

# Arthur E. Main



The third president of Alfred University, Arthur Elwin Main, was born on August 23, 1846. He graduated from Rochester University in 1869 and from Rochester Theological Seminary in 1872. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1871. Throughout his life President Main held many different positions. From 1871-1879 he was minister to the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, RI. In 1879 he became the corresponding secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. He remained in this position until 1893 when he became president of Alfred University. He soon found that he preferred the missionary to the presidency, and resigned in 1895. He spent the next several years working as a missionary then pastor in Plainfield, NJ. In 1901 he returned to Alfred as Dean of the Alfred Theological Seminary. He remained Dean until his death on January 29, 1933. Main was married three times. His first wife, Emma Tomlinson, of Roadstown, NJ died young. His second wife, Lucie Carr, of Ashaway, RI was the mother of his two sons: Daniel C. and George A. At the time of his death he was married to Mattie Dixon of Shiloh, NJ.