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Bishop Kingsley enjoyed the full confidence of the Church, and the highest esteem of ministers and people. He had peculiar qualifications for the high office to which he was called. With apparently a vigorous and robust frame, he had a gentle and tender spirit, combining the strength of a man and the tenderness of a woman. A fine scholar, an able preacher, a devoted servant of Christ, ness of a woman. A fine scholar, an able preacher, a devoted servant of Christ, a faithful overseer of the flock, laborious, zealous, prudent in conduct and wise in council, the Church expected much from him in his high and responsible position. But God had other designs for him than we anticipated, a briefer life, and an earlier immortality. But our loss is his gain. We can but reverently bow the head and say, "It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good." May the mantle of our Elijahs fall on the Elishas, and may we all be quickened to greater activity and faithfulness in our Master's work.

4.—REV. JOHN McCLINTOCK, D. D., LL. D.

Wr, the members of the New-York Conference in Conference assembled, desire to express the feelings of sorrow with which we are filled at the death of Dr. McClintock, late President of Drew Theological Seminary, who until the last session had been an active and influential member of this body. His official and private intercourse with us had ever been of the most pleasant and elevating To his words of counsel and kindness; his genial and courteous bearing; and to his genuine and unobtrusive piety, we must always recur with edifi-cation and delight. His visits at our annual sessions were always rich with bless-

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But while we thus express the personal loss which we have all sustained in the death of our beloved friend, we can but regard our loss as trivial compared to the calamity which has fallen upon the whole Church of God. He was one of the few calamity which has fallen upon the whole church of God. Only the calamity which has fallen upon the whole church of God. great men who united the broadest culture with the profoundest Christian faith. He was abreast with the times in scientific thought, and equally inbued with the devout enthusiasm of the Gospel of Christ: conversant with all knowledge, and thoroughly polished in taste, he was also instinct with the singular spiritual power which a close communion with God can alone bestow. Christian theology, power which a close communion with God can alone bestow. Unristian theology, religious journalism, the modern pulpit, secular and sacred education, the cause of evangelical unity and of human freedom, all have lost one of their noblest champions, their truest illustrations and brightest ornements. He was indeed one of the completest of men, joining to a grand original nature all the accomplishments which the severest discipline could impart—the creation of a generation—at once so distinctive in the rareners and fullness of bis talents, and yet so thoroughly human and catholic in his sympathies that the whole community thoroughly human and catholic in his sympathies that the whole community must regard his death as a public misfortune. As Methodists we felt a laudable pride in calling him "one of us," and cannot but recall with satisfaction the credit which he did our Church in the eminent service he rendered the Republic in his expectations and in the excellent expirent service he rendered the credit which he did our Church in the eminent service he rendered the Republe in his capacity as citizen, and in the equally eminent service he rendered the Church itself in the threefold capacity of a preacher, an educator, and an organizer. While he was above all the narrowness of sect, he was still wholly Methodistic, both in faith and practice, a true son of John Wesley. The Church of his early choice continued the Church of his ripest convictions and his latest love. For it he conscientiously labored, to it his memory must ever abide a president receiver the consciention and a guideline toward. cious treasure and a quickening power.

5.—WILLIAM W. CORNELL, ESQ.

Whereas, it has pleased our heavenly Father to remove by death, during the past year, William W. Cornell, Esq., the President of the New-York City Sunday School and Missionary Society: and

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which Mr. Cornell so ably administered and so generously sustained, we deem it proper to depart from our customary silence, and propose for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That we feel the deepest sorrow for the affliction which has deprived the Church of this distinguished, devout and useful layman, and the City Sunday School and Missionary Society of their wise and liberal head.

2. That we commend his example of personal devotion to city evangelization, and his high ideal of the use of money, to the imitation of all Christians.

3. That we extend to the Society over which he presided, and especially to his greatly bereaved family, our sincere expressions of grief at their irreparable loss.

XII.—On Chronicles of Deceased Preachers.

The Committee respectfully report that, by Conference divisions and subdivisions, many of those who were members of the New York Conference have finished their course in other Conference relations. Their record is on high. Our report relates only to those who have died while Ministers of the New York Conference.

WOOLMAN HICKSON was the first member who died. In 1787 he was the colleague of John Dickens in New York City. He died November, 1788, and was interred in the burying-ground in the rear of old John street Church. His remains now rest with others under the John street

CORNELIUS COOK, concerning whose decease and burial there has been much controversy, resulting in historic inaccuracies, died at the residence of Richard Jackson, in Dutches Co., August, 1782, and was buried on his farm. Some years later his remains were removed to the burying ground at La Grange, in the same county. He has a tombstone.

JACOB BRUSH died September 25, 1795, in the 34th year of his age, after spending ten years in the ministry. He was interred in the burying ground of old Forsyth street Church.

ALBERT VAN NOSTRAND joined the Conference in 1787, died 1797, and was buried in the Methodist burying ground at White Plains, N. Y.

HEZEKIAH CALVIN WOOSTER entered the travelling connection in 1793, died in 1798, and was buried in Greenville Greene Co., N. Y. He has a tombstone.

DAVID BROWN entered the ministry in 1794 died September 5, 1803, aged 44 years, and was buried in the Methodist ground at Ashgrove, Washington Co., N. Y.

JOHN WILSON died January 10, 1810, at the age of 47, having spent 13 years in the ministry. He was buried in Israel Disosway's vault, in Forsyth street burying-ground.

WILLIAM KEITH died in New York, September 7, 1810, aged 33 years, having spent four years in the ministry. He was first interred in the old First street burying ground, but his remains have since been removed to Cypress Hill.

LANSFORD WHITING died of smallpox. June 4, 1811, at the residence of James Covel, M.D., in Poughkeepsie, aged 25 years, after three years' service in the ministry. He was buried in the old Methodist burying grounds at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

SAMUEL THOMAS died in 1812, after sixteen years of ministerial service, and was buried af Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOHN RUSSELL died in New York City, in 1813. aged 24 years, having been three years in the ministry. Was buried in his father's vault under the old Duane street Church. ROBERT HIBBARD, a distant relative of Billy Hibbard, was drowned in crossing the St. Law-rence some distance below Montreal, October 10, 1812. His body has never been found.

PETER MORIARTY, a convert from Romanism, after spending thirty-one years in the ministry, died June 23, 1813, aged 55 years. He was buried in Hillsdale, N. Y.

FRANCIS WARD died in 1813, aged 39, after eleven years of ministerial toil. He was buried at Brookhaven, Long Island

STEPHEN RICHMOND died in 1816, and was buried at Hillsdale, N. Y.

GAD SMITH spent five years in the ministry, died in 1817, aged 29 years, and was buried in Goshen, Ct.

THOMAS THORP died in 1819, in New York City, aged 27 years. He had been five years in the ministry. His remains were buried in the First street Methodist ground, but have been removed to Cypress Hill.

STEPHEN JACOB died in 1819, aged 31 years. He had been seven years in the ministry. He was buried in Delaware Co., N. Y.

SAMUEL DRAPER died in 1824, aged 48 years, after spending twenty-three years in the ministry. His remains were buried at Amenia, N. Y.