

which, he retorted, "Better than yours!" At another time, when preaching at Smithtown Branch, a bullet was fired at him lodging in the wall just above his head, where the mark remained for many years. And Prime, in his "*Revolutionary Incidents of Long Island*" records: "p. 632. (May 28, '77. Col. Smith and Rev. Mr. Hart, were brought to the Provost where Hart fell sick, and lay at death's door. Col. Ethan Allen kneeled down and made so fervent a prayer by his side, and otherwise cheered him up, that he recovered and was admitted on Parole in New York City, October 25, —, Ed.)"

An examination of numerous papers and sermons, including a "Journal" kept by Mr. Hartt and now in the possession of his grand-children and great-grandchildren, reveals the character of the man. To preaching the Gospel he added farming, teaching school and land surveying; his diary containing many entries covering these activities. "Opened my Schoole, January 14th, 1793;" he records and "tallies" the daily attendance in favor of the following pupils: Henry and Joel Scudder; John, Samuel and Garner Mulford; Deborah, Isaac and John Scidmor; Anna Scidmor, Benjⁿ. Scribner, Isaac and John Gildersleeve, Moses Scribner Alexander and Smith Bryant, Thos. Tredwell, Isaac Arthur, Ebenezer Bryant, Isaac and Israel Scudder, Elizabeth Mulford, Jemima Bryant, Philetus Ketcham, Stephen Gildersleeve, Alexander B. Hartt, Karly Scudder, Benjⁿ. Ketcham, Sarah Bryant, Joseph Scidmor, Anna Fleet, Mary Briant, Joel Griffis, Joel Scidmore, Mathew Bunce, Jonah Rulen, Jeffrey Bunce and John Gardner.

For some time following the return of peace in 1783 Mr Hartt in company with others was engaged in making surveys of the State lands in the vicinity of Whitestown, Oneida County, New York. In 1790, he and the Reverend Nathan Kerr having been appointed missionaries by the Presbyterian General Assembly, they visited Whitestone, Cherry Valley and the Indian tribes of that neighborhood, which was then considered to be in "The West."

During our second conflict with Great Britain, in 1812, he preached numerous sermons of great power in justification of the War and in condemnation of the enemy's policy upon the sea. Blessed with a vigorous mind, he also possessed a splendid physique, weighing three hundred pounds, and notwithstanding his spirit of progressiveness, he was in manner mild and conciliatory.

The long list of marriages and baptisms performed by him and as herewith published is from the original record in the handwriting of Reverend Joshua Hartt now in the possession of one of his great-grandchildren, Mrs. Francis Osborne (Martha Hartt) Collas, Brooklyn, New York. In this connection it is interesting to note that for the performance of the marriage service he was wont to remark that he had received in fees "all the way from £50 to a copper ladle." His death occurred at Fresh Pond, L. I., October 3, 1829, in his ninety-first year. It is proposed to submit at a subsequent date to this article some genealogical information pertaining to his family.