:2, should be added. But at the best these are only isolated examples of an accommodated use of the word, which, standing alone, can count little against overwhelming testimony from other sources. Yet even in these passages there is no necessity of understanding the word in any other than in the ordinary sense. We must notice also that the revision throws out the word "tables" from the catalogue of things baptized, and Wescott and Hort substitute *rantizo*, to sprinkle, for *baptizo*, in Mark 7:4. In both these passages the American company of the revisers chose bathing as the proper rendering of the verb, and it has accordingly been inserted in the margin of the revision. These changes remove all obstacles to the rendering of the word in the ordinary way in these two passages, and make it equally easy to assign the root idea to the noun in Heb. 6:2.

How easy for those who understand Greek to feel the force of such passages as these: Matthew 3:6, "And they were baptized (immersed) of him in the river Jordan;" Mark 1:5, "And were baptized (immersed) of him in the river Jordan;" Mark 1:9, "Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized (immersed) of John into the Jordan." In John 3:23, it is expressly stated that John chose *Ænon* as a place for baptizing because there was much water there. He had formerly baptized at the Jordan. If sprinkling or pouring was the custom, this is an utterly meaningless expression; for sufficient water for that could be found at any well, fountain, or pool.

The figurative use of baptism in the New Testament confirms the foregoing conclusion. In Romans 6:3-5 the language is doubtless figurative; yet the fullness and beauty of its meaning depend on the idea of immersion contained in

the rite. Baptism is said to introduce the believer into a new life, separated from the old life of sin by a death, a burial, and a resurrection. "All we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death:" here is a death. "We were buried therefore with him through baptism:" here is a burial. "That like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life:" here is a resurrection. But it is all set forth by the rite of immersion; the symbolism demands this. Sprinkling is an inadequate symbolism. Godet on this passage says that it is probable that the apostle referred to the external form of the baptismal rite. "The going down into the water probably represents in Paul's view, the moral burying of the baptized, and his issuing from the water, his resurrection." In Col. 2:12, we read, "Buried with him by baptism" (immersion). The submerging of the individual in water furnishes the only adequate symbolism for such expressions. Who, except him who has a creed to defend, can read these passages in the light of the customary meaning of the word, and not confess that the mode of the rite was the immersion of the candidate in water. In I. Cor. 10:1-2, the fathers are said to have been "under the cloud," and to have been "baptized" "in the cloud and in the sea." The most satisfactory symbolism in explanation of this passage is that based on the idea of an envelopment: the waters on either side and the cloud above constituting the enveloping elements. In this manner it was early understood and interpreted.

The best Pedobaptist scholarship of to-day attempts to defend sprinkling only on the ground of convenience, and by holding that the form is nothing, the spirit everything. Baptists concede all that is claimed by Pedobaptists as to the importance of emphasizing the spiritual import of the rite, but claim that no good reason exists for changing the form. Other considerations are omitted as unnecessary to establish the mode of the rite of baptism.

This article may appropriately close with an extract from Dean Stanley's Lectures on History of the Eastern Church.

"There can be no question that the original form of Baptism—the very meaning of the word, was complete immersion in the deep baptismal waters, and that for at least four centuries, any other form was either unknown, or regarded, unless in the case of dangerous illness, as an exceptional, almost a monstrous case. To this form the Eastern Church still rigidly adheres; and the most illustrious and venerable portion of it, that of the Byzantine Empire, absolutely repudiates and ignores any other mode of administration as essentially invalid.

"The Latin church, on the other hand, doubtless in deference to the requirements of a northern climate, to the change of manners, to the convenience of custom, has wholly altered the mode, preferring as it would fairly say, mercy to sacrifice; and a few drops of water are now the western substitute for the threefold plunge into the rushing rivers, or the wide baptisteries of the East." The question as to whether the believer of to-day finds a necessity, or has a right to radically change the mode of baptism, as Dean Stanley suggests is the case, does not come within the scope of this article.

Baptists in England. See *English Baptists*.

Baptist Union, The, an eight-page weekly, with six columns to the page, was published in New York City, commencing Jan. 1, 1871. In addition to the ordinary purposes of a religious journal, it aimed to draw into fraternal cooperation the several bodies of liberal Baptists in the land, numbering nearly 200,000 members. It purposed to champion the best interests of each of these bodies equally, and to bring them together as one people, not by the absorption of one by another, but by union in work, as distinct and organized autonomies. Rev. Geo. H. Ball, D. D., was its editor, and the circulation rose to over 7,000. The subscription price was \$2 per annum. After attaining so good a standing, and calling the attention of all Baptists to the advantages and possibilities of united work, it seemed wisest, for various reasons, to discontinue its publication. It was sold to the Free

Baptist Printing Establishment, and at the end of its sixth volume, with a worthy record, its career was closed.

Bard, Rev. Nathaniel, died in Lisbon, Me., May 30, 1874, aged 59 years. He was born in Sumner, Me., Sept. 2, 1814. He was a resident of Lisbon about forty years. When about 20 years of age he became a Christian, was baptized by Rev. Charles Bean, and united with the Second church of Lisbon. He was licensed by the Bowdoin Q. M. in 1840, and at the end of the same year was ordained. He preached in Webster, Wales, Oak Hill, Litchfield two years, Litchfield Plains two years, Durham eight years, Richmond Corner several years, North Freeport three different times, eight years in all; Bowdoinham, Lisbon Falls, and Second Lisbon six years, at different times; lastly, at Monmouth, where an attack of paralysis disabled him, and finally terminated his life. Quite a number were added to the Litchfield churches; many were converted at Durham, and a house of worship was built. There were frequent conversions at North Freeport, and forty were baptized in one year; two small churches in Bowdoinham were united by him; the Lisbon Falls church was organized mostly by his labors.

What he may have lacked in early mental culture was largely made up for by prayerful study of the Bible, and general reading. He was a man of superior judgment, and a sound gospel preacher. He occupied a prominent place in his Quarterly Meeting, and achieved that distinction by faithful and persistent labor. He was also esteemed for his integrity, kindness and hospitality.

Barnard, Rev. Henry T., son of Tristram and Mahala F. (Russell) Barnard, was born in Exeter, Me., in April, 1841, and while young, his parents moved with him to Lowell, Mass. Here, in 1856, he was converted, and joined the Paige Street church, then under the charge of Rev. J. B. Davis. He studied in the Lowell public schools, and took a classical course in the High School; but his course was interrupted by his enlisting in the army. He re-

turned to take a partial course in Bates Theological Seminary, Lewiston, Me., and to be licensed by the Wolfborough Q. M., in 1878. He was ordained by this body at Ossipee, N. H., Nov. 7, 1880, by Revs. Ira Emory, O. Butler, W. H. Cutting, and J. M. Woodman. He was pastor of Ossipee and Wakefield church four years; Fourth Ossipee church two years, where the church building was remodeled and refurnished, at a cost of \$2,200. For a short time he served the church at Warren, Vt. In December, 1883, he entered upon a three years' pastorate at Brockton, Mass., where sixty were baptized, a church organized, and a chapel built. This pastorate closed Jan. 1, 1887, when he moved to take charge of the church at Underhill Centre, Vt. In September, 1863, he married Hattie B. Mitchell, and has one child.

Barnes, Rev. —, was ordained in 1819 and labored in New York.

Barney, Rev. Samuel S., son of Otis H. and Betsey (Chace) Barney, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., Sept. 12, 1834. Converted in 1856, he was ordained Nov. 19, 1874, by Rev's G. W. Wallace, W. Pierce, C. P. Walker and L. W. Manning. He has baptized thirty-five, most of them during a pastorate of over seven years at Graniteville, R. I. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the R. I. Association three years, and member of the town council four years. He entered upon his pastorate at South Kingston in 1886. He supplied Pond St. Church for some months. He married Oct. 2, 1859, Maria B., daughter of Rev. Waterman Pierce; they have three children. His home is East Providence, R. I.

Barr, Rev. John F., of Hatch Hollow, Pa., and son of Robert and L. (Squares) Barr, was born in Mercer County, Pa., Aug. 25, 1845. He married Miss Alice Rogers in 1872, and Miss H. Ellen Cottrell in 1879. He yielded himself to Christ in 1871, received license in 1877, and was ordained the following year. His ministry has been with the churches of the Washington Q. M., of which he is clerk, engaging in pastoral and revival work.

Barr, Rev. Samuel, a native of Cox-sackie, N. Y., died at Roulette, Pa., July

25, 1878, aged 82 years. He was converted when about 27 years of age and soon began to preach. Moving to Pennsylvania about 1843, he preached throughout Potter County, where he exerted a wide influence and had many friends.

Barrett, Rev. Henry C., was converted when 17 years of age, and after graduating from the Normal School at Mansfield, Pa., became a teacher. With his wife, he went to Hillsdale in September 1874, where he pursued theological studies two years. He became pastor of the Hinckley, O., church in July, 1876, and was ordained at the November session of the Cleveland Q. M. He was a judicious worker and the interest in the church was good; but he was soon removed by death. He died Jan. 28, 1878, aged 30 years.

Barrett, Rev. Selah, was born in Stafford, Conn., in 1790, and baptized by Elder A. Buzzell at Strafford, Vt., in 1812. Five years later he married Sylvia Beman and moved to Rutland, O., where he was one of the early Free Baptists. He was licensed in 1837 and ordained at Cheshire in 1849. His ministerial labors were with the churches of the Meigs Q. M., of which he was clerk as early as 1835, and with several in the Athens Q. M. He was a true man, loyal to his convictions, progressive in his views and diligent in his efforts. He passed from this life, July 12, 1860.

Barrett, Rev. Selah Hibbard, son of Rev. Selah Barrett, was born in Rutland, O., Feb. 24, 1822. Deprived of the advantages of the schools because of ill health, he devoted himself perseveringly to study at home and gained a knowledge of the branches usually taught in college, and afterwards completed courses in law and medicine. He experienced forgiveness of sins in 1838, received license to preach in 1845, and was ordained in 1856 by the Meigs Q. M., his ministry being spent within its bounds. He devoted much time to literary labor, having been a frequent correspondent of the *Morning Star* and other periodicals nearly forty years, and having prepared several pamphlets and books, among them "Memoirs of Eminent Preachers of

the Freewill Baptist Denomination," and an Autobiography of about 400 pages. He was married, Sept. 1, 1860, to Miss Rebecca Ann Simms, who died in March, 1882, after a long illness, and the bereaved husband followed Sept. 1, 1883, leaving to his son and daughter the precious memory of his faithful, devoted life.

Bartlett, Rev. Flavel, died in Auburn, Me., March 22, 1873, aged 81 years. He was born in Plymouth, Mass., April 12, 1792. In early manhood he was an active minister in Franklin County, Me., but disease of the throat and lungs forced him to turn aside and engage in business. He became a merchant, but preached occasionally as long as health permitted. Fifteen years before his death he moved to Auburn, where he soon retired from business, in still feeble health. He lived a quiet, cheerful, Christian life till his departure, and was much respected and beloved.

Bartlett, Rev. John Howard, son of John and Dorcas H. (Hilbreth) Bartlett, was born in Hartford, Me., June 25, 1835. He studied in his native place and in December, 1855, he was converted. The June following he was baptized by Rev. Gideon Perkins. He was licensed by the Otisfield Q. M. at West Bethel in June, 1870. In May, 1873, moving to Temple, he began his first pastorate. June 30, 1874, he was ordained at Temple by the Farmington, Q. M. In January, 1874, he began to preach, half the time at West New Portland. In December, 1875, he accepted the appointment as missionary of the Farmington Q. M. The following January about forty sought Christ under his labors at Weeks Mills, New Sharon, and the next month fourteen others in Vienna. From a revival the following June at North Wilton about twenty-five were converted and a church organized with which half his time was spent for over four years. In May, 1876, he made his home at Weeks Mills and for seven years was pastor of the First church in New Sharon. More than forty were added to the church. He also preached part of the time at Second New Sharon church and at East Livermore with good results. In 1886 he

baptized about twenty in the Vienna church. He has preached at Stark, Farmington Falls and West Mt. Vernon. In June, 1887, he began his labors at Carthage and later he preached in Mercer. Jan. 28, 1859, he married Miss Sarah T. Oldham, of Peru, and has seven children living.

Bartlett, Rev. Willard, of Melbourne, P. Q., died Aug. 1, 1855, in his 73d year. He was born at North Brookfield, Mass., in 1783. After residing in Vermont, he moved with his parents to Canada. At the age of 13 he was converted. At 22 he began to preach, and in 1815, the next year, he was ordained in Wheelock, Vt. He settled at Melbourne and organized there, July 11, 1818, a church over which he was pastor for nearly forty years. He took a deep interest in the welfare of souls. He had a good mind and was brave in the right. He was found in his place at Quarterly Meeting, and more than usual was his power when, at the last Quarterly Meeting he attended, he gave the charge to the pastor at the ordination of Bro. Lyster. He was sick for some time, but was regarded better, when he died almost instantly, without a struggle or groan, in hope, as he said, of a glorious immortality. He was buried on the Sabbath, September 3, and a large concourse followed his remains to the grave.

Barton, Rev. Mrs. Anna, daughter of Rev. B. R. Swick, of the larger Baptist body, was born at Big Flats, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1842. At the age of 13 she was converted, and, two years later, she entered the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, N. Y., remaining there three years. While teaching in Michigan, she married, and then began a quiet rural life, somewhat like Moses' at Midian. After seasons of severe sickness, and after success in teaching her Bible class, when almost yielding to the calls of the Spirit, she was asked by her pastor to supply his pulpit (Waverly, Mich.) during his visit to the Centennial Exhibition. She then began to preach, and, having received license from the Van Buren Q. M., she has since had pastoral care of the Gliddenburg, Waverly, Oshtimo and

Paw Paw churches, retaining the latter at the present time. She has also engaged in evangelistic work. In December, 1886, she was ordained at Waverly. Her ministerial services are highly appreciated.

Bass, Rev. Millage, son of Benjamin, was born in Georgia in 1844. He was married in 1870, and has one child. He turned to God in 1871, received license in 1876, and was ordained in 1880, engaging in the work at Cairo, Ill., and vicinity.

Bassett, Rev. Caroline Amelia, daughter of Dan C. and Abigail S. (Libbey) Bassett, was born at Persia, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1841. She was converted in 1858, and graduated from the Albany Normal School in 1862. While Principal of the Grammar school at Sioux City, Ia., in 1871, she was elected Superintendent of Schools for the County. She also engaged quite extensively in Institute work in Iowa and Dakota. In 1874, while in the M. E. Church, she received license to preach, and, having joined the Free Baptists, she was ordained at West Falls, N. Y., June 10, 1881. She has served as pastor at West Falls three years, at Cowlesville one year, and is now pastor at Shelby. Before ordination she engaged in revival work, for which she has especial adaptation, and in which she has enjoyed the divine favor.

Bassett, Rev. Zachary, died at Poplar Grove, Ind., Feb. 3, 1860. He was converted in North Carolina, where he joined the Freewill Baptists, and subsequently became an ordained minister. On account of the prejudice against free people of color, and the liability of their being kidnaped, he, with others, moved to Indiana, and settled in Parke County, near a Quaker settlement. Here, among his own people, he formed a church, built a good meeting-house, and hired a Quakeress to instruct the children. His labors were blessed, and his people had the reputation of being the most orderly of any class in that vicinity, and far more interested than the poor whites in having their children educated, and in right living.

Batchelder, Rev. Daniel, was converted at Corinth, Vt., under the preach-

ing of Jeremiah Ballard in 1798. He was one of the fifteen original members of the Corinth church, the second church to be organized in Vermont. He passed a satisfactory examination at the New Hampshire Y. M. in 1799, and was ordained by Tingley, Young and Ballard, and perhaps Daniel Lord and Aaron Buzzell, at Corinth, Oct. 4. He was the first minister ordained by us in Vermont. He served the Corinth church as pastor for twenty years. He assisted Nathaniel Brown in a revival at Tunbridge, which resulted in the formation of a church in 1800. Nathaniel King was one of the converts. The date of his death is unknown.

Batchelder, Rev. John, died in Gardiner, Me., June 21, 1865, aged 52 years. He was born in Pawtucket, R. I., Feb. 15, 1813. He moved to New Hampshire at the death of his father in 1823, and went out as a tanner's apprentice. At the age of twenty-one he was baptized, joining the Free Baptist church. Having removed to Garland, Me., he united with the church there in April, 1842. He was licensed by the Exeter Q. M. in March 1854 and for a while was connected with the Biblical School at New Hampton. He was ordained in Parkman, Me., in Jan, 1858, in which field he organized a church and became its pastor. During the last four years of his life his work was crippled through ill-health. His last season was spent with the church at South Dover. He was a good preacher and was much beloved.

Bates, Mrs. Anne S. Dudley, was born in Kingfield, Me., Jan. 5, 1833. Her parents, Wm. King and Hannah B. (Pullen) Dudley, descended from honorable English families, who bequeathed to their children a rich heritage of virtues. Anne early began a Christian life, but made no public profession until March 1851. While "sprinkling" in one church, "close communion" in another and "silence of women" in a third, chilled and discouraged her, a fearful friend said with emphasis, "Don't join the Freewill Baptists." With this introduction to a denomination of which she had never heard, the question was soon settled. A little church was soon organ-

ized by Rev. E. Winslow, and in June she and her sick mother were baptized and united with it. She soon began to lead religious meetings, if there was no one else to do it; to organize Sunday-schools and to work for missions; and she often saw friends converted. Books were her delight from her earliest years, and her reading was carefully guarded by a wise mother. Her few school advantages were so well improved that she began teaching when fourteen years of age, a work in which she continued when not in school or in missionary work, until 1874. In 1859 she entered Maine State Seminary, and July 27, 1864, graduated from the Seminary Department of Bates College. The succeeding year was given to city mission work in Lewiston, Me. In the fall of 1865, having been accepted



Mrs. Anne S. Dudley Bates.

as a missionary to India, but not sent, for lack of funds, she entered upon the work of teacher and missionary among the Freedmen in the Shenandoah valley, and most devotedly and successfully did she labor there (see *Shenandoah Mission*), continuing in the work nine years. In 1874 she took up the "special mission" of a sainted mother's unfinished work, marrying Rev. L. E. Bates and devoting herself to the care of his interesting family and to the duties of a pastor's helpmeet.

She joined the Woman's Temperance Society of Kingfield, Me., in 1850, and in later years has been an active worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, being at present superintendent of Evangelistic work for Erie County, N. Y. Since 1864 she has been superintendent of a Sabbath-school every year. She has continued a trustee of Storer College from its organization,—perhaps the first woman appointed to such a position. After a life of active Christian service, she has for her motto, "The world for Christ," and "Anywhere with Jesus."

Bates, Rev. Isaac N., son of Isaac and Betsy Bates, was born at Waterville, Me., Dec. 25, 1832. He studied in schools at Norridgewock and Waterville, Me. Converted in March, 1846, he was licensed in 1862, and in 1864 was ordained. He has had nine revivals, organized six churches and baptized over 300. He is now settled with the church at Fairfield, Me.

Bates, Rev. Israel P., son of Daniel and Eliza (Tinckham) Bates, was born in Harmony, N. Y., in 1835. He experienced the new birth in 1854; studied at Mayville Academy, N. Y.; served three years in the army; received ordination May 6, 1866, and completed his studies at Hillsdale College, Mich. His pastorates have been in Michigan with the Bedford, Augusta, Litchfield, Burlington, Bath, Orange and Highland churches. He has conducted revivals at Bedford, Manchester and Orange, following which, at each place, houses of worship were built, as was also the case during his pastorate at Burlington. He has baptized forty-seven. In 1864 he was married to Sarah A. Church. They have six children.

Bates, Rev. Laban Eli, son of Liberty and Mary (Russell) Bates, was born in Ellisburgh, Jefferson County, N. Y., July 10, 1820. He was led to Christ in 1838, began to preach in 1844, and was ordained in 1849. He first united with the Congregational church in Norway N. Y., but was soon baptized and has since taught and practiced baptism by immersion. He engaged in evangelistic work with success, and later ministered

to the West Camden church eleven years, and the Florence and Redfield church five years. In 1871, he united with the Free Baptists, and has been pastor at Fabius five years, at Potter four years, Cowlesville three years, and at Marilla, six years, the last four being devoted exclusively to the Marilla church. In these fields his labors have been blessed of God.

Bro. Bates has always taken advanced positions on all moral questions. As an abolitionist, he voted for Birney, with the "third party"; and in temperance work he is a staunch prohibitionist. Feb. 19, 1849, he married Caroline D. Bronson, who passed to rest May 30, 1868. Their oldest son, since deceased, graduated from Cornell University; Charles P. practices law at Sioux Falls, Dak.; Carrie is a missionary in New York City, and the four other daughters have engaged in teaching. Sept. 19, 1874, he married Miss Anne S. Dudley of Kingsfield, Me.

Bates, Rev. Samuel Dwight, D. D., was born at Vernon Center, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1828. He moved to Hartford, Ohio, when 15 years of age and was converted



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not long after, uniting with the Burgh Hill church. He attended Geauga Seminary, and engaged in teaching. Jas. A. Garfield, afterwards President, was one of his pupils. He was married to

Miss Lodeemy B. Brockett, Oct. 1, 1850, and soon was called to the Greenbush church, receiving ordination at this time. After six years, he took up the work at Marion. In nineteen years he built up the church and through his efforts the present house of worship was erected. He also gathered two churches in the vicinity and ministered to them and others for considerable periods.

He was president of Ridgeville College for fourteen years, and did much to give it its present standing. He also served for considerable periods as a trustee of Hillsdale College, corporator of the *Morning Star*, and a member of the Executive Board of the Foreign Mission Society. He was an efficient worker in every department, and many mourned at his death, which occurred at Marion, Sept. 17, 1886.

Bates College, the chief educational institution of the Free Baptists in New England is located at Lewiston, Me. It was chartered as *Maine State Seminary*, March 16, 1855, and under that name did successful work for eight years. The corner-stone of Hathorn Hall was laid June 26, 1856, and Sept. 1, 1857, the Seminary opened with 137 students. From the outset its founders contemplated its growth into a higher institution of learning. At the meeting of the trustees in July 1863, it was voted to establish a course of collegiate study, to ask the Legislature for an enlarged charter, and to change the name to Bates College from gratitude to Hon. Benjamin E. Bates of Boston, who was deeply interested in the prosperity of Lewiston and had given the college \$100,000 towards its endowment. A new charter confirming the name and conferring college privileges was received Jan. 19, 1864.

The site of the college originally contained twenty acres. It is situated on an eminence about a mile northeast of City Hall. The sites for Cobb Divinity School and the Latin School on the southeast and for the Observatory, on the other extremity of the original grounds, have since been added. The college possesses a fine campus for field sports. Of the buildings, Hathorn Hall occupies a commanding place. It contains the chapel,

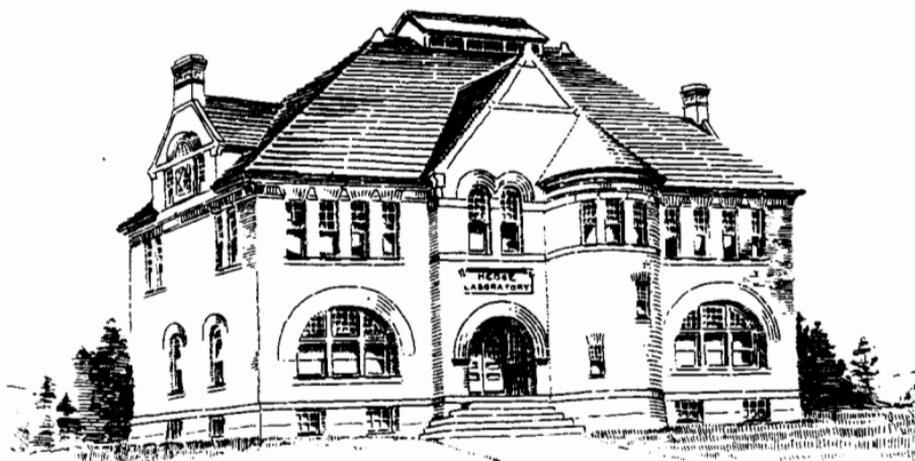
library, cabinet, recitation and lecture rooms, and rooms for the two literary societies. It is a brick building with brown freestone trimmings and was named from Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hathorn of Woolwich, Me. Parker Hall, the dormitory, a three-story brick building, 150 ft. by 42, contains about eighty rooms and was named from Judge Thomas Parker, late of Farmington, Me. Latin School Hall, occupied by the Latin School and Cobb Divinity School, is a four-story brick building, 120 ft. by 42, and stands at the extreme southeastern limit of the grounds. The gymnasium is a wooden structure of two stories back of Hathorn Hall and was built in 1866. The Hedge Laboratory has just been erected (1889). It is a fine brick building with granite trimmings and was named from Isaiah H. Hedge, M. D., whose generous benefaction it represents. Plans are made for the erection of an Astronomical Observatory on Mt. David at an early date.

