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He born three children, Frances L., who died  
D., now a practicing physician in Carthage,  
M. D., who died in Syracuse, N. Y., April 11,  
year of his age. But the sorrow of his heart  
7, 1866, when his beloved wife passed away  
ed forty-five years.

r. Bruce was married to Miss Martha J. Mc-  
nt, who created a home of culture, tranquility  
chful, tender care made the evening of her  
ad serene.

ook a supernumerary relation and moved to  
lived the remainder of his years. From 1891  
er honored the ranks of superannuated minis-  
to mention his name. He was an inspiration  
er and suggestiveness. He was an attentive  
rd and a devout worshiper. Being a fine judge  
were worth knowing. His interest in local  
never declined. At one time he was an in-  
Home in Syracuse. His unflinching courtesy  
The purity of his Christian character and his  
d the love and even the reverence of all classes.  
ad a slight shock of paralysis from which he  
his was followed in December, 1902, by com-  
side from which he partially recovered, so as  
alks. Three years ago came his final sickness.  
hich grew sweeter and purer, he cheerfully ac-

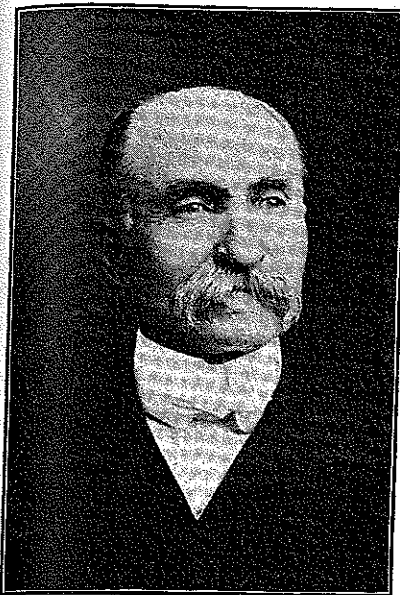
His period of repose and retirement ended,  
Wednesday, January 18, 1911.

by his faithful, loving widow, Francis W., M-  
rs. Frances B. Hollenbick, of Perrysburg, Ohio;  
Newton, Kansas, and Miss Mary A. Bruce, of

held from his home, Saturday, January 21, 1911.  
of Furman Street Methodist Episcopal Church,  
presided. Rev. S. O. Barnes read the Holy  
lls, D. D., Superintendent of Syracuse District,  
commemorative of Dr. Bruce in his varied re-  
e made by Revs. Samuel Call, John Richards,  
W. H. Kanoff and the writer. "Blest be the  
that is fairer than day," were sung. Amid  
ody of Dr. Bruce was borne to its burial, in  
s brethren, Revs. Samuel Call, S. O. Barnes,  
f, G. S. Transue and T. B. Shepherd. A metho-  
years! His name is on the scroll of honor! We  
his presence is gone, but his portraiture remains.

T. B. SHEPHERD.

WILLIAM FRAZIER PURINGTON



William Frazier Purington  
was widely known as an efficient  
minister of the Methodist Epis-  
copal Church. Also he was  
highly esteemed as a citizen,  
man of affairs, and gentleman  
of Madison village the retired  
part of his life. He married,  
Oct. 24th, 1906, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Fuess Brockett, after which they  
lived as retired people in a  
beautiful home of comfort up  
to the date of his death, Feb.  
1st, 1911. Mr. Purington had  
been very rugged, active and  
cheerful up to the last week,  
to all appearances. Six days  
before his death he had an attack  
of acute indigestion, which  
threatened to end all. But his  
system was quick to respond

to medicine, he made a magnificent rally. Cheer and assurance were  
in superabundance as he seemed to improve. The heart pressure never  
grew normal again, yet, the physician and friends had confidence in  
his rallying. Dr. Gifford was very attentive. While there Wednesday,  
February 1st, Mr. Purington and the doctor had a most humorous and  
story telling visit, the patient doing fully his part and in highest hopes. The  
physician stepped to the next room to prepare some medicine. The  
patient called his wife and the doctor. And before they reached his  
bedside he was gone. So suddenly he left us. It was like a stunning  
blow to his companion, his friends and the community. The heart failed  
to do its work and the end of a noble life told the sad tale of death's  
power to separate friends.

Brother Purington was born in Cicero, Onondago County, N. Y.,  
Nov. 25th, 1840. He was educated at Mexico Academy and Cazenovia  
Seminary. He began the ministry June 26th, 1869, joined the Central  
New York Conference April 19th, 1870. He served as member of the  
Northern New York Conference after May 3rd, 1874, until 1907, in ac-  
tive service. He married Hattie A. Dickenson of Manlius, a graduate  
of Cazenovia Seminary, April 12th, 1870, who was an efficient worker  
with him until her death, Feb. 11th, 1900. His ministry was characterized  
with many conversions and a strong following. Brother Purington was  
a master of language of subjects and texts. He thought deeply and  
presented his arguments with fearless force, convincing and arousing the

indifferent, bringing comfort and hope to all who believed. His sympathy and kindness to any who were in sorrow or in need was rich and ready. His home life was loving and delightful. He was a man of dignity and honor, and a true gentleman in every place. He served the following charges: Granby and South Hannibal, Hannibal Center, Oswego Center, Scriba, Jordanville, Norwood, Copenhagen, Belleville, Vernon, New Hartford, Frankfort, Moira and Madison. Four children were born to this union, two of which live to mourn his loss, Mrs. Maurice G. Fuess of Madison, Mrs. H. O. Stiles of Moira. His body was laid to rest in the pleasant cemetery at Manlius beside his first wife and the two departed children, Monday, Feb. 6th. Brother Purington entered the battles of the Civil War and served as corporal in Company B, New York Cavalry, before his ministry, from Oct. 2nd, 1861, to March 31st, 1862.

Brother Purington's last years seemed very happy, having a nice home and many pleasures to enjoy. He seemed to grow young losing the care of the church, and taking up the duties of overseeing the farm. He was energetic to the last and loved to doff his coat and get into the midst of the work. He kept his powers well to the end and died in the seeming fullness of his vigor. Mrs. Elizabeth Fuess Purington fully appreciated the extreme loyalty and kindness of her husband in the home, and is left sad and lonely. She has the sympathy of all who know her in her great loss.

The funeral services crowded the auditorium and session room of the Methodist Church in Madison, Sunday, Feb. 5th. The writer, his pastor, had charge of the services, preaching from the text Matt. 25:34, "Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." H. E. Waugh read the Scripture lesson, W. L. Tisdale of New Hartford, offered the prayer, H. E. Waugh made suitable remarks concerning his efficient ministry and love of home life. Frank Beale spoke of the honor of being a soldier of the cross. The veterans of the G. A. R. attended in a body. The Grange was largely represented, and bore a fine piece of flowers to memorialize their loss of his activities as their overseer and brother. The Masonic Lodge of Hamilton, of which he was a member, attended in a large body and through Mr. George Beal, acting as chaplain, administered their burial rights in good form. Abundant were the tributes of flowers and honor shown him from all, for he was a friend to all.

A. F. PENNOCK.