



REV. CHARLES L. MERRIAM.

Rev. C. L. Merriam, at one time pastor of the Highland Congregational church, was instantly killed Thursday afternoon in an automobile accident at Hackensack, N. J. Mrs. Merriam, formerly Miss Grace Greeley of Pelham, N. H., was seriously injured, as were Rev. and Mrs. David Stuart Hamilton of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Paterson, N. J. The party were enjoying an automobile ride and were run down by a train on the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad.

Rev. Mr. Merriam is well remembered by Lowell people. In the early nineties, he accepted a call to the Highland Congregational church, and for several years was active in Lowell church work. He was a gifted speaker, and was a zealous worker in helping people of all denominations. He made many friends in Lowell.

Illness compelled him to take up work less arduous, and upon leaving Lowell, he assumed the pastorate of the Pelham Congregational church. Subsequently he moved to Derry, N. H., where he continued his church work, also acting as pastor of Pinkerton Academy and as a trustee of that institution. From Derry Mr. Merriam moved to Newton, in response to a call from the North Congregational church of that city.

In 1910, while on a vacation at Pelham, N. H., he married Miss Grace Greeley, whom he had met several years before while acting as pastor of the Pelham church. Mr. and Mrs. Merriam worked effectively in Newton. Later, came a call from a Paterson church, in which he had begun his ministry nearly 25 years before, and this he felt impelled to accept, since the Paterson people made their plea for his services on the ground that they wished to build up their church.

Mr. Merriam was a graduate of Yale college, and his first pastorate was at Kingston, Mass. He was married three times. He is survived by his wife, his mother and a daughter, who is the wife of Dr. Coggswell of Hartford, Conn.