

Eloise Reed Dallye (Mrs. Frederic Dallye) of 653 Maywood Ave., Maywood, N.J.,
is probably a descendant,- as she had a family tradition that Dr. John
Reed was one of the founders of the college.

Reed, John

From: N.Kingston, R.I.

Last residence: Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Records show one

John Reed

Sgt. in Capt. Daniel Ackerman's Co.,

Varian's Regt., N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Aug 18, 1814

Expiration of service: Nov 27, 1814



John Reed was born at Wickford, R. I., June 4, 1777. From his early youth he wished to enter the ministry, and when he was 16 years old began to teach in order to earn the money to obtain a collegiate education. He was prepared for college under the Rev. Dr. Benedict, of Plainfield, Conn., and entered Union, where he was graduated in 1805. The records of Union mention his receiving later, the degree of A. M. but omit to state what year.

He studied theology the year following his graduation, and on May 27, 1806 was admitted to Deacon's Orders by Bishop Moore, of New York. St. Luke's Church, Catskill, N.Y., then called him to its rectorship, and he accepted the call and entered upon the charge, although it was two years before he was advanced to the Priesthood. He received Priest's Orders from Bishop Moore, June 17, 1808.

In 1810 he was called to Christ's Church, Poughkeepsie, his settlement as Rector of the Parish being effected Aug. 19th of that year, and his earnest and devoted labors continuing in this field until his death, 35 years later.

At the time of his death he was a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, and had been such for about 19 years. In 1822 the degree of S.T.D. was conferred upon him by Columbia, and in 1825 he represented the Diocese of New York at the General Convention, having previously been elected an alternate delegate to the convention of 1832.

In Dr. Reed's life and character the most conspicuous quality was his consecration of spirit in the pastoral relation. Throughout the 35 years of his association with Christ Church, he was constant and unvarying in his devotion to his people.

It has sometimes been thought that he was an autocrat within the bounds of his parochial kingdom. Rather, let it be said that he exercised a beneficent paternalism. While beyond doubt, it is true that he did direct and control the affairs of the parish himself, to a preponderant extent, it is also true that this was the natural outgrowth of his heart-attitude, which was that of the faithful and self-sacrificing parent with his children.

He published a small work in defence of the Episcopate.

In the last years of his life, Dr. Reed suffered several paralytic strokes, and became unable to perform the active duties of the ministry. He died July 6, 1848, and his body was buried at the northwest corner of the present church square, where a monument was erected to his memory. The vestry placed a marble mural tablet in the church, "in testimony of the universal affection and veneration of the Parish," and his daughter gave a circular window picturing the Good Shepherd, which is in the present parish house.

able. Never was a Shepherd better loved by flock. A mural tablet, in St John's Church, Elizabeth, bears attestation of this. And he was an admirable Editor. The Churchman's Magazine which he conducted was most useful in its day. Well do I remember the light which it was wont to shed on what was then the Western frontier of the Church,—Geneva and parts adjacent. He conducted the Gospel Messenger most ably and influentially for many years. Few men have been better helpers of the Parish Clergy. He was wise and prudent; firm, yet moderate; and with an unction which took the heart.

Though the last years of Dr. Rudd's life were spent in Western New York, his heart was always in New Jersey. He was present at the Convention in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, in 1847, and preached. He was charmed with St. Mary's Hall, and asked leave to shake the girls' hands for "good night" as they left the chapel. The Convention received him most cordially, and honoured him with many honours. And when the good old man looked back upon the years when he was one of the two or three Presbyters who often made up the Convention; and then round on the great company of the preachers that hung, with the beloved Laity, upon the words of wisdom and of love, which, like Nestor's, dropped in honey from his lips, the language of his heart was "Nunc dimittis, Domine!" "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace;" "for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

Very faithfully your friend,

G. W. DOANE.

JOHN REED, D. D.*

1806—1845.

