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where he was a faithful and beloved pastor for nearly twenty years.

His ministry wherever it was discharged, was one in which he labored steadily and faithfully, stimulating every part of the work of the church, and bringing the gospel closely home to the hearts and homes of men. His position in the capital of Delaware brought him into contact with many of the leading men of the State, and he gained a wide personal influence which he always used for the advancement of good morals and of the interests of the kingdom of Christ. He had a heart full of generous impulses. His wit was keen, but it left no sting, and was used only to cheer and attract. In all places and at all times he was the minister of Christ and the faithful defender of the truth of God. The long service of his Master fitted him for the day of death, and the gospel he preached sustained him in his last hours. His life ended in peace, and his memory is kept as a treasure in many hearts. He died of pneumonia, after an illness of some weeks, at Dover, Del., April 15, 1883, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Mr. Huntington was married at Millville, N. J., Nov. 13, 1851, to Mrs. Henrietta M. Boyd, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Chew. She died at Dover, Del., Dec. 4, 1879.

XXVI.

WILLIAM MUMFORD BAKER, D. D.,

William Mumford Baker, son of the Rev. Daniel Baker, D. D., and Mrs. Elizabeth (Venable) Baker, was born in the city of Washington, D. C., June 5, 1825; was prepared for college at different schools in Kentucky, Alabama and Mississippi; was received to the communion of the Church of Holly Springs, Miss., at the age of sixteen years; was graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1846; spent one year in study under the instruction of his father; entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1847, and spent one year in study there; was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, April 26, 1848; was stated supply of the Church at Batesville, Ark., 1849; was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of Little Rock., in 1850; stated supply of the Church of Galveston, Tex., 1850; was pastor

of the Daniel Baker Memorial Church of Austin, Tex., 1850-65, and one of the original members of the Presbytery of Centra, Texas at its organization in 1854; pastor of the Second Church of Zanesville, O., 1866-72, where on one occasion of special interest more than one hundred were received to the communion of the church. From Zanesville he was called to the Church of Newburyport, Mass., of which he was pastor from 1872 to 1874, and thence to Boston, where he labored eight years (1872-81). His last pastoral charge was the South Church of Philadelphia, over which he was installed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Nov. 3, 1881. He entered upon his work with great energy and devotion, and with much acceptance to the people. He attracted them as an eloquent preacher, and gained their hearts as a genial pastor. But he had hardly begun his work before his health gave way. After struggling along for a time in the hopes of a restoration, he finally felt compelled to offer his resignation. The congregation assented to his release with very great regret and the pastoral relation was formally dissolved, Feb. 19, 1883.

The closing months of his life were spent in Boston, Mass. They were overshadowed with severe trials. His illness was attended with great suffering throughout, and in its later stages was peculiarly distressing. But he bore up under it all with heroic fortitude and Christian resignation. As the end approached, his faith grew stronger and his hope brighter. Again and again he would whisper, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and when he could no longer articulate his faith, he took his pen and wrote, "I am ready." That was the last record, and what a blessed word it was! He died in Boston, Mass., Aug. 20, 1883, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. In April, 1884, his remains were, at the earnest and loving request of the Daniel Baker Memorial Church of Austin, Texas, to which he ministered so long, taken to Austin, and found their last resting place there, in the midst of the people in whose hearts his memory was embalmed.

Dr. Baker's ministerial life covered about thirty-four years. This was his heart work. He loved above all things to preach the blessed gospel. For this work he was splendidly endowed both by nature and by grace. "My decided preference has always been for the ministry, but Providence has constrained me to be in addition an author." As an author he was more widely known than as a preacher, and his productions have gained a

permanent place in the literature of our country. A man of true genius, a charming writer, an admirable preacher, with a heart true, pure and tender, his memory will ever be cherished by all who knew him.

Dr. Baker was married at Raleigh, Tenn., Jan. 5, 1850, to Miss Susan John Hartman. She, with four sons and two daughters, survived him.

XXVII.

ALLAN M'FARLAND.

Allan M'Farland, son of John and Jennett (Stewart) M'Farland, was born at Greenwich, Washington Co., N. Y., April 23, 1823; was prepared for college at the Cambridge, Washington Co. Academy, N. Y.; was received to the communion of the Glen's Falls Church, N. Y., at the age of twenty years; was graduated from Union College in 1849; entered Princeton Theological Seminary the same year, and was graduated therefrom in 1852; was licensed by the Presbytery of Troy, April 16, 1851; was ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Plainfield, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Rochester City, April 27, 1853, and released, Oct. 12, 1854; was installed pastor of the Brookville Church, Ind., Dec. 16, 1854, and released, Sept. 10, 1856; was installed pastor of the Church of Palestine, Ill., April 16, 1859, and released June 10, 1868; was stated supply of the Church of Farmington, Ill., from 1868 until installed its pastor, April 23, 1871; was released April 24, 1877, and installed pastor of the Church of Flora, Ill., May 2, 1878. This relation continued until his death.

Mr. McFarland served as Chaplain of the Ninety-eighth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers from July, 1863, to July, 1865, the Church of Palestine, Ill., of which he was then pastor, employing a stated supply during his absence. During his ministerial life of thirty years he was very seldom laid aside by sickness, and was never without a field of labor. He was a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus; laborious, earnest and devoted to his great work. He died at Flora, Ill., from the results of malarial diseases, April 3, 1883, in the sixtieth year of his age.

Mr. M'Farland was married in Cambridge, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1855, to Miss Jennie Morey, only daughter of Col. Jonathan Morey, of Cambridge, N. Y. She, with a son and daughter and an adopted daughter, survived him.