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poor, came equally within the range of his attentions. In his more general relations to the Church, he manifested great consideration, and good sense and regard to the Presbyterian standards, while yet he was watchful for the promotion of harmony among brethren. He was universally esteemed and honored while living, and the generations to come will take care that his memory does not die.

WILLIAM M. ENGLES, D.D.

WILLIAM MORRISON ENGLES, a son of Silas and Annie (Patterson) Engles, was born in Philadelphia, October 12, 1797. He passed his early days at home, enjoying the best advantages of education which the city afforded. In due time he became a member of the University of Pennsylvania, where, notwithstanding he was among the younger members of his class, he graduated, in 1815, with one of the highest honors. After studying Theology for three years, under the direction of Dr. Samuel B. Wylie, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, he was licensed to preach, by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in October, 1818. Shortly after his licensure, he set out on a missionary tour in the Valley of Wyoming, where his fresh and earnest preaching is said to have produced a powerful impression.

Having performed the missionary service allotted to him, he returned to Philadelphia, and on the 6th of July, 1820, was ordained and installed Pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian Church, which had previously existed as a colony of English Independents, but had shortly before, owing to various circumstances, become connected with the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He

continued in this relation until September, 1834, when, on account of an affection of the throat, he was obliged to discontinue public speaking, and therefore resigned his pastoral charge. The church enjoyed a good degree of prosperity under his ministry, and if its numbers did not increase during the latter years, it was attributable to circumstances over which he had no control.

About the time that his connection with his congregation closed, Dr. James. W. Alexander was just retiring from the editorship of the *Presbyterian*. That paper then came under the direction of Mr. Engles; and though, at different periods, he shared the labor and responsibility with several other individuals, his connection with it as editor continued through the long period of thirty-three years. The Rev. Dr. Grier, who was associate editor with him at the time of his death, has rendered the highest testimony to the good taste, and good judgment, and good spirit, with which he prosecuted his work.

In May, 1838, he was appointed Editor of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and he held that important position, discharging its duties with great fidelity, twenty-five years. In 1840, he was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly, and the same year was appointed Stated Clerk. The latter office he held until 1846.

Dr. Engles (for the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1838) had, for a considerable time, been subject to occasional turns of illness, which medical skill could not avert, and which proved to be an obscure affection of the heart. The last attack was accompanied with congestion of the lungs, which left

little doubt of a fatal issue. While he was willing to submit to whatever medical treatment might be thought best, he had the fullest conviction that his hour had nearly come; but he was perfectly tranquil and submissive in the prospect, not doubting that it would be gain for him to depart. He died on the 27th of November, 1867, when he had just completed his seventieth year.

He was married, in 1836, to Charlotte Schott, daughter of James Schott, of Philadelphia, who survives him. They had no children.

The following is an extract from the record of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, in reference to his death:—

“The Presbyterian Board of Publication is probably more largely indebted to Dr. Engles, than to any other man, for its existence and its early influence. He was one of the first half-dozen men who clearly perceived the necessity for such an institution, and who met to take counsel together in reference to its formation. In all the incipient measures which led to its organization, and afterwards to its adoption and reorganization by the General Assembly, he took a prominent part. He was appointed, at the very beginning, a member of its Executive Committee, and continued to serve uninterruptedly in that capacity, until June, 1863. He was likewise appointed the first editor of the Board's publications, and every one of them passed under his eye and hand until the same date. In the following year, after the death of the Rev. Dr. Phillips, of New York, President of the Board, Dr. Engles was selected to fill the vacant chair. This he continued to do with dignity, and Christian courtesy, and warm regard to the Board's interests, till his removal by death.

“His usefulness in connection with this Board, the Church can never fully appreciate. His sound judgment rarely allowed him to fall into a mistake. His extensive reading, and his thorough and discriminating orthodoxy, placed upon the Board's catalogue a large variety of the most approved Calvinistic books, both of our own

country and of Great Britain, yet kept its list, to a remarkable degree, free from all admixture of error. A large number of old and valuable works, which had become nearly extinct because of their cumbrous style, were revised and abridged by him, and have had an extensive circulation and usefulness in every part of the land. He was also himself the author of a large number of valuable books and tracts, nearly all of which were published anonymously. Among them *Sick Room Devotions* has carried light and comfort to thousands of chambers of sickness. His little work, *The Soldier's Pocket-Book*, of which nearly three hundred thousand, in English and German, were circulated among our soldiers during the war, achieved an untold and unspeakable amount of good."

Dr. Engles enjoyed, in a high degree, the confidence and regard of every community in which he lived. He had a well-built, symmetrical frame, and a face indicative of thoughtfulness and dignity, rather than anything brilliant or startling. He was not impulsive but cautious and discreet, and rarely took a step or suggested a measure which the circumstances did not justify. In the pulpit, he was simple and natural and edifying in all his deliverances. On questions of church polity, he manifested great wisdom; and while he was earnest for what he believed to be the truth, he was far from indulging a censorious spirit. Everywhere he showed himself under the influence of a living piety, and all who saw him took knowledge of him that he had been with Jesus.

JOHN N. CAMPBELL, D.D.

JOHN N. CAMPBELL was born, of highly respectable parentage, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 4th of March, 1798. His maternal grandfather, Robert Aitken, was the publisher of the first edition of the