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in 1877-78. He began his work in Georgia at White Oak in December, 1879. He was pastor here for twenty years, being called July 30th, 1886, and installed November, 1886, and dying Oct. 30th, 1899.

He married Miss Nancy Hannah McKemy Sept. 6th, 1871, in Rockbridge Co., Va. His wife was the daughter of Col. John and Caroline McKemy. She was born Oct. 18th, 1850, in Rockbridge Co., Va. She was the mother of three children and is still living at Newnan, Georgia.

As a man he was pure, honest, cheerful, kind. As a pastor he was faithful, gentle, sympathetic. As a preacher he was plain, unaffected, and presented as nearly the mind of the Spirit in the text as he could. He was a companion to the young so that he held the young people to him and the Church. He was never known to compromise what he believed to be the teaching of the Word of God, and yet all who differed in their belief had not only respect but a positive attachment for him.

The congregation at White Oak will bear the impress of his teaching and character for many a year.



W. R. HEMPHILL, D. D.

*Hemphill, William Ramsey.*—Born in Hopewell, Chester Co., S. C., March 14, 1806; was a son of Rev. John Hemphill, D. D., a conspicuous figure in the history of the Associate Reformed Church for the first quarter of the 19th century.

It seems that he was kept back several years from his educational pursuits, being engaged with his brother in a mercantile business in Providence,

Mecklenburg Co., N. C., but in 1831 he entered Jefferson College, Pa., then under the Presidency of Rev. Matthew Brown, D. D. He entered the junior class, and on the 4th of Oct., 1833, obtained a diploma.

At the age of seventeen he had been admitted to the communion of the Church, being examined on that occasion by the Rev. William Blackstock, who happened to be present as an assistant to his father, and after his graduation he turned his attention to theology and entered the Seminary at Allegheny, at that time under the presidency of Dr. John T. Pressly.

He attached himself to one of the Presbyteries about Pittsburg during his theological course, but that Presbytery refused to license him on the ground that the candidate was suspected of being somewhat heterodox on the subject of slavery. He returned South, and was licensed by the First Presbytery in June, 1836.

In June, 1837, he was ordained and installed by the Second Presbytery pastor of Cedar Springs and Long Cane, Abbeville County, S. C. During the ten years of his pastorate he studied hard, preached with all his might, spared neither body nor mind, and succeeded in laying the foundation of his ministerial fame.

In 1848 he was elected by Synod to the Chair of Latin in Erskine College. This position he filled until the College was temporarily broken up by the war. In 1871 he removed to New Hope, Madison Co., Ky., where he remained three or four years, until failing health caused his return to his old home, Due West.

On May 10, 1837, Dr. Hemphill had married Miss Hannah Smith Lind, the daughter of the Rev. John Lind, who was for a long time pastor of the A. R. Church at Greencastle, Pa. To them were born five children. Mrs. Hemphill died Oct. 5th, 1895, in the 87th year of her age, at Gen. R. R. Hemphill's, Abbeville, S. C.

Attention has been directed to Dr. Hemphill as a student, as a pastor, and as a professor, he also merits some

attention as an agent, a thankless occupation, but one which the interest of the Church and of educational institutions require to be performed. In 1851 he helped to raise money to pay for the erection of Lindsay Hall, in 1853 to raise the old Endowment, since the war to get up the Five Year Endowment, and later, the \$100,000 Endowment. How much talking, how much explaining of things, how much reasoning with people, how many objections, how many unreasonable and hard things have to be listened to, how much traveling in bad weather over bad roads, what long periods of absence from home fall to the lot of the minister who occupies the unenviable position of an agent. A man whom most people do not want to see, and one whose absence is about as agreeable as his presence. This service Dr. Hemphill rendered the Church and the College with skill, perseverance, self-denial, and long-suffering. He also enjoyed a wide reputation as a writer. His newspaper articles, if collected, would fill several volumes. These articles are on a variety of topics—agriculture, trade, politics, literature, travel, and theology. The characteristics of his style were humor and piquancy.

He was somewhat of a polemic, indulging occasionally in the controversial. About the year 1843 and 1844 he was drawn into a controversy in the "*Charleston Observer*" with "*Charlestonensis*" (Dr. Thomas Smyth) on the subject of Psalmody. The fire was kept up for some time with spirit on both sides, neither party being willing to admit that he had been beaten.

This well-known and highly esteemed minister departed this life at his home in Due West, Abbeville county, S. C., on the morning of Friday, July 28, 1876, aged 70 years, 4 months, and 14 days.

*Henry, Hugh McMaster, D. D.*—Born at Hazlewood, Chester Co., S. C., Dec. 9, 1852, was a son of William J. and Sarah Henry. In his childhood, he experienced