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the Presbytery of Burlington at Plattsburg, N. J. Upon leaving the Seminary he entered at first on the work of teaching in Liberty Co., Ga., from 1845 to 1846, and then became stated supply of the Reformed Dutch Church at Fort Miller, N. Y., June 14, 1846–May 1st, 1848, and again, May 10, 1850–April 1, 1851; of the Presbyterian churches of Plattsburg and Plumsted, N. J., June 11, 1852–April 8, 1856. In 1857 he went to Princeton, N. J., residing there until 1878, and while there supplied the Wither-  
spoon Street Presbyterian Church (colored) from May 7, 1871, until Aug. 21, 1875, and preached frequently also at Cedar Grove near Princeton. In 1878 he moved to Newark, N. J., where he resided without charge until his death, Jan. 12, 1892, in Newark, of uraemic coma, in the 79th year of his age.

He married, Sept. 6, 1848, in Princeton, N. J., Miss Ruth Sexton Olden, who died, July 28, 1862. One daughter, the wife of W. R. Bruyere, M.D., of Newark, N. J., survives him.

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### HENRY JACKSON VAN DYKE, D.D.,

Son of Frederick Augustus and Eliza (Anderson) VanDyke, was born March 2, 1822, at Abington, Pa. He made a public profession of his faith in the Third Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. Bethune, pastor, at the age of sixteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in Union Academy, Philadelphia, and he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1843. Entering the Seminary at Princeton in the fall of the same year, he remained one year, and then continued his theological studies under the direction of Albert Barnes, Thomas Brainerd and Joel Parker, who were a remarkable triumvirate of pastors in Philadelphia at that time. He was licensed, Oct. 22, 1844, by the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia (N. S.), and ordained, July 17, 1845, by the same Presbytery, and at the same time installed pastor of the Second Church of Bridgeton, N. J.; this relation was dissolved April 15, 1846, renewed, Nov. 10, 1847, and again dissolved July 8, 1850. He remained in Bridgeton two years; supplied the Presbyterian Church of Pottsville, Pa., three months, and then in 1852 accepted the call to the First Church of Germantown, Pa.

This pastorate he held one year, resigning in 1853 to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. Subsequently by consolidation this became the Second Church, but Dr. Van Dyke served it for thirty-eight years. There was one small interval in this pastorate in 1873 when he accepted a call to Nashville, Tenn., but circumstances prevented his installation and he was re-called to Brooklyn and there remained until his death, which occurred suddenly, May 25, 1891, of *angina pectoris*, in the 70th year of his age. Dr. Van Dyke was one of the most prominent and influential ministers of the Church, a strong preacher, a faithful pastor, a wise counselor, a devoted friend. He was a man of marked attainments, of intense convictions, of warm sympathies, and of conspicuous usefulness. He loved to preach and preached with a yearning love for the eternal welfare of his flock. He was a director of Princeton Seminary from 1873 until his death, and its interests were always dear to him. He was well versed in ecclesiastical law and was a frequent commissioner to the General Assembly. In 1876 he was moderator of that body in Brooklyn, N. Y. His attainments as a theologian, distinctively, were recognized by calls to chairs in several of our theological seminaries, Columbia, Allegheny, and San Francisco, and he had accepted the professorship of Systematic Theology in Union Seminary, New York, shortly before his death. He was a member of the committee of the General Assembly on the reunion of the North and South branches of the Church and of the committee on the revision of the Confession of Faith. He was a frequent and able contributor to the religious press and Church reviews, and published a work on "The Lord's Prayer." In 1890 he delivered the Stone Lectures before the Seminary in Princeton, and these were published afterward in a book entitled, "The Church, Her Ministry and Sacraments." He received the degree of D.D. from Westminster College, Mo., in 1865.

Dr. Van Dyke was married, March 14, 1845, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Miss Henrietta Ashmead, who survives him with two sons, the Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D.D., of New York City, and the Rev. Paul Van Dyke, Instructor in Church History in Princeton Seminary.