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Every day there are passing upward to the presence of Jesus and the eternal rest of heaven souls who have finished with the conflict and service of earth, who, pardoned by mercy and renewed by grace, are prepared to join the Church of the first-born above. Some of these are only known in the simplicity and beauty of their character, the strength and ardor of their faith and love by a small circle of friends, and it is only through our connexional paper that their memories can be perpetuated and their lives recorded to the glory of the God of all grace.

The subject of this memoir was born in the parish of Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, June 9th, 1803. He attended the Baptist and Congregational Churches in his youth, but manifested no desire for salvation until early manhood, when, having been invited to hear a Bible Christian minister preach, the word penetrated his soul, he saw his sinfulness and danger, and sought and found redemption through the blood of the Lamb. He opened his house for the preaching of the Word, and the late Cephas Barker, editor of the *Observer*, writing to that paper during a visit to England in 1881, thus describes his association with those services: "When I first made the acquaintance of our friends resident in this hamlet our religious services were conducted in the house of Bro. Levi Morris, now of Bowmanville. That house was a very Bethel. It is enrapturing to live by memory's aid over again the happy hours spent under that humble roof. I visited the old spot, went into the old room, stood in the old corner (the preachers' corner) and imagined the old audience before me, and there rekindled within me some of the old fire and, unbidden, my heart fell to praying."

After having filled the offices of trustee and society steward for over twenty years, he emigrated to Canada and settled (after a brief stay in Darlington) in the township of Cartwright. Although intent and industrious in providing for his family's need, he was more solicitous about honoring God and advancing His kingdom; nor would he and his excellent wife be satisfied until they had secured the means of grace for their neighborhood, and eventually a neat little church, in which God could be worshipped and the children taught to love and fear him. All their family were early converted to God, and the advantages of fervent, consistent and self-sacrificing piety are seen in the effects of godliness in the lives of their children.

After living seventeen years in Cartwright, growing infirmities induced him to remove to Bowmanville, where he spent his last days, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife was a woman of more than ordinary ability, an excellent preacher, a devoted class-leader, and most exemplary Christian. After her death, which occurred about eighteen months ago, he rapidly declined, but as in life he had honored God, he was mercifully sustained in his feebleness and death, and, although a great sufferer, his end was peace, for Jesus was with him. His death was improved by the writer to a large congregation, who appreciated his goodness, admired his constant piety, and testified their esteem of his holy life.

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