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**Gaines, Thomas**, son of Rendel Gaines, was born in Washington, Ga., May 15, 1846. He was born again in 1869, uniting with the larger Baptist body. Ten years later he joined the Free Baptists, receiving license to preach in 1880. The same year he married Emma Washington, and is now connected with the Second St. Louis, Mo. church.

**Garrison, Rev. William F.**, died in Foxcroft, Me., of consumption, March 9, 1858. He was born in Windham, Me., Jan. 14, 1799. At the age of eighteen he publicly professed Christ, and was baptized by Rev. C. Phinney in February, 1817. At the age of twenty-five he moved to eastern Maine and settled in Charlotte, where he married Miss Elizabeth W. Morgan. He united with the Christian church in that place, and maintained an outward life beyond reproach. He served his townsmen as officer in the militia and as magistrate. In 1832 he was a member of the State Legislature. In 1834, moving to Dover, Me., he joined the church, and the next year decided to obey his convictions of duty, which for years had directed him to the gospel ministry. He had in early life received a good academic education. He was licensed by the Sebec Q. M. in January, 1840, and was ordained in Dover, July 8, 1841. His labors in the ministry were confined mostly to the Sebec Q. M. Several winters he spent in eastern Maine teaching, witnessing frequent revivals. His gift was largely pastoral. After twenty years of service, his health failed. He resigned the offices of clerk and treasurer, which for years he had filled, at the last Q. M. he attended, in September, 1857, at Sangerville. Fourteen ministers attended his funeral.

**Galloway, Rev. A. B.**, son of Ezekiel and Sarah (Pipkin) Galloway, was born in Darlington County, S. C., Oct. 29, 1837. In 1858 he was married to Mary Jane Austin, and has six children. He was educated at Winnsborough, N. C. In 1870 he was converted; license to preach was granted the same year, and

Oct. 7, 1872, he was ordained. He has since ministered to the churches within the bounds of the South Carolina Y. M. with good success, baptizing 380 converts.

**Gammon, Rev. Danville A.**, son of Charles E. and Matilda T. (Brown) Gammon, was born in Canton, Me., July 20, 1861. He studied at Maine Central Institute. Converted in February, 1876, he was licensed Dec. 9, 1886, and ordained Jan. 1, 1889. He was pastor of the Weld church from November, 1886, to April, 1888. He then became pastor of the Second Wilton and Chesterville churches.

**Gardner, Rev. Charles L.**, son of Rev. Levi G. Gardner, died at White's Corners (Boston), N. Y., in January, 1865, aged 41 years. He was converted in early manhood, and licensed to preach about 1853 while connected with the Grove church of the Cattaraugus Q. M., receiving ordination about five years later while connected with the Freedom and Farmersville (later Elton) church. This church was greatly increased in numbers and influence during his pastorate. Leaving Elton, he labored with the churches of the Erie Q. M. until his death, which was greatly lamented.

**Gardner, Rev. James**, was born in Tennessee, Feb. 8, 1860. He is the son of William and Millia Gardner. He was converted in 1876, licensed in 1882, and ordained in 1886. His present pastorate is at Corydon, Ky.

**Gardner, Prof. James Salmon**, Ph. D., son of Rev. Levi G. Gardner, was born at Lebanon, N. Y., June 24, 1822. He graduated from Whitestown Seminary, N. Y., in 1846, and from Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., in the class of 1849. In his studies he won the honors which are accorded to superior scholarship, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was bestowed by his Alma Mater in 1863. While yet in school he began teaching, and in 1853 he became principal of Whitestown Seminary, a position which he held until his death, April 28, 1881. The management of the school and its finances devolved largely

upon him, but his qualifications for the varied duties of his position were rare. He possessed the faculty of organization, was patient and expert in details, was keen in discerning human nature, and mingled kindness with marked firmness in his government of the pupils. He devoted himself with energy and perseverance to the work in hand. The result was a gradual widening of the usefulness of the school and an increase of its departments and numbers until it came to occupy a very high rank among



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institutions of its class. He devoted much attention to the successful pursuit of special studies in the sciences, and was interested in every movement for the advancement of education. The year of his graduation he married Elizabeth E. Phillips, sister of the Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, the missionary. Of their seven children, three died before them, and the others reside at Syracuse, Kan., James P. being register of deeds of Hamilton County in that state.

**Gardner, Rev. Levi Geer**, was of Puritan stock, and for many generations his ancestry loved and served the Lord. His father did service in the Revolution under General Gates. In 1806 the family moved from Worthington, Mass., where Levi G. was born, to Plymouth,

N. Y. Soon after this they with others united in forming a Free Baptist church under the labors of Elder Campbell. For a few years Brother Gardner, then a young man, was brought under Universalist influences; but, in 1820, he became awakened to the needs of the soul and soon knew that he had a new life in Christ. He was baptized in April by Elder C. Easterbrooks and soon began to preach, receiving ordination in July, 1825. Following the custom of that period, he went forth as an itinerant, preaching incessantly on the Sabbath, and much on week days. In Chenango, Otsego and Broome Counties, and other sections, his labors were abundant. Many souls were converted and churches were organized. Sometimes he extended his labors to the western part of the state and even into Canada. For this toil and self-denial he asked no earthly reward or honor. After about 1840, the churches being stronger, he received his support from them and abandoned all secular business. Health becoming impaired, he went, in 1851, to live with his son at Whitestown, where his declining years were spent. His death took place April 13, 1861, when but a few days less than 63 years of age. Brother Gardner was blessed with a sound and vigorous mind, with energy and executive force, and with a zeal and hopefulness that rather increased in vigor in the presence of difficulties and seldom yielded to discouragement. His spiritual life was full, deep and blissful. His labors were not in vain in the Lord. He baptized about five hundred converts, nine churches were organized by his assistance, and his counsels were helpful to many, as he encouraged them to higher attainments and to more devoted living.

**Gardner, Rev. Squire D.**, brother of Rev. Levi G. Gardner, died in Prospect, N. Y. May 18, 1864, aged 64 years. He commenced preaching in 1841, with the Sherburne church, and was ordained about 1844. He was for seven years pastor of the church in Columbus, where many members were added and a house of worship was erected. He was with the Plainfield church four years and saw refreshing seasons. His last

labors were with the Prospect church, and were greatly blessed. He had also been connected for brief periods with the Brookfield and Russia Centre churches. He was a judicious pastor, an instructive preacher, a candid and prudent counselor, and stood among his brethren in the front rank in the great moral conflict.

**Garfield, Rev. John**, died in West Wheelock, Vt., Jan. 3, 1878. He was born in Barre, Vt., April 15, 1801. When quite young, his parents moved to Glover. When about seventeen he was converted under the labors of Elder Fisk and joined the M. E. church. His unwillingness to preach caused him to backslide. He was awakened about six years afterward, and preached with the Methodists about twenty years. In Stannard, in 1841, his labors resulted in a great revival. September 11, a Free Baptist church was organized and he was ordained as pastor. He held the office fourteen years. The last seven years his health was poor. When unable to speak aloud, he would whisper words of comfort to the little band that gathered in his home for prayer and conference.

**Garland, Rev. B. F.**, died in Carter County, Tenn., Sept. 15, 1887, aged 35 years.

**Garland, Rev. David**, died in Barnstead, N. H., Feb. 6, 1863. He was born in Barrington, N. H., in 1794. In the fall of 1819 he was converted, and on January 19 was baptized by Rev. Nathaniel Berry, uniting with the First church in Barnstead. In 1825, at the organization of the Second church in that town, his name headed the list of members. June 3, 1830, he was ordained as evangelist in his own town. Nature had endowed him for a revivalist. His talent for singing, the trumpet tones of his shrill speaking voice, his earnestness in prayer and in exhortation, held and blessed the multitudes who listened. His last labors were in Newcastle, the birthplace of Randall, where he saw many souls converted and where he contracted the lung fever of which he died. His home, on a rising swell of land overlooking a beautiful sheet of water, was truly a "pilgrim tavern" for his weary brethren. His services were given to the

poor and neglected, for whom he spared neither pains, expense, nor avoided exposure in order that he might speak to them words of life. He left a second wife, with seven children and fourteen grandchildren.

**Gaskill, Rev. Rufus**, was a native of Richmond, N. H., and when ten years of age united with the church in Concord, Vt., being baptized by Elder A. Bugbee. At the request of the Newark church he was ordained by the Wheelock Q. M., Sept. 8, 1839, and held pastorates at Newark, Vt., and Whitefield and Eaton, N. H., spending some time also at Conway. In 1855 he became pastor at Grand Prairie, Wis., and continued until failing health caused him to leave the work and live near his son at Waukau, where he died Oct. 3, 1873, aged 70 years. He had baptized about seventy-five converts and aided in organizing several churches.

**Gatchell, Rev. Mark**, was born in Litchfield, Me., May 17, 1812. His parents were Captain Hugh and Mary Gatchell. He became a Christian under the labors of Rev. Dexter Waterman, by whom he was baptized at the age of sixteen. He began to preach at the age of twenty, received license two years afterward, and was ordained by a council of the Bowdoin Q. M. when twenty-four years of age. Before his ordination he preached in Litchfield and Greene with success. He was then pastor of the West Gardiner church twelve years, during one of which eighty were baptized and 101 were added to the church. He preached at the same time in Litchfield. He was pastor in Monmouth six years, organized the church and added many to its membership. After two years in the Edgecomb Q. M., he preached in South Lewiston, Leeds and West Bowdoin. His last pastorate, of five years, was at Richmond Corner. For the next five years he had regular appointments. He has attended very many funerals. About twenty-five times he was chosen to harmonize difficulties. He was a member of the Legislature the year the grant was made to the Maine State Seminary. While at South Lewiston he was dangerously sick during a session of the

Q. M. at Bath. He asked for prayers of the brethren for his recovery, and he was conscious of a wonderful answer to the prayers offered. He married, at the age of twenty-three, Miss Sarah Day, who has been a most valuable helper in his home and ministry. They both, in feeble health, reside at Monmouth, Me.

