

ABISHAI SCOFIELD, '32.

was born at Greenville, Greene Co., N. Y., October 27, 1805. In college he was a Philomathean. He studied theology at Auburn Seminary and became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Peterboro, N. Y., from 1837 to 1843 and at Hamilton, N. Y., till 1845. Being an earnest Abolitionist he denounced publicly the attitude of the Presbyterian Church toward slavery, was brought to trial by the Presbytery of Onondaga, was declared guilty of violating his ordination vows and of promoting schism and was therefor deposed from the Gospel Ministry. In 1851 he gathered a free Congregational Church at Georgetown, N. Y., where he labored for some years. In 1863 he was appointed by the American Missionary Association to minister to the freedmen at Camp Nelson, Ky. He did a great work among the colored people but was driven out by the Ku Klux in 1866. He was Superintendent of the Sailors' Home in Milwaukee, Wis., for a time. Later he preached as a Home missionary at Hartford, Wis. As an Abolitionist he was a friend and co-worker of Gerrit Smith. Many of his anti-slavery and temperance addresses were published by request. He was enthusiastic and fearless in his work and very successful. His political sentiments were Republican. He died at Spencerport, N. Y., of old age, January 25, 1898. He was twice married and leaves four daughters and five sons.

Abisha Scofield was the great grandfather of the wife of Wm. J. Whitson '35. Her name was Marjorie Scofield.

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Married: Weed-Scofield--In New York, Nov. 22, by the Rev.
Henry Belden, Isaac Weed, Esq. of Kinderhook, N. Y., to S. Augusta,
daughter of the late ABISHAI SCOFIELD, of Stamford, Conn.

N. Y. Tribune

Nov. 30, 1854

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ABISHAI SCOFIELD, b. Greenville, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1805; Union Col., 1832; Aub., 1832-5; p. gr., 1835-6; m. Elizabeth Marvin, Colchester, Conn., 1836; m. Celestia S. Norton, Peterboro, N. Y., Aug., 1842; m. Janette Marvin, Colchester, Conn., 1844; ord. p. Peterboro, N. Y., Onondaga Presb., autumn of 1836; Rochester, 1835-6 Peterboro, 1836-43; various chs., 1843-5; Hamilton, "Free Church," 1845-8; ord. there, 1846; Free Church, Georgetown, 1848-61; miss, of Am. Miss., Assoc., Camp Nelson, Ky., 1864-7; ev. in Central N. Y., 1867-70; supt. and chap., Bethel Home, Wis., 1871-2; Hartford, Wis., 1872-80; res. Cos Cob, Conn., from 1880; pub. "Trial and Defence", 1845; and other pamphlets and addresses; d. Spencerport, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1898.

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The Rev. Abishai Schofield, '32, died Wednesday, January 26, at his home in Spencerport, aged 92 years.

Mr. Schofield was born in the town of Greenville, N.Y. in 1805; was educated in Union college and in Auburn seminary, commencing his labors as a minister of the gospel at the Presbyterian church at Petersborough Madison county, when he was 30 years old. Mr. Schofield was an advanced thinker, especially on the subject of slavery and became so pronounced in his views on the subject of abolition that he was compelled, a few years later, by the Presbytery to sever his connection with the Presbyterian church. He immediately accepted a call to preach in the Congregational church at Hamilton, N.Y.

C. Feb. 1898

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