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Rev. Robert Philp, B. A.

Robert Ralph Philp was born at Halifax August 1st, 1824. When he was nineteen years of age he offered himself to the Granville street church for membership, and was baptized March 12th, 1845. About 1852 he entered Hortons Academy as a student for the ministry and a candidate for an undergraduate course in Acadia College. He matriculated in 1852 and graduated in 1856. Thomas R. Patillo and William G. Johnston were the other members of the class who graduated with him.

Mr. Philp was ordained October 12th, 1856, at Margaree. His field took in Mabou, about forty miles from Margaree. He gave four weeks of labor to Margaree and then three weeks to Mabou. Coincident with the ordination of Mr. Philp a revival of religion commenced at Margaree. A number were restored to the church and sixteen were added by baptism. After spending about a year on this field he was removed to Port Medway. His labors extended to Millville, Greenfield and Middlefield. During his pastorate a parsonage was built Port Medway, and a meeting house at Millville. Here too the labors of Mr. Philp were greatly blessed. In 1858 at Greenfield 34 were baptized, at Middlefield 6 and at Port Medway 5. In 1859 there were added to the latter church 23 by baptism, and the following year 30. This makes 98 gathered into these churches during Mr. Philp's second pastorate.

In 1861 Mr. Philp removed to Halifax city and labored among the small churches in the county. St. Margaret's Bay, Hammond Plains and Sackville were under his care. In 1863 he removed to Sackville, N. S. That year 12 were added to Hammond Plains church by baptism. The other churches which he served had additions made to their membership. In 1865 eight were added to the Indian Harbor church. After finishing his labors in Halifax Co., he supplied Hebron for a year, then Guysboro and Antigonish for another year. At the latter place all who were over eleven years of age in the congregation united with the church by baptism in a revival under his ministrations. From these labors he went to Maitland, Hants Co., and remained there for two years. The Baptists, scattered over a territory of forty miles in length, were gathered into a church, and several were added to it by baptism. While Mr. Philp labored on this field the meeting house was repaired and paid for. Here he received the appointment of Inspector of Schools for the County of Hants. He then removed to Hantsport. Here his wife was taken from him by death leaving three children—daughters—to his fatherly care. Nine months after the death of Mrs. Philp the bereaved husband lost his sight. He then moved to Halifax and settled down among his relatives and friends. The churches in these provinces will long remember the annual visits made them by the widowed and blind preacher. After suffering from grippe for several weeks, inflammation followed, and on the morning of April 19th he passed away to his reward. He had for weeks before his death a strong belief that he would not recover. He arranged with his pastor, Rev. A. C. Chute, for the funeral services. He was, in his last sickness, calm and happy. On Monday, the 20th, services were held at the house, led by Rev. A. C. Chute. After singing and prayer Rev. G. A. Lawson, Rev. E. M. Saunders addressed the company of friends present. He said he made the acquaintance of Mr. Philp in 1854 at Acadia college. He had known him as an amiable, genial friend, a happy trustful Christian, heroic in faith, fortitude and perseverance. The Lord took his wife and left him those little children to care for. He mourned not, nor did his faith and cheerful hope forsake him. Then the Lord took his eyes from him. Still he was strong in faith and rose to the emergency and cheerfully addressed himself to the fathering, mothering and the educating of his children. Cheerful

and resolute he went on in darkness training his children and discharging his duties. Verily he has received his reward. His daughters are cultured and well trained for life's duties. They are members of the church to which their father was first united by baptism. Two of them are successful teachers in the Halifax public schools. Mr. Philp had no enemies. All who knew him were friends. Scriptures were read by his pastor and an address made by the Rev. W. E. Hall who spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Philp's Christian character and spotless life. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Goucher.

On Wednesday, the 20th, Mr. Chute and the three daughters went to Middleton with the remains of the departed. At the station they were met by a large number of the friends, among whom were Rev. Isaiah Wallace and R. D. Porter, fellow students of Mr. Philp. They took part in the burial services at Pine Grove. There they laid the departed to rest with the dust of his wife from whom he had been separated for more than twenty years. Cheerful, hopeful and full of faith in life, he was calm and confident in the hour of death. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

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