

Biography of Rev. S[amuel] Goff

We find in the *Gospel Banner* (Augusta, Maine) the following brief biographical sketch of Rev. S. Goff, formerly of Alexander, N.Y., now of Winthrop, Me.

Rev. S. Goff was born in Ludlow, Vt., May 5, 1811, and preached his first sermon in Fulton, Oswego Co., New York July 2, 1837. He was first settled in Alexander, Genesee Co., N.Y. in July, 1838, and obtained the fellowship of our denomination July 20, 1839 at Gainesville, N.Y. and was ordained in Alexander June 18, 1840. In 1841 he removed to Pembroke, N.Y. and September, 1842, he took charge of the Society in Bristol, N.Y. and in one year he removed to Cuba, N.Y. where, [as well as] in Friendship and Hinsdale and the region round, he labored until May, 1845, when he removed to Aurora, N.Y., where he remained three years, and in May, 1848 returned to Alexander, and labored two years, and then itinerated five years, during which time in addition to his Sabbath labors, he gave many week-day lectures, sometimes preaching five evenings in succession. In Sept. 1855 he came to Saco in this State, where he remained laboring with the Saco and Biddeford parish two years and two months. In April, 1858 he removed to Essex, Mass., preaching there one year, and in Oct. 1859 he returned to Maine, and settled in Winthrop, his present residence.

Br. Goff was for five or six years connected with the *Western Luminary* and [the] *Christian Guardian*, published in Rochester, N.Y., as Corresponding Editor. During his ministry, up to Oct 1859, he has preached 2512 discourses, attended 242 funerals, and solemnized 119 marriages, and has proved himself a diligent, faithful laborer and a good man. We trust that he may long remain in the beautiful town that is now his home.

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