JOHN REED, son of Martin and Mary (Dixon) Reed, was born at Wickford, R. I., about the year 1777. His father was, in some respects, a remarkable man. Being left an orphan at the age of seven years, he served a fourteen years' apprenticeship to the trade of a weaver, during which time he had the opportunity of attending school for only three months. By his great mental activity, however, in connection with his untiring industry and indomitable resolution, he succeeded, before he reached his majority, in educating himself sufficiently for all the purposes of an ordinary business life. Being resolved on distinguishing himself as a manufacturer, he read, during his apprenticeship, all the books within his reach, having a bearing on the subject of manufactures, and occupied himself not a little in making drafts and plans of machinery for future use. On the expiration of his apprenticeship, he married a poor but excellent woman, and commenced life in the humblest manner; but he was remarkably prospered in his business, and in a short time became the principal manufacturer in the region. At an early period he became an intelligent and earnest Episcopalian, and attached himself to the Church under the Rectorship of the Rev. Mr. Fayerweather.† To the interests of this church

* Updike's Hist. Narrag. Ch.—MSS. from his son,—Rev. Dr. T. C. Reed, and Rev. S. Buel.

† SAMUEL FAYERWEATHER, a son of Thomas Fayerweather, was a native of Boston; was graduated at Harvard College in 1743; was ordained Pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Newport, R. I., in 1754; went to England for Episcopal ordination in 1756, and was ordained Deacon by Dr. Pearce, Bishop of Bangor, March 14, and Priest by Dr. Oshaldeston,

FROM THE RT. REV. G. W. DOANE, D. D., LL. D.

RIVERSIDE, August 9, 1858.

My dear Dr. Sprague: Though I have already testified my good-will towards your work by contributing to it brief memorials of several of my departed friends, I cannot deny your request concerning Dr. Rudd, especially as my recollections of him are only such as it is a pleasure to me to communicate. If my acquaintance with him was less intimate than with some others of whom your work will record my grateful remembrances, it was still sufficient to enable me freely to bear such a testimony concerning him as I suppose your request contemplates.

It was sometime in 1820-21, that I first went to Elizabethtown. I had left the office of the eminent and venerable Richard Harrison, where I had been entered as a student of Law; and, having become a candidate for Holy Orders, was seeking employment for the support of myself and those whom my father's death had left dependant on me. Doctor Rudd had a school, and wanted an assistant. Bishop Hobart advised me to go there. He appointed to meet me at St. John's Parsonage; and did so. We spent the night there. Mr. Francis H. Cumming, who had been a pupil of Dr. Rudd's, now an eminent Doctor of the Church in Michigan, had just returned from a visit to "the far West," then, scarcely beyond Ohio. My dear old classmate and friend, of two and forty years, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, was there as a teacher and student of Theology. Dr. Rudd had many such. And he was well fitted for that work.

It was an evening to be remembered. Mrs. Rudd was charming in her person; and even more so, in her courtesy and hospitality. Dr. Rudd was the most genial host; a ready and agreeable talker; and with a manner the most cordial and attractive. And Bishop Hobart was what none but Bishop Hobart ever was. Such fervour! Such graciousness! Such tenderness! So simple mannered! Yet so wise; so brave; so great! Eloquent in look, in word, in gesture, in every thing! A torrent that carried every thing before it; but with banks so green, so flowery, and so fragrant, that it was delightful to be carried away by it. America has had no greater man. It was well said by Rufus King, who was his closest friend, that in whatever line of life he had chosen, he would have been the first. And yet he was greatest at his home, and by the hearth. And his greatest greatness was in his lovingness and childlikeness. Incomparable Bishop Hobart! Then so misunderstood and spoken against!

The conversation was most animated and interesting—The West—The Church to be in the West—Agriculture—Academies—Politics—Theology—Life. Of course, the young men were but listeners. It had reached the small hours, when we went, reluctantly, to bed. A happier evening I have seldom spent. There was no happier house to spend it in. And none to make it happier than Dr. and Mrs. Rudd. Bishop Hobart was perfectly at home with them. He had come down from his beloved Short Hills to meet me there and spend the night. Early the next morning, he drove me to Jersey City. His conversation was most interesting. His counsels were most instructive. Among other things, he advised me to read every day some portion of Bishop Horne's Commentary on the Psalms. From the ferry, he gave me his cloak to carry home; playfully putting it on my shoulder. I thought of Paul's cloak which Timothy was to bring from Troas; and was happy, if not proud.