**Gauga Seminary**, was located at Gauga, Chester County, O. It was known for a time as the Western Reserve Manual Labor Seminary. Among its founders were Honorable Samuel Philbrick and Rev's D. Marks, R. Dunn and A. K. Moulton. It was opened in 1842, with the church building as a home. Soon a farm of eighty acres was purchased, appropriate buildings were erected and the school was transferred to them in 1844. The previous year a charter was obtained, but it prohibited colored persons from attending the school, and it was not accepted until modified by omitting this provision. Asahel Nichols was the first principal. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Branch took charge of the school in 1845, and after four years, because of impaired health, gave place to Rev. G. H. Ball, and in 1851 Rev. G. T. Day became principal. Here were educated many of those who have since been leaders in the denomination. On the founding of Hillsdale College it seemed wise to center the educational work there, and the property of the seminary was sold and its useful work was transferred to that institution.

**Gelerson, Rev. George W.**, died in Houlton, Me., Sept. 11, 1874, aged 66 years. He was born in Brighton, Me. He was married in early life, and shortly after was converted and baptized by Elder Hathaway. A few years after he moved into Weston, Aroostook County, where he united with the church at its organization. He remained a member there till his death. By request of this church he was ordained. During his ministry of over thirty years he has brought many to Christ. He was an upright and industrious business man and obtained a competence. He moved to Houlton eight years before his death.

**General Baptists.** This name is sometimes applied to Baptists who hold

the doctrines of free grace and free communion. Such Baptists have taken various denominational names. For those in England see *English Baptists*. For those in the Dominion of Canada see *New Brunswick* and *Nova Scotia*. For those in the southern part of the United States see the articles on the several states. For those holding the name *Separate Baptists* see that article. This article notices briefly the body located in Indiana and southwestward which is known by this name. For a more extended history of this people see "General Baptist History," by Rev. D. B. Montgomery, of Owensville, Ind. See also *Arminian Baptists*.

Elder Benoni Stinson, the leader in forming this denomination, organized the Liberty church near Evansville, Ind., in 1823. The Union, Black, River and Providence churches were soon gathered, and these four churches with 201 members were organized in September, 1824, as the Liberty Association of General Baptists. Elders Jesse Lane, Sr., Berry Dunn, Alvah Parker, Thomas Fuller and others soon arose to aid in the work. Elders Jacob Speer, E. C. McCoy, Robert Lee, B. T. Dunn, J. B. Stinson, T. J. Montgomery, G. P. Cavanah, J. G. Ensle, William Reavis and James Blackburn were prominent in the work not long after. The work was carried forward with devotion and success, so that in 1840 the association had a membership of 890, in 1860 of 1110, in 1880 of 1333, and in 1887 of 2042, and this, notwithstanding the withdrawals to form other associations.

The Union Association, Kentucky, was organized by a council from the Liberty Association in October, 1840. There were then seven churches and 163 members. Elder Jacob Holeman was the first moderator and Jesse Nichols was clerk. The membership increased to 324 in 1860, and to 1130 in 1880. In 1887 the total was 1682.

The Cumberland Association was formed by a division of the Union Association, in October, 1846, the churches in the western part of the association entering the new organization. Rapid progress was made, and in November, 1854, six of its churches in Illinois were organized into the Ohio Association. In the troubles in-

cident to the Civil War the numbers were reduced. Some of the churches afterwards joined the Union Association and others the Ohio Association, and the Cumberland Association is not now reported. The Ohio Association (Ill.) has continued its work and now contains twelve churches with 600 members.

The Mt. Union Association, Kentucky, was organized in December, 1876, with six churches and 577 members. Some of these churches had been organized several years, and were before this connected with the Union Association. In 1886 there were ten churches with 437 members.

The United Association, Indiana, had its origin in September, 1860, when the association of Free Communion United Baptists, gathered by Elder Samuel T. Thompson during the preceding decade, formed a union with eight churches from the Liberty Association. During the next decade the fifteen churches with 845 members had increased to thirty-eight churches with 2017 members. A part of the churches were set off in September, 1870, to form the Flat Creek Association, which now (1887) has ten churches and 633 members, while the United Association now has twenty-three churches and 1559 members.

The Southern Illinois Association of Free Communion Baptists, afterwards known as General Baptists, still later became connected with the Freewill Baptist denomination (see *Illinois*). The eastern portion of the churches preferred to remain in union with the General Baptists, and in 1870 were organized as the Mt. Olivet Association. These churches in 1887 numbered fourteen, and the members 713.

The Union Grove Association, Illinois, was organized in 1863, with four churches. Rev. S. S. Branch, of the Freewill Baptists, assisted in ordaining Elder J. W. Gwin and three others of its early ministers. The work has been extended, and in 1887 thirteen churches, with 871 members, were reported.

The Central Illinois Association had a brief existence about 1870, some of its churches finally going to the Freewill Baptists and others to the Southern Illinois Association.

The Liberty Association, Missouri, was organized in 1862, by Elders Wm. Darnell and Uriah Stratton. In 1869 the New Liberty Association was formed from this. In 1887 the former had twenty-one churches, and 807 members, and the latter had twenty-six churches and 1869 members.

The Missouri Association was organized Dec. 1, 1866, with four churches and 182 members. Elder Thos. Norris was moderator. The membership in 1876 was 652. The Little Vine Association, an outgrowth of this, was organized in June, 1878. The Missouri Association in 1887 had 1232 members in twenty-five churches, and the Little Vine Association, not long before that date, reported 246 members and eleven churches.

Besides the above, there were reported in 1887 the Green River Union Association, Kentucky, with 1300 members, the Western Liberty Association, Missouri, with 523 members, and the Mt. Lebanon Association, Missouri, with 191 members. Previous reports credited the Concord Association with 144 members, the Social Band Association, Missouri and Arkansas, with 293 members, the White River Association, Missouri, with 300 members, and the New Liberty Association, Tennessee, with 223 members.

There are nineteen or more Associations, with above fifteen thousand members. These were organized in 1870 into a General Association, which has since met annually, its purpose being to bring the several associations into closer relations for united work. *The Messenger*, published at Owensville, Ind., Rev. W. P. Hale, editor, is the denominational organ. Home mission work is carried on, an educational society has been formed, and an interest in foreign missions is developing. In spirit and in work this body is very similar to the Freewill Baptist denomination; in doctrine it is almost identical; in form of organization it is quite so. A more perfect acquaintance will result in union in the work for the Master, and possibly also in union of organizations.

**General Conference, The,** was organized by nineteen delegates, repre-

senting five Y. M.'s, at Tunbridge, Vt., Oct. 11, 1827. In a letter to the New Durham Q. M., in 1805, Randall had suggested that a "General Conference of all the elders" be established. This subject was considered, referred to the Y. M., and a conference of all the ministers was annually held in connection with the November session of the Y. M. Twenty years later the subject again appeared, and a delegated body was proposed, whose authority should be derived from the churches rather than from the ministry. The subject was contemplated with caution lest this central body interfere with the independence of the churches. But the membership had grown to about twenty-one thousand, and had extended into ten states and two of the British provinces. The existence of Q. M.'s and Y. M.'s naturally suggested a General Conference that should serve the whole brotherhood as a means of fellowship and guidance.

The first direct action towards its establishment was at the Y. M. in Sandwich, N. H., in 1826. Rev. Enoch Place asked the question and moved an affirmative answer which was seconded by Rev. John Buzzell: "Is it expedient to make any alteration in the present arrangement of the Yearly Meetings, and to establish a General Yearly Conference for the benefit of the whole?" At the Y. M. in Parsonfield, Me., in November, the question was called up and referred to a committee of twelve consisting of Rev's John Buzzell, John Foster, Enoch Place, Z. Jordan, S. Burbank, Ziba Pope, Thomas Moxley, Jeremiah Bullock, Andrew Hobson, H. Hobbs and Deacons Samuel Moulton and W. A. Drew. The committee recommended that the churches continue to report to the Q. M.'s, and these to the Y. M.'s, as heretofore; that there be two distinct Y. M.'s in Maine, and one in each of the following states: New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio; and that each Y. M. choose delegates to compose a General Conference, the first session of which should be held in Tunbridge, Vt., the next October. The report was unanimously adopted, and the proposition was received with great favor

throughout the denomination. The jurisdiction of the Conference at first was not well defined. The constitution and by-laws were not adopted until 1841. Such questions as were referred to it were passed upon, but it was always understood that it could not reverse the decisions of churches, Q. M.'s and Y. M.'s.

