

1815. For several years he had a pastoral oversight of the church at New Durham. 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 by 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

started for Mound City, eight miles above Cairo, on the Ohio. His diary says, "This truly is a great work! Hundreds of poor, degraded, starving ones are here, and more are coming. They are what slavery has made them, having a large development of the animal and a dwarfed soul." At this time the mission contained only two churches, one at Cairo, and one at Mound City; but others were soon organized (see *Illinois*). During 1866 and 1867 Messrs. Keys, Woodward, S. Clark, and S. F. Smith, and their wives, did good work in the Mission.

In 1868, trouble arose concerning the possession of the Cairo church, one of the recently ordained ministers claiming the property as his own. Elder Manning returned to Cairo in May, and, after perfecting the title to the land, which had been incomplete before, caused the intruder to be removed by the police. This made him so angry that he set the church on fire that night, and the church and school-house and the dwelling-house adjacent also were burned. The five missionaries and teachers, lodging there, narrowly escaped a martyr's death. After 3 o'clock a white man gave them shelter for the rest of the night. This was a dark time for the Mission, and to add to the gloom, it was discovered that this misfortune would not have happened, had it not been for the general and bitter opposition of the white people to our mission work. The prompt action of Elder Manning, and the others in charge, saved the Mission. The next day a house was rented for a residence. Then an old hospital was purchased and moved upon the lots, and in a short time everything was in readiness for the school, which went on with only a few days' interruption.

During the winter, Gen. Howard lectured at Hillsdale, Mich., and the losses and needs of the Mission being presented to him, he gave the Mission \$3,000 from the funds of the "Freedman's Bureau," devoted to this line of work. With this timely aid, a new school-building was erected, and the old one was changed into a dwelling-house. The mission now had won a place and

standing among those who had been hostile to it.

The Mission school continued several years and educated many for useful positions, at a time when other schools were not accessible. In later years opportunities for education have opened elsewhere. Elder Manning has continued as missionary in this field to the present. He has given direction to the influences going out from the Mission, east, west and south. Many of the students were converted in the school, and others were taught the way of the Lord more perfectly than they had known it in the days of slavery. Everywhere they went, they aided in building up churches, many of them of the denomination they had learned to love. Elder Manning has extended his labors into Missouri and Kentucky, and southward along the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico. A large part of the Free Baptist churches among the colored people in Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana, numbering hundreds, have been the result of the "Cairo Mission" and the work of its missionaries. The reader is referred to the state articles, which give a more detailed account of the growth of the churches.

**Calder, Rev. James, D. D.**, fifth and youngest child of William and Mary (Kirkwood) Calder, was born at Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 16, 1826. He was married, Dec. 25, 1850, to Ellen C. Winebrenner, eldest daughter of Rev. John Winebrenner, founder of the "Church of God." She died in 1858; and, subsequently, he married Mrs. Eliza D. Murphy, of Harrisburg. His fifth son, the first by the latter marriage, Rev. Wm. Carey Calder, is a missionary of the Baptist Board at Rangoon, Burmah. The only daughter is wife of Prof. J. W. Weston, of Pennsylvania State College.

Brother Calder pursued his preparatory studies at Harrisburg and Bristol, Pa., and Norwich, Vt., and was graduated from the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., Aug. 1, 1849. He was converted Feb. 11, 1837, and united with the M. E. church, receiving license in 1847 and entering the Philadelphia Confer-

ence. In October, 1850, he was appointed a missionary to China; and, receiving ordination in December, he sailed for Foo-Chow in March, 1851. In November, 1853, because of a change of belief as to baptism and church polity, he was baptized at Hong-Kong, withdrew from the M. E. Church, returned to America in 1854 and united with the "Church of God." He served as pastor of the church in Harrisburg until 1859, when he and a majority of the members organized the First Free Baptist church, of which he continued pastor until 1869, when he became president of Hillsdale College, Mich., and pastor of the church at that place. In 1871 he accepted the presidency of Pennsylvania State College, where he remained until 1880. He is now again pastor of the church at Harrisburg. He was editor of the *Church Advocate*, 1856-58, principal of Shippensburg Collegiate Institute 1857-58, professor of Belles-lettres in Pennsylvania Female College 1858-60, and has been a trustee of Storer College from its organization, thus filling many and responsible positions.

**Caldwell, Rev. Asa**, died in Locke, N. Y., June 26, 1859, aged 63 years. He had been a successful pastor of Calvinistic Baptist churches in Oswego, Tompkins, Herkimer and Cortland counties, was a devoted preacher, with a warm, catholic spirit, and late in life finding that the views of Free Baptists accorded with his own, became connected with them.

**California.** No effort was made to establish Free Baptist churches in this state during its palmy days. A church was organized Oct. 31, 1876, known as the Union Square Baptist church, of San Francisco. Springing from the Baptist denomination, it yet held to and practiced open communion. In 1881 Rev. N. L. Rowell became its pastor, and two years later it adopted the Treatise and became formally connected with the denomination. In 1888, Brother Rowell's health failing, Rev. F. M. Washburn succeeded to the pastorate.

On March 16, 1884, a mission was organized in Oakland with Prof. S. P. Meads, formerly of Bates Theological

School, as superintendent. In 1886 a chapel was erected. In the spring of 1887 a church of fifteen members was organized; and in October Rev. C. F. Penney became its pastor. The church now has a membership of sixty and owns its property unincumbered.

THE GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION was organized in March, 1889, and is composed of the two churches mentioned above.

**Calkins, Rev. Cyrus R.**, son of Absalom and Phebe (Hunt) Calkins, was born in Alford, Mass., Jan. 14, 1836. He was converted in 1869, and ordained Dec. 1, 1878. Soon after ordination, he gathered a church at Pilot Mound, Minn., where he labored four years. Then, after two years at Wykoff, he organized the Spring Valley church, remaining with it until he entered upon his present pastorate with the Horton and Tripoli churches, Iowa.

**Calkins, Rev. Mrs. Mary S.**, daughter of J. B. Rhodes, was born in Orleans, Jefferson County, N. Y., July 28, 1836. Her conversion took place in 1851, and license to preach was granted her in 1881. She served as city missionary in Buffalo, N. Y., four years, and for some time engaged with success in revival work, in Wyoming, Cattaraugus and Monroe Counties, N. Y. She is enjoying her first pastorate with the Lyndon church (Catt. Q. M., N. Y.), having entered upon the work there in May preceding her ordination, June 14, 1886.

**Calley, Rev. David**, of Bristol, N. H., was born in Ashland, N. H., Nov. 8, 1815. He was converted at the age of twenty-three, received license to preach in 1839, the year following, and was ordained by the Sandwich Q. M., in 1842. He was pastor at North Tunbridge, Vt., five years, at Bristol, N. H., two years, and after living in Ashland without a pastorate four years, returned to Bristol for seven years more. After he had preached at North Tunbridge, Vt., again three years, he labored in Bristol another seven years. He preached at Alexandria two years, at Sandwich eight years, again at Alexandria two years, then at North Sandwich five years, till 1887.

Prosperity attended his work, but he has kept no record of baptisms. Sept. 4, 1845, he married Miss Dorcas D. Shepherd (deceased). He again married, March 23, 1848, Miss Mary M. Smith. They have three sons, and three daughters living. One son is a very successful physician in Bristol, and a member of the Legislature for 1887.

**Campbell, Rev. Cyrus**, was born at Bowdoin, Me., Sept. 29, 1817. He was converted when twenty-five years of age. He was a student at Whitestown, N. Y. Oct. 7, 1846, at the age of twenty-nine, he received license to preach, and was ordained the following year in September. He has been pastor at Bowdoinham, Phippsburgh, Edgecomb, New Sharon, East Wilton, Temple, and Weld. He was married, Dec. 8, 1846, to Miss Adaline Lenpest. He has three children living.

**Campbell, Rev. P. F.**, son of Rev. W. M. Campbell, was born in Birmingham, Ky., April 19, 1863. He has recently been converted and entered upon the work of the ministry in his native place.

**Campbell, R.**, son of Samuel and L. (Wilson) Campbell, was born in Mississippi, Nov. 19, 1847. He married Mariah Sanders, and is serving as a licensed preacher in connection with the First St. Louis church, Missouri.

**Campbell, Rev. W. M.**, son of Silas and Sarah (Baker), was born in Trigg County, Ky., in 1827, and was married to Harriet Holland. Two of their three living children are ministers of the Gospel. He was ordained in 1868. He has been engaged in many revivals, baptizing 180 converts, has organized six churches, and now resides at Birmingham, Ky.

**Canaan, Rev. John**, died in Camden, O., Nov. 24, 1848, aged 59 years. He entered the ministry with the Independents of England, labored with the Calvinistic Baptists as city missionary in Boston, was also in Vermont, New York, and Ohio, and joined the Freewill Baptists in 1844. "It was the concurrent testimony of all his acquaintances that in him the Christian graces shone with unworldly splendor."

**Capron, Rev. J.**, ordained in 1811, labored in Vermont.

**Carley, Rev. H. G.**, was born in Hancock, N. H., Nov. 27, 1797, and died at his residence in Prospect, Me., Oct. 6, 1885, aged 87 years. He went to Maine at the age of twenty. When about twenty-seven years of age he was converted, but, refusing to be baptized, he became a backslider for thirteen years. Then he was baptized and united with the Christian church. He was clerk of their Yearly Conference eight years. He was ordained in 1843. The Christian and Free Baptist churches blended and united with the Prospect Q. M. It was called the Belfast and Swanville church. He was pastor of this church until his health failed. He was a faithful minister, a good counselor, and a strong advocate of temperance and anti-slavery.

**Carlton, Rev. F. C.**, was ordained in New York soon after 1820 and labored in that state and Ohio.

**Carr, Rev. Elbert E.**, son of Erastus and Mary A. (Kittell) Carr, was born Sept. 30, 1855, in Stephentown Centre, N. Y. Nov. 12, 1884, he married Amelia F. Flint. He turned to God in the spring of 1878, and received license in June, 1883. He is taking a regular course of study at Hillsdale College, also the Theological course, preparatory to entering upon his life work.

**Carr, Rev. H. J.**, son of Holton and Polly (Harrison) Carr, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., in 1810. In early life his parents removed to Ohio, and in that new country his educational advantages were very limited. He was converted in 1840 and ordained a few years after; and from that time until his death in 1887 he was a successful and highly respected minister of the truth. He was pastor of several churches in the Ohio River Y. M. The first two years of his ministry he baptized over 200 persons. The whole number of his baptisms is not known, but it was very large. He organized ten churches and aided in the ordination of several ministers. He was one of the trustees and an earnest supporter of Rio Grande College. In 1831 he was married to Rebecca Conoway, and had six children. One of the sons was

captain of a cavalry company in the late war. After a long life of faithful service, Elder Carr entered into rest April 8, 1887.

**Carr, Rev. Joseph W.**, was born in Montville, Me., Sept. 29, 1821. His parents were Joseph and Mary (McAllister) Carr. He was converted at the age of twenty-one. In 1861 he received license to preach and the same year was ordained by Stephen Russell, and others. He has been pastor of the following churches: Cornville, Skowhegan, Athens, Harmony, Madison, Pishon's Ferry, Danforth, Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, Mapleston, New Portland, and Stark. He is now (1887) pastor of the First Madison and the Pishon's Ferry churches, and resides at Madison. He has spent a large part of his time in missionary work, among weak churches. He was a state missionary four years in Aroostook County. He has baptized between four and five hundred converts, and organized churches in Harmony, Skowhegan, Danforth, Easton, Mapleston, and Castle Hill. He married Miss Elzadah Dodge in 1853.

**Carter, Rev. J. S.**, ordained in 181-, labored in Vermont.

**Cartwright, Rev. E. E.**, son of Rev. C. J. and Philena (Rockwell) Cartwright, was born in China, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1850, and married Eleanor Parks in 1870. He began the Christian life in 1869; studied at Pike Seminary, N. Y., received license in 1879, and was ordained Sept. 21, 1880. He has served the Potter church as pastor five years, the Fabius church two years, and now ministers to the Dayton, Cottage and Hamlet churches. He has baptized forty.

**Carter, Rev. Wm. W.**, son of Melville H. and Phebe C. (Drake) Carver, was born in Dixfield, Me., in 1856. He became a Christian at the age of twenty-six. He received license to preach in September, 1883. He graduated from Bates Theological School in 1886, was ordained by Prof. J. A. Howe and others, and settled with the church on Orr's Island, where he was blessed with a revival and six were baptized. He was married in 1881, to Miss Lizzie A. Bibber, and has three children.

**Cary, Rev. Richard M.**, was born in Williamsburg, Mass., Dec. 10, 1794.

His father, Richard Cary, was a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner. In 1806 he moved from Madison County, N. Y., into Holland Purchase County, and settled in the present town of Boston, south of Buffalo. No road, but only blazed trees, guided the way to the home of this family. The Indian wigwam was the only dwelling for forty miles south and west of the log cabin which he built. The first years in the wilderness were years of great privation. In the absence of any clergyman the father was often called to conduct funeral services.

Richard M., was present at the burning of Buffalo in the War of 1812, and barely escaped with his life. His oldest brother, Calvin, while on guard duty was attacked by three Indians. "He was a man of giant frame, weighing 300 pounds, fine in proportions, herculean in strength, and a swift runner." Defending himself with courage, two were slain; but he was shot by the third. He had been greatly loved by all, and his death bore heavily upon the family and upon the whole community.

Brother Cary was converted in 1816 and began preaching October 3, of that year. Although without the advantages of an education, and always in feeble health, his strong intellect, with untiring industry and great devotion, made him an efficient pioneer in the religious life of western New York. He was ordained in 1820. The next year he went to Ellicottsville, then a small place where no sermon had been preached, and every house became a house of prayer. In 1826 he held meetings in Little Valley, and soon assisted in organizing a church there.

After the death of Elder Folsom, in 1823, the care of the Erie Q. M. devolved to a large extent upon Elder Cary. He was unceasing in his labors and soon organized six churches. He assisted in organizing the Holland Purchase Y. M., in 1821, and was prominent for years among the ministers of western N. Y. His great love for the work was evinced by his continuing to preach for years, when too ill to stand. Seated before the congregation, he declared the Word of life.

In 1842 he moved to Johnstown, Wis., where he soon organized a church. He also took a leading part in planting other churches and in organizing the Wisconsin Y. M., remaining active and successful in the work until his death. Oct. 16, 1868.



Rev. R. M. Cary.

Elder Cary was a man of unbiased judgment and earnest convictions; with more of dignity than is usual, and prematurely gray from ill health. His preaching was Biblical and impressive. He was married March 12, 1815, to Miss Susannah Rice, his companion of more than half a century. Their son Roswell, educated at Hillsdale College, and a prominent member of the Nashville, Tenn., bar, died in February, 1868. Of their seven children who survived at his death, Benjamin, who died a few years ago, had served as a member of the Wisconsin Legislature, and, for six years, as Treasurer of Rock County; and Ephraim, Abram, and Richard are useful members of the Johnstown church.

**Cary, Dea. Truman**, son of Asa Cary and cousin of Rev. R. M. Cary, was born in Williamsburgh, Mass., in 1791. He was married to Fanny Algar in 1813 and had six children, four of whom are yet living. He was converted in the revival of 1816, in Erie County,

N. Y., and became a deacon of the Boston church as early as 1818. He served as a member of the State Legislature and as a member of the General Conference. In the community he exerted a strong influence for good; and in common with other members of the Cary family, he did much to sustain the church of his choice. After a long and useful service of God on earth, he joined the church above, Sept. 6, 1879.

**Cary, V. R.**, of Patchin, Erie County, N. Y., is a son of Luther H. Cary, and nephew of Rev. R. M. Cary. He owns and occupies what was "the old home in the wilderness." For fifty years he has been connected with the Free Baptists, and since 1868 has been clerk of the Erie Q. M.

**Case, Rev. C. H.**, deprived of a father's counsels at an early age, was led to the Saviour by his pious mother, and when about twenty years of age attended Geauga Seminary, Ohio. He began to preach with the church at Macedonia, where he was converted, and after some two years went to Illinois. He was ordained by the Walnut Creek, Q. M. in 1855, and his principal labors were within its bounds. A man of studious habits and philosophic mind, he was an instructive preacher. His earthly labors closed Sept. 1, 1864, in the 40th year of his age.

**Case, Rev. John**, of Arlington, Mo., was born to W. M. and Hannah (Barnett) Case, in Pulaski County, Mo., March 28, 1845. He was led to Christ in 1864; received license in 1873, and was ordained August 25th of the following year. His ministry has been with the Big Creek Q. M., Mo., where he has held many revivals and organized two churches, baptizing more than one hundred converts.

**Cass, Rev. Wm. D.**, was ordained in 1820, labored in New Hampshire, and left the denomination.

**Caswell, Rev. William D.**, was born in Wendell, Mass., Sept. 20, 1819. After secretly entertaining a hope in Christ about five years, he was baptized by Rev. B. McKoon in 1845, at Lyndon, N. Y. In 1853 he was licensed to preach,

and in 1864 ordained. Both before and after his ordination he labored with great zeal. His principal fields of labor were Yorkshire, N. Y., and Bone Gap and Jeffersonville, Ill. He lived a consistent, kind and humble life, and died April 30, 1868, greatly lamented.

**Cate, Rev. Carter Eastman**, was born at Loudon, N. H., Aug. 26, 1852. He was converted when about ten years old. He fitted for college at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary (M. E.), Tilton, graduating in 1871. After a year in teaching, and on the home farm, he entered Wesleyan University. At the end of the second year he entered Dartmouth College, and graduated in 1876. He then went to the Boston University School of Theology. At the end of this course he was ordained at Loudon, N. H., June 20, 1879. In September he began his first pastorate at Lake Village, N. H., where he spent three years in fruitful labor. He was then called to the Mt. Vernon church, Lowell, Mass., and after two years to the Main Street church, Lewiston, Me. During his three years' labor there, the church building was remodeled, and the church greatly prospered. His resignation, in 1877, was accepted with universal regret. He then accepted a call to Haverhill, Mass. He married Electra A. Dunavan, of Lake Village, N. H., May 1, 1883.

**Cates, Rev. W. N.**, son of B. and Isabel Cates, was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., Sept. 23, 1849. He was married to D. A. Woodard, in 1871. Having accepted Christ in 1869, he was licensed in 1887, and ordained by the Freewill Baptists. He is connected with the Mt. Carmel church.

**Cavel, Rev. Thornton**, was born in Lynchburg, Va., in ante-bellum days. After residing in Harrisburg, Pa., some years, he was ordained by Rev. J. Calder and others, and became pastor of the Calvary church, in that city.

**Caverly, Rev. John**, died in Strafford, N. H., of heart disease, March 23, 1863, in his 74th year. He was the eldest son of Lieutenant John Caverly and his mother was a sister of Rev. Joseph Body, all of Strafford. He was converted in the famous revival of 1824 and June 2d

was baptized and joined the Third Strafford church. In about a year, he began to preach and at a request from his church a council from the New Durham Q. M. met at his church and ordained him, Sept. 6, 1827, as an evangelist in the presence of 1000 persons. He soon entered upon a life-long pastorate with the Fourth Strafford church. He had a revival gift. He loved his denomination and was true to her benevolent interests. He was trustee of Strafford Academy nearly twenty years at an expense to himself of over \$300 besides his time. He was an agent for a large manufacturing company for many years, bearing large and responsible interests. The house of worship at Bow Lake was erected by his means and influence. His wife, Miss Nancy French, of New Durham, died in 1855, leaving four children. For several years he bore up with patience and trust under the disease which caused his death. He selected Rev. Enoch Place to preach his funeral sermon. His second wife survived him.

**Caverly, Dea. John H.**, son of Ira and Sarah (Colcord) Caverly, was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1844. He studied in the public schools and in the Commercial College of his native place. He is paymaster of the Merrimac Manufacturing Company. Converted in 1869, he has been prominent in the work of the Paige Street church. He was one of the originators of the young people's society of the Advocates of Christian Fidelity (*q. v.*), and is the recording secretary of the United Society. He married in 1865 Mary S. Severance, and has four children living.

