

A....\*ORLO BARTHOLOMEW. 1832

Born Oct. 20, 1801, at West Goshen, Conn.; Died May 7, 1864, at Augusta,  
N. Y.

Entered from West Goshen... A. B. 1832;  $\Phi$  B K.

Clergyman. Grad. Auburn Theol. Seminary 1835; licensed by Cayuga  
Presbytery, 1835, and preached at Rochester, N. Y., for a few months; or-  
dained by Oneida Presbytery 1836; Pastor at Henrietta, N. Y., 1836; Augusta,  
N. Y., May 10, 1836-64.

[Full Biographic Sketch in Presbyterian Hist. Almanac 1865.]

ORLO BARTHOLOMEW, 1832, of Goshen, Conn., was a member of the Adelpic Society.  
Adelpic Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1864)

Rev. Orlo Bartholomew was born in West Goshen, Ct., 1802, and educated at Union College and Auburn Seminary. Licensed by the Presbytery of Cayuga, he preached during 1835 at Henrietta, Monroe county, and May 10, 1836, was ordained by the Presbytery of Oneida, and installed pastor of the Congregational Church at Augusta, N. Y., and in this relation died. , precisely twenty-eight years after. He did not commence study with reference to any extended course until the twenty-fifth year of his age, but he made the most of his opportunity when it offered, and by diligence and prudence and excellence and sustained earnestness, without the aid of genius and commanding intellect, he maintained himself in his parish and pulpit for the long term he held them. He had penned his eleven hundred and twenty-eighth discourse, fully written out, when death palsied his hand. Though he never uttered a word of eloquence, he spoke the simple truth with so much sincerity, and in sentences so redolent of the Spirit, that with his loving and confiding congregation his preaching passed well as endowed with it. He kept close watch of his flock, habitually eyeing them and walking among them. No wandering or suffering escaped his eye, and he flew for it the instant he saw it. Regard for him and harmony among the people were the natural result, but the magnitude of this work and the amount it cost are indicated by the fact that division and turbulence had previously seemed the chronic condition of the people. And he did not deal balm alone. He used the knife, and cut heroically. The wicked often cringed under him and he wounded to heal. Simple and artless, the most humble and timid felt at ease with him, while his principle and purity secured him respect and reverence from the reckless and proud. His life gave power to his teaching, illustrating and confirming and commending it. The eminence of his piety explains the perseverance and success of his ministry. A painful disease (diabetes) kept him in torture for weeks and months, but did not wear out his patience or impair his resignation. The more he suffered, the more he enjoyed. Inspired truth, fellowship with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ, closeness to the Saviour, glorifying God by enduring his will, were more precious and delightful than ever before. He spent much time in searching the Scriptures and in prayer, pleading for the unconverted in his congregation with great earnestness. The biography of the missionary Stoddard greatly interested him towards the last, and especially the record of his death-bed experience. "Read that book," he said, "and you will understand how I feel." Ps.91:4: "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler," was the text of the last sermon he wrote; and when the seventeenth chapter of

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John's gospel was read to him, he noted the words, "that they may behold my glory," and exclaimed, "Oh, that glory! how I long to see it!" A large concourse of people gathered at his funeral and a large company of ministers, all of them mourning friends.

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Was born in West Goshen, Conn., in 1802. He was educated in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and studied Theology in Auburn Seminary, N. Y., where he finished his course in 1835. He was licensed by Cayuga Presbytery, and ordained by Oneida Presbytery in 1836. His first place of preaching was at Henrietta, Monroe County, N. Y., but on May 10, 1836, he preached by invitation, with view to settlement, in the Congregational Church in Augusta, N. Y. Here he was installed pastor, and just twenty-eight years from that day, (May 10,) a long and sorrowing procession followed his remains to their resting-place, near by the grave of a former pastor, Rev. Abner P. Clark, whose brief and faithful labors are still held in honor and affection. In a sermon preached on his 20th anniversary, it is stated that he did not commence his studies preparatory to the ministry until he was twenty-five years of age. He ever regretted the disadvantage he labored under from this cause, and yet it is to be confessed that few of his brethren of better opportunities, or more brilliant talents, have been favored with so successful a ministry. The secret lay chiefly, not in his attainments as a scholar, or his abilities as a preacher, fair as these may have been, and certainly few occupants of a quiet rural parish have been so much sought for in all manner of official services. He was a diligent sermonizer, having written his 1128th discourse previous to his sickness. He was earnest and animated and never prolix, in the pulpit, his evident aim being, not to preach himself, but Christ Jesus the Lord. But the key to his long and acceptable ministry in Augusta, is found in his character as a Christian pastor. He loved his books, but not better than he did his people. He visited and cared for his flock. No one could be sick, or in trouble of any kind, that he was not at hand to serve them. His goodness was transparent and eminent to all beholders. His people knew that his heart was set upon their welfare infinitely more than upon his own ease and emolument, and this fact covered like a mantle every deficiency and fault. His reproofs were sometimes sharp in the utterance, but it was so thoroughly understood by all that he cherished no bitterness in his thoughts, that offence was rarely taken, and never retained. He was singularly humble, meek, and forbearing, following very closely in the footsteps of his divine Master. His liberality to every good cause was ever up to the measure of his ability, and often beyond it, though he was a discreet manager of his own affairs, and a judicious counselor to those asking his advice in worldly things. There was no one in his congregation, and probably not in the whole town, for his diocese was much wider than his immediate congregation, who would not have recognized the particulars in Paul's description of a bishop as fully verified in him: "A bishop then must be blameless; the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour; given to hospitality, not to wine; no striker; not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient; not a brawler; not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity. Moreover, he must have a good report of them that are without."