Dr. Ball, in CENTENNIAL RECORD, says of General Conference: "Its authority was settled to be moral, not legislative; its function fixed to give voice to the convictions and purposes of the churches, but not to rule over them; to enlarge their influence by combining and publishing their testimony and aggregating their forces, without infringing upon their freedom of action or exacting the least sacrifice of local rights; to increase their privileges, influence and power by enlarging the scope of free and voluntary action, without dictating methods or enforcing regulations. This feat of ecclesiastical wisdom was accomplished through the evolution of spiritual forces among the brotherhood generally, through the processes of experience and conflict of diverse convictions, rather than by the genius of any one mind or any conclave of minds." Dr. Ball gives five General Conferences which have marked epochs in the denominational history: In 1833 the Treatise was adopted and decisive action was taken concerning education and foreign missions. In 1839 the fellowship with slave-holders was withdrawn. In 1841 the Free Baptists of New York were admitted to the denomination without a change of name. In 1850 the position on slavery was re-affirmed, as well as the former position of General Conference in reference to the complete independence of the churches. Conference voted \$300 from the funds of the Printing Establishment to help our first college. The last eminence was reached when, in 1880, the Conference, as representing a people numbering over 80,000, stood at the grave of Randall and re-affirmed its confidence in the principles that he announced, which had steadily crowned the denomination with God's approval through a century of growth and victory. Its meetings have been held as follows:

## GENERAL CONFERENCES.

<i>Place.</i>	<i>Time.</i>	<i>Days.</i>	<i>No. of Depts.</i>	<i>Moderators.</i>	<i>Clerks.</i>
1 Tunbridge, Vt.	Oct. 11, 1827.	4	29	Enoch Place.	Hosea Quinby.
2 Sandwich, N. H.	" 9, '28.	4	35	Nath'l King.	" "
3 Spafford, N. Y.	" 10, '29.	4	15	Henry Hobbs.	J. M. Yearnshaw.
4 Greenville, R. I.	" 14, '30.	4	15	S. Hutchins.	" "
5 Wilton, Me.	" 12, '31.	4	14	Benj. Thorn.	Hosea Quinby.
6 Meredith, N. H.	" 10, '32.	4	21	S. B. Dyer.	N. Loring.
7 Strafford, Vt.	" 9, '33.	6	24	S. Whitney.	Hosea Quinby.
8 Byron, N. Y.	" 7, '35.	5	24	" "	Silas Curtis.
9 Greenville, R. I.	" 4, '37.	6	25	J. M. Harper.	" "
10 Conneaut, O.	" 2, '39.	5	28	" "	Wm. Burr.
11 Topsham, Me.	" 6, '41.	6	41	" "	Silas Curtis.
12 Plainfield, N. Y.	" 2, '44.	7	53	J. Woodman.	" "
13 Sutton, Vt.	" 6, '47.	10	51	" "	" "
14 Providence, R. I.	" 2, '50.	9	52	Martin Cheney.	" "
15 Fairport, N. Y.	" 5, '53.	5	57	F. W. Straight.	" "
16 Mainville, O.	" 1, '56.	8	57	E. Knowlton.	" "
17 Lowell, Mass.	" 5, '59.	8	56	" "	" "
18 Hillsdale, Mich.	" 1, '62.	8	60	E. B. Fairfield.	" "
19 Lewiston, Me.	" 4, '65.	9	55	" "	" "
20 Buffalo, N. Y.	" 7, '68.	5	71	J. O'Donnell.	I. D. Stewart.
21 Hillsdale, Mich.	" 4, '71.	8	71	E. Knowlton.	" "
22 Providence, R. I.	" 7, '74.	9	75	D. W. C. Durgin.	" "
23 Fairport, N. Y.	" 3, '77.	5	78	O. B. Cheney.	" "
24 Weir's, N. H.	July 21, '80.	9	84	" "	" "
25 Minneapolis, Minn.	Oct. 4, '83.	5	78	R. Dunn.	" "
26 Mariou, O.	" 14, '86.	7	88	J. L. Phillips.	" "
27 Harper's Ferry, W. Va.	Sept. 25, '89.				

**George, Rev. Frank David**, was born in New Sharon, Me., Feb. 7, 1857. His parents were David and Sarah L. (Webster) George. He prepared for college at Augusta, Me., studied one year at Colby University, Waterville, Me., and six years at Bates College, graduating from the college in the class of 1878, and from the Theological School in 1881. He was converted in March, 1874, uniting with the Augusta church, and soon felt and accepted the Lord's call to the ministry. While in school he supplied the Kennebunk church one year, and for a time the Augusta church, and at graduation settled at Laconia, N. H., where he was ordained July 13, 1881. After nearly two years at Laconia he settled at Georgiaville, R. I. These pastorates were prosperous, seventeen being added to the churches by baptism.

June 30, 1881, he was married to Miss Agnes M. Haggett, daughter of Edwin E. and Jane (Butler) Haggett. She was born July 21, 1858, and educated at Bath, Me. While assisting in a publishing

house in Augusta, she was converted and united with the church there. Early in



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1884, her husband feeling called to the

foreign work, she nobly consecrated herself also to it, and with their daughter, born at Laconia, they set sail for India in October, 1884, reaching the field Dec. 24th. They were located at Midnapore, Mr. George taking charge of the Mission press and assisting in the Bible School, and Mrs. George from the beginning taking charge of the Industrial School (see *Mission in India*). Because of the severe illness of Mrs. George they returned in 1888, and he is now pastor of the church at New Hampton, N. H.

**George, Rev. N. K.**, was born April 2, 1816, in Washington, Vt. He was thoughtful while a child, and in January, 1831, at the age of fifteen, found the Saviour precious. The next April he was baptized by Rev. H. N. Plumb, and united with the Corinth church, where Rev. N. Bowles was pastor. He soon felt a call to the ministry, but delayed, bewailing his lack of qualifications. In the spring of 1835, after attending the New Hampshire Y. M., he delivered his first sermon in a schoolhouse in the town of Bethlehem. During the spring and summer he traveled preaching through the northern part of New Hampshire and Vermont, greatly encouraged by manifestations of the Divine Spirit. In Warner, N. H., he spent the winter, and, going to Tunbridge, Vt., in the spring, he saw thirty hopefully converted. During the fall of 1836 he saw in Lyndon, Sutton and North Sheffield one hundred converted and united with the church of Christ.

Nov. 14, 1836, he married Sarah C., daughter of Deacon John Kibbey, of Lyndon, Vt. Oct. 21, 1837, he was licensed by the Q. M., and beheld a glorious revival with the Second church in Corinth. His first settled pastorate was in Washington, his native town, in May, 1838. The next October he was ordained. In 1839 he became pastor of the church at Franconia, N. H. During four years of his six years' pastorate one hundred were added to the church. At the same time he served the church at Whitefield from its organization, in 1840, till 1844, when many were converted. He lived four years at Danville, Vt., having charge of the church there

and at Newark. In 1850 he returned to the Franconia church, and the next year took the charge again of the Whitefield church and served both churches till 1857, when only the Whitefield church was served. In 1858 he settled at Springvale, Me. During two years there eighty were converted and added to the church. He visited the Biddeford church, where he baptized some.

Returning to Franconia for a visit, previous to a settlement at Bath, Me., while coming from the field on horseback, June 19, 1860, both himself and horse were killed by lightning. Only a week before he had attended a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, of which he was a faithful member. At the same time he met in the New Hampshire Y. M. for the twenty-third time. Rev. Jonathan Woodman preached his funeral sermon from the text Matt. 24:27, while six or eight of his intimate friends in the ministry bore his remains to their last resting-place. He died in his 45th year, twenty-five of which he had spent in the ministry. During this time between five and six hundred had been converted and added to churches. He was an ardent lover of truth, advocating all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination. He was open and "generous to a fault."

**Georgia.** About 1826, revivals prevailed in the Baptist churches of this state. Many were dissatisfied with the Calvinistic theology which prevailed. The differences culminated in the withdrawal of those who could not accept the old "Philadelphia Confession." This occurred at Sharon in 1831. Several churches from the Flint River and Ocmulgee Associations were soon organized into the United Baptist Association. This body was Arminian in belief, and allowed each church to practice open or close communion at its discretion. This association continued but a few years.

THE CHATTAHOOCHEE UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was organized in the fall of 1836, the delegates meeting for this purpose with the Newtemon church, Henry County, the place where the United Baptist Association had been organized five years before.



Elder Cyrus White, who had been prominent in the movements mentioned above, was moderator, and Prior Reaves was clerk. Rev. C. C. Martin, who became a leader in the work, was present as a licentiate. The association has continued to do a good work to the present. Several other associations have been formed as offshoots of this. The Salem Association, formed in 1843, some time afterwards, drifted back to the "regular" body. The others, mentioned below, continue Arminian in belief and open communion in practice. This association is now made up of eighteen churches, located in the vicinity of Marion and Schley Counties, viz.: Pleasant Hill, Silver Run, Spring Hill, Columbus, Corinth, Benevolence, Trinity, Shiloh, Union Grove (Sumter County), Harmony, Providence, New Prospect, Rocky Mount, Bethel, Union Grove (Randolph County), Sweet Prospect, St. Peter, and New Life. The total membership is 776.

THE MARTIN UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was organized Oct. 28, 1887. It was set off from the Chattahoochee Association and named in honor of the venerable Father C. C. Martin. The churches, twenty in number, located in Early, Calhoun, and adjacent counties, are as follows: Cedar Springs, Enterprise, Springfield, Bellevue, Open Pond, Zion, Friendship, Macedonia, New Salem, Pleasant Hill, Bethlehem, Pleasant Grove, White Pond, Pleasant Springs, Corinth, Pine Grove, Patmos, Traveler's Rest, Live Oak, and New Prospect. The total membership is 1310.

THE SOUTH EASTERN ASSOCIATION was organized from churches of the Chattahoochee Association in 1882, the churches in Alabama being set off for this purpose. It is located, as its name indicates, in the southeastern part of Alabama, and was said, recently, to be a growing body with twenty-five churches and above a thousand members.

THE STATE LINE UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was organized Oct. 4, 1887. It is an outgrowth of the Southeastern Association, and is composed of fourteen churches, viz.: Friendship and Pleasant Plains, in Geneva

County, Ala.; Hickory Grove, Love-wood, Beulah, Zion's Joy, and Cave Springs, in Jackson County, Fla.; and Spring Hill, New Hope, Silver Run, Macedonia, Howard's Grove, Prospect, and Antioch, in Henry County, Ala. These churches have a total membership of 481.

THE SPRING CREEK ASSOCIATION was organized in November, 1872. It was composed of six churches (colored) set off from the Chattahoochee Association, and was organized by Rev. C. C. Martin, D. J. Apperson, and L. Gipson. It has enjoyed such prosperity that after dismissing several churches to the Mt. Hosea Association there remained twelve, with 601 members. The churches are: Bethlehem, Hopewell, Spring Hill, and New Salem, in Randolph County; Pleasant Grove, Mt. Carmel, Pine Island, and St. Paul, in Calhoun County; Pine Grove, in Early County; Marshall Chapel, in Terrell County; Springfield, in Clay County, and New Hope, in Henry County, Ala.

