

A WOMAN OF EIGHTY-TWO A PREACHER

Pelham has had a remarkable pulpit supply this past summer—a woman of eighty-two years, not ordained nor licensed to preach, but



MRS. MARY C. BERRY

A pulpit supply at eighty-two

accepted by the people of her own community rightly dividing the word of truth. Mrs. Mary

C. Berry has been to her native town a Julia Ward Howe in leadership and public spirit. As president of the women's club and chairman of the Pelham School Board she continues an educational career of nearly seventy years since her early inspiration came in the Derry School—that first school for girls established in New England by Jacob Abbot in 1823.

At Bradford Academy she taught for eight years, 1871-78, molding for useful lives many women who now remember her with gratitude. Among the well-known ministers' wives are Mrs. F. E. Emrich, Mrs. Cyrus Richardson, Mrs. John DePeu and Mrs. P. T. Farwell. Mrs. Berry takes undisguised pleasure in having helped to train the wives of those whom she calls some "star" ministers. Her work in the academy was ended by her marriage to Rev. Augustus Berry, who had settled in Pelham and who spent his life in that parish. As the widow of a much loved pastor, she is the kindest sympathizer and strongest helper of all who are called to succeed to her husband's pulpit, which she herself so ably fills at any time of need.