**Caverno, Rev. Arthur**, died in Dover, N. H., July 15, 1876, aged 75 years. He was the son of Jeremiah and Mary Brewster Caverno, and great-grandson of Arthur Caverno (or Cavano), of Scotch-Irish nationality, who came to this country soon after 1735. He was born in Strafford (then Barrington), N. H., April 6, 1801. He was in a twofold sense one of the fathers of the denomination. He had been more than fifty-four years in its ministry, and, at a formative period of its history, he exerted a controlling influence. When seventeen years of age

he became a Christian, after a severe struggle with unbelief occasioned by deep conviction of sin. He was baptized by Rev. Enoch Place, Oct. 11, 1818. He attended Gilmanton Academy six months, and afterwards studied in the academy at Newfield's village in New Market. He obtained what was, in those days, an excellent academic education and taught school successfully in various places. He yielded more cheerfully than many to the call to preach, and began at the age of nineteen. Aug. 23, 1822, at the age of twenty-one he was licensed by the New Durham Q. M. He was ordained June 17, 1823, in an oak grove on his father's homestead by a council consisting of Rev's Samuel B. Dyer, Moses Bean, David Harriman, Enoch Place and William Buzzell. David Harriman preached the sermon. He was married December 23d to Mrs. Olive H. Foss of Strafford. The next year he taught school in Epsom. Through his ministry there a church was gathered of which he was pastor till the autumn of 1827. The revival, the first year, was extensive. He also preached and baptized in Nottingham and Raymond. Rev. D. P. Cilley and two other ministers were converted during this time. His second pastorate was at Contoocook. His first sermon there was published in the *Morning Star*. Text, "The powers of heaven shall be shaken." The first year, 1830, a revival of remarkable power and extent was witnessed. People were converted at their homes, in their shops, on their farms, going to and returning from meetings. The church more than doubled its membership and the good influence of the work lasted many years. He continued there five years. For three years, ending in 1836, he was pastor at Great Falls; the next two years financial agent of Strafford Academy; pastor of Roger Williams church, Providence, R. I., one year, ending in the fall of 1839; assistant pastor in Lowell, Mass., six months; pastor in Charleston, Mass., two and a half years; pastor in Bangor, Me., three years, ending in the fall of 1845; stated supply in Portsmouth, N. H., at the Old South, until the spring of 1847; pastor in Candia two years; pastor in Dover three

years, when the house of worship was changed to its present locality on Charles Street; stated supply in Concord several months in 1852, and several months in South Berwick, Me.; then pastor two years in Biddeford, Me. His wife, who had helped him thirty-one years, died in Dover, N. H., Jan. 30, 1854. The next year he married Mrs. Isabel J. Sule, of Bath, Me. He preached for the First church, Dover, a year, then in New Market a year. For two years, ending in 1860, he was pastor in Gardiner, Me. He then preached in Strafford Centre, Laconia, and Alton Corner, a few months in each place. For two years, ending in 1866, he was pastor at South Parsonfield, Me. He next lived in Great Falls, N. H., and preached for the Baptist church at Little River Falls in Lebanon, Me., and in Berwick at Cranberry Meadow. Then he was pastor in North Berwick two years, and lastly in Candia again two years. In some places there were revivals, in others he trained the forces. He was a preacher fifty-six years, an ordained minister fifty-three years.

He preached 6,000 sermons, baptized 480 persons, married 320 couples, and attended 500 funerals. As a preacher, he was systematic in his presentation of truth, apt and forcible in his illustrations. He was a diligent student of the Bible and a careful observer of men and things about him. His usual method was to preach from a well-prepared skeleton, and many of his sermons were afterwards written out in full. He possessed a voice of more than ordinary sweetness and power. He was affable and courteous in manner, social in disposition, and a general favorite in all the families where he was known. He helped forward every denominational enterprise. He began to write for the *Morning Star* the first year of its existence, and contributed more or less every year during his life. His last article appeared in the number issued during the week of his death. He early published a series on the "Support of the Ministry," which helped to introduce the practice of stipulated salaries. He was himself the first minister in the denomination who received a stipulated salary. He had great influence in re-



moving the practice of feet washing which prevailed in some measure. He was a member of the first General Conference, and assisted in organizing the Home and Foreign Mission Societies. He was greatly interested in all the educational movements. Other good causes received his earnest support. He lectured often in many places on temperance, and helped in the organization of some of the earliest Total Abstinence Societies in New Hampshire. He labored much for the abolition of capital punishment. His last years were spent in Dover. The Sunday before his death he preached in Alton. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. Joseph Fullonton, who was one of his earliest converts.

**Central Association, The**, was organized at Attica, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1870. A preliminary convention had been held at Fairport the year previous. The charter was obtained from the state in 1873. The constituency of the Association includes the churches in New York and Pennsylvania (except those of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Y. M.), and the delegates are elected by the Q. M's. The Pennsylvania Mission Society, organized in April, 1867, and chartered by the Dauphin County Court, was merged into this Association.

The design of the Association was to unite the churches in missionary and educational work. In carrying out this purpose, the Association has supported a missionary family in India,—for a time Rev. A. J. Marshall and wife, and now Rev. Z. F. Griffin and family. A large amount has been contributed for Storer College and Hillsdale College, and now the establishing of Keuka College is undertaken; and several important churches have been aided from the Home Mission funds.

The Association, between its annual sessions, is represented by its Executive Committee, which conducts the business of the Association. This committee is composed of the officers of the Association, which are (1887-88) the president, Rev. G. H. Ball, D. D. (which position he has held from the first); recording secretary, Rev. C. E. Brockway; corresponding secretary, Rev. J. H. Durkee;

treasurer, Rev. F. O. Dickey, and woman's missionary secretary, Mrs. N. C. McKoon. The amount raised for the general and special object of the Association has averaged about \$4,500 yearly. Besides this a permanent fund of several thousand dollars has been accumulated.

**Central Freewill Baptist, The**, a monthly paper, having four pages, with five columns each, was first published at Rio Grande, O., as the *Rio Grande Freewill Baptist*. The first number appeared in January, 1884. Rev. T. E. Peden was editor and publisher. Its location was changed with his residence to Harris, and Cheshire, O., and in March, 1887, to Flemington, W. Va., where it completed its fifth volume. It was useful in its declaration of the distinctive doctrines of the denomination, and also as a means of communication among the Freewill Baptists of that vicinity.

**Chabot, Rev. Uriah**, of Powellsville, O., son of Peter and Rachel (Davis) Chabot, was born in Green, O., Feb. 6, 1816. He married Levina Hudson, Sept. 12, 1841, and has six children; among them J. A. Chabot, of Powellsville, and Dr. G. W. Chabot. He was converted the year of his marriage; received license to preach in 1854, and was ordained in 1874, since which he has ministered to churches in the Little Scioto, and later, Pine Creek Q. M's.

**Chadbourne, Rev. Joseph**, died in Bradford, Me., Nov. 20, aged 70 years. He was born in Greene, Me., June 30, 1807. At the age of nineteen, while a student in the seminary at Kent's Hill, he became a Christian, and ten years afterwards he became a member of the church in Bradford. He was for a time the efficient deacon of the church. In 1858 he took a letter and joined the Christian denomination, by which he was ordained March, 1859. He was highly esteemed among them. Four years before his death, he again became a member of the church in Bradford. He was much interested in education and a successful teacher. He was frequently elected to offices of trust and responsibility.

**Chaddock, Rev. Emory G.**, son of Aziel and Nancy (Melvin) Chaddock,

was born in Bennington, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1839. He was educated at Hillsdale College and studied theology at Andover, Mass., and Bangor, Me. He was ordained in 1861 and served as pastor of the church in Lawrence, Mass., four years, the church prospering under his care. He then became connected with the Congregationalists and now resides at Fresno, Cal. Dec. 17, 1868, he was married to Matilda Le Valley, who has already gone to her final rest. Of their three children, one is a student at Olivet College, Michigan.

**Chadwick, Rev. Edward R.**, son of Abner D. and Drucilla (Newcomb) Chadwick, was born June 27, 1861, at China, Me. He was converted in 1878. He graduated at Maine Central Institute, in 1880, and from Bates College in 1884. He was of the class of 1888 of Cobb Divinity School. In July, 1888, he settled at Milton, N. H. On August 23 he was ordained by the New Durham Q. M.

**Chadwick, Dea. William**, of Philadelphia, N. Y., was born Feb. 24, 1807, and died Jan. 26, 1874. He was converted in 1832, under the labors of Elder Overocker, and received license to preach. Care of parents prevented his entering upon the work, and his life was given to the cause in the vicinity of his home. He served the church as deacon and took an active part in the work of the Q. M. and Y. M., attending the sessions faithfully and caring for the general interests of the denomination. In 1831 he was married to Irene Gibbs, who still lives with the Philadelphia church. Three of their children yet remain, while two have passed on to heaven.

**Chaffee, Rev. Chester**, a native of Grafton, Vt., died at Arcade, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1876, aged 85 years. In 1816 he moved to Boston, N. Y., where he served the church as deacon. After fourteen years he moved to Arcade, receiving ordination in 1832, and was connected with the China, Hume and Elton churches. He was a reliable man, faithful to the trusts committed to him.

**Chamberlain, Rev. John**, son of John A. and Polly (Clough) Chamberlain,

was born in Loudon, N. H., Nov. 27, 1821. He was educated at Pembroke, Concord, and other places. In 1842 he was converted, and July 4, 1858, was ordained to the ministry by Rev's J. S. M. Harper, Jas. Clough, John Harriman, J. B. Davis, and J. A. Knowles. He has preached as pastor at Northfield, Groton, Fisherville, Canterbury, Meredith Centre, Oak Hill (Meredith), Lisbon, Stark and Milan, Ossipee, Lower Gilmanston, and West Salisbury. He has been chaplain of the Merrimack County Almshouse the last two years, and also preaches part of the time at Northfield and Canterbury Centre. In 1859 he traveled nearly 5,000 miles, about one-fourth of the distance on foot, and preached three times each Sunday and three or four times during the week. He had much revival interest under his preaching, and baptized several hundreds of converts. In 1857 or '58, while living near Franklin Falls, he visited a man who had delirium tremens, and had threatened the lives of his wife and children. He found the man (who was sixty-two years old, and in the last forty-four years had drunk over sixty-three hogsheads of rum) in a hog-pen. He won his favor, got him out to a meeting, and saw him soundly converted, so that he lived and died a Christian. On one occasion he was on his knees in a schoolhouse with fifty-five penitent seekers, who, he thinks, were all converted. In 1859 he organized a church in Fisherville, but nearly all the male members accompanied him to the war of the Rebellion, and the church became extinct. During the war he was an army commissioner to look after sick and wounded New Hampshire soldiers in the army of the Potomac around Washington. He has seen much hardship in his labors, and has been eight times picked up for dead. He is the author of quite a number of hymns, including the railroad hymn, "Gospel Train." May 9, 1848, he married Amanda M. Johnson. Their three children are all living. Their only son, Judson, has held several offices in his town and state. One daughter is the wife of Mr. Darrah, Esq., a prosperous market gardener and dairyman of Bedford, N. H.

**Champlin, Rev. David E.**, died at Waterloo, Ia., Feb. 20, 1871, aged 46 years. He was converted when sixteen years of age, and baptized by Rev. I. Eaton. He was licensed to preach while connected with the Fox River Q. M. (Ill.), about 1856, and ordained a year later. He remained a few years with the Ohio Grove church, which was much increased during his connection with it. About 1860 he moved to the Waterloo Q. M., Ia., and was connected with the Oxley Grove, Pleasant Valley, Spring Creek, and Waterloo churches. He was a zealous, faithful laborer, an advocate of all moral reform, and active in the work, until a brief illness carried him away from earth.

**Champlin, Rev. Edwin**, died Dec. 30, 1870, aged 40 years. He was a licensed minister in the Waterloo Q. M., Ia., as early as 1859, and was ordained about two years later. He continued to minister to the churches of this Q. M. until his death, being pastor several years of the Spring Creek church, and, later, of the Union church. He possessed a gentle spirit, and had many friends.

**Chandler, Rev. Hubbard**, was born in Wilton, Me., Jan. 11, 1798. When three years old his father died, and at the age of fifteen, his mother. His religious impressions he attributed entirely to her fidelity. He was converted before his twentieth year, and baptized by Rev. Jeremy Bean, his mother's brother. When he began to preach, he connected himself with the Second Wilton church, preparatory to a preaching tour to Piscataqua. In 1820 fifty were converted through his labors at Kingfield. He was ordained in Phillips, June 9, 1822, by Rev's Samuel Hutchins and John Foster, in the midst of a revival under his labors. They at once proceeded to the water, and before an audience of 800, the new minister baptized nine converts. The cries and sobs of the convicted mingled with the preacher's prayer as he knelt by the river's side. The next year a revival attended him at Wilton. His travels as an evangelist in Maine extended to 120 towns and plantations. He preached some outside his

state. Even visible success almost universally attended his labors in the earlier and middle portions of his ministry. In later life he was not without encouragement. In the main, he supported himself, for a long time not receiving over \$50 a year for his exhausting labors. Though not favored with an extensive education, he was yet gifted by nature. He was very conversant with Scripture. As a speaker, he was dramatic and was mighty to move the will in persuading sinners to Christ. His own soul drank deeply of the salvation which he preached. His earnestness and consecration enabled him to accomplish a great work. He raised up quite a number of churches in the new settlements he visited. Aug. 12, 1866, three months before his death, he was attacked by his last sickness while preaching. He died in West Poland, Me., Nov. 5, 1866, in his 69th year. His first wife, after a married life of eighteen years, died in July, 1844. In 1846 he married Ann Noyes, of Falmouth, who survived him.

**Chaney, Rev. John**, was born at Farmington, Me., Oct. 15, 1793, and lived till nearly ninety years of age. He began his Christian life when sixteen years of age, but put off baptism on account of his Baptist views which were not held by his family. At the age of twenty-four, he was baptized and joined the church in Wilton, Me. Before this time he had begun to feel that he might yet be called to preach, but it was not until twelve years afterwards, that he yielded to an imperative call and publicly entered the ministry. He taught school in the town of Brunswick, passed two years in Nova Scotia, then returned to Maine and bought a farm. He worked on this summers, and taught school winters. The unwelcome impressions of duty increased, until one day, while at work on his farm, suddenly, as if spoken by the human voice, the words came to him: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." Great fear came upon him, followed by sweet calmness of soul when, sometime afterward, he retired to the

barn and gave up himself and family to the will of God. His first sermon was preached in New Sharon, Me., in April, 1829, and so favorably impressed the hearers that he received a call not long afterward to become their pastor. At a Q. M. in June following, he received license to preach. He was ordained at Chesterville, Me., Feb. 2, 1831, by Rev's John Foster and Silas Curtis. He served churches in New Sharon, Farmington, Chesterville, South Berwick, Limerick, and Brunswick, Me.; in Unadilla Forks and Plainfield, N. Y.; in Danielsonville and East Killingly, Conn., and in North Scituate, R. I. In some of these churches great revivals occurred under his labors, some of which were of remarkable power, leading hundreds of persons to surrender



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themselves to Christ. His active ministry continued more than thirty years. It was in his study at Farmington, Me., that he and three other ministers started the call for the convention which resulted in the organization of the Education Society. He was for some time financial agent of Whitestown Seminary, N. Y. He was a pioneer champion of the causes of temperance and abolition. "He organized probably the first temperance society in Maine, and presented the first anti-slavery resolution in the same state." He was loyal to his denomination, yet broad in his sympa-

thies. When superannuated, he identified himself with the church in Auburn, Me., where he was a regular attendant, and much beloved by the pastors and all who knew him. He died while on a visit to his daughters in Somerville, Mass., March 30, 1883. His funeral was at Auburn. President Cheney of Bates College, sat with the mourners, and Doctors Howe and Hayes assisted in the services.

**Chaney, Rev. S. Freeman**, son of Rev. John Chaney, died in Plainfield, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1843, aged 24 years. He was a young man of much promise, having early shown marked talent and interest in religious things. He spent several terms at the Biblical School, at Parsonfield, Me., and was ordained June 2, 1842. He immediately became pastor of the church at Buxton, Me., where he saw more than one hundred conversions; but he was soon compelled to leave the work, and from his father's home was called to the home above. He was buried near his church at Buxton, Me.

**Chandler, Rev. E. M.**, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Harris) Chandler, was born Feb. 16, 1850, in St. Genevieve County, Mo. He was converted in 1868, and ordained in 1886. His work has been that of an evangelist. He was married March 14, 1877, to Nancy A. Tunsford.

**Chappel, Rev. Daniel**, ordained in 180-, labored in Vermont.

**Chappell, Rev. G. H.**, a native of Westerly, R. I., after studying at Lapham Institute, R. I., and Hillsdale College, Mich., was ordained by the Spafford, Q. M., N. Y., in February, 1870, when twenty-two years of age. He ministered to the churches at New Lyme, O., Brokenstraw, N. Y., and Taunton, Mass., and became pastor of the Congregational church at Brownnton, Minn.

**Charlton, Rev. T. C.**, was born in Wathington, England, July 11, 1826. His parents were members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. The son was converted at the age of fourteen years, appointed class leader a few years after, and, in 1847, was given work as a local preacher. In 1857 he was married, and with his wife came to America and set-

tled in Ohio, uniting with the Methodist Episcopal church. On account of a change in doctrinal views, in April, 1882, he united with the Hinckley Free Baptist church. He was ordained the same year and assumed charge of the Hinckley church, ministering to that church one year; since which he has labored in the vicinity.

**Chase, Rev. Albert H.**, was born in Killingly, Conn., June 4, 1823. His ancestors were of Puritan stock, and Oliver, his father, was a Revolutionary



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soldier. Thirst for knowledge led him for a time to Smithville Seminary, R. I. He married in 1844, and nine years later, yielding to his convictions of duty, and deciding to enter the ministry, attended the New Hampton Institution. In 1855 he became pastor of the church at Cherry Valley, O., where he remained two years, and then entered upon a seven years' pastorate at New Lyme, O. During the next three years he was employed in raising money for the Freedmen's Mission. In January, 1867, he became publishing agent and business manager of the *Christian Freeman* (q. v.), a position which he held about two years. He then labored in Cleveland, O., and in Harrisburg, Pa., remaining with the latter church until elected corresponding

secretary of the Home Mission Society. During his labors in this position he made Hillsdale, Mich., his home, publishing for a time the *Evangelist*, (q. v.), and later he preached for various churches in the vicinity. On account of delicate health he visited Tennessee, yet gained but little. Called to his old home in New Lyme to attend a wedding, he was attacked while there with hemorrhage of the lungs, from which he had suffered before, and in a few days his earthly life closed, June 19, 1883. His was an active, energetic life, devoted to whatever work he undertook. He was emphatically a man of positive convictions, was never found on neutral ground and disliked compromises. He had many warm friends, and his influence was widely felt in the denomination. His children, Roscoe A., and Mary E., graduated at Hillsdale College, Mich., and have been successful educators.

**Chase, Rev. Daniel**, began his ministry about 1800, Elder Randall assisting in his ordination. He labored in New Hampshire and Vermont, and in 1816 removed to Jackson, Pa., being, it is thought, the first minister of the denomination to settle in that state. He rendered faithful service in Susquehanna and Wayne Counties, Pa., and in Broome County, N. Y., and represented the Gibson Q. M. (Pa.) at the organization of the Susquehanna Y. M. He died at Mount Pleasant, March 2, 1850, aged 79 years.

**Chase, Rev. Ebenezer**, was born in 1785, and ordained in 1810. He was moderator at the organization of the Weare Q. M. at Newbury, N. H., Aug. 19, 1812. He resided at Andover. In 1819 he began the publication of the *Religious Informer*, a small semi-monthly pamphlet, devoted to the interests of the denomination. It was accepted by the Elders' Conference of his Q. M. and "under the influence of its order-loving editor rendered invaluable service." At his ordination objections had been made to his written plans of sermons. For eleven years he refrained from written plans in preaching. Then he regarded it his duty to write plans, and afterwards even whole sermons. After his *Informer* had been superseded by the *Morning*

*Star*, for three years he attended the Association of the Congregationalists as well as his own Q. M.'s. He was dismissed by the Weare Q. M., Oct. 28, 1828, and united with a people who would encourage him in writing and reading his sermons. More than thirty years after this, when reviewing his life, he said, "The Freewill Baptists are a people whom I early loved, and I love them still, and could I have foreseen that they would arrive at the place they now occupy, I probably should have remained with them. Still on the whole I think it is well that I joined the Congregationalists when I did."

