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## OBITUARIES.

### REV. WILLIAM TURKINGTON.

William Turkington was born June 22, 1818 in Lurgon, Ireland. He was translated November 22, 1908, at Mystic, Conn., at the ripe age of ninety years and five months. His father was Irish and his mother was Scotch. He was the oldest of seven children. His parents intended him for the Episcopal ministry. The schools of North Ireland were poor. His father fortunately had means sufficient to provide his family with good home training. He was studious and apt, and early laid the foundation of a broad and liberal education. Thus early in life he formed studious habits. He was a student to the day of his death.

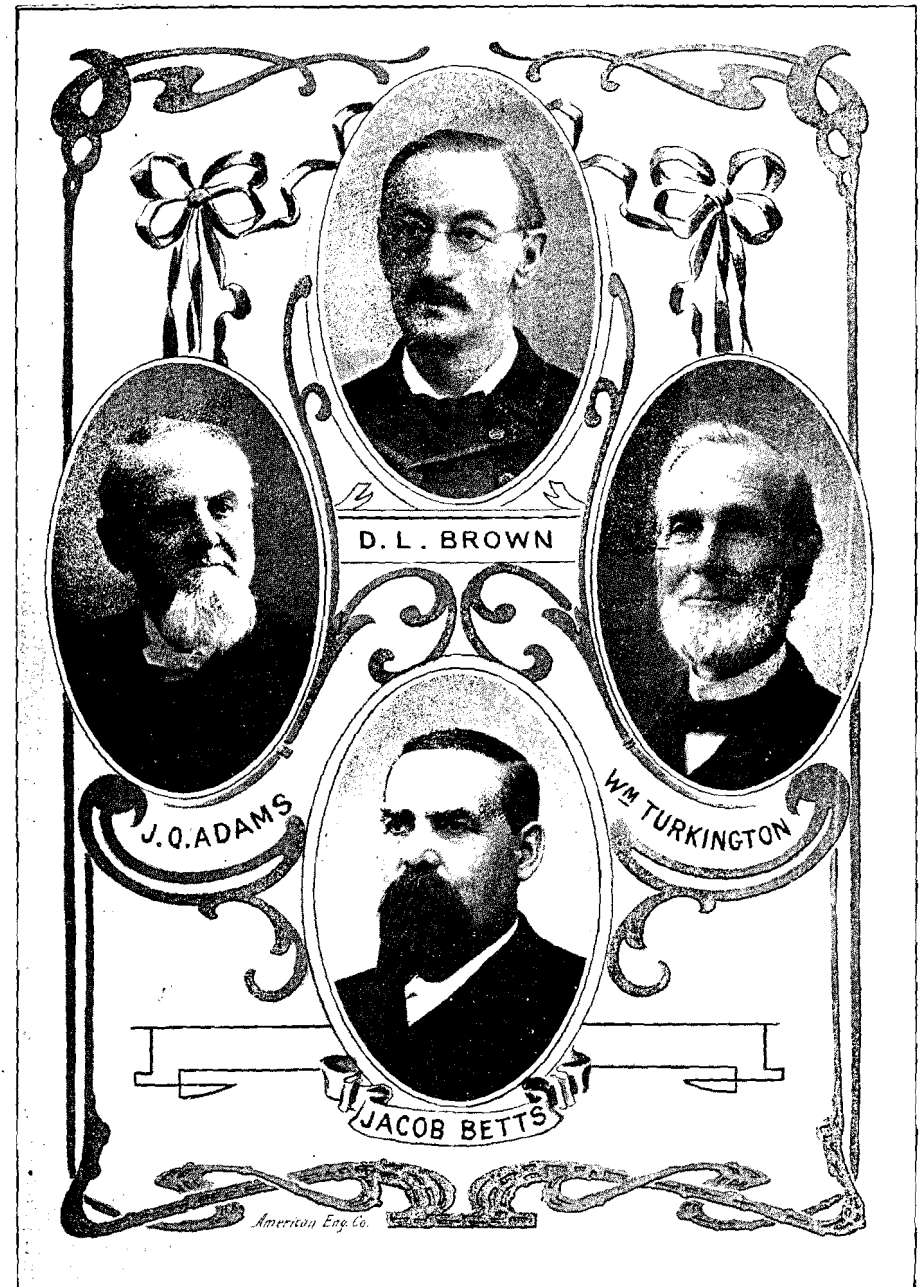
His inquiring mind, his devotional spirit, his hungering soul were highways for the truth as preached by the Wesleyans, and when the faithful herald of a present and positive salvation with flaming eloquence declared that "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," he believed with the fullness of his adoring soul. The question of his life work was settled then and there. He was not to be an Episcopal rector, but a humble circuit preacher.

