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## MEMORIAL.

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WE have been requested to give a sketch of the Life of the late Rev. Henry A. Rowland, D. D., late Pastor of the Park Church in Newark, New Jersey. We have hesitated to comply with this request, lest we should do justice neither to him nor to ourself; for, to describe him as he was, to portray him under the different aspects in which he appeared as the shifting light fell upon him, requires a firm and skillful hand. Others too may be more competent than ourself to speak of his ministerial character and labors. But we have known and loved him long, we have seen him at all hours and in many scenes, we have followed



his course from youthful to riper years, and our heart has pleaded with the wishes of his friends that we should pay this tribute to his memory. We cannot hope that it will be a lasting record of his useful life and services, but it may recall some things which those who know him will wish to remember, and it will present, however imperfectly, the example of a warm-hearted, upright and generous man, frank, bold, decided, and independent, yet cordial, sympathizing, and true, fond of society, full of activity and good humor, the sincere Christian, the acceptable writer, the faithful and successful minister of the gospel. We shall be able, in the space allowed us, and under the circumstances in which we write, only to trace some of the influences which formed his character, and to give a mere outline of his labors. The true record of his life is in its results, not yet nor soon to be complete, and is to be found, not

in these fleeting words, but in the communities in which he lived, and in the many hearts there and elsewhere which he drew to himself and led to piety and virtue.

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HENRY AUGUSTUS ROWLAND was born of pure New England stock and pious ancestry, at Windsor, in the State of Connecticut, on the nineteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and four. He was the eldest son of the late Henry A. Rowland, long a useful minister of the First Congregational church of that town, and was a grandson of the Rev. David S. Rowland, the previous minister of that church. By his mother's side he was connected with the celebrated divine and metaphysician, Jonathan Edwards—one of the truly great men of New England and America, and for a short time the President of Nassau Hall;—

and he was also a descendant of the Rev. John Warham, the first minister of Windsor, who had been "a famous minister in Exeter, the capital of the County of Devon" in England, and was "one of the principal fathers and pillars of the churches of Connecticut."<sup>8</sup>

Dr. Rowland admired the noble band of exiles for religious liberty who planted New England, and was fond of tracing his lineage to the first settlement of his native town, where his ancestors filled the sacred office for periods, amounting together to nearly a hundred years. Windsor, as is well known, is the oldest town in the State of Connecticut, and was settled in the years 1635-6, from Dorchester in Massachusetts, the name of which town for a short time and until 1637, it assumed. As early as 1633 the Plymouth people came up

<sup>8</sup> Trumbull's Hist. of Connecticut, vol. 1, pp. 33, 467.