

A DISCOURSE

DELIVERED AT THE FUNERAL OF

REV. JOHN McDOWELL, D. D.,

SENIOR PASTOR OF SPRING GARDEN CHURCH, IN PHILADELPHIA,

By REV. MORRIS C. SUTPHEN,

SURVIVING PASTOR OF SAID CHURCH,

TOGETHER WITH ADDRESSES

BY

REV. DR. CHARLES HODGE, REV. DR. JOHN MACLEAN,

AND REV. DR. H. A. BOARDMAN,

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ADDRESS OF DR. MACLEAN.

To the appropriate remarks you have listened to, in regard to our departed friend and father, I shall not add any thing, except in reference to his relation to the College of New Jersey.

He was himself a graduate of that institution; and perhaps, I may say, that no warmer or more devoted friend of that college could anywhere be found. At a meeting of the alumni, I think two years ago, or three, he mentioned that he had been present at *sixty* commencements of that institution, a statement which no other man living could make. It surely indicated the deep interest he took in the welfare of that college.

He was for several years before his death the oldest trustee of that college, having been a trustee for nearly fifty years. He took an active part in every effort made, or proposed, for the benefit of that institution, and ever, not only while a pastor here, but especially during his labours at Elizabethtown,

was wont to turn the attention of the young men of his charge, and all within his reach, who possessed the requisite talents for usefulness in the various professions, and more especially in the ministry, to the importance of preparing themselves to become active and useful men in the Church of Christ. No doubt many a youth, who otherwise would not have thought of doing this, has thus entered upon a course of study to fit himself for the office of the holy ministry. He has thus left an example to others, which it is to be hoped his younger brethren in the ministry, who are settled in pastoral charges, will bear in mind. They can do an immense amount of good to the cause of Christ, by directing the attention of the youth of their several charges to the importance of preparing themselves by a thorough education to be useful men in the Church.

I need not say, after what has been said in regard to the christian character of the beloved dead, that he favoured every thing for enlarging the institution, and for making it a more efficient instrument of doing good to the Church. That seemed to be the guiding star in all he did. He loved the college as he did the seminary—not because of the institutions themselves, but because he viewed them as instruments in the hands of his God and Redeemer for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in the earth.

O that we might all have grace given us to consecrate our energies more entirely to the service of our Lord and Redeemer, so that, when we come to lie down in the grave, our friends, who survive, may bless God that we ever lived; and especially, that he crowned our efforts for his cause with success!