He entered the ministry in 1841 in the Irish Wesleyan Conference, where he labored two years. These two years he never forgot, for at Derry Anvil, one point on his circuit, he preached in a pulpit in which John Wesley had preached.

It was the rule then in the Wesleyan connection, perhaps is now, that in case there are more preachers than churches, the youngest preacher or preachers were left without appointment. In 1843 it so happened in the Irish Wesleyan Conference, and William Turkington, the youngest preacher was left without a charge. He was advised to go to New York, which advice he immediately followed. In New York he met Dr. Bangs, who directed him to Providence. Here, in almost a miraculous way he met Bartholomew Otheman, and was by him appointed junior preacher at Falmouth, Mass., with Louis Bates, Sen., the preacher in charge.

The people of Falmouth were kind to the lonely young man. He never forgot them. During the last year of his life his mind failed. One by one the events of life were forgotten; one by one his charges faded from his memory until only his beloved Falmouth remained. A short time before his departure he expressed his affection for this place by donating almost his entire library to the Falmouth parsonage to be used by the successive pastors.

In 1844 he married Eliza Ann Jones of Falmouth, who lived four and a half years after their marriage. Of this union two sons were born; one died early in life, the other now lives in Boston.



afterwards became the wife of Duncan McAllister of Norwich. At the age of fourteen he removed with his foster parents to Colchester, Conn., where his summers were spent in work upon the farm and his winters in the rubber shops of that town, except, that one winter he taught a district school.

In the summer of 1862 he responded to his country's call for defenders and August 8 enlisted as a private in Company II, 21st Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers. A month later he was commissioned second lieutenant of his company. But his constitution was too frail to endure the changes which army life necessitated, and he was compelled to resign, and Oct. 11, 1862, he was honorably discharged for disabilities incurred in the service. From these disabilities he never fully recovered.

Brother Brown was converted at Willimantic Camp Meeting in 1860, and immediately became a probationer in the church at Colchester, where he was baptized Oct. 18 by Rev. V. A. Cooper, and by him was received into full membership at the expiration of his probation. The church seeing in him grace and gifts for greater usefulness gave him license to exhort in 1861 and to preach in 1863. In 1864 he was appointed by the Presiding Elder to supply the church at Square Pond, now Crystal Lake. In 1865 he was received as a probationer in this Conference, and in due course was admitted to full membership and ordained deacon and elder.

His successive appointments have been: 1865-7, East Thompson, Conn.; 1868-9, Staffordville; 1870-1, East Glastonbury; 1872, Greenville; 1873-4, Wapping; 1875-6, Dighton, Mass.; 1877-9, Warehouse Point, Conn.; 1880, Attawaugan; 1881-2, Mystic; 1883-4, North Grosvenor-Dale; 1885, Jewett City; 1886, Hockanum; 1887-9, Nantasket, Mass.; 1890, Arnold's Mills, R. I.; 1891, Hope; 1892-3, Wickford. In 1894, because of failing health, he took a superannuated relation and removed to Providence, in which city he continued to reside till his death. But he was not idle in his superannuation. For the years 1894-6 he supplied the Wanskuck Church, and largely through his efforts their present neat and commodious chapel was erected and more than two-thirds of its cost paid. He was also chaplain of the Grand Army Post with which he was connected for a number of years. He was connected with the *Evening Telegram* as Grand Army correspondent for several years, till failing health compelled him to resign.