I remained in New York to pursue my studies, and teach a private school. But I saw much of Dr. Rudd, and knew him well. There was scarcely be a higher praise than to say that he was, for many years, the confidential friend of Bishop Hobart. It was by a beautiful Providence that the Bishop died by his hearth, and on his heart, in that sweet Parsonage at Auburn.

Dr. Rudd was self-educated. He was a successful teacher. He drew his pupils to him by his loving heart. As a Pastor, he was most faithful and accept-

he was most warmly devoted, having charge of the church edifice, conducting the music and, for many years, while the parish had no Rector, reading the Morning Service in the Church, and the Service at Funerals. He was distinguished for shrewdness, energy, and moral courage. During several of his last years, he suffered from a paralytic affection, but retained his mental faculties in almost unabated vigour to the last. He died at the age of eighty-one.

The subject of this sketch, while he was yet a youth, had his thoughts directed towards the ministry, and, as preparatory to that, towards a collegiate education. When he mentioned the subject to his father, the old gentleman sighed and said,—“God grant that it may be so, but the want of means will forbid it.” Taking counsel, however, of his pastor, the Rev. Dr. William Smith, the son, with nothing more than his father's consent and blessing, left home at the age of sixteen, to acquire the means of a liberal education by teaching a school. Providence smiled upon his efforts, and, having fitted for College under the Rev. Dr. Benedict of Plainfield, he entered at Union, where he was graduated with the highest honours, in 1805.

On leaving College, Mr. Reed applied himself to the study of Theology,—to which, however, he had given more or less attention from very early life,—and on the 27th of May, 1806, he was admitted to Deacon's Orders by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Benjamin Moore. He was ordained Priest by the same Prelate, on the 17th of June, 1808.

Shortly after his ordination as Deacon, he accepted an invitation to the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Catskill, N. Y. Here he remained until 1810; and on the 19th of August of that year he assumed the Rectorship of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie. In this field he continued to be actively and usefully employed, during a period of thirty-five years. “He had the satisfaction,” says the Rev. Samuel Buel, the present (1858) Rector of the Church, “of witnessing the steady growth and prosperity of his parish from the beginning to the end of his Rectorship.”

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Mr. Reed, by Columbia College, in 1822.

Early in the year 1845, Dr. Reed's health had become so much enfeebled that a sermon he had prepared to be delivered on the third Sunday in Lent, was read by the Assistant Minister. It was afterwards published, by request of the Society, and is entitled “The Peace of Jerusalem.” On the 15th of February he addressed a communication to the Wardens and Vestry of his Church, informing them of his inability to continue his labours, and requesting them to make the necessary provision for the supply of the pulpit; to which they responded in a tone of the utmost respect and

Bishop of Carlisle, March 25, of that year. In June, 1757, he arrived from England, and took charge of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw, S. C., where he remained about three years, and in July, 1760, was removed by the Society to the Mission at Narragansett, R. I.,—the change having been made by his own request, and on account of the unhealthiness of the Southern climate. Here he continued to officiate regularly till near the close of 1774, when his congregation, being generally Whigs, objected to the use of Prayers for the King and Royal Family, and he, though regarded as personally a friend to the American cause, felt constrained by his ordination vows not to omit them. The church was consequently closed, though he occasionally preached in private houses until his death, which occurred in the summer of 1781. He is reputed to have been an able and popular preacher, and an admirable reader of the Church Service. He was honoured with the degree of Master of Arts from Yale and Columbia Colleges in this country, and from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in England.

affection.. He was never able after this time to resume his labours. He died by a gradual process of decay, accompanied with two or three attacks of paralysis, one of which affected his head, and rendered him speechless the last week of his life. His death took place at Poughkeepsie, on the 6th of July, 1845, at the age of sixty-eight years. A Discourse, containing an affectionate and impressive tribute to his memory, was delivered at his Funeral, by the Rev. Dr. Brown of Newburgh. A tablet in the church, erected by the Vestry, records the high respect and veneration in which he was held by his parish.

