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**Ministers.**





### REV. JOHN FLAGG

Was ordained over the Second Church, Roxbury, February 2, 1825 and continued there until his death March 14, 1831.

He was the immediate successor of the Rev. John Bradford who was the pastor of the Parish at the time of his death.

Mr. Flagg was a man feeble in health, which made parish work hard for him as well as his people. His ministry here was at a time when the liberal and the conservative were separating from each other in the churches. His pastorate was of short duration ending by his early death. Although a conscientious and refined gentleman his stay in the parish did not yield the harvest hoped for.

### REV. GEORGE WHITNEY

Ordained in the Second Church, Roxbury, June 15, 1831, and continued until 1836.

A young, bright, happy man, who looked at all times on the sunny side of people and things. He made himself at home with every member of his parish and his visits to them, with his pleasant speech and sunny smile, left an air of content and happiness in every household. He was an earnest and acceptable preacher, highly satisfactory to his hearers, and was held in high esteem by all classes in the community. After performing his duties here faithfully a few years, he had a call to go to the Jamaica Plain parish as assistant to the venerable Dr. Gray, his father-in-law. His time of service there was cut short by his early death.

He never cut loose from his associations in his first parish. He could often be seen in Dr. Gray's yellow bodied chaise, going about and calling upon his old parishioners with a cheery word for all. He was highly prized by all the ministers in the circuit of his exchanges.