As a preacher Brother Brown was scriptural, methodical, earnest and instructive. He was a student of the Bible and most heartily believed and taught what he found therein. Such a preacher could not fail to interest his hearers and to build up his churches. As a pastor he was faithful in the discharge of all the duties pertaining to the pastoral office. He was of a retiring disposition. His voice was seldom heard in the Conference except when reporting work which had been assigned him to do. He never forgot his spiritual birthplace, Willimantic Camp-

ground, and for several years rendered efficient service as a member of the executive committee.

From the time of his superannuation his health steadily declined. For nearly two years his sight was so impaired that he was unable to read; yet he did not lose his interest in passing events, nor in the Holy Bible. Among the cherished memories of his wife will ever be that of their study together of the Sunday School lessons of the Home Department, and his clear expositions of the Scriptures set for the daily readings. As the end drew near his sufferings became intense, yet they were endured without murmuring or complaint. He knew whom he had believed and was persuaded that he was able to keep that which he had committed to him. His last utterance was "It is all right."

Funeral services were held in the Mathewson Street Church in charge of the District Superintendent, W. I. Ward, in which several brethren participated, a large number of members of the Conference and other friends being present. Interment was in the family lot in Yantic Cemetery, Norwich, Conn.

Brother Brown was twice married, first March 12, 1867, to Miss Hattie A. Mott of Lebanon, Conn. She died at Jewett City, Conn., Aug. 25, 1885. To them were born a daughter and two sons, the second born, Wilbur Denison, now living at West Barrington, R. I., the other two having died in infancy.

His second marriage was to Miss Lottie I. Mellen of Moodus, Conn., Sept. 8, 1886, to whom it was given to minister to him faithfully and tenderly through his long illness.

Kind husband, loving father, faithful friend, and true servant of Jesus Christ, farewell till we come to you on the other shore.

WALTER ELA.

#### REV. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

On the 26th day of May, 1828, a son was born to Nathaniel and Mary Adams in Warren, R. I. John Quincy Adams was then President of the United States and being distantly related to the family, it was natural that the little boy should be named for him.

The condition and opportunities into which he was born, however, were as widely contrasted to those of his illustrious namesake, as possible. At that time educational institutions were not what they are at present, and the children of poor parents had few advantages, so that with very little schooling this young boy was early put to work, and learned the trade of a carpenter, like his Lord and Master. He developed a taste for fine work, which became of great advantage to him, and to the churches which he served after he entered the ministry.

He was converted in March, 1846, a little before reaching his eighteenth birthday, under the labors of Rev. Robert Hatfield, then a member of the Providence Conference, was baptized by him, and received into

the Warren Methodist Church in the fall of the same year. He was, says Dr. Talbot, soundly converted, all his faculties being turned into a new channel—to activity in church work. He was licensed to exhort in 1859.

He felt the call to preach but was embarrassed by a sense of unfitness. In 1860 he was licensed as a Local Preacher and entered East Greenwich Academy as a student in 1860 and 1861. He supplied several charges with success, while a Local Preacher. People were converted through his influence and labors.

He was ordained Local Deacon by Bishop Thomson in 1866 at Bristol, R. I., and ordained Elder by Bishop Andrews in 1873 at Warren, R. I. He was received on probation in this Conference in 1869 and served the following charges:—

Fall River, North Church, North Rehoboth, South Scituate, Hebronville, Mystic, North Grosvenor-Dale, East and South Harwich, Sandwich, Hebronville and Dodgeville, Truro and South Truro, Bourne, Voluntown and Griswold, East Woodstock and West Thompson, Gales Ferry, Tolland, Lec Church and Wesley Chapel. In all of his appointments, with one exception, he remained two or three years. In every case he improved the church property, as well as the membership. The churches at Middleboro, Dighton and Hope, R. I., were organized by him.