THE MT. HOSEA ASSOCIATION was organized in November, 1887, with churches from the Spring Creek Association. It is located in the southwestern part of the state, and has a total membership of 482. The Pleasant Hill and Jacob Chapel churches have a large membership. The others—Zion, Salem, Piney Grove, Mt. Hosea, Springfield, Antioch, Bethlehem and Plattsville—are smaller, but all are earnest in the work.

THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION was organized in 1878. It is situated in the eastern part of the state, and has 331 members.

THE MIDDLE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION has a membership of 274.

**Gerrish, Rev. Aura L.**, was born in Nottingham, N. H., Sept. 10, 1837. His parents were Edwin F. and Fanny (Tuttle) Gerrish. The mother was sister of Rev. Ezra Tuttle. The father was a farmer, and for many years justice of the peace. The son was educated in a course preparatory for college at the Nottingham Union Institute, taught by Rev. B. Van Dame, and by private instructors. He also gave attention to scientific studies. He early commenced the work of teaching and gave several years to it

in the public schools of New Castle and Exeter, N. H. At the age of sixteen he became a member of the Free Baptist church in his native town. Choosing the ministry for his life work, he entered Bangor Theological Seminary in 1863, graduating in 1866. During this course of study he supplied churches in the vicinity. At his graduation he became pastor at Pittsfield of the church connected with the Maine Central Institute. Here he was ordained Aug. 17, 1866. He held this position ten years, rendering valuable service to the church, school and community around. He was president of the board of trustees of the insti-

the Bethany church, a new interest at Whitman, Mass.

He has been a member of the executive board of the Education Society, and of the Home Mission Society since 1877, having been its corresponding secretary for nine years. He was chosen corporator of the Printing Establishment in September, 1884, and a year later was made the chairman of the executive committee. He has three times been a delegate to General Conference. He married in 1859 Lizzie V. Holbrook of New Castle, N. H., who died after two years, leaving an infant daughter. In 1863 he married Lucinda A. Randlett, of Exeter, N. H. They have a son.

Gerry, Rev. Benjamin S., died at his home in Dexter, Me., Feb. 19, 1885, aged 63 years and 9 months. He was born in Freedom, Waldo County, where he lived until six years of age, when his parents moved to Dover. He lived there until 1864 when he bought a farm near Dexter where he resided until his death. In 1846 he married Miss Maranda Rowe, of South Dover, in whom he found a worthy companion and helper. He was converted at the age of thirteen and baptized at the age of nineteen and united with the Methodists.

He afterwards, from doctrinal conviction, joined the Free Baptist church at South Dover, and later the West Sangerville church, of which he was pastor many years and a member at the time of his death. In 1853 he began to preach. He was ordained in 1858 at South Dover, Rev. E. Harding preaching the sermon. His ministry was mostly within the limits of the Penobscot Y. M., and especially in the Exeter and Sebec Q. M's. He held pastorates in Corinth, First and Second Sangerville, Corinna, Bradford, LaGrange, Charleston, Abbott, Atkinson, and Orneville. He also preached at Number Eight (Willimantic). Revival interests followed his labors and many were converted. He was deeply interested in missions, temperance and education, and a father in his Q. M. For twenty-one consecutive years he was its clerk, and during that time he was absent but once. He was a good and faithful man.



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tute eight years and principal of the normal department one year. He did much in raising funds for its benefit. He served on the school board of Pittsfield six years.

In February, 1876, he became pastor at Olneyville, R. I. Excellent work was done here, the church and Sunday-school were greatly enlarged; a new site was chosen and a commodious house of worship erected. He was prominent in seeking political purity in the community, and held an important position on the school board. In October, 1886, he became pastor at Great Falls, N. H., and in the spring of 1889 he took charge of

**Getchell, Rev. William**, died in Pittsfield, Me., Oct. 30, 1867. He was born in Vassalborough, Me., Dec. 6, 1793. He married, Aug. 22, 1814, Miss Mary Leavitt, of Clinton, who survived him. In the summer of 1818 he was converted and united with the Christian church at East Pittsfield. In August, 1823, having moved to another part of Pittsfield, he was instrumental in organizing a Freewill Baptist church and was chosen one of its deacons. In September 1826 he was ordained by a council from the Exeter Q. M. as pastor of the church with which he was connected. This relation he held till death. He also acted as pastor of the Second Pittsfield church and of the Burnham church for over twenty years. He solemnized over one hundred and fifty marriages and attended hundreds of funerals. He was retiring, prayerful, and a practical preacher. He lived as he preached.

**Getchell, Rev. Wm. H.**, son of Daniel and Hannah (Hanson) Getchell, was born in North Berwick, Me., Sept. 6, 1854. He became a Christian at the age of fifteen. He studied a year at Maine Central Institute. He graduated from Bates Theological School, Lewiston, Me., in 1886, and settled at Sabattus, where he had preached since 1883. He received license to preach in June 1883, and was ordained July 15, 1886. He was married, Sept. 16, 1886, to Miss Miranda S. Austin. In the summer of 1887 he was called to the church at Lake Village, N. H.

**Gibson, Rev. Stephen**, was ordained in 1807, and labored in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

**Gidney, Rev. Harry O.**, was born in the parish of Cambridge, Province of New Brunswick, July 9, 1829. His parents were Charles D. and Lucy (Nevers) Gidney. He received a high school education, and at the age of twenty became a Christian. In 1860 he moved to Houlton, Me., where he lived sixteen years, and then moved to Amity, where he now resides. He received license in 1868, and was ordained the same year. His pastorates have been as follows: of the Glenwood church, four years; Littleton, two; Second Hodgdon,

two; Weston, twelve; Haynesville, five. He has had revivals in these churches, and has baptized over one hundred converts. He organized the Littleton and Haynesville churches. He is now pastor of the Weston and Glenwood churches. He was married, Jan. 31, 1855, to Miss Martha C. Dykeman. They have eight children living.

**Gifford, Rev. Henry**, a native of Pawlet, Vt., died at his residence near Elkader, Ia., June 26, 1881, aged 72 years. He was baptized by Rev. S. Howe at Otselic, N. Y., and later received license at Portage. He moved to Iowa in 1842, and was ordained May 27, 1849, at the fifth session of the Delaware and Clayton Q. M. His was the first ordination in Iowa among the Free Baptists, and in this vicinity his ministry was spent. The Boardman Grove (later Farmersburg), West Union, Cox Creek and Volga Bottom churches enjoyed his labors. He was a man of good natural abilities, a close student of the Bible and hence sound in doctrine. His wife, who had toiled with him more than fifty years, survived at his death. He was chaplain of the Old Settlers' Association, whose president pronounced a fitting eulogy at the grave.

**Gile, Rev. Orison L.**, son of P. S. H. and Mary B. (Dodge) Gile, was born in Bennington, N. H., Oct. 22, 1856. He became a Christian at the age of sixteen. He prepared for college at New Hampton Institution, N. H., from 1875 to 1878, graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, Me., in 1883, and from Bates Theological School in 1886. He received license to preach from the Weare Q. M., N. H., February, 1880, and was ordained at Richmond, Me., June 8, 1886, by Rev's C. F. Penney, J. B. Jordan, A. B. Drew, R. W. Churchill, C. E. Cate and others. He was pastor at Lisbon Falls during his course of study, also of the Pine Street church, Lewiston, two years. He has been instrumental in a large number of conversions and has received sixty-two persons into the churches. He was in 1887 pastor at Richmond Village, Me., and in 1888 at Cape Elizabeth. He was married, Jan. 1, 1884, to Miss Linda E. Nelson, who

died. In June, 1887, he married Miss Sarah E. Libby, of Richmond Village.

**Gilkey, Rev. Philip**, died in Searsport, Me., Jan. 5, 1872. He was born in Islesborough, Me., Jan. 25, 1788. He lived in Islesborough till forty years of age, and the rest of his life in Searsport. He was converted in youth, but did not decide to preach till he was more than fifty years of age. He was then a Baptist. His first efforts were in the town of Eden, Mt. Desert, where some were converted. He was then ordained by the Free Baptists, and preached mostly in Eden.

**Gilkey, Rev. R. E.**, son of Deacon John and Ann T. (Currier) Gilkey, of South Strafford, Vt., was born in Sharon, Windsor County, Vt., March 21, 1857. He prepared for college at Lyndon Institute, graduated from Bates College in 1881, and from Bates Theological School in 1887. He was converted in Saco, Me., April 28, 1884, and entered the Theological School and began to preach the following autumn. He preached at New Gloucester, Me., from April, 1885, to May, 1886; then at Corliss Street, Bath until May, 1888, when he began his present pastorate at Richmond, Me. He was ordained at the June session of the Edgecomb Q. M. at Parker's Head, in 1887. At Bath twenty were converted.

**Gillett, Rev. Truman**, a native of New Marlborough, Mass., was converted when eighteen years of age. In 1809 he commenced preaching among the Methodists, and after six years joined the Free Baptists in Russia, N. Y., receiving ordination Oct. 15, 1818. He labored much and saw many conversions in Fairfield, Poland, and in Oswego County, N. Y., and also in Canada. He was a man of much faith and prayer. His death occurred Feb. 8, 1850, when he was 70 years of age.

**Gilliland, Rev. Josephus C.**, was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., March 14, 1833. His parents were Hiram A. and Matilda M. (Sely) Gilliland. He was brought to God in August, 1849, and received license to preach the following year. He was ordained in 1862. His labors have been chiefly in the Lebanon Q. M., Ill., where he has organized ten churches and baptized

several hundred converts. Usually he has had the pastoral care of three or more churches. For three years he served as Y. M. evangelist, and three times he has been elected delegate to the General Conference.

