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MITCHELL, ROE R.

(*d.* 1913, *e.* 1915) (*t.* 1913, *f.* 1915)
 1913-15, Sharon Springs, Sharon, and Sharon Valley; '16-17, Sprout Brook and
 Salt Springfield; '18-19, East Main Street, Amsterdam; '20-24, Shelburne,
 and Charlotte, Vt.; '25-26, Crown Point and Chilson; '27-32, Peru and South
 Plattsburg; '33, Fair Haven, Vt. and Benson, Vt.; '34, Fair Haven, Vt.; '35-36,
 Brandon, Vt. and Pittsford, Vt.; '37-39, Bolton Landing and North Bolton;
 '40-44, Pottersville, Riverside, and Olmsteadville; '45-47, Hagaman; '48-50,
 Rotterdam Junction; '51-53, retired.
 (P. O., Rotterdam Junction.)

MITCHINSON, FRANCIS W.

(*t.* 1950, *f.* 1951)
 Received on Credentials from United Church of Canada; Troy Conf., 1950-53,
 Port Henry and Moriah.
 (P. O., 17 Church St., Port Henry.)

MOORE, RUTHERFORD H.

(*d.* 1913, *e.* 1919) (*t.* 1913, *e.* 1917)
 Vermont Conf., 1913-17, Lyndonville, Vt. and East Lyndon, Vt.; '18-25, Ran-
 dolph, Vt.; '26, Waterbury, Vt.; '27-30, Waterbury, Vt. and Middlesex, Vt.;
 '31-35, Richford, Vt.; '36-40, Executive Secretary, Preachers' Aid Society; Troy
 Conf., '41-43, South Royalton, Vt. (Fed.); '44-46, South Royalton, Vt. (Fed.);
 East Barnard, Vt., and Royalton, Vt. (Yoked); '47-48, South Royalton, Vt.
 (Fed.) and East Barnard, Vt.; Aug. 13, '48-53, Vergennes, Vt., and West
 Addison, Vt.
 (P. O., Vergennes, Vt.)

MOORE, STANLEY J.

(*d.* 1943, *e.* 1944) (*t.* 1943, *f.* 1945)
 1943, South Tunbridge, Vt. (Yoked); '44, awaiting appointment as Chaplain;
 June 22, '44-47, Chaplain, U. S. Naval Reserve; July 23, '46, left without
 appointment to attend school; June 1, '47-49, Shelburne, Vt. and Winoski,
 Vt.; Jan. 1, '50-51, Au Sable Forks and Clintonville; '52-53, Chaplain, U. S.
 Navy.
 (P. O., Vergennes, Vt.)

MORROW, WILLIAM M.

(*d.* 1896, *e.* 1901) (*t.* 1896, *f.* 1899)
 Nebraska Conf., 1900-04; Troy Conf., '05, Pattens and West Fort Ann;
 '06-07, Au Sable Forks; '08-10, Saranac; '11-17, Lake Placid; '18-22, Fishers,
 Schenectady and State Road, Schenectady; '23-26, Delmar; '27-29, Adams,
 Mass. and Cheshire, Mass.; '30-38, Westport and Wadhams; '39-53, retired.
 (P. O., 49 Couch St., Plattsburg.)

MOSS, JOHN A.

(*d.* 1948, *e.* 1953) (*t.* 1948, *f.* 1953)
 1948-53, left without appointment to attend school.
 (P. O., 25 St. Bernard St., Saranac Lake.)

MOSS, NORMAN M.

(*d.* 1922, *e.* 1924) (*t.* 1923, *f.* 1925)
 Southern Illinois Conf., 1923-25; Vermont Conf., '26-29, Irasburg, Vt.;
 '30-34, Ludlow, Vt.; '35-37, Brattleboro, Vt.; '38-40, Barre, Vt.; Troy Conf.,
 '41, Barre, Vt.; '42-45, Saratoga Springs; May 15, '45-48, First, Albany;
 '49-53, Saranac Lake.
 (P. O., 25 St. Bernard St., Saranac Lake.)

MURDOCK, HENRY H.

(*d.* 1886, *e.* 1889) (*t.* 1885, *f.* 1887)
 1885-86, Averill Park; '87-88, North Hoosick; '89-91, Valley Falls; '92-96,
 Cobleskill; '97-1901, Rensselaer; '02-07, First, Gloversville; '08-13, Albany
 Street, Schenectady; '14-22, First, Amsterdam; '23-25, Trinity, Schenectady;
 '26-53, retired.
 (P. O., 1713 Albany St., Schenectady.)

