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REV. CARLOS SMITH

Rev. Carlos Smith was a son of Rev. Ethan Smith, and his mother was Bathsheba, a daughter of Rev. David Sanford of West Medway Mass. He was born in Hopkinton Merimack County, N. H. July 15th 1801. His father was Pastor of the Cong. Church in Hopkinton, about 20 years. His father was dismissed from Hopkinton and became the Pastor of the Pres Church in Hebron, Washington County N. Y. Having prepared for college, he entered Union College as a sophomore in 1819. He graduated in 1822, one of a class 99 who graduated at that time. After he graduated he taught a classical school in Virginia, then for two years in Vermont, and six years he taught school in Catskill N. Y. He was married to Miss Susan Sanford in New Hampshire Feb. 20th, 1827. Mr and Mrs Smith were both converted during a revival in the Pres Church and both made a profession of religion. He immediately began to study theology preparatory for the Gospel Ministry. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Oneida at a session in the first Pres Church in Utica N. Y., then under the pastoral charge of Rev. Samuel C. Aikin, D.D. and in July 1832, he became pastor of the Pres Church of Manlius N. Y. He labored in the ministry in this church four years and many were disturbed by his avowal of Anti Slavery sentiments and he left because he would not sacrifice his abolition principles. He had a call which he accepted to the Cong. Church in Painesville, O. after eight years very acceptable labor there he had a call from the Pres Church in Massillon where he labored from 1844 to 1847. In 1847 through the agency of the Rev. Mr. Rouse, the Cong. Church in Tallmadge invited him to visit them. He commenced his labors in Tallmadge July 25th, 1847. By vote of the church and society, Mr. Smith was regularly called to the pastorate of the church but was not installed, but he was the acting pastor till Jan 14th, 1862, a period of 15 years and 5 months, the longest pastorate in the church to this date (1878) Mr Smiths pastorate in Tallmadge was greatly blest by revivals of religion and accessions to the church and the general peace and prosperity of the church. The question of slavery was one which was easily disposed of, the church records do not show that there was any opposition to Anti-Slavery sentiments, were manifested by those who did not vote for Martin Van Buren in 18___. On the 22nd of Jan 1859, was held the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Cong. Church. Rev. C. Smith delivered a historic discourse; his text was taken from the 84th Psalm, the 4th verse, "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah" And it was a very interesting day to all. During the pastorate of Mr. Smith, there was admitted to the church 235 members, 53 by letter, and 182 were admitted by profession. 115 were dismissed, 127 died. Baptized during the pastorate, 132. Adults 25, infants 107. Conclusively showing that Mr. Smith having received a call to become the pastor of the second Cong. Church in Akron; he resigned and the Church accepted his resignation Jan 14th, 1862. He labored in Akron, a few months more than eleven years, when he resigned in March 1873, at the age of 72 years; preaching occasionally as requested and attending funerals often, my health good. The above was written by the request of the writer by Mr. Smith Sept. 1875

The Cong. Church in Tallmadge, on the 8th of Sept 1875 celebrated the semi-centennial of the dedication of their meeting house, which event took place on the 8th of Sept 1825. Mr. Smith was invited by the committee of arrangements to deliver the historical discourse, and to officiate as moderator, he doing in that felicitous and happy manner of which he was capable of doing. Mr. Smith died at his residence in the City of Akron April 22nd, 1877, aged 76 years.

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SINGULAR FITTING CLOSE OF A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock just with the last stroke of the tolling for the morning service of the bell of the Cong. Church of which he was for so many years the efficient pastor, the Rev. Carlos Smith D.D. of this city passed out of existence. That the final summons to his reward should come thus at the very moment upon the beautiful Sabbath morning, at which he had so long been wont to begin from week to week to proclaim the Gospel of the Master, whom he had so loved and whom he had served with such loving zeal and faithfulness for 45 years, was more than a mere coincidence.

While the community in general were surprised by this announcement, not knowing how rapidly Dr. Smith had failed since the celebration of his golden wedding only two months ago (Feb 20) yet his intimate friends and his former parishioners were aware some time since that his life's labors were almost at an end. His death was due to disease and not alone to old age, for he came of a race of octogenarians, his grand mother having lived to the age of 104. He has been especially ailing since last June, but was benefitted somewhat by a visit during the summer with members of his family living in Illinois. Just previous to his return, however, he had a severe attack of cholera morbus, which pulled him down considerably, but he rallied and was about town throughout the fall and winter, although steadily losing strength, yet with a slowness indicating his inherent vitality. He was present and participated in the communion services at the March Communion in the Cong. Church and was in the pulpit the next Sabbath morning, but without acting in the services.

