

WALES TILESTON

Was ordained pastor, March 16, 1825, and the sermon was by Rev. Dr. William B. Sprague of Albany (Of the Second Congregational Church of Charlemonet, Mass.). and he was dismissed from Charlemonet, March 22, 1837.

Mr. Tileston was born in Williamsburg, Nov. 24, 1792; pursued his collegiate studies chiefly at Williams, but graduated at Union in 1822; studied theology at Andover, and with Rev. Dr. Asa Burton, of Thetford, Vt.; was licensed by Orange Association, Vt., August 6, 1823; installed as pastor in Nunda Valley, N. Y., in the spring of 1838; dismissed from there in 1840; resided there two years, and supplied neighboring churches; supplied at Perry Village N. Y., in 1824; supplied at Perry Centre, N. Y., in 1843; and in 1844 removed to Rockford, Ills., and lived there four years; in 1849, removed to Galesburg, Ills., and preached at Andover, Ills., till June, 1850.

Rev. Abel Caldwell of Hunt's Hollow, N. Y., preached his installation sermon at Nunda Valley, N. Y. He buried his first wife in the early part of his ministry, in 1827. She was Rebecca Gookin. His second wife, a Miss Clapp, from Greenfield, survives him. He had nine children, four of whom are living.

Rev. Lemuel Leonard, a former parishioner of Mr. Tileston in Charlemonet, says of him:

"The most obvious and prominent things that impressed my mind were his kindness of disposition and sympathy, which qualified him eminently to minister to the sick and dying as a spiritual adviser and comforter. His interest in the young, and his encouragement of young men to acquire an education, were remarkable; and many of the young people of his charge in Charlemonet remember his kindness and encouragement to this day, with great thankfulness."

An obituary notice was published from which the following is an extract, viz., "Mr. Tileston was a man of sound mind, and a firm believer in the Orthodox faith, in which he had been reared. His ministry was belssed, especially in the early part of it, by the conversion of many. A paper, found since his death, containing resolutions for the government of his heart and life, written out in the early part of his Christian life, evinces a mind deeply impressed with the truths of the gospel and the duties it enjoins. His end was peace."

He died with dropsy at Galesburg, Ills., February 22, 1851, aged 59. Rev. Flavel Bascomb of Galesburg preached his funeral sermon. His ministry in Charlemonet was about twelve years.

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 p. p 71-73
 Rev. Theophilus Packard, Jr.
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WALES TILESTON.

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Nunda,
New York, from November, 1837, to May 13, 1840.

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Feb. 16, 1825--Ordained as pastor of the Congregational
Church in Charlemont, Mass., Wales Tileston.

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CLASS OF 1822

WALES TILESTON

Born Williamsburg, Mass., November 24, 1792
Williams College
Union College 1822
Andover Theological Seminary, non-grad, Class of 1824
Ordained March 16, 1825
Pastor Charlemont, Mass., 1825-37; Nunda, N. Y.,
1838-40; and without charge 1840-42; pastor Perry
Village 1842 and Perry Centre 1843
Without charge Rockford, Ill., 1844-49
Resided Galesburg from 1849
Pastor Andover 1849-50
Died February 22, 1851.

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Andover Theological Seminary