NORTON, JOTHAM F.

(*d.* 1927, *e.* 1929) (*t.* 1927, *f.* 1929)
 Vermont Conf., 1927-29, Craftsbury, Vt. and Collinsville, Vt.; '30-33, Gilman,
 Vt. and East Concord, Vt.; '34-37, Bradford; '38-40, East Burke, Vt. (Fed.)
 and East Haven, Vt.; Troy Conf., '41, East Burke, Vt. (Fed.) and East Haven,
 Vt.; '42, Fair Haven, Vt.; '43-45, Chaplain, Army of the U. S.; '46-47, Long
 Lake, Newcomb, and Tahawus (Mission); '48-50, Long Lake; '51-52, Fonda and
 Fultonville; '53, Petersburg, Grafton, and North Petersburg.
 (P. O., Petersburg.)

OGDEN, TARRENCE F.

(*d.* 1926, *e.* 1929) (*t.* 1927, *f.* 1929)
 1927, Associate, Trinity, Albany; '28-32, Valatie and Stuyvesant; '33-36, Lake
 Placid; '37-46, Delmar; July 1, '46-53, Trinity, Schenectady.
 (P. O., 801 Plymouth Ave., Schenectady 8.)

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On May 4th, in 1887 he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Sweetland in Rockland, Maine, the Rev. L. L. Hanscom being the officiating minister. She is remembered in the communities where they served for her outstanding musical ability, many of the young people being pupils in music under her tutelage. Her death occurred nearly 25 years ago. To this union were born two sons, Capt. Dwight Smith, of New Orleans, La., survives.

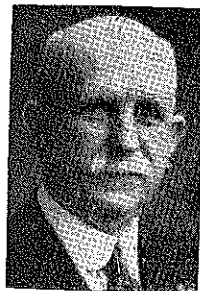
Other survivors are his daughter in law, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. At his own request there were no funeral services, the writer of this memoir offered brief prayer at a Funeral Home in Lakeland, Fla. and all that was mortal was sent back to his Green Mountain home town of Groton, Vt. where graveside honors were paid him in the presence of relatives, neighbors and other friends. The pastor of the local Methodist Church officiated at the burial.

Guy Foye Crawford

Henry H. Murdock

"Because he hath set his love upon Me — with long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation".

The Rev. Henry Herbert Murdock, D. D., was born at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, October 3, 1858, and died August 8, 1953 at Schenectady, N. Y. He graduated both from Troy Conference Academy and Syracuse University of which University he was for many years a Trustee. He entered the Troy Annual Conference on trial in the Spring of 1885. In September of the same year, he married Miss Myra Ashton of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Her zeal, quick intelligence and warmth of spirit supported him in all his arduous labors as "a good minister of Jesus Christ" until her death on December 5, 1928. Four sons were born of that union — Henry, Allan, Malcolm and Willis of whom only the last named survives. On May 30, 1930, Dr. Murdock married Mrs. Harriett L. Hunt whose loving devotion during the latest years of his retirement is ample testimony of a most praiseworthy character.



Dr. Murdock was a man of large and rugged frame; of a keen wit and ready understanding of human nature; of broad and charitable sympathies; of strength and loyalty in friendships; of prudence, competency and experience in the necessary business affairs of life, and of the Conference. He was a man among men, quick and ready in debate, and unexcelled as an after-dinner speaker. He identified himself actively with the community, and was oft called upon to hold public positions of trust and responsibility.

During the forty-one years of active ministry, his constructive work as teacher, pastor and preacher was so generally acceptable that churches, smaller and larger, welcomed him with respect and delight. The eloquence, persuasiveness and power of his preaching is written upon and abides in the hearts of men and women both living and dead. He was to the last, "A shepherd leading home his flock serenely under the planet at the evening's end". His life was strong and wise, and his way was full of good.

Funeral services were held at First Methodist Church, Schenectady, N. Y. August 12, 1953; and were conducted by the Rev. Ernest F. Tripp and the Rev. George R. Bailey. The body was laid at rest in the Parkview Cemetery, Schenectady. Survivors include his wife, and son Willis, above named; six grand-children and seven great-grand-children; a sister, Mrs. Harriet Billings; and a brother, the Rev. Charles Murdock.

Ah, well do we know that, in his death, "there is a prince and a great man fallen" but to rise to "join the choir invisible of those immortal dead who live again".

Freeman S. Kline

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