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but little probability that it will be materially reduced during the present year. There is no class who feel the effect of this great advance in prices more than those who are dependent on their salaries for current support. It is plain that without some corresponding increase in the estimated allowance of those who minister to you, many of them will be painfully embarrassed. We are happy to say that during the past year a large number of our Churches have generously provided for the emergency, either by larger estimates or by liberal donations direct to their pastors. We trust that the same will be done the present year through all the churches of the conference. We feel a delicacy in making any suggestions to you how this shall be done; we have full confidence in your wisdom and liberality. And we are aware that any large increase in the regular annual allowance may be regarded by some as embarrassing future estimates for support when the present extraordinary prices of living shall cease. We are ready and willing to bear our full share of any privations required of us to maintain the honor and integrity of our country. And from those whose means of living have not increased, with some proportion to the increase of prices, we ought not to ask increased contributions. But this we think is not the condition of most of our people. We rejoice to know that most of them are prospering in temporal things. We are therefore persuaded that you will give a generous consideration to the plan we now propose for your adoption; it is, (unless in your judgment you can adopt better) that the estimating committee and each quarterly conference make beside the ordinary estimate for the support of the preacher—an additional and special estimate for this year, as the necessities of the case may require and as your circumstances will allow.

Praying that you may abound in all spiritual and temporal blessings, we are, dear brethren, your servants in Christ.

(Signed, in behalf of the Conference.)

GEO. W. WOODRUFF, *Secretary.*

M. SIMPSON, *President.*

XIII.

MEMOIRS.

BUEL GOODSSELL.

BUEL GOODSSELL was born in the town of Dover, Dutchess Co., N. Y., July 25th, 1793.

Of his childhood and youth we have no special information, other than that at about the age of sixteen years, he made a profession of religion, and joined the M. E. Church in the place of his birth.

In the year 1814 he was received on trial in the New York Conference, (which then included all the territory now embraced in the New York, New York East and Troy Conferences,) and was appointed to the Granville Circuit, in the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut. In 1815 he traveled the Stowe Circuit, Vermont; 1816, the Chazy Circuit, N. Y. In 1817 he was stationed in Middlebury, Vt.; 1818-19, was on the St. Albans Circuit.

that it will be materially reduced during the present year, who feel the effect of this great advance in prices more dependent on their salaries for current support. It is the corresponding increase in the estimated allowance of you, many of them will be painfully embarrassed. We during the past year a large number of our Churches needed for the emergency, either by larger estimates or by reductions to their pastors. We trust that the same will be done in all the churches of the conference. We feel a delicacy of relations to you how this shall be done; we have full confidence in your liberality. And we are aware that any large annual allowance may be regarded by some as an estimate for support when the present extraordinary prices are so high. We are ready and willing to bear our full share of any means to maintain the honor and integrity of our country. If the means of living have not increased, with some proportionate increase in prices, we ought not to ask increased contributions from the condition of most of our people. We rejoice to see you prospering in temporal things. We are therefore glad to give a generous consideration to the plan we now propose; it is, (unless in your judgment you can adopt another plan) to have a standing committee and each quarterly conference make an estimate for the support of the preacher—an additional estimate for this year, as the necessities of the case may require. We trust that your prayers will allow.

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Vt.; 1820-21, the Chazy Circuit again; 1822, the Charlotte Circuit, Vt. From 1823 to 1826 he was Presiding Elder on the Champlain District, including all the territory on the east side of Lake Champlain back to the Green Mountains, and from two to three tiers of towns on the west side of the Lake, in the State of New York.

In 1827 he was stationed in Fitchtown, N. Y.; 1828 to '29, Schenectady, N. Y.; 1830 to '31, in the city of New York; 1832 to '33, in the city of Troy. From 1834 to '37, Presiding Elder on the Troy District; 1838 to '39, was stationed in John Street, New York; 1840 to '41, North Newburgh, N. Y.; 1842 to '43, White Plains, N. Y.; 1844-'45, York Street, Brooklyn; 1846-'47, Willett St., N. Y.; 1848-'49, Norwalk, Conn.; 1850-'51, Hempstead, L. I.; 1852-'53, New Rochelle, N. Y.; 1854, East Brooklyn, L. I.; from 1855 to 1858, was Presiding Elder of the Long Island District; 1859-'60, was stationed at Greenpoint, Brooklyn; 1861-'62, Rockaway, L. I. In 1863 he was appointed to East Chester and City Island, N. Y. He went to his appointment the next Sabbath after receiving it, and preached with great power, greatly exciting the hopes and strengthening the faith of the brethren. He returned the next day (Monday) for his family and effects. The latter part of the same week he set out with his wife and daughter, in his own carriage, for their new home, was arrested by disease on the way, called on his friend, Dr. Van Ness, in Brooklyn, where he received every attention that affection and medical skill could suggest, and, after lingering about a fortnight, amid alternate hopes and fears for the result, he died in great peace and holy triumph, on the 4th of May.

Brother Goodsell was a laborious, faithful and successful servant of the Church and minister of the Lord Jesus.

He had acquired some knowledge of the Natural Sciences, as also of the Latin and Greek languages, and quite too much, to admit of his making an ostentatious, pedantic display of his acquirements.

To those who loved and longed for highly intellectual food, and were somewhat fastidious respecting its preparation and the manner of its communication, he might have been more of an Apostle had he been more rigidly observant of the rule "to express his ideas in as few words as possible consistent with perspicuity"; but to such as cared only or principally to feel deeply, to be made either to weep or to shout, he was a workman that needed not to be ashamed.

He had many living epistles to his ministry,—some of whom had preceded him to the better country, even the heavenly; others are on their way thither. Soon they will all meet, and having, as we trust it will there be found, turned many to righteousness, he will shine as a star of the first magnitude in the firmament of Heaven.

RAPHAEL GILBERT.

RAPHAEL GILBERT, of the New York East Conference, died at Whitestone, Queen's Co., June 6, aged 67. He was born at Berlin, Conn., in 1797.