

alone on her little farm. She said her children slighted and forsook her. When I published my *Dudley Genealogies* in 1848, she subscribed for the book. After living a widow many years she committed suicide. She had three children :

i. THOMAS,⁹ a tailor and preacher. He was some time Town Clerk of Canaan, Me. He was a good scholar, very active all his life, but a religious zealot. He told me he had been a Deist, and after I knew him he changed his belief many times. He preached at different times for the Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Millerites, Universalists and Episcopalians. He was a strong revivalist, and would help to convert hard, old sinners, by praying and exhorting with fearful zeal. On one occasion, at Canaan, some of the sects united in a protracted meeting, which was kept up for a week or two every night and day. At last they got so excited that Mr. Atkins and others prayed for fire to come down from heaven; and some cried out that they saw the fire in the church; which so frightened all, that they jumped upon the top of the pews and screamed, and several went crazy. Rev. Thomas told me he never really lost his reason but once; but among those whom I knew then and there, were: Silas Barrett, who afterwards hung himself in the insane asylum; he told me he had committed the unpardonable sin. Mary Ann Wilshire, who died in the same asylum; she was a young girl then. Ensign Frye had to be confined for some time. Two others of the Barrett family were off their base for many years afterwards. These persons all lived in one little village, and were at the protracted meetings. Cousin Thomas Atkins was all carried away with Miller Adventism in 1842. He told me he had the evidence of it from mathematical calculation, and showed me his figures, covering a sheet of paper as big as a newspaper. The books of Daniel and Ezekiel were his prime authority; and he said God had confirmed him in the belief, by special revelation to his soul. I replied that it was all a mistake, and he would be ashamed of it sometime. One of his little boys went barefooted in the winter, and I asked him what that was for; to which he answered, that his father said the world would come to an end shortly, and there would be no use for shoes. This was Greenville M., who now lives at Lynn, Mass. As soon as the year 1843 had passed, and the world was not destroyed, cousin Thomas turned Universalist, and preached that doctrine awhile. I have narrated this in as brief a way as possible. It is an experience that ought not to be omitted. Rev. Thomas's brother, Rev. John W. Atkins, was also a Millerite at one time, but he belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a great preacher of that sect. Rev. Thomas Atkins d. at Farmingdale, Me., Jan. 24, 1867, and was buried with his wife at Canaan, Me. She d. at Canaan, Feb. 9, 1867. Their children were: 1, *Thomas Henry*⁹; 2, *Joseph Lucien*; 3, *John Wesley*; 4, *Greenville Mellen*; 5, *Alexander Blanchard*; 6, *Almira*; 7, *Francis D.*; 8, *Sullivan Holman*; 9, *Lydia Melvina*; 10, *Charles W.*; 11, *Lizzie M.*; 12, *Ellen S.*; 13, *Frank W.*; 14, *Emma J.*

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