Dr. Reed published a small work in defence of Episcopacy, and one or two Sermons besides that already referred to.

He was married in early life to Susan Robinson, of Plainfield, Conn. She died in 1832, leaving three children,—two sons and a daughter. He was subsequently married to Elizabeth Parkinson of Poughkeepsie, who survived him, and died on the 8th of May, 1858. There was no issue from the second marriage. One of Dr. Reed's sons, *Thomas C.*, was graduated at Union College in 1826; was appointed Tutor in the College in 1831, Professor of Political Economy in 1834, Professor of Latin Language and Literature in 1849; resigned his Professorship in 1851; and is now at the head of a flourishing school at Geneva, N. Y. He is a clergyman of the Episcopal Church.

President Nott, under whom Dr. Reed graduated, writes thus concerning him:—

"During his entire life, he not only fulfilled the duties of his office to the satisfaction of a large and most respectable congregation, containing many learned and distinguished men, but he was considered a wise and prudent counsellor, and exerted a powerful and extensive influence in the measures adopted, and the acts performed, by the Church to which he belonged. He retained to the last his affectionate regard for his Alma Mater, and what was the charm of his character was, that, though a true Churchman, he never misrepresented the doctrines, or underrated the talents, or impugned the motives, of those who differed from him. Claiming in matters of faith to think for himself, he freely conceded the exercise of the same right to others, and ever recognised and treated other evangelical denominations as brethren in the bonds of a common Christianity, so that he not only lived to the end of his useful life in peace with all good men, but died lamented by the whole community."

FROM THE REV. JOHN BROWN, D. D.,
RECTOR OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, NEWBURGH, N. Y.

NEWBURGH, July 30, 1858.

My dear Sir: I cannot refuse you my recollections of the late Dr. Reed of Poughkeepsie; for while it gives me pleasure to pay a tribute to his memory, my acquaintance with him was probably more intimate, and for a longer period, than that of any other of his surviving brethren. I knew him first in the latter part of the year 1812, while I was officiating as a lay reader at Fishkill; and subsequently, as our places of residence were not remote from each other, our intercourse became very frequent, and as he was considerably my senior, I looked up to him not only as a counsellor, but almost as a father. We often visited in

each others' houses, and preached in each others' pulpits, and I think I may safely say that our mutual attachment gained strength with advancing years. It was my sad office to stand before his congregation, as their comforter and counsellor, the first time they assembled after their bereavement.

Dr. Reed's personal appearance was every way manly and agreeable. He was rather above the medium height, but not stout, had a blue eye, sedate countenance, with an uncommonly amiable expression, and indicating withal a vigorous and well balanced mind. His manners were not the manners of the Court, but they were simple and unpretending, and breathed a most kindly spirit. His ordinary deportment was marked by thoughtfulness and gravity; and yet he knew how to unbend at suitable times, and when he was among his intimate acquaintances, he would often indulge in no small degree of playfulness and good-humour.

His mind was rather logical than imaginative. His perceptions of truth were clear, and he generally succeeded in making his views clear to other minds. His mental processes were rather deliberate, and hence he rarely had occasion to reverse or set aside his conclusions. He was not only a careful observer of what was passing in the world around him, but he was also, for a parish minister, a diligent student—he kept himself acquainted with the various phases of theological opinion which were developed during his ministry. As a preacher, he was not of the kind to attract the multitude; but his sermons were sensible, well-reasoned, and to the docile and reflecting hearer highly acceptable. His manner, in the pulpit, as out of it, was simple, but always solemn and impressive. You felt that it was a man of God who was standing before you, and you could not doubt that his heart was in his message.

Dr. Reed was eminently qualified to be a good pastor. His kindly and gentle manner made him alike welcome in scenes of sorrow and of joy; and while his presence never repressed innocent enjoyment, it was sure to be a balm to the wounded heart. His excellent judgment and great prudence made him an admirable counsellor: and such was the confidence which his people reposed in him that they were never slow to avail themselves of the aid of his wisdom and kindness. And these same qualities gave him great influence beyond the more immediate sphere of his labours. His brethren in the ministry attached great importance to his opinion; and it may safely be said that he was among the more influential ministers of the Diocese. The type of his Churchmanship was, I suppose, as nearly like that of Bishop Hobart as of any other man. He was an Episcopalian, not only from education, but from thorough conviction, and attached great importance to his own denominational views; but he was willing that others should enjoy the liberty which he claimed for himself,—that of judging and acting for themselves. I may add that he always stood firm to his own convictions in every thing. The whole community regarded him with respect and good-will while he lived, and mourned for him when he died.

