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XVII.

SILAS MILTON ANDREWS, D. D.

Silas Milton Andrews, son of George and Catharine (Barr) Andrews, was born March 11, 1805, in Back Creek Congregation, Rowan County, N. C., and received his preparatory education at Ebenezer Academy, Iredell County, N. C., under the Rev. William A. Hall. He united on profession of his faith with Bethany Church, in Concord Presbytery, N. C., at eighteen years of age; was graduated from the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, A. D. 1826; taught a classical school in his native place one and a half years; was for another one and a half years tutor in the University of North Carolina; entered Princeton Seminary in the fall of 1828; and after a full course of three years of study was regularly graduated in the fall of 1831. He was licensed by New Brunswick Presbytery, February 2, 1831; ordained by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, at Doylestown, Pa., November 16, 1831, and on the same day installed pastor of the church of Doylestown and Deep Run. This was his one, uninterrupted, and only charge from that day until his death, a period of forty-nine years and four months. Here he labored steadily, industriously, with marked ability, sound judgment and rare devotion to his one work, concentrating all his efforts on his charge and taking very little part in outside affairs, gathering in from time to time large numbers of converts, and training and edifying his people in the way of truth, holiness and duty. For the first seventeen years of his pastorate he also conducted a private classical school in addition to performing his ministerial duties. For only a few days before his death was he ill. He was then prostrated by an attack of paralysis which disabled him from articulating, and died March 7, 1881, lacking only four days of completing his 76th year.

Dr. Andrews was a quiet, unassuming man, averse from all pretension and ostentation. He possessed excellent scholarship, a well-balanced mind, rare good judgment, and was a scriptural and impressive preacher. From October 15, 1848, until the Reunion in 1870, when he declined a re-election, he was Stated Clerk of the Synod of Philadelphia, the duties of which office he was admirably qualified to fulfil by his accuracy, his methodical care-

fulness, and his fine penmanship. He was held in high respect and warm regard by all who knew him.

Dr. Andrews married, first, April 18, 1833, Martha Matilda Du Bois, daughter of the Rev. Uriah Du Bois (then deceased), of Doylestown, Pa. She died April 1, 1863. Secondly, May 16, 1865, Harriet Maria Waller, daughter of Phineas Waller, of Kingston, Pa. She survived her husband. He left two sons. He received the degree of D. D. from Washington College, Pa.

XVIII.

COCHRAN FORBES.

Cochran Forbes, son of John and Sarah Forbes, was born at Goshen, Chester County, Pa., July 21, 1805, and received his early education, first at the Academy in Chester, Pa., and later under the Rev. John C. Grier, D. D., in the Institute at Reading, Pa. He was never graduated from any college. He first made a public profession of religion by uniting with the Church of Rockland, New Castle County, Del., in the twentieth year of his age. Leaving Dr. Grier's Academy at Reading, he went directly to Princeton Seminary in 1828, and, after a full three years' course, was regularly graduated in 1831. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, April 21, 1831. In company with the Rev. Richard Armstrong, his classmate at Princeton, he was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, October 21, 1831, at the meeting of the Synod in Baltimore, the ordination service being held in the church of which the Rev. Wm. Nevins, D. D. was then pastor. Soon after his ordination, he embarked for the Sandwich Islands, having been commissioned as a foreign missionary by the A. B. C. Foreign Missions. He labored at those Islands as pastor of a church at Kaalakeakua from June 1, 1833, until June 29, 1845, when he resigned on account of the ill-health of Mrs. Forbes, and occupied the post of Seamen's Chaplain at Lahaina, until October 23, 1847, when he returned to the United States. Having returned, he became pastor of the united churches of Glade Run and Rural Valley, in Blairsville Presbytery, where he was installed October 15, 1848. From this charge he was released April 21, 1856. He then supplied the church at Kendallville, Ind.,