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larly graduated in 1836. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, August 5, 1835, and after spending two years, 1836-38, in missionary labor in Giles County, Tenn., was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of West Tennessee, at Pulaski, Tenn., June 23d, 1838. After serving it two years, 1840-42, as supply, he accepted a call to the church at Salem, N. J., and was installed October 17th, 1842, and labored there eleven and a half years, until released April 20, 1852, after which he taught for several years at Edgehill Seminary at Princeton, N. J., and subsequently a school for young ladies in the city of Philadelphia.

In 1860, Dr. Helm entered the Protestant Episcopal Church, was ordained a deacon by Bishop Bowman, March 18, 1860, and a priest by Bishop Potter, November 16, 1860, in Philadelphia. After this he labored as assistant minister in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, 1860-62. In 1863 he became Rector of St. Paul's Church at Sing Sing, N. Y., which post he continued to occupy seventeen years, until his death. He died at Sing Sing, N. Y., from an attack of acute pneumonia, October 15, 1880, in the seventieth year of his age, after an illness of only five days. His death was full of peace and resignation to the will of God.

Dr. Helm married, September 14, 1836, Miss Eliza Maria Buckley, daughter of William Buckley, of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, N. Y. She was born in the parish of Saddleworth, near Huddersfield, England, and survived her husband, with two sons and two daughters.

XXXIII.

WILLIAM COOMBS DANA, D. D.

William Coombs Dana, son of the Rev. Daniel Dana, D. D., and Elizabeth (Coombs) Dana, was born at Newburyport, Mass., February 13, 1810; received his preparatory education at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H. under Abel F. Hildreth, and was graduated from Dartmouth College, N. H. A. D. 1828. He first made a public profession of his faith by uniting with the Second (Harris Street) Presbyterian Church of Newburyport, at the age of seventeen. After leaving college he taught as Principal of Thetford (Vt.) Academy one year, 1829-30; then taught at Chesterfield, N. H. a part of 1830; at Westborough, Mass. from June, 1830 to October, 1831, when he entered Andover Seminary,

and studied there one year, 1831-32; and at Columbia Seminary (S. C.), from December, 1833 to May, 1835. He entered Princeton Seminary in May, 1835, and remained through the summer session of that year. He was licensed by Harmony Presbytery (S. C.), April 10, 1835, and was ordained by Charleston Union Presbytery, February 14, 1836. In December, 1835, he began to preach for the Central Presbyterian Church of Charleston, S. C., soon after accepted a call to become its pastor, and was installed on the day of his ordination, given above. Here he found his life-work. He continued to be pastor of this one church until he died, a period of about forty-five years, of nearly unbroken ministerial labor. He had often expressed a wish for a sudden death, without a wasting sickness or a lingering and enfeebled old age. His wish was realized. He was seized with suffusion of the brain, soon after became unconscious, and so continued until, after an illness of five days, he peacefully ceased to breathe, November 30, 1880, in the seventy-first year of his age.

Dr. Dana was a man of singularly pure and beautiful life, and was faithful, earnest and effective in his ministerial work. He was possessed of great gentleness and sweetness of spirit, of a warm and sympathetic nature, and of chivalric nobleness of spirit. He had exquisite literary taste and culture, was an accurate and elegant classical scholar, and a polished writer. He was eminent as a preacher and tenderly loved as a pastor.

Dr. Dana married, July 30, 1839, Miss Flora M. Matheson, daughter of Alexander Matheson, of Charleston, S. C. She survived him. They had no children.

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Charleston College, about A. D. 1871.

XXXIV.

LEMUEL GREGORY OLMSTEAD, LL. D.

Lemuel Gregory Olmstead, son of Zalmon and Rebecca (Barlow) Olmstead, was born at Maltaville, Saratoga County, N. Y., July 5, 1808. After studying in his native village under the Rev. Ebenezer Seymour, he passed through the course of study in Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., as naturalist and engineer. In 1831 he was Lecturer on Chemistry and Mineralogy in Dickin-