I will only add that, as this venerable man approached the close of his career, his mind took on a still deeper tone of spirituality, and he was evidently waiting in faith and patience for the hour of his departure. He clung too with increased avidity to the Services of the Church, and he did not hesitate to say that, even in his secret devotions, his heart flowed forth most freely through the medium of these consecrated forms with which he had been familiar through his whole life. It was delightful in all this to witness the upward tendency of his affections. His whole demeanour showed that his best treasure was in Heaven.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN BROWN.

RT. REV. CHRISTOPHER E. GADSDEN, D. D.*

1807—1852.

CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS GADSDEN, the eldest son of Philip and Catharine (Edwards) Gadsden, was born in Charleston, S. C., on the 25th of November, 1785. He was honourably descended on both sides; his paternal grandfather, General Christopher Gadsden, having ranked among the heroes of the Revolution, and his maternal grandfather also, John Edwards, having been honourably connected with the history of the same period. Both these gentlemen were distinguished not only for patriotism, but for general integrity and strength of purpose; and these latter qualities particularly were strikingly reproduced in the subject of this notice.

At an early age, he was sent to a school in Charleston, which then enjoyed a high reputation, known as the "Associate Academy;" and in this school he continued till he was prepared to enter College. Though the discipline was extremely severe, and he was naturally of a somewhat impetuous temper, yet so much was he under the control of high moral principle that he seems never to have been brought into collision with any of his teachers. It does not appear that there was any particular period when he became the subject of any great visible change of character; but, from childhood, he was thoughtful, conscientious, devout, and resolute in doing what he believed to be his duty. It would seem that he had his eye upon the ministry from a very early period.

His early training was partly under an Episcopal, and partly under a Congregational, influence; his father belonging to the former, his mother, and a maiden aunt, who had also much to do with his education, to the latter, denomination. There was a corresponding division of his Sabbaths between the two denominations—in the morning he was accustomed to attend St. Philip's Church, with his father and grandfather; in the afternoon, the Congregational Church, with his mother and aunt. But, notwithstanding these early conflicting influences, his mind seems, from the beginning, to have taken the Episcopal direction; and the result of all his inquiries on the subject was an undoubting conviction of the Scriptural authority of the doctrine and order of the Episcopal Church.

In 1802, he joined the Junior class in Yale College. He was here, as he had been before, studious in his habits, and exemplary in all his deportment; and he passed through the ordeal of college life, unscathed. He graduated with honour in the year 1804. He was a member of the same class with John C. Calhoun; and the mutual friendship which they then formed, continued unabated after the one had become a Bishop, and the other an illustrious Statesman. Calhoun was buried in the cemetery of St. Philip's; and it devolved upon his early friend to utter the last words that were spoken over his lifeless remains.

On his return from College in 1804, Mr. Gadsden was surprised to find that the fortunes of his family had undergone a sad reverse. The large

* Sketch of the Life and Character of Bishop Gadsden.—Dalcho's Ch. S. C.—Blake's Biog. Diet.—Campbell's Fun. Sermon.—MS. from the Rev. C. P. Gadsden.

Dr. Reed in his young manhood married Susan Robinson, of Plainfield, Conn., who died in 1832, leaving two sons and a daughter, the wife of Thomas L. Davies, of Poughkeepsie.

February 9, 1834, Dr. Reed married for his second wife, Miss Elizabeth Parkinson, of Poughkeepsie, a woman of years and of means, who survived him. dying May 8, 1858, aged about eighty years.

Authotities:

Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit (Episcopal) pp. 452; 506-509.

Records of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie

Dix-History of Trinity Parish vol 3. p. 200.