The College has *Academical* and *Theological* Departments. In the former in addition to a first-class curriculum of studies, elective studies are being introduced as occasion demands. The *Academical* Faculty at present consists of Rev. Oren B. Cheney, S. T. D., President; Jonathan Y. Stanton, A. M., Belcher Professor of Greek and Latin Languages; Rev. Benjamin F. Hayes, D. D., Professor of Psychology; Richard C. Stanley, A. M., Ph. D.; Professor of Chemistry and Geology; Thomas L. Angell, A. M., Professor of Modern Languages; George C. Chase, A. M., Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature; John H. Rand, A. M., Professor of Mathematics; Lyman G. Jordan, A. M., Professor of Biology and Analytical Chemistry.

The college from its establishment has been open to both men and women. Its present number of students in the *Academical* department is 128, of whom thirty-one are young women. It has twenty-five endowed scholarships besides ten owned by the State and under the direction of the governor. Its cabinet in Mineralogy and Geology is large and growing. New apparatus for illustration and investigation in Physics is purchased annually by regular appropriations. Its collection of American and

foreign birds is one of the best. Its library consists of about 10,000 choice volumes. Its telescope of six and a half inch aperture, was the gift of Hon. Amos D. Lockwood, of Providence, R. I. Its extensive Herbarium was collected by the late President Chadbourne of Williams College. Its reading room is ample and well supplied with periodicals and magazines. A Christian Association for young men and another for young women are connected with the

The graduates of the college have proved the value of this combination of practical discipline with the theoretical. More teachers of city High Schools in New England are graduates of Bates College than of any other college in the country. Among the Alumni of Bates College are found college professors, superintendents of schools and principals, in twenty states of the Union. They are occupying also high literary positions on the staff of several leading



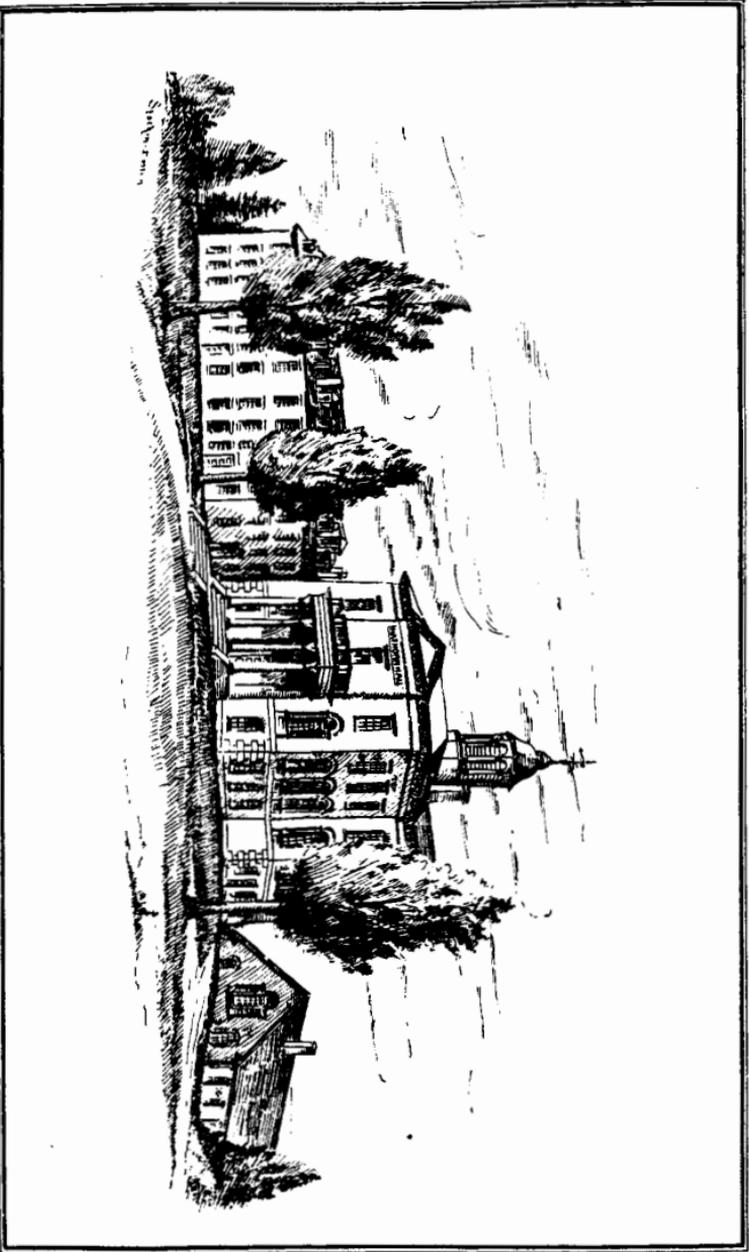
The Hedge Laboratory.

college. The Eurosophian and Polymnian Societies with their well regulated libraries furnish ample opportunity for discipline and public debate. *The Bates Student*, now in its seventeenth volume, takes a high rank among the college periodicals of the country. The college gives especial attention to rhetorical and oratorical improvement, and suitable prizes furnish ample stimulus for effective application among the students.

The expenses of the students are moderate. Excellent opportunities are afforded for them to teach in the winter schools in Northern New England. Some winters as many as ninety teachers have been furnished from the college classes.

The college has prepared for the ministry 109 men, the representatives of six denominations. Pastors in important cities East and West are among its graduates. It has accorded a cordial welcome to the colored race. Six of these are now honoring its fostering care by their efficiency. The college though under the patronage of the Free Baptists places an inestimable value upon character. Its welcome is to all who are worthy and in earnest. Its record is written in letters of light, and fondly is it regarded by its sons and daughters with love; to sit at the alumni dinner and listen to their affectionate words is among the precious privileges of a lifetime.

The *Theological Department* was es-



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established by the trustees of the College in 1870. The College received \$25,000 from the Education Society and in turn agreed to furnish three new professors and suitable accommodations for the Biblical School then located at New Hampton, N. H. Prof. John Fullonton and the students of theology at New Hampton moved to Lewiston. In 1872 Prof. Howe was called to the chair of Theology. In 1873 Prof. Hayes was elected Professor of Exegesis. Prof. Thomas H. Rich became the professor in Hebrew. Well filled classes were soon occupying the recitation rooms in Latin School Hall. Commodious rooms, furnished by the munificence of the churches, with free tuition are granted to all students for the ministry who are approved by the faculty and recommended by their own churches. Nearly \$100 annually is furnished to each student needing assistance. Good board at the Alpha Club is prepared in the building at a very reasonable price. A good library occupies a suitable room adjoining the recitation rooms. The course of study covering three years includes Hebrew and Greek Scriptures, Bible History, Exegesis and Interpretation, Ecclesiastical History, Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Homiletics and Pulpit Elocution. An English course, as complete as the circumstances of the student will permit, has been designed for those who have early lacked the advantages of a liberal education. Theological students have free access to the lectures and other privileges of the college proper. The name, Cobb Divinity School, was given to this department in 1888 in honor of Hon. J. L. H. Cobb, who gave towards its more complete endowment \$25,000. The endowment of the John Fullonton Chair of New Testament Greek is nearly completed.

The present Faculty of Cobb Divinity School consists of the President of the College, Rev. Oren B. Cheney, S. T. D.; Rev. John Fullonton, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral Theology; Rev. Benjamin F. Hayes, D. D., Professor of Psychology and Exegetical Theology; Rev. James A. Howe, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics; Thomas H. Rich, A. M.,

Professor of Hebrew; Rev. Alfred W. Anthony, A. M., Professor of New Testament Greek. Since 1870 eighty-six have graduated from the school and are doing excellent work in the churches on both the home and foreign field. The present number in the school (1888-89) is twenty-six.

The Latin School connected with Bates College continues the preparatory work of the former Maine State Seminary. It is owned and supported by the college corporation and its immediate management is delegated to a committee of college trustees and faculty who elect its teachers and arrange its work. Ivory F. Frisbee, A. M., with five efficient assistants, with great thoroughness conducts the classes through a three years' course of study. It has independent Literary Societies with a library. The first class graduated in 1858. Since that time the number of graduates including the twenty-three during the present year (1889) is 429. The scholarly efficiency of its teachers and the contact of its students with students of a higher grade make this one of the very best preparatory schools in New England.

Bathrick, Rev. Stephen, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., died at Frankfort, Ill., Sept. 20, 1880, aged 70 years. He became a Christian when 19 years of age. In 1830 he commenced preaching, and in 1832 married Miss Cynthia M. Bartholomew. His early public labors were in protracted meetings and revivals, but Sept. 28, 1833, he was ordained pastor of the N. Parma church. His labors with this church and the Byron church and in special efforts in other places, were very successful. After nine years he settled at Conneaut, O., where many were added to the church; and other churches of the Ashtabula Q. M. were greatly profited by his earnest efforts. After spending some time in his native State he went to New England, where, assisted at times by the Rev. F. W. Straight, he saw many, especially in Saco and Biddeford, converted to Christ. With the exception of a short period at Lexington, Mich., most of his last twenty years were spent in Central New York. But at the urgent request of the church

at Frankfort, Ill., where he had recently done successful work, he settled there some two years before his death. Bro. Bathrick was cheerful and hopeful. His beliefs were positive; his preaching practical and earnest. He loved truth and condemned error. He loved his denomination, and gave his life in labor for the Master. It is thought that he preached as many as 7,000 sermons, and they were remembered by thousands who felt a loss at his death.

Batson, Rev. J. D., was born of English parents in Otsego County, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1836. He began to take part in religious meetings when 12 years of age, and seven years later united with the church at Fairwater, Wis., when he was ordained Sept. 29, 1861. He immediately settled in Dakota County, Minn., and began to preach in that new country as congregations could be gathered. After serving in the 4th Minn. Vols. until the close of the war, he continued this work, and in 1869 organized the Castle Rock church, and later the East Castle Rock church, both of which have been continually favored with his efficient ministry. Bro. Batson was married Oct. 17, 1858, to Harriet E. Wing, and six of their nine children are worthy members of society, three having already died. His education was obtained at Ripon and Carleton Colleges. His sister, Mrs. W. I. Price, is a missionary in Burmah. He has been for years the clerk of Minnesota Y. M. and a member of the state Mission Board, being highly esteemed by his brethren.

Baxter, George T., son of Thomas, was born July 11, 1837. He was converted in 1878 and labored with success as a licensed preacher among the United Brethren in the White River Mission. He has since united with the Free Baptists, being connected with the East Otto church of the Holton and White River Q. M., Michigan.

Bayless, Rev. Joseph E., son of Jacob and Sarah (Nobles) Bayless, was born in Huron County, O., in 1835. He married Laura O. Tharp in 1860, and has had three children, all Christian workers, one now in heaven. He was brought to God in 1848, uniting with the

church at Fiatt, Ill.; was licensed in 1861; studied three years at Prairie City Academy, and was ordained in 1869. Except three years in Wisconsin, about 1872-75, he ministered to the Fiatt church from his ordination until 1882, when he moved to Kansas, organized the Village Creek church, and labored to build up the cause in the vicinity. He has engaged with success in several revival efforts.

Bean, Rev. Benaiah, died in Colebrook, N. H., Dec. 17, 1856, aged 63 years. He was born in Salisbury, June 30, 1793. At the age of 12 he removed with the family to Lisbon, where he was converted under the preaching of John Colby; he was baptized in February, 1812 by Rev. Joshua Quimby. He moved to Whitefield in 1821, and became a member of the Freewill Baptist church in that place at its organization. In 1823 he was licensed to preach by the Sandwich Q. M. He was ordained August 24, 1828, at Whitefield, where he was pastor for about ten years, witnessing several revivals. At one time he baptized forty-one, at another forty. During the revival which began July 1, 1832, ninety were hopefully converted. While in Whitefield, he labored in Concord, Vt., Jefferson and Bethlehem, N. H. In 1838 he moved to Bethlehem and was pastor of the church there for eight years. Many were added to the church. As openings presented themselves he preached in adjoining towns. In 1850, he organized the Clarkville and Pittsburg church of fifteen members and became their pastor. Four years later the church numbered sixty. A church was later organized at Stewartstown, of which he was pastor till his death. In his decease the Lisbon Q. M. lost one of its most efficient laborers and supporters. As the oldest minister, he had the respect and esteem of all. His wise counsels helped many. During the last year of his life, he expressed his belief, in public and private, that the time of his departure was near.

Bean, Rev. Charles, was born in Limrick, Me., Jan. 3, 1811. His parents were Charles and Sally (Cotton) Bean. In May, 1828, when 17 years old, he

became a Christian, the following autumn was baptized by Rev. James Emery and united with the church in Limington. He received license to preach in 1831, at the age of 20, and was ordained the following year by a council of the Parsonfield Q. M. The sermon was preached by Rev. Daniel Brackett. After laboring as an itinerant some years, he became pastor of the Falmouth church and remained three years. Then, in 1842, he went to Saco and remained two years. From Saco he went to Brunswick. After that he held pastorates in Topsham, Bowdoinham, Richmond, South Parsonfield, Gray, and Burxton (Second church). Sixty years of ministerial work has made his name familiar in western Maine. He preached up to the advanced age of 78, and was noted for a remarkable *verbatim* knowledge of the Bible. He died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Simon Libby, in Scarborough, Me., June 18, 1889, in his 79th year.

Bean, Rev. David, of Tamworth, N. H., died on the 11th of February, 1843, in his 76th year. He experienced religion in his twenty-fifth year and was ordained in 1808. For several years he followed an itinerant ministry and his labors were blessed.

Bean, Rev. Geo. Winthrop, was born in Readfield, Me., Feb. 8, 1819. His parents were Shephard and Jerusha (Hayward) Bean. He was converted Feb. 12, 1839, when 20 years old. He studied at the Farmington Academy and at Maine Wesleyan Seminary, and took a partial course in the Biblical School at Parsonfield. In June, 1842, he was licensed to preach, and in June, 1843, was ordained at Milton, Me., by a council from the Farmington Q. M. During the next twenty-seven years, to 1870, he held pastorates as follows: at Farmington, Lewiston, West Waterville, Augusta, and Wells Branch, Me., Paige Street, Lowell, Mass., and Sandwich Centre, N. H. He has baptized 190 converts. He has been a trustee of the New Hampton Institution, N. H., of the Maine State Seminary, of Maine Central Institute, and of Bates College, also a corporator of the Printing Es-

tablishment. He was agent and treasurer of the Maine Central Institute at a time when the Institution was greatly embarrassed. His labor at that time brought on nervous prostration and so impaired his health that he was unfitted for further study or pastoral work. He has since resided at Lewiston, Me., and has preached only occasionally.

Bean, Rev. Leroy, S., son of Levi P. and Clarissa U. (Taylor) Bean, was born in Suffield, P. Q., Jan. 12, 1860. He was converted when 13 years of age. In the spring of 1882, while preparing for college his health failed, necessitating a rest until 1886, when he entered the Theological School at Lewiston, Me. He received license to preach, Sept. 27, 1879, and was ordained, July 9, 1882, by Rev's A. H. Milliken, A. Moulton, and W. H. Lyster. He was pastor of the Hatley church, P. Q., two years, till May, 1884, and of the church at West Derby, Vt., two years, till May, 1886. In 1888, while studying at Cobb Divinity School, he has supplied at Webb's Mills. He married Miss Mattie A. Worthen, Jan. 1, 1883.

Bean, Rev. Moses, was born in Candia, N. H., in 1779. He was ordained in 1810 and served the church in his native place. In 1832 he added thirty-three to the church by baptism. His faithful service secured for him many friends. Removing to St. Joseph, Mich., after a few months' residence, he died Aug. 26, 1838, in the 59th year of his age. The *Morning Post* of the place said of him, "During a short residence of a few months in this village, his public spirit and laudable endeavors to benefit those around him won for him the respect and esteem of all."

Bean, Rev. Seldon, was born at Carritunk, Me., in 1825, and died at Vienna, July 6, 1883, after a long and painful illness. He became a Christian when 16 years of age, and united with the church in his native place. In the winter of 1858, he began to preach at Norridgewock, and two years later was ordained at the Waterville Q. M. He labored with the churches at Norridgewock, Sidney and Smithfield, of the Waterville Q. M., and with nearly all the churches

of the Farmington Q. M. He was not professionally trained for the ministry. His advantages for elementary education even, were very meager, for there was no school in town, and the only instruction given was by a teacher who went from family to family. He always greatly felt the need of an education, and deplored the circumstances that prevented his obtaining it. Yet he went with confidence about his Master's work, because he believed the Lord had called him. In every place he labored for any length of time, there were conversions. During these years of his ministry he worked hard on the farm and his life is a powerful example of the good that talent, consecrated to the service of God, can accomplish even under unfavorable circumstances.

Bean, Rev. Silas, F., was born at Sandwich, N. H., Oct. 3, 1807. His parents were Andrew and Betsey (Sinclair) Bean. He was converted about two o'clock a. m., May 12, 1830. He attended the Parsonfield Seminary a short time, but it tried the old brethren so much that he felt he was sinning against God, and left the school. He was licensed August 29, 1832, and ordained Dec. 28, 1834, by a council of four elders called by the church. He labored about five years as an evangelist. In 1835 he had a great revival in Pittsfield, and remained there a year, to set in order the church. He was afterward pastor successively of the Chichester, Sanbornton (Union Bridge), Tuftonboro, Moultonboro, First Wolfboro, East Alton, and Brookfield churches. He preached half of the time for three years for the Second Wolfboro church. He has preached also a part of the time at several of the above mentioned places, and at Sandwich, Tamworth, Ossipee, and Effingham. From November, 1886, to September, 1887, when about 80 years of age, he preached regularly. He is now suffering from nervous prostration. He married Oct. 10, 1836, Ursula A. Seavey, who died Dec. 1, 1845. March 15, 1848, he married Mary A. Abbott. Of seven children, six are living.

Bearno, Rev. W. E., was born in Williamsburg, S. C., in 1849. He married E. R. Ard in 1877, and has four chil-

dren. He was brought to God in 1878; received license in 1881, and ordination the following year.

Bedell, Rev. I. M., son of John and Mary (Mills) Bedell, was born in Springvale, Me., July 11, 1820. He studied at Parsonfield Seminary, and in the Biblical School at Whitestown, N. Y. Converted in 1834, he was licensed in 1850, and the next year ordained by Rev's G. P. Ramsey, W. H. Littlefield, C. B. Mills, and L. H. Witham. Among his pastorates have been Woolwich, Farmington and Topsham, Me., and Meredith, Belmont and Strafford Centre, N. H. He has seen revivals in seven of the churches with which he has labored and one church organized. June 1, 1846, he married Ella E. Roberts and has three children. He retired on account of ill-health, and resides in Lynn, Mass.

Beebe, Rev. Valorus, was born in Cuba, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1810. His parents were Jeremiah and Sally (Reed) Beebe. He commenced preaching in Yates County when 18 years of age. Traveling as an evangelist he held meetings in many places in Ohio and Michigan. After this, he ministered to the church in Bradford, N. Y., fourteen years; in E. Troy, Pa., two years; in Veteran, N. Y., two years, and Wert and Boliver fourteen years. Revivals, some quite extensive, attended his labors in these places. He represented the New York and Pennsylvania Y. M. in the General Conferences of 1847 and 1850. After a long and useful ministry, he died at the home of his daughter, in Friendship, N. Y., May 28, 1879. He was married to Emily Thomas in 1838 and had three children.

Beebe, Rev. Warner, a native of Solon, N. Y., united with the church in Liverpool, O., at his conversion in 1825. He was ordained in 1835. In 1850, he represented the Ohio Northern Y. M. in the General Conference. His death occurred four years later. He was diligent, faithful and prompt in the discharge of his duties, especially interested in the benevolent work of the church, and very highly esteemed by all.

Beebe, Rev. Hugh, died in Sandwich, N. H., his native town, Jan. 27,

1879, aged 71 years. He was born Dec. 9, 1807. He was converted when about 26 years of age, baptized by Rev. Dudley Pettingill, and received into the church. He was licensed by the Sandwich Q. M. in 1840, and supplied the N. Sandwich church that year. In 1841 he began to preach for the N. Sandwich church again about the first of October, and in the following month was ordained by the Quarterly Meeting in accordance with a request of the church. In 1843, he changed to Tamworth, then to Upper Gilmanton, then to Meredith and New Hampton, till 1851, when he was afflicted with nervous prostration. He then engaged in farming and preached Sabbaths. In this way he labored with the Second New Hampton and the Third Holderness churches until 1859, when he returned to his native town, bought a farm and made a permanent home. He supplied the First church at various times and preached in other places in the vicinity until his health failed to such an extent that he could not preach any more. He was a great sufferer for ten years before his death. His wife, daughter and two sons survived him. He did not have early advantages, but native talent and studious habits made him an able sermonizer. He was modest, conscientious and faithful. Many will call him blessed for his labors of love.

Beede, Samuel, was converted at Sandwich Centre during the Second General Conference there in October, 1828. He soon after entered the *Star* office at Limerick, Me., as junior editor. Wm. Burr employed him to write a series of articles which resulted in the establishment of the Book Concern in 1831. He was elected one of the publishing and advisory committee. Jan. 1, 1833, he became editor of the *Star*. He was removed by death March 28, 1834, in the midst of his usefulness. His wife, Mary E. Beede, sister of Rev. Rufus Spaulding, missionary to Africa, married Rev. Jeremiah Phillips and accompanied him September, 1835, to India.

Belden, Rev. Henry, died in West Haven, Vt., May 15, 1873. He was born in Putnam, Vt. He was converted at the age of 19, and soon began to

preach in Warrensburg, N. Y. He was next in Rutland, Vt.; then in Putnam, eight years, and after nineteen months in Walworth, Wayne County, three years more. He then moved to Burlington Flats and preached there five years, after which he returned to Putnam again. After three years, he moved to West Haven where his wife died. He then preached one year with the West Oneonta and Otsdawa churches and returned to West Haven, where in a few days he died. He was effective in building up many churches besides bringing many to Christ.

Belden, Rev. O. S., died at the residence of his father, Dea. S. P. Belden, near Horton, Kan., July 9, 1889. He had but recently completed his studies at Hillsdale College, and his early death deprives the ministry of one of its promising young members. He was ordained about 1886, and was pastor at his death of the Anoka and Champlin church, Minn. He leaves a family.

Bell, Rev. Thomas, was ordained in 1811, and located in New Hampshire.

Bennett, Rev. Archibald, was born in Otsego, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1807, and died in Waverly, Mich., Oct., 22, 1869. He married Miss Harriet P. Whitcher when twenty-five years of age, and began to preach when twenty-nine, receiving ordination two years later.

He labored as a revivalist, seven years in Columbus and vicinity, and four years in North Clarkson. About 1849 he moved to Michigan, preaching two years at Paw Paw, two at Waverly and two near Jackson, when he returned to Waverly to spend his remaining days. He was engaged in about twenty revivals, saw over a thousand conversions and baptized several hundreds.

Berreman, Rev. William H., was born in Cedar County, Iowa, April 24, 1852. His parents were Eli and Phoebe M. Berreman. In 1870 he married Rebecca Fletchall. September 15, 1884, he was ordained and has ministered to the Pioneer church in the West Fork (Mo.) Q. M.

Berry, Rev. Chester D., was born to Harvey D. and Harriet C. (Jones) Berry, at South Creek, Pa., Aug 1, 1844,

and was married to Sarah A. Shepard, Dec. 12, 1875. He was converted when 15 years of age; and after serving three years in the army, escaping the dangers of battle, and enduring the sufferings of Andersonville, he received ordination Nov. 16, 1873, in connection with the Advent Christian denomination. He became connected with the Free Baptists in April, 1882, and has since ministered to the churches of the Calhoun and North Branch Q. M., Mich. His labors have been blessed to the strengthening of the churches; and the Dayburg church he has organized. He has held several local offices and is prominently connected with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Berry, Rev. Nathaniel, died in New Durham, N. H., Oct. 15, 1865, aged 76 years. He was born in Strafford, N. H., in 1789 and ordained in 1816. By 1832 he was pastor of the church at New Durham and he remained such till his death, though for the last several years he was unable to engage in public labors regularly on account of ill health. He yet attended many funerals in his own and adjoining towns. "He was a tall, spare man, of becoming modesty and excellent spirits." He with Rev. J. D. Knowles, represented his state in the First General Conference at Tunbridge, Vt., Oct. 11, 1827. He possessed remarkable power in prayer and exhortation. After suffering from very poor health for years, he went to his rest.

