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AND OTHER EMINENT MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH.

Including a Description of the Historic Decorations of the Pan Presbyterian Council of 1880,

By REV. HENRY C. McCOOK, D. D., LL. D.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following—PSALM XLVIII, 12, 13.

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1717, to certain parties to be held in trust for the support of a Presbyterian minister on Edisto.

In 1732 the donation of a number of negro slaves was made, who were to be employed on these lands, and about the same time another valuable gift of land was conveyed to the church by a Mr. Willis. A record of the following year notes the death of a Mr. Moor, a Presbyterian minister of Edisto; the number of years of his service is, however, unknown. He was probably the first resident pastor. Between this period and 1741 the church must have been vacant, for it was not until the latter year that the Rev. John McCloud officiated as next pastor. He served until 1754, and was succeeded, in 1770, by the Rev. Thomas Henderson, who resigned his charge between the years 1775-1776.

The history of the church during the Revolutionary period is unknown, for any records existing at that time were destroyed. The next notice we have of it is in 1784, when it obtained its charter. At this period it was served by the Rev. Thomas Cooley, an Englishman, who continued in its pulpit until 1790. In 1793 he was succeeded by the Rev. Donald McCloud, who served until his death in 1821.

In the same year the Rev. William States Lee entered upon the discharge of his duties as pastor of this church, retaining the position until 1872, when old age and a failing eyesight impelled him to tender his resignation. Throughout the very long period of his pastorate he retained the love and esteem not only of his own charge, but of the community at large. In the silent cemetery near by rest his mortal remains, and a tablet has been erected to his memory within the walls of the church, a fit expression of veneration and affection for one who was the bond of living unity in the successive generations, and who, for more than half a century, pointed the fathers, children and grandchildren to the Lamb of God, united kindred and loving hearts in the sacred bonds of matrimony, sprinkled the water of baptism upon the brows of the children of the covenant, spake words of comfort to the suffering, and shed tears and read the consoling and triumphant truths of God's Word over the narrow coffins of the dead. Since the resignation of Mr. Lee, the Church has been served successfully by the Rev. J. R. Dow and the Rev. J. E. Fogartie, the latter of whom resigned the charge in the Autumn of 1882. On the third Sabbath of May, 1883, the Rev. R. A. Mickle was installed pastor of the Church by a Committee of Charleston Presbytery, consisting of Rev. W. T. Thompson, Rev. Dr. Brackett, and Rev. Thomas P. Hay. Amidst all its outward changes, the Church of Edisto Island—one of the old mother churches—is still sound in the faith, and aims at still greater usefulness.

Edson, Hanford Abram, D. D., the youngest son of Dr. Freeman and Mary Hanford Edson, was born in Scottsville, Monroe county, N. Y., March 14th,

1837. He graduated at Union College, in the class of 1855, received the degree of Master of Arts, in course, and that of Doctor of Divinity from Hanover College, in 1873. He spent the three years after graduation mainly as instructor in Greek and Mathematics, in Genesee Academy, Livingston county, N. Y. In September, 1858, he entered the Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., and remained in the Institution for two years. Having studied German, he went, in May, 1860, to Europe, and was matriculated in the University of Halle, where he gave attention especially to theology and philosophy, under the instruction of Tholuck, Julius Müller, and Erdmann. After extensive tours in Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France and England, he returned home. He was licensed to preach by the Niagara Presbytery, October 29th,



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1861, and took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Niagara Falls, N. Y., where he remained until called to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Ind., which began January 17th, 1864. He transferred his services to the Memorial Presbyterian Church, in the same city, April 1st, 1873. Both these churches are large and flourishing, and Dr. Edson has been mainly instrumental in erecting handsome edifices for each.

