



**REV. W. E. BATES.**

Welcome Elliott Bates was born in 'The Nutmeg State.' His father was a Baptist deacon of revolutionary stock.

Mr. Bates is a graduate in arts of Madison (now Colgate) University and has also studied at Hamilton Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was at Norwich, Ct., where he was ordained. After this, he was pastor for six years at Waterford, a suburb of New London, Ct. The next pastorate was in Concord New Hampshire, where for four years the church enjoyed marked growth and prosperity. From 1887 to '97 Mr. Bates served the interests of the Kingdom of God in Haverhill, Mass., as the successor of Rev. J. W. B. Clark, D. D. Here large additions were made to the membership and the house of worship was thoroughly reconstructed. From Haverhill Mr. Bates came to the Tabernacle Church, Halifax. During his stay of less than two years, the church building was repaired and the distinction was enjoyed of having the largest Baptist congregation in the city.

Mr. Bates has always been active in Sabbath School and Temperance work. In 1881 he represented the Baptists of Connecticut in the International S. S. Convention in Toronto. He has been heard repeatedly on the People's Lecture Course in Boston.

The Anabaptist pastorate of the subject of this sketch began Oct. 1st. Very large congregations have constantly greeted him. The work here opens with promise. The "REFLECTOR" takes pleasure in presenting the new pastor thus to its readers and wishes him and his a most pleasant and prosperous period of residence with this church.