

## [Biddlecome, Daniel Reed]

### NECROLOGY

DANIEL REED BIDDLECOME died at his home in Richmond, Ind., on the 19th of December, 1885, in the eighty-first year of his age. Mr. Biddlecome was born in Deerfield, Oneida Co., N. Y., on the 30th of July, 1805. Of his early life we have no information. He studied for the ministry under the direction of Revs. Stephen R. Smith and W. I. Reese, preached his first sermon at North Bloomfield, N. Y., in May, 1832, and was fellowshipped by the Genesee Association at its session in East Bloomfield, in October of the same year. He was ordained at the session of the New York State Convention at Utica, on the 30th of May, 1833, and shortly after settled with the Societies at Cohocton and Springwater Valley, N. Y. In 1835 he began a two years' pastorate at Perrysburg, Ohio. From 1837 to 1839 he itinerated in Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, and Maine. In the fall of the latter year he returned to Ohio, preaching in Mt. Vernon, Fredericktown and Newark. From 1841 to 1845, he was pastor at Dayton, then for a year at Montgomery. After a year spent in the state of New York, engaged in settling the estate of his father, he returned to Ohio, making his home at Hamilton, preaching there and in the neighboring towns, and doing a great amount of missionary work in other portions of the State. In 1854 he moved to Griggsville, Ill., where, and at New Salem, he preached for two years. In 1856 he removed to Galesburg, and became the successful financial agent of Lombard University. In 1863 he returned to Dayton, Ohio, removing thence to Richmond, Ind., in 1867. During these years he was a faithful missionary in South-western Ohio and Eastern Indiana. For a while he was financial agent for Smithson College, and subsequently was associated with Prof. P. R. Kendall in the canvass to secure funds for a new building for Clinton Liberal Institute. Having completed this canvass, he resided a few years in Akron, Ohio, and in 1882 returned to Richmond, Ind.

Mr. Biddlecome was of tall and commanding presence, genial in spirit, keen in intellect, interesting in public discourse. He was a powerful debater, unwearied in his efforts to expose error and spread the knowledge of the truth, and a pure man in thought and life. He married Miss Mary A. Edmonson, at Dayton, Ohio, in 1842, and his domestic life was blessed with great happiness. Favored with far more than the ordinary lot of health and strength, he was active in pulpit labors until within a few weeks of his death. He died in great trust, peace, and calmness and leaves an honored memory in the church. His wife and children, two daughters, survive him.

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