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REV. ALEXANDER HAMILTON

By Benjamin C. Wentworth

Rev. Alexander Hamilton was born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, in 1858, and passed to his reward on the 27th of June, 1925.

He joined the Maine Conference in 1883, and continued in the work of the ministry, which he so much loved, till failing health compelled him to retire in 1922.

Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca A. Davis of South Westport, Mass., whose deep piety, intellectual and spiritual helpfulness, has had much to do with her husband's success in the ministry.

The following charges were served by this man of God: Shapleigh, First Church Kittery, Cornish, New Sharon and Mercer, Oakland, Wilton, Bethel, Mechanic Falls, Sanford, Vassalboro, West Scarborough, Old Orchard and Saco Ferry, his last parish, where he labored for nine years.

Too much cannot be said of this christian minister touching his life and character. His memory is like "ointment poured forth." He truly reveled in the work of the ministry. With a real genuine christian experience, and a clear call to the ministry, he took upon himself the vows of a Methodist Preacher and kept them in letter and spirit, "giving all of his time to the work of the ministry." He rarely took a vacation, giving himself absolute rest from study and labor, but sought conventions and summer schools in order to get the in-



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spiration of these gatherings as a spur to speed him up, and give him additional equipment for his work.

As a preacher he ranked far above the average. His sermons were not rhetorical foam and vaporings, but the real cream of the gospel. He ministered to the spiritual needs of his people. Being a faithful pastor, and like his Master "going about doing good," he knew their soul hunger and gave them "the finest of the wheat, and honey out of the rock." He may have had dark days, and "blue Mondays," but no one ever saw a shadow on his brow that indicated such a state of mind, for he always greeted his friends with a smile. In fact he was a most brotherly man, and everybody's friend in the church and out.

As a citizen he was highly esteemed by the people. He had convictions on moral issues and dared to fight for them. He was a bitter foe to the liquor traffic, entrenched in appetite and greed, and did his best to destroy this hydra-headed monster.

A large concourse of people were present at his burial, and a profusion of flowers on and about his casket were speaking loudly of the love and devotion of his many friends.

Mr. Hamilton is survived by his wife and five children, three daughters and two sons. May the mantle of the father, rest upon his son Willis, who was received into the Maine Conference four years ago last spring.

REV. ALBERT E. MORRIS

By Chas. W. Lowell

Although months have passed since his going home, yet it seems almost startling to announce to-day that Albert E. Morris is dead. No! no! not dead but living by his influence here and in the glory land, whose radiance shone upon his face as the chariot swung low.

We have missed, in these days of our council, a manly presence, a strong guiding hand. A place in our front ranks has been made vacant. Who shall presume to fill it? In character, Bro. Morris was manly, courageous, sincere. In his intercourse with men, he was outspoken, but though his rebuke might sometimes be sharp, his act was always kind. His intellect was clear and direct in its modes of action, and always practical regarding the present.

Bro. Morris was born in Amesbury, Mass., March 14, 1868, and died in Augusta, Maine, Sept. 7, 1925. In 1887 he married Miss Emma A. Wells of Haverhill, Mass. There were born to them two sons and two daughters, Frank A., Edith M., Paul A., and Miriam. The greatest proof of a man's character is his influence in the lives of his children, and this is shown in a marked degree in the lives of these four.

Brother and Sister Morris were converted at the same time and united with Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church in Salem, Mass. For six years they lived in Wakefield, Mass., where he became active in all departments of church