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was passing, and even then his humor and wit would flash forth, to the amusement of all present.

As a minister of the gospel, he was a devoted, sympathising pastor; a bold speaker of the truth, unflinching in duty, tender and affectionate in his warnings. He loved to preach Christ and hold him up as the Saviour of sinners.

HENRY ROBERTSON DICKSON.

HENRY ROBERTSON, son of Rev. John Dickson, M. D., and Mary Augusta, daughter of Rev. Andrew Flynn, D. D., was born in Charleston, S. C., April 22d, 1836, and was educated at Charleston College, graduating in 1852 with distinction at the age of sixteen years, and receiving with other honors the highest prize in elocution in his class. After several years spent in teaching, he entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., in 1856, and was graduated with the class of 1859, after three years of laborious and successful prosecution of the studies of the course. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Charleston in Central church, Charleston, April 9th, 1859. He was ordained and installed as pastor of Wilton church in Colleton District, on Sabbath, Nov. 27th, 1859. The climate proving unfavorable, he resigned in 1860 and took charge of Ebenezer and Rock Hill churches in York District. Soon afterwards he entered the Confederate army as chaplain, doing efficient service both in hospital and in camp. At the close of the war he returned to his charge and remained until June, 1867, when he was transferred to the pastorate of the Yorkville church, one of the largest and most important in the State. Here he served eight years, greatly endeared to his people, and refusing many calls to prominent pulpits in Southern cities. In October, 1875, a call to the Reformed church of South Brooklyn, N. Y., opened so wide and influential a field that he could not decline to enter. Thither he went, accompanied by his beloved wife, to whom he had recently been

married, Mary Frances, daughter of Hon. I. D. Witherspoon, of York, who, with his surviving children, still remains amongst the people to whom his last years of service were devoted. Here, a stranger among strangers, an ex-Confederate in the metropolis of the North, he so endeared himself to all classes by his fidelity, urbanity, and gentleness, that when, on the 8th of March, 1877, it pleased God to call him away by death, it might be said that the whole city mourned his loss. No more beautiful or appropriate tribute to his memory could be given than the following from the memorial resolutions adopted by the South Classis of Long Island in reference to his death:

“The foundations of our brother’s character were laid in simple-hearted faith and earnest holiness. His calm and manly dignity was blended with exceeding gentleness. A rare scholar, a tireless worker, a faithful, wise, fervent preacher of Christ; a diligent, sympathetic, tender-hearted pastor; a Christian gentleman of fine æsthetic culture and ripe experience in his holy calling, he was singularly unobtrusive, affectionate, and lovable, . . . and in the courage of holy dying, as well as in the fidelity of holy living, exemplified fully the truth and grace of which he had been the minister.”

Thus, loved and loving, in but the forty-first year of his age, in the prime of his ministry, and when broad fields were just opening before him, our brother passed away. Had his life been spared, he would have walked upon the high places of Zion. He has gone where higher honors and nobler service await him evermore.

T. D. WITHERSPOON.

REV. SAMUEL DONNELLY.

SAMUEL DONNELLY was born in Chester County, S. C., February 14th, 1808. He was the son of Rev. Thomas Donnelly, a minister of the Covenanter Church. The son was brought up in the faith and after the rigid usage of that venerable body of Scotch Presbyterians. He was thrown mainly on his own