

Rev. William Bacon, son of Captain Abner and Eve (Lewis) Bacon, was the sixth of twelve children, and was born at Cherry Valley, August, 1789, to which place his parents had then recently removed from Dedham, Mass. He lost his mother at an early age, but was most kindly nurtured by a step-mother. The family changed their home to Paris, Oneida county, during his childhood. He experienced religion soon after he attained to manhood, during a revival under the ministry of Rev. P. V. Bogue, and spending Freshman and Sophomore years at Hamilton College, he graduated from Union in 1815. He studied Theology with President Nott and Professor Yates, and in 1816 was licensed by the Oneida Presbytery, and ordained in 1817 by the Buffalo Presbytery. Mr. Bacon manifested zeal in the divine service from the moment of his conversion, and was active in it during his preparation for college and while a student there. On entering the ministry, he aspired to a missionary field, and made Willink, in Erie county, N. Y., the centre of his operations. He was afterwards invited to Waterloo, Seneca county, and organized the church there, and leaving at the close of two or three years, he spent some time at Seneca Falls and Cayuga, and was much engaged in revivals. In 1825, he went to Cortlandville and formed the church in that village, and then very successfully labored at Saratoga Springs,--Chancellor Walworth and his wife being among the additions to the church while he supplied it. He afterward preached and labored in succession at Moreau, in Saratoga county, as city missionary in Albany, as Bethel missionary in Troy, N.Y., and as city missionary in Philadelphia. Severe illness from overwork now prostrated him, and broke his health for the remainder of his life. He could not, however, endure passivity, and exerted his impaired powers to the utmost at Hickman and other places on the Mississippi river, and for three winters in New Orleans, and for some time at Troy, Missouri, and as agent of the American Sunday School Union. When disabled for the pulpit, which he had steadily filled in twelve different places, he wrote for the Press, publishing numerous newspaper, magazine and review articles, tracts, pamphlets, and six volumes of books. Though long an invalid, death found him busy at work, his mind teeming with thoughts and his heart with feelings and his lips and hands in motion to express and diffuse them. He was naturally amiable and cheerful as well as stirring, and the necessities of his early circumstances made him self-helpful and self-reliant, and trained him to enterprise and energy and perseverance. His temperament unfitted him for scholarship, but his sprightliness and natural rhetoric and oratory and great earnestness qualified him for popular preaching, and



especially for occasions when the Spirit was poured out from on high. Miss Abby Price, the first wife of Mr. Bacon, died in 1849, leaving four of eight children born to them,--two in the ministry, one an Episcopalian at the South, and another a Presbyterian in Kentucky. Mrs. Elizabeth (Kilbourn) Parsons, of Auburn, was a second wife, and survived him only a few years,--his own death from a gradual decay, hastened by a dropsical affection, occurring April 2, 1863.

Hist. Sketch of Presbyterianism  
Synod of Central New York.  
pp.454-456.  
P.H.Fowler  
Utica,N.Y. 1877.



Bacon, William  
From: Paris, N.Y.  
Last residence: Auburn, N.Y.

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Records show one

Bacon, William  
Captain, (Wm. Bacon's Company of Riflemen,  
New York Vols., Lawrences Regiment,  
New York Vols.

Service commenced Dec. 23, 1813

" expired Jan. 9, 1814

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William Bacon

Non-graduate, Hamilton College, 1816  
Hamilton College Alumni Register, 1812-1922.

Rev. WILLIAM BACON, A.M. Ham. Coll., 1816, of Paris, N.Y., was a member of the  
Adelphic Society.  
Adelphic Catalogue 1930

(Died: 1863)



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