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As we engage in the joyful festivities of this reunion, the duty of the hour calls our thoughts away from the present, that we may pay a slight tribute of affection and esteem to the memory of one who fifteen years ago stood in our midst and shared in the privileges of the day. He also anticipated a like experience this year, when a few weeks ago he turned his face homeward after almost twelve years' absence in the land of the Orient. There are many things in his missionary life that would interest not only his former friends, but all present; but the briefest outline only can be given at this time.

Henry Marden, son of Samuel and Phebe (Noyes) Marden, was born in New Boston, December 9, 1837. After attending Frances-town Academy two or three terms, he came to this institution in the spring of 1858, and finished his preparatory studies the following summer

under Mr. Berry's instruction. He was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1862, and then engaged in teaching for four years, one term in New Boston, two years at Bradford, Mass., and two years as principal of the Hitchcock High School, Brimfield, Mass. Having in this way paid his college bills, he entered Andover Theological Seminary, and was graduated in 1869. He was ordained at Francestown, September 2 of the same year, as a missionary of the American Board, and sailed for Aintab, Central Turkey, September 11. He married, September 10, Mary L., daughter of Dea. Sumner L. Cristy, of New Boston, and a graduate of this academy, who died at Aintab, October 1, 1874, leaving two children. He married (2) October 1, 1878, Alice M. Kingsbury, of Francestown, who died October 17, 1879. He married (3) December 28, 1882, Etta C. Doane, of Owosso, Mich., a teacher in the Girls' College at Marash. He returned to this country in June, 1875, with two little motherless children, and was engaged for a time in making missionary addresses in Maine with Rev. William Warren, D. D. He was acting pastor at Francestown, 1876-1877, and at Dummerstown, Vt., 1877-1878, returning to

his mission field in October, 1878, having his home at Marash.

After almost twelve years of continuous and exhaustive service, he was granted leave of absence for a year, and started, April 17, 1890, with his wife and daughter to return to his New England home, for which he had the strongest attachment, and to visit his son who had been in this country for two years. But his system had been so reduced by his incessant work, that when attacked by fever on the steamer from Smyrna he could not throw it off, and he died at Athens, May 13.

Dr. Strong, of the American Board, says that "every kindness and attention was shown him by Dr. and Mrs. Kalopothakes, missionaries at Athens, and by other friends, and that he had the best of medical care and nursing." The Greek prime minister, Mr. Tricoupi, and his sister, as well as the American minister, Mr. Snowden, also showed the most sympathetic interest and attention. The United States consul at Athens, Mr. Manatt, writes in touching terms of the event, and of the sympathy awakened throughout the American community in the city, and of their purpose to endow an American ward

in the Hospital Evangelismos in memory of Mr. Marden. He says,—“ His remains rest in the beautiful Greek cemetery, almost in the shadow of Hymettus on the one side and the Acropolis on the other, with the blue Aegean sea lying just beyond. We could ask for no dearer resting-place for our mortality when we have worn it out.”

Although Mr. Marden was a farmer's son he never had a strong constitution, yet he was remarkably free from serious sickness. Some of you will remember his slight form, his earnest face, and his buoyant step, indicating his decision of character and hopeful disposition. He was a diligent and conscientious student, and laid here a good foundation for his future usefulness.

His moral courage, which was so severely tested in later years, was well illustrated in his early Christian experience at Francestown Academy. There was no special religious interest at the time, but his mind was awakened, and he felt that he ought to be a Christian. He was an entire stranger to the pastor of the church, but he went one evening to his house, and, after passing and repassing his door several times, he