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a Council of Congregational ministers at Williamsburg, Mass., October 26, 1830. Immediately after his ordination he went to Ohio, where he labored as a missionary, organizing new churches and supplying young and weak churches. His successive fields of labor, were as follows: At Ruggles, Ohio, 1830-31; at Ridgefield, 1831-33; Greenfield, 1832-35; Peru, 1835-39; North Fairfield, 1839-53; Bronson, 1853-56; Plymouth, 1856-60; Allen's Grove, Wis., 1860-64; Palmyra, Wis., 1864-65; Columbus, Wis., 1865-67. From 1867 until his death he resided at Beloit, Wis., without charge. His ministerial life in Ohio and Wisconsin was that of a pioneer Home Missionary, in which service he organized several new churches, and aided them in the erection of houses of worship. The dearth of medical ability in the field of his labors, compelled him from humane motives to resort to his medical profession, which soon secured a large and remunerative practice, and for ten years he performed the double duty of preaching the gospel and practising medicine, his medical services being furnished to the poor gratuitously. For nearly ten years preceding his death he had been an invalid, the result of overwork in his earlier days. For three years he had known and felt that any hour might be his last. He was a patient sufferer, ready, and towards the end desirous to depart. His disease was gradual paralysis, without any stroke. He died at Beloit, Wis., December 11, 1880, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

Mr. Salmon married, March 3, 1835, Miss Elizabeth Pomeroy, daughter of William Pomeroy, of Williamsburg, Hampshire County, Mass. She survived him. He left two sons (one a clergyman of the same name) and one daughter.

XXIII.

HENRY AUGUSTUS BOARDMAN, D. D.

Henry Augustus Boardman, son of John and Clarinda Boardman, was born at Troy, N. Y., January 9, 1808. He received his preparatory education chiefly at the Academies of Kinderhook and Troy, and was graduated from Yale College in September, 1829, being the valedictorian of his class. On leaving college he devoted one year, 1829-30, to legal studies, preparatory to the Bar, but having united by profession with the Second Church of Troy, in the spring of 1830, when about twenty-two years of age, he devoted

himself to the work of the ministry, entered Princeton Seminary in September, 1830, and studied there three years. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New York April 17, 1833, and was ordained by the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia November 8, 1833, and installed as pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia. This was not only his first, but his only charge, in which he continued to labor until released, May 5, 1876, after which he continued, by vote of the church and of the Presbytery, to hold the relation of "Pastor Emeritus" until his death. This sad event occurred at his residence on Spruce Street, in Philadelphia, June 15, 1880, in the seventy-third year of his age. The disease from which he died was gastritis. He had returned on the day previous from Atlantic City, N. J., after a short visit there, complaining of some illness, which was not thought to be serious, but under which he gradually sank and passed away calmly on the next morning.

In a sketch like this it is impossible to do little more than record bare facts and dates. But it may be said here, that while yet in the Seminary he was called to the pulpit of the Tenth Church of Philadelphia, where he performed his great life-work of forty-six years with distinguished ability, learning and fidelity, and from this eminent position of usefulness he could not be drawn away. In 1853 he was elected by the General Assembly to be Professor of Pastoral Theology in Princeton Seminary, but he declined to accept it. In 1854 he was Moderator of the (O. S.) General Assembly. In 1835 he was elected a Director of Princeton Seminary, in which office he continued until his death, being ever found unwavering, intense and filial in his devotion to the interests of the institution. Between him and our venerated and loved late Professor, Doctor Charles Hodge, a most intimate and affectionate friendship subsisted, and one of his latest publications was his memorial of the life and character of that beloved friend.

As an author, Dr. Boardman was able and prolific. His printed works embrace over a dozen volumes, and about thirty discourses and other pamphlets.

As a preacher, "he was evangelical and elevated in his thoughts and pure, simple and direct in his style. He charmed while instructing his people, and bound them to himself by the cords of a reverential love. He was uncompromisingly orthodox in his beliefs, and Presbyterian in his ecclesiastical polity." He was also

pre-eminently wise in counsel, and to the very end he grew in influence among his brethren.

Dr. Boardman married at Princeton, N. J. (the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., officiating) Miss Eliza Beach Jones, daughter of Paul T. Jones, Esq., of Charleston, S. C. She died August 19, 1874. He left three sons and two daughters.

XXIV.

JAMES COOKE EDWARDS.

James Cooke Edwards, son of Webley and Mary (Cooke) Edwards, was born in Warren County, N. J., March 12, 1807, and was prepared for college under the tuition first, of the Rev. Joseph L. Shafer, D. D., at Newton, N. J., and afterwards at the Academy at Schooley's Mountain, N. J., under the Rev. Holloway W. Hunt. He was graduated from the College of New Jersey, at Princeton, A. D. 1830. He united with the church at Newton, N. J., on profession, when about fifteen years of age. On leaving college, he passed immediately into Princeton Seminary, and took nearly a full course, lacking only a few weeks of three years; while in the Seminary, he was also a tutor in the college, 1832-33. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Newton, April 24, 1833, and was ordained by the Presbytery of New York, in the city of New York, as an evangelist, October 22, 1834. For nearly a year, 1834-35, he labored in New York, gathering the 8th Avenue (now West 23d Street) church, and then serving it as stated supply. Having accepted a call to Smithtown, Long Island, he was installed as its pastor, May 5, 1835, and labored there successfully for nearly seventeen years, until released December 25, 1851, in order to become pastor of the Second (now South Street) Church of Morristown, N. J. Over the latter church he was installed January 6, 1852, and labored there over eight years, until released April 18, 1860. This was his last pastorate. Afterwards he served the Weehawken Church, N. J., as a supply from May 1 to November 1, 1877, and since 1860, taught for longer or shorter periods of time at South Orange, Rahway, and Jersey City, N. J.

He died at Morristown N. J., June 28, 1880, in the seventy-third year of his age. His disease was cystitis, followed by two attacks of apoplexy. Towards the last he seemed depressed, the spirit