

Deceased Ministers.

Rev. Elihu Macy was born in Northern Ohio in 1822 and was ordained to the Gospel ministry in the earlier years of his manhood. He served churches in Ohio for a number of years. About seventeen years before his death he moved to the vicinity of Lake Helen, Fla. He purchased a small property and labored with his hands and preached in school houses and private dwellings and organized the first Sunday School in Winnemisset. A church of eight members was formed. It was afterward moved to Lake Helen, of which church he was the first pastor. Being now old and having been blessed in the works of faith, he fell on sleep February 11, 1900, aged seventy-eight years. His works do follow him.

Rev. Claude Raboteau, the brilliant and eloquent young pastor of the Orlando Baptist Church, was called from labor to rest February 16, 1900. He was thirty-seven years old and in the zenith of his usefulness. He was greatly beloved, not only by his own members, but all the people of the city delighted to do him honor. His death was a great loss to our Baptist cause, not only in Orlando, but throughout the State.

Rev. P. H. Walters died in St. Petersburg April 19, 1900. He was born and educated in Germany. He was converted while crossing the ocean in 1869. He united with the Baptist church in 1879 and was ordained to the ministry at St. Petersburg in 1894. He was a zealous, earnest worker and died with a good hope of the better land.

Elder William J. Hughes, son of Green B. Hughes, and grandson of Elder John Hughes, was born in Wilkinson county, Ga., September 15, 1849; was converted at the age of fifteen; attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Mercer University, graduating at the latter institution. Ordained soon afterward and did good work in Georgia, but preferred mission work and came to Florida in 1876 and soon entered mission field of the Alachua Association and, with some intervals, remained in its service till his health failed. At some time served as pastor of most of the churches in Sumter county and several in Marion, Lake, Citrus and Hernando; was for three years Moderator of Alachua Association. He literally wore himself out travelling and preaching in destitute regions. Died April 18, 1900, in the full assurance of a home beyond the skies.

F. J. FOWLER,

Chairman.