That was his last public appearance, as his last performance of public duty was to ride to the polls at the April election for he was as scrupulous in his exercise of citizenship as in doing his religious duties. Since that time he has continued to fail day by day and it was evident last week that he had but a brief time left. Yesterday morning, it was announced in the Cong. Sabbath School that the beloved former pastor was dying, and appropriate prayers were offered. Just before the benediction was pronounced at morning service, Rev. Mr. Monroe was informed of the death and announced it. Many grief burdened and tear stained faces could be seen, as the people passed out, for although the blood relation of none there, he was indeed "Father"

Smith in love and tenderness to very many of that people. At a memorial service to be held in the church next Sunday morning, the full story of the lovely life will be told by friends in and out of the ministry, who will speak from an acquaintance of years, and so a complete obituary will be deferred for the present. It can be said at this time, however that the Rev. Dr. Smith was in his 76th year and had been in the gospel ministry since 1832, having been inducted therein at Rev. Dr. Aikins Church in Utica N. Y., by the Presbytery of Oneida. He was pastor at Manlius Onondaga County, N. Y. for four years, leaving because he would not sacrifice his abolition principles. He labored in Painesville eight years and was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Massillon from 1844 to 1847, then accepting a call from the Congregational Church in Tallmadge, where he remained until 1862, when he accepted the third call from the Congregational Church in Akron, which he faithfully served for 12 years, preaching his farewell sermon Sunday March 30th, 1873. He was broad and liberal in his views, exceedingly tolerant, and uniting in all good works, so that no building will hold the friends bound to him by ties of sincerest gratitude and affection. The funeral services will take place at the Cong. Church at 2 P.M. Wednesday, substantially according to his own arrangements. Friends from Painesville, Massillon, Warren and other places will be present, and literally "all Akron" will want to be there, for no other man had such a hold upon the hearts of the people of our city.

He has preached against mourning and the habiliments of woe, and all funeral ostentation was distasteful to him, so it is not certain that the public will be given the opportunity to take a last look upon the revered but wasted form.

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THE FUNERAL OF REV CARLOS SMITH D.D.

The funeral of the Rev Carlos Smith, D.d. took place yesterday afternoon, Wend (April 25) and people of all classes and creeds joined in paying the last tribute to one, who was equally beloved by all and who by his sweetness of disposition, his Catholic spirit, his indiscriminating (but not in indiscriminate) charity had justly come to be regarded by the entire community as indeed "Father" Smith. As no private house could hold the people who wished to attend, the public services took place in the Cong. Church of which he was for 12 years pastor. Loving hands had elaborately and beautifully decorated with black drapery and with pure white flowers about the pulpit and platform. By 2 o'clock the appointed hour, the church was well filled, principally with ladies, but many business men left their affairs to honor one whom they loved. Many of the Tallmadge congregation, whom Mr. Smith served from 1847 to 1862, were present. The brief religious services at the house with the family caused some delay, but at 2:30 o'clock the casket was carried up the south aisle by the following pall bearers, clergyman of the city:

Henry Baker - 1st Methodist Episcopal Church
D. C. Tomlinson - Universalist

J. F. Fahs - Trinity Lutheran Church
E. P. Herbruck - Grace Reformed Church
C. E. Barnes - 1st Presbyterian Church
Williams - M. E. Church

The expectation had been that all the clergyman in town would be present, but Rev. S. S. Condo of Calvary Evangelical Church was changing his residence, as were both the Disciple pastors. Rev. R. L. Ganter of St. Pauls Episcopal Church was out of the city. Rev. Harrold, of the German Reformed Church was attending the funeral of one of his people and Rev. Lothman of the German Lutheran was holding a previously appointed service. Of the others, these were present: Revs. S. H. McCollester, D. D., J. D. H. Corwine and S. Laws, Universalist; Jeremiah Hall, Baptist; T. E. Monroe and E.V.H. Danner, Congregationalists; A. Schrier, Jewish teacher; Edward Mathews, Presbyterian; W. H. Wilson, 2nd M. E. Church. As the clergyman and family passed up the aisle, Mrs. N. Hodge, the organist played a voluntary and the Choir: Messrs H. W. Ingersoll and A. C. Lohman, Mrs. Henry Perkins, and Miss Livvie Oviatt) sand Dudley Bucks "Blessed are the Dead that Die in the Lord".