**Chase, Rev. Frank K.**, son of Stephen J. and Caroline E. (Kimball) Chase, was born at Lawrence, Mass., Sept. 3, 1848. He studied at New Hampton four years and at Andover, Mass., three years. He was converted in 1864. Licensed in 1875, he was ordained in 1877 at West Buxton, Me. He was pastor at West Buxton three years, and since 1880 of the Washington Street church at Dover, N. H. He is a member of the Foreign Mission Board. He married Clara E. Morse, Oct. 26, 1872, and has one child.

**Chase, George Colby Dyer**, Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in Bates College, Lewiston, Me., was born in Unity, Me., March 15, 1844. He prepared for college at the Maine State Seminary (afterwards Bates College), and immediately, entered Bates College, where he graduated in 1868. The next two years he was teacher of Greek, Latin and Mental Philosophy, at New Hampton Institution, N. H. He then spent a year in Bates Theological School, and was at the same time a tutor of Greek in the college. He was at this time elected a professor in the college, and after taking a post-graduate course of one year at Harvard College, entered upon the work of the professorship. He has been a member of the Lewiston School Board continuously since 1874, and twice chosen president of the same, in 1883, and 1887. He was for several years a contributor to the *Morning Star*. He married June 12, 1872, Miss Emma F. Millett. They have one son and four daughters.

**Chase, James E.**, son of Lothario G. and Mary L. (Montgomery) Chase, was born Sept. 10, 1858, in China, Wyoming County, N. Y. He studied in the common schools. He lived in Michigan, where he was converted in February, 1870. He was licensed by the Hennepin Q. M. at Minneapolis, Minn., June 8, 1889, and is doing evangelistic work in and around Elk River.

**Chase, Rev. L. C.**, son of Charles and Mary (Holt) Chase, was born in Rutland, O., Oct. 2, 1839. He began the new life in 1857, received license in 1859, and



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ordination in 1868, having graduated from Hillsdale College in 1866. He became principal of Atwood Institute the year of his graduation, and was there five years. He has also served as editor of the *Huntington, W. Va., Independent*, and as superintendent of the city schools. His pastorates have been at Conneaut, Sheffield and Madison, O., Fairview, Ill., and Mt. Pleasant, Kan. He is now superintendent of the work in the northern Kansas and southern Nebraska Y. M., and also in connection with his ministerial duties is preparing a book entitled, "Contending for the Faith." He was married in March, 1882, to Hattie Lawson.

**Chase, Prof. Melville W.**, was born in Minot, Me., in 1842, and is the son of T. Warren and Mary A. (Bumpus)

Chase. In 1867 he married Olive C. Poland. His education was received at Maine State Seminary and Hebron Academy. He studied music in Maine and later in Boston. In September, 1869, he was called to take charge of the music department in Hillsdale College, a position he has since filled with credit both to himself and the College. Under his efficient management the College is able to do her share in supplying the demand for competent singers and teachers. In 1885 he became a member of the Free-will Baptist church of Hillsdale. As his second wife, he married Mrs. Ellen Hill in 1877.

**Chase, Rev. Uriah**, son of Levi and Sarah (Page) Chase, was born in Canterbury, N. H., Sept. 28, 1820. He was converted in April, 1837, and from 1840-42 studied in Gilmanton Academy. The next year he was licensed, and March 13, 1850, was ordained at East Parsonfield, Me., with Clement Phinney on the council. For the next twenty-four years he was located in seventeen places, as follows: South Limington, Me., one year, revival; First Raymond, one year, revival; Second Buxton, two years; First Alton, N. H., two years, revival; Second Belmont, four years, two revivals; Andover, two years, some revival interest; First Wolfborough, one year; Nottingham, one year, revival; Third Strafford, one year; Barrington, two years, revival; Epsom, one year; Shapleigh, Me., one year, revival; First Raymond, four years, two revivals; Brownfield, eighteen months, some revival interest; First Madison, N. H., four years, two revivals; First Raymond, Me., two years; Hollis, one year, where he retired an invalid in May, 1884. He was married October 25, 1855, to Miss Harriette A. Kimball, and Feb. 17, 1863, to Miss Lizzie Guilford, and has three children. He died at Waterborough, Me., Aug. 1, 1888, in his 68th year.

**Chase, Rev. William Plummer**, was born in Canterbury, N. H., May 31, 1812, and died in S. Vineland, N. J., Feb. 5, 1874. He was ordained in Canterbury in October, 1834, and for five years labored in northern New York.

Here he saw many revivals and gathered the Rutland Q. M., which united with the Vermont Y. M. He next saw a powerful revival at E. Weare, N. H., and organized a church. In 1841 he went to Limerick, Me., where also his work was blessed, but two years later he returned to New Hampshire with broken health. He was a ready and interesting speaker and an advocate of the benevolent and progressive movements of the denomination.

**Chatterton, Rev. Benjamin**, of Middleton, Vt., died June 17, 1855, after a long, painful illness, aged 77 years. He was born in Acworth, N. H., where he lived till 1798, when he removed to Middleton. Converted in 1805, he soon began to preach. Joining the Methodists with his wife, he was baptized in June. When the body in that place became extinct in 1823, he joined the Free Baptist church there. In January, 1827, his church gave him a recommendation to preach, and at their request he was ordained Feb. 3, 1828, by the Huntington Q. M. Though the support of a large family devolved upon him, he found time to do much acceptable service in and around his native place. His wife's death in 1852 was a heavy grief to him, in feeble health. He was truly a good man.

**Cheney, Rev. Martin**, son of Joseph and Susannah Cheney, was born in Dover, Mass., Aug. 29, 1792. He was the fourth of six children. His parents were Congregationalists, and his chief textbook aside from the Bible was the "Assembly's Catechism." He prized the meager privilege for an education which his village afforded, and early possessed a great fondness for books. He earnestly coveted a collegiate course of study, but slender means forbade. For a short time he was in the grocery of his brother in Boston, and was frequently required to furnish liquors to customers. For a year he was employed as a servant in a merchant's family in the same city. But love of freedom and equality made service obnoxious to him, and, much against his father's wishes, he sought his liberty. He about this time listened to a Universalist sermon, and rejoiced that there was

no punishment on the other side of the grave. He feared not the punishment on this side. In 1810, at eighteen years of age, he moved with an elder brother to Olneyville, R. I., where, with the exception of two years, he lived till his death. In this place, with plenty of debauchery, but no church, he found in his pursuit of selling meat many evil associates. In 1813 he married Miss Anna, daughter of Fleet Brown, of Foster. In 1815-16 he moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., and entered into an unsuccessful grocery enterprise with a brother. The next spring he returned to his old occupation and wicked associates in Rhode Island. In the following autumn his wife died in the Christian's hope, leaving one child. The husband went from bad to worse. In



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October, 1819, he married Miss Nancy Wilbour. During the next winter a remarkable dream in a measure awakened him. During a general religious interest in the entire community, his heart was touched at the conference meeting at the home of one of his old comrades in sin. He longed deeply to hear the voice of prayer. He himself bowed the knee, and after some days he found peace. On the third Sabbath in June, 1821, he was baptized by Rev. Zalmon Tobey, and united with the Second Baptist church

in North Providence. The next month his wife followed him in the sacred service. Reluctantly he yielded to the call of God to preach, and on Thanksgiving day, in November, 1823, he presented his first sermon to the church. His text was II. Pet. 3:9. On his examination for a license he was found to be Arminian and in favor of free communion. The church, which was Calvinistic, advised him to take a letter and unite with some body sympathizing with his views. He took it, and united with the Fourth Baptist church in Providence and preached before them on trial Feb. 4, 1824. He was licensed by the church the same month. About this time he began to hold meetings in a hall in Olneyville. In August, 1824, he made a tour as an evangelist in eastern Massachusetts, with Rev. Abner Jones of the Christian connection. About this time he joined the Union Conference, consisting of such men as Z. Tobey, Allen Brown, John Prentice, Ray Potter, and Henry Tatem. In April, 1825, after due examination, he was ordained by these brethren, and half the time he was engaged at Fruit Hill, North Providence. For nearly three years he preached in the Olneyville Hall in the morning, and in the afternoon at Fruit Hill. On the 2d of July, 1827, the Olneyville meeting-house was dedicated for worship. Nov. 7, 1828, a church of eleven members was organized in the vestry. Mr. Cheney prepared the church covenant. Henceforth his life was intimately connected with the moral development of the place. He was brilliant and instructive as a preacher, bold and fearless as a reformer. Many hundreds were brought to the feet of the Saviour. During the thirty years of his ministry between 700 and 800 were connected with his church. He advocated total abstinence for all, freedom for the slave, arbitration in the stead of bloody conflict. He was frequently called to lecture in large public assemblies; generally with great success, always with great ability. He was progressive and he lived in the world about him. For several years he was troubled with a cough and hoarseness; at length he was laid aside by illness in the autumn of 1851. His disease was liver



complaint of the chronic type. His last words were, "I have a hope that endureth to the end." He died Jan. 4, 1852, aged 59 years. His biography was prepared by Rev. Geo. T. Day, D. D. His second wife died Dec. 23, 1831. March 4, 1833, he married Miss Lydia Sheldon, who survived him. He left several children.

**Cheney, Rev. Moses**, was ordained in 1809, in New Hampshire. He was pastor at New Durham, and two years after the death of Randall we find the church, May 9, 1809, through a committee, engaging for him a tenement "for twelve months at twenty-four dollars in produce at the current price," and recommending "the members to contribute toward the support of Elder Cheney and family, as they feel in their own minds, and deliver it to him themselves." He was elected secretary of the New Hampshire Charitable Society, at its organization, June 11, 1813. He preached at the Y. M., at Weare, in 1814. Sept. 23, 1816, with Lamb and White he reached Burrillville, R. I., and preached a sermon next day at the Q. M. In 1821 he went into his pulpit in Meredith, N. H., avowed his belief in Calvinism, and, after a trial in the Q. M., which lasted from March till December, he was, at his request, dismissed.

**Cheney, Rev. Oren B. (D. D., in 1863, by Wesleyan University)**, son of Deacon Moses and Abigail (Morrison) Cheney, was born in Holderness (now Ashland), N. H., Dec. 10, 1816. He fitted at Parsonfield Seminary and New Hampton Institution, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1839. He was converted in the spring of 1836, and, walking from Dartmouth to his native place, he was baptized by Rev. Simeon Dana, uniting with the Ashland church.

After his graduation he became principal of the Farmington, Me., Academy, in the autumn of 1839. In 1841 he accepted the position as principal of the Strafford Academy. He then taught the Greenland, N. H., Academy, near Portsmouth, and was licensed by the Portsmouth church. He next became principal of Parsonfield Seminary, where his son was born in 1844. He went to

Whitestown, N. Y., and studied theology in the Biblical School, at the same time teaching Latin in the Seminary. His wife was taken ill and was borne home on a bed to Stratham, N. H., where she died June 13, 1846.

While teaching at Parsonfield he had preached one-half the time at Effingham Hill, N. H., where he was ordained in the autumn of 1844 by Rev. John Buzzell, Rev. Benj. S. Manson and others. But this pastorate was laid down on account of opposition to his anti-slavery sentiments.

After the death of his wife he settled at West Lebanon, Me. He taught six months of the year, and founded there the West Lebanon Academy.



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In 1851-52 he was sent to the Legislature by the Whigs and Free-soilers, and voted for the original Maine Temperance Law. In 1852 he went to Augusta for five years as pastor of the church. Sept. 22, 1854, he received a letter from Rev. J. A. Lowell, principal of Parsonfield Seminary, announcing that the Seminary building had been burned the day before.

From that day Dr. Cheney consecrated himself to build for the Free Baptists an efficient literary institution in a more central place. How effectively he has done his work, let the institution that has

grown up around him speak. A charter had been received from the state March 16, 1855. He was chosen principal and treasurer. The state had given \$15,000, on condition that \$15,000 more be raised. The sum was raised in Lewiston on condition that the Seminary be located there. After twice resigning he was released from the Augusta church in 1857, and in September the State Seminary opened. But financial embarrassment among some of the donors soon occasioned difficulty. By earnest work the school was relieved. In 1863 the institution became a college by vote of its trustees, receiving a college charter from the state of Maine in January, 1864.

President Cheney has held many important positions of confidence and trust in his denomination. He has been twice moderator of General Conference, and has occupied an important position on the Conference Board. He has represented his denomination as delegate to the General Baptists of England. He has been recording secretary of the Foreign Mission and Home Mission Societies, and president of the Education and Anti-Slavery Societies, and is now president of the Foreign Mission Society. He married Miss Caroline A. Rundlett, of Stratham, N. H., Jan. 30, 1840. Their son, Horace, died after graduating from college and taking a creditable position in the practice of law. He married in August, 1847, Nancy S., daughter of Rev. Thomas Perkins, and has two daughters.

**Cheney, Mrs. Oren B.** (Nancy S. Perkins), the eldest daughter of Rev. Thomas Perkins, was born in New Hampton, N. H., Nov. 6, 1812. She inherited many of her father's characteristics—a strong and active mind, a sunny and devout disposition, and an earnest love of truth and righteousness. To this goodly heritage she added most careful culture and earnest personal faith, and showed a character strong, independent, refined, and fully rounded to the measure of true womanliness. After many years of teaching around New Hampton and in Ashland, she married Rev. O. B. Cheney, in August 1847. She was the recording secretary of the Female Mis-

sion Society in 1847-1850 and 1852, its president in 1858, and afterward had an important place on the Executive Board. She was a true helpmeet to her husband in all the manifold work of his life for



Mrs. O. B. Cheney.

the building up of education and religion. For several years delicate health hindered her activities. After illness of a week, with paralysis, she died Feb. 21, 1886.

**Cheney, Rev. Rufus**, was born in Antrim, N. H., May 4, 1780. He began to preach when about twenty-three years of age, and was ordained in 1810. After residing for a time in Vermont, near St. Johnsbury, he moved to Attica, N. Y., where, with the assistance of Rev. N. Brown, he was instrumental in gathering a church. During his three years at that place it increased to 120 members. In 1817 he settled in Porter, O., and organized a small church, which soon numbered more than 100. In his labors the Little Scioto Q. M. had its origin. Returning to New York, he ministered to the Attica church several years, and built there a house of worship. In 1837 he settled in Wisconsin, where he organized the New Berlin church in 1840, and the Honey Creek church in 1841,—the first churches gathered in the state. He was the father of the Honey

Creek Q. M., and, with Cary and others, took an important part in building up the Wisconsin Y. M. He enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. The remembrance of him is blessed. Aug.



Rev. Rufus Cheney.

30, 1869, he departed this life to dwell with the redeemed in heaven. In early life he was married to Prudy Piper, also of New Hampshire. Of their ten children, six yet live, having attained an average age of seventy-five.

**Cheshire Academy** arose from a High School which was opened in Cheshire, O., in 1858, by Rev. P. W. Perry. Through his influence the citizens erected a building in 1860, and the Academy was opened, with Mr. Perry as principal. During his connection with the school the attendance ranged from thirty-five to eighty-five. In 1868 Prof. J. W. Van Sickle was principal. The Academy continued about ten years.

**Chesley, Rev. Plummer**, was born in Barrington, N. H., Sept. 10, 1818, and died in East Rochester April 4, 1883. He was converted in Dover in 1835. He began preaching in January, 1850, and was ordained at Lake Village, Jan. 28, 1852. His pastorates were in Weare, Canterbury, Candia, Portsmouth, Barrington, East Rochester, and Walnut Grove (Rochester), N. H., and in Kit-

tery, Newfield, and Parsonfield, Me. A large number were converted in a great revival while he was at Kittery. He was in the ministry more than thirty years. He was remarkably conscientious. It was his habit for many years to devote a tenth of all he received to benevolent purposes.

**Chick, Rev. John**, died in Ossipee, N. H., Jan. 9, 1874, aged sixty-eight years. He was born in Berwick, Me., Dec. 29, 1806. While a child, his family moved to Ossipee. His early religious training was not very thorough, and his educational advantages were quite limited. His early manhood was spent in farming and various mechanical employments. When twenty-three years of age he became a Christian, was baptized by Rev. Daniel Jackson, and united with the First Ossipee church. Soon after, he joined the Second church, just organized, and remained there a member till his death. At once he became an earnest worker. In 1833 he was licensed to preach by the Wolfboro Q. M. He was ordained at East Wolfboro at a session of the Q. M., May 25, 1835. From 1833 to 1873, he was most of the time the minister of the church which he had joined. In 1840 and 1841 he ministered with the First Wolfboro church, and afterward spent two years with the Effingham Falls church; also about three years with the Ossipee and Wakefield church, though he resided on his farm in Ossipee during this last pastorate. As he had opportunity he visited most of the churches in his Q. M. He was clerk of the Wolfboro Q. M. several years, and was very efficient in its business matters. He never missed a session but once, then because he had a dislocated limb. He was seldom absent from the Y. M., and was twice a member of General Conference, in 1839 and 1865. His ministry of forty years, his benevolence and interest in the affairs of the churches, made him known as the father of the Wolfboro Q. M. An unsuccessful manufacturing venture started by him, rather for the public good than for gain, brought loss upon himself and others. He was much grieved because of the loss to others. As a preacher, he was able,

and at times eloquent. He was an exemplary Christian and highly esteemed as a citizen. A year or two before his death his anxieties and excessive labor began to tell on his vigorous constitution, and his health gradually failed, yet he kept actively about his Master's business until a short time before his death.

**Child, Rev. Geo. H.**, son of John G. and Mary A. (Ham) Child, was born in Providence, R. I., in 1827. In 1849 he married Emily A. Haskell, of Westborough, Mass. His grandfather was one of the founders of the Central Baptist church, Providence; his wife's grandfather was one of the founders of the Baptist church in her native place. Converted in 1841, he was ordained in Providence in 1864, for the freedman's work, by the American Millennial Association. He received badge and commission in 1864, of Geo. Stewart of Philadelphia, and served in the Christian Commission work in the hospitals in Kentucky and Tennessee. Later, he preached and taught among the freedmen in Edgefield, Tenn., opposite Nashville. While thus engaged, his school-house was fired and burnt to the ground. He was forced to leave the work through a sickness which brought him to death's door. Recovering, through answer to prayer, he labored in Vermont and Maine. He was pastor at Tiverton, R. I., four years, and at East Killingly, Conn., five years.

**Christian Freeman, The**, had its origin in a Western convention, held in Chicago, Dec. 7, 1866, by which it was resolved to establish a paper soon. The first number was issued April 4, 1867. Rev. A. H. Chase was the publisher, and he was later succeeded by Rev. D. G. Holmes. Rev. D. M. Graham, D. D., was the first editor. He was soon succeeded by Wayland Dunn, who had been assistant editor, and, from the first, had borne the responsibility of conducting the paper. When his health failed he was succeeded by Rev. A. H. Huling. In 1868 the paper was enlarged. It continued four years, exerting a helpful influence among the churches; after which, as it failed to meet the expense of publication, the subscription list was transferred to the *Baptist Union* (q. v.).

**Christian Progress, The**, an eight-page monthly, was published at Dwelltown, Tenn., by Rev. M. Curtis. It was indorsed by the New Union Association, and was devoted to its interests. The first issue appeared in July, 1883, and the subscriptions increased to above 600, the price being 50 cents per annum. In 1885 its publication was suspended.

**Christian, Rev. Peter**, was born at Plattsburgh, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1817. His parents were Joseph and Frances (Stant-hill) Christian. He went to Illinois in 1836, was married to Mary A. Johnson, June 26, 1841, and now has two children. The year of his marriage he was con-



Rev. Peter Christian.

verted under the labors of Rev. J. B. Fast. He soon felt called to preach, and was licensed in April, 1850, receiving ordination June 24, 1854, at the hands of Rev's S. Shaw and L. Driscoll of the Walnut Creek Q. M. He has continued a faithful laborer in that and the Prairie City Q. M. to the present time, engaging in revival work at many places and baptizing many converts. He took quite an active part in the anti-slavery agitation. In his advanced years he retains the esteem of the brethren, with whom he has many years toiled for the Master.

