

Rev. Edward Mitchell

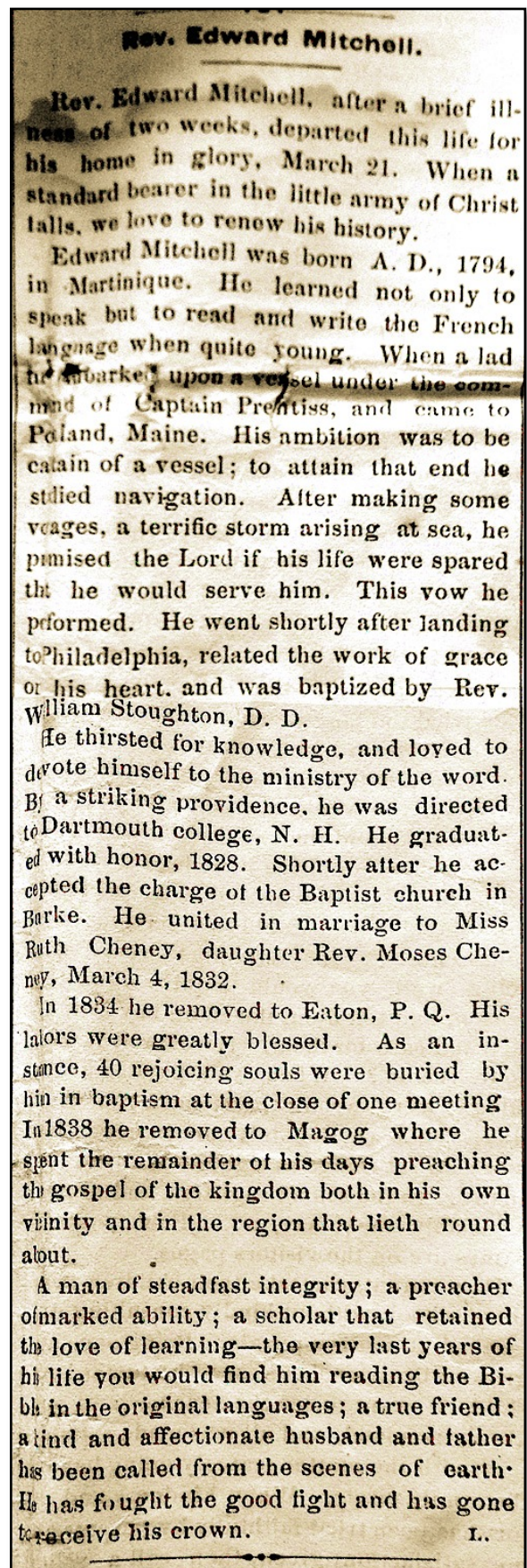
Rev. Edward Mitchell, after a brief illness of two weeks, departed this life for his home in glory, March 21. When a standard bearer in the little army of Christ falls, we love to renew his history.

Edward Mitchell was born A. D., 1794, in Martinique. He learned not only to speak but to read and write the French language when quite young. When a lad he embarked upon a vessel under the command of Captain Prentiss, and came to Portland, Maine. His ambition was to be a captain of a vessel; to attain that end he studied navigation. After making some voyages, a terrific storm arising at sea, he promised the Lord if his life were spared that he would serve him. This vow he performed. He went shortly after landing to Philadelphia, related the work of grace on his heart, and was baptized by Rev. William Stoughton, D.D.

He thirsted for knowledge, and loved to devote himself to the ministry of the word. By a striking providence, he was directed to Dartmouth college, N. H. He graduated with honor, 1828. Shortly after he accepted the charge of the Baptist church in Burke [VT]. He united in marriage to Miss Ruth Cheney, daughter [of] Rev. Moses Cheney, March 4, 1832.

In 1834 he removed to Eaton, P. Q. His labors were greatly blessed. As an instance, 40 rejoicing souls were buried by him in baptism at the close of one meeting. In 1838 he removed to Magog where he spent the remainder of his days preaching the gospel of the kingdom both in his own vicinity and in the region that lieth round about.

A man of steadfast integrity; a preacher of marked ability; a scholar that retained the love of learning - the very last years of his life you would find him reading the Bible in the original languages; a true friend; a kind and affectionate husband and father has been called from the scenes of earth. He has fought the good fight and has gone to receive his crown.
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"L." is believed to be LeRoy Holmes Robinson, editor of the Stanstead Journal, son of Rev. Septimius Robinson and Lucy Stoddard, b. Nov. 15, 1820 (bapt. Nov. 4, 1821) at Fair Haven, VT. He d. Feb. 13, 1901 at Rock Island, Stanstead Township, Province of Quebec, Canada East, Æ 81.

Robinson obituary from Stanstead Journal, 14 Feb 1901 (reformatted):

L. R. ROBINSON.

Veteran Editor of the Stanstead Journal Dead.

ONE OF THE OLDEST NEWSPAPER MEN IN CANADA-FOUNDED JOURNAL IN 1845.

Rock Island, February 14 [1901]--(Special)--

Leroy R. Robinson, founder and for over half a century editor and publisher of the Stanstead Journal, died last night, at his residence in this place. He was about 80 years of age. Mr. Robinson has been in feeble health recently, incident to old age, but seriously ill but a short time. L.R. Robinson was one of the oldest newspapermen in the Dominion of Canada and probably an editor and publisher for the greatest number of years than any man now living in the Province of Quebec.

- Mr. Robinson, at the age of fifteen, entered the printing office at Windsor, VT. The office changing hands a year or so later he was released from his apprenticeship and a few months later entered the office of the Rutland Herald, where he remained three years and six months. He then revived a dead paper at Castleton, in the same county, and after a year or so was joined by Sylvester Southmaid, of Sherbrooke, whose mother and sisters were residents of Castleton. After some three years Mr. Robinson removed to Whitehall, NY, and ran a campaign paper during the presidential campaign of 1844. At the end of the campaign his health failed and he sold out and came to Stanstead in the spring of 1845. In the same year he started the Stanstead Journal, published at Rock Island. The enterprise proved a success and thus for fifty-six years has lived at Rock Island and devoted his time to his paper.
- Mr. Robinson held many offices of trust at various times. He was a member of the Stanstead Council for many years and mayor for several years. He was, also, a member of the first council of the village of Rock Island.
- Mr. Robinson was a Congregationalist and descended from old Puritan stock. Rev. John Robinson, one of the founders of the Puritans, as they were called in England, being ill-treated together with others of his sect in England, removed to Holland and later planned to come to America. He was one of the organizers of the first shipload of immigrants to Massachusetts, which landed at Plymouth. Rev. John Robinson, however, died before he could settle his affairs in Holland. His family, however, became residents in the new world, settling in Massachusetts and Connecticut before the Revolutionary War. L. R. Robinson was a descendant of the Connecticut branch of the John Robinson family.
- Of late years Mr. Robinson has had associated with him in the publication of the Journal, Mr. J.C. Holland as partner. Mr. Holland has introduced many modern methods and now as sole manager will doubtless continue the paper in its present position in the front rank of enterprising weeklies.

The weekly English language "Stanstead Journal" is still in operation.

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