Bhekari Naik, Rev., a native of southern Orissa, India, was connected with the Free Baptist Mission as early as 1838. He was an able bazaar preacher; and during the last years of his life, he gave glorious testimony, in his life as well as words, to the fact that Jesus can save his people from their sins. His sudden death, June 14, 1868, at the age of 56, brought great grief and loss to the Balasore church.

Biblical School, The, was a child of the Education Society (*q. v.*) and was practically founded on Sept. 1, 1840, when that Society established a library department of 700 volumes in connection with Parsonfield Seminary. The Rev. M. M. Smart was appointed principal of the library department, a three years'

course of study was adopted, and the first spring lectures were given by Rev's Z. Jordan, Silas Curtis, and Martin Cheney.

The first class numbered ten, among whom were G. W. Bean, O. Butler, J. C. Dow, J. Runnells, and I. D. Stewart. The name the next year was changed to Biblical Department, and in September, 1842, on account of failing funds, it was moved to Dracut, Mass., as an independent Biblical School, the principal becoming personally responsible for its expenses. During the two years spent at Parsonfield, relying upon the pecuniary support of a few individuals—mostly poor ministers, the school had done good work; forty-three young men had been connected with it, some for the entire period. The third year at Dracut opened with twenty-five students, who were obliged "to hire an establishment for their accommodation." In March, 1843, the society again assumed support of the school, and in November, 1844, with much enthusiasm and great interest both East and West, moved it to Whitestown, N. Y., employing M. M. Smart and J. J. Butler as teachers. The number of students this year was forty, and the next year fifty-five were in attendance. Rev. Jonathan Woodman was put in the field as agent, to solicit a \$10,000 endowment for the school, which was completed amid great joy, at General Conference in 1847. In 1848 Prof. Smart retired from the school, and the next year but one teacher was employed, Rev. J. J. Butler; soon Prof. J. Fullonton was engaged. In 1852 there was but little interest in the school, but the next year \$5,000 was raised by subscription. The school was transferred to New Hampton in the autumn of 1854, and J. J. Butler and John Fullonton became its teachers. Pecuniary aid was granted to the students. The attendance varied from twelve, the lowest in 1862-63, to twenty-six, the highest in 1859-60. In 1859 the erection of a new building began to be agitated. In 1867 there was a good opening for locating the school at Haverhill, Mass. But after much consideration, the proposal of Bates College to accommodate the school with a commodious building and provide for

three additional professors was accepted, and since 1870 it has been a department of Bates College (*q. v.*).

Bickford, Rev. Clarence A., editor-in-chief of *The Morning Star*, son of James and Sophronia Bickford, was born in Saco, Me., July 16, 1849. His parents moved to Portland in 1857. He was converted under the labors of Rev.



Rev. C. A. Bickford.

D. M. Graham, D.D., and joined the church in Portland, in May, 1866. In 1868 he graduated from the Portland High School, delivering the class valedictory by selection, and entered Bates College. During his college course he taught terms of schools, at West Lebanon, Me., the Academy, and at Sebago. He preached his first sermon in the F. B. church, Portland, in 1870, by invitation of the pastor, Rev. A. A. Smith. In 1872, he graduated from college with honor. He delivered a first part, on "The Higher Freedom." Being elected to a tutorship in the college faculty, and two years later, instructor, he taught three years in the college till the summer of 1875. At the same time he pursued the regular course in the Theological School, and also preached considerably, chiefly in Maine. From October, 1875 to April, 1878, he was pastor of the Greenwich Street church, Providence, R. I. About a score were added to the

church, and the debt reduced. Dec. 30, 1875, he married Miss Katie W. Nevens, of Portland, Me. They have two sons, Fritz Clarence, born Dec. 24, 1881, and Carroll Nevens, born April 14, 1886. His resignation of the pastorate in Providence was due to exhaustion and need of rest. During the next six months he supplied pulpits frequently, especially at New Market, N. H. From Oct. 1, 1878, to Oct. 1, 1880, he was pastor of the Farmington, N. H., church. About twenty were added to the church in the two years. He then accepted a call to the Lawrence church, Massachusetts. The following summer he was elected resident editor of *The Morning Star*, in complete charge, and entered the *Star* office Nov. 1, 1881. Rev. J. M. Bailey remained in temporary charge till January 1. In September, 1882, he was elected editor-in-chief, which position he has held to the present time. *The Morning Star* was removed to Boston, Mass., in the fall of 1885.

Bickford, Rev. L. P., son of Alvah and Nancy B. (Cotton) Bickford, was born at Centre Harbor, N. H., Oct. 4, 1844. He experienced the new birth in 1857; received license in 1868; graduated from the New Hampton Institution in 1869, continuing one year in the Biblical School, and received ordination June 30, 1871. His pastorates have been at Northwood, N. H., 1870-75; N. Scituate, R. I., 1875-77; Westford, Ct., 1877-81; Scriba, N. Y., 1881-83; Scottsburg, N. Y., 1883-86, and at Wixom, Mich., from April, 1886, to the present. He served as trustee of the New Hampton Institution, 1873-78, and of the Central Association, 1881-86. He was married to Emma G. Fox, June 1, 1871, and has four children.

Bickford, Rev. Stephen, ordained in 182-, labored in Maine.

Bigelow, Rev. Ebenezer, of Port Leyden, N. Y., labored in the ministry about twelve years, mostly in Lewis County, N. Y., and died in 1848, aged 35 years. He was highly respected as a citizen and a minister.

Bignal, Rev. James, a native of Pitts-town, N. Y., died at Lyons, Mich., Aug. 3, 1869, aged 70 years. He was baptized

by Elder Wire in 1820, and in 1828 was ordained by the Holland Purchase Y. M. at Potter, N. Y. His early labors were in western New York and northern Pennsylvania. The esteem in which he was held is evinced by his serving as delegate from the Holland Purchase Y. M. in the General Conferences of 1831 and 1835, and from the N. Y. and Pa. Y. M's in that of 1841. Of the two last named he was made Assistant Moderator. The Conference Hymn Book was published by him in the early years and ran

age of eighteen; received a license July 26, 1884, and in October of the same year was ordained. He has had pastorates with the Coalton, Salem, Mt. Tabor and Gilboa churches. In 1877 he married as his second wife, Catharine Ramsey.

Bingham, Rev. Justus L., was suddenly killed at Summer Hill, N. Y., about 1853. He was ordained by the Jefferson Q. M. in 1845, and labored in that vicinity for a time, and later in the south part of the state.

Bingham, Rev. M. E., son of Harman and Sarah (Mitchell) Bingham, was born in Jackson County, Mo., in 1833, and was married to Martha E. Ware in 1862. He received license to preach, in 1859, the year after his conversion, and was ordained in 1867. He has labored as an evangelist in the Big Creek, Q. M., Mo.

Bixby, Rev. Loren E., of Gary, Dak., a brother of Rev. N. W. Bixby, was born in Randolph, Vt., Jan. 24, 1810, and converted under the labors of Rev. N. Bowles. He was ordained by the Corinth, Q. M., Feb. 15, 1840. In 1837-38, he engaged in revival work in Underhill and Jericho, and the two succeeding years in Stowe, the Waterbury Centre church being formed from the resulting additions. Late in 1840 he went to Hadley, N. Y., and organized a church. In 1843 he witnessed a good work in Fort Ann and Warrensburg, and preached also in Caldwell, Johnsburg and W. Rutland, returning to Stowe in 1846-47. In 1854 he settled in Kingston, Ill., and preached also at Cherry Valley, Flora, Burlington, Genoa, Pecatonica and other places. He also labored for a time in Iowa; but, since about 1860, sickness in his family has prevented extended labors. His preaching is biblical; his manner rather eccentric, but unassuming and spiritual. He represented the Vermont Y. M. in the General Conference of 1847.

Bixby, Rev. Newell Willard, and his wife Ruby Knapp Bixby, have been prominent and successful among the pioneer ministers of Iowa. Bro. Bixby, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Flint) Bixby, was born in Randolph, Vt., Jan. 18, 1809, and received his education at



Rev. James Bignal.

through several editions. In 1844 he moved to Ingham County, Mich., where he labored ten years. After this he went into the Oakland Q. M. (Mich.), where he continued the work until his death. Brother Bignal associated with Marks, Wire and others, enduring the hardships of the itinerant period joyfully that he might win souls. He was a safe counselor, a good disciplinarian, sometimes pronounced "ahead of the times," and never a laggard in any good work. His children are useful members of the church.

Bingham, Rev. A. W., son of Solomon and Susanah (Weeks) Bingham, was born Dec. 18, 1848 in Morgan County, Ohio. Oct. 7, 1874, he was married to Sadie Roberts. He was converted at the

the Chelsea High School and Randolph Academy. He received baptism in 1827, began to hold meetings in 1835 and received license from the Corinth Q. M. in June, 1836. In the fall of that year he went into the Susquehanna V. M. (N. Y.), holding revival meetings at Fort Ann, N. Y., and in Warren and Rome, Pa. He continued in that vicinity three years, receiving ordination May 27, 1837, and preaching with success in Union and W. Windsor, N. Y., and Rome, Warren, Franklin and Jackson, Pa. In 1841, he engaged in revival work in the Lawrence Q. M. (N. Y.), baptizing converts in Dickinson, Brasher and Pierpont. After

settled at Lodomillo, later Edgewood, Bro. Bixby being then the only ordained Free Baptist in the state. After a year they had organized a Quarterly Meeting, consisting of four churches, and thirty members. The Home Mission Society paid their traveling expenses to Iowa, and, after a few years, aid to the amount of a hundred dollars was given.

Sister Bixby, while in Wisconsin, had received from the Honey Creek Q. M., license to preach. This was renewed for a time in Iowa from year to year, but later was made a "license without limitation." Though not receiving ordination, she was not merely an assistant



Rev. N. W. Bixby.



Mrs. Ruby Knapp Bixby.

this he labored in Vermont nearly five years, preaching at Williamstown, Brookfield, Chelsea, Elmore, Stowe, Lincoln, Waterbury and Starksboro. Sister Bixby, a daughter of Peter and Olive Knapp, was born in Huntington, Vt., Jan. 22, 1818. She professed religion in early life and joined the Huntington church.

They were married Nov. 9, 1842, and, in July 1846, under direction of the Home Mission Board, they started for the territory of Iowa. Their traveling by canal through New York, by boat on the Lakes, and with a horse across Wisconsin made the journey long. Remaining for a time with the Pike Grove church, Wis., they reached Iowa in June, 1847, and soon

pastor, but was an independent, self-reliant preacher. Sometimes after revivals in churches where she was the only pastor, or in places where there were no churches, she would return home and care for the family, leaving an appointment for her husband to go and baptize the converts. At that time it was unpopular for a woman to preach, and though it was said that Sister Bixby was the "better preacher," many opposed because of her sex. There was strong opposition, too, because of the anti-slavery position of the denomination, and the first church organized was called in derision, the "Abolition Baptist church." But they toiled on, and in 1853 the Iowa

Yearly Meeting reported fourteen churches. Their labors continued to receive the divine blessing.

Sister Bixby was a most consistent and devoted Christian. Love was manifest in her daily example and in her ministry. Her sermons were persuasive; and her ministry, both as pastor and evangelist, was more than ordinarily successful. After a brief illness, Jan. 5, 1877, "at break of day," her earthly ministry closed.

Bro. Bixby has continued to occupy a position of great influence in the state. He has been five times a member of the General Conference, and has been active in caring for all the denominational interests.

Blackburn, Rev. Thomas N., son of Benjamin and Kitty (Strange) Blackburn, was born in Clarke County, Va., in 1841. His parents were slaves and he lived under the yoke of bondage for twenty years. In 1867 he married Laura Washington. Having received ordination in 1879, he is engaged in preaching and teaching. Several years have been spent at Storer College, West Virginia.

Blackburn, Rev. W. J., son of Rev. S. W. Blackburn, was born at War Eagle Mills, Ark., Sept. 9, 1836. He was converted in 1852, and received ordination in 1865. He has organized four churches and baptized about 500 converts, his labors being with the Old Mt. Zion Q. M., Arkansas. He has also served in the Legislature as representative of Benton County. July 2, 1865, he was married to M. E. Gideon, and eight children now bless their home.

Blackmar, Rev. H., son of Arnold, was born at Ontario (now Walworth), N. Y., Sept. 28, 1809. He embraced religion in January 1829, uniting with the Villanovia church. Commencing to preach in 1833, he received ordination in June 1836, and in 1840 took charge of the Elba (now Alabama and Elba) church. In June, 1843, he was married to Lovisa Frances Morse, of Rushford; and in September they entered Cary Collegiate Institute as assistant pupils. The next year he moved to Alabama, and soon organized the Shelby church. In 1845 he took charge of the Bethany church, re-

turning to Shelby Center in 1851. In April 1854, under patronage of the Mission Society, he succeeded Rev. H. Whitcher at Rochester, where family bereavement awaited him. In 1858, he returned to Villanovia, where he buried another son the following year. In 1862-64, he labored in Simcoe, Ont., thence went to Ingersoll, Ont., thence to Wilton, Ia., where his children taught in the Collegiate Institute, and he, leaving his family, took charge of the church at Prairie City, Ill., eighteen months. In 1868 he went into business. In 1880, after a long illness, his wife died. In 1882 he became pastor at Hamlet, N. Y.; in 1884 at Elton, and in 1887 at Humphrey and Great Valley.

Blaisdell, Rev. B. G., son of A. M. and A. S. (Munsey) Blaisdell, was born at Gilford Village, N. H., April 17, 1850, and born again in April, 1867. He studied at New Hampton, N. H., 1868-71, and at Bates Theological school 1874-77. License was granted him in 1871, and in October, 1873, he was ordained. His pastorates have been at Province Road, N. H., Topsham, Gardiner, and Springvale, Me., and Dickinson Centre, and Depauville, N. Y. At Gardiner in 1877, at Dickinson Centre in 1883, and at Depauville in 1886, extensive revivals were enjoyed, the conversions exceeding 100 in each case. He has served as clerk of the Lawrence Q. M., and is President of the Northern New York Christian Union. He was married to C. M. Smith, Sept. 9, 1871.

Blaisdell, Rev. David, was born in 1777, and baptized at the age of twenty. July 22, 1812, he was ordained to the ministry. From that time, for thirty years, he preached in Lebanon, Me., in the New Durham Q. M., till he closed his earthly labors July 23, 1842, two days before his 66th birthday. His ministry was especially blessed in the salvation of souls. Nearly 200 united with his church by baptism in the last twelve years of his ministry. During a single year, 1815, he baptized thirty in Lebanon and seventy in Acton. From the latter place he was invited to Sanford, where many were converted, and a branch of the Lebanon church was constituted. He was a

nephew of Rev. John Blaisdell, and a brother of Rev. Edward Blaisdell.

Blaisdell, Rev. Edward, was born in West Lebanon, Me., Dec. 29, 1784, and after living there nearly seventy-five years, died, Dec. 18, 1859. He was converted at the age of twenty-five, and baptized by the Rev. John Blaisdell, his uncle, joining the Free Baptist Church in his native place. He drew his education largely from a close study of the one Book. He led an itinerant ministry. At an early age his father died. He took charge of the farm, caring for his widowed mother. His first wife, Miss Tamson Hayes, died about 1823, leaving seven children. In 1824 he married Miss Betsey Hansom, of Rochester, N. H., who survived him, having had five children. He was ordained Aug. 16, 1827, and for over forty years he continued to blow the gospel trumpet. He gathered a charge at Rochester, N. H., to which he preached a quarter of the time. He was pastor of the church in his native place, until at its division he was chosen pastor of the South Lebanon church. He was anxious for the education of his family and warmly espoused the benevolent causes of his day. For three years before his death he suffered severely. Rev. Theodore Stephens preached his funeral sermon. Rev's S. Coffin, C. Carson and M. A. Quimby served as pall-bearers.

Blaisdell, Rev. H., (a Methodist Episcopal minister who died a member of the Tamworth, N. H., Free Baptist Church, where he united because there was no M. E. church near), was born in Eaton, N. H., June 28, 1802, and died in 1884, aged 82 years. He was converted when seventeen years of age; baptized by Rev. J. Woodman and united with the church in Eaton. He preached in Mississippi and Kansas, and taught the Indian Mission School in Leavenworth. One of his sons became a successful Methodist Episcopal minister in Kentucky.

Blaisdell, Rev. John, was born in 1757 in Lebanon, Me., ten years after the first settlers entered the town. In 1765 a Congregationalist minister came to reside in the town and organized a church. While on a bed of sickness at

the age of fifteen, John Blaisdell manifested some interest in religion, but made no public stand on recovering health. In 1777, he enlisted in the Continental army and served three months in Providence, R. I. Returning home, he soon married and settled upon a farm. Soon after, several Baptist ministers held services in his place, and in 1780, he took a stand for the Saviour. He put on Christ sometime after, being baptized, it is supposed, by Rev. Tosier Lord. Randall was in New Durham, N. H., only fifteen or twenty miles distant. Blaisdell embraced Free Baptist sentiments at once and soon began to preach. In 1795 a church was formed in his place. On the 20th of November, 1799, a council from the New Durham Q. M. met at Lebanon, Me., to ordain him and Gershon Lord. After examination, services followed conducted by Aaron Buzzell, Daniel Lord, Micajah Otis. Benjamin Randall preached from the text, Mark 16: 15, 16. Taking a stand now with firmness and decision in his own country, Bro. Blaisdell soon saw salvation coming to his fellow townsmen. He had been compelled for years, even after his ministry began as a Free Baptist preacher, to pay tax annually for the support of the Congregationalists, and this so displeased him that he refused to receive pay for his own preaching. He supported himself on his farm and freely served the public, even returning in many instances marriage fees. He was conscientious, and a good pastor, and he lived to see opposition die away and general respect and esteem everywhere spring up. His church grew steadily. His twelve children were brought to Jesus. His labors were blessed in adjoining towns where he ministered. Finally, after a ministry of twenty-four years, while a work of grace was still in progress, he was taken with lung fever and died Aug. 29, 1823, aged 66 years. Even after his voice ceased in death, he was heard whispering prayers for God to save sinners. Thus ended this useful, godly life. Elder Samuel Burbank preached at his funeral. Two of his daughters married Free Baptist ministers. Rev's David and Edward Blaisdell were nephews of his.

Blaisdell, Rev. Samuel A., son of Samuel and Caroline C. (Damrell) Blaisdell, was born at Franklin, Me., in 1855. He studied at Pittsfield Institute in 1881, and graduated at Cobb Divinity School in 1887. In 1870 he was converted. He was licensed June 18, 1885, and ordained October 26, 1887. He settled as pastor at South Parsonfield, where revivals have attended him.

Blake, Rev. Charles E., was born in Kensington, N. H., June 21, 1818. His parents, Josiah and Betsy (Brown) Blake, early moved to Exeter, where he desired to join the church when eight years of age; but, being rejected because of his age, he remained outside the

justed during his ministry, and he is recognized as discreet in his pastoral labors. He served as conductor on the "underground railroad" in 1851-54, and has always spoken fearlessly concerning slavery, intemperance and other evils. In 1873 he canvassed in New York state for Foreign Mission funds. He has also served as delegate to the General Conference. In May, 1842, he was married to Miss Lucy A. Knowlton, of Deerfield, N. H., who aided him efficiently in the work and passed to her rest December 29, 1879. Five years later he married Miss Melissa A. Gordon, of New Hampton. While at Farmington he enlisted in the 13th Maine Regiment, and after a few months became its Chaplain. Two sons also served in the army. One was slain, and the other is now in the ministry. One daughter is wife of a Methodist clergyman, a missionary at Rome, Italy, and the other is an efficient helper in the office of the *Free Baptist*.

Blake, Rev. Dudley, of Canaan, Me., died Dec. 24, 1833, in his 44th year. He was ordained February, 1828. He engaged in an itinerant ministry in Maine and New Hampshire till consumption confined him to his home a few months before his death. Exhorting his friends to meet him beyond, he passed sweetly away to be with Jesus.

Blake, Rev. Edwin, son of Rev. Charles E. and Lucy A. (Knowlton) Blake, was born at New Market, N. H., July 17, 1843. He studied at the Maine State Seminary and Bates Theological School. He was converted in 1867. Licensed in September, 1871, by the Bowdoin Q. M., he was ordained Sept. 17, 1873, by the York County Q. M. He has labored at Lyman, Me., three years; Deerfield, N. H., three years; Waterbury Centre, Vt., two years; Steep Falls, Me., three years; Oakland, Me., two years; South Montville, Me., two years. He is at present the pastor at Tamworth Iron Works, New Hampshire. He has baptized 123. He married Elsie W. Cross, January 1, 1866, and has a daughter who married Prof. W. H. Hartshorn.

Blake, Rev. Franklin, son of Israel and Ann Hazelton (Boothby) Blake, was born in Limington Me., April 12,



Rev. C. E. Blake.

church until 1840. He began to preach in August, 1843; gathered the Eaton (now Madison) church from the remains of Millerism in 1844, and received ordination at North Sandwich N. H., Sept. 4, 1845. He has held pastorates successively at N. Sandwich, Franconia, and Littleton, N. H., Gardiner City, Me., Dover (Washington St.), N. H., Farmington and Auburn, Me., New York, N. Y., So. Boston, Mass., Dover (Broadway) N. H., Springvale, Me., New Hampton, N. H., N. Anson, Me., and now at Madison, N. H., and has supplied also elsewhere. At several of these places, difficulties have been ad-

1855. He became a Christian at the age of fourteen. He graduated from Nichol's Latin School, Lewiston, Me., in 1881, and from Bates Theological School in 1883. During his course, he supplied at Greene and South Lewiston. He received license to preach in 1882, and was ordained Sept. 22, 1886, by Rev. W. J. Twort, and others. After his graduation he preached at Canton, Me. He is now (1887) pastor of the First Brunswick church.

Blake, Rev. Israel, of Ellsworth, N. H., died May 1, 1839, in his 74th year. He was born in 1765 and ordained in the Sandwich Q. M. in 1800. Here he continued to reside for forty years. The year 1811 was one of marked revival for his church and Quarterly Meeting. In 1824 David Marks visited him, and in the month of protracted meetings that followed, the church was revived and enlarged. In 1833 twenty-seven members were added by baptism. May 1, 1839, Bro. Blake closed his long, even service for the Master with a glorious hope of blessed immortality. Rev. Thomas Perkins preached his funeral sermon from text 1. Thess. 4: 14.

Blake, Rev. Orvil, a native of Cornwall, Conn., married in 1850, and two years later moved to Mantua, O., where he lived, labored, and died. His conversion and early labors were with the larger Baptist body, but as they refused him ordination because of his Free Baptist views, he found a home with the latter. He assisted in gathering several churches, and, besides his pastoral work at Mantua, preached also at Brimfield, Troy, Maple Grove, Hiram Rapids and Chester. He was a grand man, loved by all, and his death, Aug. 12, 1877, at the age of 53 years, was a great loss to the Yearly Meeting. He had lectured on various topics, was correspondent of several journals, and had represented his county in the State Legislature.

Blakely, Rev. Benoni, was ordained soon after 1820, and labored in New York.

Blanchard, Rev. G. P., son of Abiel, was born in Vermont, Dec. 28, 1833. He was married to Mary A. Beers, Sept. 27, 1860, and has two chil-

dren. He studied at Whitestown Seminary 1856-57, also later at Hillsdale College, in the College and Theological departments. He was converted in 1852; received license the following year, and was ordained in 1860. His pastorates were at Rome and Cambridge, Mich.; Chicago, Ill.; Paw Paw, Mich.; Providence (Roger Williams church), R. I. and Harrisburg, Pa. He also held revival meetings in Pittsford, Mich., and Hamlin, N. Y., and baptized 238 converts. His useful labors came to an end some years ago.

Blanden, Rev. Thomas H., a native of Ohio, died near Cheney's Grove, Ill., March 12, 1870, aged about 50 years. He labored some years as a licensed preacher in the Northern Ohio Y. M., and later as an ordained minister in the Licking Q. M., of the Marion Y. M., where he was connected with the St. Albans church. His later years were spent in Illinois, where he did good service in the Livingston Q. M. and aided in organizing several churches. He was known throughout that region as a man of God.