**Gilman, Edmund T.**, son of Ezra and Patience (Tibbetts) Gilman, was born in Ossipee, N. H., Feb. 21, 1844. He was converted Jan. 5, 1863. Dec. 1, 1866, he was married to Miss Addie D. Harvey, and has four children. He took the Methodist Local Preachers' course of three years, and was licensed by them at Great Falls, N. H., in February, 1879. He taught and preached in neglected districts near Tamworth and Ossipee, N. H. In 1885-86 he was a colporteur of the New Hampshire Bible Society in Carroll and Coos Counties. May 20, 1886, he was baptized by immersion, and joined the Free Baptist church at Tamworth Iron Works. He was licensed by the Exeter Q. M., Me., Dec. 11, 1887, and was pastor at North Guilford in the same year. In 1888 he was engaged in missionary work in Willimantic, Me.

**Gilman, Rev. Hiram**, a native of Vermont, moved to New York in early life; was converted about 1831, and ordained by the Monroe Q. M. at Byron in 1834. The thirty-four years of his ministry were spent with the Ogden, Byron, Royalton, Ridgeway, Oakfield, Alabama, Clarendon, Parma, and Middlebury churches. In all these fields he was successful, as the scores, if not hundreds, of converts testify. He was stricken with apoplexy while in the pulpit at Ogden, whither he had gone from Parma to supply, and died June 23, 1868, aged 58 years. Nobly he accomplished life's great work, and died on the battle-field.

**Gilman, Rev. Samuel**, was born in Gilman, N. H., July 4, 1784, and died in Paw Paw, Mich., Sept. 7, 1864. He was converted when seventeen, and joined the church in Hardwick, Vt., becoming an active Christian, and was ordained at Wheelock, Vt., in 1815. Three years later he moved to Ogden, N. Y., where he soon organized a church and cared for it twenty years. He preached

also in other places, and was successful in his work, especially with the Bergen church. In 1838 he moved to Michigan, and was instrumental in organizing the Paw Paw church, and aided in building their house of worship. He was a man of good talent, and generally loved and respected.

**Gilmore, Rev. Otis**, was one of the early workers in the Miami Q. M., Ohio. He was ordained as early as 1825.

**Gilmore, Rev. Russell**, of Ohio, was ordained as early as 1825. He was one of the early laborers who founded the Miami Q. M. and the Ohio Y. M. He was on the council that organized the Strongsville Q. M.

**Given, Rev. Arthur**, was born in Wales, Me., Feb. 27, 1841. His father bore the same name, and was a highly esteemed citizen, whose occupation was that of a farmer. Previous to the age of eighteen the son was employed part of the time on the farm, attended the district school, spent one term at the Litchfield Liberal Institute, and another at the Maine State Seminary at Lewiston. At this age he was released from further service at home, and commenced his preparation for college at the last named institution. He secured the means to pay his expenses by teaching and manual labor. Subsequent to the completion of this preparatory course of study, in 1862, he served nine months in the army. In the fall of 1863 he entered Bates College, and graduated in 1867 in a class of eight, the first graduating class of the college. He was its valedictorian.

He became at once principal of the New Hampton Literary Institution, and, after a year of successful service, resigned, and was for two years principal of Maine State Seminary at Lewiston. From 1870 to 1872 he was a student in the theological department of Bates College, and during part of the time was a tutor in the college. In September, 1872 he became pastor of the Essex Street church at Bangor, and was ordained in the December following by the Unity Q. M. He continued in this relation until March, 1875, when he became pastor of the church at Greenville, R. I. In February, 1881, he resigned this position to

become the joint pastor of the church at Auburn and of a mission of the Roger Williams church at Arlington. In 1883 he relinquished Arlington, and in 1885 he resigned his Auburn parish to become general treasurer of the benevolent societies of the denomination. During his pastorate at Auburn there was begun the erection of a large and commodious house of worship which was dedicated early in 1889.

Since 1873 he has been one of the board of overseers of Bates College, and in 1880 was chosen its secretary. For several years he has been a member of



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the executive board of the Education Society, and 1880-85 its corresponding secretary. He was till 1885 the secretary of the Rhode Island Sunday-School Union, and for several years clerk of the Rhode Island Association. In July, 1889, he was elected a corporator of the *Star*. He married, Dec. 22, 1868, Miss Lura Durgin, sister to Mrs. John Malvern, of Sanbornton, N. H., and has one daughter.

**Given, Rev. Lincoln** (brother of Rev. Arthur Given), was born in Wales, Me., Nov. 7, 1827. His parents were Arthur and Joan (Small) Given. He was converted at the age of fifteen, was baptized by Rev. E. J. Eaton and united

with the church in Wales in the spring of 1843. He received his preparatory education in Litchfield Institute, and his theological in the Biblical School at New Hampton. In June, 1854, he received license to preach from the Bowdoin Q. M., and June 19, 1859, he was ordained at a session of the Springfield Q. M. at Weston, by Rev. L. M. Hagggett and others.

The first two years of his ministry were spent in the northern part of Aroostook County, in missionary work. He organized a church at Mapleton, helped organize the Presque Isle church, and began the work at Limestone. He has been pastor in Thorndike, Brunswick and Booth Bay, Me., Meredith Village, N. H., Lisbon and Oakland, Me., of the Gonic church, Rochester, N. H., and since 1888 of the First Wolfborough church. Along with some of these pastorates and between them he has done evangelistic work. He was thus engaged in the Edgcomb and Waterville Q. M's, and about eighteen months in Minnesota and six months in Illinois. Many were converted. He has been clerk of the Edgcomb and Waterville Q. M's, and a member of General Conference three times. He has taught fifteen terms of school, and served as supervisor fifteen years. In April, 1851, he married Miss Lucy A. Colby, who died in 1869. He was married in December, 1873, to Miss Carrie C. Weymouth. They have seven children living.

**Gleason, Rev. Abel**, a native of Schoharie County, N. Y., died at Clinton, Ia., Jan. 3, 1874, aged 79 years. He went in youth to Genesee County, N. Y., where he was baptized at the age of thirteen, and ordained when about twenty-eight; to Michigan in 1838, and two years later to Illinois, continuing on to Iowa in 1853. He was gentle and affectionate, gifted in prayer and faithful in the Lord's vineyard.

**Gleason, Dea. Arah**, was born in Windham County, Vt., June 2, 1801. He was married to Lydia Safford, Aug. 24, 1825, and in 1829 they emigrated to central Ohio, then a wilderness. He embraced Christ early in life, and ever

after lived an exemplary Christian life and was honored and beloved by all who knew him. He held several important public offices, and in many ways was a leader in the community. He was one of the original members of the Newton (O.) Free Baptist church, and for nearly forty years held the office of deacon, and for twenty years that of Sunday-school superintendent. There being no resident minister in the town for many years, he conducted religious meetings, and often officiated on funeral occasions.

He was the father of twelve children, four of whom were for years successful teachers and one a minister. He died May 31, 1872.

**Gleason, Rev. Charles A.**, son of Deacon Arah Gleason, was born in Union County, O., Feb. 22, 1847. He was converted in youth and was educated as a teacher. For ten years he was superintendent of public and high schools in Ohio and Illinois, his last charge being the Zane High School at Middlebury, O. He was ordained in 1877. His pastorates have been Chester, Rochester, Springfield and Blanchester churches in Ohio, and Oneonta, N. Y., where during four years over one hundred were added to the church. In 1887 he was pastor at Auburn, R. I., and the next year at Pike, N. Y. For three years he was recording secretary of the Ohio Association and once its president. He has been twice a delegate to General Conference; at Wier's, in 1880, he was assistant clerk of the Conference. In 1886, he was candidate for Congress in the Twenty-fourth New York District on the Prohibition ticket. In 1863, at the age of sixteen, he enlisted in the army and served in the cavalry about a year until honorably discharged on account of ill health. He married March 24, 1869, Miss Louisa Haines, and three of their five children are living.

**Gleason, Rev. Thomas R.**, was ordained in New York in 1814. His ministry, so far as is known, was spent in that state.

**Glidden, Rev. Abel**, was born in Alton, N. H., in 1774. At the age of twenty-three he purchased and settled on one hundred acres in the present town of

Gilford. He married Rebecca Dow. The church at Gilmanton Iron Works, extending beyond the mountains, began conference meetings in his neighborhood about 1797. In 1802 his name appears upon the church list. For several years he was active in public meetings. His church requested his ordination by the Q. M. in the autumn of 1810. and November 9 a council containing Rev.'s Daniel Elkins and H. D. Buzzell met and ordained him. He ministered mostly in Gilmanton and Gilford. He was conservative in regard to new enterprises, but once convinced he entered boldly upon the advocacy of temperance and other moral reforms. He died in January, 1837.

**Glidden, Rev. Cleaveland B.**, died after an illness of three days in Gardiner, Me., May 15, 1864. He was born in Woolwich, Me., Sept. 28, 1821. At sixteen he was converted, baptized by Rev. C. Quinam and united with the church in his native place. After a struggle he yielded to God and began his ministry. He was ordained in Gardiner, July 5, 1855, and settled with the First church there. He was also pastor at West Gardiner, Jefferson, Whitefield, and five years of the Monmouth church. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Mariner in the meeting-house at South Gardiner. He was an upright Christian and a humble, devoted minister of the gospel.

**Glovier, Alba A.**, son of J. H. and L. S. (McCulloch) Glovier, was born in East Landaff, N. H., Dec. 22, 1856. He was converted in 1870, and was married in 1880 to Miss Etta P. Farr, who died two years later. Brother Glovier is now pursuing a course of theological study at Hillsdale College with the ministry in view.

**Goble, Rev. Jacob**, was connected with the Free Communion Baptist Conference of Canada.

**Goodale, Rev. Stephen H.**, of Tunbridge, Vt., died after a brief illness May 15, 1859. He was pastor at Deering, N. H., for several years from 1833, and clerk of the Weare Q. M. In 1839 he was pastor at Randolph, Vt., and in 1840 he united with Rev. Aaron Buzzell's

church at Strafford. He embraced Universalism, which he renounced shortly before his death, making a confession and being re-instated by the Q. M. of Strafford. He now entered upon his ministry with new energy, but death cut short the work. His Q. M. adopted resolutions of deep sympathy.

