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Princeton College

BIOGRAPHY

OF THE

CLASS OF 1838

OF THE

COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY,

AT PRINCETON, N. J.

"SO HELP ME GOD, DURING THE TIME OF MY ADMINISTRATION,
PRINCETON SHALL KEEP FAITH WITH THE DEAD."—*From President Patton's
Inaugural Address.*

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He married at Newtown, Pa., November 28, 1839, Miss Achsah M. Ely, daughter of Mr. Hugh B. Ely, of Buckingham, Pa. She died February 3, 1844. He left but one child, a daughter, Mary Olden Davis, born November 5, 1841, who married Mr. George Eastburn, of Philadelphia, and died May 8, 1873, leaving one son, Holmes Davis Eastburn, who is now preparing to enter Princeton College.

Mr. Davis was a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton, N. J., from 1845 until 1848. He was also a Trustee of the same church from 1846 until 1849. After the death of his wife he was anxious to study for the ministry, but his friends dissuaded him because of his poor health. He was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

REV. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG DOD, A.M., D.D.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG DOD was born at Elizabethtown, (now Elizabeth), N. J., June 29, 1816. His parents were David Dod and Mrs. Nancy (Squier) Dod. He was a younger brother of Prof. Albert Baldwin Dod, D.D., of Princeton College (Class of 1822). His preparation for college was obtained in the Classical School of the Rev. John T. Halsey at Elizabethtown, N. J. In 1835 he entered the Sophomore Class of Princeton College, and joined the Clisophic Society.

In stature Mr. Dod was somewhat under the medium size, and of a light and rather slender form, was quiet and gentle in manner, was thoughtful, often sad, and even at times deeply melancholy. His intellect was bright and keen, his memory tenacious, his gifts many and various. He was a good writer, an excellent speaker, and popular among his fellow-students.

After his college graduation he studied law; was a tutor in Princeton College, 1840-41; then studied law, and for a short time practiced it in New York City, until 1844. In that year he determined to study for the gospel ministry, and entered Princeton Theological Seminary, whence he was graduated, after a full course of three years, in 1847. He was ordained

as an Evangelist by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, April 25, 1850; served the Presbyterian Church at Port Richmond, Philadelphia, as Stated Supply nearly two years; and was pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church at Princeton, N. J., from 1852 to 1859. In the latter year he determined to enter the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was ordained a deacon therein; was further ordained as a presbyter by Bishop Odenheimer, June 3, 1860; was installed as Rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church at Princeton, N. J., May 10, 1861, and continued to hold that position until March, 1866, when his health failed, and he ceased to perform any further regular public duties.

Mr. Dod married, October 10, 1850, Miss Catherine Elizabeth Stockton, daughter of Commodore Robert F. Stockton, of Princeton. They had four children: 1. Harriet Maria Dod.—2. Robert Stockton Dod (Class of 1873), who studied for the Episcopal ministry, but now resides upon a ranche in Texas.—James Potter Dod (Class of 1878)—Mary Dod. They are all still living.

Mr. W. A. Dod received, in 1855, while pastor of Princeton Second Church, the appointment from the College of "Lecturer on The Fine Arts, including Architecture," which position he held until 1859. His lectures during these years are spoken of as having been in a high degree attractive and instructive.

In the year 1859 he received the degree of Doctor in Divinity from Columbia College, N. Y.

After Dr. Dod relinquished the rectorship of Trinity Church in 1866, he continued to live, in very poor health, a quiet and retired life until his death, which occurred at Princeton December 31, 1872. His widow died March 24, 1874.

JOHN MCAULEY EAGER, A. M., ESQ.

JOHN MCAULEY EAGER was born at Newburgh, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1817. His parents were Samuel Watkins Eager, and Mrs. Catharine (McAuley) Eager. His father, Mr. Samuel Watkins