**Church, Rev. Samuel D.**, son of Seth G. and Eleanor M. (Dudley)

Church, was born at Salem, Warren County, O., Dec. 28, 1832. He studied at Maineville, O.; Whitestown, N. Y.; Brunswick, Me.; and at Bangor Theological Seminary. He was converted in 1848. Licensed in 1851, he was ordained Jan. 25, 1855, by Geo. T. Day, J. A. McKenzie, A. D. Williams, John Pratt and Joseph Whittemore. He has held pastorates at Providence, R. I.; Taunton, Mass.; Lake Village, N. H.; Pawtucket, R. I.; Brunswick, Me., Bangor; Blackstone, Mass., Taunton; Waterbury, Vt., North Lebanon, Me., and Deerfield Centre, N. H. He has had revivals in nearly all of these churches. He is now located at Deerfield, N. H. He married Eliza M. Arnold, Jan. 29, 1855, and has four children living.

**Church of God, The**, arose from revivals enjoyed in and around Harrisburg, Pa., soon after the settlement of Rev. John Winebrenner, D. D., in that city in 1820. Dr. Winebrenner was formerly of the German Reformed church. In 1825 more extensive revivals prevailed. June 29, 1829, the first church was organized at Shingletown, Pa., and in October, 1830, the first eldership was constituted at Harrisburg. In doctrine, free-will is accepted, particular election is denounced, believers' baptism by immersion is adopted, and open communion practiced. The churches are independent and congregational. The elders of each church unite with those of other churches to form an association called the *Eldership*, which meets annually. The preachers and one elder from each church compose this annual meeting. This meeting selects a stationing committee, which appoints each minister to his field for the year, subject to the approval of the Eldership. Some Elderships limit the term of service in any one church to three years. In 1883 twelve Elderships were reported, East Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, and Arkansas. The estimated membership was 40,000. The annual Elderships are associated in a General Eldership which meets triennially. Recently a lively interest has been awakened on the subject of education, and a fine college building

has been erected at Findlay, O., as a training school for the ministry, and for literary culture for all, both male and female.

**Churchill, Rev. Hartwell**, son of Asa and Mary (Holden) Churchill, was born at Moose River, Me., Feb. 2, 1845. Jan. 13, 1870, he was married to Lydia Eaton Pratt. For several years he served as a licensed preacher, and was ordained by the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Q. M., Aug. 20, 1882. He has been pastor of the Casnovia, Crystal, and Bushnell churches in Michigan, and is now pastor of the Fairfield church in the same state. He has been a teacher, and has held the office of superintendent of schools and school inspector in different towns.

**Churchill, Rev. Roger W.**, son of Nathaniel and Abbie W. (Stevens) Churchill, was born at Shapleigh, Me., Aug. 30, 1848. He first studied for the law. He studied theology at Bates Theological School, and was converted in 1869. Licensed in 1881, he was ordained in 1883, at Richmond, Me., and labored successfully there five years; he had two revivals; sixty-four were added to the church. He is settled at present at Belmont, N. H., where in one year twelve have been added. He married Maggie A. Archibald, Dec. 13, 1883, and has one daughter.

**Cilley, Rev. Daniel Plumer**, grandson of General Joseph Cilley, of the Revolution, and son of Colonel Daniel and Hannah Plumer (sister of Governor Plumer) Cilley, was born at Epsom, N. H., May 31, 1806. He studied at Loudon High School and Pembroke Academy, and when about to study medicine he felt Christ's call to the ministry. He was ordained at his native place in January, 1833. For twenty-eight years of active ministry he served the churches efficiently in New Market, Northwood, Pittsfield, Manchester, Great Falls, and Farmington, N. H.; North Scituate, R. I., and Boston, Mass. During nineteen years of this ministry the record kept shows 699 baptisms at his hands; 584 marriages are recorded. Inheriting a martial spirit and true patriotism, he accepted a chaplaincy in the late Rebellion and served till its close, following his regiment faith-

fully into every engagement. At the close of the war he was appointed by the American Board a missionary to Alabama, but failing health compelled his return. In 1868 he with his family went to North Carolina, returning to Farmington, N. H., in 1873. He was early identified with the great benevolent institutions and enterprises of the denomination. He was corresponding secretary and recording secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society; recording secretary for over ten years of the Anti-Slavery Society, president of the S. S. Union; member of publishing committee, a trustee and proprietor of the Printing Establishment. He frequently represented his denomination in General Conference. He died peacefully at his home in Farmington Nov. 14, 1888. In 1836 he married Miss Adelaide A. Haines, of Canterbury; she with ability and sweetness has shared her husband's toils and enhanced his effectiveness as well as soothed his sufferings. Of their four children, Capt. Joseph B. Cilley has gone before; three remain, Col. Clinton A. Cilley, of North Carolina, Dr. Daniel P. Cilley, of Westborough, Mass., and Mrs. Adelaide Cilley Waldron, whose easy pen has made sweet poetry for the public press.

**Cilley, Daniel P. (2nd)**, was a native of British India, who became connected with the boarding-school at Jellalore, and was baptized Aug. 29, 1847. He ever afterwards maintained a consistent Christian character, and in 1854 was received on probation as a preacher of the Gospel to his countrymen, the Santals. While on a tour with the missionaries, he died suddenly of cholera, Jan. 9, 1856, and was in sadness carried to Jellalore for burial.

**Cilley, Rev. Elbridge Gerry**, was born in Danbury, N. H., Jan. 7, 1819. He commenced a religious life when nineteen years of age, and began holding meetings four years later. Sept. 6, 1845, he was licensed to preach, and Jan. 8, 1848, he was ordained in Michigan, being then connected with the Boston church of the Grand River, and later of the Grand Rapids Q. M. He was pastor of that church twenty years, serving that and other churches in the Q. M. until

the organization of the Holton and White River Q. M., which he assisted in gathering. He conducted many revivals, organized ten churches and baptized about four hundred converts. At present he is pastor of the Holton church. In 1844 he was married to Ruth Hunt, who was a helpmeet indeed, sharing the joys, sorrows and burdens of a pioneer minister's life, and being especially active in Sabbath-school work. She passed to her rest in August, 1878. They had five children, four now living, the oldest being Mrs. Z. F. Griffin, of India.

**Cilley, Rev. Joseph L.**, died in Camden, Me., May 15, 1871, aged 67 years. He was born in Buckfield, June 13, 1804. His parents moved to Brooks when he was a boy. He improved his limited advantages so well that he became a good English scholar. He became a Christian at the age of seventeen. He was licensed to preach when about thirty-seven years of age, and was ordained in 1842. His work in the ministry was confined to the towns of Jackson and Brooks and those adjoining them in the Prospect Q. M. In 1853 he moved to Rockland. While there he was confined at home by the feeble health of his wife, who died in 1857, but he preached occasionally and was a great help to the pastor. While at Camden, he preached part of the time for the church, and at other times was a Q. M. missionary, in which work he was very successful. His sermons were plain and practical. He was decided and firm in regard to principles, but gentle and cheerful; a true peacemaker, yet a manly warrior against sin. He was held in very high esteem.

**Clark, Rev. Aaron**, died in Hermon, Me., Dec. 11, 1880, aged 66 years. He was converted at the age of thirteen. When seventeen years of age, he was licensed by the Methodists as an exhorter. He afterwards united with the Free Baptists, by whom he was ordained about 1840. He preached in several places within the limits of the Montville Q. M. His name appears in the Register in connection with the Washington church from 1848 to 1869; then as pastor of the Second Montville church till 1872; then as pastor of the Washington church till

1875; then as pastor of the South Montville church one year. He remained a member of the latter church till his death. He was very successful in winning souls, and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

**Clark, Rev. Avery**, a native of Springfield, Mass., settled in Iowa in 1846. He experienced a change of heart three years later, and was ordained in May, 1856, at a session of the Delaware and Clayton Q. M. He was a strong man, positive in his convictions, and when President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation he said, "Now I can go." While with his regiment, he was active as a minister. He fell in battle Sept. 3, 1863.

**Clark, Rev. Dudley E.**, was born July 19, 1855, at Conneaut, Ohio, and died at Arlington, R. I., Nov. 24, 1884, aged 29 years. He was the fifth child of Rev. Rufus Clark. In the thirteenth year of his age he was baptized by his father and became a member of the church in Warren, Ill. Without much help from his father's small salary, he obtained an education through his own persistent efforts. He was graduated at Hillsdale College, Mich., in 1879, and from the Theological Department of this college in 1881. He was ordained in 1880, and preached while in school, at Woodstock, Mich., where he witnessed a revival and a score of conversions. After his graduation he preached and taught school at Davison Station, Mich., where his labors were highly esteemed. In 1883, he was called to Arlington, R. I., where he endeared himself to many in the short time before his early death.

**Clark, Rev. Ely**, son of Jeremiah and Polly (Joy) Clark, was born in Strafford, Vt., Jan. 8, 1808. He was married March 14, 1837, to Sophronia Tyler, and Dec. 12, 1843, to Mary Hackett, and has four children, one of whom is Rev. L. G. Clark. Converted at the age of ten, he was licensed by the church in August, 1829, and ordained Jan. 23, 1836, at Tunbridge, by Rev's S. H. Goodale, N. Bowles, N. King, and O. Shipman, and for three years was pastor of the Stowe and Waterbury church; for the next three years he accepted the ap-

pointment to travel in the Huntington Q. M. He then settled at Strafford, where he has since lived. In 1875 he was chosen to represent his town for two years in the Vermont Legislature. He has married nearly three hundred couples, and attended over six hundred funerals.

**Clark, Rev. Frederick**, ordained in 181-, labored in Vermont.

**Clark, Rev. Hannibal**, son of George and Harriet (Thomas) Clark, was born in Henry County, Tenn., March 8, 1849. He was converted in 1882, and received license to preach two years later. Nov. 7, 1886, he was ordained by the Mound City Q. M., Ill., and entered upon the work of a pastor.

**Clark, Hollis K.**, son of Nathaniel S. and Lucy M. (Knowlton) Clark, was born in Auburn, Mass., April 20, 1832. Nov. 27, 1852, he married Esther L. Pierce, and has five children living. He has been many years a member of the Roger Williams church, Providence, and has long served it as Sunday-school superintendent. For several summers he has served the Assembly at Ocean Park, Me., as musical director. He has been chairman of the Rhode Island Sunday-school Union, and prominent in providing for the Union the program of its excellent Autumn Gatherings.

**Clarke, Rev. James M.**, son of George W. and Lovina (Meyers) Clark, was born in White County, Ind., April 22, 1854. Oct. 6, 1875, he was married to Sarah E. Hudson, and was ordained March 12, 1882, since which time he has been the pastor of six churches, and has organized one Q. M., preaching yearly 141 sermons and traveling over 1,400 miles. At present he has charge of the Corry, Glade Springs, Olive Branch and Prairie Valley churches of the Eldorado Springs Q. M., Mo.

**Clark, Rev. John**, died in Prospect, Me., Aug. 8, 1871, aged 78 years. He was born in Newcastle. He married and moved to Monroe in early manhood, and in 1824, during a great revival in that section, he was converted and united with the church. He was licensed in 1832, and ordained as an evangelist in 1838. He worked hard to support

his family, and preached Sabbaths. He was in the ministry about forty years, and traveled in that time about forty thousand miles, at least one-half of the distance on foot. He baptized 125, attended 100 funerals, and married sixty couples. He preached till within a few days of his death. Though born of poor parents and with limited education, his willing mind enabled him to do a good work.

**Clark, Rev. Lucian G.**, son of Eli and Sophronia (Tyler) Clark, was born in Thetford, Vt., January, 1841. He became a Christian at the age of sixteen. He was in the war of the Rebellion, in which service he lost the hearing of one ear. He attended the Green Mountain Seminary for a time, but, unable to hear the instruction at the recitations, he was advised by the principal to leave school and enter the field. He received license to preach in 1874, and was ordained at Norristown, Vt., in June, 1876. He was pastor there three years, one year at South Wheelock, three years and nine months at Washington, one year and three months at Middlesex, and about three years at South Parsonfield, Me. He settled in Hollis, in the spring of 1887. He was a member of the General Conference of 1880. He was married in 1865 to Miss Eunice G. Wells, who died in 1873. In 1875 he married Miss Sarah Swift. He has one child.

**Clark, Rev. Mayhew**, died at Hookset, N. H., Dec. 15, 1858, in his 71st year. Funeral services were attended at Manchester, N. H., by the Rev. A. D. Smith. Brother Clark was born at Wakefield, N. H., in May, 1788. In 1814 the hostile British hovered about Portsmouth harbor. Mayhew Clark, of Ossipee, was drafted for the militia. He was a licensed preacher and had been in the practice of holding meetings for four or five years. "One morning early," he says, "I left my bunk and walked through the barracks singing a spiritual hymn, to call out the soldiers of Christ, if any were in camp. Three came out the first time, and an early prayer-meeting was appointed at the cook house at daybreak. The third day I was summoned to the officers' quarters, expecting to be reproved and ordered to

hold no more meetings. Great and joyful was my surprise when they asked me to sing and pray with them, and invited me to come every evening, with the assurance that no other duty would be asked of me than the one I had undertaken in the cause of religion." In the meetings that followed sinners were converted and backsliders reclaimed, about sixty in number. He was ordained in 1818. In 1826 he, with Roger Copp and Enoch Place, occasionally preached to a little band of the Free Baptist sentiment in Dover, N. H. A revival followed and a church of twenty-five members was organized. In 1829 Clark commenced his labors with this church, and after a few months left the vestry for another place. Others accompanying him, the academy was hired, a general meeting of all Free Baptists was called, and the church organization of sixty-three members was revived, new officers were chosen and a revival followed. He was for many years connected with the New Durham Q. M., dwelling at Meredith. In 1840 he went to reside at Upper Gilmanton.

**Clark, Rev. O. T.**, son of Thompson F. and Philana (Miller) Clark, was born in Essex, Vt., in 1832, and married to Miss Caroline A. Fielding in 1854. He made a profession of religion in 1850 (the family having moved to Illinois in 1836) and studied zealously as opportunity presented, but resisted the call to the ministry. He served three years in the army, and there decided to obey the call. Returning to his home, now in Iowa, he joined the Freewill Baptist church, and served as a laymen until, at the close of a revival in 1870, he was licensed. The following year he was ordained. His ministry has been in Iowa, with the Tama Q. M.; in Kansas eight years, with the Norton County Q. M., which he was largely instrumental in gathering, and now in Illinois, with the Burns and Liberty churches of the Walnut Creek Q. M. During his ministry he has organized six churches, baptized sixty persons, and, with his wife, has taken much interest in the benevolent work of the denomination.

**Clark, Rev. Peter**, was born in Upper Gilmanton, N. H., Oct. 8, 1781, and



died there Nov. 25, 1865, aged 84 years. Born in a log cabin, he had the example and instruction of a faithful mother, who early taught him the value of prayer. The family was large and the father in feeble health. He was converted in June, 1798, and baptized by Elder R. Martin. The next September he began his ministry in his native place. Elder Martin pointed him out to a bystander as "a boy hard to handle in argument." When about to settle in Whitefield he was dissuaded by the people in Gilmanton, as they wished him to remain and conduct their meetings. Jan. 8, 1810, he was ordained by Rev's W. Young, R. Martin, H. D. Buzzell, as pastor of the newly organized Third Gilmanton church. Great revivals followed. There were added April 20, twenty-four; August 22, eight; June 25, 1814, twenty-two; October, 1818, thirty-one. In 1826 this independent church joined the New Durham Q. M. In 1829, at the August session of the Q. M. here, a revival commenced which continued for months, spreading elsewhere, and in November eighteen were added to the church and others through the winter. A healthy growth existed in the interest here for years. As early as 1830 the church espoused the cause of temperance. In 1834 a Christian Baptist element entered the place, and the next year their preacher followed and a church was organized. After 1840, weakened by the attack of a fever, Brother Clark was less active in the ministry. In 1841 his wife, with whom he had lived since 1805, sickened and died. In 1849 he married Miss Abigail E. Ware, who survived him. Other Free Baptist ministers began to labor in the town, and after a protracted sickness Father Clark was at rest. He was a great punster and keen satirist, which grace restrained. But occasionally these would break through very pleasantly. Amusing incidents, with which a volume might be well filled, were treasured and repeated by the people. He represented his town in the Legislature. He was given to Christian hospitality.

**Clark, Rev. Sylvanus**, ordained in 182-, labored in Maine.

**Clark, Rev. William**, son of Aaron and Mercy (Morrell) Clark, was born in New Brunswick in 1830, and united with the Blenheim, Ont., church when twenty years of age. Two years later he received license to preach, and after eighteen months' work in that vicinity, he attended school at Kalamazoo, Mich., and at Hillsdale. He was ordained by the Hillsdale Q. M., and became pastor of the Bedford and Erie church. After spending twelve years in the ministry and two in the army, he married Miss S. P., daughter of Rev. S. Gilman, and made his home at Paw Paw, Mich. He has preached occasionally in that vicinity. He has baptized about forty.

**Clark, Rev. W. E.**, of Libertyville, Mo., was born to Burton and Lydia (Cole) Clark, in Orange County, N. C., in 1812. He experienced religion about 1837, and was ordained six years later in Illinois, in the Christian denomination. Moving to Missouri in 1855, he afterwards united with the Free Baptists, and is connected with the Fredericktown church, of the St. Francois Q. M.

**Clarke, Rev. Elmore C.**, son of Amos H. and Ann E. (Piper) Clarke, was born in Piermont, N. H., Aug. 10, 1854. He pursued a four years' course in the New Hampton Institution, N. H., from 1880 to 1884. He was converted at the age of twenty-four, received license to preach the next year, in June, 1879, and was ordained in August, 1884, by the Weare Q. M. Rev's D. Moody, A. Sargent, N. Jones, W. H. Yeomans, and D. I. Quint were the council. He is pastor of the Sutton and Newbury churches, N. H., and has baptized about twenty converts. Aug. 30, 1874, he married Miss Nettie E. Turner.

**Clarke, Rev. Gardiner**, son of Moody and Susan (Richards) Clarke, was born at Highgate, Vt., in 1812. He studied at Bradford Academy and at Newbury Seminary. He was converted in 1831, and performed religious work with the Methodists. Licensed in 1833, he was ordained ten years later by Rev's T. P. Moulton and Harvey. He was settled a year at Cabot, Vt., and a year at Huntington, Conn. During seven years at

Rehoboth, and Attleborough, Mass., several revivals were enjoyed. While with the Union church at Hebronville (Attleborough), about fifty converts were baptized. He saw a few conversions during his three years' pastorate at Chepachet, R. I. After an absence from the ministry of twenty-six years, he returned for two years to the Rehoboth church. He served the church at Norton one year, and at Taunton two. He has taught school and held positions in several school committees. His home is in Attleborough, Mass. He married, in 1837, Jane R. Deming, and has two children living.

**Clarke, Rev. Rufus**, was born Nov. 23, 1819, in Conneaut, O. His father, Peck Clarke, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his grandfather in the war of Independence. He was converted in 1830, attended Geauga Seminary, and



Rev. Rufus Clarke.

was ordained in 1845. For sixteen years he was pastor of the church in his native town, and he has since ministered to the Lenox, Cherry Valley, Burgh Hill, New Lyme, Greenburg, and Colebrook, O.; Sheffield and Wellsburg, Pa.; Warren, Ill., and Fond du Lac and Winneconne, Wis., churches. He was actively identified with the anti-slavery movement, and aided in raising funds and recruits

in the late war. He is a life member of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies. He wrote sketches of the early history of Conneaut and other towns in northern Ohio. He has, in connection with his pastoral work, delivered many lectures on various topics, and has been a liberal contributor to the religious and secular press. March 22, 1840, he was married to Celia Sanborn. The youngest of their six children was the late Rev. Dudley E. Clark of Arlington, R. I. The others still live, occupying positions of influence.

**Clawson, Rev. Samuel Briggs**, son of Nathaniel and Lucretia (Ferris) Clawson, was born in Durham, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1807. He was converted when eighteen years of age, and three years later moved to Ohio, uniting in marriage with Miss Luana Stevens the following year. Dissatisfied with the pro-slavery spirit of the Methodist church, he transferred his membership to the Freewill Baptist, uniting with the Fitchville church in 1836. He received ordination at the hands of Rev.'s John Wheeler and Seth C. Parker and continued an active, devoted ministry, mostly in Huron County, O., until his death, Sept. 6, 1850. His sudden and early departure was lamented by many.