Bliven, Rev. Elijah F., born June 28, 1815, in De Ruyter, Madison County, N. Y., is the son of Isaac and Lovina (Snow) Bliven. In 1838 he married Irene Wheeler. He was ordained in 1848 by the Methodist Episcopal church and united with the Free Baptists in 1873. Immediately after his conversion he engaged in revival work, the result of which was the building of several churches, the first of which was in Maine, N. Y. Other churches to which he ministered were Canadice, Springwater Valley, and Wheeler, the last of which has been under his care ten years.

Blunt, Rev. Amos, died at his residence in Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 4, 1883, aged 84 years. He was born in North Carolina, and converted about 1843, but, owing to his condition in slavery, was not ordained until Sept. 12, 1868. He labored near his home for a time, and, having removed to Indianapolis, became pastor of the church there soon after its organization. He was a consistent minister, active and faithful to the end.

Bodge, Rev. Jacob, was born in Loudon, N. H., June 28, 1803, and died in Tamworth, Sept. 17, 1884. He was converted in Wakefield and united with the First church in Ossipee, 1831. He began to preach the next year. He preached in Ossipee, Wakefield, Wolfboro, Effingham, N. H., Newfield, Me., and other places until 1834; moved to Middleton, and preached there and in New Durham, Wolfboro, Milton, Farmington and adjoining towns until 1846; then became pastor of the Ossipee church and preached there and in adjacent places six years. In 1857 he went to South Tamworth, preached some in Sandwich, but was never afterward able to preach regularly. He was in entire sympathy with all the work of the denomination and with the anti-slavery and temperance causes. He was earnest in advancing the great truths of the Gospel. His many years of suffering were patiently borne.

Bodine, Rev. William, was born in Southwold, Ont., March 8, 1820. His parents were Abram and Zelah (Taylor) Bodine. At the age of fourteen he turned to God. In 1848 he received his license, and three years later was ordained. Soon after his ordination his voice failing, he has preached but little, but has been active in the work of the Laona (Ill.) church, of which he is a member.

Bogart, Rev. James, son of Mindard and Abigail (Bliss) Bogart, was born at North East, Pa. He married Fidelia Coburn in 1857, and received license the same year, one year after his conversion. He became pastor of the Greenfield Free Baptist church in 1884, and was ordained Sept. 13, 1885, his work having been chiefly with the United Brethren.

Boggs, Rev. Wilson, son of Andrew and Abigail (Moore) Boggs, was born in West Virginia in 1846, and married to Adeline Prichard in 1880, having now three children. He was converted in 1870, and received ordination in 1881, being connected with the Antioch church of the Shiloh Association, Ohio River Y. M.

Bolles, Rev. Simeon, son of Simeon and Sally (Hutchins) Bolles, was born in Bethlehem, N. H., April 16, 1830.

His father was one of twenty brothers and sisters. Both grandfathers fought in the battle of Bunker Hill under Gen. Warren. He felt called to preach at the early age of fourteen, and began to study for the ministry. He was a short time at the Theological School of the New Hampton Institution, but is mainly self-educated. He was ordained at Concord, Vt., by Rev. Geo. Pinkham and others. He was pastor of the church at Woodstock, N. H., and of the Wheelock and Concord church, Vt., and preached two years for the Union church at Upper Waterford, Vt. On account of poor health he has retired from pastoral work and cultivates a farm in Bethlehem, N. H. He is author of an "Early History of Bethlehem, N. H.," and of an article on "The Defense of Christianity."

Bonar, Rev. William, was born in Coshocton County, O., Nov. 4, 1814, and died at his residence in Kewanee, Ill., Aug. 11, 1875. He was converted in meetings of the Methodists in 1850, but joined the Free Baptists because of his views on baptism, and was ordained by the Walnut Creek Q. M. (Ill.), Dec. 25, 1853. Save a brief sojourn in Indiana, and a few months spent as an evangelist in the Oakland, Q. M. (Mich.), his ministerial labors were spent with the churches of the Walnut Creek Q. M., and vicinity. Through his influence and labors, the Burns, Pleasant Hill, W. Kewanee, Kewanee and Mineral churches were gathered; and he served as pastor also in other churches. He was wise, judicious, earnest in labor, and rich in faith. He gave himself entirely to the work, and spent his property freely. Having labored to the full extent of his strength, as consumption wasted his body, he ceased his toil for rest.

Boody, Joseph, of New Durham, was one of the seven original members of Randall's first church, which was constituted June 30, 1780. Sept. 2, he was ordained as Ruling Elder.

Boody, Rev. Joseph, was born in Barrington, N. H., in 1752. In 1781 he was one of the converts in the revival which swept through his native town under Randall's preaching. He was one of the seventy who constituted the Barrington

(now North Strafford) church. Aug. 22, 1785, he was ordained as pastor of this church. His ordination was to the office of Ruling Elder, though he held this pastorate for thirty years, and engaged in extensive evangelistic preaching. He had part with Buzzell, Townsend, Knowlton and Randall in the great revival that spread to Pittsfield and Wolfborough in 1791. In 1795 he was appointed with others by the Y. M. to visit and strengthen the Strafford, Vt., church. Late in 1800 he made a tour into northern Vermont, and preached with good effect. He baptized eighteen in Sheffield and organized a branch to his Barrington church of fifty-six members, the same day. July 4, 1801, he was elected chairman of the meeting in Wheelock, Vt., which issued the call for the organization of the Wheelock Q. M. Aug. 28, 1802, with Aaron Buzzell he met the association of Wheelock churches at the appointment of the New Hampshire Y. M., and constituted them the Hardwick Q. M. He preached extensively in this Q. M. With Robinson Smith he visited Canada, and in Stanstead and Hatley their labors were signally blessed, and churches were organized. About 1805, he returned to New Hampshire. He had been eminently useful. But the associations with men of business and with politicians which followed, cooled the ardor of his devotions. The drinking habits of the times made inroads upon his life. In 1815, he separated from the Elders' Conference. He died in 1824. "His tall person, dignified appearance, and heavy voice were prepossessing; his keen wit, severe sarcasm, and fearless independence rendered him a successful antagonist." Surely he did work in our pioneer interests which will stand.

Boody, Rev. Joseph, Jr., nephew of Rev. Joseph Boody, was born in New Durham, N. H., in 1773. In 1790 he was Ruling Elder of the New Durham church. He entered into active Christian service. In northern Vermont in 1798, he was the first to preach a free salvation. He encountered much opposition, but did much good. Reformations attended his services, though for six months he saw not a minister who gave him a word of cheer. Oct. 18, 1798, he

was ordained at a session of the Q. M. in the New Durham school-house with three other tried and true men, while Randall preached the sermon 1. Cor. 9: 16, and Daniel Lord called upon God to endow with power from on high. He returned to Vermont. In 1800 Randall joined him and several churches were organized. At a place near Montpelier scandalous reports had preceded Boody and no one would open his doors for a meeting or furnish refreshment for man or beast. In Wheelock, July 4, 1801, at the call for the organization of the Wheelock (Hardwick) Q. M., he acted as clerk. In 1819, he with Rev. Timothy Morse, S. B. Dyer, and Ruling Elder Joseph Young were members of the State Legislature and boarded at the same place. At the boarding-house they passed a resolution that no ardent spirits should be drank till the session closed. At evening they reasoned with the people on the great Gospel truths.

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Boon, Rev. Louis, of St. Mary's, Mo., was born in Jackson County, Ill. He studied at Alton, Ill., and received ordination at Caledonia about 1885. He is now engaged in evangelistic work.

Borden, Rev. John, was ordained soon after 1820 and labored in Pennsylvania and New York.

Boston, Rev. Shubel, after a brief illness, died Dec. 23, 1841, in Wheelock, Vt., aged 52 years. In 1826 he was ordained and became an itinerant preacher of the Parsonfield Q. M., Me. In 1833 he removed to the Wheelock Q. M., Vt., where he had a long and useful ministry till his death. He was pastor at St. Johnsbury from 1835 to 1839. He afterwards resided at Sheffield.

Bouck, Rev. R. N., son of N. C. and Lucinda (McMickel) Bouck, was born in Clinton County, Ia., Dec. 30, 1851. After a bright conversion and considerable Christian experience, he received license to preach in July, 1883, and was ordained under direction of the Nebraska Y. M., Sept. 21, 1884. He ministered to the Kenesaw, Neb., church, 1883-85, and the Grand View church from 1885 to the present, serving also the Long

Branch church. He has conducted several revivals and baptized one hundred and fifteen converts. He is at present the Clerk of the Nebraska Y. M.

Bowden, Rev. Stephen, died in West Waterville, Me., Nov. 3, 1878, aged 72 years. He was born in Penobscot, Me., Oct. 18, 1806. He was the fifth of a family of twelve children. The family moved to Norridgewock when he was ten years of age. He was converted in 1829, when twenty-two years of age, under the labors of Rev. Cyrus Stilson; baptized by him, November 22, and joined the church. He was chosen clerk and served twelve years. He had great mental conflict over his call to preach. He felt insufficient for the work, but the love of Christ constrained him, and in September, 1840, he held his first meeting in Belgrade. He was licensed, Jan. 15, 1842. His ordination occurred at Pittsfield in June, 1844. While not specially an evangelist, a circuit of some twelve towns in the Waterville Q. M. was graciously favored by his ministry. He became pastor of several churches, too scattered or too feeble to supply themselves with constant preaching. His support was small. For thirty years before his death he rarely spent a Sunday at home, though few loved home more ardently or more fully honored the relation of husband and father. His preaching was sound, clear, and persuasive. He attended many funerals and solemnized many marriages. At the time of his death he was clerk of the Q. M., and had served in this office seventeen and one-half years out of the last twenty, attending every session. He was chosen delegate to the last General Conference before his death, but yielded his place to his alternate. He was a man of great sympathy and much beloved.

Bowie, Rev. G. H., of Norwood, Mass., was born in Durham, Me., Oct. 2, 1840. He was converted at the age of ten, was baptized by Rev. I. G. Ridlon and joined the church in Durham. This church became extinct, and he became backslidden. At the age of eighteen he started anew, and joined the Methodist church in Durham. In 1860,

at the age of twenty, he began preaching, and the next year he was licensed as a local preacher. He was on the Danville circuit one year. In 1868 he moved to Phippsburgh, and there united with the Free Baptist Church in Georgetown. Soon after, he was licensed by the Edgecomb Q. M., and a few years later was ordained by Rev's F. Reed, H. Atwood, and G. Page. He preached in Georgetown four years; at Small Point, one year; at Parker's Head, one year; at Richmond Corner, one year, and several years at Popham. He has preached almost consecutively since 1860.

Bowles, Rev. Charles, was born in Boston, Mass., in 1761. His father was an African; and his mother, daughter of Col. Morgau, of the American army. He was himself in the army during the Revolution, and then settled in New Hampshire, where he became a Christian and united with the Free Baptists. He felt called to the ministry, yet like Jonah, went down to the sea; but after three years he devoted himself to the Lord's work. He commenced his labors in July, 1816, in Huntington, Vt., where 150 were converted and a church of ninety members was organized. Ordained the same year, he became a noted evangelist. He met with some opposition on account of his color, but trusted in God and triumphed. At one time the wicked prepared to throw him from a rail into a pond, if he continued to preach, and prepared for it. But he preached with such power of the Spirit, that many of them were converted; and as they gathered at the water side soon after for baptism, shouts of joy and praise resounded through the hills on the farther shore. He was instrumental in gathering many churches and founding the Enosburgh, Huntington and other Q. M's. About 1837, he went to New York, gathered the Lawrence and other churches, founded the Lawrence Q. M., and assisted at the organization of the St. Lawrence Y. M. in 1842. Though nearly blind, he had continued to preach, and his joy was great when the Y. M. was formed. He was honored as a father, and highly respected by all. He died at Malone, N. Y., Mar. 16, 1843, in the 82nd year of his age.

Bowles, Rev. Nathaniel, died in Bethlehem, N. H., July 6, 1881. He was born in Richmond, N. H., Aug. 12, 1788. His father, Rev. N. Bowles, was pastor of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in Richmond. As a youth he was "full of fun," and as such a source of anxiety to his pious parents. At the age of sixteen he started in the Christian life, but soon became as wild and rude as ever. In the autumn of 1811, while employed as a farm hand at Sugar Hill, Lisbon, N. H., he was planning for a Thanksgiving party, when, one evening after retiring, serious questions concerning his conduct and destiny arose and made him tremble and cry out to his bedfellow in distress. His deep concern continued till the second day after, when he found peace. He became a very zealous Christian, was baptized by Rev. Joshua Quimby, and united with others in the organization of the church at Sugar Hill. When it seemed to himself and others that God was calling him to preach, he said to himself, "If that is so, I hope that God will almost take my life, but only spare it that I may know fully that it is God that calls me." While throwing down grain from a loft for threshing, a board broke and he fell through to the floor and was taken up for dead. While unconscious he seemed to himself to be carried aloft, and looking down upon the earth he saw the people going their different ways, and one after another dropping into the grave, while those who remained seemed to go on carelessly and unmoved. He thought, "Oh, if I were there how I would warn them!" When he became conscious, he felt that his prayer was answered. He could cry when suffering most intense pain, "Glory to God! Now I know! Now I know!" Long before his wounds were healed (both wrists were broken), he entered upon the work of an evangelist. He labored in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and everywhere revivals followed and many were converted. He was ordained in 1815. He was present at the Wheelock Q. M., in June, 1817, when John Colby lay sick, and was one of the four whom Deacon Colby found at his door in the morning, when he started to call these same four

elders to pray with the sick son according to the Scripture. They had come for this very purpose, and in answer to their prayers, Colby's pain ceased and he was soon able to attend meetings and baptize. Mr. Bowles was a delegate from Vermont to the Second General Conference at Sandwich, N. H., 1828. He and his wife, with whom he lived about sixty years, spent their old age with an only daughter; and after her death, with her husband and son. Two years before his death his aged companion departed. He was social, cheerful and happy. He fell asleep like a little child going to sleep in its mother's arms.

Bowman, Rev. A. T., died in Hartland, Me., June 3, 1880, aged 58 years. He was born in Sidney, Me. His parents were Christians. He was converted at the age of fourteen, under the preaching of Rev. Stephen Russell, and united with the church at Sidney. In 1845 he, with his wife, joined the church in West Waterville. He began to hold meetings in 1858; was licensed in 1860. He then spent a year in the Maine State Seminary at Lewiston. In 1861 he was ordained. From that time he gave himself more fully to the ministry, and revivals followed his efforts. From the converts of a revival in a district near West Waterville, ten were gathered to the garner on high within six months of their conversion. There was a good work at Sidney, and also at Somerset Mills, where he labored six years. Three of the six years he was also pastor of the Clinton church. In 1867 he began to hold meetings in Hartland. He baptized twenty-eight and founded a church. After six years there, he became pastor of the West Pittsfield church, which office he held till his death. He was a large-hearted man and a useful minister.

Bowman, Rev. Christopher C., was born in Waterville Me., March 18, 1825. His parents were Thomas and Nancy (Cottle) Bowman. He was converted at the age of sixteen, received license to preach at the age of thirty-three, and was ordained in 1860. He was married May 14, 1844, to Miss Harriet M. Storer, and has five children living. He resides in Manchester, Me.

Boyd, Rev. David, died at his home in North Berwick, Me., Dec. 11, 1855, aged 74 years, 6 months, after a brief illness. He was born in South Berwick in 1781. He was one of the Fathers in habits, views of duty, doctrine, styles of communication, and sympathies. He was frequently called to positions of public trust; was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature from Maine, and a member of the convention which framed Maine's Constitution. He was familiar with probate matters and other technicalities of law. He was an esteemed Christian.

Boyd, Rev. David, brother of Rev. James Boyd, was born at South Berwick, Me., Mar. 2, 1836. He was converted in 1851, licensed in 1858, and ordained May 12, 1861, Rev. A. Lovejoy and others serving on the council. His pastorates have been at Exeter, Acton, and Rockland, Me.; Pawtucket, R. I., and Oneonta, N. Y. He has baptized about 200 converts, served as delegate at the General Conference, and has occupied a prominent position in temperance work, especially in connection with the I. O. G. T. He married Olive Gray in 1856, has four children, and is at present Superintendent for the American Bible Society, with headquarters at Oneonta, N. Y.

Boyd, Rev. James, of Plymouth, Me., was born in South Berwick, Me., Nov. 26, 1830. His parents were Charles and Margaret (Davis) Boyd. His education was received in common and select schools. At the age of twelve his heart was touched. He became a Christian at the age of twenty-one, and was baptized by Rev. C. B. Mills. He received license to preach in December, 1855, and was ordained by Rev. E. Knowlton, and others of the Unity Q. M., in December, 1856. He has had pastorates in Bangor (Second Church), Sabattus, Booth Bay, Biddeford, Me.; Taunton, Mass.; Bangor, Me., (First Church), and Pittsfield, Me. He has been a state missionary of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New York, and Wisconsin. He has been a missionary pastor of several churches — Somerville, Mass., Cape Sa-

ble Island, and Halifax, N. S., and Manchester, N. H. He organized the Second Bangor Church. He has had revivals in all his regular, and in most of his missionary pastorates; has baptized over 300, and in his work has seen many more than that number converted. He was married Sept. 4, 1851, to Miss Mary M. Cuttings. Of eight children four are living. His son, Charles S. Boyd, was a member of the class of 1881 in Bates Theological School when he died, Nov. 8, 1880.

Boyer, Rev. Alder B., was born at Somerville, Carleton County, New Brunswick, Aug. 27, 1860. His parents were William J. and Susan (Shaw) Boyer. He was converted in February, 1873; graduated from the University of New Brunswick in June, 1885; resigned the Mathematical Mastership of the Union Baptist Seminary, St. John, N. B., in June, 1886, to enter upon the Foreign Mission work in India, to which he was ordained by the New Brunswick Free Baptist Conference, Oct. 11, 1886. He was married, July 20, 1886, to Miss Clara I. Shea, a native of Grafton, Carleton County, New Brunswick, and daughter of John A. and Aurilla S. H. (Barrows) Shea. She had been a teacher in the Model School in connection with the Normal School of New Brunswick. Sailing in October, 1886, they arrived in India, Jan. 1, 1887. They are now located at Balasore studying the language (the Oriya) preparatory to taking up work among the people, and are meanwhile doing Christian work among the English-speaking Babus.

Boynton, Rev. Adolphus E., son of John and Phebe (Batchelder) Boynton, was born in Bridgewater, N. H., Aug. 5, 1833. He was converted at the age of eighteen. He was a student at New Hampton, N. H., also in Bates Theological School, Lewiston, Me. In 1870 he received license to preach, and June 21, 1874, was ordained by Rev. A. Moulton and others of P. Q. He has had eight pastorates, the last, at North Shapleigh, but is now (1887) out of health. He hopes to be able to preach again. He has had four revivals, baptized thirty-nine converts, and attended about 100

funerals. He married Miss E. R. Morgan, June 3, 1858.

Boynton, Rev. Lucius D., was born Oct. 20, 1846, at Bethany, N. Y., where his parents, Ezra and Mary (Darwin) Boynton, resided. He consecrated his life to God in May, 1863; was educated at Hillsdale College; received license in 1872, and was ordained Sept. 17, 1876. His pastorates have been at Blackberry, (Elburn) Ill., Auburn, O., Wellsburg, Pa., Colebrook, O., and Paw Paw, Mich. He is now ministering to the Gliddensburg, Arlington, and Oshtemo churches, of the Van Buren Q. M., Mich. He has baptized forty-nine converts. Dec. 31, 1874, he was married to Marilla M. Reynolds; they now have three children to brighten their home.

Brackett, Rev. Daniel, was born in Berwick, Me., Oct. 4, 1803. He was converted in 1822, and in 1829, while residing in Houlton, Me., a council of the Exeter Q. M. was sent more than 100 miles through the wilderness to ordain him. Later he labored in Brownfield, Me., also in Hiram and Fryburgh. In 1836 he journeyed to Ohio for his health and died of consumption Dec. 22.

Brackett, Rev. David, son of David and Olive (Trueworthy) Brackett, was born in Jackson, Me., in 1837. He was converted at the age of forty-three. The next year, 1881, he received license to preach, and in 1882 was ordained at the Q. M. He had a revival in the Brooks church in 1881, also in the Thorndike and Knox church in 1882-83. In 1884 he became pastor of the Thorndike church. He is now engaged in business and spends only a part of his time in the ministry. He has been instrumental in the conversion of about thirty persons during his brief ministry. He was married in 1859 to Miss Harriet A. Page. They have four children. He resides in Jackson, Me.

Brackett, Rev. Hilton, died in Charleston, Vt., Jan. 8, 1872, aged 74 years. He was born in South Wheelock, Vt., Dec. 17, 1798. The death of his father in early life left a large family without its natural provider and protector. At the age of thirty-five he married Olive Fletcher, and

moved to Charleston. At the death of his wife, three years later, at her earnest entreaty, he began a life of prayer. He returned to Lyndon, and three years later married Ruth Fletcher, sister to his former wife, and again moved to his farm in Charleston. He entered into Christ's service with his characteristic earnestness, and was licensed Jan. 26, 1844, by the Wheelock Q. M., and ordained two years later, on July 12. Through his uprightness and kindness he was greatly beloved. After severe suffering for five years, during which he was abundantly sustained, he passed away to be with Jesus. His intimate friend, Rev. T. P. Moulton, preached his funeral sermon from the text 1. Chron. 29:28, "And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honor."

Brackett, Rev. Levi, was born in Westbrook, Me., Nov. 27, 1813. His parents were John and Fanny (Cobb) Brackett. He was converted at the age of twenty-six, and graduated from the Theological School at Whitestown, N. Y., about ten years afterward, in 1849. He received license in 1844, and was ordained by the Bowdoin Q. M. in 1849. His first pastorate was at Saccarappa, Me. His other pastorates, before the war, were at North Parsonfield, Raymond, Me., Centre Sandwich, Mill Village, Wolfborough, N. H., and Sabattusville, Me.; afterwards he lived several years in Lewiston, Me., and preached in various other places. He was pastor at Raymond Center, Webb's Mills, and Bow Lake, N. H. He then moved to West Lebanon, Me., and supplied in Newfield and elsewhere. He was pastor one year at North Parsonfield, since which time he has resided in Lewiston. He has preached in Aroostook County. Revivals and baptisms he enjoyed in nearly all his pastorates. He was married Dec. 25, 1852, to Miss Nancy J. Cram, of Brownfield, Me. He has four children living. The oldest is Prof. James R. Brackett of the Colorado University. The oldest daughter is a teacher in the Classical Institute at Hallowell, Me., and the second daughter is Librarian of the Spear Library of Oberlin College. These three are graduates of Bates College, Lewiston, Me.

Brackett, Rev. Nathan Cook, Ph.D., of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., was born in Phillips, Me., July 28, 1836. His parents were Joshua and Mary (Cook) Brackett. He attended the Phillips High School and Maine State Seminary, and graduated from Dartmouth College, N. H., in the class of 1864. He conse-



Rev. N. C. Brackett.

crated his life to God in 1854; and ten years later he received ordination, Rev's A. H. Morrell, C. E. Blake, and H. Whitcher serving on the council. His great work has been in connection with the Shenandoah Mission (*q. v.*) and Storer College (*q. v.*), of which he has been principal since 1867. Here his talent and learning, with marked patience, persistence, and discretion, have been devoted to the elevation of the freedmen in morals, education, and piety, and by his wise management he has aided materially in removing the prejudices previously existing between the races. He has occupied a prominent position in the denominational work, serving on the Foreign Mission Board five years, 1878-83, and being at the present time a member of the Conference Board, and of the Board of Corporators of the *Morning Star*. He has also served as county Superintendent of Schools, and for five years has been a member of the Harper's

Ferry Council. Oct. 16, 1865, he was married to Louise N. Wood, who has served as assistant principal in the college, and as teacher of drawing and painting, Latin and Greek. They have had five children, four yet living, of whom one publishes the *Phillips Phonograph*, and another is attending Bates College, Maine.

Bradbury, Rev. A. R., son of Samuel and Jane (Gurney) Bradbury, was born in Anburn, Me., Dec. 3, 1810. He studied in the common school and began teaching at the age of seventeen; he fitted for college at Kent's Hill Academy, then at Hebron Academy, and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1837. He studied theology a year at Bangor and three years at Yale Theological Seminary. He was awakened in the spring of 1834 while at Bowdoin College, by the Holy Spirit, through Rev. Thomas Upham, D. D., and led by his pious room-mate, Albion Andrews, since Governor of Massachusetts. He was baptized by Rev. George Lamb and united with the Freewill



Rev. A. R. Bradbury.