**Goodrich Rev. Barnard**, died in West Gardiner, Me., March 20, 1883. He was born in Nottingham, N. H., in 1800, and became a Christian in early life. About 1831 he moved to Maine. He preached and baptized in Monmouth, West Gardiner, Greene, Litchfield, South Gardiner and Richmond. He supported himself at the trade of blacksmith and preached as opportunity offered.

**Goodrich, Rev. Cephas P.**, one of the pioneer preachers of Michigan, was born in Phelps, Ontario County, N. Y., March 11, 1810, being the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Palmer) Goodrich. March 11, 1837, he married Elizabeth Case. He was converted under the preaching of Elder Porter Thomas, Sept. 22, 1832; was baptized and united with the Freewill Baptist church near Ypsilanti, Mich., receiving a license the following year, and was ordained by the Oakland Q. M. in August, 1834. He has been closely identified with the work of the Oxford Q. M., to which he belongs, serving many of the churches as pastor, and has exerted a wide influence for good in eastern Michigan, where he is honored as one of the "Fathers."

**Goodwin, Rev. Humphrey**, was ordained in 1807, and labored in Maine. He afterwards left the denomination.

**Goodwin, Rev. Joseph**, died in Wells, Me., in 1850. He was converted in 1801, and August 28 joined the Baptist church. The next year his name appears as one of a committee who transcribed the articles of faith and records of this newly organized church. A difficulty some few years later distracted the church, and the radical preaching of election by the pastor caused some to question the doctrine. Brother Goodwin, with thirteen others, was expelled June 4, 1807. They associated themselves for worship with himself as leader. In 1808 a revival followed, and a Free

Baptist church was organized, over which he was ordained as pastor in 1812. For thirty years this relation existed. He supported his family by labor in the ship-yards, but his excellent gift of exhortation frequently withdrew him wholly to the Lord's work. Revivals attended him in and around his parish. He stood firmly in the midst of the delusions of Cochran which stirred his parish. At one time, having resisted the oppression of the parish church tax, his horse was confiscated for pay. After slender health for years he passed to his reward.

**Gordon, Rev. George A.**, son of Rev. H. S. Gordon, was born at Alton, Ill., April 14, 1842. He was educated at the



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Mathematical and Classical Institute at Chester, Ill., travelled in Europe in 1865, and was married to Harriet Glove Dec. 25, 1866. His life was consecrated to God in 1862: license to preach was granted him four years later, and in August, 1868, he was ordained by Rev. R. Dunn and others. Since ordination he has not been without the pastoral care of one or more churches, has engaged with good success in revival work and has baptized a large number of converts. Eighty-two were added to the Ava church as a result of a forty days' meeting. He resides at Campbell Hill,

Ill., and has been clerk of the Central Illinois Y. M. of Freewill (formerly General) Baptists for the past twenty years. He has served as delegate to the General Conference several times, and is highly esteemed among the churches. While connected with the General Baptists, he was largely instrumental in bringing about a general organization of that people, having been clerk of the committee that drafted the constitution and by laws; and he has since been active in efforts to bring about further union among Christians.

**Gordon, Rev. Henry Smith**, son of George and Nancy Gordon, was born in Franklin County, Pa., June 19, 1816. He was married in 1834 to Rebecca Young; and, of their nine children, one is a doctor, one a lawyer and one a minister. He was educated at Shurtleff College, Illinois, and was ordained in 1842 by the Baptist denomination. While serving as home missionary in 1850, he invited all "believers" to the communion, and was at once excluded. He immediately began organizing open communion churches, and, within a year, had gathered four, all of which are still active. From this his influence



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extended widely in southern Illinois (see *Illinois*), until he had personally gathered about twenty churches and was



the recognized "Father" of a body of Christians numbered by thousands. For further particulars of this movement see "History of the General Baptists," by Rev. D. B. Montgomery. About 1875 he, with the association he had gathered, became connected with the Freewill Baptists, and he has since continued a leader and a wise counselor among his people.

**Gosline, James Everitt**, son of John A. and Clara E. (Knollin) Gosline, was born at Farmingdale, N. B., July 21, 1860. In 1876 he was converted, and was licensed in July, 1883. He studied at the Union Baptist Seminary at St. John in 1884, and at Cobb Divinity School in the class of 1889. He has labored at Campobello, N. B., where, in fourteen months, 138 were converted and joined the church. He served the church at West Poland, Me., and is now pastor of the Houlton, and First and Second Hodgdon churches.

**Goss, Rev. James**, died in Rockland, Me., July 16, 1853, aged 65 years. About the year 1818 he made a profession of religion and joined the Methodists. In May, 1822, he with others were constituted the first Free Baptist church in Maine east of the Penobscot river, by Rev. James Emery. After years of active service he was licensed by the Prospect Q. M. in 1832, and six or seven years afterwards was ordained. He maintained his family by toil, and preached most of the time. Late in 1849 he came to Rockland and labored successfully with Rev. J. Mariner in revival meetings. After the death of his wife, in April, 1853, he made an eastern tour, preaching daily for nearly a month, attending the Prospect Q. M. in June, and, returning home sick, died after three weeks. He was an upright, useful man.

**Gott, Rev. Lazarus**, was born in Tremont (then Mt. Desert), Me., May 29, 1818. His parents were Eliab and Sally (Wasgatt) Gott. He was interested in religion at twelve, and ten years later, he made a permanent profession. He fitted himself for teaching, and in 1855 began a two years' course of study at Bangor Theological Seminary.

His license to preach was granted by the Prospect Q. M. in February, 1851, and in February, 1852, he was ordained by the Ellsworth Q. M. He now changed his membership from the Orland and Dedham church to the West Ellsworth, where he has been pastor most of the time since his ordination. His health is at present impaired by paralysis. For twelve years he served the Ellsworth Q. M. as clerk. He was twice a delegate to General Conference, once at Lowell, Mass. He was justice of the peace for seven years. He married Sept. 12, 1842, Miss Mary M. R. Lawrence, and has two children living.

**Gould, Rev. John**, of Vermont, settled in Pennsylvania near the New York line in 1817, and was then ordained. He became one of the founders of the Owego Q. M.

**Gowell, Rev. William**, died in Poland, Me., Jan. 1, 1884, aged 75 years. He was ordained March 16, 1838, by a council of the Otisfield Q. M., and became an evangelist, supporting himself by working on the farm. He preached in Danville and in Greene, and later in Monmouth and Litchfield. He was an upright and faithful Christian, and an early worker in the causes of anti-slavery and temperance.

**Gowen, Rev. L. W.**, son of William, was born in Sanford, Me., April 15, 1850. He was ordained at Ossipee, N. H., June 3, 1876, and graduated from the theological department of Bates College in 1881. He preached in Effingham, N. H., Parsonfield, Milo and La Grange, Me., Cape Sable, N. S., and Evansville, Wis., and about 1885 accepted a call to the Baptist church at Alexandria, Neb.

**Gowin, Rev. Joseph**, was ordained in 182-, and labored in Maine.

**Graham, Rev. Daniel Mc Bride**, D. D., was born at Milan, O., Nov. 17, 1817. His parents, Rev. Lemuel L. and Hannah (Wright) Graham, were of Scottish descent, and early gave their son religious instruction. He was baptized in LaGrange County, Indiana, in 1839, and entered the sophomore class of Oberlin College in the spring of 1841. Here he lived a part of the time with

Professor C. G. Finney, and the degree of Master of Arts was conferred in 1847. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred by Bowdoin College in 1863. Brother Graham received license from the Calhoun Q. M. in 1844, and was ordained by the same body three years later. He was President of Michigan Central College (*q. v.*) at Spring Arbor, Mich., 1844-48. He then ministered to the church at Saco, Me., two years, at New York City eleven years, at Portland, Me., five years, and at Chicago, Ill., two years. In 1871 he became president of Hillsdale College, filling the position with credit three years. For several years he was editor of the *Freewill Baptist Quarterly* (*q. v.*), also of the *Christian Freeman* (*q. v.*). He was a frequent contributor to the columns of the *Morning Star*, the *Free Baptist*, and the *Religious Intelligencer* of New Brunswick. He held various positions on the denominational boards, aided in securing the co-operation of our brethren in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in foreign missionary work, and in 1860 served the denomination as delegate to the General Baptists of England. His later ministry was with the church at East Somerville, Mass., 1878-80, and with churches in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pa., his last pastorate having been with the Macedonian church of that city, where he died in January, 1889. His ministry was attended with the divine blessing. Besides the revivals in his pastorate, those at Bloomfield, N. J., and Walworth and Fairport, N. Y., are especially worthy of mention. The record of baptisms shows that more than one thousand converts have been baptized by him, forty-two being baptized at one service.

**Grant, Rev. Ephraim**, was ordained in 1805, and labored in Maine.

**Grant, Rev. John**, was a native of the Province of New Brunswick. He moved to Hodgdon, Aroostook County, Me., in 1839. Converted at the age of sixteen, he publicly professed Christ eight years later, and in 1842 was baptized, uniting with the Hodgdon church. He was licensed by this church in 1859 and ordained a few years later. His preaching was characterized by interest-

ing expositions of Scripture. He was exemplary and spiritual. He died May 18, 1882, aged 64 years.

**Granville, Rev. Joseph**, was born in Effingham, N. H., Jan. 6, 1816. His parents were Stephen and Anna (Huckins) Granville. Converted at the age of nineteen, he was licensed May 26, 1863, and was ordained by the New Durham Q. M. Jan. 11, 1865. He has been pastor of the Second Tamworth and First Strafford churches, N. H., at East Hebron and Edgcomb, Me., Harmony, N. S., Wilmot Flats and North Weare, N. H., West Charleston, Vt., Brownfield, Me., and Tremont, N. H. He has baptized eighty-eight converts. He has now retired, and resides at Tremont, N. H. Jan. 2, 1838, he married Miss Abigail F. Allard, and they have one child living.