Appleton's Cyclopoedia of Amer. Biog. v. 5, p.208

The Churchman, July 26, 1845

The Journal and Eagle of Poughkeepsie. July 12, 1845.

From: Records of Christ Church
Poughkeepsie
Helen Wilkinson Reynolds, Editor.
Frank B. Howard,
Poughkeepsie 1911.

See Sprague's Annals for letter by Dr. Nott, pp. 506-509

By the promise of Trinity Church, New York, to contribute \$250 a year for five years, it became possible to settle a Rector with some hope that permanent conditions would be inaugurated, a hope destined to be amply fulfilled, for the Rectorate of John Reed, which took its date from August 19, 1810, lasted 35 years, and witnessed the re-birth and upbuilding of the congregation.

On July 17, 1810, James Emott, Thomas J. Oakley, and John Davis were appointed a committee by the vestry to confer with Mr. Reed, he then being Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill; the committee offered him a salary of \$700 and the parsonage, and he accepted the call extended on those terms.

Mr. Reed was 33 years old when he became Rector of Christ Church, but had been in Priest's Orders only a little while, as he entered college later than was usual. Except for two years at Catskill, his whole life in the ministry was spent in this parish, and the foundation of the Church, as we now know it, was laid by his labors.

With John Reed's coming, construction work began.....

But, although the Low Church party was spreading widely when John Reed came to Christ Church, this parish did not become allied with it. pp. 136; 137.

. Photo of John Reed faces page 166.

In 1810, when John Reed came to Poughkeepsie, he found himself in charge of an insignificant cure, for, in 1811, he reported to the Diocesan Convention but 70 communicants in his cure. The last report made by him to the Convention before his death was in 1844 when he claimed 250 communicants, which increase must be considered in the light of quality as well as number, as from that viewpoint, the substantial character of Dr. Reed's life-work will be better appreciated than from that of figures.

His rectorate occurred between the date of the incorporation of the Village of Poughkeepsie and of the charter of the city, and benefitted by the growth which took place to effect the change thus indicated Poughkeepsie was then a legal and political center, and many men prominent in that day in the State were brought into Christ Church, through the influence of its Rector.

While Dr. Reed has been classed with Bishop Hobart in churchmanship, he was unlike him in all other ways, for, where Hobart was brilliant and energetic, and, perhaps, aggressive, John Reed was deliberate, steady, even and tactful. He had patience to go about the establishment of a congregation by slow, painstaking but sure and reliable methods, securing a deep and abiding personal hold upon the people, and thereby winning many into the church. On the

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parish register are found many baptisms by him, and the list of wardens, vestrymen and pewholders include the names of some of the ablest men of the day in Poughkeepsie. The bar was represented by such men as James Emott, (Hon. A.M. Union 1800;) Stephen Cleveland, (Class 1815) among others.

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p. 140.

The only daughter of Dr. Reed, Jane C.E. Reed, was in 1826 married to the elder son of William Davis, the warden of the parish, Thomas L. Davis

In her social relations, she has been described as Mrs. Astor of Poughkeepsie.

For further information about John Reed
See Alonzo Potter Class of 1818

Reed, John

1808

Records show one

John Reed

Pvt. in Capt. Obadiah Titus' Co.,
2nd Regt. (Delamater's) N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Sept 10, 1814

Died Oct 6, 1814

Residence: Clinton, Dutchess Co.

Death of the Rev. Dr. Reed.-On Sunday last, the Rev. Dr. John Reed, D.D.M was taken from us. For more than forty years, he has been the pastor of Christ's Church in this village, during all which time, whether in his public ministrations, in his pastoral duties at the sick bed, or where charity required, he won the love and regard of his people, as he did the esteem and respect of our citizens. For some time past his health has been failing him, and finally like a "shock of corn fully ripe" he has been gathered to his reward, Upon the grave of no citizen will the tear of sorrow be more generally shed.--(Poughkeepsie Telegraph) Daily Albany Argus, July 11, 1845.

On Sunday evening last, the Rev. John Reed, D.D., of this village, died at his residence in Cannon Street at the age of 68 years.

