

CLASS OF 1822

ALEXANDER H. CROSBY

Became rector in 1828, (St. John's Episcopal Church of Yonkers) and served eleven years, dying in the rectorship January 4, 1839, at 35 years of age. The church contains a wall tablet to his memory. He is remembered by many still in the congregation. Indeed he is still represented in it by his own descendants.

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ALEXANDER CROSBY, A.M., 1822, of Mount Pleasant, N.Y., was a member of the Adelpic Society.
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ALEXANDER HAMILTON CROSBY

He was the son of Darius Crosby and Thirza Paddock, and grandson of Reuben Crosby, whose ancestors were among the first settlers of Plymouth, Mass. He was born at Somers, in this county, June 15, 1804, and entered Union College, Schenectady, in 1819, where he was graduated A. M., at the early age of 18. After reading law one year, he entered the General Theological Seminary and was graduated June 30, 1826. In August of that year he was admitted to Deacon's orders in St. George's Church, Fishkill, by the late Bishop Hobart. After this he officiated for several months in St. Paul's Church, Eastchester. In the spring of 1827, he was called to Grace Church, White Plains, and St. Thomas' Church, Mamaroneck, and was ordained Priest in the former, July 19, 1828, by Bishop Hobart.

Upon the 13th of March, 1828, he was married to Julia A., daughter of James Barker, Esq., who with one son and three daughters, still survive him. While officiating in the united parishes, he made an effort to clear them of debt, which good work he accomplished, and was also trying to raise money for the erection of a parsonage at White Plains, when called to take charge of this parish. Addressing his congregation in 1837, he says:—"When coming to this parish, I found only about 35 communicants, the Church divided into two distinct and hostile parties, by three law suits then pending, the attendance of most of the congregation on Divine service very irregular. only about \$20 annually given to Missions, and but little to other benevolent institutions." During his incumbency, the sum of \$1,000 was raised by public subscription for repairing the church and also \$500 expended on the old parsonage, besides other large sums for Missions, etc. In 1835, the communicants had increased to 72.

But four years afterwards the faithful pastor was summoned, "Well clad in the panoply of righteousness, wielding the sword of the Spirit, and fighting under the banner of the Cross, he sank consumed by his own zeal." He left his beloved flock for a little season, in the faint hope of repairing his shattered frame in a more genial clime, and with the prayer that if it were the will of his heavenly Father, he might return to labor once more among them. But he was removed from the winter of life to a summer of never ending mildness and glory. Wafted to the haven of eternal rest in a better country, he hath entered a temple, not made with hands, in the which he shall chant in richer melody than when on earth, the blissful praises of Jehovah Jesus. He died at St. Croix, on the evening of the 4th of January, 1839, in the 34th year of his age. According to his request, his remains were subsequently conveyed to Yonkers, and interred in the cemetery belonging to this parish, near the old parsonage. Well may his people have reared for him the marble tablet, that tells of the beloved brother and faithful minister. It was a favorite saying of his:—"First my church, and then my family."