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## XXI.

## WILLIAM SCRIBNER.

William Scribner, son of W. Rogers and Betsy (Hawley) Scribner, was born in the city of New York, Jan. 20, 1820; was prepared for college in the High School, at Lawrenceville, N. J., under the instruction of the Rev. Dr. Hamill; was received to the communion of the Church at Lawrenceville, N. J., at the age of seventeen; was graduated from Princeton College in 1840; entered Princeton Theological Seminary the same year, and was graduated in 1843; was licensed by the Presbytery of New York, April 19, 1843; supplied the Church of Columbia, Pa., in the absence of the pastor, for three months, in 1843-4; was ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Stroudsburg, Pa., by the Presbytery of Newton, Nov. 13, 1844; was released on account of impaired health, April 24, 1849; was stated supply of the Church of South Salem, N. Y., 1850; was installed pastor of the Church of Bridesburg, Pa., Nov. 9, 1852, and released, Oct. 4, 1854; was installed pastor of the Church of Red Bank, N. J., Feb. 14, 1855, and released, Feb. 2, 1858; was stated supply of the First Church of Des Moines, Iowa, in 1863.

Mr. Scribner's health was never very strong, and, on this account, he suffered many interruptions in his ministry. Twice he went abroad for rest and recovery of health. He finally retired from active duties, and spent his last years in Plainfield, N. J. He employed his leisure in preparing some practical books on religious subjects, and in writing for religious newspapers. He was a man of rare purity and simplicity of character, a true disciple of Christ, and an earnest minister of the gospel of Christ. A few days before his death, hearing that he could live but a short time, he expressed perfect acquiescence in the will of God, and great joy in the prospect of his departure to be with Christ, while grieving for those who would be desolate in his absence. He died of Bright's disease in its acute form, at Plainfield, N. J., March 3, 1884, in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

Mr. Scribner was married—(1) in the city of New York, Oct. 29, 1844, to Miss Caroline E. Hitchcock; she died in 1849; (2) in Plainfield, N. J., Sept. 28, 1853, to Miss Julia Sayer. She, and three sons and two daughters, survived him.