

AARON A. MARCELLUS, '26

The son of Nicholas and Sarah (Vedder) Marcellus, was born in Amsterdam, N. Y., May 11, 1799. His father was for more than forty years a ruling elder, and his son was early taught the way of life. His primary education was mainly directed by Rev. Halsey Wood of Mayfield, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Peter Van Zandt, and the late Rev. Dr. Spencer of Brooklyn, N. y.; he entered Union College, N. Y., where he graduated in 1826, when he commenced the instruction of youth, and for some years had charge of the Female Seminary at Syracuse, New York, and subsequently that in Schenectady, New York. He removed to New York, and was superintendent of the Orphan Asylum for a short time. His mind had been directed towards the ministry, and finding that his duty pointed in that direction, he removed to New Brunswick, N. J., and entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch church, and graduated in 1830. He was shortly after licensed by New York Classis, and in July 1830 he accepted a call from the Reformed Dutch church at Lysander, New York, where he was ordained and installed by Cayuga Classis; here he remained one year, when he became pastor of the church of Schaghticoke; at the end of four years he resigned; thence to a missionary enterprise near the Dry Dock, New York city, where he labored two years, during which time his health failed, and he was obliged to rest from preaching for some years. To be useful was his earnest desire, and he accepted the position of Principal of Lancaster county Academy, Pa.; here his health recruited, and at the end of three years he was able to return to the pastoral work, and in 1839 he continued his ministerial life as pastor of the Reformed Dutch church at Freehold, N. J.; at the end of eleven years he again returned to teaching in Williamsburgh, New York city, and for a short time at Bergen, N. J.

In 1856 he was again permitted to preach, his health having been comparatively restored, and he became pastor of the Reformed Dutch church in Greenville, New York, in Westchester Classis; after three years he was again a teacher; in 1859 he removed to Bergen, New Jersey, and whilst thus employed, his feeble health gradually gave way, and he died May 24, 1860, of congestion of the liver.

He was an earnest, tender, and comprehensive preacher, and though suffering from many bodily infirmities, his zeal knew no abatement, and when prevented by failing health from preaching the word, he became a teacher of youth, and in all the relations of life, he strove to lead the heart of those with whom he laboured, to the Saviour. During his ministry his success was gratifying, having been blessed with revivals of religion at Schaghticoke and Freehold. He was courteous and refined and his manners and loved by all.

He married Miss Sarah Marselus of Schenectady, N. Y., who, with four children, survives him.

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New Bruns. Born at Amsterdam, N. Y., 1799. In class of 1826, Union. Li-
theol. Sem. censed by Classis of New York, 1830. Lysander, 1830-31. Schaghti-
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1911. Lancaster Academy, Penn., 1836-39. Freehold, 1839-50. Teaching
in New York City and Williamsburgh, 1851-56. Greenville, 1856-59.
Teaching in Bergen, 1859-60. *Died, 1860. at Bergen, N. J.*

preacher of the gospel in its simplicity, with unction of spirit and warmth of manner. His ministry was eminently useful, and always marked by singleness of mind and sincere devotedness to its high aims.

Marcelus, Aaron A., b. at Amsterdam, N.Y., 1799; U.C. 1826, N.B.S. 1830, l. Cl. N.Y. 1830; Lysander, 1830-1, Schaghticoke, 1831-4, N.Y.C. Manhattan, 1834-6, Prin. of Lancaster Academy, Pa., 1836-9, Freehold, 1839-50, teaching in N.Y.C. and Williamsburgh, 1851-6, Greenville, 1856-9, teaching in Bergen, 1859-60, d.

He made no pretensions to superior abilities, but his discourses were full of Christ, ever abounding in the great doctrines of the faith, while his public prayers had the unction of the Holy One. His bodily infirmities were many, frequently interrupting his ministry. Yet he had not a few seals of his ministry, and some encouraging revivals. He was a cheerful and happy man, under all his trials maintaining consistency of life, and aiming at fidelity to his trust.

Marinus, David, studied in Pennsylvania, lic. by Coetus, 1752; Aquackanonck and Pompton Plains, 1752-6, Aquackanonck, Totowa and Pompton Plains, 1756-73, Kakiat, 1773-78, suspended; 1780, deposed. Also supplied Fairfield, 1756-73.—*Amst. Cor., Let.* 759.

Mandeville, Henry, b. at Kinderhook, 1804; U.C. 1826, N.B.S. 1829, 1. Cl. Albany, 1829; Shawangunk, 1829-31, Geneva, 1831-4, Utica, 1834-41, (Mobile, 1841-9, also Prof. of Moral Phil. and Rhetoric in Hamilton Col. 1841-9, Albany, Presbyt. 1850-4,) d. 1858. D.D. by U.C. 1847.

He was one of the most able and successful ministers of the Church. In his first charge, he at once gained a hold on the affections of the people by his zeal, eloquence, and piety, and a revival followed the labors of his first year. Indeed, he left no charge where his departure was not deeply regretted, and from which he did not go with the sincere love of those to whom he had ministered.

As a teacher of elocution, he won a brilliant reputation for himself, and for Hamilton College. The system he introduced formed the basis of a style of oratory so natural, graceful, and effective, that it became an attractive feature in the course of that institution.

As a preacher he had few superiors. He invested every theme he touched with new and striking charms. He delighted to linger about the cross; he loved to lean on his Saviour's bosom; Christ and the cross were ever held up to the contemplation of his hearers. As a pastor he was most attentive and faithful. He labored and prayed for his people, and his efforts were crowned with the divine blessing.

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A. A. MARCELLUS

A. A. Marcellus, A. M., is principal of the Dickinson Institute in N. Y. C.

Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book p. 429

Reverend Aaron A. Marcelus who was in the class of 1826 at Union but did not graduate, graduated from this Seminary in 1830. He was born at Amsterdam, New York in 1799 and died in 1860. I wish to know his middle name and the month and day of his birth, the place of his death and the month and day of his death. *Och 19 33
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AARON A. MARSELUS, 1non-graduate of 1826, of Amsterdam, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. (Died: 1860)
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