

REV. GEORGE SHEPARD, D.D., 1836-68; b. Plainfield, Ct., Aug. 26,
1801; Amherst Coll., 24; Andover Theol. Sem., 27; ord. Hallowell,
Me., Feb. 5, 28, p. to 36; d. Bangor, Mar. 23, 1868; D. D. Bowdoin
Coll., 46.

Professor of Sacred Rhetoric at Bangor
Bangor Theological Seminary Catalogue
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CLASS OF 1824

GEORGE SHEPHARD

Owing to the failure in 1835-1836 to raise an endowment for the Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric, of which George Shepard was professor "but more to the personal celebrity of Prof. Shepard, he was repeatedly assailed with invitations to remove to more imposing and lucrative positions, The most formidable of these assaults was made in the spring of 1847, when he was urged by the offer of a very large salary to become pastor of the Pilgrim Church and Society in Brooklyn." The endowment was speedily raised Prof. Shepard did not resign. "If Prof. Shepard had resigned at that time, the other professors would have done the same, and the Seminary, to all human appearance, had been irrecoverably ruined."

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William Chase & Co.
Cleveland
1882.

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GEORGE SHEPARD

Son of John and Anna (Davis) Shepard

Born in Plainfield, Conn., Aug. 26, 1801.

Prepared for college at the Academy at that place

He entered the Sophomore class of Amherst College in 1821, and was one of the founders and the first president of the "Natural History Society of Amherst College," whose collections were the beginning of its Cabinets of Natural Science.

Andover Theological Seminary, 1824-27

Ordained at Hallowell, Me., Feb. 5, 1828, and pastor 1828-36

Professor of Sacred Rhetoric in Bangor Theological Seminary 1836-68.

He was invited to the presidency of Amherst College in 1844, but declined.

D. D. Bowdoin, 1846

Died of pneumonia at Bangor, Me., March 23, 1868.

Married, Oct. 6, 1829, Lydia, daughter of Dr. Josiah Fuller, of Plainfield, Conn., who died Dec. 23, 1869.

Biog. Record Alumni p. 18
Amherst College
1883.

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Born Plainfield, Conn., August 26, 1801
Amherst College 1824
Andover Theological Seminary 1827
Ordained March 5, 1828
Pastor Hallowell, Me., 1828-36
Professor Sacred Rhetoric, Bangor Theological
Seminary from 1836
D. D. Bowdoin College 1846
Died March 23, 1868.

General Catalogue 1808-1908 p. 96
Andover Theological Seminary

George Shepard, clergyman and educator, was born at Plainfield, Windham co., Conn., Aug. 26, 1801, son of John and Ann (Davis) Shepard. When about sixteen years of age he entered Plainfield Academy with the idea of preparing himself for teaching. In 1819 he became deeply interested in religious matters and determined to consecrate his life to the ministry, and although he met with stern opposition from his father, who was not in sympathy with his son's religious views, he was strengthened and assisted in his resolve by his gentle and godly mother. In 1821 he entered the sophomore class of Amherst College, and after completing his studies in that institution entered Andover Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in 1827. Soon after this, declining an invitation to become assistant instructor of Hebrew at the seminary, he accepted a call to the First Congregational Church at Hallowell, Me., where he was ordained Feb. 5, 1828. His simplicity, earnestness and devotion to pastoral duty and stirring eloquence made him a power in his congregation and the vicinity. After eight years of blessed and happy pastoral labor, he accepted a call to the chair of sacred rhetoric in Bangor Theological Seminary. With a thoroughly consecrated spirit he entered upon his new duties, and in many ways aided in placing that institution on the firm and solid basis it has since occupied. He was the means of erecting the Central Church in Bangor, and for several years fulfilled the duties of preacher and pastor to its people. Professorships in other colleges were tendered to him from time to time, and twice Amherst College urged his acceptance of its presidency. He also received a call to the Church of the Pilgrims, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and another to the Mercer Street Church, New York city; but he remained in Bangor, continuing his labors with unremitting zeal for thirty-two years. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Bowdoin College. Dr. Shepard excelled as a pulpit orator, although he contributed occasionally to the press with ability. He was an outspoken abolitionist and a vigorous, uncompromising advocate of temperance, at a time when both causes were weakly upheld. He was described as "a man of massive form and massive majesty of movement; strong, yet with the simplicity of a child; mighty in condensing thought, as the energies of a storm are sometimes condensed into a single burst of lightning, thunder and rain; his countenance becoming luminous in the moments of his intensest ardor in public speech; with life-long earnestness for high and noble ends, glowing with flameless anthracite heat." Dr. Shepard was married, in 1828, to Lydia, daughter of Dr. Josiah Buller, a prominent physician of Plainfield, Conn. They had four sons and four daughters. Dr. Shepard died March 23, 1868.

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 Seminary, 1836-68.
 D. D. Bowdoin College, 1846.

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Author:

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1847

GEORGE SHEPHARD

1848

Born, Plainfield, Ct., Aug. 26, 1801; Plainfield Academy; Amherst
 College, 1824; Andover Theological Seminary, 1824-27; ordained (Con-
 gregational Council), Feb. 5, 1828; pastor (First), Hallowell, Me., 1828-36;
 professor (Sacred Rhetoric), Bangor Theological Seminary, 1836-68;
 lecturer (Sacred Rhetoric), Union Theological Seminary, 1847-48; died,
 Bangor, Me., Mar. 23, 1868. D.D., Bowdoin College, 1846.
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Albany 3, N.Y.

July 22, 1950

Dear Mrs. Webster:

In "Amherst Academy", p. 56, by Frederick Tuckerman, published at Amherst in 1929, reference is made to the granting of the A.B. degree to seven Amherst men, and also the reason, at the Union commencement of 1824.

The seven Amherst men were:

Edwards A. Beach
*Elisha Lord Fuller
Richard Fuller
Joseph A. Hall
Freeman Howland
Abel Packard
George A. Shepherd.

*Our alumni catalogue gives "Elijah", but it is Elisha in the Amherst Alumni catalogue.

In future Union Alumni catalogues, I think these men should not be listed as Union graduates, but listed under an appropriate heading.

I seem to have recovered my usual good health, for the time being, but I have lost so much time this year and am so far behind in my work that I have had little time for the alumni work or any other outside interest. Thanks for your interest, and also for the news about Miss Peterson and Mr. Henthorn.

From letter of Joseph R. Brown, Jr., July 22, 1950.