His last sickness and death were in beautiful correspondence with his life. His disease was lingering and painful, but his patience and cheerfulness never failed. He was much in the reading of the Scriptures and in prayer particularly for those yet unconverted under his ministry. He read over with special interest, the life of the Missionary Stoddard and found, the death-bed experience of that saintly minister peculiarly illustrative of his own.

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"Read those pages," said he, "and you will understand how I feel." The text of the last sermon that he wrote was in Psalm xci. 4; "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

The last sermon he preached was from the text: "Therefore will I look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me." Both these passages were signally illustrated in his closing experience. "Ah, that blessed immortality!" said he to his sister. And when the 17th chapter of John was read to him he remarked upon the 24th verse as having a singular preciousness of import--"that they may behold my glory." "Oh, that glory! how I long to see it."

The immense concourse of people at his funeral testified of the love of all classes of the people for this good man. A large number of the clergy were present. The venerable Pindar Field, an old and tried friend, offering prayer at the house; Rev. Drs. Fisher and Goertner, of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.; Rev. E. H. Barnes, of Vernon Centre; and Rev. M. S. Platt, of Hamilton, conducting the devotional services at the Church. The sermon, by request of the deceased, was preached by Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome, N. Y. It was a scene to be impressed on the memory as that lengthened procession of carriages wound up the western slope from the Shenandoah valley to lay the remains of the venerated pastor in the quiet hill-side cemetery where he had so many times officiated at the burial of his parishioners.

There shall his precious dust mingle with theirs in hope of a common and joyful resurrection.

He died at the Manse or Parsonage belonging to the congregation, on Saturday, May 7, 1864, of Diabetes.

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ORLO BARTHOLOMEW

Born in Goshen, Conn., Oct. 20, 1801; married Nov. 14, 1835, Julia A. Peck; and died in Augusta, N. Y., May 7, 1864.

She was born March 11, 1813, in Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. Mr. Bartholomew was a farmer until reaching the age of twenty-five, when he decided to study for the ministry. He graduated at Union College and Auburn Theological Seminary, and was settled on the 10th of May, 1836, as pastor of the Congregational Church of Augusta, N. Y., which he served for twenty-eight years in such a manner as to command not only the undivided respect and admiration of his congregation, but of all of his fellow citizens.

Mrs. Julia still resides in Augusta.

Children:

1. Orlo, born June 18, 1840; died June 9, 1843.
2. Julia Adell, born Aug. 22, 1843; resided unmarried with her brother, Arthur.
3. Arthur P., born June 5, 1845; residence, Augusta; farmer and hop grower. Has been Town Clerk and Supervisor for some 10 years.
4. Myron M., born Sept. 12, 1846; resided unmarried with brother Arthur. Is a graduate of Hamilton College and Auburn Theological Seminary.
5. Charles M. born July 10, 1849; resides in Rushville, N. Y.
6. Edwin Jay, born Aug. 16, 1850; resides Madison, N. Y.

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\*ORLO BARTHOLOMEW, b. Goshen, Conn., Oct. 20, 1801; Union Col., 1832; m. Julia A. Peck, Skaneateles, Nov. 15, 1836; ord. p. Augusta, N.

Y., Utica Presb., Aug. 24, 1836; Henrietta, 6 mos.; Augusta until death; d. do., May 7, 1864. His son, Myron, in cl. of 1876; Charles, in 1877.

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