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Miss Margaret Shirland, daughter of John Shirland of Cambridge, N. Y. She died Dec. 15, 1847. 2. At Troy, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1858, Miss Lucy J. Eddy, daughter of Titus Eddy, of Troy, N. Y. She survived him. He left two daughters.

XXXI.

WILLIAM FRANCIS PRINGLE NOBLE.

William Francis Pringle Noble, son of William and Susan (Chambert) Noble, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., May 7, 1827; was prepared for college under the tuition of the Rev. P. J. Timlow, at Gap, Pa., and the Rev. David M. Carter, at Strasburgh, Pa.; united on profession of his faith with the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church at the age of eighteen; was graduated from Lafayette College in 1847; went immediately to Princeton Seminary and spent two years there (1847-49); was tutor in Lafayette College, 1849-50; spent another year in Princeton Seminary, 1850-51; was licensed by the Presbytery of New Castle, April, 1851; owing to the state of his health and his doubt as to his call to the ministry, his license was withdrawn at his own request, Oct. 1853; was engaged in secular work from 1853 to 1857; was licensed by the Presbytery of Potosi, Jan. 1857, and ordained as an evangelist by the same Presbytery, April 1857. After supplying a number of churches for short periods, he was installed pastor of the Church in Belair, Md., Sept. 1858, and released, April 1860; was stated supply at Upper Sandusky, O., 1860-61; stated supply at Penningtonville, Pa., 1861-62; pastor at Upper West Nottingham, 1862-63; Chaplain U. S. A., 1863-65; stated supply at Coleraine, Pa., 1866-69; pastor at Penningtonville, Pa., 1869-72. From 1872 to 1876 he resided in Philadelphia and was engaged, so far as his health would permit, in literary work. In 1877 he removed to California, hoping that his health which had been declining for some time, would be benefitted by the change of climate. He there supplied the Church at Los Angeles from April to October, 1877. He was afterwards stated supply at Pasadena. But his health continued to decline, and there is little doubt that his mind was unsound during the last years of his life.

He died of pulmonary consumption, at Pasadena, Cal., Oct. 27, 1882, in his fifty-sixth year.

Mr. Noble married at Smyrna, Pa., July 16, 1862, Miss Sarah Jannette Easton, daughter of the Rev. William Easton, D. D. She, and two sons survived him.

XXXII.

DANIEL DU BOIS SAHLER.

Daniel Du Bois Sahler, son of Abram Du Bois and Eliza (Hasbrouck) Sahler, was born at Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y., July 7, 1829. He was received to the communion of the First Presbyterian Church of Kingston, on profession of his faith, when about thirteen years old; was prepared for college at the Kingston Academy and Woodbridge Hall; was graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1853; entered Princeton Seminary the same year, and having completed the full course, was regularly graduated in 1856; was licensed by the Presbytery of New York, April 11, 1855; was stated supply at Dunleith, Ill., from Nov., 1856 to May, 1857; was ordained and installed pastor of the church at Redbank, N. J., by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, July 28, 1858, and was released July 23, 1863; was installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Sheffield, Mass., May 17, 1864, and released Dec. 8, 1869; was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Carmel, N. Y., May 2, 1871, where he labored with great acceptance and usefulness until his death—a period of eleven and a half years. In June, 1882, he had a severe attack of pleuro-pneumonia and typho-malarial fever, which developed heart disease. His life was despaired of for weeks, but he rallied and gained sufficiently to go to New York City the first of October. He improved for a few weeks after going to the city, but was seized with his final attack of palpitation on Sunday, Nov. 5th.

His physical sufferings were very great, but his mind was at peace. He often expressed the conviction that his end was near, and talked of his readiness to go—of the joys of heaven—the great glory that awaited him there—mingled with prayers for the forgiveness of sin. In the midst of great agony he said, “My peace is