

CLASS OF 1824

EPHRIAM PUNDERSON

An Episcopalian clergyman.

He married Esther Moody, an accomplished lady who was his helpmeet in every sense of that word.

The Rev. Punderson had charge of churches in Sandusky, Bellevue, Norwalk, Lyme, and other towns. He kept a classical school for boys on Champlain street in this city, which was popular and successful. But it burned down, and other misfortunes following saddened his declining years.

He was a son of Ebenezer and Mary Capron Punderson of Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y. His sister, Prudence, married Lewis Handerson, who was a member of Handerson & Punderson, druggists in Cleveland. Ebenezer Punderson, one of the members of this firm was a brother of Ephriam Punderson.

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Rev. EPHRAIM PUNDERSON, 1824, of Redhook, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.  
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The Rev. Ephraim Punderson, well known in this city as a venerable clergyman of the Episcopal Church, died yesterday morning at the age of 79 years. Mr. Punderson was connected with one of the most remarkable families belonging to the Episcopal Church in this country. His great grand-father was the Rev. Ebenezer R. Punderson, who with Bishop Seabury, first Bishop of Connecticut, declared for Episcopacy in 1834, at a time when both were Congregationalists ministers in the same town; and both subsequently sailed to England for valid Episcopal orders to preach the Gospel and administer the sacrament. The Society in England for the Propagation of the Gospel then appointed Mr. Punderson to a missionary field in Connecticut. And from has descended a long line of faithful missionaries of the Episcopal Church, among whom was the marked man so well-known in our streets for his peculiarities and eccentricities and who has just gone to his rest.

The Rev. Ephraim Punderson was a graduated of Union College, New York, then of the General Episcopal Theological Seminary and was ordained both deacon and priest by the late Bishop Hobart.

In 1834 he came to Ohio to take charge of the Episcopal Church in Norwalk and to act as a missionary in all that region, where he labored with success. He next came to Cleveland and in 1852 and 1853 he established the first day and boarding school for the education of boys for college, in which field he was eminently useful and successful until age and infirmity compelled him to retire.

No one can doubt that he was a good man and true; and we now rejoice the "he has been delivered from the burden of the flesh and is in joy and felicity," "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

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