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largely attended, were held in the following preachers taking Canfield of Groveton, Robert of the Congregational church, Episcopal church. North Starer Mr. Clough was a member, ort duty and conducting their the community testifies, whe

WM. B. LOCKE.

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of Reuben W. and Dorcas, Mass., Dec. 23, 1847. He, N. H., Jan. 17, 1919. Visconsin, settling in Lodi. enty-one years old, when he Mass.

utton, Mass. Was converted at Lodi, Wis., in 1872. He rence, Mass., in 1877. He Mass., in 1882, by Bishop as elder at Littleton, N. H.,

n. 28, 1871, at Worcester, v. Wm. Pentecost. Three of whom died in infancy. une 26, 1877, now Mrs. J. by her faithful, devoted, er and his good wife comtheir retired life. in the high school at Lodi,

the years, until his work same he was always studihes: Merrimacport, Mass., 82-84, Hinsdale, 1885-86, -89; Canaan and Canaan ity Church, Laconia, 1897; North Haverhill, 1899-1911; Londonderry, 1912-14; retired, 1915-

When he retired in 1915, he moved to N. Haverhill, N. H., the charge he had served for thirteen years preceding his last appointment, and here among the people who knew him longest and loved him best, he passed the four closing years of his life.

He was a man of strong moral and religious convictions. The day his companion was borne from his home, who had shared with him the experiences of the itinerancy, and preceded him by only eight weeks to the Heavenly home, he spoke of his hope of immortality and eternal life, comparing the close of life to a beautiful autumn day. They were not long separated.

The churches he served cherish his memory and speak of

him in the highest terms.

The daughter's tribute to these lives is a gem we all might covet. She says, "as I look back on those lives, it seems to me no pen can do them justice; and yet there is so little that can be said. Quiet, unassuming always, their work was not noised abroad. Only the Recording Angel knows about it. Their memory is blessed and I believe their influence will go on and on for many years."

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at North Haverhill, Monday, Jan. 20, 1919, in charge of Rev. Adolphus Linfield, Superintendent of Concord District, assisted by his pastor, Rev. D. E. Burns of North Haverhill and Rev. C. W. Taylor of Canaan, N. H. Interment was in the family lot at North Haverhill.

### REV. ELWIN HITCHCOCK

The father of Elwin Hitchcock bore the scriptural name, Barnabas, which is by interpretation "a son of consolation." The son seems to have inherited the spirit of the father's name for, while his ministry showed many sides of Christian usefulness, it was in the grace of consolation that he was peculiarly successful and lovely. He was a true son of Barnabas.

His birthplace was Stanbridge, Province of Quebec, Dec. 25, 1855. His mother's name was Sarah Montle. His early education was received in the public schools and in old Wilbraham Academy. This was supplemented by the Conference course of study and by many years of eager poring over the book of human nature. From this he received an intellectual equipment which made him an able defender of the faith, a master of extemporaneous speech and apt illustrations.

His spiritual birth was in 1865 at Highgate, Vt., but he did not unite with the church until 1870 at Northampton, Mass.

This church gave him his local preacher's license and sent him into the fellowship of the traveling connection. He joined the New England Conference in 1875, was ordained deacon by Bishop Harris in 1878, and elder by the saintly Peck in 1881. After nearly twenty-five years in the New England Conference, he was transferred to New Hampshire Conference in 1898, coming from Mt. Bellingham, Chelsea, Mass., to Grace church, Haverhill, Mass. After three years at Haverhill and two years at Nashua, he was appointed presiding elder or, as we now say, district superintendent of Manchester district in 1903. After a term on the district, he was pastor at Keene, Dover, and Newport and was also Field Agent for the Conference Claimants Fund for two years after leaving Dover. From a happy pastorate at Newport, where he was beloved by all, he was transferred once more to the only Conference which his loyal and contented heart would admit to be better than New Hampshire, Jan. 23, 1919.

Brother Hitchcock was married April 20, 1875, to Hattie N. Clarke at Northampton, the faithful comrade of his itinerancy, who survives him, as do also his two children, Ernest Clark and Mrs. Charlotte Adams, and two grandchildren.

Seldom has a minister been transferred into another Conference and become so speedily and completely a member of the inner family circle as did Brother Hitchcock. From the very first his brethren loved him. After but five years in the Conference, he was made presiding elder and while in that important position was elected a delegate to the General Conference at Los Angeles in 1904. He served cheerfully and effectively on various Conference committees and commissions and has been for a score of years a leader in good works in the Conference.

He was a typical brotherly Methodist minister of the old school, quick in repartee, a vigorous fighter for things that count, endowed with red blood that made him fond of horses and of folks, cheerful hopeful, serene, and sunshiny.

His faith in his divine Lord was unwavering. In that faith he gladly lived and triumphantly died. And New Hampshire Conference today is like a forest where a strudy oak has fallen and left a lonesome place against the sky.

## REV. EDWIN CARTER LANGFORD

Edwin Carter Langford was born in Ely, Cambridgeshire, England, Oct. 23, 1852; passed away at Littleton, N. H., in the early morning of Sept. 18th, 1918.

Son of Robert and Mary (Casyn) Langford.

He was fortunate in having a godly father and a sainted mother, who were deeply interested in religion and his future