Brother Adams was in many respects, a remarkable man. In appearance, in manners and in spirit, he was a gentleman. He was extremely diffident: so bashful that he could not rise on the Conference floor to give a simple statement, without blushing like a school-girl. Yet in all his relations as a minister and citizen, he was as brave as the bravest. Loyal to what he believed to be right, he was willing, if need be, to suffer for his convictions.

In words of another, "He was sincere, honest, kind and affectionate. People believed in him and loved him."

The strongest impression which Brother Adams made upon the writer of this sketch, was that of a man whose heart and mind were concentrated on the work of his charge.

In entering a new field of labor, he at once laid out a plan to be accomplished and gave his time and energy to its consummation; he believed that any reasonable thing could be accomplished, and had great perseverance. One word characterizes his work—faithfulness.

He rapidly adjusted himself to new surroundings and always seemed happy in his work. He seemed to feel in every charge that he was a king in his little realm, as indeed he was; a king who reigned in gentleness and wisdom; he had a lively interest in all his people.

Brother Adams was a good preacher. The writer had the pleasure of hearing him quite a number of times, and never without interest and profit. For one who had never had the advantages of theological and sermonic training, there was a plan and symmetry in his sermons not often found. In his pastoral work he always gave the impression that he was "about his Master's business."

Brother Adams was happy in his domestic relations. He was married June 7th, 1849 to Miss Mary Phinney at Warren, R. I., by Rev. Ralph Allen. In this case we have an instance in which a young woman, not expecting to marry a Methodist minister, when the Divine call came to her husband, was able so to adjust herself to the new life, as to become in every sense a "helpmeet in the Lord."

Six children were born to them, five of whom, with the widow, remain to mourn his loss.

Brother Adams continued in the effective ranks until 1899 when he received a superannuate relation and took up his residence in Rehoboth, near Attleboro, Mass. Here, in his quiet, pleasant home, with his beloved companion, he spent the declining years of his life. For the greater part of the time, till his death, he was a regular attendant of the services of the church at Attleboro, a comfort and assistant to the pastor and beloved by all of the members.

His closing days were calm and peaceful. The gospel which he had preached so many years, cheered and comforted him to the end. He retained his faculties to the last, passing quietly to his reward early Tuesday morning, Feb. 9th, in his 81st year.

The funeral services were held in the church at Attleboro on the afternoon of Feb. 11th, and were participated in by the pastor, Rev. S. E. Ellis, District Superintendent W. I. Ward, Revs. H. D. Robinson, William Kirkby and the writer. He was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Attleboro.

"Servant of God, well done—  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is run,  
And thou art crowned at last." EBEN TIRRELL.

#### REV. JACOB BETTS.

The Rev. Jacob Betts, son of Amasa and Phyanah Betts, was born at Middleboro, Cumberland county, Nova Scotia, March 1, 1852, and died at Fall River, Mass., April 8, 1908.

In the seventeenth year of his age he arrived at a crisis in his history; a great change was wrought in him by the power of Almighty God; he experienced the pardon of his sins, the regenerating power and comforting influence of the Holy Spirit, and the preciousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. In April, 1869, he was baptized and received into the Methodist church in his native town, by Rev. J. J. Colton. His early life was spent on the farm, but he often felt that God had a greater work for him to do, and yet there was a shrinking. He felt with the Apostle Paul: "Who is sufficient for these things?" To him the ministry was not a profession but a calling. He wanted to be fully satisfied that God had called and when satisfied that such was the case, he was ready to say: "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord; I'll do what you want me to do."

## PASTORAL RECORD

## AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES

OF THE

## MEMBERS OF THE NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

[NOTE.—The present post-office address is given in parenthesis if it differs from the last named appointment.]

