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In Memoriam.

DIED.—At New Smyrna, Fla., October 23rd, WILLIAM H. COE, aged 54 years, of bronchial consumption.

The funeral took place at the church, at 10 A. M. on the 25th inst.

The deceased was the father of the editor of this paper, and son of Israel Coe, who is still living, in good health, in Wolcottville, Conn. When he was 17 years of age, he went to Illinois. In 1846 he was married, and lived for several years in Alton and Waverly, Ill., from which latter place he moved to Lake Superior, Mich., and engaged in the copper mining business for about three years. He then returned to his old home in Connecticut, and engaged in the mercantile business. At this place he also occupied several offices of trust. While here he was induced to return to the mining region again, where he held the responsible position of Superintendent of four copper mines at Eagle Harbor, with several hundred men under his charge. He lived here several years, actively engaged in the mines. There was one year during which he never missed a day, except Sundays, in being out from one mine to another, although the winters were long and very severe. The miners were rough, burly Cornishmen, but were greatly attached to him. It was the constant exposure in this cold country that no doubt originated his disease, and finally caused him to seek a milder climate; and in 1866 he removed to Appleton, Wisconsin, where he lived for eight years. A year before he first came to Florida, he was engaged in building the terminus,—some ten or fifteen miles—of the Manitowoc, Lake Shore & Appleton R. R., with a large number of men. He was highly complimented by the President of the railroad and other officials, for the thorough and substantial manner in which the road was built, part of the same being very difficult work. At Appleton, as elsewhere, he had friends on all sides, who were ever ready to aid him by word or deed, and who will recall his cheerful entertaining ways and conversation, and deeply regret that they will never see or converse with him again on this earth. The words of a friend, expressed some weeks before he died, show how much he was esteemed: "I never got acquainted with anyone in my life that I was drawn to so on a short acquaintance as I was with him." He had a thorough education, and could converse on any subject. His judgement on almost anything was considered valuable.

His health again failing, he was advised to spend a winter in Florida. In the fall of 1873 he went, alone, to Jacksonville, Fla., and spent the winter, with great benefit to his health. Here he met several old friends and made many new ones, who made his stay pleasant. He returned home in the spring, and decided to return with his family the next winter. In the fall of 1874, he removed to Jacksonville, where he lived until the following spring, when he went to New Smyrna, 100 miles south, on the coast, with his family, mainly because their friends Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Selleck lived there, and wished very much for them to come and make it their home. He took up a homestead about four miles back from the coast, and with the aid of his two sons, built a substantial frame house, and commenced cultivating land around it, for the purpose of raising fruits, mainly. The deceased also built two frame houses for other parties, and set out and cultivated orange trees for friends North, giving employment to many of the poor people in the neighborhood, and helping them in other ways.

In 1877 he was connected with a monthly journal, the Florida STAR, started at Smyrna by one of his sons, (and was still connected with the new volume, the present weekly, at the time of his death), and canvassed for subscriptions, etc., from the coast people. His visits to the coast were not infrequently given over-

one welcomed him; all were his friends, ever trying to make his stay among them comfortable and pleasant. How much they will miss him.

For a time his health improved, and his recovery looked forward to with confidence; but the climate did not seem to suit his case, being too damp, and he again commenced failing. His ambition, however, to go ahead and accomplish what he had begun, was as strong as ever, and caused him to do a large amount of hard work, when he should have lived a quiet life, free from all laborious work.

In April 1879 he was appointed Deputy Collector of Customs of the port of New Smyrna, through the efforts and high recommendations of his friends in Jacksonville.

From the first of the year, his health had rapidly failed, although many times since he was able to visit with his friends in town. But every day was to him one day nearer his Heavenly home, and though at times he had hopes of his recovery, still he felt that he was nearing the golden gates, and would soon enter in where there was no pain, no trouble, no dying. He was about the house to within two short weeks of his death, when he was obliged to stay on his bed.

How the dear man suffered; how many sleepless nights he passed, especially during the latter part of his sickness, and yet how faithful and unswerving was his trust in God, only his almost heart-broken family and most intimate friends can know. During all of his sickness he was so patient and cheerful, and talked with his family of his approaching death, and all matters connected with it, as a mere matter of business. His frequent sayings during his sickness were, "I rest in Christ," and "precious Jesus, precious Jesus."

A few weeks before he died, he had almost daily spells of death-like depression, with an inward fever. But for several days previous to his death he felt unusually well, and his recovery seemed probable. Only the night before he died he said "that he believed the Lord was going to spare his life; that he should move to the village and try and do good for Jesus." This was his greatest desire should he live. He wanted to live for his family's sake, but at the same time was perfectly happy and willing to go when Jesus called.

But oh! how little his family thought of his dying the next morning. At 4 o'clock A. M., he began to feel worse, and sent for his son at the village, and the doctor further on. At 11:30 A. M., he died, in the presence of his devoted, faithful wife, one son and a kind friend; (the doctor and his other son arrived a short time after.) With the arms of his wife about him—clasping the hands of his son, his noble spirit went up to God. He was conscious to the last. His last words were, "precious Jesus."

The deceased leaves a noble, christian wife, and three sons,—one at the North,—a father, one brother and three sisters, North, to deeply mourn his loss. How can words express the grief that almost takes the life of his darling wife; who was at his side night and day; who for long week's had but partial rest. It would be impossible to portray it; God and her sons alone know how deep it is. They will comfort her, and God will enable her to bear it. But they look forward to a blessed re-union, if they live as he lived, and follow in his footsteps.

The kind and faithful friend,—one of God's ministering angels on earth,—who was with him toward the last, did all that human hands could do to make him comfortable, and help his careworn wife. God will bless her for her kindness.

The friends who called to see and cheer him, and those who brought or sent fruits, etc., were often spoken of. May God help them in the hour of trouble.

NOBLE MAN, HE DIED AS HE LIVED, A FAITHFUL FOLLOWER OF CHRIST, UPRIGHT IN ALL OF HIS DEALINGS, KIND AND FORGIVING TOWARD ALL.

"Servant of God, well done, Rest from thy loved employ; The battle's fought—the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy."

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