**Clay, Rev. Jonathan**, was born in Buxton, Me., Dec. 13, 1775, where he was converted in 1805. He was one of the early members of the Buxton church. He began to preach soon after his baptism and was ordained in 1815. His labors were mostly confined to Buxton. In 1831 he took his dismission from his church, and united with a few others who were constituted a church near his own home. He died Feb. 20, 1849, leaving five sons and many friends to mourn his loss.

**Clement, Rev. T. D.**, died in Lewiston, Me., July 12, 1881, aged 70 years. He was one of the first members of the corporation of Bates College. He gave \$1000 to its endowment fund.

**Cleveland, Rev. Edward L.**, was born in Camden, Me., Nov. 6, 1813. His parents were Ebenezer and Mary S. (Gregory) Cleveland. He became a Christian at the age of twenty-four, and

was ordained in 1845, by Rev. John Hamilton and others. He has preached as an evangelist and labored in quite a number of revivals. He is a member of the Rockville church, Camden, and preaches as opportunity offers. He was married in 1839 to Miss Margaret Achorn, and in 1846 to Miss Sarah A. Grinnell. He has nine children living.

**Clinton Seminary** was located in Clinton, Oneida County, N. Y. In 1841 the buildings formerly occupied as a Ladies' Domestic Seminary were purchased, and the Seminary was opened with about fifty students, Prof. J. J. Butler being principal. The students were mostly from New York and Pennsylvania, and during the first year numbered two hundred. In 1843 Prof. J. Fullonton became principal, and the school under him was an increasing success. The need of greater accommodations was soon felt, and, providentially, Whitestown Seminary (*q. v.*) was secured by exchange. To that place the school was removed in the summer of 1844. This beginning at Clinton had brought together many worthy students; and its influence on the work of the denomination was helpful.

**Clough, Rev. Jeremiah**, son of Jonathan and Betsy Clough, died in Loudon, N. H., his native town, July 30, 1879, aged 87 years. He was born Feb. 3, 1792, and lived at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-one. Early in life he prayed much in secret, but did not confess Christ openly until he was twenty-seven years of age, when an almost fatal accident led him to yield fully. He then lived in Canterbury. He was moved to preach the gospel, but pleaded as an excuse, sickness in his family. After five of his eight children, and then his wife, were taken away, he could no longer thus excuse himself, and began to preach. His testimony was received; his own mother and youngest brother were converted. May 7, 1835, he received license from the church. April 11, 1838, he was ordained at Canterbury, in company with Dr. J. M. Harper who was with him also a member of the Canterbury church. During the next ten years he labored as an evangel-

ist. In 1848 he became pastor of the First Canterbury church. An attack of paralysis in 1872 brought him near to death, but he was partially restored. He administered the ordinance of baptism when eighty-two years of age. His early opportunities were limited, but well improved. Familiar with the Scriptures, and a careful student of nature, he stored up much useful knowledge. His preaching was clear, well illustrated and often very impressive. His labors were abundant, and accomplished much good. He was affable and hospitable. He gave freely to destitute churches, for education and missions, also to the poor. He was a man of integrity, a good counselor and highly esteemed in the community. He married Sabina Clough, Dec. 28, 1813, and Delia Hodgdon, Sept. 10, 1840, and has one child living.

**Clough, Rev. Joseph**, a native of Gilmanton, N. H., settled in 1848 on a farm in Burnett, Wis., where he died Sept. 12, 1885, aged 72 years. He united with the Rolling Prairie church at its organization; received license to preach in August, 1854, and was ordained by the Waupun Q. M., in February, 1858. He was at different times pastor of some of the churches in the vicinity, and was respected by all. He was ready in every good work, and faithful unto death.

**Clough, Rev. Newton**, son of Rev. Philemon and Sally (McDaniels) Clough, was born in Springfield, N. H., March 22, 1840. He was converted at the age of fourteen. He received license from the Weare Q. M., N. H., in August 1871, and was ordained by the Parsonfield Q. M., Feb. 23, 1886. In October, 1885, he became pastor of the church in Brownfield, Me. Previous to this, he preached as a supply in various places in New Hampshire. He married, July 26, 1868, Miss Sarah E. Smith, of Hanover, N. H., and has one child.

**Clough, Rev. Philemon**, died of heart disease at his residence in Grantham, N. H., June 19, 1878, aged 60 years. He was born in Springfield, May 18, 1818. When about sixteen years of age he was converted, and united with the church in Springfield. He was mar-

ried at the age of twenty-one, and soon was led to labor in the plenteous harvest, but the demands of a large family and financial embarrassment, held him back. He, finally, after ten years of struggle, broke away, and soon acquired a love for the work, and saw fruits of his labors. He was ordained by the Weare Q. M., Nov. 7, 1861. Part of the time he preached as an itinerant. He spent most of one year traveling in Vermont. He was pastor three and one half years in Weare. His sermons were original and interesting. He was fervent in prayer, and earnest in his appeals. The last six years he was in poor health, but he held weekly meetings at his own house, resulting in some conversions. He was widely known, not only as a preacher, but as a mechanic. The wife of his youth and four children survived him.

**Coats, Rev. D. N.**, was born in Litchfield, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1815. He was converted under the labors of Elder Marks. While yet a young man he moved to Wisconsin, where he was ordained in 1859. At about this time he became a pioneer in northwestern Iowa, and made his home at Spencer, where he died January 20, 1889. He was an untiring worker and his labors were blessed to the good of many. The results of his labors in Iowa will be manifest for years to come. Nearly half a century ago he was married to Miss B. E. White, who still lives. They have two children, Rev. R. A. Coats, and Mrs. Frank Wells.

**Coats, Rev. R. A.**, son of Rev. D. N. Coats, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., July 3, 1842. He studied at Spring Green Academy, Wis., and served three years in the 23d Wis. Vol. Infantry at Vicksburg, New Orleans, etc. He was converted Jan. 1, 1863, and ordained June 23, 1872. As missionary for the Little Sioux Valley Q. M., in the winter of 1871-72, he was engaged in precious revivals at Lost Island, Ia., and Elm Creek and Freedom, Minn. In April 1873, he entered upon a seven years' pastorate with the Spencer, Ia., church, during which he served the Minnesota Southern Y. M. in soliciting funds

at the time of the famous "grasshopper scourge." In 1880 he became pastor of the Mitchell, Burr Oak and Lincoln churches, enjoying a gracious revival with the latter, and three years later returned to Spencer. In 1887 he removed to Idaho. Brother Coats was a member of the General Conferences of 1874 and 1880; has served as superintendent of schools in Clay County, Ia., two terms; has been a member of the Iowa Home Mission Board six years, and an assistant editor of the *Free Baptist* from its commencement. His varied labors have been very helpful to the cause in that region, and he is widely known and respected.

**Cobb, Rev. Arden**, a native of Blenheim, N. Y., died in Middlesex, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1868, aged 66 years. He was converted in 1833, and ordained about 1840. His labors were with the Danville, Middlesex, North Potter, Sparta, Italy, Scottsburg and Jerusalem churches. He was earnest and active in the work. The Middlesex church especially was blessed under his efforts. His devotion found expression in the frequent inquiry, "How can I render the most efficient service to Christ?"

**Cobb, Rev. Ebenezer**, died in Limington, Me., Nov. 19, 1868, aged 73 years. He was born in June, 1795. About 1828 he was converted, joining the Limerick church, where he was soon chosen deacon. After many years' service in this capacity he began to preach, and was ordained a short time before his death. He had a stroke of paralysis, and in three days passed away.

**Cobb, Rev. Laban Clark**, and his wife, **Rev. Minerva U. Greenleaf Cobb**, were both licensed by the Marquette Q. M. (Wis.), about 1858, and ordained in 1868, in connection with the Root River Q. M. (Minn.). Brother Cobb was born in Buckland, Mass., Feb. 6, 1808, and early removed to Monroe County, N. Y., where he was converted under the labors of Rev. Eli Hannibal. Having moved again into Chautauqua County, he was married Dec. 30, 1834, to a daughter of the Rev. Wm. Greenleaf. Sister Cobb was born in Columbus, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1817. She was the oldest of

ten children, and before her conversion, at the age of fifteen, had felt her need of the Saviour, and her responsibility in the family. In all her religious experiences there was manifest a longing for nearness to Christ, yet a sense of unworthiness. It was not until after severe mental conflict that she decided to enter the ministry; and the blessing of the Lord upon her labors alone confirmed her in continuing the work.

After marriage they were active members of the church, and, on moving to Wisconsin in 1849, they entered upon a wider field of usefulness. They preached in new and destitute localities, the Spirit working with them in great power. In 1864 they went to Winona County, Minn., where they labored in the Root River Q. M., and continued many years to work with marked success. At length the impaired health of Brother Cobb caused them, in 1879, to settle at Colman, Dak., where he died Jan. 29, 1885.

Brother Cobb was naturally diffident, and deeply felt his own insufficiency, yet he loved to work for souls. He had great power in prayer and in pleading with sinners. Sister Cobb, much like her husband in distrusting her own abilities, was yet an efficient leader in the work in which they unitedly engaged. The results of their work will be seen as they meet in the mansions above.

**Cobb, Rev. William G.**, died in Otisfield, Me., June 2, 1850, aged 70 years. He was born in Otisfield in 1779, being the first male child born in the town. He was converted at the age of twenty-two, was baptized by Z. Leach, and after preaching considerably for sixteen years was ordained in March, 1824. Ill health confined his labors to near his home. He was a man of faith and prayer.

**Coburn, Rev. Greenleaf H.**, died suddenly of fever in Gray, Me., Aug. 11, 1865, aged 26 years. He was born in Turner, Me., March 7, 1839. He early showed a fondness for books. His mother died when he was eight years old. At fourteen he went to Boston, where he was employed till he was seventeen. He was converted in 1857, at Gray, Me., under the labors of Rev.

W. T. Smith. He had just said to the lady of the house but a few moments before he entered the meeting: "I am good enough—I need be no better—I shall be saved," and yet a few minutes later he was ready to cry, and did cry, in his distress. "God be merciful to me a sinner." He was baptized, at once uniting with the church in Gray. In the spring of 1858 he returned to Boston for another year. Early in 1859 he went to Lewiston and entered the institution of learning there. He, enjoying the love and esteem of his instructors, graduated from his preparatory course in July, 1862. There was some talk of organizing a Freshman class at the time; but, disappointed in this, he entered the Theological School at New Hampton, and after three years graduated, being ordained there July 12, 1865. A fortnight later he came to Lewiston and arranged with President Cheney to enter the Junior Class of the College. In two weeks he was dead. An incident will reveal our young brother's principles: A gentleman offered to start him in business, in Boston, and give him half the profits. "No," young Coburn replied, "I must get an education and enter upon a higher calling." President O. B. Cheney preached his funeral sermon. The only relative he left was an aged father.

**Coffin, Rev. Stephen**, was born in Alton, N. H., March 8, 1792. The youngest of fourteen children, he became heir of the homestead. A desire to grow up and become a good minister of the gospel was constant with him in boyhood. He was converted at the age of twenty-one, while confined to a sick-bed with fever, and a year later was baptized by Rev. Abel Glidden. He married Caroline Foss of Barrington as his third wife, in April, 1839, and soon after, both united with the church in Wolfborough.

After already preaching several years he was ordained in the winter of 1841, and entered upon a successful itinerant ministry. He spent nearly a year holding meetings in Illinois and Wisconsin, traveling thousands of miles and spending \$200 more than he received for his

services. During his ministry of thirty years he spent upwards of \$2,000 in the same way. He was liberal in his gifts for education and missions. At the last Q. M. he attended, at South Berwick the autumn before his death, he offered to be one of ten to give \$1000 for the Foreign Mission treasury, thus overcoming, as he remarked at the time, his "Coffin covetousness." He was studious and thoughtful. He supported himself mainly by manual labor; he never had a settled pastorate. He died after a long, painful sickness, abundantly sustained by prayer, at Dover, N. H., March 4, 1867, aged 75 years. His funeral, at the Washington Street church, was attended by Rev. A. Caverno.

**Coffrin, Rev. Joshua**, son of Enoch and Betsy (Hill) Coffrin, was born at Waterbury, Vt., Feb. 20, 1816. He studied in the common schools. He was converted in January, 1837. Licensed Nov. 18, 1843, he was ordained in Morristown by the Huntington Q. M. He was pastor at Franklin, Vt., twenty-five years, and also preached in Farnham, St. Albans, Enosburg Falls and Sheldon, frequently for years. He has had nineteen revivals, organized two churches, and has baptized over two hundred. At present he has retired from active service on account of ill health and old age. He married Lucia L. Atkins, Jan. 7, 1838, and has seven children living.

**Cogswell, Rev. Bela**, son of Elisha and Hannah (Ford) Cogswell, was born Jan. 10, 1817, in Tuscarora, Bradford County, Pa. Oct. 19, 1837, he married Eunice Prentice, and after her death he married Lydia Fuller, May 22, 1870. Four of his seven children are living, two of whom are prosperous merchants. In early life he was connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, and from that body received ordination July 27, 1851; but about 1857, owing to a change in doctrinal views, he united with the Freewill Baptists, in the Owego Q. M. The following is taken from the history of Bradford County: "He (Brother Cogswell) was one of the original member of the First Freewill Baptist church of Tuscarora, and was mainly instrumental in its organization and in erecting

the pleasant church edifice which is used by the congregation." During these thirty years he has been its only pastor, and at the same time has had the oversight or other churches: viz., Vestal, Rome, Union and Liberty. He has been Justice of the Peace and director of the Common Schools. He has baptized about three hundred, and he was a member of the General Conference of 1868.

**Colby, Rev. G. W.**, was born in Vassalborough, Me., Dec. 8, 1836. His parents were Warren and Sally (Dutton) Colby. He was converted at the age of twenty-three. He received license to preach from the Montville Q. M., in March 1874, and was ordained June 20, 1875, by Rev. Aaron Clark and others. He has had four pastorates, labored in sixteen revivals, in which there were from three hundred to four hundred conversions, baptized seventy-three persons, married twenty-three couples, and attended seventy-five funerals. He is now (1887) pastor at Corinna. He was married, Dec. 13, 1859, to Miss Olive M. Robinson. They have two children.

**Colby, Rev. J. B. O.**, was born in Fryeburg, Me., Jan. 13, 1808. His parents were Samuel C. and Ann (Miller) Colby. He studied for a time in Fryeburg Academy. He became a Christian at the age of twenty-six, was baptized by Elder Jonathan Tracy, and joined the church in Denmark. He was first ordained a deacon. Soon after, Oct. 6, 1852, he was ordained by Rev. James Rand and others. The church in Denmark has been under his care forty years. He was also for forty years superintendent of a Sabbath-school which he organized, in Denmark. He has preached in the towns of Sebago, Porter and Hiram. He has baptized and received into the church, in Denmark, thirty persons; also baptized many in other places. He has married thirty-six couples, and attended many funerals. He was married, Dec. 11, 1832, to Miss Susan A. Hill. They have three children living.

**Colby, Rev. John**, son of Dea. Thomas Colby who with his pastor joined the Freewill Baptists in 1799, was born in Sandwich, N. H., December 9, 1787.

His first religious impressions were received when he was eight years old. He did not yield to these impressions, however, until he was about eighteen. When fifteen years of age his father moved to Sutton, Vt. In 1805 during a precious revival Colby became a Christian and was baptized on the 8th of December. Very soon the question of proclaiming the blessed gospel filled his mind. For four years he debated the subject with himself, and at last he made known his feelings to the church, and by their advice and recommendation he began his labors as a preacher. Soon after he made a journey to Ohio. Arriving at Springfield, Vt., he received ordination

dith. In December of that year he witnessed a gracious outpouring of God's spirit in Montville, Me. He baptized eighty-eight, who with some others were organized into a church. In 1812 he began the erection of a meeting-house in Sutton, using his own money for the purpose. The house was not completed till two years later. From 1812 to 1817 he preached in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Great success attended his labors.

Colby was not strong in body. The fatal disease, consumption, began to develop itself. He went to New York City in March, 1817. As the summer came on he returned to his father's home. He improved in health sufficiently to preach somewhat. In the fall, however, it became necessary for him to seek a warmer climate, so he went as far south as Norfolk, Va., where he arrived the 31st of October. He was kindly cared for by Deacon Fauquier of a Baptist church. Twice he was carried to the church and preached. He continued to fail rapidly, and died Nov. 23, 1817. His grave is near the entrance of the Baptist church in Norfolk, and is marked by a plain marble slab.

John Colby impressed all who knew him as being a singularly good man. His short life was filled with earnest work for the Master. His record has come down to us as that of a man of God, a "singular, gifted, faithful, persuasive, amiable, and emotional preacher; in truth, a most beloved disciple of Christianity." His only publication was a volume of his life down to 1815. The biography was afterwards completed by the addition of his journal, and several editions of the book have been published.

**Colcord, Rev. Wilson** was born in New Market, N. H., May 23, 1775. He early removed to Berwick, Me., where he married the daughter of Thomas Hobbs and resided till 1800. Removing to Waterville, he was converted under the labors of Elder Stinchfield and united with the church. He began soon to hold meetings, and souls were saved. In 1812, he made Fairfield his home. For fifteen years he spent most of his



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at the hands of two ministers on the 30th of November, 1809. He then took up his journey, preaching as he went, going through New York, Pennsylvania, southern Ohio, and into Indiana, which was then a territory. He then turned about in his course, and passing through northern Ohio, and so on eastward, reached his father's home on the 6th of July, having been gone eight months. The rest of the year was spent in preaching in Sutton and adjoining towns.

The year 1811 was spent in New Hampshire, where interesting revivals were witnessed, especially in Eaton and Mere-

time in farming, though preaching on the Sabbath and attending punctually the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. He was ordained in 1824, and soon gave himself wholly to an itinerant ministry, visiting weaker churches, comforting saints and baptizing many. He assisted in organizing churches and in ordaining ministers. He had a remarkable memory for Scripture, often repeating whole chapters in his exhortation. He died suddenly at his home, Aug. 1, 1846, aged 71 years. His funeral was attended by Rev. Samuel Hutchins.

**Coldren, Rev. Milo Jones**, son of Harvey and Hannah (Main) Coldren, was born at La Grange, Ind., June 8, 1850. He was converted in 1868, and attended Hillsdale College, Mich., graduating from the College in 1876, and from the Theological Department in 1878. He received license in 1871, and was ordained March 11, 1876. He ministered to the church at Woodstock, Mich., 1874-76, at Leslie 1876-78, and at Howard City 1878-79. He was married Oct. 9, 1878, to Alice D. Sandborn who



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soon passed on to her rest. He organized the Woodstock church, and has to the present baptized 163 converts.

Bro. Coldren had early felt a call to the Foreign Missionary work, and, when the Board declined to send him because

of lack of funds, he resolutely set about finding the funds, obtaining pledges for his support for five years. He was then appointed a missionary of the society, and before the expiration of the five years the society became responsible for



Mrs. M. J. Coldren.

his support. With a brave heart he sailed for India, Oct. 11, 1879, and has labored with great devotion in the Balasore district, at Balasore, and later, at Chandballi (see *Mission in India*). Nov. 28, 1882, he was married to Miss Emma L. Smith, daughter of Rev. William H. Smith. She was born at Ionia, Mich., June 22, 1853, and, after preparatory study at Greenville and Jackson, graduated from Hillsdale College in 1882. In her lonely station in southern Balasore, she is devoted to her work.

**Cole, Rev. Clifford**, died in Stark, N. H., his native town, June 10, 1882. He was born Feb. 19, 1813. Born of pious parents, he was early the subject of religious impressions, and at the age of fifteen became an earnest Christian. He joined the M. E. church. After a Free Baptist church was organized, and finding his views in accord with that denomination, he changed his membership. He was licensed to preach in 1842, and at once entered upon the work with great earnestness. The first year twenty-



five or thirty were added to the church as the result of his labors. A goodly number of them were for many years influential Christians. Jan. 13, 1845, he was ordained and became pastor of the Milan and Stark church, which relation he held to the close of his life. The last two years he was not able to preach, and for many years before, only part of the time. Many were added to the church through his ministry. He was loved and respected by the community in which he lived.