- ACKLEY, JOSEPH B. 1883, West Rocky Hill: 84, Somers: 85, Somers and Square Pond; 86-88, Tolland, Lee Church and Wesley Chapel; 89, Marshfield; 90-92, Hockanum; 93, s'y; 94-96, Tolland, Lee Church and Wesley Chapel; 97-00, Gales Ferry: 01, 02, Moosup; 03, 04, Portland; 05-08, s'y. (Burnside, Conn.)
- ADAMS, DWIGHT W. 1895, Wapping and Vernon: 96-98, Vernon; 99-01, East Hampton; 02-04, Gales Ferry; 05-07, Gales Ferry and Brewster Neck; 08, Attawaugan, Conn.
- ADAMS, JOHN Q. 1866-68, Fall River, North Ch.: 69, 70, North Rehoboth: 71-73, South Scituate; 74, 75, Hebronville; 76, 77, Mystic; 78-80, North Grosvenor-Dale; 81, East and South Harwich; 82, 83, Sandwich; 84, 85, Hebronville and Dodgeville; 86-88, Truro and South Truro; 89, 90, Bourne; 91, 92, Voluntown and Griswold; 93, 94, East Woodstock and West Thompson; 95, 96, Gales Ferry; 97, 98, Tolland, Lee Church and Wesley Chapel; 99-08, s'tc. (Attleboro, Mass.)
- ALDRICH, JAMES B. East Maine Conf. 1904-05, South West Harbor; 06, Clinton; N. E. Southern Conf., 07, Westport Point; 08, North Dighton, Mass.
- ALIEN, JOHN H. 1873-75, North Dennis; 76-78, Marshfield; 79-81, Plymouth; 82, 83, Provincetown, Centenary Ch.; 84, s'y; 85, 86, Nantasket; 87-90, Burnside; 91-93, Norwich, East Main st.; 94, 95, Phenix; 96-99, Newport, First Ch.; 00-02, East Weymouth; 03-05, Tolland and Crystal Lake; 06-08, Burnside, Conn.
- ALLEN, WILLIAM H. 1884, 85, Portsmouth; 86, Providence, Cranston st.; 87-89, Phenix; 90, 91, New Bedford, Fourth st.; 92-94, Newport, Middletown; 95, 96, Woonsocket; 97, South Braintree and Holbrook; 98, 99, Eastham; 00-03, Edgartown; 04-08, Provincetown, Mass., Center.
- AMES, ERNEST Mc P. 1902, 03, Old Mystic; 04-06, Stoughton; 07, 08, Osterville, Marston's Mills and Centerville. (Osterville, Mass.)
- ANDERSON, ALEXANDER. 1864, 65, North West Bridgewater; 66-68, Attleboro; 69-71, Taunton, Central; 72, 73, Norwich, East Main st.; 74-76, Providence, Ashbury; 77-79, St. Paul's and East Providence; 80-82, Woonsocket; 83-85, East Providence, Haven; 86, 87, Pawtucket, Thomson; 88, Hope and Washington; 89-91, Hill's Grove; 92-94, Berkeley; 95-98, Fall River, North; 99-02, Hebronville; 03, Hebronville and North Rehoboth; 04-06, Wickford; 07, 08, Providence, R. I., Wanskuck. (40 Mason st., Pawtucket, R. I.)

