

wife he had: *Irenia D.*,³ b. July 22, 1830; m. Capt. Wm. C. Fuller, of South Yarmouth, Mass., and has a daughter, *Emma J.*,¹⁰ m. David S. Taylor of South Yarmouth, where he keeps a store. He was formerly of Attleboro'. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have a "son" about 3 years old, bright and smart. By his 2d wife Joseph had: 2, *Henry Joseph*, b. Feb. 23, 1835, a well educated lawyer, who entered Bowdoin College, and there studied two or three years, then studying law, and practising some years at Jacksonville, Ill., where he was prosecuting attorney of his County, and stood high. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of Illinois. He married a lady of that city, and probably had one or two children. But consumption soon carried him off. He d. December, 1870. He was a particular friend of mine, and I helped him to enter college. 3, *Howard Malcome*, b. 1838, lawyer at Elk River, Minn.; County attorney for many years. 4, *Annie E.*, b. 1843, who became insane at about 18 years of age, in 1865, or near that date. She died in 1889, having never recovered her reason. It was religious insanity. 5, *Flora Abbie*, d. young. 6, *George F.*, d. 1882, aged 32, in South Africa. 7, *Eliza Eunice*, b. July 4, 1840; m. 1st, Dawson L. Reynolds, who dying in 1870, she m. 2d, Mr. Robert Pentland, who d. 1887. By their first marriage she had: 1, a daughter, who is married and lives at Salem, Oregon; 2, another daughter, who is unmarried. Mrs. Pentland is now a widow, and has recently settled at Salem, Oregon, near her daughter's home. She was formerly of Seio, Oregon, and her second husband died there. Cousin Joseph Atkins, their father, was a prosperous farmer of New Sharon, Me., but was killed by a stroke of lightning as he was mowing in his field.

iii. JOHN WESLEY, an eloquent preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Saco, Me. He had sons and daughters by his wife, Elizabeth Pierce, viz.: 1, *Wilber Fisk*; 2, *Alexine E.*; 3, *Annie*, d. young; 4, *Marcia*, who was deranged; 5, *Charles*,—all dead but the oldest son.

The cause of insanity in the three or four instances mentioned in this Atkins family was religious frenzy. I used to see my cousins go into convulsions at the prayer meetings, and fall down groaning and panting, as if possessed by some demon. But the revival preachers called it the power of the holy spirit. Whole families of girls would be converted in that way. Some men of feeble constitutions were also similarly affected. When very young, it used to make my hair stand on end to witness those terrible contortions and howlings. No wonder some of them went mad. They were intensely excited by fear of damnation, and the satanic torments that were pictured to their unsophisticated minds. They were instructed that they must make desperate efforts to shake off their sins, and break away from the toils of the devil. These affectations or disorders of the nervous system were apt to become chronic, like other diseases.

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