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and was ordained by the Hampden Association, at Chicopee Falls, Mass., November 4, 1840. His successive fields of labor were—1. as pastor of the Congregational Church at Chicopee Falls, Mass., where he was installed on the day of his ordination, and from which charge he was dismissed April 10, 1843.—2. As pastor of the Edwards' Congregational Church at Northampton, Mass., when he was installed May 17, 1843 and dismissed November 24, 1846.—3. As pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Augusta, Ga., where he was installed December 19, 1847 and released April 6, 1854.—4. The Seventh Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, where he was installed May 3, 1854 and released October 1, 1856.—5. The First Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, N. Y., where he was installed November 19, 1856 and released May 12, 1862.—6. Lastly the South Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New York, where he was installed June 15, 1862, and released, because of ill health, April 19, 1881. He died of apoplexy, at Montclair, N. J., October 22, 1881, in the 64th year of his age. His last days were full of joy in God as his strength and hope. He was an amiable, genial, polished Christian gentleman, warmly beloved by his ministerial brethren and by all the congregations he successively served. As a preacher he was lucid, impressive, able, eloquent, and thoroughly scriptural.

Dr. Rogers married, February 26, 1839, Miss Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of John Caldwell, Esq., of Hartford, Conn. She survives him. He left three sons and five daughters. He received the degree of D. D. in 1853, from Oglethorpe University, Georgia.

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CHARLES WADSWORTH, D. D.

Charles Wadsworth, son of Henry and Mary Ann (Bradley) Wadsworth, was born at Litchfield, Conn., May 8, 1814; was prepared for College at Whitesboro, Oneida County, N. Y.; was graduated from Union College, N. Y., A. D., 1837; united on profession of his faith with the Reformed Dutch Church at Schenectady at about twenty years of age; after his graduation taught one year at Canajoharie, N. Y.; entered the middle class

in Princeton Seminary and spent there two years, 1838-40; was licensed by Troy Presbytery, October 23, 1840; was ordained by the same presbytery, February 17, 1842, and on the same day installed pastor of the Second Church of Troy, N. Y., from which after eight years of brilliant and most successful pulpit service he was released, March 5, 1850. His second pastoral charge was that of the Arch Street Church, Philadelphia, where he was installed March 20, 1850, and from which after twelve years of most popular and effective pulpit service he was released, April 3, 1862. He then removed to San Francisco, Cal., where he was installed November 5, 1862, pastor of Calvary Church, from which, after it had been greatly enlarged and strengthened by his labors, he was released November 13, 1869. He was next induced to return to Philadelphia, where he was installed, December 19, 1869, pastor of the Third Reformed Dutch Church. In 1873 this church united with the Western Presbyterian Church, under the new name of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, but after prolonged litigation it was prevented by the courts from taking the church property of the Third Reformed Dutch Church. Dr. Wadsworth and his people immediately accepted an invitation to worship with the Clinton Street Church, which was then without a pastor; in February 1878 these two churches became formally consolidated under the name of the Clinton Street Immanuel Church; Dr. Wadsworth was installed pastor of the newly united church, March 25, 1879; and of this church he continued to be pastor until he suddenly died of pneumonia, April 1, 1882, in Philadelphia, in the 68th year of his age. He was gifted with a brilliant and inexhaustible imagination, great pathos of tone and earnestness of manner, a power of presenting gospel truth in a wonderfully fresh and impressive manner. For a long course of years the large churches in which he preached were densely packed with eager hearers. In private life he was ordinarily shy, diffident and reserved, but among his special friends was cordial, frank and often full of humor.

Dr. Wadsworth married, December 1, 1848, Miss Jane Locke, daughter of Oliver Locke, Esq., of Boston, Mass. She survived him. He left two sons and one daughter. He received his degree of D. D., in 1857 from the University of New York.