The services were opened by the pastor, Rev. T. E. Monroe, reading the scripture lesson from the 14th Chapter of Job, the 90th Psalm and the 15th Chapter of 1st Corinthians, following it by a simple earnest prayer for those still left to sustain the responsibility of the ministry, for the people whom the departed one had served and for the bereaved family. The choir having softly chanted "The Lords Prayer" the familiar hymn "Jesus Lover of my Soul" was given out as Mr. Monroe said: "for its peculiar dearness to him that is gone". Mr. Monroe having announced that Rev. N. P. Baily of Warren Presbyterian Church, 20 years ago pastor of this church and for 30 years associated with Mr. Smith in the ministerial work, had been expected by the family to be present, but was not, for some cause not now known, stated that Brother Danner, who had received such favors from Dr. Smith in the beginning of his ministry as almost to count him as a foster father, would speak. Rev. E.V.H. Danner of Cuyahoga Falls arose at this, but was so visibly affected with emotion, that it was some minutes before he could command his voice. Referring to the allusion to the tender relations between him and the deceased, he began: "And for that reason, dear friends, I am especially incapacitated for speaking. When the news startled me that Father Smith was gone, then came with quickness of thought these two passages of Paul, beginning "Having a desire to depart and be with Christ" (Phillipians 7:23) and "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand," 2nd Timothy 4:68) There came also the thought that these beautiful and appropriately connected with the death of Father Smith. How much Paul desired to depart "to be with Christ" Was it because Paul wanted to depart? Was it because Paul was so despondent, had forgotten the grand faith which sustained him? No, it was none of that, but it was that abounding desire to be with Christ, willing to remain, to await the Lords pleasure, yet longing to be with God. Oh! how much it means. First of all it means to depart from a world of sin, for the closer a Christian heart comes to Christ, the more we become Christlike, the

repugnant that word "sin" becomes. Is there anything that weighs upon the heart, that grieves the soul, as that burden of sin. If we could only get away from where sin is, if we could only have it eradicated from our hearts, that would be heaven and it is for this that we long to get away and the nearer we are to Him, the more consciousness of this and the need for it. It means too, the desire to meet with the friends, who have gone before. "I see the lines of grief in many and many a face here; perhaps there is not one seated in this house, but is represented in Heaven". But if this hope of reunion is taken away, sods would cover our graves today, for it is only this grace of God that has sustained us in this bitter experience. To be with Christ is to be with them, but more than all this, it is to be with Christ himself, who by his infinite sacrifices and love, has made it possible for us to enter therein. The overmastering theme in heaven at first and continuously will be that infinite love of God, that great scheme of mercy and redemption; we know little of it, but we shall understand better there that wonderful mercy which moved God to send his "only begotten son" to redeem the world. And this is the death of Christian.

Here the speaker alluded to his first meeting with Mr. Smith when the latter came into Mr. Danners study the Monday morning after his first sermon after settling in Cuyahoga Falls, to call upon him and cheered him so as to dispel all of Mr. Danners despondency and doubt. From that time on the older minister was to the younger - constantly an aid, exhibiting in it that helpfulness which Mr. Danner described as his chief characteristic, next to his special delight in preaching the gospel of Christ, which was the overpowering passion of his life. "The Puritan conference is now in session. I was present yesterday and I stand here, by its vote to represent it. When I noted its growth even within my own experience, I felt that this conference is today an evidence of the faithful spirit and the loving labors of our dear Father Smith. That conference has prepared a paper which I am instructed to read; this is only a brief minute for today, another committee was appointed to prepare a fuller paper for the Congregational Quarterly. It is as follows: "For as much as it hath pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from earth our beloved and revered father and co laborer in the ministry, Rev. Carlos Smith D.D. of Akron, for many years a member of this conference, endeared to us all by his kind genial and courteous manner, honored and esteemed for his wise counsel, valued as a sound and earnest preacher of the gospel of Christ; we desire hereby to express our sense of great loss at his removal, our appreciation of his services for the truth as it is in Jesus, his rare and remarkable aptness in pastoral labor, and of his Catholic Spirit. May his mantle fall upon those of us who are left to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and when called away from the earthly service may we be found as he was, having our work done, and ready to depart and be with Christ. We also desire to extend to his bereaved family the assurance of our profound sympathy.

Rev. E.V.G. Danner,
Rev. J. A. McKinstry
L. H. Ashmun

Committee of Conference

This church has lost a source of strength that it cannot but miss. This community has lost one, who believed prayer and many a man walks the streets today, saved perhaps who does not know how these now silent lips pleaded and prayed for him. Puritan conference and all the churches within its border have lost a power and strength, but we must gird on the armor, untill the spirits voice calls us as it has done the dear departed, home to the well spent life.

