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Rev. Francis William McGuire, of Shiremanstown, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, is the son of **Robert** and **Harriet (Greenabaum) McGuire** and was born near Duncannon, Perry County, this State, on October 11, 1863. The **McGuires** are of Scotch-Irish extraction, **Robert McGuire**, father of the subject of this sketch, having been born in county Limerick, near Sligo, Ireland, February 2, 1812. He died near Duncannon, February 6, 1888. He was reared on a farm and at the age of twenty-one came to America in the year 1833. He spent a brief time at Norristown and then for several years traveled through the States working at different kinds of labor. In the year 1842 he located on a farm near Duncannon, where he remained the most of his life. He married **Harriet Greenabaum**, daughter of **Jonas Greenabaum**, a German Jew, whose wife was a German Lutheran.

She (**Mrs. McGuire**) was born on the ocean while her mother was coming to America in September, 1833. **Mr. Greenabaum** lived first at Hanover and then at Starners Station, Cumberland County. He was a merchant. The subject's father was twice married. His first wife was **Mary Jane Elliot**, of Perry County. By her he had **two** children, all of whom are dead. By his second wife he had six sons and one daughter: **Margaret**, wife of **Jacob Burger**, of Harrisburg; **Robert**, who is farming on the old homestead; **Thomas**, a wood-worker, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; **John**, a railroad man of Harrisburg; **George**, a farmer of Perry County; **Charles Andrew**, a railroad employee of Harrisburg, and the subject of this biography.

Rev. F. W. McGuire received his rudimentary education in the common schools and then went to Bloomfield Academy. Subsequently he was for a short time a student at Washington and Jefferson College. Having thus prepared himself, he taught school for two winters and then, at the age of twenty-three entered the ministry of the Church of God. His first pastorate was the East Lancaster circuit, of which he took charge in April 1887, and in October of the same year he was licensed to preach the gospel at Washington borough and returned to the same appointment for one year. The next year he was sent to Matamdos circuit August 22, 1889.

He was married to **Alice E. Clark** at Smithville, Lancaster County. She lived with her grandfather, **Jacob Kepperling**, who belonged to the Mennonite Church. Her parents live near Safe Harbor, Lancaster County. They went to housekeeping in Elizabethtown in October 1889; in 1891 they went to Churchtown; in 1892 to Newville, and in 1894 to Shiremanstown. He has charge of the Shiremanstown, Bowmansdale and Churchtown Churches.

Besides preaching he writes considerable for the Church Advocate and for three years edited the Sabbath School Lesson notes for that paper. He also writes for the Herald of the Coming One and other papers.

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