

IN MEMORIAM

HENRY JACOB WEBER, Ph.D., D.D.

Henry Jacob Weber, President Emeritus and since 1902 Dean of the Faculty of Bloomfield College and Seminary, died in Bloomfield, New Jersey, on Friday, October 27, 1933, in his eightieth year.

Dr. Weber was born in Newark, N. J., on August 31, 1854, and was educated in the Newark public schools and in Bloomfield Seminary, known at that time as the "German Theological School of Newark." After completing his theological course in this institution in 1874, as a member of the first graduating class, he studied for two years in Germany, at the Universities of Bonn and Leipzig. On his return to this country he became an instructor in Bloomfield Seminary and served in that capacity until 1880, when he was called to the pastorate of the Carmel Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. To this ministry he devoted fifteen years. While in Philadelphia he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Pennsylvania (1894). In 1896 he accepted an invitation to the chair of Hebrew at Bloomfield; in 1902 he was made Dean of the Faculty, a position which he still held at the time of his death; in 1903 he became Professor of Theology. Besides the subjects already mentioned he for many years gave courses in Church History, Latin, Greek, Psychology, and Ethics. In consideration of these varied and efficient services his *Alma Mater* in 1909 conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and in 1927, though he was then in his seventy-third year, honored him with an election to the Presidency of the institution, an office which his failing health permitted him to fill for only one year. He also served for many years as the Seminary's financial agent, and succeeded in raising a considerable portion of its endowment and in establishing its Refectory.

During the morning of Monday, October 30, the day of the funeral, Dr. Weber's body lay in state in the Seminary Chapel, and in the afternoon at 2:30 services were held in the First Church of Bloomfield. He is survived by a widow and two sons.

Dr. Weber was a member of the American Society of Church History from its reorganization in 1906, and was one of the most regular attendants at the annual meetings. For eight years he served the Society as its Treasurer and in 1924 as its President. His devotion to its interests was marked by repeated and successful efforts to raise special funds to finance its publications. In spite of his exceptionally onerous duties as a teacher and an administrative officer, Dr. Weber made occasional contributions to religious periodicals. Two articles from his pen have been preserved in the *Papers of the Society*: "The Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi" (Second Series, iii, pp. 173ff.); and his Presidential Address, "The Formal Dialectical Rationalism of Calvin" (viii, pp. 17ff.).

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