**Cole, John A.**, was born February, 1865, at Potter, N. Y. His parents were Andrew J. and Mary (Lafier) Cole. He became a follower of Christ in 1875, and, commencing his preparatory studies at Pike Seminary, N. Y., he afterwards entered Hillsdale College. While pursuing his studies he has ministered to the South Litchfield, Hadley and Elsie churches, Michigan.

**Cole, Rev. Mooers**, son of Rev. Samuel and Abigail (Mooers) Cole, was born in Lisbon, N. H., Aug. 14, 1815. He studied at Newbury, Vt., Seminary, and at the Biblical School at Whitestown, N. Y. Licensed in 1837, he was ordained in Landaff, Vt., in 1842, by Rev's B. Bean, S. Cole, and Silas Gaskell. His pastorates have been at Salem, Mass.; First church at Dover, Nashua, Danville, N. H.; Gray, Me., and Belmont, N. H. His labors have been blessed with revivals in New Hampshire at Shelburne, Canterbury, Danville, Nashua; also in New York at Moira, Fort Jackson, Clayton, German Flats, and Canton. He has traveled many hundred miles in an itinerant ministry, visiting schools and exhorting school children. He has baptized over three hundred. March 11, 1851, he married Mrs. Elizabeth S. Stearns, daughter of Deacon Cyrus Latham, of Lowell, Mass., and has three children. After a residence in Lowell, Mass., of some years, he died Dec. 5, 1888. Many souls will be in the kingdom as the result of his kindly exhortation.

**Cole, Rev. Samuel**, died in Lisbon, N. H., of lung fever, March 7, 1850, aged 69 years. He was born in Salem, N. H. In 1798 he moved to Landaff,

where, at the age of twenty-one, he was converted. After deep conviction, he began to hold meetings, and was ordained in 1827. His labors as minister were confined mostly to Lisbon and Landaff. He supported a large family by his diligence, and yet found time to engage much in labor for his Master. He was a bright example in the private walks of his life.

**Cole, Rev. Solomon**, was born in Whitefield, N. H., July 8, 1821. His parents were Solomon and Sally (Howland) Cole. At a session of the New Hampshire Y. M., in or about 1836, he was converted under the preaching of Marks, and four years after was baptized by Rev. Beniah Bean, of Whitefield. He felt called to the ministry, but put off the work twenty years, because of his lack of preparation. At length he began holding meetings in needy places, and from that time till now has had, almost constantly, revival interest under his labors. He received license to preach about 1870, and was ordained in Canaan, 1876, by Rev's C. N. Nelson and others.

He enjoyed revivals in Canaan, Hanover, Piermont, and other towns, with about seventy-five conversions. Before his ordination, others baptized the converts. During the ten years since then, he has baptized about one hundred persons. He has not been a regular pastor, but usually held four meetings every week. He has the care of the Hanover and Canaan churches, and preaches with the Dorchester and South Wentworth churches. As a member of the firm of S. Cole & Son, iron founders and machinists, Lebanon, N. H., he is able to preach the gospel to the needy without compensation. He resides at Lebanon, and often travels 150 miles to attend meetings. In 1846 he married Miss Caroline F. Peasley, and has three children living. He has served four terms in the New Hampshire Legislature.

**Colegrove, Rev. William, D. D.**, LL.D., son of Christopher and Eliza (Brewster) Colegrove, was born at Lisbon, Conn., in 1824. In 1846 he was married to Catherine Waterman, and two of their three children now living

are teachers. His education was received at Smithville and Whitestown Seminaries. He was ordained in 1848, but has spent the most of the time since then in teaching in Geauga Seminary, Middleboro Academy, West Virginia College, and other schools. He has been a contributor of the *Morning Star* and other papers, is the author of an English Grammar, and has delivered a number of lectures on different topics. The degrees of D. D. and LL. D. were conferred upon him by West Virginia College.

**Coleman, Rev. Isaiah Bangs**, died of paralysis at his home in West Stephentown, N. Y., March 14, 1883, aged 74 years. He was converted when but a boy, and baptized by Rev. John Allen. His facilities for education were limited,



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but his studious habits and thirst for knowledge soon prepared him to serve as a teacher for ten years—an advantage to himself, as well as others. May 1, 1834, he married Miss Ann V. Dunham, his companion through life. May 10 of the same year he was licensed to preach, and March 25, 1835, was ordained. He labored with the old Stephentown and Sand Lake churches until Jan. 6, 1844, when he became pastor of the West Stephentown church, then having fifty-eight members. He remained its pastor thirty-nine years, and left it at his

death a flourishing church of 180 members, a living testimony to the faithful service rendered. Of those who united with his own church, he baptized 225, besides many who went to other churches. It is said that he married over fourteen hundred couples. Few ministers have attended more funerals than he. His charities were generous and frequent. He was a strong advocate of temperance and all virtues. His modest, unassuming spirit, together with home duties, confined his helpful influence to narrower limits, though he served as delegate to the General Conference a number of times. On March 3 he told his wife he had had a shock, and could be with her but a short time. In less than an hour his power of speech was gone, and in a few days a vast multitude gathered around his bier, attesting the high esteem in which he was held by the community.

**Coleman, Rev. J. M.**, son of Job and Mahalah (Williams) Coleman, was born in Adams County, Miss., March 20, 1848. In April, 1868, he was married to Nancy Young. In the same year he was converted. July 15, 1879, he received a license, and later was ordained by the Freewill Baptists. He has organized the Infant and St. Mark churches, in the Natchez Q. M., of which he is now pastor. He is also clerk of the Q. M.

**Collett, Caleb W.**, was born in Warren County, O., in May, 1852. His parents were William and Anna (Whitacre) Collett. He was educated at Ridgeville, Ind. He turned to God in 1870, and received license in 1886, and is at present clerk of the Salem Q. M., Indiana.

**Colley, Rev. James**, was ordained in 1820, and after a service in Maine left the denomination.

**Collins, Rev. Alva A.**, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Tower) Collins, was born in Wyoming, N. Y., in September, 1823. He was converted in 1842, and has spent much time in teaching. In 1861 he entered the army and served four years, passing through thirty-one battles, marching to the sea with Sherman, and being Captain in the Tenth Michigan Infantry at the close. He was ordained May 3, 1876, and became pastor of the church in Bliss, Mich.,

organized by himself. He has also ministered to the Greenville Church, Genesee Q. M., Mich., one year. He has been interested in Sabbath-school work many years, and since ordination, has baptized twenty-one converts.

**Collins, Rev. Elisha**, was ordained in New York in 1821. He went the same year to Ohio, when he revived the Harrisville and Milan churches, and gathered those at Greenfield and Clarksfield. He later left the denomination.

**Collins, Rev. J. B.**, died at Underhill Centre, Vt., March 21, 1883, aged 62 years. He was converted when eighteen years of age, and united with the church in Morristown, commencing to preach about four years later. After a season at Clinton, N. Y., he settled in Franklin in 1845, and was ordained in 1847. He preached afterward in Morristown, also at Keeneville, Philadelphia, Depauville and Dickinson Centre, in the St. Lawrence Y. M., which he represented in the General Conference of 1877, and in 1880 returned to Vermont, taking charge of the Underhill and Cambridge churches until failing health compelled him to rest. He was a devoted man, respected by all.

**Collins, Rev. J. S.**, son of James Anderson, was born at Southside, Tenn., where he now resides. He married Mary Baston in 1874 and has four children living. In 1877 he was converted, and four years later he received license to preach. He was ordained about 1885, and is pastor of the Chestnut Grove church, connected with the Cairo Q. M., Ill.

**Collins, Rev. Rufus W.**, son of Asa and Sally (Brown) Collins, was born in Plainfield, N. H., Sept. 4, 1832. He was converted in November, 1868, and licensed in October, 1870. In March, 1875, he was ordained by a council from the Enosburg Q. M. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Burgin. He has been pastor three years at Franklin and Enosburg Falls, Vt.; three years at Bolton, P. Q., where in 1878, a meeting-house was built; one year in Hartley; five years in East Albany, Vt., where in 1883 a meeting-house was built. Seventy-nine have been baptized. Dec. 20, 1855, he married Rhoda Douglas.

**Collins, Rev. William**, died at Lansing, Mich., Jan. 11, 1854, aged 44 years. He had but recently removed from Madison, N. Y., having been connected with the Shelby church; but his faithful labors had won for him the respect and love of the people in his new field, when, suddenly, he was called to the heavenly home.

**Coltrin, Rev. Cyrus**, was born in Lenox, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1813, and died in Waltham Ia., aged nearly 59 years. His labors as an ordained minister in the Ohio Northern Y. M. began as early as 1836. He continued here several years, meeting with a good degree of success in revival work. After a brief period in Michigan he went to Illinois about 1848, laboring in the Fox and Rock River Q. M's, where also revivals were enjoyed and churches were organized. In 1869 he moved to Iowa, where he was pastor of the Waterloo church, and later at Oneida. He was a man of uncommon intellectual power, without educational advantages, positive in his views and earnest in the work.

**Colver, Rev. Solomon P.**, was ordained in New York soon after 1810, and continued his ministry in that state.

**Colwell, Rev. John W.**, died April 26, 1852, aged 41 years. He was ordained Sept. 3, 1841, at Rehoboth, Mass., where he continued to preach four years. Then, after one year at Charlestown and Richmond, R. I., he settled in Cranston, R. I., where he continued five years, built up a church and erected a house of worship. He was an earnest, devoted laborer, and started for California with benevolent designs, but died suddenly on the passage, lamented by his church and his many friends.

**Combs, Benjamin**, was born in Owensburg, Ky., June 18, 1846. His parents are John and Mary (Johnson) Combs. In October, 1879, he was married to Cora Claiborne. He became a Christian in 1859. In 1879 he received license to preach. He is connected with the St. Marks church of the Natchez Q. M., Mississippi.

**Conley, Rev. H. B.**, was born to H. E. and C. (Rice) Conley, in Johnson County, Ky., in 1861. In 1882 he mar-

ried Minta J. Rice. He was converted in 1881, and ordained by the Johnson Q. M., of the Ohio River Y. M., about 1886, becoming pastor of three churches.

**Connecticut.** See under *Rhode Island*, Western Rhode Island Q. M.

**Cook, Dea. Franklin**, of Minneapolis, Minn., was born in Campton, N. H., March 30, 1828. He was converted when thirteen years of age, and joined the church in his native town. In 1858 he was married, in Boston, to Miss Mary J. Rowe, and settled at St. Anthony, Minn., which he had selected as his home. As a surveyor, engineer, and contractor, he had a large share in the material growth of Minneapolis. For thirty years he was a member of the Minneapolis church, and one of its chief supporters, serving it as Sunday-school teacher, deacon, trustee and treasurer. Hundreds of hearts bowed in sympathy with his wife, daughter and sons, as they learned of his death, which took place June 5, 1887.

**Cook, Rev. Elijah**, of Cook's Prairie, Mich., died Jan. 31, 1872, aged 78 years. He was converted when fourteen, and soon moved from Oneida County, N. Y., to Clarkson, where his home welcomed the fathers of those times. In 1835 he moved to Michigan, locating at Cook's Prairie, where he saw the need of ministerial labor, and took up the work. He was ordained in 1845, and his zealous labors were crowned with success. About 1858 he united with the Girard church. He and his companion of fifty-seven years, were highly esteemed.

**Cook, Rev. Gideon**, ordained in 1826, labored in Maine.

**Cook, Rev. I. Russell**, was born in Acton, Me., June 10, 1821, and died in Rochester, N. H., July 1, 1862, aged 41 years. In his infancy he was carried with the family to Wakefield, N. H., where he resided till twelve years of age. Sickness in 1833 weakened his heretofore excellent constitution. In 1841 he went to live with his brother in Ossipee. He went to Manchester, Dec. 22, 1844, for the sake of business, but his health still remained poor. Feeling that his mother's prayers attended him, he experienced Christ on a sick-bed, under the faithful words of D. P. Cilley. He was

baptized by him in May, 1847, uniting with the church there. In March, 1849, he left his shoe-bench for the Biblical School at Whitestown, and transferred his membership to that church. In February, 1850, having an attack of fever, he went home to his parents in Springvale, Me. While on a visit with a sister in Salem, Mass., he began preaching with Rev. M. Cole. He preached a while at Nashua, N. H., and was then induced by the Springvale church to supply them. He was licensed by the York County Q. M. in January 1852. In August he preached the first sermon at Gilmanton Iron Works, where many were converted, the church built up and a new house built. He was ordained Dec. 22, 1852. Rev. D. P. Cilley preached the sermon; Rev. E. True offered the ordaining prayer and welcomed to fellowship. He married, Dec. 7, 1853, Miss M. A. Fellows, of Derry, N. H. During his four years' ministry in this place, forty-four were added to the church through his incessant labors. He commenced to preach at Buxton, Me., in June, 1855. Only two had been baptized among them for fourteen years, but they were well united. A revival soon commenced in which twenty-five were added to the church by baptism. After several severe illnesses, he closed his labors here in April, 1861. The second Sabbath in May he began his pastorate at Gonic, N. H. As the church began to be quickened and prepared for work, he was suddenly taken from work to reward. He was buried in Haverhill, Mass. He was a plain, pointed, practical preacher, and labored earnestly for the overthrow of all sin.

**Cook, Rev. John**, of Burnham, Me., was born in Alton, N. H., May 7, 1809. His parents were Jacob and — (Hubbard) Cook. His education he received from the common school ere he was fifteen years of age. Before he was sixteen his father moved on a new lot in Exeter, Me., where, in the midst of "black logs and flies," he was educated to work with his hands so effectively, that he could support himself and family by working half the time and have the rest for preaching in destitute places without

hire. He found a region of four towns without a preacher. In a town where there had been no religious meetings for ten years, he proclaimed the "glad tidings." He was converted at the age of twenty, received license to preach in 1833, and was ordained June 26, 1837, by Rev's Nathan Robinson, Roger Copp, and John B. Copp. He had revivals, baptized 141 converts in twelve different towns, assisted in organizing seven or eight churches, and married ninety-eight couples. He was chosen pastor of the Burnham church at its organization, July 2, 1857. During the war their church edifice was built. Though his pastorate ceased some time ago, he has supplied the church from time to time, and is now in their service (1887). He has attended every monthly conference since 1860, and can tell how many times each member has been present for the last eighteen years. He was married Dec. 29, 1833, to Miss Sally P. Kenisten (deceased). Nov. 8, 1846, he was married again. Of his nine children, only five are living.

**Cooley, Rev. Asahel Jervis**, son of James, was born on Point Peninsula, in Jefferson County, N. Y., July 6, 1826. He was married in September, 1846, to Miss Rachel Leonard, and in January, 1865, was baptized, uniting with the Three-Mile Bay church, of which his wife was a member. He was ordained June 7, 1874, by the Jefferson Q. M., and was pastor of the Three-Mile Bay church a brief period. He has since served as city missionary at Ithaca, N. Y., in 1880, and as pastor at Dryden, 1881-83; at Stephentown Center, 1883-85, and for a time at Hadley. He is at present pastor at Langdon Hill, residing in Elmira.

**Cooley, Rev. Ruel**, was born in Hartwick, N. Y., April 19, 1819. When nine years of age he went to reside in Hume, Allegany County, where after about six years he was converted. He soon decided to preach the gospel, and, though meeting with many discouragements, with characteristic decision he immediately began preparing for his life-work. He first attended the academy at Varysburg, teaching at intervals and doing other work to support himself in

school. He afterward spent six years at Oberlin College, Ohio, graduating from the Theological Department in 1846. Sept. 12, 1847, he married Miss Harriet Baldwin, of Ellington, N. Y., who was also a graduate of Oberlin. They were appointed as missionaries, having set sail for India, Aug. 8, 1849, and were located at Balasore. After eleven years of faithful, devoted, and successful toil in that field (see *Mission in India*), failing health compelled a return to America, where they arrived in May, 1861.

After recuperation, Brother Cooley served as chaplain in the army and began work among the freedmen, aiding in establishing the Cairo Mission (*q. v.*). Later he served as pastor, mostly in Wisconsin, in the Waupun, and Rock and Dane Q. M's, remaining six years with the Johnstown church. He was vice-president of the Foreign Mission Society from 1868 to 1883.

Brother Cooley was noted for a calm and cheerful trust, being seldom "on the mount," and almost never "in the valley." His was a cheerful, useful life, which closed on earth at Rutland, Wis., April 13, 1885.

**Coombs, Miss Lavina C.**, daughter of David and Sarah Coombs, was born in W. Bowdoin, Me., Nov. 23, 1849. She commenced the Christian life in 1862; attended Litchfield Academy 1864-66, the Normal School at Farmington 1872-73, and the Lewiston High School in 1880. She taught ten years in the schools of Maine, and in November, 1882, was sent by the Woman's Missionary Society as a missionary to India. She is located at Midnapore, and took charge of the Zenana work and the Ragged Schools at that place. See *Mission in India*.

**Coombs, Rev. Abner**, was born in Brunswick, Me., Dec. 1, 1794. He was converted when twenty-two years of age and married to Annstrus Melcher two years later. His ordination by the Sebec Q. M. took place Sept. 22, 1830. Residing at Foxcroft, he organized a church there and at Sangerfield, and assisted in gathering several others. Removing to Wisconsin in 1842, he soon united with the Honey Creek church, and remained in

it until his death. March 15, 1880. He was pastor of that church seven years, also for a time at Pike Grove and Wheatland. Sharon and other places also enjoyed his labors. He baptized 178 converts, was thoroughly evangelical and never swerved from the plain precepts of the Bible.

**Coon, Rev. Ross**, was born in Rhode Island. He lived in Haverhill, N. H., for many years, and was a practicing physician for nearly forty years. He was a man of considerable wealth and benevolence, and was for many years accustomed to preach occasionally. Becoming acquainted with the Freewill Baptists, he was at home with them and was ordained in 1804, though his age was more than seventy.

**Cooper, Rev. Freeman**, son of Freeman and Susan (Blackman) Cooper, was born in Whitefield, Me., Feb. 6, 1835. He was converted at the age of thirty-five and soon began to preach the gospel. He received license Feb. 15, 1873, and was ordained by the Montville Q. M., Sept. 20, 1874. He has been pastor of the Chelsea, Branch Mills, China, and the Camden churches. He is now (1887) pastor of the North Whitefield and Jefferson churches, also of the church at Week's Mills, China. He has had revivals, baptized 104 converts, and added 167 to these churches. He has attended 103 funerals and married thirty-two couples. He was married April 22, 1865, to Miss Clara E. Douglass. He has two children.

**Cooper, Rev. O. L.**, was born Oct. 10, 1846, in Cincinnatus, N. Y. He is the son of Charles and Lucinda (Pople) Cooper, and was educated at Cincinnatus Academy. Having been converted, and called to the ministry, he was licensed Sept. 10, 1879, and ordained March 13, 1881. He has had successful pastorates with the German, Willet, and East McDonough churches, where he has baptized seventy converts. He is clerk of the Union Y. M. In 1871 he was married to Carrie Blanchard.

**Copass, Rev. William H.**, was born in Ohio, Sept. 9, 1839. His parents were Aaron and Mary E. (Fitzpatrick) Copass. He married Miss B. Morris April 26,

1857, and has four children. Having been converted in 1858, he received license in 1879, and ordination in December, 1881. He was a pioneer worker in the St. Francois County Q. M., Mo., and after entering the ministry he continued his labors in that Q. M., where he has organized several churches, and now ministers at Pine Hill, engaging also in mission work.

**Copp, Rev. John Blaisdell**, the oldest son of Rev. Roger Copp, was born in Lebanon, Me., where at an early age he united with the Free Baptist church. In his youth he was thoughtful and quiet, fond of books, especially of history. After leaving the common school, he attended several terms an academy at Rochester, N. H., walking from home four miles and returning each day. Upon leaving the academy he taught for a time, after which, while in Great Falls, N. H., he became acquainted with Miss Syrena Mills, of Waterboro, Me., to whom he was married in June, 1833.

