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The sad news was received in Alfred this morning of the death last night of Vernon A. Baggs at his home in Marblehead, Mass. Mr. Baggs had been in a serious condition for a number of weeks, but we had all been hoping for an ultimate recovery. The remains will be brought to Alfred for burial and a farewell service will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the church.

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IN MEMORIAM VERNON ANDRE BAGGS

Mr. Baggs was born in North Kingston, R.I., January 10, 1859, and died at the home of his son at Marblehead, Mass., July 4, 1923, after a few years of failing health attended by much suffering. He entered the school at Alfred, New York, in the autumn of 1876; and after spending the next year in a store in Rhode Island, he returned to Alfred, being in school again during the year 1878-1879. During these school years he was a schoolmate and roommate of Mr. E.P. Saunders, who came to hold Mr. Baggs in high and affectionate esteem. After leaving school he returned to Rhode Island where he was employed in the store of Samuel Ennis at Ashaway.

August, 11, 1881, he and Miss Mary M. Greene, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Chandler Greene of Alfred, were joined marriage by Nathan V. Hull, D.D. This was the last marriage ceremony performed by the venerable and long-time pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist church of Alfred.

Mr. and Mrs. Baggs lived in Ashaway until 1885, during which period he was book-keeper for the Ashaway

Line and Twine Company. They returned to Alfred in 1885, when Mr. Baggs entered the employ of Burdick & Greene, hardware merchants.

After a few years he became travelling salesman for the well-known dealers in cheese, William C. Burdick & Company.

In 1895 he became associated with Orson C. Greene, under the firm name of Greene & Baggs, engaged in general merchandise trade. After the death of Mr. Greene the business continued under the firm name of V.A. Baggs & Co. Failing health compelled a retirement from business; and he and his wife, about six months ago, went to Marblehead to live with their son Arthur.

In early life he was baptized by the Rev. Charles M. Lewis and joined the Seventh Day Baptist church of Woodville, R.I. In June, 1885, he became a member of the First Alfred Church, of which, for about thirty-eight years, he was a loyal, esteemed, and honored member.

Mr. Baggs was the son of Elisha Larkin Baggs, who was a teacher for many years in the common schools of Rhode Island, and of Roxanna Sunderland Baggs, whom the son held in loving esteem.

He is survived by the widow, his son Arthur El, two grandchildren, a sister Ella, wife of W.R. Martin of Barrington, two nieces, and one nephew.

The executive Committee of the Trustees of Alfred University, at a special meeting held at the office of the President, July 5, 1923, adopted the following minute: The Trustees of Alfred University hereby place on record and make public their sense of deep loss and profound sorrow in the death of the late Vernon A. Baggs, which occurred at Marblehead, Mass., July 4, 1923. For twenty-six years Mr. Baggs was an esteemed and loved colleague on the Board of Trustees of Alfred University.

Since his election to the board in 1897, until his death, he has served on many important committees and has at all times generously given of his time and means for the advancement of the University.

In 1910 he was elected President of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Committee, and for twelve years, until his resignation in 1922, in view of his proposed removal from Alfred, he filled that office with the utmost fidelity and devotion.

As a man, his character was above reproach. In generosity, kindness, and consideration, he was unsurpassed. As a friend he was loved by all who knew him; and as a promoter of education he has served with distinction, long and faithfully.

The Trustees direct that the University flag be placed at half mast on the day of his funeral, July 7, 1923, from ten o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon; also that a copy of this action be forwarded to his family with assurances of the sincerest sympathy of the Board in this great affliction.

The following seem to us to be some of the leading qualities in the character and conduct of our friend: Manliness of a high type; a youthful but quiet spirit, freedom from ostentation; a moral judgment that sought the best in word and deed; care not to wound the feelings of others; friendly helpfulness; loyalty to local interests, church, school, and business; a mind and heart concern for world affairs; a vital, warm sympathy with real life as he saw it in work, play, or trouble; a genuine love of home and family; and a cultured valuation of literature of a high grade, and of the best music. Such qualities as these made him a fine, Christian gentleman.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Trustees of Alfred University:

President has the honor to submit his twenty-ninth report, namely for the eighty-eighth year of Alfred University, beginning June 6, 1923, and ending June 10, 1924.

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Alfred University has, during the year, sustained the loss of two able, loyal and beloved trustees: Mr. Vernon Baggs and Judge Edward W. Hatch. The year has been marked by loss by death or serious illness in the teaching staff of the University and in the entire student body. For this, and for any other blessings, we gratefully acknowledge the providence which has been over us.

Mr. A. Baggs of Marblehead, Mass., died at his home on June 1, 1924. Mr. Baggs had removed from Alfred to Marblehead a few months before his death. For many years Mr. Baggs had resided in Alfred and had served on the Board of Trustees since 1897, from 1909 to 1922 being President of that Board. He had also served on various committees with entire devotion and faithfulness. He was a quiet and gentle manner, with high ethical and moral standards and had always shown himself a true friend of education. His services to the University will make his life outstanding in the history of the school. Though ill health had delayed his retirement from business some months before his death was unexpected and came as a distinct sorrow to all friends of Alfred, and particularly to its Board of Trustees. His remains were brought back to Alfred and buried in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Judge Edward W. Hatch, LL. D., of Friendship, N. Y., passed away at his home on June 1, 1924. He became an honorary member of Alfred University in 1907 when the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him. In 1911, he was elected a member of the Board of the Trustees to succeed Peter B. McLennan and has therefore served for

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