The departure of no individual resident among us, could have made so great a vacuum in society as that of the venerated clergyman whose death we to-day record. For nearly forty years he had filled the office of Rector of Christ Church in this place, and during all that time was not only most devotedly attached to the flock over which he was placed, but as warmly beloved by that flock and all with whom he had intercourse.

In the faithful discharge of his duties as minister of Christ ~~Church~~ his labors were greatly blessed to the church, and his charities and kind attentions to the poor, especially in times of distress, sickness, sorrow and death, were so constant and untiring that his place can scarcely be filled by another, and many will be the tears shed over his grave by those whose tears he has so often and so kindly changed to smiles. As a minister, and as a private gentleman, no man was ever more respected by the christian community of all denominations.

To all, especially his own church, the loss is one that can never be repaired. But he has finished his course, he had kept the faith, and there was doubtless laid up for him a crown of righteousness above in the hands of one who has received him as a good and faithful servant, prepared to enter into the joy of the Lord. (Poughkeepsie Eagle)--Daily Albany Argus, July 14, 1845.

He was the father of Professor Reed, of Union College, a son ~~was~~ eminently worthy of such a father. (Thomas C. Reed, Class of 1826)

1805

JOHN REED.

A son of Martin and Mary (Dixon) Reed, was born at Wickford, Rhode Island, in 1777. By teaching, he gained a sum sufficient to enable him to be prepared for college by the Rev. Dr. Benedict of Plainfield, Connecticut. He graduated from Union College, Schenectady, with the highest honors in 1805. He studied theology under the direction of Dr. Hobart, and was made a deacon by Bishop Moore, May 27, 1806. He took charge of St. Luke's at Catskill, where he remained until 1810, when he was called to the rectorship of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie. Here he remained for thirty-five years. He was prominent in the affairs of the diocese, and did much for the improvement of the town. On February 15, 1845, he presented a letter to the vestry in which he spoke of his inability to officiate any more, and in reply a very respectful and cordial answer was tendered him. He died, after a gradual decay for several months, on July 6, 1845, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. His friend, the Rev. Dr. John Brown, says of him, as recorded on page 50 of volume V of Sprague's "Annals"***** (See in file under Mr. Reed)

Correspondence of John Henry Hobart
Archives of the Convention
Vol. 5 p. 49
1912.

CLASS OF 1805

JOHN REED

Grandson of Robert Reed, captain of a ship, and perished by some accident in coming into Newport Harbor. He left a wife, and one son by the name of Martin, who married Mary Dixon. He was a sensible man, and a pillar in the church.

Child--John, who is the Rev. Dr. John Reed. He graduated at Unity College; was ordained pastor of the Union Church at Poughkeepsie in 1810, and remained pastor thirty-five years. His wife died in 1832.

Children:--Rev. Thomas C. Reed (Class of 1826), professor in Union College; and a daughter, who is the wife of Thomas L. Davis, of Poughkeepsie.

FROM History of the Reed Family p. 481
Jacob Whittemore Reed
John Wilson & Son
Boston 1861

1805—In memory of the Rev. Dr. JOHN REED for thirty-five years (1810-1845) rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, his great-grandson, the Hon. Macgrane Coxe (Yale, 1879) has given the college a copy of *The Records of Christ*

Church, Poughkeepsie, New York (1911), a handsome book, carefully edited by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds. Among the illustrations is an attractive half-tone portrait of the Rev. Dr. Reed taken from a dauguerreotype in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Robert E. Coxe. The text includes an account of Doctor Reed's services as rector and a biography of him. The college is grateful to Mr. Coxe for his gift. A noteworthy day in Doctor Reed's ministry was the day when "two Quaker lads"—ALONZO POTTER, 1818, and HORATIO POTTER, 1826,—wandered into the old first Christ Church, and felt the charm of the services. That was the beginning of their connection with the Episcopal Church. Both became bishops; Alonzo Potter became the father of a bishop (the Rt. Rev. Henry Codman Potter). Horatio Potter was baptized by Dr. Reed. *June 17, 18*

Rev. JOHN REED, A.M. D. D. COL. COLL., 1805, a resident of Poughkeepsie, was a member of the Philomathean Society. He died in 1854.

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