Baptist church at Brunswick. He gathered there a Bible class of twenty-five, and within two years saw them all converted or revived.

He was licensed in 1836, and ordained at Bangor as pastor in 1838. He has held pastorates in Bangor, Limerick,

Me., Chepachet, R. I., Springvale, and North Berwick, Me., Portsmouth, Crown Point, and Candia, N. H., Biddeford, Me., Park St. Church, Providence, R. I., and Auburn, R. I. He has seen converts baptized in every pastorate. He was a teacher of the Classics and afterward principal at Parsonfield Seminary; he was associate principal at Smithville Seminary, was principal at Strafford Academy and associate pastor at the time with Rev. Enoch Place. He was Recording Secretary of the Freewill Baptist Educational Society 1852-57. He has been for six years associate editor of the *Freewill Baptist*, of New Berne, N. C. He published (1887) the "Transfiguration," "Ten Commandments" and "Miracles of Christ."

Bradbury, Mrs. Caroline L. J., of Providence, R. I., daughter of Rev. Timothy L. and Abigail H. Johnson,



Mrs. A. R. Bradbury.

was born in Farmington, Me., Mar. 16, 1814. She became a Christian in childhood. She was educated at Farmington Academy, and at Parsonfield Seminary, in Maine, and in Boston, Mass. After leaving Parsonfield Seminary, she taught a year in Farmington Academy, and then seven years in Smithville Seminary, afterwards Lapham Institute, R. I. Here she was principal of the Ladies' Department, and came in contact with

many who have since filled places of trust and influence in the denomination. Since the founding of the *Missionary Helper* she has been prominently connected with its publishing committee. She has always manifested a deep interest in missionary work.

Feb. 20, 1844, she was married to Rev. A. R. Bradbury. They have four children; three sons are graduates of Brown University, Providence; William A., after studying one year in the Theological Seminary, suddenly died; Fred W. is a physician in Auburn, R. I., and Samuel J., a physician in New York City. For many years the parents have lived at Providence, R. I.

Bradeen, Rev. Allen W., son of Isaac and Philena C. (Billington) Bradeen, was born at Byron, Me., Feb. 27, 1859. He studied at the Wilton Academy 1882-84, and at Cobb Divinity School 1884-88. In the winter of 1878 he was converted, and licensed Jan. 11, 1887. He has supplied at Hallowell, Me., and during one year five were baptized and seven admitted into the church. In 1888 he became pastor at Dexter, Me., and was ordained.

Bradeen, Rev. F. C., was pastor of the Hermon church of the Exeter Q. M., Me., in 1873. After his ordination, which occurred at about that time, he ministered to the Dexter Village, Exeter, and St. Albans churches of that Q. M., and about 1877 took up the work at South Parsonfield. Four years later he went to North Berwick, where he remained five years and did a good work. In his present pastorate at Concord, N. H., the Curtis Memorial Church has been recently dedicated.

Bradford, Rev. Enoch W., in 1827 gathered a church as the results of a revival at Blakesbury, Penobscot County, Me., and was himself ordained. When the town was incorporated soon after, it was called by his name, Bradford. Continuing his itinerant labors, he was taken suddenly ill two years after, while holding services with Rev. L. Hathaway, at Montville. He had a presentiment that his death was near. A week after Oct. 1, 1829, he died in the triumph of faith at the age of 27.

Bradford, Rev. R. E., son of Elijah and Eliza A. (Batchelor) Bradford, was born in Thorndike, Me., Sept. 1, 1857. He was converted at the age of twenty-two, became a student in Freedom Academy and is now (1887) in Bates Theological School, Lewiston, Me. He received license to preach in June, 1882, and was ordained the following year, by Rev's H. Small, D. Brackett and F. D. Tasker. He has preached in Monroe, Jackson, Brooks, Dixmont, Swansville and Montville, Me. In 1888 he took under his care the interest at Thorndike. Feb. 19, 1881, he married Miss Olive Cilley.

Bradford, Rev. Samuel, was ordained in 1824, and labored in New York and Ohio.

Bradley, Rev. William, son of Joshua and Ann (Giles) Bradley, was born in Sumner County, Tenn., Feb. 13, 1814. He was converted in 1850 and



Rev. William Bradley.

the next year began to preach, receiving ordination among the General Baptists Oct. 24, 1852. His labors were in Southern Illinois, in what is now the Central Illinois Y. M., where he baptized several hundred converts and helped to organize some twenty churches. He was constantly engaged in pastoral work until his death, Aug. 10, 1887. He was

twice elected County Judge and once Associate Judge, and was widely respected. In 1835 he was married to Serena Draper, and their three children remained to mourn at his death.

Brady, Rev. Thomas, was born in Ireland in 1797; he was ordained in 1822 and served the denomination in Nova Scotia.

Braman, Rev. Jesse, was ordained soon after 1820, and labored in New York.

Branch, Daniel, son of Daniel and Polly (Parker) Branch, was born in Sangerfield, N. Y., in 1802. He graduated from Union College, N. Y., and afterwards studied theology at Oberlin, O. While teaching in an academy at Ft. Covington, N. Y., Miss Sarah Foster Waldo was engaged to take charge of the female department, and became in February, 1834, his companion for life. From Oberlin they went to teach at Farmington, O., and then after his receiving license to preach from the Congregationalists, they saw it duty to become Free Baptists. From this place they went to teach at Geauga Seminary (*q. v.*), where they exerted a wide influence on the rising men of the denomination. The late President Garfield, also, while he was a student at Williams College, repeatedly told his room-mate that Mrs. Branch was the first to give him an impulse to a higher course of life. Afterward they taught six years at Prairie City Academy, Ill. (*q. v.*), and some fourteen years in the McDonough Normal and Scientific College. They have since resided for a time in Kansas, and now at Geneseo, Ill. Though in recent years not near the people of their choice, they are constantly interested in the denominational work.

Branch, Rev. Gilman Ide, a native of Benson, Vt., died in Solon, O., Aug. 28, 1847, aged 29 years. He was converted when sixteen years of age, and licensed soon after at Cherry Creek, N. Y., and ordained Jan. 13, 1845. He took a deep interest in the church in Solon, and was much loved by the community.

Branch, Rev. Harry, labored in Ohio, and was pastor of the Porter church from 1834 until his death in 1836.

Branch, Rev. Samuel S., a native of Vermont, became a member of the Chester, O., church, at its organization in 1832. He was ordained in 1841, removed to Illinois in 1853 and continued his labors there, organizing the Jeffersonville church in 1854. His death occurred Jan. 29, 1862, when 60 years of age. He was a very exemplary and worthy man.

Bray, Rev. James M., son of David S. and Epsey (McMullin) Bray, was born in Talbot County, Ga., in 1853. In 1873, he was married to E. R. Hagler. They now have five children. He was converted in 1874, licensed in 1876 and ordained in 1877 by D. J. Apperson and others. He has labored with great efficiency in the Chattahoochee Association, Georgia, baptizing 281 converts and organizing four churches, and is highly esteemed.

Brewster, Rev. Jonathan McDuffee, son of Daniel and Sarah (McDuffee) Brewster, was born in Alton, N. H., Nov. 1, 1835. While a child, his parents moved



Rev. J. M. Brewster.

to Wolfborough, an adjoining town, and occupied the farm of the Brewster ancestors. At the age of fourteen he united with the church. He studied in the common schools and in the academy

of the town. He pursued preparatory studies at New Hampton and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1860. He studied theology at New Hampton and at Andover, Mass. In May, 1863, he became pastor at Springvale, Me., and was ordained the following December. In May, 1864, at the solicitation of William Burr, he became assistant editor of the *Morning Star*. At Burr's death he wrote and published his biography. For a short period (1869-70) he supplied the church in Fairport, N. Y., and in 1871 entered upon a pastorate of three and a half years at North Scituate, R. I. There he served the town as superintendent of public schools. In March, 1875, he entered upon the pastorate with the Park Street church, Providence, which closed with his death, June 2, 1882. His illness was brief but his work was thoroughly done. From 1872 to his death he was clerk of the R. I. Association, and from 1875 he was a corporator of the Printing Establishment. He was one of the executive board of Foreign Missions and an original trustee of Storer College. He was author of "The Free Baptists of Rhode Island and Vicinity," published in Centennial Minutes of the state for 1880; of "The Freewill Baptists" and their Foreign Missionary Enterprise, both published in the Centennial Record (1880), which he edited. He was a member at the time of his death of the executive committee of the R. I. Woman's Suffrage Association. In October, 1863, he married Miss Marilla Marks Towle, of North Danville, N. H., who survives him.

Brewster, Mrs. Marilla Marks, wife of Rev. J. M. Brewster, was born in North Danville, N. H., in July, 1838. Her parents, Nicholas and Mary (Page) Towle, were of Scotch descent and bequeathed to their five children sound principles and a thirst for knowledge. From the "red school-house" she went for a few months to Kingfield Academy, and at fifteen began to teach. Largely through her own earnings she graduated from New Hampton Institution in 1860. She was converted early and baptized in 1853 by Rev. M. W. Burlingame and united with the church in her native

place. On her graduation she became preceptress of the academy at Waukegan, Ill. Her work was blessed and the second year she assumed full charge of the institution. At another time she was lady-principal of the academy at East Greenwich, R. I. In October, 1863, she became the wife of Rev. J. M. Brewster, and was recognized as an untiring helper in the relation of pastor's wife for eighteen years. Mr. Brewster died in 1882. Many important positions of trust and responsibility have fallen to her. From its organization she has been a member of the executive board of the Woman's Missionary Society. The *Missionary Helper*, its organ, had its beginning largely in her faith, and for nine years she was its editor and publishing agent, till ill-health compelled her to relinquish the task. "Missionary Reminiscences," by Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, came into being through her influence. The fine mechanical appearance of the book is due to her painstaking and care at its publication. For three years she was President of the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union of Rhode Island, a member of the executive board of the Prisoners' Aid Society, and secretary of the Suffrage Association. She has held responsible positions in the W. C. T. U. She was an original member of the Rhode Island Woman's Club, and is one of the two women who have been made its honorary members. She has been deeply interested in missionary work especially. She was two years secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of City Missions in Brooklyn, N. Y., and has also spent some time among the colored people of the South. In 1888 she was a delegate to the International Council of women held in Washington, D. C., and the same year represented the Woman's Missionary Society of our denomination at the World's Conference of Foreign Missions held in London. She gave some time to the study of mission work in that city and traveled on the continent. As a writer she wields an easy, graceful pen, as a lecturer she is interesting and instructive, as a Christian she is quick in her sympathies for the downtrodden and unfortunate and consecrated to a noble work and to her Saviour.

Bridges, Rev. Abiezer, closed his earthly pilgrimage at Monticello, Wis., May 26, 1863, aged 79 years. He was converted and commenced preaching on South Fox Island, Me., where his labors were blessed. He was at this time connected with the Congregationalists. Being a Free Baptist in sentiment, he went to Lincolnville, where he was baptized, and ordained in 1821. He preached in various places with success, organizing churches at Long Island, Hope, and China, and baptizing during his ministry more than 1,000 converts. Without especial training for the work, his good common sense, and his happy faculty of expressing his ideas clearly and easily, with his love of singing, gave him a large measure of success. About twenty years before his death he went to Wisconsin for the remaining years of his life.

Bridges, Rev. Otis W., was born in Penobscot, Me., Jan. 26, 1806. His parents were Rev. Abiezer and Deborah (Stores) Bridges. He was converted at the age of seventeen. He received license to preach in 1830, and was ordained in 1834, by Rev. S. C. Phinney (who preached the sermon), B. Thorn, and A. Files, of the Bowdoin Q. M. He lived in Sangerville, Me., forty-two years, where he labored in a number of revivals, and assisted in organizing two churches. He now resides at Ft. Fairfield, and was pastor of the church there, 1887. He has also supplied the Congregationalist church. He was married Oct. 11, 1833, to Margaret W. Owen, and has three children; his oldest son is a deacon of the Dexter church.

Briggs, Rev. Frank E., son of Sherman S. and Abby J. (Trussell) Briggs, was born in Boscawen, N. H., Dec. 2, 1849. He was converted when about twenty years of age. He graduated from the New Hampton Institution, N. H., English course, in 1879, and from Bates Theological School, Lewiston, Me., in 1882. His license dates from May 27, 1879; was ordained, July 7, 1882, by a council of the Sebec Q. M., Me. He was pastor of the Abbott, Parkman, and North Guilford churches two years, from June 1, 1882, and of the West Lebanon church two years, from June 1, 1884. Since May, 1886, has been pastor of the Beech Ridge

church, North Berwick. He has had conversions and baptisms in his ministry. He was married, in 1873, to Miss Martha E. Berry, of Alexandria, N. H. They have two children.

Briggs, Rev. Jesse, ordained in 181— labored in Maine, and left the denomination.

Brock, Rev. Hezekiah H., was born in Barrington, N. H., and embraced the Saviour while young. He was soon engaged in bringing salvation to others. He was baptized by Elder Sherburne, and on making Dover his residence, united with the First Free Baptist church there. A year or two afterwards he preached with much earnestness his first sermon. He did good work at Raymond and afterwards in Kennebunk, where he was ordained in 1845. The next year, wishing to prepare himself more fully for the ministry, he entered the Bible School at Whitestown, N. Y. His lungs soon after began to fail, and being persuaded that he should not be able to preach further, he turned his attention to medicine. His young wife died after a year of married life. In Utica, N. Y., later he married again. In failing health he removed to Dover, N. H., where he sank rapidly. His last words were "Beautiful Jesus." He died Dec 30, 1851, aged 31 years. He was amiable in spirit and winning as a preacher.

Brockway, Rev. Clarence Elwood, was born at Phoenix, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1850. His father Damon Clark Brockway, a descendant of Russel Brockway, of the Revolutionary army, was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and died in 1864, near Richmond, Va. Clarence E., depending largely upon himself for support, graduated from Whitestown Seminary in 1873, and from Bates College in 1878. He was converted in 1869, and ordained, Dec. 14, 1879, at Norwich, N. Y. His pastorates have been at Norwich, Fairport, and Pike, N. Y.; and additions were made to each church under his ministry, those at Norwich numbering forty-three. He has served as secretary and treasurer of the Central Association, and has traveled as agent of the Association and of the Ontario County (N. Y.) Bible Society.

May 9, 1881, he was married to Affie A. Miles, of Dover, N. H.

Brooks, Rev. Cicero A., son of P. M. and Sarah E. (Garrison) Brooks, was born in eastern Tennessee, in 1854. He married Nannie Holt in 1878, and has five children. He was converted in 1879; two years later he received license, and Sept. 9, 1882, he was ordained. He devoted his time to teaching and preaching until 1885, when he entered upon revival work among the Free Baptist churches of eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina, which he has since continued with success, some 200 being converted. He retains also the pastorate of the Clear Creek church of the Union Association, Tennessee.

Brooks, Rev. Hiram, died near Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 11, 1846, aged 36 years. His early labors were in Rhode Island, where he assisted in raising funds for the school at North Scituate. He moved from La Grange, O., to Michigan, and was ordained but a little before his death. He was well prepared for the ministry, and high hopes were entertained of his usefulness.

Brooks Rev. John, a brother of Rev. N. Brooks, was born in Wakefield, N. H., March 4, 1813. After many and deep religious impressions and struggles, he was finally thoroughly converted in 1835, while at school at Parsonfield. He was baptized with others, May 10th, by the Rev. Hosea Quinby. So burdened was he for the lost, that, three days after, he went ten miles to his home and began holding meetings. A revival followed from which, July 26, Rev. Quinby baptized thirteen converts. He still continued to hold conference meetings, till, in 1838, he began his more public labors. February, 1839, he was licensed to preach, and June 11, 1840, he was ordained at the Q. M. assembled at Cornish, Me. Rev. Samuel Burbank offered consecrating prayer and Z. Jordan probably delivered the sermon. He was especially blessed in his ministry in the conversion of souls in Lebanon and Acton, Me., and around Ossipee, N. H. He resided at Wakefield till April, 1845, when he removed to Tamworth to fill a vacancy left by Rev. Jas. Emery. Here

he died of small-pox, May 28, 1846, aged 33 years. During the last thirteen years he had spent half of his time teaching, and many of his pupils were converted. He was affectionate and zealous, and early espoused the cause of the slave.

Brooks, Rev. Nahum, was born in East Wakefield, N. H., June 16, 1811. He was the second of seven children. He was converted in July, 1824, baptized in August by Rev. Samuel Burbank, and joined the church in Wakefield. He acquired a thorough academical education at North Parsonfield under the instruc-



Rev. N. Brooks.

tion of Rev. Hosea Quinby. He was a favorite with his school companions. He afterward went to Dover, N. H., and was for a time employed in the *Morning Star* office. Subsequently he resided for a short time in Concord, N. H. He began preaching in 1837. Through his efforts a church was organized at Laconia, N. H., March 17, 1838, which began with nine members. He was ordained in May following at a session of the New Durham Q. M. at Sanbornton. During his pastorate of about six years at Laconia, he baptized 166 persons. A fine house of worship was built and dedicated Jan. 6, 1841. From 1844 to 1849 he was at Centre Sandwich. His next pastorate was at Great Falls. During the five years he was there he witnessed powerful revivals and baptized 192 converts,

mostly young people. In 1853 he was called to the North Street church, Bath, Me. The church was greatly strengthened during the nearly eleven years he remained there. He baptized 274 persons. Late in 1863 he became pastor of the Pine Street church, Manchester, N. H. About three years after this, while laboring in a protracted meeting in Candia, he took a severe cold which was followed by partial paralysis of the vocal cords, in consequence of which he was obliged to cease preaching. He baptized in all 653 persons and solemnized 423 marriages. After his ordination, he attended every session of the New Hampshire Y. M., except four. He was deeply interested in the benevolent enterprises of the denomination and contributed generously to their support. For twenty years, he was an active member of the Foreign Mission Board, and two years treasurer of the society. He was also one of the founders of the Maine State Seminary at Lewiston, Me. He was of fine personal appearance and dignified and impressive in the pulpit. He quickly won the love and confidence of people by his kindly and cordial manner and held them by strong affection and faithful friendship. The last two years of his life he was a great sufferer from the disease that caused his death. He died March 16, 1883, aged 71 years.

Brown, Rev. Allen, died in Providence, R. I., his native city, Nov. 6, 1860, after a painful illness, in his 73rd year. He was born March 31, 1788. He enjoyed the privileges of the best schools his city afforded. He united early with the First Congregational church under the care of Rev. Mr. Wilson. After serving an apprenticeship in the hardware store of Governor Jones, he went for a year in 1810 to Savannah, Ga., and engaged in business for himself. He then established the business under the name of Dyer and Brown in Providence. Feeling a call to the ministry, he entered on a course of study in Philadelphia, and on graduating returned to Providence and took the pastoral charge of the Third Baptist church, then just organized. During the six years that followed he witnessed many conversions. His views

from the first were decidedly Arminian and he was ordained net without hesitation by the council. He was a member of the "Union Conference," with Zalmon Tobey, Henry Tatem, and Ray Potter, which ordained Martin Cheney, April 24, 1825. In 1827, at the expiration of his pastorate with the Third Baptist church, feeling he had no sympathy from the Baptist brethren, he joined the Olneyville church under Rev. Martin Cheney and also the Q. M. During the next thirty years of his life he held no pastorate. He was book-keeper in Merchants' Bank of Providence for twenty years. He then entered the counting-room of Dr. Samuel B. Tobey as confidential clerk. On the opening of Dexter Asylum, he became chaplain, preaching regularly to the unfortunate for more than twenty years, till his last sickness laid him aside for over a year. He was never married. He was noted for his kindness of heart, the simplicity and freshness of his feeling, his quiet, even temperament and his deep, true piety; he was broad and catholic in his sympathies. For many years he was well known to the readers of the *Morning Star* by his contributions in poetry and prose over the signature "A. B." He left \$500 to the F. B. Foreign Mission Society at his death

Brown, Rev. Amos, died of apoplexy in Eaton, N. H., Dec. 7, 1867. He was born in Bristol, N. H., in 1800, and from childhood was subject to the convictions and reproofs of the Holy Spirit. At the age of twenty-seven he ceased resistance and became a devoted Christian. He was baptized by Rev. John Hill, and united with the church in Alexandria. Feeling his weakness when called of God to preach, he betook himself to the grove and to prayer. Strengthened, he began to preach in Bridgewater, and saw souls converted. In 1829 he was licensed by the Sandwich Q. M. He was ordained Sept. 30, 1832, by Rev's S. Dana, T. Perkins, and J. Hill, at Alexandria, where he preached a half of the time for fifteen years, during which he added to the church 160 members; he had the pastoral oversight of this charge for thirty-seven years. He

labored successfully in Nashua, Centre Harbor, New Hampton, Hill, and in May, 1867, he moved to Eaton to take charge of the First church. The church was blessed by a revival, in the midst of which the pastor was smitten down. In him, wisdom, benevolence, and modesty met. The Bible was the book from which he drew instruction and inspiration. His funeral sermon at Eaton was preached by Rev. J. Runnels. He was buried at Bristol.

Brown, Rev. A. C., son of Israel and Flora A. (Emery) Brown, was born at New Portland, Me., Jan. 13, 1859. He was converted in 1872, licensed in 1885, and was ordained June 29, 1887. He is pastor of the Vienna church and also serves the church at Week's Mills. In 1888 he took under his pastoral care the First Mt. Vernon church.

Brown, Rev. Daniel, died in Dayton, N. Y., Aug. 5, 1882, aged 69 years. At the age of twenty-one he professed religion, and united with the Hamburg, N. Y., church. Soon after his marriage to Miss Fanny Perham, in 1841, he moved to Boston, N. Y., and in 1848 to Dayton. He was ordained in 1860. His ministry was confined chiefly to the Cattaraugus and Erie Q. M's and was characterized by earnestness, fidelity and self-sacrifice.

Brown, Rev. Daniel, a native of Ontario, Can., was baptized by Rev. S. Griffith, and ordained in London, in 1845. After laboring in Ontario for a time, he moved to Lexington, Mich., and preached in the Oxford Q. M., with considerable success, and, in June 1867, settled as pastor of the Bruce church, where he remained until his death, Aug. 3, 1869, when 47 years of age.

Brown, Rev. D. D., of Tracy Creek, N. Y., is the son of Samuel and Nancy (Beagle) Brown, and was born at Fishkill, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1825. He married Elizabeth Green in 1846, and has seven children. He was brought to God in 1851, and ordained by the Methodists in 1859. He joined the Free Baptists in 1876, and has served the Apalachin, Owego, and Windham churches three years, the Jackson and Thompson church-

es four years, and the Fabius and Dryden churches two years,—all in the Susquehanna Y. M.

Brown, Rev. Ebenezer, after a pastorate of the First church at Wilton, Me., for many years, died March 19, 1838, after a short, distressing illness. He was excellent as a counselor, and zealous in his work for the Saviour.

Brown, Rev. Elias P., a native of Strafford, Vt., died in Amherst, O., Aug. 29, 1867, aged 75 years. He was converted in youth, and joined the Free Baptists in Bethany, N. Y., where his labors for the Master were blessed. Later he moved to Lorain County, O., where he was ordained Nov. 10, 1836, and continued to preach until called to his reward.

Brown, Rev. Floyd, son of William and Dolly (Pauley) Brown, was born in Boone County, W. Va., Oct. 24, 1834. In October, 1856, he was married to Nancy Brown, and to them have been born thirteen children, ten of whom are living. His conversion took place in 1867, and in 1870 he was granted a license to preach. He is now pastor of several churches in West Virginia.

Brown, Rev. Fredrick W. son of Rev. Windsor Brown, was born at Spafford, N.

severe mental conflict he devoted himself to missionary work in October, 1881. He commenced preaching the next month, and, in March following, went to Hillsdale College. His course of study was interrupted by sickness and lack of funds; but by great perseverance he continued in the line of duty and graduated from the Theological Course in June, 1888. He had preached for a time in Iowa (Clay and Pleasant Hill churches), and at various places in the vicinity of Hillsdale. He was ordained at Manchester, Mich., May 8, 1887, and on graduation became pastor of the church at Johnstown, Wis. Oct. 4, 1888, he received his appointment as a missionary; and he sailed immediately, taking up the work in the south part of the Balasore district. See *Mission in India*.

