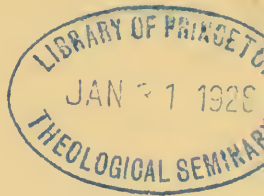


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LYMAN HOTCHKISS ATWATER, D.D., LL.D.,

PROFESSOR OF LOGIC AND MORAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE IN THE
COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY,

IN

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

PRINCETON, N. J.,

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THIS Memorial of Dr. Lyman H. Atwater has been published in accordance with the wishes of his family and friends, and by request of the Trustees of Princeton College. Only a few prefatory words are needed.

After an active service to the College of more than twenty-eight years, Dr. Atwater was laid aside by sickness in October last. A few months of struggle with mortal disease, in which hopes and fears fluctuated, followed. He died on Saturday morning, February 17, 1883. On Tuesday afternoon, February 20th, he was buried with impressive services. Prayer was offered at his late residence by the venerable Ex-President of the College, John Maclean, D.D., LL.D. The remains were then borne to the First Presbyterian Church, accompanied by the students of the College and the Theological Seminary. There a very large congregation assembled, filling the church to its utmost capacity, in which the Trustees of the College, the Trustees and Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the Presbytery of New Brunswick were largely represented. Hundreds of Dr. Atwater's old pupils and friends were also there to join in the last tributes of respect and affection. It was significant of the esteem in which Dr. Atwater was held by his townsmen, that many of the places of business were closed during the funeral services.

The devotional services at the church were conducted

by the Pastor, Rev. Horace G. Hinsdale, and by the Rev. Dr. John T. Duffield, of the College Faculty.

The Addresses of Dr. Noah Porter, President of Yale College, the classmate and life-long friend of Dr. Atwater; of Dr. McCosh, President of Princeton College; and of Dr. A. A. Hodge, of Princeton Theological Seminary, are printed in this Memorial in the order of their delivery. Subsequently the Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Taylor, of New York, was requested by the Faculty to prepare a Discourse, commemorating the life and services of Dr. Atwater, to be given at the ensuing Commencement, on the evening of Baccalaureate Sunday—a request with which he kindly complied. It is believed by the committee of the Faculty to whom the publication of this Memorial was entrusted, that in these varied and excellent delineations of Dr. Atwater's life and character, a permanent and valuable record has been secured of one, whose loss will be long and deeply felt.

ADDRESS

OF

THE REV. JAMES McCOSH, D.D., LL.D.,

President of Princeton College.

ADDRESS.

THE College of New Jersey is this day in mourning. It has suffered as great a loss as it could suffer. I feel that I am called on to speak of what Dr. Atwater has done in the College, specially as a teacher.

He has been laboring among us for nearly twenty-nine years. During that time he has been instructing our advanced students in mental, moral, and political science, the branches most fitted to call forth thought, to train the mind and form the character. In logic, ethics, and metaphysics he proceeded in his teaching on the fundamental principles which God has planted in the mind, and which guarantee truth. In ethics he taught an eternal and immutable morality. He had surveyed and mastered the whole wide subject of social science, and was regarded on all hands as an authority in all departments of political science. The law and the love of God ran through all his teachings and writings and gave them a high elevation.

He had a very comprehensive mind, looking on all sides of a question. He weighed with care

every topic, and formed a just estimate of it. He had eminently a judicial mind, and if he had gone to the bar he would certainly have risen to a high position. He occupied in my opinion a still higher sphere in training, and sending forth to high and useful occupations such a body of young men.

He has had, I should suppose, so many as between two and three thousand—say two thousand five hundred pupils who have been instructed by him. All of them speak of him with profound reverence, many of them with deep gratitude for the good they have received. His memory will be cherished, and his influence for good will be felt wherever his pupils have gone and as long as any of them survive.

For nearly a third of a century he has been identified with all that is good in this institution. He lived and labored for the good of the College. He has had as much influence as any one man, perhaps more than any other, in forming the character of its numerous alumni, scattered all over the country, and fitting them for usefulness in various walks of life.

We valued him as a teacher. But we also revered and loved him as a man. Every one who knew him will be prepared to testify that he was actuated throughout by high principle, moral and religious. This gave a consistency to his character

which made every one respect him. He labored to keep up a high standard of morality and piety among us. But he was far from being a man of mere head without heart. Underneath his sedate demeanor there was a deep well of feeling ever ready to burst out. He was firm in rebuking the erring, but was ever melted when he discovered signs of repentance. He was charged with the benevolent funds of this institution and administered the trust with great faithfulness and kindness. Many students will remember forever the wise counsels which he gave them.

His work and mine have been constantly and closely intermingled. Of all the instructors here I shall feel his removal most keenly. I do not know where we can get a man to take up the profound and varied subjects which he taught. It is due to the memory of one who upheld philosophy in Princeton College, not to let it down from the high place which it has all along occupied here. The fittest tribute which we can pay to his memory is to secure that the work which he has carried on so effectively will be continued in the ages to follow.