

sketch. The speaker then summed up in the following forcible words:

“He gathered out the stones, prepared the way for the victorious coming of the Lord, strengthened the weak, and organized the scattered children of our King into churches. And then he nourished these churches with all the care and patience which the fondest parents exercise toward their children.”

After this came the lessons to be drawn from his life, and as we now read the touching and graceful words of the preacher, who so soon followed his subject into the silent land, we realize that, all unconsciously, he narrated those very qualities of manliness, humility, self-sacrifice, consecration, and trust, which although displayed under the changed conditions yet make the name and memory of Isaiah Record most tenderly cherished by the people of Houlton.

“Now what was it that enabled Bro. Spaulding to accomplish so much? First, he was a true man. No one ever distrusted him, or had cause to do so. He was just what he professed to be, a man of God, walking in all His commandments blameless. Does any one think this is a small matter, or one so common as not to deserve attention? Doubtless there are many good men, many godly. But there are not so many as we could wish whose goodness and piety are so transparent as were Bro. Spaulding’s. Men of all beliefs, and no beliefs, took it for granted that he was a good and pious man; that he was worthy of their confidence and esteem. He was able, therefore, to work with ease and power that could not have been possible had it been otherwise.

He often felt his own unworthiness very deeply in the sight of God, but he never had cause to doubt that he was trusted and loved by his brethren, and by the people generally who knew him. His correct and devout life gave great force to his sermons and exhortations.

It is also true that few men have devoted themselves more entirely to the work of the gospel. He was not able, situated as he was, to spend so much labor on pulpit preparations as he desired. But still his work was always connected, in some way, with the furtherance of the gospel.

He gave but little time or thought to secular employments. He