Brown, Henry, son of Philip, and a native of Virginia, was born in 1843, and married in 1878. He was converted in 1859; received license in 1886, and is ministering to the church in East St. Louis, Ill.

Brown, Rev. H. E., of Dallas, Tex., and son of Aaron Brown, was born at Jackson, Miss., Feb. 25, 1858. He was educated in his native city, and converted in 1879. The following year he was ordained; and he has since engaged in seven revivals, baptizing eighty-four converts and organizing four churches. He is at present pastor of the St. Paul Free Baptist church, and is also building the Randall Free Baptist church in Dallas, and is serving as state missionary. He married Annie Winn, Jan. 4, 1884, and two children bless their home.

Brown, Rev. Henry J., son of Eliphallet and Alice (Wiley) Brown, was born at Concord, N. H., July 18, 1835. After study in New Hampshire and western New York, he spent three years at Hillsdale College. Being converted in 1856, he received license to preach the following year, and was ordained in February, 1860. His pastorates have been at Virgil, Burlington, Sugar Grove, Cortland, and Kewanee, Ill., Honey Creek and Wau-pun, Wis., Fairbanks, Oelwein, South Hazleton, Toledo, Hillsboro, Utica, Agency City, Lockridge, and Le Mars, Ia. Many revivals have been held during



Rev. F. W. Brown.

Y., June 1, 1860. He was converted in 1874, and baptized by his father. After

his ministry, resulting in the conversion of several hundreds, and in the organization of three churches. Brother Brown has been prominently connected with the denominational and Home Mission work in Wisconsin and Iowa, and has served in the General Conference four terms. Sept. 18, 1859, he was married to Clara Plumb, his helpmeet in the work.

Brown, Rev. Joab, ordained in 182-, labored in Maine.

Brown, Rev. Jonathan, was born in Phippsburgh, Me., in 1772, and in childhood removed to Thomaston, where, at the age of twelve, he was converted and baptized. About the year 1805 he began to preach. He was ordained to the Free Baptist ministry in 1808. He was afflicted through much sickness in his family, but as far as possible, he prosecuted his holy calling. He died at his residence in Bowdoinham, Me., Sept. 10, 1850, after a brief illness, aged 78 years.

Brown, Rev. James E., a practicing physician of Rutland County, O., was ordained in 1822. A church was organized there at the same time. After some three years he lost the confidence of the brethren, and soon went into another denomination, the church becoming invisible for a time.

Brown, Rev. John W., a native of Mt. Desert, Me., died at Mine Creek, N. Y., April 29, 1880, aged 70 years. He married Miss Martha R. Ober when twenty-four years of age, and soon followed his father's family to New York. Here he joined the Free Baptists, and commenced a series of free meetings at Otselic, which resulted in a glorious revival. After four years he returned to Mt. Desert, where he was pastor twelve years, preaching also in other places. He then was pastor successively at Troy and Sullivan, Pa.; Veteran, N. Y., and Tuscarora; then for a time in the Union Q. M., of which he was clerk, his last pastorate being with the Cameron church, of the Tuscarora Q. M. Two sons were killed in battle, a third was wounded, and sickness and death came to his family, but in affliction he trusted God, and toiled on. He was useful in the work of the Lord.

Brown, Rev. J. J., son of Battman and Maria Brown, was born in Saline County, Mo., in 1846. He was converted in 1866, and the following year received a license. He was ordained in 1870, and during his ministry has been pastor of ten churches, baptizing about 200 converts. He is now pastor of three churches in the Marshall Q. M., Mo.

Brown, Rev. Levi H., son of Orrin and Louisa (Buxtone) Brown, was born in Millbury, Mass., Nov. 16, 1841. In May, 1865, he was married to Marion A. Jennison, and now has three children. In the winter of 1866 he was converted, and in June, 1887, he received ordination, having served as a licentiate two years. He is now ministering to several churches in the Sauk County Q. M., Wisconsin.

Brown, Rev. Nathaniel, was born in Strafford, Vt., in 1765, and after at least ten years' Christian experience, was ordained by the Strafford Association (later Q. M.) June 27, 1802. After six years' successful ministry in his native state, he visited New York. Returning to Vermont he disposed of his property, and the same year, 1808, moved to Bethany, west of Rochester, where he took up a large tract of land and built a saw-mill and a grist-mill. July 25, 1809, he organized the Bethany church, the first of the denomination west of the Genesee river, and remained its pastor until his death, a period of thirty-two years. To his influence, more than to any other one, is due the establishing of our churches in western New York. He was regarded the father of the Bethany (later Genesee) Q. M., and the Holland Purchase Y. M., at the organization of which he presided. He also assisted at the organization of the Ohio Y. M. He was a prominent member of the first General Conference, as well as of subsequent ones, and did much to shape the policy of those early years.

In 1839 he gave the Bethany church land for a meeting-house and a cemetery; and there his mortal remains rest beneath this simple inscription, "Rev. Nathaniel Brown; died Sept. 2, 1841, aged 76 years." No picture of him is extant. He was tall and spare, with a discerning

well balanced mind, but with no striking characteristics: a good man, widely known and esteemed, who loved the work of the Lord and was useful in it.

Brown, Rev. O. S., son of Luther and Hannah (Church) Brown, was born in Brookfield, N. Y., in 1814. He experienced the new birth in 1835, and was ordained in November, 1837, by Rev's Wm. Hunt, L. G. Gardner and others. The first four years of his ministry were spent with his home church, Unadilla Forks, and with the Sherburne, Brookfield, and First Columbus church. In 1845 he entered the Biblical school at Whites-town. His subsequent ministry was with the church at Pike Grove, Wis., 1847-52, at Big Foot Prairie, Ill., 1852-64, at Unadilla Forks, N. Y., 1866-68, at Veteran 1868-70, at Odessa 1870-75, at Pine Valley 1875-79, at Veteran 1879-86, when he entered upon the work at Scottsburg. In 1841 he was one of the representatives of the Free Communion Baptists to the General Conference at Topsham, Me., where was consummated their union with the Free Baptists, and he has always retained the respect of his brethren, being ever devoted in the work.

Brown, Rev. S. G., son of John and Susan (Griffin) Brown, of South Kingston, R. I., was born in Killingly, Conn., Oct. 24, 1821. At the age of four his parents moved with him to Rhode Island, where he has since lived. Converted at the age of fifteen, he did not like the sprinkling of the Methodists to whom his parents belonged, but was baptized later by Rev. Reuben Allen, and united with his branch Free Baptist church in the place. When the branch dissolved, he united with the Second church of West Greenwich. Here he was ordained in 1872, as assistant pastor by Rev's C. Shippee, C. Greene, G. W. Wallace and others. He has been active in Evangelistic work, also in Temperance, being chief officer in the Temple of Honor.

Brown, Rev. Thomas C., died in Foster, R. I., his native town, Feb. 5, 1884, aged seventy-eight years. He was converted when quite young, and united with the Foster and Killingly church at the time of its organization in 1824. He

early felt the call to preach and was known through western Rhode Island as the "Boy Preacher." He was ordained at West Scituate, Oct. 19, 1834, and became the first pastor of that church. The ordaining council were: Reuben Allen, Martin Cheney, M. W. Burlingame, Juni S. Mowry, and Daniel Williams. He preached also in Burrillville, Taunton, Mass., Waterford, and was for a time in Newport. In 1856 he went to Nova Scotia, and preached at Cape Sable Island and other places. During this tour of several years and in connection with the first three places mentioned above he records about two hundred and thirty-five baptisms. His preaching was hortatory. His devotion and sweet spirit drew around him many staunch and true friends, who always welcomed him with loving hearts and kind hospitality. He left a widow who had been truly joined with him, heart and hand, and a faithful help in all his work.

Brown, Rev. Windsor, son of John and Minerva (Edson) Brown, was born Feb. 15, 1833, in Colerain, Mass. He was converted in 1849, licensed in 1850, and from 1854 to 1856 attended Whites-town Seminary. His ordination took place in March, 1863. The following churches have had his pastoral care: Spafford, Baldwin, Summer Hill, West Oneonta, Otsego, N. Y., Sullivan and South Creek, Pa., and now Bedford, Mich. His labors in these fields resulted in revivals and many were converted. In 1871 he was delegate to the General Conference. He was married Dec. 10, 1857, to Julia E. Holmes. Of their three children two are living, the oldest being Rev. F. W. Brown.

Bruce, Rev. Heman, was ordained soon after 1820, and labored in New York.

Bruce, Rev. Joseph, was born in Springfield, Vt., Dec. 31, 1821. He was grandson of a Calvinistic Baptist preacher. He moved with his father in 1822 to Schroon, Essex County, N. Y. He felt God calling for his heart as early as eight, but yielded finally in 1838, uniting with the Methodists. Licensed by that body the year of his conversion, he saw fifteen converted in Chester and

thirty in Horicon. His license was renewed in 1840, and, till 1858, he continued to preach in different circuits in Vermont. Dissatisfied with the form of church government, and exercised on the question of slavery, he joined the F. B. in 1857, and in June, 1858, was ordained. During 1858 he preached over three hundred sermons, going from place to place on foot. About this time he moved to Bolton. In the spring of 1859 he served the church at South Bolton and organized a church at Trout Lake. In the fall of that year his labors at Fort Ann were blessed with a revival. He continued to preach, with failing health, till October 14, 1860, he preached his last sermon in Middlesex, Vt. He died Dec. 16, 1860, in his 40th year, after a ministry of twenty-two years.

Bryant, Rev. Amzi F., was born in Fayette City, Pa., Nov. 10, 1829. His parents were Abraham and Dorcas (Corwin) Bryant. He consecrated his life to God in 1856; began to preach the following year, and received ordination in 1863, at the hands of Rev. Jas. Calder and others. His pastorates have been at Latrobe and Jenner, Pa., Conneaut and Sheffield, O., Harrisburg, Pa., East Concord and Springville, N. Y., and Davison and Goodrich, Mich. He has also preached a few months at Lincoln, Neb. At Harrisburg, Pa., where he remained five years, the church was strengthened by the removal of its debt, as well as by additions. His baptisms number about three hundred. In July, 1850, he was married to Mary V. Crall, and in April, 1862, to Eliza S. Hunter. He has four children; the oldest are entering upon good positions in life.

Bryant, Rev. G. E. S., died in Dover, Me., Nov. 10, 1871, aged 53 years. At the age of fifteen, he became a Christian and joined the church. He was ordained about 1860, and licensed several years before. He was twelve years clerk of the Penobscot Y. M. He preached at Milo and other places. He had an excellent mind and was a good scholar, for a time he was a student in the Biblical School. His sermons were carefully prepared, were instructive, suggestive and plain. He was an acceptable

preacher till his health failed. He was very firm in his opinions, but careful in forming them. He was a radical supporter of reforms. In neighborly relations, he was kind and accommodating. He was very efficient in the business affairs of the churches. In him the churches and institutions of the denomination had a true friend and helper.

Bryant, Rev. John A., of Ft. Fairfield, Me., was born in New Vineyard, Me., Sept. 16, 1816. His parents were Rev. Elia Bryant (of the M. E. church) and Mahala (Pratt) Bryant. He was converted at the age of fifteen. He received license to preach June, 1855, and was ordained July, 1867. He has preached mostly as an evangelist, and to fill vacancies. He has organized and been pastor of four churches, and baptized twenty-five persons.

Bryant, Rev. Joseph, a native of Vermont, was converted at the age of twelve and ordained in Jackson, Pa., June 15, 1831. He labored principally within the limits of the Gibson Q. M. (Pa.), being pastor of the Jackson church sixteen years and connected with it much longer. He was also connected with the N. Sanford church, Walton Q. M., five years. He died at Sanford, Pa., April 29, 1864, aged 66 years. He was a good man, and great because he was good.

Bryant, Rev. O. W., a native of New Vineyard, Me., was converted when about nineteen years of age and went to reside in Illinois two years later. He joined the Baptist church, and later the Free Baptist, near Lamoille. Subsequently he moved to Four Mile Grove, where he was instrumental in raising a church. He was ordained at that place in August 1859, and remained a member until his death, Aug. 2, 1882, when 67 years of age. He labored zealously and successfully. He was faithful in his care of the widely separated churches, punctual at the general meetings, persistent in revival efforts, true in positions of public trust and active in moral enterprises.

Bryant, Rev. Royal W., of Milton Junction, Wis., was born Oct. 3, 1822. He was ordained by the Rock and Dane Q. M. in 1855, being connected with the

Rutland church. He was for some years pastor of the Waupun church of the Marquette (later Waupun) Q. M. For three years, 1862-65, he ministered to the church in Minneapolis, Minn., which was strengthened during his connection with it. He then returned to the Rock and Dane Q. M. where, after ministering to the Oakland and Bradford churches for some years, he retired from pastoral work because of ill health. He is a man of clear and effective speech, an excellent singer, the children's favorite. He has generously aided our institutions of learning and has now a high place in the esteem of a large circle of friends.

Bubar, Rev. F. H., son of Joseph and Isabel (Turner) Bubar, was born in Penioc, N. B., May 10, 1838. From his ninth year until his fortieth, he lived in Blaine, Me. He became a Christian at the age of eighteen. June 18, 1869, he was licensed, and March 13, 1870, he was ordained by Rev's J. P. Roberts, J. A. Bryant and others. His first pastorate was in Blaine, and continued seven years. Half of this time was given to the Bridgewater church, and special work was done at Mars Hill, where he organized a church. He next organized the Second Patten church, and was its pastor two years and a half. Since 1879 he has been pastor of the Linneus church. During the first four years of this pastorate, he gave half his time to the Second Hodgdon church, and during the last four years the same to the Littleton church. He had the care of the church at New Limerick also. In 1888 he relinquished the care of the latter church, and took again the Second Hodgdon. He has baptized 238 converts and aided in building three and repairing two houses of worship. He has been clerk of the Houlton Q. M. seven years, and has been a town officer. He married, July 4, 1862, Miss Joan Valley. He has nine children living.

Buffum, Rev. Obadiah B., son of James and Mary (Baker) Buffum, was born in Boston N. Y., Mar. 15, 1818. He married Ann E. Elmendorf in 1835, and Sarah A. Bailey in 1845. He joined the Boston church in 1834, was, with his wife, among the first members of the

Colden church, organized in 1840, and began to preach the following year. He preached to the Colden church and in the town until his ordination in 1853, after which he moved to Elma. His labors have been at Colden, Hamburg, Marilla, West Concord, West Falls, Cowlesville, Fulsondale and Elma, where he has enjoyed the Lord's blessing. Of his eight children, six are members of the Cowlesville church, and two, it is believed, are in the church above.

Bugbee, Rev. Abel, died in Burke, Vt., July 24, 1861, aged eighty-four years. He was born in 1777, and converted at the age of fifteen. He commenced a settlement in Burke in 1802. He began to preach about 1811, and in 1818 was ordained. He led an itinerant ministry for thirty years, visiting the neighboring towns. During the last eighteen years of his life, he attended on the ministry of others, preaching but little himself. The doctrine which he had believed and preached, sustained him richly in death.

Buker, Rev. Alvah J., of Bowdoin, Me., was born in Bowdoin, Me., Feb. 28, 1816. His parents were Samuel and Sally (Thompson) Buker. He became a Christian at the age of twenty-three, received license to preach about two years after, in 1841, and was ordained at Pittsfield by a council of the Waterville Q. M. in 1843. He has labored chiefly as an evangelist, in the region of the upper Kennebec, and has been several times a missionary of the Waterville, Q. M. In the spring of 1842, there was a good revival in Conson, under his labors. The next spring, he helped in the revival at Pittsfield, where many were converted. On the day of his ordination at that place, he baptized eighteen converts. A church was soon organized, of which he continued pastor several years. He soon after helped in the work in Clinton, out of which grew a church. In 1849, he represented his town in the Legislature. During the war of the Rebellion, while a resident of Somerset Mills, Fairfield, he became a member of the Christian Commission, and was stationed at Alexandria, Va. He afterwards lived at Moscow seven years, and then, about 1876,

returned to Bowdoin, where, fifteen months afterward, his wife died. He married, Dec. 28, 1842, Miss Hannah E. Curtis. Of six children three are living. He has continued to preach in destitute places, and is now pastor of the First church in Bowdoin. He testifies that the Good Shepherd tenderly watches over his sheep when they become old, and supplies their every need.

Bullman, Rev. Beverly H., was a successful preacher in the Tow River Association (see *Tennessee*), and, after twelve years' devoted service, passed to his reward Sept. 16, 1868, aged 46.

Bullock, Rev. Adam B., died April 14, 1848, aged 41 years. He was converted sixteen year before, attended Hamilton Theological Seminary, spent some time in teaching, and was ordained in 1841. He labored with the Canajoharie and the Ames churches, saw many additions, and was much respected. His gentleness of spirit endeared him to the people. His loss was deeply felt.

Bullock, Rev. Christopher, was born in Scituate, R. I., in 1761. His early religious associations were with the Six Principle Baptists. He was converted with them and baptized by Rev. Stephen Place. In 1795 he moved with his family to Royalston, Mass., where he united with the Baptist church and served it as clerk. While writing a copy of the church covenant he was led to inquire concerning the truth of the doctrine laid down. He heard of the doctrines of free grace advocated by Benjamin Randall, and from a sense of duty began preaching the same gospel. He was ordained at Richmond, N. H., in 1808 by Timothy Morse, Josiah Shepherd and others. In 1814 he removed to Limington, Me., where he preached for a season with success. He soon moved to Weeks' Corner at Parsonfield, and did excellent work in the evangelization of the town. His nine years' ministry in this place was closed in the spring of 1815 by the dropsy. John Buzzell preached the funeral sermon.

Bullock, R. v. George, son of William and Nancy (Heten) Bullock, was born in Ontario, Jan. 31, 1837. He was married July 28, 1861, to Sarah Aldrich.

He turned to God in 1873, received license in 1874, and was ordained in 1875. His work has been in Michigan and Iowa. He has assisted in organizing four church; his present pastorate is with the Clay and Delhi churches.

Bullock, Rev. Jeremiah, the son of Rev. Christopher Bullock, was born in Rhode Island. Soon after his conversion in October, 1810, he went to Limington, Me., and his preaching was blessed with many conversions, though opposition was great. In December, he with fourteen others was baptized, and the work continued till 180 were numbered among the converts. He was ordained in 1811. Nov. 27, 1824, he was appointed one of the directors of the Maine Free-will Baptist Charitable Society at its organization. He was one of the committee of twelve appointed at the Yearly Meeting at Parsonfield, Me., November, 1826, to consider the call of the demoniation for a General Conference.

Bumpus, Rev. E. S., was born in Lorraine, N. Y., in 1815, and converted at the age of fourteen. In July, 1839, he married Annette Sherly, and soon moved to Waterford, Pa., and thence to Ohio, where he joined the Pierpont church, and was ordained by the Ashtabula, Q. M. In 1853 he returned to Pennsylvania, and ministered to the Big Bend, Croton, Plumb, Canal and other churches, remaining with the Canal church nine years. His death occurred Jan. 23, 1880. He was a good man, generous and charitable. His preaching was plain, practical and earnest.

Bundy, Rev. Benjamin, a native of Connecticut, died in West Parishville, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1870, aged 74 years. He was converted in Randolph, Vt., and at the age of twenty-five married Miss Betsey Kibber. He soon began to preach and was ordained by Elders Kimball and Hall, in the town of Berkshire. He subsequently moved to Mooers, N. Y., where he organized a church and preached in the region round about. He did much to found the Lawrence Q. M., and his last thirteen years, lived in Parishville. He was held in universal esteemed. His wife, after two months, followed him to the better land.

Burbank, Rev. Porter S., was born in Newfield, Me., March 13, 1810. He was a brother of Rev. Samuel Burbank and the third of the family to enter the ministry. He was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1837, but took three years of his course in Waterville College, Me. He prepared for college at Limerick Academy and Parsonfield Seminary. Much self-reliance and courage were required in procuring his education. At the age of sixteen he was employed as an apprentice under William Burr in the *Morning Star* printing office at Limerick and helped set type for the first number of that paper. During the three years he worked there, he became possessed of an intense desire for an educa-



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tion. He was converted along with William Burr and Rev's M. M. Smart and S. Julian in a revival which occurred during this time. While fitting himself to teach, he felt the call to the ministry. He preached some while at Waterville College and was licensed by the Waterville Q. M. at Industry, in 1836. During his active ministry he probably taught a score of high schools. He loved teaching, but at the close of his three years as principal of Strafford Academy, N. H., he longed for the active work of the ministry. He was ordained at a session of the New Hampshire Y. M.,

June 13, 1840. He afterwards taught a few terms at Parsonfield Seminary. A call to take charge of Clinton Seminary, New York, afterward Whitestown Seminary, was declined. He was corresponding secretary of the Education Society six consecutive years, and its president eleven consecutive years; was frequently on its board, and often made chairman of committees on education at General Conferences. He was one of the committee that compiled the Psalmody. He was heartily interested in Temperance and Anti-slavery and the benevolent causes of the denomination, but especially in the *Morning Star*, with which he was a corresponding editor from 1833 to 1866. He held pastorates in Hampton, Deerfield, New Hampton, and Danville, N. H., and in West Buxton, and Limerick, Me. The average length of these pastorates was about five years and one was eleven years. His ministry was eminently successful. In almost every pastorate there was an extensive revival with many converts. Several efficient Free Baptist ministers were converted in these revivals. At the close of his last pastorate at Danville, N. H., he purchased a home in South Parsonfield, Me., where he spent the last ten years of his life. He supplied the church there one year and preached occasionally afterwards. He died July 21, 1883, aged 73 years, and was buried at Limerick. His wife, to whom he had been married forty-six years, with a daughter, survived him.

Burbank, Rev. Samuel, son of Samuel Burbank a native of Rowley, Mass., and Susanna (Graves) Burbank of Brentwood, N. H., was born in Brentwood, June 17, 1792. Two years later the family moved to Newfield, Me. Besides farming, his father occupied positions of prominence in the town and taught school. The son was the eldest of seven sons and six daughters, and was, consequently, engaged in youth in family employment. He was a studious lad, fond of books. At an early age he was qualified to teach school and he engaged in the employment so congenial to his mind. At the age of eighteen he attended South Berwick Academy a term, and before he

was twenty-one, he had taken an entire course in astronomy under Dudley Leavitt, a noted mathematician of New Hampshire. A remarkable revival occurred at Newfield in 1814, in which 150 were converted under Rev. John Whitney. On July 16th, the interest spreading among the scholars reached the teacher's heart. The Bible became his chief book. He was baptized by Rev. J. Buzzell, September 16th. He began to preach the Word, and so acceptable was his ministrations that he was ordained as pastor of the Free Baptist church at Newfield, Sept. 16, 1816, at the age of twenty-four. For about ten years he held this relation, though he engaged somewhat in itinerant preaching in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Canada. He did not have what is known as a revival gift; he was an excellent pastor, and was instructive and fresh in his sermons. In 1822 he married Nancy, the daughter of Deacon Joseph Drew of Newfield. He originated the plan of the FREEWILL BAPTIST REGISTER and published it at his own risk for a number of years. ("Some nine years," P. S. Burbank states; 1825, 1828, 1831, 1832 are copies at hand.) In 1833 he relinquished the copyright to the General Conference. In 1825, when the company for publishing the *Morning Star* was organized, he, being appointed junior editor, moved to Limerick, where the last twenty years of his life were mostly spent. For three years after its publication he was its agent; he was one of its editors for seven years; indeed, he was connected with the paper in some capacity till 1838. In 1826 he was one of the committee of twelve to which the Y. M. at Parsonfield submitted the proposition concerning the establishment of the General Conference. He was a member of the First General Conference held at Tunbridge, Vt., Oct. 11, 1827, and was also a delegate to the three following. He continued to hold civic positions and places of trust in the community for the last fifteen years of life. He ministered unto the small churches in his vicinity. He was frequent in his attendance at Q. and Y. M's. He had a deep interest in the progress of his denomination and was earnest in the great moral subjects

that were uppermost. He was excellent in counsel, and constant in maintaining the family altar. After a short, severe illness of only two weeks he died Sept. 24, 1845, aged 53 years.

Burch, Rev. Chaney, died at Greenfield, Pa., March 21, 1878, aged 74 years. He was born in Warren, N. Y., and converted at Westfield. Moving to North East, Pa., about 1848, he soon became pastor of the church, a relation which he sustained many years. He was ordained about 1856, and preached also a part of the time to the churches at Waterford, French Creek, and Greenfield. A kind man of good ability, he was made happy by seeing many brought to Christ. A wide circle of friends mourned at his death.