Mr. Monroe next introduced President McColleston, as one who had been especially intimate with Dr. Smith since his residence here and whom the family had desired to speak. He was "reminded of that scene which transpired more than 18 centuries ago," when Jew Gentile and Christian gathered about the grave of a noble man, and at the of a familiar step Martha turned to say, "Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died" But the gentle voice did not rebuke those sorrowing sisters "The light of immortality was not resting upon them as upon you". No, from him even, tears fell, "Pronouncing the richest benediction upon sorrow", upon grief for friends that had gone.

Why, his character friends, has touched every heart and feeling. Has it not done your soul good to meet Father Smith, with that smile, that welcome, that rare God speed? And as a social man, few surpassed him, so kind, so good, so anxious to drop some benediction that would do some good, help some soul in the true Christ spirit. As a man and a citizen, was he not honest and conscientious in every duty! And as the step grew feeble and the hand faltered, there was no failing of the mind; rather there was a lifting up. The aptness, the clearness, the word fitly spoken at the proper time, as I have noticed in his preaching, were never more marked than at his golden wedding. He was a man of marked ability, of more perchance, than we were wont to give him credit for. The learning of his earlier years continued with him, and he was rejoiced in treasuring up and pressing forward in true culture. In the pulpit, he believed thoroughly what he was saying, sincere in following closely the footsteps of his Lord and Master. Therefore, his charity his kindness. How many homes has he cheered? As I have listened to his prayers on funeral occasions I have said to myself Where is the man who is so close to God and to man, can so fitly bring the sorrows and griefs of the lowliest to the highest? This character has been built up through the years, by laying principle upon principle, so that it was fitting that he should say, as he did in his last illness "It is home. I am ready, I am ready, if it is Gods will". As he has gone out from us, he is not dead to this community. No reform movement but has had his counsel and help. No Christian sect, but has had his kingly prayer for Gods guidance and aid. Hence the children, the aged, the stalwart say: "We love Father Smith. God bless him. The Lord keep him". From him, we shall learn to cheer the needy, to help the unfortunate, with like charity of spirit and gentleness. That love, that nobility of character, the Lord has given to you and to us that we may be stronger in the hand of God, more faithful in life.

Long standing in the Masters field
Fed early by his sun and dew
Eager its best return to yield
To perfect symetry it grew
The storm swept over it in vain
Nor frost could, nor noon day heat,
Till a fair shock of golden grain
It stood in perfectness complete -
fully ripe.

Men saw and gave to God the praise
Who smiled well pleased, and passed it by;
Till in these early vernal days
Its garner was prepared on high
Then came the reaper, sabbath morn
Softly as angel messengers do come
To gather in the golden corn
And bear the precious harvest home
fully ripe.

Ah but the field is brown and bare,
And heavens great gain we grieve to lose,
For to our eyes 'twas wondrous fair,
While fitting for the Masters use,
And for the place left desolate
We needs must weep, yet thanks be given
The treasure which we found so great,
Finds far a better place in Heaven =
fully ripe.

"Servant of God, well done"
was sung, followed by the announcement of the memorial service
next Sabbath morning, prayer by Dr. McCollester closing the
services at the church. The casket, upon which was inscribed
the name, date of death and age (75 years, 9 months, 5 days)
was carried out under the direction of Mr. Charles A. Collins,
for 30 years a friend, who was in charge and the cortege pro-
ceeded to Glendale Cemetary, where the remains were laid away
in a beautiful lot on the south side.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The memorial services at the Cong. Church yesterday morning
(April 29th) in honor of Rev. Dr. Smith, attracted a full attend-
ance. After the usual singing of the doxology in long meter, the
hymn "Cease ye mourners, cease to Languish", was sung, followed
by the reading of the scripture lesson, Revelations, Chapter 21st
"The heavenly Jerusalem".

"Oh for the death of those
Who slumber in the Lord",
was next sung. The pastor followed with an appropriate and com-
prehensive prayer, closed with the chanting of "The Lords Prayer"
by the choir, after which Mrs. Perkins, Miss Oviatt and Mr Glover
sang Dudley Bucks anthem: "Peace, troubled soul". After the
announcements, Mr Monroe announced that these services had for
their object not the eulogy of a life, but the memory of a life.
It is seldom that 40 years of a Christian ministers service is
spent in so limited a territory, and it has been thought profit-
able to review these years. It was expected that Judge Reuben