While in Chandlerville, where he now lived, his convictions of duty in regard to the ministry became so overmastering that he yielded and entered upon his life-work. His gift peculiarly fitted him to be a pastor at a time when many of our clergymen were itinerants, and he took charge successively of the Exeter, Corinna, St. Albans, St. Albans Centre and Newport churches. Under his labors in the winter of 1836-37 a revival commencing at Corinna spread over the town, and among the converts were three young men who afterwards entered the ministry, viz.: Samuel Small, James Small, and C. B. Mills. In 1847 he removed to East Trumbull, O., where he preached five years. In 1852 his wife died after a short illness. She was a woman of great tact and enterprise, who lived without an enemy and died deeply lamented. She left four children: Captain O. Copp, Centerville, O.; Prof. J. S. Copp, A. M., Hillsdale, Mich.; C. M. Copp, Ph. B., Cleveland, O.; and Mrs. Rev. S. A. Redding, A. M., Yreka, Cal.

In 1854 Brother Copp married again, and moved to Flushing, Mich., and the next year to Clayton, where he died Nov. 10, 1855, 44 years of age. He was an

ardent student, an instructive, forcible speaker, a faithful pastor, a good citizen, and a genial friend.

**Copp, Rev. John Scott**, son of Rev. John B. Copp, was born at St. Albans, Me., Jan. 17, 1843. He served as a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, and was severely wounded. In 1865 he was converted, and three years later, while pursuing his studies, he was ordained to the ministry. He graduated from Hillsdale College, Mich., in 1869, and from Andover Theological Seminary, Mass., in 1872. the



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same year taking the chair of Ecclesiastical History, at Hillsdale College. In 1875 he became Alumni Professor of Logic and Belles-lettres in the same Institution, and, having studied at Berlin and Heidelberg, Germany, he was, in 1887, transferred to the Burr Professorship of Systematic Theology. During his connection with the College he also ministered to churches in the vicinity. In 1875 he married Miss Ellen A. Cross, B. S., assistant principal of the Ladies' Department and daughter of Deacon Elijah H. Cross, of Winneconne, Wis., who also continued to give instruction in the college. Three children cheer their home.

**Copp, Rev. Roger**, the son of Uriah C., was born May 1, 1781, in Lebanon, Me. The name has been variously spelled, Coppe, Kopf, Cop, Cope, Kop and perhaps Coppee. He was baptized by Rev. John Blaisdell, and married his daughter, the cousin of Rev's David and Edward B. He commenced to preach when a young man, was ordained Sept. 28, 1822, and labored as an evangelist for several years in eastern New Hampshire and western Maine. In 1833 he purchased a farm in Chandlerville (now Detroit), in Penobscot County, Me., to which place he removed his family, and near which his two oldest married children also settled. Here, scattered over a wide territory, he found a large number of small churches, by which he was warmly received. The greater and most successful part of his ministry was spent in this part of Maine. He was pastor of churches in Detroit, Newport, Pittsfield, St. Albans, Corinna, Exeter, and Palmyra, but was never as much at home with a regular charge as in preaching occasional sermons, or as a temporary supply. His wife, although in poor health, frequently went with him to his appointments, and often electrified his audiences by short but powerful addresses after the sermon.

Brother Copp was a large, muscular man of very active habits, a good citizen and universally respected. He was a born controversialist, and never failed to find an antagonist, real or imaginary, upon whom to bestow his attention in the pulpit and out of it. Although uneducated, he yet had a ready command of language, and woe to the theological opponent who could not parry his blows, for he had for him neither "bowels nor mercies." His quotations of Scripture, although not always relevant, were always pat, and sometimes embraced whole chapters, and were continued for hours with only running comments interspersed. His memory was practically exhaustless.

He was greatly attached to the polity and doctrines of the Freewill Baptists, with whom he was connected during his whole religious life.

He took a deep interest in the cause of temperance and in the anti-slavery

movement, defending them with untiring zeal, never for a moment doubting their ultimate triumph. Among his brethren and neighbors, strange as it may seem, he was a peacemaker of no common power. His death, Feb. 16, 1860, was universally lamented in central Maine, where his quaint words and earnest labors were long remembered.

**Corey, Rev. A. P.**, was born in Amherst, Mass., Oct. 6, 1795. He was ordained by a council of the Winona and Houston Q. M. (Minn.), Dec. 11, 1857. His ministry was largely spent within the bounds of this Q. M. Moving there at a very early day, he worked earnestly to establish Sabbath-schools and churches, and he was very highly esteemed for his devoted Christian life. His labors on earth were closed Oct. 14, 1882.

**Corey, Rev. E. M.**, son of John and Juliette (Meacham) Corey, was born in Oxford County, Ontario, Can., Sept. 12, 1848. His marriage to Mary A. West occurred April 15, 1873, and three children bless their home. He graduated from Hillsdale College in the class of 1868, and pursued his professional studies at Chicago and Andover Theological Seminaries. He was converted in early life and ordained to the ministry Feb. 22, 1872. His ministry has been with the churches at Raymond, Wis., Ashkum, Ill., Wixom, Highland, Davison and Paw Paw, Mich., and Honey Creek, Wis., and has been attended with a good degree of success.

**Corliss, Rev. Herbert G.**, son of Levi O. and Almira P. (Griffin) Corliss, was born at St. Albans, Vt., July 12, 1852. He studied at Green Mountain Seminary. Converted in the fall of 1869, he was licensed June 13, 1873, and June 13, 1874, was ordained by Rev's J. W. Burgin, R. L. D. Preston, and D. S. Frost. He has baptized seventy-five in the following pastorates: Underhill Centre, Vt., where a church was organized, three years; Washington, two years; East Randolph, four years; Manchester, N. H., over a year; Wells Branch, Me., over a year; Tiverton, R. I., since 1886. He married Dec. 17, 1873, Sarah S. Moore.

**Cornish, Rev. Joseph D.**, died in Sherman, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1854, aged 60 years. He was converted in 1826, commenced to preach in 1830, and was ordained in 1836. He visited Michigan in 1830, but most of his labors were in New York, his native state. He was a good minister, universally beloved, and at his death left \$200 to the Home and Foreign Mission Societies.

**Corpe, Rev. Benajah**, was ordained at Black River (Little Hoosack, now Stephentown), N. Y., Oct. 15, 1785, by Elders Davis and Crandall from Rhode Island. His ordination was the first among the Free Communion Baptists, and he became more than any other the founder and leader of that body. He was a small man, with a well-balanced mind, attractive social qualities and deep piety. For some forty years or more his councils had a great influence in all the denominational action. In 1797 he moved to Russia, where, in a thinly settled community, he soon gathered a church, which in 1812 had 400 members. He remained its pastor until his death, about 1827. His life was one of great usefulness.

**Corson, Rev. Charles**, died April 23, 1860, in his 72d year. He was born in Lebanon, Me., where he spent his long life. He was converted about 1820, and was baptized by Rev. David Blaisdell, joining the Free Baptist church in Lebanon. He began preaching soon after. Though derided on account of the spiritual nature of the doctrine he held, he continued to search the Scriptures, with which he had become acquainted while teaching school. After preaching several years, he was ordained about 1840, and was associated with Rev's Blaisdell and Copp. He was not a revival preacher, but was instructive. His words were mighty through the excellent character of the man behind them. He was feeble in health for several years before his death.

**Cortiss, Rev. George W.**, son of Japheth and Clarissa (Brackett) Cortiss, was born in Thompson, Conn., in 1827. After studying at the High School, Dudley, Mass., he spent a year in theology with Rev. William O. Cady. Converted



among the Methodists in 1843, he was licensed in 1860, and ordained in December, 1862, by a council from the western Rhode Island Q. M., consisting of Rev's William H. Waldron and Daniel Williams. His pastorates have been: Westford, Conn., two years; East Killingly, one year; Corliss Street, Bath, Me., one year; southern New Jersey, one year; Hallowell, Me., a year; Gardiner, three years; East Killingly, Conn., five years; Gardiner, Me., two years; North Foster, R. I., one year; Burnham, Me., three years. He became pastor of the North Scituate, R. I., church in 1884. In 1888 he closed his pastorate at North Scituate and moved to North Foster. Extensive revivals attended his labors in some of these parishes. He has baptized 198, and attended about 480 funerals. In 1849 he married Celinda Town; they have one son.

**Couch, Dea. Henry J.**, son of Samuel D. and Hannah (Stone) Couch., was born at Boscawen, N. H., April 23, 1831. He was converted in 1863. He came to reside in Lawrence, Mass., and has for many years been associated with our church, which he has long served as deacon. For six years he served in the Common Council of the city, and for one year in the State Legislature. Jan. 1, 1857 he married Mary F. Davis, and has one child living.

**Couillard, Rev. Jacob D.**, son of John G. and Anna (Dwinal) Couillard, was born in Frankfort, Me., in 1815. He was converted in 1832, and in Exeter, Me., was licensed in 1834. Two years later he was ordained. He has had an itinerant ministry, in which he has baptized a good number, and has assisted in organizing several churches. After dwelling for some time in Massachusetts, he moved to North Palermo, Me., and did good work among the destitute churches till sudden death came, July 18, 1888, in his 73d year. He married Mary Sanford in 1839, and leaves a son and two daughters.

**Covenant of a Church:** Believing that the union of Christians in a visible church is sanctioned by the teachings of Christ and the practice of his apostles, that it is adapted to promote piety and

increase Christian influence, we do now heartily enter into covenant before God, and with each other.

We will constantly strive to maintain true piety in our own hearts, to keep ourselves in vital communion with God, and commend religion to others, not only in words, but by means of a devout spirit and a holy example, always careful of each other's reputation and usefulness.

We will watch over each other in the spirit of true charity, seeking to bear each other's burdens, assist the needy, strengthen the weak, encourage the despondent, sympathize with the sorrowful, reprove the erring, win back the straying to duty, aid in maintaining wholesome discipline, receive Christian admonition and reproof in meekness, keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and cheerfully submit to such regulations as the majority may approve. We will contribute, according to our ability, for the support of a faithful ministry; maintain secret and family prayer, and aid, by our presence and otherwise, in sustaining public and social worship, and in giving success to the various means of grace.

We will give an active and consistent support to the great causes that aim to promote morality and Christian progress, such as Home-culture, Temperance, Sabbath-schools, Education and Missions. We will refuse all sanction to the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and to those worldly indulgences and amusements which tend to lessen true piety in ourselves, or weaken Christian influence over others, so that the cause of religion be not reproached on our account.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred, and Christian objects supreme, counting it our chief business in life to spread Christian knowledge and diffuse the Christian spirit in society and among all the nations of the earth, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

May He who has promised his help enable us to keep this covenant, grant us grace to be faithful in all things,

until He shall gather us to himself, and crown us with final victory. AMEN.

**Cowell, Rev. D. B.**, was born at West Lebanon, Me., Dec. 20, 1806, and died there April 16, 1884, aged 77 years. He studied in the Academy at Limerick, and also at Wolfborough, N. H. He taught fifteen terms of school, mostly in his native town. His townsmen honored him with most of the offices in their power to bestow. He had an aptitude for mercantile pursuits, and at the age of seventeen began to keep a store in West Lebanon. After some years he went to Great Falls, where his trade became extensive. During this time he became a Universalist and then an infidel. But in 1833 he became clearly convinced of his error. Making his way through a crowded assembly, he stood upon the pulpit stairs and renounced his infidelity. He became a class leader in the Free Baptist church at Great Falls and an earnest worker. His conversation from house to house and over the counter was the means of many conversions. He soon felt a call to preach, but was loth to give up his business. The conviction increased, though he promised the Lord that he would give one-half of his gains for the gospel if He would excuse him. He yielded and first went to Barnstead, N. H. On the way the struggle was renewed, but any thought of turning back plunged him into darkness. A great revival followed. After this he went to Northwood, N. H., North Berwick, Me. (Beach Ridge), Lebanon and Springvale. Other ministers baptized the converts during this time. In 1837 he was ordained. He traveled almost constantly for seven years, and was associated in the ministry with Caverno, Thurston, Woodman, Place, Buzzell, Hobbs and others of the fathers. He was instrumental in the conversion of many, some of whom became ministers, and others missionaries. In 1848 he suggested to Rev. O. B. Cheney, then pastor at West Lebanon, the idea of founding the Lebanon Academy and offered the land and one hundred dollars. One of his sons, educated in this flourishing school, became the successful principal of Arms Academy, at Shelburne

Falls, Mass. His last fields of labor were in Walnut Grove, N. H., a year or more, and six months in Gorham and Standish, Me. In 1841 he married Miss Christiana B. Coffin, daughter of Rev. Stephen Coffin. She was talented, educated and zealous. She often accompanied him on his preaching tours, and aided him much, and in the Academy her influence on the students led many of them to Christ. Mr. Cowell was afflicted with heart disease many years and kept close at home, but he was able to say, "It is all clear now; the hope of other days sustains me still."

**Cowell, Rev. Shem W.**, son of Edmond C. and Mariamme (Wentworth) Cowell, was born in Lebanon, Me., in 1830. He studied at West Lebanon Academy and at New Hampton Institution. Converted in 1851, he was licensed in his native place, Aug. 24, 1859, and ordained March 9, 1862. His pastorates were: Underhill, Vt., nine months; Waterbury River, about sixty conversions; Hinesburg and Jonesville; East Orange; Ellensburg Depot, N. Y., about thirty conversions; Waterbury again for two and one-half years; Newport, Vt., over fifty conversions. During 1876, and since 1886, he has been laid aside from active ministry by impaired health. He organized churches at Washington and Northfield, Vt. He was delegate to General Conference, at Lewiston, Me., in 1865. He has been superintendent of schools in Lebanon, Me., and in Orange and Newport, Vt. Oct. 3, 1861, he married Cynthia Story, and March 18, 1871, he married Sarah D. Sanborn; one son, aged twenty-two, is his only child.

**Cowing, Rev. David**, ordained in 1826, labored in New Hampshire, and left the denomination.

**Cowles, Rev. Remember J.**, was born in Belchertown, Mass., July 10, 1796. His conversion was with the Congregationalists, and, after many adversities, he devoted himself to the ministry, heeding a call he had long felt. He was licensed in 1832 by the Presbytery of Pennsylvania, and, in 1839, joined the Free Baptists from the Cumberland Presbyterians. He was ordained at Sugar

Hill, Feb. 29, 1842, taking charge of the Wrightville church, of the French Creek Q. M. His ministry was in a large part with the churches of this Q. M. He opposed slavery, took an advanced position regarding education, and was loved by a large circle of friends. He died March 29, 1874.

**Cox, Rev. Arthur E.**, son of William and Mary Anne (Elmes) Cox, was born at Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, Eng., May 26, 1858. He studied at Richmond College, Virginia, and theology at Cobb Divinity School. He was converted in 1869-70. He was ordained June 24, 1885, by J. J. Hall, C. E. Cate, J. Fullonton, B. F. Hayes and J. S. Burgess. He has held pastorates at Gaines and West Pike, Pa.; Little Falls and Windham Centre, Me. He is at present located at Carolina, R. I. He married Jan. 19, 1888, Elizabeth Anna, daughter of Professor B. F. Hayes, of Lewiston, Me.

**Cox, Rev. John E.**, son of Joshua and Caroline B. Cox, was born in Posey County, Ind., Oct. 14, 1850. His edu-



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cational advantages were confined to the common school; but, to one of his determination and perseverance this furnished a foundation on which to build well in the future. His conversion took place in 1872, and he was ordained in

September, 1878, by the Presbytery of the Liberty Association, Indiana. In 1879 he founded, edited and published *The Golden Rule*, at Evansville, Ind., and later *The Open Door*, at Enfield, Ill.; and in 1884 *The Free Baptist Herald* (*q. v.*) was established by him to aid his work in the Kenawha Valley and in the South generally. He held pastorates in Indiana and Illinois, and in the spring of 1883 settled in the Kanawha Valley, W. Va., where he was the acknowledged leader in founding the West Virginia Y. M., and from which place he has made several journeys south, exerting a wide influence. It has been his privilege to gather ten churches and to assist in organizing many others, and to baptize about four hundred converts, though, since 1885, on account of delicate health, he has been unable to administer baptism, and at times to prosecute his labors. So many and such varied labors under adverse circumstances, evince a rare knowledge of humanity and its needs, and great devotion and energy in the Master's service.

**Cox, Rev. Joseph Henry**, son of Garland and Eliza K. (Phineo) Cox, was born in Cornwallis, N. S., Dec. 30, 1840. At the age of fourteen, he accepted Christ. He was licensed to preach in 1869, and ordained by the Wheelock (Vt.) Q. M. in 1870. He has held pastorates at Loudon, N. H., Albany, and Randolph, Vt., Putnam, Anies, Hopkinton, Lawrence, and now (1888) Bethany, N. Y. His baptisms number 100. He was educated at New Hampton, N. H.

**Cox, Rev. Simon**, died in Rockland, Me., Jan. 28, 1851, aged 51 years. He was converted when about nineteen, and united with the Methodists, by whom he was licensed to preach. After about fifteen years, he united with the Free Baptists, and by them was recognized as an elder. While consumption was wasting his life, he was sustained by the gospel he had preached to others.

**Crabtree, Rev. Alva**, son of S. W. and Belinda (Dixon) Crabtree, was born in Jackson County, O., Sept. 30, 1849. He was converted in August, 1864, and ordained Nov. 17, 1874. His ministry has been spent in southern and central Ohio,

and in Kentucky. He has been engaged in seventy-five revivals, and baptized over one thousand persons; organizing eleven churches, and gathering the Johnson and Lewis Q. M's. He was for seven years clerk of Ohio and Kentucky Y. M. His four grandparents, his parents and himself were all converted, baptized and married by Rev. Isaac Fullerton.

**Crain, Rev. Hobart K.**, was born in Reading, Vt., January, 1817. His parents were William and Susan (Dutton) Crain. He attended school in Springfield Vt. April 4, 1836, he was converted, and ordained in 1840. He had a revival in Wallingford, Vt.; also in Andover, where a church was organized, and at West Berlin, where a church was formed, of which he is pastor. He is also pastor of the Williamstown church. He married Miss Sylvia Southwick. They have three children. The eldest is a bank teller in Winchendon, Mass.

**Crandall, Rev. Simeon**, was a minister from Rhode Island, who assisted in organizing the Little Hoosack (later Stephentown) church, in 1783, and probably baptized its first members.

**Crandall, Rev. Timothy**, died in Smyrna, N. Y., May 15, 1853, aged 62 years. He was converted at the age of seventeen, and entered upon the work of the ministry with the Friends. Ten years before his death he became a Free-will Baptist, and was baptized by Rev. S. Howe. He was a devoted minister, and was instrumental in gathering the Second Otselic church.

**Crapsey, Rev. Jacob**, joined the Free-will Baptists at Ontario, N. Y., receiving ordination in 1823. After ten years' devoted service, he died, by an accident, at Royalton, N. Y., in October, 1832, aged 64 years.

**Craw, Rev. Israel**, was ordained in New York soon after 1810, and continued his ministry in that state for a time.

**Crawford, Miss Lavina**, was born in Villanova, Chautauqua County, N. Y., in 1820. She was left an orphan at an early age, but, overcoming many obstacles, she made her way to Whitestown Seminary, and with great perseverance devoted herself to study. While here

she decided to devote herself to missionary labor, and, Oct. 17, 1850, she sailed for India. She was located at Balasore, and took charge of the school which became the "Girls' Orphanage." After a rest in America of two years (1859-61), during which the Orphanage was moved to Jellasure, she continued her work there, with singular devotion and success, until her death, April 10, 1882 (see *Mission in India*). She was a true



Miss Lavina Crawford.

missionary. Soon after she began her work one of her co-laborers wrote, "When we were apprised of her coming, we little realized what a rich treasure the Lord was about to send us. A dear child of heaven she is, and we regard it a great privilege to be associated with so pure a spirit, so nearly allied to the heavenly and divine." This high place in the esteem of the good she maintained during the thirty years of her missionary labor.

**Crawford, Rev. Oshea W.**, a native of Brunswick, Me., was converted in New York in 1825, licensed in 1829, and ordained June 30, 1834. His labors were chiefly in the Monroe and Chautauqua Q. M's, New York, but he traveled also in Canada, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. He was a faithful minister, was engaged in several revivals, and

died in Chesterfield, Ohio, March 10, 1849, aged 39 years.

