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uary 7, 1839, and installed pastor of the church at Pennington, N. J.; this pastoral relation closed March 7, 1869. He then became Secretary of the Committee on the Relief Fund (afterward the "Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief for Disabled Ministers, etc."), and continued in this service until the end of 1884. Impaired health compelled his retirement from the active work of the ministry the later years of his life. Meanwhile, he was a member of the Board of Publication (twelve years), of the Board of Education (twenty years), and of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary (1861-88). He was for sixteen years Secretary of this Board. The fiftieth anniversary of his entrance upon his work at Pennington was to be commemorated on the Sabbath following his decease, which occurred at Frankford, Pa., November 11, 1888.

He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Lafayette College in 1861.

He was married June 22, 1842, to Miss Eliza R. Ingham, of Salisbury, Pa., who survives him, with one son and three daughters.

WILLIS LORD, D.D., LL.D.,

Was born at Bridgeport, Conn., September 15, 1809. His parents were Daniel Lord and Mrs. Anna (Choate) Lord. He was prepared for college at Wilton, Conn., under the tuition of Hawley Olmsted, Esq. He united with the First Congregational Church at Bridgeport, Conn., at about sixteen years of age. He was graduated from Williams College, Mass., in 1833, the Rev. E. D. Griffin, D.D., being then its President. From college he went immediately to Princeton Theological Seminary, arriving there some weeks before its term began. He writes: "The first thing I did was to write a poor sermon; the next to instruct a class of colored people who came to my room of evenings." He spent nearly one year at Princeton; afterwards pursuing his studies with the Rev. Nathaniel Hewitt, D.D., at Bridgeport.

Dr. Lord was licensed by the Association of Litchfield North, in May, 1834, and was ordained by the Consociation of the same name at New Hartford, Conn., October 15, 1834. His

successive fields of labor were as follows: 1st, Pastor of Richmond Street Congregational Church at Providence, R. I., 1838-40; 2d, Pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pa., installed March 23, 1840, and pastoral relation dissolved Oct. 1, 1850; 3rd, Pastor of the Seventh Church, Cincinnati, O., 1850-54, occupying at the same time the chair of Biblical Literature and Pastoral Theology in Cincinnati Theological Seminary, in connection with Dr. James Hoge and Dr. Nathan L. Rice; 4th, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., 1855-59; 5th, Professor of Ecclesiastical and Biblical History and afterwards of Polemic and Didactic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Northwest at Chicago, 1859-70; 6th, President of the University of Wooster, Ohio, 1870-74; 7th, Pastor-elect of the Central Presbyterian Church at Denver, Col., 1874-76; 8th, Pastor-elect of the First Presbyterian Church at Columbus, Ohio, 1877-Sept. '79. At the age of seventy years he relinquished this charge, saying that at the age of three score and ten he was not physically strong enough to perform the duties due to so large a congregation. From this time his residence was at Colorado Springs, Col. In 1883 he was elected President of the Presbyterian College of the Southwest at Del Norte, Col., and entered upon the duties of that position, but his health soon became seriously affected by the high altitude of that locality, and he withdrew in the fall of 1884.

From this time on he was a constant sufferer, and to gain relief he spent his winters in Florida, continuing, however, wherever he was, both to preach and to use his pen as his strength and his opportunities permitted. Since July, 1887, his decline was gradual but steady, with frequent acute attacks of facial neuralgia. He died at Guilford, Conn., where he stopped on his way to Florida, very suddenly, of paralysis of the heart, Oct. 28, 1888. His remains were buried at Colorado Springs, Col.

From 1846 to 1850 Dr. Lord was the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly, (Old School). He received from Lafayette College in 1847 the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1873 he received the degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Wooster.

Dr. Lord was twice married; 1st, to Miss Hannah W. Boughton, daughter of Mr. Ezra Boughton, of Danbury, Conn., on June 1, 1834. She died at Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 14, 1882. 2d, to Mrs. Ellen Agnes Pinney, daughter of Mr. Amos Seward, of Guilford, Conn., and widow of the Rev. John B. Pinney, D.D., (a Princeton Seminary alumnus), on July 24, 1884, at Guilford. Of his seven children, one son and two daughters survive him, viz.: 1, John B. Lord, of Denver, Col.; 2, Sarah S., wife of Dr. Thomas C. Kirkwood, of Colorado Springs, Col.; and, 3, Sophia F., wife of the Rev. Samuel H. Murphy, of Chatfield, Minn.

Dr. Lord published many works, chiefly sermons and tracts, of which the following are the principal: 1. The Federal Headship of Adam, Pres. Board of Publication. 2. Men and Scenes Before the Flood, published by the same Board. 3. The Banner Unfurled, a sermon. 4. Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions, before the General Assembly of 1850. 5. The Christian Minister in the Pulpit, a sermon. 6. The Saints Preserved Forever, a sermon. 7. Our National Blessings, two sermons. 8. Inaugural Address at Chicago. 9. A Call to the Gospel Ministry. 10. Our National Sins, a fast-day sermon during the war. 11. Inaugural Address as President of Wooster University. 12. Christian Theology for the People, a volume. 13. The Glorious Coming of the Lord, a volume.

Dr. Lord was an attractive and Scriptural preacher, and a student who was always making new acquisitions. In all the offices he filled he gained and held the respect and confidence of the churches and of his ministerial brethren. While Professor in Chicago, he built by his own individual efforts the Fullerton Avenue Church, gathered a congregation, gave them the property, and took care of the pulpit and people until they became able to support a pastor. Laboring in Denver, during the formative period of that territory and State, he exercised far more than the ordinary influence of even a devoted Christian minister. Twice in his course medical opinion and injunction compelled him to resign his office, first at Cincinnati, afterwards at Wooster. Yet he lived to a good old age, dying in his 80th year, in the blessed hope of an immortal life.