Bureau, The Woman's Educational, at Ocean Park, Me., was preceded by a Woman's Convention in connection with the regular summer meetings at Ocean Park, which led to a consciousness of the need of some society for carrying on woman's work at the Park. The first of these meetings was held in 1881, and was under the control of a committee of ladies appointed by the Convention committee of the Association.

The Bureau was organized in August, 1885, and at once took charge of the Woman's Convention, which is still a feature of the summer program. These meetings are devoted to woman's work and home needs, including missions, home living, hygiene, temperance, woman's relation to the state, etc. The society has had in charge two departments of Sunday-school normal work, primary and intermediate, besides normal classes for missionary study. After a time the growing needs of the work called for class and reception rooms. Through generous contributions, a building at the Park was purchased, and named the Curtis Home, in memory of the wife of the largest donor, Rev. Silas Curtis. In 1888 an act of incorporation was procured, and the name changed to the Educational Bureau of Ocean Park. Mrs. C. E. Dexter, the first president of the society, died on the morning of the day it was reorganized, and Mrs. E. W. Porter now fills the chair. Mrs.

N. A. Avery is Recording Secretary, and Mrs. J. C. Osgood is Treasurer.

The Bureau is educational in character and broad in its scope, as is set forth in its constitution: "Its object shall be to promote a knowledge of, and obedience to, physical, mental, and spiritual laws, that Christ may be formed *within* for one's own and others' sake."

Burgess, Rev. Gideon A., son of Albert Williams and Mary B. (Williams) Burgess, was born in Providence, R. I., May 29, 1854. He was descended through both parents from Roger Williams, and by paternal descent from Rev. Samuel Winsor, father and son, who held the pastorate of the First Bap-

Having been licensed by the Rhode Island Association in 1878, he was ordained at Greenville, R. I., as pastor of the First Smithfield church, Nov. 22, 1882, the Rev. J. Mariner preaching the sermon. He has baptized forty, solemnized thirty-seven marriages, and attended 111 funerals. He was Secretary of the Rhode Island Sunday-School Union from 1883, resigning the office to assume the pastorate of the First church in Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 1, 1889. He has been Corresponding Secretary of the F. B. Education Society since 1886. He was chosen state agent for the Church Extension fund, and a member of the Minnesota State Mission Board in 1889. He is one of the editors of the Free Baptist Cyclopædia published in 1889. He married Jan. 1, 1884, Miss Emma A., daughter of Simon S. Steere, of Greenville, R. I., and has one son.

Burgess, Rev. Joseph S., son of Silas and Lucy (Stone) Burgess, was born in Williamsburg, Mass., Aug. 15, 1814. He spent 1834-36 in study at Shelburne Falls Academy, Mass. After teaching for eight years, he entered the law office of Mr. Alexander, of Princeton, N. J. While in Boston in the summer of 1845, he was thoroughly converted, and being obedient to the call, he entered Whitestown Seminary, N. Y., and began to study for the ministry. Here he was baptized by Prof. John Fullonton, uniting with the Seminary church. Completing the two years' course of study in one, he accepted the pastorate of the church at West Waterville, Me., where the second year sixty persons professed faith in Christ. Oct. 17, 1848, he married Laura A. Gage. After two years he entered upon a twelve years' pastorate with the First church at Lewiston. Revivals were frequent and extensive: 443 were added to the membership, and the present house of worship was erected. The church in Auburn was formed mostly out of this membership, and the Maine State Seminary had its birth, financial struggle into success, and freedom from debt, while he was pastor here. The church at Haverhill, Mass., had just been organized and had purchased a house of worship from the



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tist church, Providence, 1732-71. He graduated from the Providence High School in 1874, Brown University in 1878, and Bates Theological Seminary in 1881. Converted Oct. 6, 1872, he was baptized by Rev. J. Mariner in January, 1873, uniting with the Greenwich Street church. He was superintendent of the Sunday-school of that church 1876-78. He supplied Arlington Mission five months, from March, 1878. While in the Theological Seminary he was a stated supply at Monmouth, Lisbon, Lisbon Falls, and Richmond. He spent long vacations with the churches at Hancock, Me., and Lawrence, Mass.

Congregationalists, which was mortgaged for \$5,000. He accepted a call to this encumbered interest, and notwithstanding the depleting of the church (by enlisting for the Civil War), partly through the personal solicitation of the pastor among the churches in New England, at the end of two years the oppressive debt was

means large, for the benevolent purposes of the denomination, \$1,750; he has added not less than a thousand to the membership of the churches. He has been four times elected to General Conference, and was Vice-President of the session at Providence, R. I., in 1874. He was Superintendent of Public Schools at Lewiston, Me., on the School Board at Bangor. He was a Trustee of Maine State Seminary during its existence; has been an Overseer of Bates College for twenty years and President of the Board eight years; has been a Trustee of Maine Central Institute for eighteen years. He died at his home at Waterbury, Conn., after a brief illness, Feb. 28, 1888, widely respected and beloved. His remains were carried to Lewiston, Me., where, with fitting services, expressive of appreciation and love, he was tenderly laid to rest in "God's Acre."

Burgin, Rev. John W., son of Hall and Sarah (Copp) Burgin, was born in Washington, Vt., Dec. 10, 1843. He studied at New Hampton Institution and at Bates Theological Seminary. He was



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paid. Next, during a pastorate of three years at Bangor, Me., a debt of \$2,700 on the meeting-house was paid. After a term of three years as assistant pastor under Rev. Dr. Calder, at Harrisburg, Pa., he became pastor of the new interest forming in Lewiston in a hall. During the next seven years three extensive revivals were enjoyed, in which 200 persons were gathered in, the Pine Street church was organized, and a suitable house of worship was erected. Meanwhile he became one of the charter members of Bates College at its incorporation and permanent establishment. He became Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Society, and spent nearly three years in assisting needy interests at Lynn, Mass., St. Johnsbury, Vt., Dexter, Me., Worcester and Boston, Mass. For five years he has supplied churches of several denominations in Waterbury, Conn., and vicinity. During a ministry of about forty years he has contributed, out of a salary by no



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converted in 1859, and licensed in January, 1866. In June, 1870, he was ordained by the Huntington Q. M. He has been pastor at Lincoln, Vt., Waterbury River and Centre, Warren, Starks-

borough, and Middlesex, in all of which places a good interest has been enjoyed. In all, forty-one have been baptized. In 1888 he became pastor at Enosburgh, Vt. He is a corporator and trustee of Green Mountain Seminary, and is clerk of the Huntington Q. M., and Y. M. President. He married Jan. 28, 1870, Vina L. Dickey and they have two children.

Burkholder, Rev. Thomas Wesley, son of Christian Wahl and Jane (Allinder) Burkholder, was born at St. Thomas, Pa., in 1850. He was converted in January, 1867, and received license to preach the same year. He studied for a time in Hillsdale College, and graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1874 and from Crozer Theological Seminary in 1878. He received ordination Oct. 28, 1877, and was for a time pastor of the First church, Harrisburg, Pa. In October, 1878, he sailed as a missionary to India, and was located at Bhimpore, where he has rendered efficient service (see *Mission in India*) among the Santals.



Rev. T. W. Burkholder.

Nov. 18, 1879, he was married to **Miss Julia E. Phillips**, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Phillips. She was born at Jellalore, India, June 5, 1845, and received baptism at Whitestown, N. Y., March 8, 1857. After study at Prairie City, Ill., and at Hillsdale College, Mich., she was appointed a missionary

and sailed for India in December, 1864, reaching Calcutta June 21, 1865. She was located at Midnapore, where her labors were very helpful (see *Mission in India*). After a vacation in America, 1875-78, she continued her work at



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Midnapore until her marriage, since which her time has been given to the Santal work. The home at Bhimpore is cheered by three children, and one has gone above.

Burlingame, Mrs. Emeline S., daughter of Wellington and Celeste A. Aldrich, was born in Smithfield, R. I., Sept. 22, 1836. She was educated in the schools of Providence, graduating from the High School at the age of fifteen, and subsequently taking a year's course in the Normal School. After teaching five years, she was married in November, 1859, to Luther R. Burlingame and removed to Wellsborough, Pa., where her husband was principal of an academy. She subsequently lived six years in Whitesboro', N. Y., where her husband taught in the Seminary, and six years in Dover, N. H., while her husband was agent for the F. B. Printing Establishment, returning to Providence in 1874. At the age of fifteen she began a Christian life, was baptized by Eli Noyes, D. D., and united with the Roger Williams church in Providence, since which time she has

been closely identified with the interests of the denomination. On the organization of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society, in 1873, she was elected its president, which position she filled until elected editor of the *Missionary Helper* in 1886. While living in Dover, she had for several years editorial care of *The Myrtle*, under supervision of Dr. Day, and, at his request, contributed regularly to the *Little Star*, under the pseudonym, "Aunt Stomly," while in the *Myrtle* for articles not editorial, her *nom de plume* was "Cousin Emeline." She was also a contributor to the *Morning Star* for several years.



Mrs. E. S. Burlingame.

In 1879 she was elected corresponding secretary and organizer for the Rhode Island W. C. T. U., and president of the same in 1884. To the advancement of this work she has given her best energies, speaking and planning constantly in its interests. Her addresses have been given from pulpits of nearly all denominations, before religious conferences, legislative committees, Sunday-schools, day schools, at camp-meetings, and wherever the people could be reached. In the securing of a prohibitory amendment to the constitution of Rhode Island, the W. C. T. U. was the acknowledged leader, and to this work Mrs. Burlingame bent the concentrated energy of her life, continuing with equal vigor the

struggle for the retention of the amendment when attacked by the combined powers of the liquor traffic. In 1889 she was delegate to General Conference from the Rhode Island Association. She is the mother of five children, three of whom await her in heaven. Her home is in Pawtuxet, R. I.

Burlingame, Luther B., son of Stephen and Susan Burlingame, was born in Deerfield, Pa., Sept. 1, 1829. He graduated from Brown University in 1857, after teaching in various places during his preparatory course. He subsequently taught in Tioga County, Pa., and in Whitestown Seminary. At the latter place he used his best endeavors to save the school to the denomination and to strengthen the church connected with it. In 1867 he succeeded William Burr as agent of the F. B. Printing Establishment, which position he retained six years. During this time the quarters occupied were greatly enlarged and facilities improved. Removing to Providence in 1874, he edited and published there a temperance paper, *Town and Country*, until failing health obliged him to relinquish it and turn to agricultural pursuits. In 1859 he married Emeline S. Aldrich and five children were born to them. He was for several years superintendent of Sabbath-schools in Dover and Providence.

Burlingame, Rev. Maxcy W., died in Georgiaville, R. I., March 4, 1879, aged 73 years. He was born in Gloucester, R. I., May 4, 1805. He was the youngest of ten children of Stephen and Abigail Burlingame. His father was a farmer of respectable standing, and both his parents were Christians. He could not remember the time when he was not accustomed to pray. During his childhood he often wished he might participate in a revival of religion. At the ages of nine, twelve, fifteen and nineteen he more especially felt the importance of religion. At the age of nineteen he made a public profession, was baptized by Rev. Joseph White in September, 1825, and united with the church in Gloucester. He now became sensible that he must have experienced religion when but a child. The impressions in regard to preaching were re-

newed with increased power, and though his diffident and sensitive spirit sought to stifle them, at length an abiding and increasing sense of duty lead him to consecrate himself to the work of the ministry. He attended a Grammar School for some time in Killingly, Conn., and afterward the Wilbraham Academy. At the latter place he had the society of a number who were preparing for the ministry. In May, 1828, he received license to preach from the Rhode Island Q. M. His family then moved to Deerfield, Pa., where he taught and preached. Conversions resulted, and a church was organized. He returned to Rhode Island in the spring of 1829 and preached through the summer to several churches.



Rev. M. W. Burlingame.

He was ordained at Chepachet, September 10. January 28, 1830, he was married to Miss Harriet Winsor, of Gloucester, who, with a daughter, survived him. Soon after, he began to preach at Chepachet and Blackstone, Mass., regularly, and fifth Sundays at Burrillville for a time. He soon dropped the latter appointment. Revivals occurred at the other places and considerable additions to the churches. In the summer and autumn of 1834 he preached a part of the time at Pautucket with success. In the following winter he took charge of a school in Georgiaville, which had been broken up.

He succeeded in the school. A revival resulted from his labors which induced him to move there in the spring of 1835. A church was soon organized and during the two years that he was pastor about fifty persons were baptized, among them his wife. Two of the earlier members became ministers. He had continued to preach at Blackstone, Mass., a part of the time, and now, in 1837, moved there and devoted all his time to that interest. He labored there in all over sixteen years. About 550 persons were received into the church. After four years a new house of worship was built. He also preached occasionally at Saundersville, in Grafton, Mass., and was instrumental in the organization of a church there—afterward the Farnumsville church. He left there in 1846. The next three years he preached at Greenville and then at Chepachet. After a short time at Gilford Village, N. H., he settled at New Market, N. H. Other pastorates were in Danville, N. H., and Topsam, Me. He preached also in North Berwick, New Gloucester and Cornish, Me., at West Scituate, R. I., and East Killingly, Conn. About nine years before his death he returned to Georgiaville. He served as pastor there four years, and preached also at Tiverton and Carolina Mills, R. I., and Westford, Conn. He was more than fifty years in the ministry. At his death no Free Baptist minister in Rhode Island had performed more service than he. He promoted missions, education and reform. From 1844 to 1859 he was a corporator of the Printing Establishment. He was efficient in originating the Smithville Seminary. He was a member of several General Conferences. His usefulness was not from superior intellect or talent in preaching, though he was above the average, but from loyalty to Christ and sympathy for men. He was very sensitive, but as tender toward others as he would have others be to him. His overflowing sympathies were governed by discretion. Ten ministers participated in his memorial service at Georgiaville, and five others were present.

Burnam, Rev Asa, was converted in Nottingham, N. H., at the age of fifteen,

and five years later began to preach in the same state. He soon went into eastern Maine, where in 1811 he married Miss Hannah Harvey. He was ordained in 1819. He settled in Sebec, Me., about 1820, receiving a part of the ministerial land belonging to that town. Here during a ministry of twenty years he saw many revivals of religion. For three or four years he preached in Mountville, where the churches were built up. He removed to Garland, where the affairs of a widowed daughter required his aid, preaching half the time with the church at Exeter. After three years here, he was stricken down suddenly in the midst of a hard day's work and expired immediately. He was a firm Christian. His sermons were practical and instructive. He died Aug. 9, 1852, aged 63 years the day of his decease.

Burnham, Rev. Jesse, was born in Lee, N. H., in 1778, and converted in early life. In 1806, he moved to Sebec, Me., where he was ordained in 1808, and aided in gathering the Sebec Q. M. In 1840, he settled in Janesville, Wis., where he organized the Prairie du Sac church in 1841, being the second Free-will Baptist minister to settle in the state. He assisted in organizing the Honey Creek Q. M., and the Wisconsin Y. M., and did good service as a pioneer on the prairies of Wisconsin and northern Illinois. He was permitted to labor many years, and passed to his reward Dec. 5, 1863, being then in the 86th year of his age.

Burns, Rev. W. C., son of James A. and Mary A. (Stanfield) Burns, was born in 1854, and experienced the new birth in 1868. He was ordained in 1880, and has ministered to the churches at Paw Paw, Mich., and Fairport, N. Y. He has baptized thirty-five converts during his ministry; has been active in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and served as instructor in history at Oak Park Seminary, Paw Paw, Mich. Sept. 9, 1885, he married Miss Alice M. Collins. His education was received at Hillsdale College and Theological School; and he is now pursuing a post-graduate course at Auburn Theological Seminary, New York.

Burr, Rev. David C., of Auburn, Me., was born in Litchfield, Me., March 30, 1823. His parents were David C. and Catharine (Fuller) Burr. He was converted at the age of twenty-four. He was a student in Monmouth Academy. License to preach was granted him January, 1857, and January, 1858, he was ordained by Rev's A. Rollins, M. W. Burlingame, Dexter Waterman, and A. W. Purrington of the Bowdoin Q. M. He held pastorates in Pownal, Freeport, Harpswell, Orr's Island, Westport, Brunswick, Second Poland, Parker's Head, and Georgetown. His last pastorate he resigned on account of deafness, but has since been supplying the West Danville church. His shortest pastorate being two years, and longest, five. In some of his pastorates he had two churches. In all he had conversions; while in Pownal and Brunswick there were extensive revivals. He has no record of baptisms. During his early ministry, he mainly supported himself, but for the last twelve years, has been wholly supported by the churches. He was married May 30, 1843, to Miss Jane B. Metcalf. They have four children.

Burr, William, was born in Hingham, Mass., June 22, 1806. He was the son of Theophilus and Sarah (Waters) Burr, and was the seventh of ten children. He was a descendant of Rev. Jonathan Burr, of Dorchester, Mass., a distinguished Puritan. He attended school and assisted on the farm until he was fifteen years old. His parents were Unitarians, and were strict in their religious observances and in training their children. He was deeply impressed at the death of a brother, when about eleven years old, and decided to give himself to the Lord. He was helped to this decision by a relative, a Free Baptist minister who was visiting with the family. In his sixteenth year he worked for a while at house-arpentering, under an elder brother residing in Boston, and a few weeks at an umbrella manufactory. But he had long desired to learn the printer's trade, and he entered the office of George Clark. For two years he received only his board and a pair of shoes. He entered the office of John Frost, one of the

largest and best offices in Boston, and remained there till July, 1825, when his employer demanded that he should toil in correcting proof far into the night. A disagreement arose, and the employer informed him that, unless he went to work unconditionally, he would prevent him obtaining employment in any other office of the city. July 9, 1825. Mr. Burr visited Providence, and failing of employment was contemplating going to sea. Becoming acquainted with a journeyman, he obtained employment in the offices of the *Patriot* and of Brown & Carlisle until December. About this time, Mr. Parmenter, a Providence printer, having been engaged to take charge of the printing of the *Traveller*, just



William Burr.

starting in Boston, invited Burr to take a situation under him. Burr accepted. In February, 1826, Rev's Samuel Burbank and Henry Hobbs came to Boston to purchase apparatus for printing the *Morning Star*. They had a letter of introduction to Mr. Badger, the editor of *Zion's Herald*, and a brother of Mr. Badger who printed the *Traveller*. Mr. Parmenter of the *Traveller* was recommended to Burbank & Hobbs as a competent man to assist them in their purchases. Mr. Parmenter strongly recommended Wm. Burr as a man competent to take charge of their printing in

Limerick, Me. In Boston, Burr dreaded the persecution of Mr. Frost, his old employer, and he decided to go to Limerick for a year until he had attained his majority, when he could return to Boston for employment without fear of interruption.

April 6, 1826, he took passage for Portland on board a packet. Safe in Portland, he found a seat in the mail wagon, and later he rode in a sleigh. He boarded in the family of Rev. Elias Libby for two years. In the office he found incompetent appliances, but by a carpenter's assistance and by the aid of two lads (one later Rev. P. S. Burbank), on May 11, 1826, the first number of the *Morning Star* was set, printed and issued. In Boston and Providence he had attended largely Unitarian churches. He followed the world in vain pleasure. In Limerick he found himself in a different atmosphere. He soon, in May, attended a Q. M. in the village, and heard John Buzzell preach on the necessity of a new birth. He was almost persuaded to yield his heart to Christ, but still he delayed. A few months before the close of his second year's engagement, he was waited on by the proprietors, and urgently solicited to engage for another year. But he declined, as he contemplated returning to Boston, and another printer was appointed to succeed him at the end of the term. But Clement Phinney visited Limerick in the service of his Master. The arrow which the good man feathered struck fast in young Burr's heart.

The Rev. J. G. Pike sent a copy of his "Persuasives to Early Piety," then just issued, to the *Star* office. This Burr seized eagerly upon and read. His heart was melted, and in the prayer-meeting on Sabbath evening, in February, 1828, at a private house, he first publicly acknowledged his need of Christ, and requested an interest in the prayers of God's people. With two other young men, on the Saturday evening previous, he had met in the *Star* office for mutual prayer and solemn covenant. This meeting at the *Star* office was afterwards kept up one evening a week for months. Many young men attended, until twenty-five professed faith in Christ. Of this

number, seven or eight subsequently became ministers of the Gospel. In October, 1828, Burr was baptized and united with the Limerick church. He readily became the permanent publisher of the *Star*, and devoted to it, for over thirty-five years, the ripe, practical experience which has made the paper a permanent and profitable undertaking. He has also been most useful in all the denominational enterprises where careful business ability has been needed.

In the year 1830 he wrote an article in the *Star* calling attention to the importance of a denominational Book Establishment. He afterwards employed Mr. Sam'l Beede to write a series of articles in the *Star* on the same subject. These articles attracted the attention of Rev. David Marks and others, and resulted in the establishment of the "Book Concern," by General Conference at Wilton, Me., in October, 1831. At the General Conference in Meredith, N. H., in October, 1832, Mr. Marks as Book agent was instructed to purchase the *Morning Star*. Some of the proprietors objected to selling, but Mr. Burr, holding nearly three-fourths of it, decided in favor of disposing of it to the denomination, and it accordingly passed into their hands. Mr. Burr was continued as its financial agent and acting office editor.

A long pay day was given, and it was ultimately paid from the profits arising from its publication, without the contribution of a single dollar from any other source. At the resignation of David Marks as agent for the "Book Concern," a board of trustees was appointed to administer the affairs, of whom Wm. Burr was one. The establishment was, at this time, \$6,000 in debt. Many of the board gave their private bonds, and the sum of \$2,750 was raised by this security. One of those who had signed the bond became uneasy. He demanded that the board be again convened, and that his name be stricken from the securities. Wm. Burr gave to the person mentioned his own private bond, assuming all his liabilities in addition to his own. The loan of \$2,750 together with all the other liabilities of the Establishment were paid from the proceeds, and at the General Conference, held at

Maineville, Ohio, in October, 1856, the sum of \$21,006.71 had been appropriated to the benevolent work of the denomination, and the assets were then estimated at \$43,129.77. Pressed down with the weight of poverty, for many years refused the act of incorporation by the State Legislature of New Hampshire, on account of its attitude on the subject of slavery, the *Morning Star*, under Mr. Burr, yet took a manly attitude and boldly voiced the truth for God and his people, and God weaved for him the crown of triumph, and in the presence of all placed it upon his brow. He took an active part in the organization of the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, and Education Societies. He was the treasurer, and a member of the executive committee of the Home Mission Society, treasurer of the Education Society, and a member of the executive committee of the Foreign Mission Society, from their commencement till his death. He was a member of the executive committee of the Education Society for several years after its organization; and was made treasurer of the Foreign Mission Society in 1837. He was a delegate of the tenth General Conference, held at Conneaut, Ohio, in 1839, and was chosen secretary *pro tem*. He was editor of the *Morning Star*, thirty-two years, and a publisher thirty-one years. He died in Dover, N. H., Nov. 5, 1866, aged 60 years.

Seized with apoplexy while occupying his accustomed seat in the prayer meeting on Sunday evening, he was without premonition ushered into the presence of God. His service for his denomination has been long and conspicuously useful. He was a true friend and earnest Christian. His remains rest in the cemetery close by those of Hutchins, his beloved pastor and co-laborer. In 1828, he married Miss Frances McDonald, of Limerick, who survived him with three children.

Burrell, Rev. John E., was born in Fincastle, Va., his parents being Lewis and Matilda (James) Burrell. August, 1869, he was married to Miss C. Franklin. Having given himself to God in 1864, he received a license to preach in 1868, and the same year was ordained by the

Freewill Baptists. He attended the Normal School at Harper's Ferry; has had four charges, and is now pastor of the Baltimore church, Maryland.

Burton, Rev. William, was ordained in 1814, and labored in western New York, where he was associated with Brown, Folsom, and R. Cheney, and assisted in ordaining H. Jenkins.

Bush, Rev. Samuel, died in Edgecomb, Me., his native town, May 30, 1875, aged 78 years. He was born April 15, 1797. When twenty-six years of age he was married. He followed the sea four years, and then settled at Montville, where at the age of thirty-eight he was converted and united with the church. He soon moved to Pittston and united with the Whitefield church, with which he began to labor in 1839. He was licensed by the Edgecomb Q. M. He was ordained in the Whitefield church by John Stevens and others. He afterward labored in several other towns. His work was prospered and sinners were converted. In 1859, he was a member of the Clinton church, and was employed by the Waterville Q. M. as a missionary. He preached in Clinton, Smithfield, Stark, Mercer, and Belgrade with good success. As a preacher he was plain and pointed. He was a kind neighbor, a patriotic citizen, and respected by all who knew him.

