



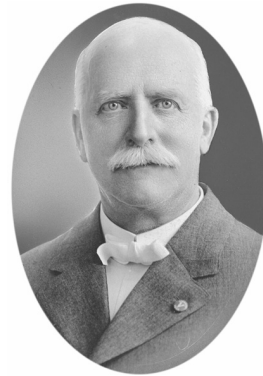
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"Friends, the will of God concerning us is not only the wisest and best thing in the world; it is also the tenderest and sweetest. God's will for us is not only more loving than a father's; it is more tender than a mother's.

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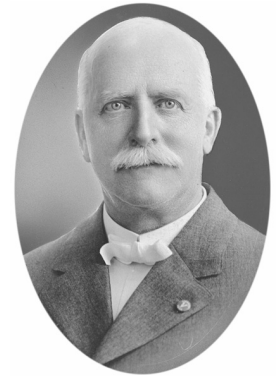
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