Dr. Edson has been the recipient of many ecclesiastical honors. In 1873 he represented the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the National Congregational Council in New Haven, Conn.; and, in 1878, he was commissioned to the same duty before the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, in Newark, N. J. He has written largely

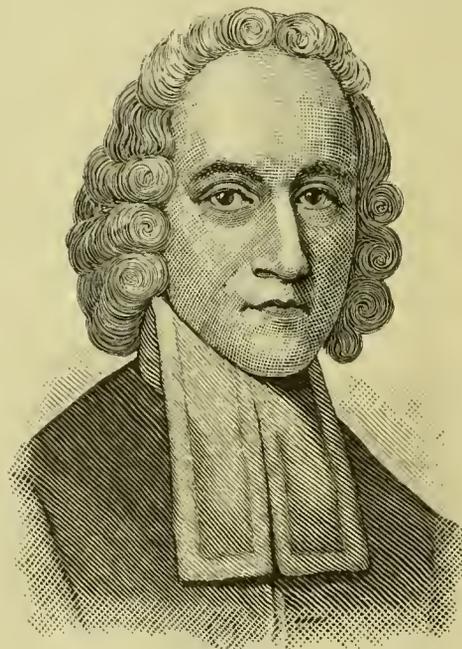
for the press, and is the author of various magazine articles and published sermons and addresses. Among the latter may be mentioned: "Commencement Address at McLean Institute, 1861;" "Commencement Address before the Theological Societies of Marietta College, 1867;" Address at the Dedication of the Library and Chapel of Wabash College, 1872;" "Commencement Address before the Theological Societies of Hanover College, 1873;" "Semi-Centennial Address before the Synods of Indiana, 1876." His Thanksgiving sermon, November 26th, 1868, is said to have given special impulse to the establishment of the Indianapolis Public Library.

Edwards, Rev. James Cooke, son of Webley and Mary (Cooke) Edwards, was born in Warren county, N. J., March 12th, 1807. He was graduated from the College of New Jersey, at Princeton, in 1830. On leaving college, he passed immediately into Princeton Seminary; and, while in the Seminary, he was also a Tutor in the college, 1832-33. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Newton, April 24th, 1833, and was ordained by the Presbytery of New York, in the city of New York, as an evangelist, October 22d, 1834. For nearly a year, 1834-35, he labored in New York, gathering the Eighth Avenue (now West Twenty-third Street) Church, and then serving it as stated supply. Having accepted a call to Smithtown, Long Island, he was installed as its pastor, May 5th, 1835, and labored there successfully for nearly seventeen years, until released, December 25th, 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 6th, 1852, and labored there over eight years, until released April 18th, 1860. This was his last pastorate. Afterwards he served the Weehawken Church, N. J., as a supply, from May 1st to November 1st, 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 28th, 1880. He was a man of excellent scholarship, of sound mind, of kindly spirit, and much beloved by all who knew him.

Edwards, Rev. Jesse, the son of George C. and Hannah Edwards, was born in Elmira, N. Y., February 21st, 1819. He was educated in New Jersey College, where he was appointed Tutor. He graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1842, and was licensed by Steuben Presbytery in May of that year. He removed to Indiana, and, in 1845, was ordained by Logansport Presbytery, and labored as stated supply for Delphi and Rock Creek churches. In 1846 he preached at Monticello and vicinity, in the same Presbytery. In 1847 he returned to New York, and became stated supply for the Second Presbyterian Church, Sparta, N. Y., and for a short time in Portageville, N. Y. In 1850 he removed to Wisconsin, and entered upon his labors as a domestic missionary, under circumstances the most arduous

and self-denying. He preached at Plover, Portage county, Wis., at Stevens' Point, and for a time at Grand Rapids. Whilst employed in these many labors he was elected one of the Professors in Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis. When that institution was closed he returned to Plover, where he resided till his death, which occurred February 6th, 1866. At all these places his remarkable fidelity and conscientiousness won the highest respect of the people, as his thorough Biblical scholarship, his instructive discourses, and his devotion to duty, claimed that of his brethren in the ministry.

Edwards, Rev. Jonathan, President of New Jersey College, a most acute metaphysician and distinguished divine, was born at Windsor, Conn., October 5th, 1703. He was graduated at Yale College in



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1720, before he was seventeen years of age. His uncommon genius discovered itself early, and while yet a boy he read Locke on the Human Understanding with a keen relish. Though he took much pleasure in examining the kingdom of nature, yet moral and theological researches yielded him the highest satisfaction. He lived in college nearly two years after taking his first degree, preparing himself for the office of a minister of the gospel. In 1722 he went to New York, at the request of a small congregation of English Presbyterians, and preached a number of months. In 1724 he was appointed a Tutor in Yale College, and he continued in that office till he was invited, in 1726, to preach at Northampton, Mass. Here he was ordained as colleague with his grandfather, Mr. Stoddard, February 15th, 1727. In 1735 his ministry was attended with very uncommon suc-