**Crockett, Rev. Charles T. D.**, son of Daniel H. and Rebecca (Bacon) Crockett, was born in Greenwood, Me., March 15, 1833. His father was a native of Buckfield, and a soldier in the war of 1812. His mother was a native of Greenwood. He was the sixth of fourteen children. He was a student in Gould's Academy, Bethel, Me., 1850-52, and after his conversion, Feb. 8, 1875, in Bates Theological School, Lewiston, Me. With his wife he was baptized at Mechanic Falls May 16, 1875, by Rev. B. Minard. He was licensed to preach Jan. 27, 1876, and ordained at Canton June 8, 1877, by Rev's J. M. Pease, A. Hill, L. W. Raymond, and S. J. Gould. He preached at West Paris, 1876, where the church was revived, and the next four years at Canton. The church edifice at Canton, which was blown down, was repaired, and the resident membership of the church was nearly doubled. He had revivals at Peru and Roxbury, and organized a church at the latter place in 1878. January, 1881, he settled at Jackson, N. H. The house of worship was thoroughly repaired and well furnished, and the church strengthened by the addition of excellent members. He also preached at Bartlett. In 1888 he became pastor of the church at Steep Falls, Me., also serving the branch churches. He has baptized seventy-three converts in all. He was married Oct. 29, 1853, to Miss Clementine Bird.

**Crockett, Rev. James**, was born in Gorham, Me., Aug. 24, 1817. He was converted in Lewiston, in 1839, under the labors of Rev. Isaac Libby, and united with the church there. In February, 1846, having joined the North Yarmouth and Pownal church, with which he had preached about six months, he was ordained by a council from the Cumberland Q. M. After a pastorate of three years he lived for over a year at Falmouth, and then settled for two years with the Second church at Buxton, where his health failed. Having partially recovered in October, 1852, he moved to Scarborough, and became pastor of the First church. Cancer in the stomach occasioned severe

suffering, still his heart was in his work, and he had a strong hold on the affections of all. Leaning on supports, he entered his pulpit and spoke the word faithfully to the last. He died in Scarborough, Jan. 16, 1854, in his 37th year.

**Crompton, Rev. Isaac**, of Hodge's Park, Ill., a native of Louisiana, consecrated his life to God in 1866. He received license to preach in 1881, and was ordained Aug. 10, 1882. His ministry has been in the New Madrid Q. M., which he has served as clerk. He has also been agent for books, and now ministers to the Birdsville church.

**Crookes, Rev. William**, son of Joseph and Nancy (Shaw) Crookes, was born in England, Dec. 6, 1824. Converted at the age of fourteen, he was licensed Jan. 29, 1863, and ordained Sept. 19, 1866, by Rev's J. A. McKenzie, George Wheeler, and Wm. N. Patt. His pastorates have been Graniteville, R. I., Pond Street, West Greenwich. He has witnessed extensive revivals under his labors, from which he has baptized in all about one hundred converts. At Maple Root 175 came forward in six weeks; at West Greenwich, about forty; at Ash Mill, sixty. He has a circuit of four churches, one for each Sunday in the month, including River Point and Ashton. Dec. 26, 1846, he married Ellen Cook; they have four children living; five have died.

**Cross, Rev. David**, died in Newark, Vt., June 22, 1870, aged 84 years and 6 months. He was born in Wilmot, N. H., and was occupied with farming until he settled in life for himself. After his marriage and when about thirty years of age he was converted and soon began the work of the ministry. Many were converted under his preaching, several who became earnest ministers. After preaching about ten years in several places in New Hampshire with good success, he settled at Sutton, Vt., where he lived and preached more or less for forty years. He always owned a farm from which he largely obtained his support.

**Cross, Rev. D.**, was connected with the Free Communion Baptist Conference of Canada.

**Cross, Rev. Jesse**, was born at Newbury, N. H., June 9, 1790. He had entered upon his 76th year when he died after a long sickness Nov. 1, 1865. In early years he committed to memory, through the example and inspiration of a pious mother, large portions of the Bible. He acquired the rudiments of education in the common schools. When about twenty he was converted under the preaching of Rev. Timothy Morse, and ten years later was licensed by the Weare Q. M. In 1840, he was ordained by the same body as pastor of the Springfield church, of which he had been many years a member. For forty years he labored among the churches in Sullivan and Merrimack Counties, and witnessed many precious outpourings of the Spirit. His sermons were highly Biblical, earnest, and pathetic; his prayers were tender and supplicatory, yet wonderfully full of faith and power. He prayed much in secret. He was a member of the Second Wilmot church at the time of his death.

**Cross, Rev. Josiah D.**, son of Rev. Jesse Cross and Margaret Davis his wife, was born Sept. 15, 1820, at Grantham, N. H. He studied two or three terms at the High School. Converted at the age of sixteen, he was licensed at twenty-two, and ordained the next year, in 1853, by Rev's John Davis, A. Sargeant, F. Taylor, H. I. Wood and J. Cross. His pastorates have been in Strafford, Vt., Corinth, Orange, Vershire, West Fairlee; in Warren, N. H., Wentworth, Rumney, Rochester, Orford, Plymouth, Grotton, Ellsworth. He has baptized nearly four hundred, having attended five hundred weddings and as many funerals. He married in 1844 Sarah J. Brown, and their three children occupy useful stations in life. He lives in Vershire, Vt.

**Crossgrove, Rev. James**, son of John and Ardell (Esec) Crossgrove, was born in Louisiana. In 1834 he was married to Martha J. Murphy. Having given himself to God and feeling himself called to the Gospel ministry, he received a license in 1881, and was ordained Nov. 5, 1882. He is connected with the Marblestone and Mt. Pilgrim churches of the Natchez Q. M., Mississippi.

**Crowell, Rev. Thomas**, was ordained in 182— and served the churches in Nova Scotia.

**Crowell, Rev. W. D.**, died in Barrington, N. S., March 15, 1869, aged 64 years.

**Culley, Rev. John H.**, son of C. C. and Lydia (Harris) Culley, was born at Mt. Vernon, Ind., Jan. 29, 1839. He married Clarinda Rhodes, Oct. 9, 1861, and served in various offices of trust in the town of Murphysborough, Ill., until his conversion in 1876. He then devoted himself to ministerial work, receiving ordination Dec. 27, 1878. He has ministered to the Beaver Pond, Mt. Nebo, Drura, De Soto, Rock Springs and Cedar churches, all in the Looney Springs Q. M., Ill., the three first named having been organized by himself; and he is now laboring in the St. Francois Q. M., Missouri.

**Culver, Rev. David**, died after a short but severe illness, June 12, 1866, in Pontiac, R. I., aged 71 years. Fifty years of his life were spent in the ministry, mostly among the Methodists. After his union with the Free Baptists, he evinced strong sympathy with reforms, discretion in counsel, energy in work and faithfulness in pastoral duties. Since 1863 he was pastor of the Warwick church.

**Cummings, Rev. E. W.**, son of William O. and Ellen V. (Hatch) Cummings, and grandson of Deacon Ichabod Cummings, was born in Middlesex, Vt., Feb. 5, 1861. He was converted in October, 1880. He studied at Green Mountain Seminary and at Waterbury Centre, where he graduated in May, 1886. He then entered Bates Theological Seminary, at Lewiston, Me. The date of his license is Feb. 28, 1885.

**Cummings, Rev. Stedman**, born in Washington, Vt., and converted in 1820 under the labors of Elder N. Bowles, united with the Corinth, Vt., church and was ordained in 1828. He labored as an evangelist in Vermont and Canada, witnessing great revivals, retaining his connection with the Corinth Q. M. until 1854, when he removed to Wisconsin and continued the work there. Later he assisted in building up the Adair and Schuyler Q. M., Missouri, and still later

moved to Kirwin, Kan., where he died Oct. 19, 1863, aged 76 years and 11 months, being full of years and good works.

**Cummings, Rev. Williams**, of Wolcott, Vt., died June 5, 1860, after a short, acute malady of the lungs, aged 41 years. In 1849 he became connected with the Wolcott church, with Moses Folsom as pastor. When Folsom united with the Compton church in 1851, Brother Cummings became pastor of the Wolcott church and held the position till his death. The year before he died, he added ten by baptism. As he saw death approaching, he disposed of his property by will, chose II. Cor. 4:17 as his funeral text, and in triumphant faith consoled his wife and two daughters, and expired after a ministry of about eighteen years. Rev. J. Woodman attended his funeral.

**Cunningham, Rev. Timothy**, of Edgecome, Maine, was born in March, 1756. He was in the Revolutionary War, and suffered somewhat as a prisoner. Converted in 1790, he identified himself with the Free Baptists, and commenced laboring at once as public speaker. In 1799, while himself unordained, he, with Deacon Daniel Dunton, ordained John M. Bailey, of Woolwich. The year 1804 was one of great religious quickening in his vicinity. January 25 he was ordained as ruling elder. He lived to serve his generation in the cause of Christ thirty-two years after this, and died Jan. 16, 1836, aged 80 years. He was a plain, pointed preacher, and early espoused the cause of missions, temperance, and the Sunday-school.

**Cunningham, Rev. Wm.**, of Litchfield, Me., was born Oct. 20, 1809, in Windsor, Me. His parents were Wm. and Mary (Hood) Cunningham. He was converted at the age of thirteen. His license was granted in March, 1855, and he was ordained July 6, 1855, by Rev's S. Hathorn, C. E. Blake, and C. Quinam. He has been pastor of a large number of churches, and labored in many revivals. He has baptized many converts, and organized three churches. Now, at seventy-eight years of age, his strength has failed, but his heart is strong through the promises of

God. He was married Jan. 15, 1829, to Miss Mary Thurston, and has seven children living.

**Currier, Rev. John J.**, of Thornton, N. H., died Nov. 2, 1843. He was born in Meredith, May 13, 1809. Converted at the age of twenty-three, he was licensed to preach by the New Durham Q. M. in May, 1838, and in January, 1842, was ordained, Rev. E. Noyes preaching the sermon. Soon after his ordination he removed to Thornton, where he labored with success till, in the midst of his usefulness, he was called from work to rewards. He was interred near his father's at Meredith. His funeral was attended by the Rev's Nahum Brooks, I. D. Stewart, and others.

**Currier, Rev. S. A.**, Son of Samuel, was born at Charlotte, N. Y., Jan. 25 1811. He embraced religion when fourteen years of age, and united with the Potter church three years later, being baptized by Elder S. Wire. He commenced preaching in 1831, and for eight years traveled as an itinerant in southwestern New York and northern Pennsylvania, reaching out also into other states, east, west and south. May 27, 1848, he was ordained by a council of the Cattaraugus Centre Q. M., N. Y., after which he ministered to the churches at Ashford, N. Y., and Oneida, Grand Ledge, Perry, Hamburg, Green Oak, Salem, Lexington, Bruce, Davison, Richland and other places in Michigan. He has been highly esteemed for his work's sake.

**Curtis, Rev. D. C.**, son of Almon and Elizabeth (Sanburn) Curtis, was born in Erie County, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1826. When twenty years of age, he married Maria A. Alger. They have six children living, two having died. He was converted in 1841, and ordained in 1860. Since ordination he has been pastor of the Buena Vista church of the Wapsipicon Q. M., Iowa; and most of the time he has also served the Pleasant Hill church. He has been faithful in his ministry, serving as Q. M. clerk, and for some years has been a justice.

**Curtis, Rev. Elial**, a native of Connecticut, removed in early life to New

York, and later to Ohio. He was ordained in 1837, and died in New Haven, O., Sept. 19, 1848, aged 49 years. He was a judicious brother, safe in counsel and careful in deportment, highly esteemed by a large circle of Christian friends.

**Curtis, Rev. Matthew**, son of John and Mary Belle (McFarlin) Curtis, was born near his present residence, Capling, Tenn., Oct. 11, 1849. He was married to M. E. Johnson in 1867, and again, two years after her death, to L. I. Vanderpool, in 1880. He has nine children, the older ones now Christians. He was converted in 1865, and two years later received license to preach while connected with the M. E. church. Sept. 22, 1878, he was ordained by the New Union Association of United Baptists. His pastorate have been Good Hope, Lancaster, and Chestnut Grove. He has conducted several revivals and organized four churches. He publishes the *Christian Progress* (q. v.) and is manager of a company for printing religious and doctrinal tracts. He takes a leading position in the New Union Association, Tennessee, of which he is the clerk.

**Curtis, Rev. Silas**, of Concord, N. H., was born in Auburn (then Minot), Me., Feb. 27, 1804. His parents were George and Bathsheba (Burrell) Curtis. In the district school and in select schools of Lewiston and Greene he laid the foundation of an education. He prepared for College in the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, at Kent's Hill, but his health was impaired during this course so that he did not enter college. He was converted Nov. 20, 1820, when nearly seventeen years of age, was baptized by Rev. B. Thorn, and joined the church at Lewiston in May, 1821. After his twenty-first year he taught school several winters in the towns of Lewiston and Lisbon, and in the spring of 1827, at the age of twenty-three, he began to preach the gospel. He was ordained Oct. 4, 1827, at a session of the Bowdoin Q. M. at Topsham, by Rev's George Lamb, Abiezer Bridges, and Allen Files. For three or four years he traveled and preached in Phippsburgh, Georgetown, Harpswell, Lewiston, Leeds, Monmouth, Wales, Ches-

terville, Livermore, Wilton, Farmington and many other towns. Revivals of great power attended his labors. Nov. 9, 1831, he was married to Miss Patience Gould, of Wayne, and settled in Monmouth. One half of his time he gave to Waterville and other places. He spent the summer of 1833 in North Providence, R. I., and then settled with the church in Augusta, Me., where he remained five years. After a part of a year in Nashua, N. H., he became pastor of the church at Great Falls in September, 1839, and continued there till September, 1843. The following winter he preached in Lynn, Mass., but finding that the ocean



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air did not agree with his health, he became pastor of the Lowell church, and remained there five years till 1849. In Lowell he lost his only child. After three years in Roxbury, Mass., and four years, from 1852 to 1856, in Pittsfield, N. H., he removed to Concord, N. H. In 1860 he purchased the home he has since occupied on Rumford street. From 1869 to 1875 he was acting pastor of the Concord church. During his ministry he has baptized 800 converts, has assisted in organizing several churches, and preached at the dedication of twelve church edifices.

Besides this long and exceptionally fruitful ministry with the churches, he



has also been conspicuously active and influential in every denominational enterprise. He was one of the foremost among those who began a new era of progress among his people by the publication of the *Morning Star*, the founding of educational institutions and the organization of benevolent societies. He was one of four who at Farmington, Me., started the call for the educational convention at Acton, Me., out of which grew the Education Society and the Biblical School. In 1832 he was chosen by General Conference as one of the publishing committee of the Printing Establishment and has continued one of its board of managers till the present time. He was auditor of that establishment forty years, and its agent from the death of William Burr, on Nov. 6, 1866, to September, 1867. In 1855 he was appointed agent of the New Hampton Institution, and during several years of his office he raised for it \$17,000. He gathered funds for Chapel Hall, and was on the building committee. He was corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Society from 1839 to 1869, when he resigned. In 1865 he spent several weeks in South Carolina and Virginia as superintendent of the work among the freedmen, and afterwards visited the schools and mission stations in Shenandoah Valley. Storer College, at Harper's Ferry, has had a share of his liberal gifts to the benevolent causes of the denomination. He was treasurer of the Home Mission Society sixteen years, of the Education Society eighteen years, and of the Foreign Mission Society three years, all of which offices he resigned in 1882. He was clerk of General Conference in 1835, and held that office till 1868, when he resigned it. He has been present at twenty of the twenty-six General Conferences that have been held. He has been a member of the committee on "Necrology," and has prepared and reported the list of deceased ministers for many years. In 1853 he was appointed chairman of a committee to collect facts for "The Freewill Baptist History," and worked many years gathering facts for that valuable work. He has assisted at the ordination of at least twelve ministers and at the dedication of twelve

churches. Such a record shows his wide sympathy, large efficiency, executive force, and firm denominational loyalty. He is a man of decided and strong convictions and of great force of character, but also of deep and tender feeling. In the city of Concord, where he has made his home for more than thirty years, and in the church of which he has so long been a member, he is highly esteemed and often honored. Since April 23, 1880, he has missed the sympathy and companionship of his wife, with whom he had lived nearly fifty years. She died aged 73 years. The burden of his fourscore and four years are upon him, and with true love for his people he awaits the great change which will bring to him again the friends of his early ministry in the better land.

**Curtis, Rev. Silas**, of Jellasure, India, was born at Chotianagpur, Feb. 28, 1827. He was educated in the mission schools about forty years ago, and was ordained by Rev's E. C. B. Hallam, B. B. Smith, and others about 1861. He was located at Jellasure, where he has since assisted the missionaries, especially Miss Crawford, and has been true to his position as a minister.

**Curtis, Walter Paul**, son of Paul and Philena F. (Nason) Curtis, and a nephew of Rev. Silas Curtis, was born in Auburn, Me., Feb. 8, 1857. He was converted in March, 1874. He studied at the Little High School of Auburn, and graduated at Bates College in 1881. He entered Cobb Divinity School, but his course was interrupted by ill health. For six years, nearly, he taught in Storer College, W. Va. In 1888 he re-entered the Divinity School at Lewiston. For a year he has supplied the church at New Gloucester, Me. September 16, 1885, he married Miss Abby D., daughter of Rev. Geo. T. Day, and has two children.

**Curtis, Rev. Weston P.**, son of Thomas and Abigail J. (Seekins) Curtis, was born in Enfield, Me., Oct. 10, 1846. He was converted in 1868, received license to preach in 1873, and was ordained in 1879. He has been pastor of the Chester church. He resides in Enfield and is pastor of that church (1887).

He has been instrumental in the conversion of several, and has attended forty-four funerals, mostly in Enfield. He was married April 18, 1869, to Miss Sarah A. Seekins. They have one child living. He has been on the board of selectmen seven years.

**Cusick, Rev. Wilford**, died in Blanche, O., Sept. 12, 1862, aged 53 years. He was connected with the church at that place before his ordination, which took place about 1849, and remained with it a faithful, helpful laborer until called above. His loss was deeply felt by the community. He was a successful physician and advocate of moral reform.

**Cutler, Rev. Gilbert B.**, son of Alvin and Ruth A. (Thomas) Cutler, was born at East Machias, Me., May 31,



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1848. He studied two years in Washington Academy in his native place and then entered upon a seafaring life and rose to mate. He was wrecked in the Indian Ocean. Going to Michigan to visit friends, he was engaged in ship-

ping pursuits upon the great lakes. In April, 1874, he married Miss Julia A. King, of Michigan, and now has five children. Converted in July, 1875, he was licensed in August, 1877, and in Feb., 1878, was ordained at New Haven, Mich., by a council appointed by the Oxford Q. M. He has been pastor of the Newbury and North Branch churches, Mich., two years; Lynn, Mich., church, one year; Fremont and Burnside churches, one year; New Haven church, Mich., three years. He enjoyed fifteen extensive revivals, in which over four hundred professed conversion and two churches were organized. He was clerk and treasurer of Oxford Q. M. two years, of Sanilac Q. M. one year. In 1885 he became pastor of the church at Georgiaville, R. I., where good work has been done and an excellent parsonage has been built and paid for.

**Cutler, Rev. W. H.**, a native of New York, died in Amity, Pa., July 24, 1878, aged 46 years. He was for five years pastor of the Waterford, Pa., church, receiving ordination the first year. He was a faithful, active man, and the churches of the Washington Q. M. were strengthened by his labors.

**Cutting, Rev. William H.**, was born in Andover, Me., in 1826. His parents were Ebenezer and Eliza (Marston) Cutting. He became a Christian at the age of fifteen. He received his theological education at Bates Theological School, was licensed to preach in 1843, and ordained by the Christian denomination in 1850. He was a minister in that body till 1860. He has had nine pastorates, labored in as many as fifteen revivals, and baptized 100 converts. He is now pastor of the church at Melvin Village, N. H. In 1851 he was married to Miss Sarah E. Pulcifer. They have three children living. He was a representative in the Legislature of Maine in 1873.

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**Damon, Rev. Gershom H.**, son of Arad and Lydia Damon, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., May 18, 1829. He was first married to Cynthia A. Finch,

and afterwards to Isabella M. Richards. To them were born seven children, three of whom are now living. He attended Geauga Seminary and Hillsdale College,