

many as 500 copies found a ready sale. As the recorded history of the life and benefactions of a higher minded, conscientious American, possessed of a peculiarly benevolent and generous nature, this sketch should not be without value as perpetuating an illustrious example. A man of staunch and scrupulous integrity, vigorous and accurate intelligence, and kindly and charitable impulses, the name of George A. Jarvis will long remain conspicuous among the list of our public-spirited citizens. Mr. Jarvis has been three times married. His first wife was Catharine, daughter of Mr. Samuel Jarvis, of New York, a lady endowed with many charms of person and character, who died suddenly within a year after their marriage. His second wife was Mary, the only daughter of Mr. Cornelius McLean, of New York. "To know her was to love her," a perfect exemplification of that charity which is "kind in thought, word, and deed," qualities that rendered her an affectionate mother and steadfast friend. The third wife of Mr. Jarvis was Maria, the daughter of the late Mr. Lewis Jenkins, of Buffalo, and, like himself and his former companions, is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and is of a cheerful, sympathetic disposition, happy in all of her domestic relations, and earnest and active in Church and benevolent work.

JARVIS, REV. WILLIAM, was born at Norwalk, Connecticut, on February 29, 1796, and was the thirteenth and youngest child of Mr. Hezekiah Jarvis by his second wife, Sarah Whitney. Having been born in leap year, and the odd day being unnecessary to complete the century, Mr. Jarvis was eight years old before he had a birthday, nor had he but seventeen in all. He entered into eternal rest on October 3, 1871. His mother was a daughter of Mr. Whitney, of Darien, and he lived to be one hundred years, three months, and three days old, and his wife was over ninety years at the time of her death. Some interesting facts in regard to Mrs. Whitney, the mother of Mrs. Jarvis, were related by her only surviving grandchild, since deceased at a very advanced age. After she had passed her eightieth year, her eyesight returned to her as clear and perfect as in youth. From reading and research she became an Episcopalian when in middle life, and was ever afterward a devoted adherent of the Church. The Rev. Mr. Mather, the Congregational clergyman, always treated her with the greatest kindness and respect, and often loaned her his horse to ride to Stamford, a distance of five miles, to enjoy the Church services, when her husband, who had no

sympathy with her in this respect, refused her his. Often, when no other way offered, she would start to walk the distance, feeling sure, that when following the dictates of duty, the Lord would provide a way; and so it frequently proved, for some kind neighbor or friendly traveler would assist her to the place in which her soul delighted. Mr. Jarvis was a nephew of Bishop Jarvis, and the Bishop's only son, Rev. Dr. Samuel F. Jarvis, offered to fit his young cousin William for college, and he was for some time a member of the Doctor's family. Thus natural affection was deepened, and the kind interest shown him in early life was more than requited in the love, sympathy and aid which he gave to Doctor Jarvis in after years, when under great sorrow and embarrassment. Mr. Jarvis was graduated at Union College, N. Y., and afterward pursued his theological studies at New Haven, Conn. In August, 1822, he was ordained Deacon at Norwalk, and in November of the year following, was made priest at East Haddam, at which place, and Hebron, Mr. Jarvis ministered for some time. Both these ordinations were by Bishop Brownell. While at Hebron he won the warm friendship of Dr. Peters, who was also Governor of the State, and this friendship continued until death separated them many years later. In December, 1825, Mr. Jarvis was married by Bishop Brownell to Miss Elizabeth Miller Hart, eldest daughter of Major Richard W. and Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, and about two years after he removed with his family to Portland, then Chatham, Conn. This marriage was one of great happiness, though they were called to share many sore bereavements; but the strong Christian faith and trust, which was their guide and support, enabled them to accept all as from the loving hand of a Father. An attack of severe bronchitis a few years later terminated his rectorship of Trinity Church, and obliged him to retire permanently from any public speaking. For months he could only speak in a whisper, and even after recovering his voice in conversation, it broke down upon every attempt to use it in reading aloud. In 1832 the family residence was sold, and Mr. Jarvis removed to Middletown. After the marriage of his eldest daughter to Col. Samuel Colt, of Hartford, he made that city his home, and for some years he was identified with business in New York City. One who well knew him, thus wrote of him: "As a preacher, Mr. Jarvis was full of fervor and impressiveness. His delivery was remarkably good and his voice earnest and powerful. As a pastor, he was distinguished for fidelity and devotion. But for thirty and five years his voice ceased to be heard in the pulpit. It pleased God that thus long he should set forth His true and lively word only by his life. It also pleased God to