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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

































































































































































































































































































