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PRINCETON Seminary has lost one of its most honoured Professors, and the Presbyterian Church a valued and trusted theological leader. On the 11th Nov., Dr. Archibald Alexander Hodge was, after a few days' illness, called to his rest in the sixty-third year of his age. The end came very suddenly. He was, we learn, in excellent health, until within a few days of the close of his career. He preached on the preceding Sabbath with his accustomed power, but before another Sabbath came round his voice was silent. He was pursuing his work, in every department, with his usual vigour, and seemed to have the prospect of years of excellent labour in the Master's service before him, but the Head of the Church judged that his earthly work was finished, and that he was ready for higher service. The unexpected death of Dr. Hodge has brought sorrow to the hearts of many who had no personal acquaintance with him. They had learned from the study of his writings, and the testimony of students and friends to his character and work, to look up to him with reverence and affection, and they feel his removal as a personal loss.

Dr. Hodge is described, by those who knew him, as a preacher of more than ordinary popular power. He seems to have been endowed with a poetic gift which enabled him to invest abstract truth with living interest to his hearers; but, after all, he must—from the structure and bent of his mind, have been always essentially a theologian. No doubt the varied experience of his career did much to enrich his mind and to enable him to present the truth in such a manner as to reach the understandings and enlist the sympathies of those whom he addressed. His career was not that which he had chosen for himself, but, doubtless, every part of it contributed to his training and to his ultimate success in the work for which God designed him. After completing his theological studies, he deemed himself called to labour among the heathen, and in 1847 he went as a missionary to India. There he laboured for three years, when he was compelled by protracted sickness in his family to return to America, and abandon a work which, to the end of his life, continued dear to his heart. He was evidently chosen to labour in another sphere. For a number of years after