**Graves, Rev. Horace**, was born in Guilford, Me., Sept. 27, 1834. He became a Christian at the age of nineteen, and was a student in Bangor Theological Seminary one term. His license to preach was granted in March, 1859, and, in June, 1863, he was ordained at South Dover, Me., by a council of the Sebec Q. M. His pastorates have been at South Dover, Atkinson, Bradford, East Bangor, Dover, and Springfield (1887). In the last two places he has had revivals, and also in Bradford, where he organized the church. He married Miss Sarah A. Magoon, of Dover, Me., and has five children living. He is at present clerk of the town.

**Graves, Rev. Lucian C.**, son of Jonathan and Lovina Graves, was born in Vienna, Me., in 1849. He prepared for college in the Maine State Seminary, and graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, Me., in 1869, and from Bates Theological Seminary in 1882. He became a Christian in 1865, was licensed to preach in 1880, and ordained upon his graduation in 1882 by the Farmington Q. M. His pastorates have been at Vienna, Bean's Corners, Farmington Falls, Week's Mills, Bowdoinham, Me., and East Tilton, N. H. He has baptized over thirty. He was married in 1882 to Miss Annie M. Dixon, and has one child.

**Graves, Rev. Josiah**, the son of a Congregational clergyman, was born in Middletown, Conn., Sept. 27, 1775, and was converted in the spring of 1794. He early began to doubt the genuineness of his baptism, and in 1800 united with the Baptist church at Hartford. June 25, 1804, a Baptist church was organized near his home, which he joined and soon began to preach. He was ordained Oct. 31, 1811, and began an earnest ministry throughout the adjoining country, and met with some opposition, but was blessed of God. Becoming convinced that close communion was unscriptural and un-Christian, he plainly told his church his position and preached a free, full salvation. In 1821 twelve persons put their trust in Christ and came out to form the first Freewill Baptist Church in Connecticut.

At the close of the following year Mr. Graves received a visit from David Marks, a nephew of Mrs. Graves. Marks stayed here in the native place of his parents, comforting the people and introducing among them the *Religious Informer*. Thus Mr. Graves heard his own sentiments preached for the first time. Soon after this, Rev. Eli. Towne's saddlebags, on his way from Maryland through Connecticut, were stolen, and a copy of *Buzzell's Magazine*, left in the woods as worthless, fell into the hands of Graves. Dec. 28, 1832, he wrote to the *Informer*. Becoming known to the denomination, two brethren from the Rhode Island Q. M. visited him in June, 1824, and the acquaintance was so mutually satisfactory that in October of the same year, Mr. Graves attended a session of that body, and with his church united. The members in his church had greatly increased and opposition had ceased.

In the spring of 1825, while in good health, he had the premonition his work was about done; he even "roundly asserted that he should preach but a few times more." In July, he was attacked with spotted fever, and while his friends hoped for his recovery he said, "You can not deceive me. The sentence is, 'This year thou shalt die.'" He died full of confidence and joy Sunday morning, July 24, 1826. He was a man of true convictions, and with meekness he

overcame opposition; with simple gospel truth he conquered sinners, comforted saints.

**Gray, Rev. Andrew**, son of Josiah M. and Sarah (Morey) Gray, was born in Brooksville, Me., Sept. 2, 1823. Converted at the age of twenty-eight, he was licensed to preach Dec. 12, 1854, and ordained June 17, 1872. He has had four pastorates, and baptized eighty-three converts in Mt. Desert, West Surrey, West Sedgwick and Otis (1887). He is also a justice of the peace. Dec. 8, 1842, he married Miss Hannah S. Howard, who died June 13, 1884. He has lost six children and has three living.

**Gray, John**, son of Adin and Malinda (Nelson) Gray, was born at Horse Creek, Tenn., May 12, 1848. He married Ruamy J. Rambo, Aug. 17, 1867, and has ten children, one attending Woolsey's College. Brother Gray was converted in 1866, and since 1880 has served as Sunday-school agent for the Union Association, Tenn. Besides organizing Sunday-schools where needed, he also assists the churches in their efforts to secure places of worship.

**Gray, Rev. Reuben**, was ordained in 1825 and labored in Maine.

**Gray, Rev. William**, was ordained in New York in 1829. His ministry, so far as is known, was spent in that state.

**Grayson, Rev. J. H.**, of Newburgh, Me., was born near Rolla, April 12, 1855. His parents were Franklin and Martha J. (Brown) Grayson. He was married to Mary E. Duncan Feb. 20, 1876, and has four children. He experienced religion in April, 1875, and began to preach the same year. May 18, 1879, he was ordained. He has assisted in organizing several churches, and is now ministering to the Bethlehem church of the Big Creek Q. M., Prosperity Association, Mo.

**Green, Rev. Daniel**, the first Freewill Baptist minister ordained in Rhode Island, was set apart to the ministry, at the request of the Pawtucket church, Oct. 14, 1821, the day after the organization of the Rhode Island Q. M. On this second Sabbath in October, the Rev. Reuben Allen preached the sermon, and Rev's Joseph White, Timothy

Morse and Ray Potter assisted in the services. The newly ordained minister began a pastorate with the Pawtucket church, where his father was a manufacturer. Soon Rev. Ray Potter led off a faction, and at the action of the Q. M., hand of fellowship was withdrawn from Potter in January, 1823, and Rev. Daniel Green was sustained in his pastorate. A revival that winter attended his labors, and for three weeks there was about one conversion daily. He was one of the publishing committee of the *Freewill Baptist Magazine* in 1826, and in 1829 engaged in a revival with his church with the help of Timothy Morse, when forty were added to the church. In 1835 his pastorate with the church ceased.

**Green, Rev. Daniel**, son of Job and Dorcas (Round) Green, was born in Foster, R. I., Aug. 9, 1797. He married Waity Stone, May 10, 1818. Converted in June, 1824, he was ordained as deacon Aug. 9, 1832, and was licensed Dec. 2, 1841. He was ordained by Rev's Daniel Williams, Charles Wade, and Reuben Allen June 4, 1846. He organized and was pastor of churches in East Putnam Conn., South Scituate, R. I., and South Foster. He has assisted in revivals and baptized converts in Shady Oak and Foster, R. I., and in Putnam, Killingly, and Sterling, Conn. At the age of eighty-nine he is now retired from active service, yet is occasionally at church. His home is South Foster, R. I.

**Green, Rev. Harrison**, son of Henry S. and Litha (Baxter) Green, was born in Howard County, Mo., May 25, 1846. He was married in 1867, and has one son. His education was obtained at Baton Rouge, La., Hillsdale College, Mich., and Lincoln Institute, Mo. He was ordained in 1867, and has ministered to the churches of the Arrow Rock Q. M. (Mo.), of which he is clerk. His labors have been blessed to the conversion of many.

**Green, Rev. J. H.**, was born in Brandywine, Del., Nov. 10, 1823, and experienced religion in 1842. He was ordained in 1872, by order of the Gibson Q. M., at a session of the Susquehanna Y. M. at West Lenox. His ministry

was spent in the Gibson and Owego Q. M.'s the Lord blessing his labors, especially with the Warren and Windham churches, where he had his longest pastorates.

**Green, Rev. J. J.**, was ordained soon after 1810, and labored in Ohio, for a time, with the Freewill Baptists.

**Green, Rev. Orange**, of Danby, Vt., died May 27, 1839, in his 35th year. At the age of twenty-nine he was converted. June 28, 1835, he was baptized, and soon began to hold religious services in the vicinity of his home. In June, 1836, he was ordained. Soon a church was gathered about him of thirty members. He was a man of firm mind and good heart.

**Green, Rev. William**, a native of Warwick, R. I., was converted in 1830, and removed to Wisconsin in 1843. He soon gathered a church, which united with the Honey Creek Q. M. He was ordained July 8, 1849, was pastor at Richfield and at Rubicon, and died Nov. 1, 1855, aged 44 years.

**Greene, Rev. Caleb**, son of Gideon and Mary (Tillinghast) Greene, was born at West Greenwich, R. I., Aug. 31, 1803. Converted in March, 1823, he was licensed in 1838, and ordained June 18, 1840, as pastor of the Warwick and East Greenwich church. In 1843 he organized the church at West Greenwich, and was its pastor for seven years. From ten revivals he has baptized sixty. He has assisted in three ordinations, attended fifty funerals and solemnized eighty marriages. He married Lucritta Nichols, April 29, 1830, who died Aug. 31, 1837. He was again married April 1, 1839, to Hannah Nichols, who died July 11, 1846. His three children are also dead.

**Greene, Rev. David**, was born in Hoosick, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1807, and died at Fairport, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1882. In early life he became a resident of Delaware County, and, with his wife, in 1836 joined the Franklin church, then recently organized. Two years later he was chosen deacon, and in 1842 was ordained its pastor, a relation which he continued for eighteen years, adding 110 to the church by baptism. After this he labored with success in Walton, West Windsor and Sandford, his declining

years being passed at Fairport. He was much esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

**Green Mountain Seminary, The,** was corporated in November, 1862. The corporators were D. S. Frost, F. H. Lyford, J. L. Sinclair, Ziba Sprague, Lyman Sargent, David Cally, T. P. Moulton, Jonathan Woodman, L. T. Harris, M. C. Henderson, S. W. Cowell, Obadiah Hall, and T. Cofrin. The site first chosen was Sutton, Vt., but it was changed to East Orange. The erection of school buildings was deferred for several years. In 1868 the school was

Coruwall, Eng., Sept. 13, 1863. He was converted March 15, 1885, and feeling himself called to the work of the gospel ministry, he was ordained March 13, 1887. His ministry has been with the Second Freewill Baptist church of Harrisburg, Pa., and has been successful.

**Griffin, Rev. Calvin B.,** died in East Andover, N. H., Aug. 7, 1873. He was born in Chelsea, Vt., April 6, 1842. While yet an infant, his parents removed to Danville, N. H., where, at the age of fifteen, he was converted and united with the church. In 1862 he enlisted in the



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moved to Waterbury Centre, and D. S. Frost was a successful agent in collecting funds for the school. The new building was opened to students in the autumn of 1869. The first principal was A. J. Sanborn, A. M. He was succeeded by C. A. Mooers, A. M., who was followed by Rev. R. H. Tozer. The school passed next into the care of Miss Elizabeth Colley, A. M., who, with suitable assistants, has at present in all the departments about one hundred and twenty-five students. Several of its former students are now active and influential ministers in the Vermont Y. M.

