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friends in Troy and Albany, N. Y. After being dismissed from his charge at Worcester he never again resumed the pastoral office. In 1843 he was elected an overseer of Harvard College, which office he vacated in 1844, but was again chosen in 1852 and continued in office until 1860. Mr. Miller never was married. He died of inflammation of the bowels, in Troy, N. Y., September 29, 1876, in the 79th year of his age.

The Mutual Council, by whose advice Mr. Miller was dismissed from his charge at Worcester, bore strong and unequivocal testimony to his soundness as a theologian, his ability and faithfulness as a minister of the Gospel, his literary attainments, the purity of his life, and his consecration to the work of the ministry. During his pastorate at Worcester over four hundred persons were thought to have been converted. On one occasion 83 and on another 70 persons united with his church by profession.

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JARED BELL WATERBURY, D.D.

Jared B. Waterbury was born in the city of New York, August 11, 1799. He was hopefully converted at the age of seventeen, and united with the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church, becoming at once an earnest Christian worker. He was graduated with high honors at Yale College in 1822, and in the autumn of the same year entered upon his studies in Princeton Seminary, where he remained over two years. April 15, 1823, he was taken under the care of the Presbytery of New York as a candidate for the ministry, and by that body was licensed to preach the gospel April 22, 1825, and ordained *sine titulo* November 13, 1825. Shortly after completing his theological studies he accepted an agency for the American Bible Society, and made a highly successful and useful tour in its interests through the Southern States. In the year 1826 he began to preach at Hatfield, Mass., and having been dismissed by the Presbytery of New York, April 18, 1827, to the Association of Northampton, Mass., was shortly after installed as pastor at Hatfield. While residing there he published a small volume entitled "Advice to a Young Christian, by a Village Pastor," with a very precious introduction, by Dr. Archibald Alexander. This little book was widely read, and very useful. In 1829 he was called to Portsmouth, N. H., where he was installed March 18, 1829, and remained for two years in a happy and useful ministry,

which he was compelled to resign on account of ill-health. For a short time he next resided in Brooklyn, at the house of his father-in-law, the late Zechariah Lewis. In the fall of 1832 he began to supply the Presbyterian Church at Hudson, N. Y., and in the spring of 1833 accepted a call and was installed Feb. 20, 1833, as pastor of that Church. Here he labored nearly fourteen years, and his earnest and fervent pulpit services, his genial and social manners, his glowing and untiring zeal, and his godly life, secured for him the unbounded affection and respect of the whole Christian community. During his ministry a large and commodious church edifice was built, and large numbers of persons, many of them of high social position and intelligence, were gathered into the church. In the year 1846 he accepted a call to the Bowdoin Street Church in Boston, Mass., where he was installed September 15, 1846, and continued to labor until June, 1857, when he resigned his charge and removed to Stamford, Conn., where he lived over two years in retirement, but preaching occasionally, as he had an opportunity. In 1859 he supplied the pulpit of the Central Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., during the absence of its pastor, the Rev. J. E. Rockwell, D. D., in Europe, and thenceforward to the end of his life made that city his home.

During the civil war, Dr. Waterbury was made Secretary of the Brooklyn branch of the Christian Commission, in which position he rendered efficient and valuable service. He was afterwards appointed a city missionary in Brooklyn, and labored in that capacity with great earnestness until stricken down with paralysis, and laid aside from all active employment. Misfortunes clouded his last days. His ample property was swept away with a stroke, and his health was gone; yet he never lost his cheerfulness or his trust in God, but rested calmly on the divine promises.

Dr. Waterbury was a man of warm piety, and always watchful for opportunities of winning souls to Christ. As a pastor he was faithful, sympathetic and earnest. In his prime he was a preacher of unusual excellence and power. He wrote much for the religious newspapers, and published a considerable number of sermons and tracts, besides six or eight volumes.

Among his last utterances was this: "Jesus is with me, Jesus is with me." He died on Sabbath morning, Dec. 31, 1876, aged seventy-seven years and four months.