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Wash. The funeral services were held in the church at Linesville, Jan. 31, conducted by the pastor, assisted by neighboring pastors. His body was laid in the cemetery at Linesville.

G. B. CARR.

RUSSELL M. WARREN.

Russell M. Warren was born in Lewiston, Niagara county, N. Y., July 1, 1833. My parents were Stephen Warren, and Lydia Russell, the first named from the Warrens of Massachusetts, and the last from the Russells of Connecticut. Left without a mother at a tender age, I began the life of an itinerant very early.

For about fifteen years of childhood and of young manhood I lived at Niagara Falls. My first religious experience was as a member of the Sunday School of the First Universalist Church of that city.

I did not find my true home, until at fourteen years of age I became a member of the Sunday School of the Methodist Church, where in God's great mercy, I was under the labors of the Rev. R. L. Waite of blessed memory, powerfully convicted and gloriously converted at about twenty years of age. I now wish to renew my testimony, so often given, that the old fashioned Methodist Class Meeting, kept me true to God.

In 1855 in the church of which I became a member in 1853 or two years after I had come into full relation in the church, I was married to Miss

Sarah A. Nichols, daughter of the Rev. David Nichols of the Genesee Conference. She was to me in all my ministry, a help meet indeed, a highly valued counsellor, a true Christian wife and mother. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."



I was recommended to the Erie Conference, by the Quarterly Conference of the First Church, Warren, Pa., and was admitted on trial in 1856. Since that year my record has been before you. I do not ask you my brethren to enumerate my appointments, much less do I wish any good qualities I may possess set forth before the church. As to my appointments, I may say, they have been better than I have deserved; as to my ability and work among you, I will trust the churches which I have served.

I wish to bear testimony to my deep sense of my own unworthiness, also to a feeling that I have done very little for my dear Lord and Master.

You my brethren have kindly borne with me, and I do love you. May God bless the Erie Conference. May God bless the fathers and mothers, that with them "At even time it may be light." Blessed shall the young men be if above all and beyond all, they will preach the word.

Go forth my brethren, bearing precious seed. We shall meet again. I shall witness your home coming with many sheaves. Good bye till we shout his praise in glory forever.

R. M. WARREN.

REV. BENJAMIN F. WADE.

Rev. Benjamin F. Wade was born in June, 1835, at Bristolville, Ohio, where he resided till he entered the Erie Conference in 1863. He passed away at the home of his son Frank, in Cleveland, Oct. 14, 1910. He was one of a class of twenty-three, the largest ever admitted to the Conference, seventeen of whom have passed over the river; two are still in the active service. In 1858 he married Harriet A. Clark, of Southington, Ohio, a lovely character, and most efficient co-laborer in all his active ministry. To this union was born one son, active in the church in Cleveland. Mrs. Wade died at Chautauqua Sept. 2, 1899, and was buried at Portland. In July, 1906, Brother Wade married Mrs. Prudence Haughton, a most estimable woman of Southington, whom he had known from boyhood. She ministered to him faithfully, and was his noble companion the remainder of his days. Brother Wade's charges were Claridon, O.; Hendersonville, Pa.; Hudson,