

ing, and yielding to the urgent wishes of her friends, Mrs. Spaulding went once more, and for the last time, to the meetings, of which, for so many years, she and her husband had been a large part. The Minutes of that year contain touching allusions to the presence of this aged servant of God. Rev. F. T. Hazlewood offered the following: "Whereas, God in His love has removed from our care our beloved Bro. Spaulding, and in place of the annual letter from him and his devoted wife has given us the presence of the widowed companion; therefore this Association by rising vote does now express its sense of loss in the death of our Brother, and its delight still to reverence and care for the living." Mrs. Spaulding briefly responded, expressing her gratitude for the respect and esteem manifested for her husband and herself, indicated by the vote just passed, and also for the kind personal attention and sympathy received from the brothers and sisters during the session. The final line of the record is, "the presence of Sister Spaulding, so recently bereaved, added much to the interest of the occasion."

After her return she continued to live in the old home with her daughter, and in the enjoyment of a fair degree of health was able to attend the Sunday services until almost the time of her last sickness.

Houlton, June 30, 1881.

DEAR BRO. GIDDINGS:

Your kind letter with your picture was very welcome and acceptable, and you will please accept my warmest thanks. It is very pleasing and gratifying to be so long and so kindly remembered by one who, in his boyhood, was a loved pupil in my school, and I can truly say that your friendship and beneficence have been like an unfailing spring to me in all these years that I have lived in Aroostook County. * * *

I should have made a longer visit in Bangor but my physical strength was failing me so much that I thought it best to come home while I could, and I have now got nicely rested and am feeling that my journey was a benefit to my health after all. I am now enjoying, in retrospect, the very interesting visits with my friends wherever I went.

Our Church here are looking forward with great interest to our Association and hope to see a large delegation from all the