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Rev. FRANCIS TOMLINSON HAZLEWOOD, D.D., author of "The Discontented Clam and Other Stories," was born in Boston, Mass., April 2, 1839 of Francis T. and Ann Eliza (Leggett) Hazlewood. He was graduated from Phillips-Andover Academy in 1860, Brown University in 1864, and Newton Theological Institution in 1867, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Brown University in 1885. Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Natural History Society of Boston. Pursued 3-year medical course at Harvard. Made a hobby of the study of Pathological History and Bacteriology in which he was considered an authority.

His college course was interrupted by service with Company A, 10th Rhode Island Volunteers and, later, with the Christian Commission during the Civil War. Member and former Chaplain of Post 5, G. A. R., Lynn, Mass.

In 1867 he married Charlotte Williams Callender, a descendent of Rev. Ellis Callender, an organizer and former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boston, and immediately entered upon his first pastorate at Ellsworth, Maine, where his daughter Charlotte, compiler and illustrator of The Discontented Clam, was born. Later he became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bangor, where he served over fifteen years, during which time a daughter Emma and a son Sumner were born. From Bangor he moved to Lynn, Mass., becoming pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city. Later he became District Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, during which time, until his death in 1908, there was scarcely a Baptist church in New England from whose pulpit his voice was not heard.

In 1874 he started the present summer colony at Hancock Point, Maine, by building the first summer cottage at that place, then known as "Crabtree Neck," which, with alterations and enlargements, has been occupied by him or his family ever since. It was there that he received the inspiration for "The Discontented Clam and Other Stories."