Hitchcock would be present from the Painesville Church; he was at the funeral but urgent duties interfered with his return. Dr. L. C. Walton of Tallmadge, then read the following paper: Probably there is no one in this assembly except Mrs Smith who has been acquainted with our departed friend so long as myself. When I was a mere lad attending church with my parents in the central part of the state of New York, a young minister from Onandaga County occupied the pulpit one Sabbath morning who created quite a sensation by his zeal and eloquence. This was the Rev. Carlos Smith who had just commenced his ministry at Manlius. About the same time, or perhaps a little later I read with a great deal of interest a work entitled "A Key to the Revelation" by Rev. Ethan Smith, which Rev. Carlos Smith has since told me was written by his father. When I removed to Tallmadge with my family in 1848, we found Mr. Smith there as pastor of the Cong. Church. Then commenced an acquaintance - may I not say intimacy - which lasted till his death. "Have you brought your letters with you?" was one of the first questions which Mr. Smith asked of me and my family. When the reply was made, "No we have heard much at the east of the fanatical abolitionism of some of the churches on the Reserve, and we wish to be cautious with whom we associate;" The reply came promptly, "You will find our church decidedly anti-slavery in sentiments, but I think there is nothing you cannot cordially endorse in our sentiments or practice". And so it proved. His preaching was eminently practical, as well as sound in doctrine, and well calculated to build up a beautiful structure of society upon the foundations previously laid by the fathers. We were well aware of the efforts of this church to obtain the services of pastor, and were glad of his decision to remain with us so long, and were neither jealous nor angry when in obedience to what he considered a call of the Master, he decided to leave us and come to this field of labor. The passage of the infamous fugitive slave law stirred in the soul of our pastor (and in his people, too) a holy indignation which could not be quenched but by its repeal, or the abolition of the wicked system which made such a law possible. You may imagine if you can - I do not propose to tell here- how many poor, panting, fleeing wretches found temporary asylum and were helped on their way by the people of Tallmadge toward the pole star, in those days which tried mens souls. We were taught by our pastor, to "obey God rather than man", and "to bear one anothers burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ". His Thanksgiving sermon during latter years of his ministry in Tallmadge were remarkable exhibitions of his clear views of the political affairs of our country, and the dangers which threatened because of our sins as a people, and especially because of the sin of oppression. And when the conflict which he had long predicted, come, his voice was ever heard urging all who could to engage in the strife for liberty and the salvation of our government. You all know how he rejoiced when the proclamation of the emancipation of 4000,000 of slaves rang through the land, bringing joy to the hearts of patriots, white and black, and dismay to the rebel hosts. The afflicted, the poor and the oppressed always found in him a sympathizing friend and a ready helper.

Very many stmpathizing letters has he written to his friends in Tallmadge when they have been afflicted. The young people there (or those who were young people during his pastorate) all realize that they were under great obligation to Father Smith for his wise counsels, his earnest prayers and his constant helpfulness. Without any disparagement to other ministers of the Gospel I think I may say I know no one of them who might with more propriety sit for the picture of a "Faithful Minister", as drawn by Pollock, than our departed friend

Needy, poor, and dying men, like music heard his feet
Approach their beds, and quietly wretches too
New hope, and in his prayers wept and smiled
And blest him as they died forgiven; and all
Saw in his contentment, and in his life
The path to glory and perpetual joy.
Oh, who can speak his praise, great humble man,
He in the warm current of destruction stood
And warned the sinner of his woe led on
Imm anuels members in the evil day;
And with the everlasting arms embraced
Himself around, stood in the dreadful front
Of battle high, and warred victoriously
With death and hell. And now has come his rest,
His triumph day.
Illustrious as a sun, in that assembly
He receives the promised crown, the promised throne,
The welcome and approval of his Lord.

Mr. Lucius V. Bierce, also in behalf of the Tallmadge church, read the following:

Dr. Carlos Smith commenced his pastorate in Tallmadge in June 1847. It continued 15 years. The church numbered at his coming 168 members. There were accessions to it in every year while he remained there. The largest number admitted in any one year was 54 in 1853. The smallest was four in 1859. The aggregate for the whole time was 245. He united in marriage 98 couples, and baptized 132, children 106, adults 26. He also officiated at over 100 funerals. He visited every family in his parish at least once a year. He was always interested in the benevolent operations of the church, and did much to promote them. The amount of contributions during his pastorate was \$11,571. He preached twice upon the sabbath (as was the custom then) and attended a prayer meeting in the evening. His sermons were perfect in composition, plain, concise, logical and always had a point and an aim. They were clothes in simple language, and uttered in a clear and distinct voice. He grappled with live issues, and had the courage to preach unpopular truths. The topics were varied, sometimes quite unusual - such as personal cleanliness, food, sleep, debts and financial honesty. He had ready talent and self control and no surprise did so disconcert him but that the right word always came at the right time.