**Gribben, Rev. F. P.,** son of William and Jane Gribben, was born in St. Agnes,

Eighth Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers and was sent to New Orleans, but he was soon discharged on account of failing health. In 1866 he entered the Theological School at New Hampton, and remained nearly three years, when ill health compelled him to withdraw. He accepted a call to East Andover in 1869. While there the church edifice was burned, and mainly through his efforts a new and better house was built. In 1872 he accepted a call to Chicago, but the climate proved unfavorable, and after a few months he returned East. In September he went to Boston, and soon entered upon the pastorate. He induced the church to sell their property on North Bennet street and secure another place

of worship. During the latter part of his pastorate he preached in Freeman Place chapel. After nearly three years he received another call from East Andover, and, hoping that a change might recuperate him, he accepted it. But he was able to preach only two Sabbaths. His insight into spiritual truth was remarkably clear and inspiring. He had strong convictions of truth and duty, but in the expression of his opinions he was courteous as well as courageous.

**Griffin, Rev. Charles W.**, son of Daniel and Sarah (Blake) Griffin, was born in Danville, N. H., March 20, 1835. He studied at New Hampton Institution and in 1872 graduated from Bates Theological Seminary. Converted at the age of eighteen, he was licensed in 1868, and ordained at Albany, Vt., Sept. 26, 1872. His pastorates have been at Albany and East Randolph, Vt., Contoocook, Sandwich Centre and Alexandria, N. H., Block Island, R. I., from September, 1887, at Ortonville, Mich., and from 1888 at Graniteville (Johnston) R. I. March 26, 1864, he married Sarah E. Blake of Danville, N. H., and has two children.

**Griffin, George T.**, son of Thomas B. and Eliza J. (Caswell), Griffin, was born Jan. 27, 1856, at Strafford, N. H. He studied at New Hampton and at Cobb Divinity School, class of 1889. Converted Jan. 20, 1882, he became active in Christian work and was for two years president of the Y. M. C. A. in his native place. He was licensed March 30, 1888. He has supplied churches in Maine-- the Winnegance, West Falmouth, Duck Pond and Orr's Island. He is pastor (July, 1889) at Franklin Falls, N. H. May 3, 1874, he married Sadie H. Pillsbury and has one son.

**Griffin, Rev. Jacob**, son of Obadiah and Hannah (McIntyre) Griffin, was born at Smithville, Ont., Can., Nov. 5, 1815. He married Emeline Wade, Oct. 6, 1836. Of their eight children five survive, one being now a lawyer, and one, Zina F., a missionary well known to Free Baptists. Brother Griffin was ordained in Ontario in 1844. Five years of his ministry were spent in Illinois. He has organized seven churches and

baptized about sever hundred converts. His wife, also, for thirty-five years has engaged in preaching with him successfully. Their united labors in Ontario, about 1852 and later, resulted in much good. Their present home is at Hortonville, Wis.

**Griffin, Rev. Zina F.**, son of Rev. J. Griffin, was born in Ogle County, Ill., Nov. 14, 1844. He was converted in boyhood and early felt called to preach. When twenty-one years of age he was married to Miss Mary Harwood, of East Zorra, Ont., and nine years later, having lost his property by fire, he began to



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prepare to preach. He soon went with his wife and two children to Hillsdale, Mich., where his wife died in 1879, and he graduated from the theological department of the college in 1881. In the meantime he had received ordination at Zorra, Ont., June 23, 1878.

Feb. 28, 1881, he was married to Miss Libbie Cilley, a daughter of the Rev. E. G. Cilley, who also graduated from Hillsdale in 1881. She was born in Boston, Mich., Feb 28, 1851, and was converted while yet a child. She began teaching when fourteen years of age, and four years later entered Hillsdale College, Mich. After completing two years of the course she responded to the

urgent call for missionaries, and sailed for India in September, 1873. She was located at Midnapore, and did efficient service (see *Mission in India*) until, after a little more than two years, she was compelled by broken health to return. Regaining her health, she studied one year at the Woman's Medical College at New York, and entered again upon her course of study at Hillsdale.



Mrs. Libbie Cilley Griffin.

After their marriage, a successful pastorate of two years was enjoyed at Gilbert's Mills, N. Y., during which much was done by Mrs. Griffin in organizing the women of the Central Association for raising mission funds, and Oct. 20, 1883, they set sail for India. They labored one year at Midnapore, and since then have had charge of the work at Balasore, laboring with devotion and success.

**Griffith, Rev. Ansel**, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1804, and ordained June 24, 1832. He was converted five years before, and preached while teaching and while a student at Hamilton, N. Y. He engaged with success in revival work before ordination, and afterward ministered to the Schroeppel, Scriba, and Phoenix churches. In 1846, after being laid aside by disease for a year, he continued his work at

Clayton, Theresa, Lyme, Three-Mile Bay, Harrisburgh, and Turin. He was a successful minister and baptized over two hundred converts.

**Griffiths, Rev. S.**, son of George and Dorcas Griffiths, was born in Coventry, R. I., April 27, 1837. At the age of fourteen, through the preaching of Rev. D. Greene, he was converted. At nineteen he learned a trade and commenced business, and at twenty-one married Miss Julia A. Boswell and settled in Sterling, Conn. Converted in 1867, he was disturbed for four years by a call to the ministry. In 1871, in a revival under Rev. Thomas Jones, a former slave, in the Union church, Foster, R. I., he became re-awakened and joined the church, having decided to preach if God would open the way. Being in Pottersville, South Scituate, in October, 1873, a stranger, never seen before or since, invited him to preach. His efforts were followed at once by a revival which resulted in the organization of the South Scituate church June 8, 1874. He was ordained June 19 as its pastor. The pastorate continued till March, 1882, and thirty were added to its original members. His home is Moosup Valley, R. I.

**Grinnell, Rev. Thomas**, a native of Exeter, R. I., died at his residence in Bethel, Mich., Feb. 4, 1883, aged 89 years. Shortly after his marriage he made his home in Genesee County, N. Y., where he was ordained in 1826. Two years later he moved to Chautauqua County, where his ministry was marked by persevering efforts for the cause he loved. Later he labored in Wisconsin and Illinois, making his home in Michigan in 1867 for his final earthly home. His long service was not in vain.

**Gross, Rev. Stephen**, died at Bucksport, Me., Nov. 27, 1887, aged 85 years, and his wife two days later. They rest in one grave. Through his earnest, early ministry many of the churches in the Ellsworth Q. M. were strengthened, if not planted. He was loyal to his denomination, and an early subscriber and devoted reader of the *Morning Star*. He was earnest in securing the salva-

tion especially of the young, and in urging them to seek good learning as an advantage in their life work. Through his faithfulness many found their Saviour.

**Grow, Rev. Loren**, died at White River, Mich., Dec. 21, 1857, aged 51 years. He had preached the gospel some years before his ordination in March 1855, and continued to labor near White River until his death.

**Guild, The Young People's Social and Literary**, was organized at Ocean Park, Aug. 14, 1882. Its object was to promote acquaintance and social culture. By acquaintance and association the minds of the young people became broadened, and they desired to enlarge their plan of organization. A course of reading was laid out, and members were instructed to form local reading circles in their home churches. Several were organized during the winter of 1882-83, and others have been added every year. An excellent course of reading, junior and senior, has been provided every year, with one exception; besides a permanent, optional course for four years in English and American literature, supplemented in 1888 by another literary course in the same line of classics. These literary courses are highly appreciated by students, and are recommended as of especial value. Every year during the session of the Ocean Park Assembly the guild has observed its anniversary day with fitting exercises, and several years ago enjoyed the privilege of holding its annual picnic in its own Guild Park, which had been generously donated to the association by the Ocean Park management. During the past year a further step of progress and improvement has been taken in the inauguration of the "Guild Page" in *Our Dayspring*, a paper issued in the interests of young people by the Printing Establishment at Boston.

**Guilford, Rev. Elijah**, died in Littleton, N. H., Dec. 27, 1873, aged 39 years.

He was born in Saco, Me. Converted in early youth, he studied at New Hampton. He served in the war several months, under the auspices of the United States Christian Commission. He graduated from the Theological School in 1867, and was married and settled with a union church in Burke, Vt. In 1868 he went to Littleton, N. H., and organized a church. A house of worship was built. He bore up bravely against the depression of a feeble constitution, and though for the last two years of life he was able to render no service, his church would not permit him to resign his pastorate.

**Gullidge, Rev. J. S.**, is the son of Frederick and Polly Gullidge. He was born in Davison County, Tenn., in 1825. Feb. 25, 1846, he was married to Martha Martin. At the age of seventeen he was converted; he received a license in 1866, and the following year was ordained. He assisted in organizing several churches, which formed the Makanda Q. M., Ill., with which he is now connected.

**Gurney, Benjamin A.**, was born in Stanford, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1825. His parents were of the Society of Friends. In 1858 he was baptized by Rev. Wm. Bonar, near Cambridge, Ill., and in December, 1860, he received from the Walnut Creek Q. M. license to preach. He has served as clerk of the Q. M. for many years, and has supplied its churches, retaining the esteem of all.

**Guy, Rev. Henry**, was born in the northern part of Alabama Sept. 22, 1826, and converted when thirteen years of age. He soon began to preach, and has since continued in the work for God. He became connected with the Free Baptists in 1868, and was set apart to the work of the ministry about 1869 at Cairo, Ill. His ministry has continued with the churches of the Third Cairo (now Carbondale) Q. M., in which he has labored with devotion, retaining the esteem of the churches. He married Hannah Bix, March 29, 1863, and has four children.