Butler, Rev. Elias M., of Arbela, Mich., was born in Tioga County, N. Y., in 1851. In 1872 he was married to Augusta Parish, and has three children. He attended school in Saginaw, Mich.; was converted in 1867; received license ten years later, and was ordained in 1881, by Rev's S. A. Currier, N. H. Farr, and others. His pastorates have been in the Genesee Q. M., Mich., with the Arbela, Reese and Birch Run churches. He has conducted several revivals and baptized forty-three converts.

Butler, Rev. F— H., son of Amos and Mary (Sargent) Butler, was born in Plymouth, Vt., Feb. 4, 1840. Converted in 1856, he was licensed May 14, 1870, and ordained Dec. 12, 1875, by Rev's I. B. Coleman, E. B. Collins, J. B. Randall, W. H. Fonerden, of the Rensselaer Q. M. He has held pastorates at Stratton,

Vt., at Franklin, N. Y., Concord, Vt., and since 1887 at Waterbury River, Vt. In the first two pastorates twenty-two were baptized. He was superintendent of schools in Stratton. He was married, Feb. 4, 1868, to Miss Angelina T. Johnson, and six children bless their union.

Butler, Prof. John J., D. D., son of Nathan and Adah (Chick) Butler, was born in Berwick, Me., April 9, 1814. Preparing for college at Berwick Academy and Parsonfield Seminary, he entered Bowdoin College, Maine, in 1834. In 1837 he graduated in a class of forty-one, and three years later gave the oration for the second degree. The year of his graduation from college he became assistant to Hosea Quinby in Parsonfield Semi-



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nary. In 1838-39 he had charge of Farmington Academy, Me., with 150 students. He entered Andover Theological Seminary in 1839. In 1841 he became principal of Clinton Seminary, N. Y. Here he continued two years with 200 students. Then returning to Andover he graduated in 1844. The same year the Free Baptist Biblical School was united with Whitestown Seminary, N. Y., and he was appointed one of the faculty. In 1854 the department was removed and united with the New Hampton Institution, and he was continued as professor of Systematic Theology. Here

he remained sixteen years, during which time his volume of Theology was published, and two volumes of Commentaries on the New Testament. In 1870 the Theological School at New Hampton gave place to the Theological Department at Bates College, Lewiston, Me., now Cobb Divinity School, and he continued in the same line of instruction.

In 1873 he removed from Lewiston, Me., to Hillsdale, Mich., and became professor of Sacred Literature in Hillsdale College, which position he held till 1883, when, in the seventieth year of his life and the fortieth of his theological teachings, he resigned.

In 1829 he joined the Free Baptist church at Great Falls, N. H. He was licensed to preach in 1844, and ordained in 1845. He preached frequently, and supplied churches for a time, but never had a pastorate. In 1849 he received from Hamilton College the honorary degree of A. M., and that of D. D. from Bowdoin College in 1850. Owing to impaired health, a vacation for one year was granted him in 1857, most of which he spent among the interesting scenes and chief cities of Europe. In 1834 he became an editorial contributor to *The Morning Star*, and still holds the position.

Professor Butler was married in 1844, to Miss Elizabeth Everett, lady principal of Clinton Seminary, daughter of Rev. R. Everett, D. D. She died in 1877. They had three children. The eldest a son, J. H. Butler, is now pastor of a church in Phoenix, N. Y. The second, Lizzie L., married Frank Sands, of Lewiston, Me. The third, Hattie E., married H. B. Putnam, now pastor of a church in Franklin, Mich. Professor Butler is still engaged in writing, is treasurer of the Western Education Society, devoted to the interest of those preparing for the gospel ministry.

Butler, Rev. Oliver, son of Nathan and Adah (Chick) Butler, was born at Berwick, Me., Feb. 25, 1809. He studied with a tutor and at Parsonfield Seminary in theology in 1843. Converted in 1828, he was licensed in June, 1840, and ordained Jan. 28, 1842, at Great Falls, N. H., by a council from the

Rockingham Q. M., with Rev. Silas Curtis as chairman. His first pastorate was at Effingham Falls, where he organized a church and built a meeting-house, adding, during fourteen years, about 100 to the membership. He added thirty-five during a pastorate of one year at Middleton. He was pastor two years at Wolborough, three at East Andover, and one at Parker's Head, Me. In a pastorate of twelve years at Meredith Centre, N. H., a hundred were baptized. He was pastor at Buxton, Me., three years, and at Lyman one year. He went into the publishing business in 1872, but continued preaching until 1880. When enfeebled by disease he moved to Chelsea, Mass., where he has served three years in a Baptist city mission. At present, at the age of nearly eighty, he has retired from active service. He has been three years a member of the Home Mission Board, and a member of General Conference at Sutton, Vt., in 1847, and Lowell, Mass., in 1859. Jan. 30, 1830, he married Miriam S. Watson, and one of their two living children is John E. Butler, graduate of Bowdoin College, for years publisher of the *Biddeford Journal*, member of the Maine Legislature, two years president of the Senate, and at present attorney-at-law in Boston, Mass.

Butler, Rev. Selden, son of Allen and Susannah (Borden) Butler, was born in Rochester, Vt., July 15, 1806. He married Miss Lucretia Dartt, June 15, 1834, and nine of their children live to bless the world. Brother Butler was converted when about thirteen years of age. He received license in 1841, and was ordained in February, 1843, Rev. Wm. Mack and others serving on the council. His ministry from the first has been in one vicinity, commencing in the Bradford, and continuing in the Bradford and Tioga (now Tioga) Q. M. Some of the time this Q. M. has been largely under his care. He has conducted many revivals, baptized three hundred and fifty converts and organized six churches. During his ministry there have been many changes, and now at its close, the churches appear in condition for more permanent growth. His death occurred Oct. 19, 1888.

Butts, Miss Ella May, daughter of Rev. E. H. and Delphina P. (Tripp) Butts, was born at New Portland, Me., Feb. 22, 1852, and experienced the new birth in the spring of 1870. She was graduated from the High School, Lewiston, Me., in the class of 1869, and studied in Germany and Switzerland 1873-75. She was teacher of French and German in the New Hampton Literary Institution from 1875 to 1886, and preceptress the last three years. Having accepted an appointment from the Woman's Missionary Society as missionary to India, she sailed in October, 1886, and is located at Midnapore, India, where she is appointed to teach in the Bible School. Already she has entered upon her work with great success.

Butts Rev. Emery H., was born in New Portland, Me., Sept. 26, 1827. His parents were John and Abigail (Hutchins) Butts. He was married April 27, 1851, to Miss Delphina P. Tripp. She died in 1860, leaving three children, the youngest of whom also died. Mr. Butts was converted at the age of thirty. In the fall, after the death of his wife, he sold his farm, and, from a sense of duty which he dared not resist, he at once entered the State Seminary, at Lewiston, Me. He had received license to preach the previous year. When the endowment of Bates College was begun, he was one of five to subscribe \$100, although having but little more than that sum in hand. When his means were exhausted he left school, but worked in Lewiston to support his family. He was married in July, 1862, to Nancy J. Oliver. He educated his two daughters in the High School, and they became teachers in the city schools. The eldest, Miss Ella May Butts, studied in Europe with the family of Prof. B. F. Hayes, D. D., and is now a missionary to India. Mr. Butts entered the Theological School, at its opening at Lewiston, in 1870, and graduated in 1874. In the meantime he preached about three years at Greene, South Auburn, and in other places. He settled at Shapleigh, Me., May 1, 1874, and was ordained September 16, by the York County Q. M. After two years his health failed and he could preach

but little for three years. Since then he has preached for the First Madison, Freeman, Lexington, Concord, and First and Second New Portland churches. Early in 1886, while laboring with the last two churches, he had a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, which forced him to give up preaching. He was a member of the General Conference of 1883. He resides at New Portland.

Buzzell, Rev. Aaron, the brother of Rev. John Buzzell, was born in Barrington, N. H., in November, 1764. When four years of age, his parents moved to Middleton, where he spent the years of his minority. At the age of twenty-two he married Miss Eunice, the sister of Rev. H. D. Buzzell. Having a heart that was not satisfied with the things of time, he thought much of his Saviour. Asking grace at the table was the first duty presented, and this proved instrumental in the awakening and conversion of his wife. When John Buzzell in April, 1791, came to Middleton, N. H., and began to conduct meetings just twelve months after his own conversion, "his brother Aaron was the first to find mercy." He at once took a stand for Christ before the world. He was baptized by Benjamin Randall in the evening at a Quarterly Meeting at New Durham, "while the full-orbed moon in unclouded majesty smiled upon the scene," and for seven years he traveled with his brother, holding meetings, but he would not allow an appointment to be given out for himself to preach. Through the earnest solicitation of his friends, he allowed an appointment to be announced and preached his first sermon at Alton. The first general revival under his ministry was at Gilmanton. In August, 1798, at the session of the Q. M. at New Durham, while the Conference was in the midst of arrangements for the ordination of Aaron Buzzell, a messenger entered and announced the sudden death of the wife of the candidate. While riding along joyfully in the company of her brother, H. D. Buzzell, he saw her unexpectedly dismount from her horse and lie prostrate upon the ground. Before relief could be afforded, she was dead. Instead of ordination, the meeting

became a funeral. At the next Q. M., Oct. 18, 1798, he received ordination. In 1799, he married Miss Miriam Flanders.

He visited Strafford, Vt., and being invited to settle, he submitted his call to the Y. M. which voted "That Elder Aaron Buzzell have his liberty to answer Strafford's request respecting his removal to that place." In 1801 he began there a pastorate in which he secured and retained for fifty-four years the confidence and high esteem of his people. From this place, he went and came with the fathers of our denomination in evangelistic labors numerous and fruitful. He went miles to be present at Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. He preached at the New Hampshire Y. M., in 1807. He was appointed by the Vermont Y. M. to assist the Hardwick Q. M. in 1809. In the New Hampshire Y. M. at Sandwich in 1811 he preached one of the four sermons. In 1820 at the New Hampshire Y. M. he "preached with great power." Earnestness and feeling rendered his instructions interesting, his appeals resistless. The Rev. Peter Clark says of him: "He was a sympathetic speaker, and so given to weeping I have seen at the close of his discourse the floor in a semicircle at his feet visibly sprinkled with tears." He assisted in the organization of many churches and baptized over 1000 persons. For many years feeble health crippled his labors. His wife died in March, 1850. Eight children survived him. He died greatly beloved Oct. 21, 1854 aged, nearly 90.

Buzzell, Rev. Alvah, son of Rev. John Buzzell, was born in Parsonfield, Me., April 11, 1807, and died at the home of his son, Charles F. Buzzell, at Southborough, Mass., April 2, 1888, aged nearly 81 years. He was converted at the age of eighteen, and ordained as pastor of the church at Barnstead, N. H., in June, 1834, by Rev. Enoch Place and others. He has had the care of twelve churches and helped organize six churches. He has baptized many hundreds. At the breaking out of the Civil War, at the age of fifty-four, he followed his sons Frank and John to the front, caring for the sick and wounded, and

preaching the gospel and helping the negro to school privileges. Having contracted heart disease, with his sons in broken health, he returned home. He always said, "Our country was saved, and we helped to save it." His first wife was Miss Mary H. Cilley, whom he married Sept. 11, 1833. During the last six years of his life he suffered from an injury occasioned by falling from a horse. After a brief illness of six days he died believing that his Saviour, who had led him safely, would receive him to a blessed immortality. He was buried



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at East Andover, N. H., by the side of two wives, a son and six daughters. Three sons survive him. Of his father's ten children but two are left, Dr. James Buzzell, of Portland, Me., and Mrs. Clarinda Goodwin, of Gorham, Me.

Buzzell, Rev. Hezekiah D., died in Alton, N. H., Sept. 6, 1858, after an illness of nine years, in his 81st year. He was born in Alton, Dec. 16, 1777. He was the subject of early religious impressions, which for a time he resisted, till he was finally converted through the instrumentality of his cousins, the Rev's John and Aaron Buzzell. John Buzzell, in Randall's life (p. 172), gives an account of his earliest profession of his Saviour at the session of the Y. M. on June 9, 1798, in Randall's barn at New Durham.

They had seated themselves with unusual solemnity. The Spirit pervaded the assembly but seemed not to lead in the direction of business. Pentecost pervaded the building. Finally Hezekiah D. Buzzell arose first to speak. He confessed his disobedience to God, and stated that God had forgiven his sins and put a new song in his mouth. In a most powerful manner, he exhorted all to taste and see that the Lord is good. Such was the power of the work that not till evening did a few gather by themselves and organize the Y. M. "even while the place was vocal with the sobs of the penitent and the shouts of the redeemed." An account of the sudden death of the sister of Hezekiah Buzzell, the wife of Aaron Buzzell, on her way to the Q. M. with her brother at New Durham in August, 1798, has been given in the sketch of Aaron Buzzell. These stirring times produced a deep impression on Hezekiah. In 1799 he began to preach. He was ordained Jan. 25, 1803. He had been a gay leader among his companions, and now he brought many of them to Christ. He was very successful in his itinerant ministry in winning souls. He was settled at Weare, then at Gilmanton. By 1833, he was pastor at Alton, where he closed his labors. He was actively engaged on the walls of Zion for over fifty years. For several years he represented his town in the State Legislature in each House. Two wives and five children entered into rest before him. He was kindly cared for in his last suffering by his grandson and granddaughter. During his last years, he spent much time with his Bible, reading it through several times. When near his end, he requested his grandson, Seth Hurd, to place the book in his hands; grasping it firmly he passed from earth with his Bible resting upon his breast. Six ministers were present at his funeral in the meeting-house at East Alton.

Buzzell, Rev. John, was born in Barrington, N. H., Sept. 16, 1766. His parents moved with him early to Middleton. In childhood he received strong religious impressions from his mother's faithfulness, and these impressions were confirmed from thirteen to seventeen

years of age, as he resided in an intelligent Christian family in Wakefield. He was there greatly encouraged and assisted in his studies, for which he had deep love, and his perseverance secured for him a good education for the times. At the age of twenty-one he received a certificate of competency as a teacher, and he soon commenced his first school in a private house, with six pupils, all children of the same family. Early in January, 1790, he commenced a school near the home of Benj. Randall, and became a constant attendant of his meetings. During the winter he was an honest inquirer after truth and duty, and often visited Randall's house, who was one of his patrons. The evening after



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the term closed he spent there, and before he left Randall prayed with him and for him. For his sinful condition before God, and because he refused to give Randall an expression of his feelings, he went to his boarding-place heavy in heart. He thought he was going away from his kind benefactor forever. His earnest prayers to God for help brought the needed peace. The next Sunday, after the sermon, he spoke before all of his great peace of mind. Returning to his home in Middleton, he spent several days in telling his young friends of what the Lord had done for him.

The following winter he again taught in Randall's neighborhood. He was faithful in his service for Christ, and the spiritually-minded already perceived that God was calling him to the ministry. Having married Miss Anna Buzzell, of Hollis, Me., in the autumn of 1790, he moved his family to Middleton in the following spring, into the same house with his brother Aaron. The two brothers had married sisters, and often did they enjoy their daily worship together. On the Sabbath they searched the Scriptures with each other and had prayer.

Feeling the call of God, John Buzzell preached his first sermon in his own house in April, 1791. The meeting was continued, and as the congregation considerably increased, the selectmen offered him the town meeting-house on the third Sabbath. June 8 he was baptized by Randall. He met with some opposition, but souls were converted, and the next year eight persons united to form a church. He now bought twenty acres of land, built himself a small house, and made Middleton permanently his home. A joint council, appointed by the Y. M. and Q. M., met at his house to consider the question of his ordination, and Oct. 25, 1792, he was set apart to the work of the ministry in the presence of 2,000 people. From this time he entered the work with zeal. He had a strong voice and graceful manner. He was sound in argument, and truly consecrated to his work and to the Lord. As a preacher he had but few superiors among his associates. Great usefulness marked his efforts. In 1793 he assisted in the establishment of the church at Strafford, Vt.,—the first in the state. After the Y. M. in Westport, Me., in 1794, which authorized the formation of the Farmington Q. M., he with Randall, visited the churches on the Sandy River. For several weeks they witnessed remarkable displays of grace. In Phillips every adult in town became hopefully pious. At the Y. M. in 1796, Buzzell was made chairman of the "Regulating Committee," which entered upon the important work of supplying deficiencies in the practice and in the list of officers in the new and feeble churches; Ruling Elders were ordained, discipline

was enforced. For two or three years much of their time was spent in this important work. From eastern Maine to the Province of Quebec they went, and important interests were furthered.

With the ill health of Mr. Samuel Weeks, the Parsonfield church was left destitute. Soon but eight members remained. An appeal was made to Buzzell. The question was laid before the Middleton church, and his dismission reluctantly granted. March 30, 1798, he moved to Parsonfield, Me., where he lived and labored sixty-five years. The June following he returned from a memorable Y. M. in New Hampshire all imbued with the spirit of his Master, and an extensive work of grace immediately commenced, which continued for three years. Other towns shared in the blessings, and hundreds were brought to Christ. About this time he preached thirty-three sermons in a series of meetings in Standish, Me., and saw more than forty converted. In 1802 he went to Vermont with Randall and Tingley, and assisted in the establishment of the Strafford Q. M., and in the ordination of Nat'l Brown and Nat'l King. Buzzell preached the sermon at the ordination of the former, and its power was said to exceed its length, which was two hours and three-quarters. Six years later he presided in the first Y. M. ever held in the state. In October, 1808, he, with sixteen other ministers, attended the funeral of Benj. Randall. He preached the sermon from II. Tim. 4:7, 8.

At the Y. M. a few days later, he was appointed Randall's successor in the office of General Secretary, and the Y. M. records and denominational papers were committed to his care. He, more than any other man, filled the important place of the departed founder of the denomination. The *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, a small religious paper published in Portsmouth, N. H., by Elias Smith, had quite a circulation in the denomination, and promulgated heretical doctrines concerning the person of Christ and the annihilation of the wicked. Buzzell had opposed the admission of Smith to the denomination on account of these heresies, and he now took his pen to counteract this teaching. In 1811

he commenced the publication of *A Religious Magazine*, a small quarterly, which he continued for two years, and in 1820 he resumed it again for two years. It was partly historical and partly religious, and, having a liberal patronage, served a good purpose among the people. Buzzell is said to have had a hand in the publication of Colby's life. In company with Colby, in the autumn of 1816, he visited Rhode Island. In 1823 he published the first denominational hymn-book. In 1825-26 he was one of the association which established the *Morning Star*, and for several years was senior editor, though his labor in this capacity consisted in writing an occasional article. He wrote the "Life of Benjamin Randall," published in 1827, furnishing seven years in the midst of that useful biography from his own experience with Randall in his ministry.

He was first to correspond with the General Baptists of England, and for several years was authorized to conduct the correspondence in behalf of his people. He was one of the leading men in awakening the foreign missionary spirit, and was president of the society for a dozen years or more. He was one of the prime movers in organizing the General Conference, being chairman of the committee to consider the question and mature a plan. He was a leading member of the first two sessions, and four times was in attendance as delegate. At the first General Conference, in 1827, he was appointed chairman of the Committee on Doctrine, to "investigate and specify the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel as understood by this connection, and report at the next General Conference." This work was not performed, and in 1832 he was chairman of a committee to write a "Treatise on the Faith and Usages of the Freewill Baptists." The work was prepared by other men; but the next year he was chairman of a committee to revise and approve the prepared copy. In 1831 he sent an epistle strongly urging the Conference to establish a "Book Concern" and an institution of learning; also to devise some means, if possible, for the better support of the ministry. He was made President at the organization of the

Maine F. B. Charitable Society in November, 1824. The Parsonfield Seminary, the first literary institution in the denomination, owed its existence, in no small degree, to his untiring efforts. His pastorate of the Parsonfield church was dissolved only by death. His robust health yielded but slowly to the infirmities of old age. During the last two or three years he preached only at funerals. He failed perceptibly during the last winter, and died, after a week's confinement, March 29, 1863, aged 96 years. His useful life was ended, but the ripe results of the toil of this earnest man of God will live in the institutions he was active in founding. Truly he was "a flaming angel of reformation, who mightily wielded the aggressive sword of the Spirit," and prevailed.

Buzzell, Rev. J. F., was born at Northfield, Vt., Nov. 11, 1836. His father was Eli Buzzell, and his mother was Judith, daughter of Elder Aaron Buzzell. He became a Christian in 1859. On January 1st of this year he was married to Martha Mills. They have ten children. He was ordained by the Huntington Q. M., in the limits of which he has labored in the ministry. He resides in Fayston, where he has been pastor, and has also been superintendent of schools twelve years. He has also labored in Warren, and is now pastor of the Warren church.

Buzzell, Rev. William, was born in Middleton, N. H., in 1775. He was the youngest son of William and Anna Buzzell, who had moved from Barrington sometime after 1765. In Middleton, when he was sixteen, a Free Baptist church was organized, but he does not appear to have connected himself with it till October, 1797, a few months after his marriage to Miss Peggy Glidden of Alton. Both were baptized October 17. Commencing to preach in 1804, he was approved by his church in August, and his ordination requested by them in the summer of 1806. He was ordained at the Q. M. convened at New Hampton the following autumn. He preached mainly in Middleton during the thirty-seven years of his ministry. Great revivals attended his work from 1807 to

1815. For several years he had a pastoral oversight of the church at New Durliam. He frequently visited Wolfborough, and Acton, Me. His field extended over so much territory that he preached above one thousand one hundred funeral sermons during his ministry, besides uniting in marriage more than six hundred persons and baptizing several hundreds. He possessed marked ability as a preacher, and his commanding presence and sonorous voice made him specially serviceable in grove meetings. While laid up with a fractured leg in December, 1824, he wrote: "My pain is great, but God's grace is sufficient. My brethren prayed for me and God heard their prayers. Blessed be His name forever." When tempted to change his pastorate, such was the love of his brethren for him that they clung to him and persuaded him to remain. He enjoyed revivals in the place in 1831 and 1838. His wife, worn out by consumption, left him in February, 1839, and soon after he began to fail. He died of dropsy in the chest, after a confinement of three weeks, June 14, 1841. He remembered the benevolent enterprises of his people in his will. Rev. H. D. Buzzell preached his funeral sermon. He had

no children; but two brothers, a cousin, and two nephews were preachers.

Byer, Rev. William C., a native of Eaton, N. Y., died in Fabius, October 30, 1868, aged 54 years. While attending school in Clinton, he became acquainted with Miss Samantha Ward, who became his faithful helpmeet through life. Her influence was instrumental in leading him to Christ. He was ordained in 1842 and labored in the Union Y. M. until about 1856, when he became connected with the Burlington Flats church. He held many protracted meetings and baptized during his ministry about five hundred converts. As a preacher he was warm-hearted and earnest. He never feared to rebuke sin, yet was kind and benevolent.

Byer, Rev. William C., son of Rev. William C. Byer, was born at Columbus, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1849. He experienced religion in 1869, and married Inez K. Smith Oct. 18, 1876. He was educated at Whitestown Seminary, and received ordination in 1883, taking charge of the North Scriba church, to which he has continued to minister. He has baptized fifteen converts and enjoys the esteem of his people.

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Cairo Mission. At the Wisconsin Y. M., in 1864, the Rev. R. M. Cary urged the importance of taking up work for the evangelization of the freedmen, and a committee was appointed. Rev. A. H. Huling was sent South to select a place, and decided upon Cairo, Ill., as the most suitable location. Our lack of means and our anti-slavery record made this choice wise, for at that time it was not safe for a small band of known anti-slavery missionaries to venture far into the South, but this was the gateway between the North and the South, and as the almost naked and half-starving freedmen came North seeking a home in the free states, we could here receive, educate and Christianize them. At the next session of the Y. M., Rev. R. Cooley, recently from India, was

sent to Cairo, and, the work appearing so great, at his suggestion, a convention of our Western churches was called, at which the Western Freedman's Mission was organized, with Rev. R. Dunn as president. This organization worked in connection with the Home Mission Society, one agent being employed by both. Rev. A. H. Chase, as financial agent, commenced work at once. The churches responded to his call most generously. Miss Johnson, of Chester, O., Mary Curtis and Philip Tolford, of Hillsdale, Mich., Ellen A. Cross, of Winneconne, Wis., Mary Craig, of Pennsylvania, and several others were employed in the mission schools which were soon opened.

In 1865, Rev. J. S. Manning was employed as a home missionary, and, on March 27, with his oldest daughter, he