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his whole time to ministerial work. He continued in charge of the Oak Island Church, to which was added, for longer or shorter terms, the charge of the churches at Corsicana, Mexico, Ennis and Martin, until Dec. 1881.

In January, 1882, he removed to Georgetown, Texas, and was installed pastor of Georgetown Church in July following. Here he gained the full and fond attachment of his own people, and the respect and esteem of the entire community.

But the connection so happily formed was destined soon to be sundered. Early in the summer of 1883, he became so much enfeebled that the fears of his people were aroused, and they insisted on his taking a season for rest and recuperation. He returned to his charge and resumed his labors at the beginning of November. On the 29th of November he contracted a severe cold, from which pneumonia rapidly developed, and after three days of severe suffering, he died December 2, 1883, in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

Though the summons came unexpectedly, it did not find him unprepared. When informed that his sickness was unto death, he betrayed neither surprise nor fear. He expressed himself as ready and willing to depart, calmly arranged his earthly affairs, set his house in order and fell asleep in Jesus.

As a preacher, Mr. Moseley was earnest, scriptural and impressive. As a pastor, he was genial and cordial in his intercourse with all ages and classes. During his twenty-five years of service in Texas, he did a large work under the pressure of many cares and with many self-denials, but he did it cheerfully and well.

Mr. Mosely was married—(1) at Woodville, May 4, 1854, to Miss Sarah Richardson Moore, daughter of Col. A. S. Moore. She died at Vicksburg, Miss., Aug. 10, 1857, leaving no children; (2) near Huntsville, Texas, Dec. 28, 1858, to Miss Judith Ann Moseley, of Buckingham Co., Va. She, with two sons and six daughters, survived him.

XXX.

EDWIN REA BOWER, D. D.

Edwin Rea Bower, the son of Jacob and Annie (Rea) Bower, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 5, 1826; was prepared

for college at the Strasburg Academy, Pa., under the instruction of the Rev. David McCarter ; was received to the communion of the Church of Strasburg, Pa., at the age of eighteen years ; was graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1851 ; spent one year after graduation in teaching ; entered Princeton Seminary in 1852, and was graduated therefrom in 1855 ; was a tutor in the College of New Jersey, 1854-5 ; was licensed by the Presbytery of Donegal, July 3, 1855 ; was ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Wappinger's Falls, N. Y., by the Presbytery of North River, Oct. 30, 1855 ; was released, March 26, 1861 ; was installed pastor of the Second Church of Springfield, O., May 7, 1861, and released, Aug. 12, 1867 ; was elected Professor of Theology in Lincoln University, Chester Co., Pa., June 19, 1867, and was inaugurated, Jan. 21, 1868.

This office he held with distinguished ability until his death. For it he was admirably qualified by careful study and by experience in teaching, as well as by his sympathy with the race he was called to teach. He was patient, kind, and in many ways helpful to his pupils, and they were thoroughly attached to him as a friend and counsellor. He was a man of true modesty, deferring to the opinions of others, but always holding firmly to the convictions he had formed, and expressing them candidly in earnest words. In the pulpit he was always heard with pleasure and profit, and always dealt with the great themes of the gospel which he heartily loved. He lived in communion with Christ, and death found him ready to depart and be with Christ. He died of congestion of the brain, after a short illness, at Lincoln University, Chester Co., Pa., April 7, 1883, in the fifty-seventh year of his age.

Dr. Bower was married at Cranbury, N. J., Aug. 1, 1855, to Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Taylor, only daughter of James Clark, of Cranbury, N. J. She and one daughter survived him.

XXXI.

THOMAS M'KEEN GRAY.

Thomas M'Keen Gray, the son of the Rev. John Gray, D. D., and Mrs. Jane (Lewis) Gray, was born at Easton, Pa., Dec. 14, 1830 ; was prepared for college in the model school at Easton,