- ANDERSON, A. W. C. 1878, 79, East Maine Conf., Caribou and Fort Fairfield; 80, 81, Atkinson; 82, 83, Hartland; 84, 85, Pembroke; 86, 87, Castine; 88-92, Calais; 93, Thomaston; 94-98, Vermont Conf., Enosburg Falls; 99, 00, Northfield; 01, N. E. Southern Conf., Hill's Grove; 02, 03, Brockton, Franklin Ch.; 04-06, Providence, Hope St.; 07, 08, Mansfield and East Mansfield. (Mansfield, Mass.)
- ANNAS, JOHN W. 1902, 03, Acushnet; 04-06, North Attleboro; 07, 08, Plymouth, Mass., Memorial.
- ANTHONY, EDWARD M. 1863, Duxbury; 64, 65, South Truro; 66, Osterville; 67-69, East Glastonbury; 70, 71, Portland; 72-74, Moosup; 75, Wapping; 76, 77, North Grosvenor-Dale; 78, 79, Moodus; 80, 81, East Hampton; 82, 83, Staffordville and Willington; 84-00, s'y; 01-08, Agent Conference Claimants Fund. (Jewett City, Conn.)
- AYRES, EDWARD J. 1871, Wilmington Conf., Newton Circuit, Md.: 72, Annessex Circuit; 73, 74, Princess Anne Circuit; 75, 76, Prov. Conf., Wareham; 77, Monument; 78, 79, Quarryville and Andover; 80-82, Moosup; 83, Attawaugan; 84, 85, Hockanum; 86-88, East Hampton and Marlboro; 89-92, North Grosvenor-Dale; 93-95, Uncasville; 96, 97, Pascoag; 98-00, Provincetown, Centenary; 01, Fall River, Braxton; 02-04, Fall River, Quarry st.; 05-07, East Bridge-water; 08, s'y.
- BABCOCK, EDWIN G. 1869-71, Westport Point; 72, Cochesett; 73, 74, Washington; 75, Millville; 76, 77, Fall River, North; 78, Hanover; 79, 80, Mansfield, First; 81-83, East Weymouth, Porter; 84, 85, s'y; 86, 87, Fall River, North; 88, East Thompson; 89, 90, Windsorville; 91, 92, Hingham; 93, 94, Rockland, Hatherly; 95, 96, Drownville; 97, Berkeley; 98-02, South Carver; 03, 04, Long Plain; 05-08, s'y. (Westport, Mass. R. F. D.)
- BAKER, FREDERICK C. 1882, 83, Greenville; 84, 85, Norwich Town; 86, 87, Washington and Hope; 88, Hebronville and Dodgeville; 89, 90, North Easton; 91, 92, Warehouse Point; 93, 94, Providence, Hope st.; 95-97, Moosup; 98, 99, Burnside; 00-02, Westerly; 03, 04, Thompsonville; 05, 06, Mystic and Noank; 07, 08, Fairhaven, Mass.
- BASS, EDWARD C. 1861, Vermont Conf., Pittsfield; 62, 63, Bellows Falls; 64, 65, Newbury; 66-68, Springfield; 69, St. Johnsbury; 70, 71, Waterbury; 72-74, Brattleboro; 75, New Hampshire Conf., Plymouth; 76-78, Lebanon; 79, 80, Concord; 81-83, Lawrence, Haverhill st.; 84, 85, Rochester; 86-88, Maine Conf., Gardiner; 89-91, New England Southern Conf., Taunton, First; 92-95, Newport, First; 96-01, Presiding Elder, Providence District; 02, s'y.; 03-05, Providence, R. I., Tabernacle; 06-08, Endowment Agent Vermont University. (Burlington, Vt.)
- BARTHOLOMEW, JAMES I. 1881, W. Wisconsin Conf., New Lisbon; 82, Black Hills Mission, Sturgis City; 83-85, Rapid City; 86-88, N. E. So. Conf., Whitman; 89-92, New Bedford, Allen st.; 93, located; 94-98, Stafford Springs; 99, 00, South Manchester; 01-06, Presiding Elder, Norwich District; 07, 08, New Bedford, Mass., County st. (40 Chestnut St.)
- BEALE, SAMUEL M. 1870-72, North Bridgewater, West Ch.: 73, 74, Fall River, Quarry st.; 75, Somerset; 76-78, Edgartown; 79, So. West Dennis; 81, 82, Wellfleet; 83, Hebronville and Dodgeville; 84-86, Sandwich; 87, Westerly; 88, 89, Nantucket; 90, Vineyard Haven; 91, 92, Centerville; 93, Providence, Cranston st.; 94-96, Pawtucket, Thomson; 97-00, Stoughton; 01, 02, Wickford; 03-05, Moosup; 06-07, Pascoag; 08, Vernon, Conn.