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miles further west, to Ontonagon for two years.

Incidents illustrative of the cour- age, exposure, as well as successes of the miners and miners of the upper Michigan have read accounts of some of them and have been stirred with the midst of the rigors of winter with hatchet and gun, and hymn sung in the woods to reach an- other and all for Christ's sake.

Michigan peninsula to do missionary work in adjoining counties. Here he began that long pilgrimage of itinerant life in which he took part of the Michigan Conference, on the Niles district. He was appointed to this work, and was "of ministerial usefulness."

in his charge for five years. At the end he asked for and received a discharge, though it was somewhat hard for him to do it gracefully and with the desire that he might end his life. He used frequently to say,

"During the six days of his last illness, at the end, and just before dying, he said 'I expect to go over the river.'

He used to echo among the trees the words 'I go in glory. And thus, like a warrior in the field of conflict with the enemy, he came home to heaven. "Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus

and father, and brother and teacher, he had many superior gifts above the average of the preachers of his generation and so excelled in what the fathers called "the word." He was easily set on fire of the word and was not so much doctrinal as some of his ministry. He came out into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. He sometimes

attained to great heights of power in preaching the gospel and in exhorting sinners to flee from the wrath to come.

His remains were brought from Cadillac to Augusta, where, on April 3, 1894, in the Methodist Episcopal Church his funeral services were conducted, by Rev. J. W. H. Carlisle and the writer. Others of his ministerial brethren were present, some of whom assisted in the services. His remains were taken to a rural cemetery not far away, where, by the side of the remains of his wife we buried them, and thus at last rests the body of this once restless man, but his soul has gone out into the broader realms of life and joy. We shall miss his familiar form in our Conference sessions and along the accustomed walks of life, but we shall meet him by and by.

LEVI MASTER.

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REV. FRANCIS GLASS.

Rev. Francis Glass was born in Crieve, Ireland, April 5, 1812, and died at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., December 11, 1893. He was converted in early life and was licensed to preach in the Wesleyan Methodist Church while yet in his teens.

He was two years a missionary in Australia, and was under appointment to missionary work among the Fiji Islanders, but Providence ordered otherwise.

He came to Michigan in 1845 too late to join the Conference, so took work under the Elder, joining the Conference the following year. Among his appointments were Port Huron, Allegan, Buchanan, Schoolcraft, Rockford, Greenville, Hastings, Lowell, Charlotte, Portland, Mason, Eaton Rapids, Holland and Saranac.

At the last named place, a serious throat difficulty compelled him to superannuate.

He served the church long, faithfully and well.

He was a cultivated, scholarly brother, a master theologian, a devoted and deeply spiritual man, a loyal Methodist, an able preacher.

Since retiring from the active ministry, he has had a lively interest in all Church matters, keeping in touch with the ministers, and rejoicing in the triumphs of the Church.

He has been in attendance upon the means of grace as often as health would allow, and his voice was often heard in the class meeting, declaring his faith in and joy in the Lord.

In 1852 he married Mrs. Mary L. Darling, of Paris, Kent Co., Mich., who, with her daughter Mary, now Mrs. Hopkins, survive him.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. I. Cogshall and the writer, assisted by several of his ministerial brethren, who bore his remains to their place of rest, in the beautiful Oak Hill Cemetery, in Grand Rapids.

A. M. GOULD.

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REV. ELISHA MARBLE.

Elisha Marble was born in the township of Adams, Jefferson county, N. Y., May 25, 1822, and died at his home in Harbor Springs, Mich., March 29, 1894.

His father died when he was four years old and he was committed to the care of grandparents and uncles, who brought him to Michigan in 1834, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was educated in the union school of Northville, Mich., and became a successful and popular school teacher. In March, 1839, he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and for fifty-five years, till the time of his death, was a devoted member.

On the 24th of April, 1845, he was married to Miss Olivia Ann Kroah, who, with their two children, Nellie I. and W. I., survive him. In 1850 he was licensed to preach by the quarterly conference of Marengo circuit, and for eight years did efficient and faithful work as a local preacher, teaching school winters and preaching on the Sabbaths. He joined the Michigan Conference in the fall of 1858 and was appointed to the Penfield circuit, where he served one year.

His subsequent appointments were as follows: Woodland, two years; Otisco, two years; Lowell, one year; Middleville, one year; Allegan, two years; Richland, two years; Schoolcraft, two years; Leroy, two years; Burlington, one year; Litchfield, one year; Moscow, one year; Allen, one year; Concord, two years; Kinderhook, two years, and Harbor Springs, three years, where he finished his labor in the effective ranks and took a superannuated relation. Since his superannuation, in 1884, he has been active in ministerial work, preaching and holding quarterly meetings and has served as preacher in charge at Kalkaska eight months and at Mackinaw City eighteen months.

He was ordained deacon by Bishop Simpson, at Ionia in 1860, and elder by Bishop Scott, at Grand Rapids in 1862.

Brother Marble was a strong logical preacher, a painstaking, pathetic pastor, a fine musician, a generous brother, a loyal Methodist, a devoted minister of the Gospel, spotless in character, triumphant in faith.

A. M. GOULD.