

bour traces his first interest in literature and learning.

Shortly after the death of their parents, three of the sons of this family found themselves in the United States. The younger (Thomas) served in the Union army, and died in the Andersonville stockade. The elder (Alexander) is still in Kentucky, where both the brothers lived while the third (William) was completing his studies at college.

Mr. Wm. M. Barbour's degree from college is dated Oberlin, Ohio, 1859. His graduation is theology dates from Andover, Massachusetts, 1861. In the same year he was called to the first Congregational Church in South Danvers (now Peabody), and there he remained until 1868. On the death of the well-known Dr. George SHEPARD, of the Bangor Seminary, Mr. Barbour was selected as his successor, and after many regrets at the leaving of his parish, he consented to accept the vacant chair of Homiletics.

In 1870 Bowdoin College conferred the degree of D.D. on the new professor. In 1874 Dr. Barbour was unanimously voted into the vacant chair of Theology at Bangor, which he has held until his election to the Yale Professorship of Divinity.

We add the following critical review of his career from the *Hartford Evening Post*. Coming as it does from an American source, our readers will appreciate it the more as it is not likely to be colored by patriotic bias:

"Yale College is to be most heartily congratulated upon the addition of the name of William M. Barbour, D.D., to its professorial list. He is at present Buck Professor of Christian Theology and lecturer upon Church Polity and Pastoral Theology in the Seminary of Bangor, Maine.

"Prof. Barbour, when a young man, came to this country from his home in Scotland. He studied at Oberlin College, Ohio, and afterward graduated from Andover, where he won the most enviable affection and admiration of Prof. Park, D.D., who lately said of him: 'My friend is one of the richest donations that Scotland ever made America.'

"In 1861 Prof. Barbour accepted an invitation to become Pastor of a church in Peabody, Massachusetts, where he remained for seven years, and where his name still lives and always will live, wreathed in the freshest, dearest memories of many loving hearts. The recent testimony of a member of his church is: 'I never knew what the Bible was till Mr. Barbour read it to us.'

"In 1867 he accepted a chair in the Bangor Seminary, which he has ever since filled to the unqualified acceptance of every one. Many students from distant States have found their way to Maine to listen to his lectures, and he has won among them the well-deserved title of 'The

Students' Friend.' Few in his position could have held both heart and attention as he held them, instilling with every word of instruction a thought of love that would ever remain uppermost. His opinion is universally sought and relied upon, and his esteem prized higher by the members of his classes than any other reward which the institution can offer.

"He was married previous to his studies at Andover, and, but for the assistance of his wife, a most admirable lady, whose influence is, if possible, as extensive as his own, he is thoroughly a self-made man, and a rare specimen of workmanship.

"Neither the institution nor the city of Bangor will alone feel the pain of parting, and find in their midst a blank which evidently no other man can fill, but the entire State will be bereft. During his connection with the seminary he has been actively engaged in preaching and making his name through Maine a watchword almost, for all that is truest and best. It is well said that no one speaks ill of him; and it may safely be asserted that not New Haven, but Connecticut is to be congratulated upon securing his presence. Dr. Barbour is a deep thinker and a clear speaker, wasting no time upon superfluous expressions; throwing away no casual thought for want of words to clothe it forcibly and effectually. His sermons, lectures, and conversation bear the same imprint of self-confidence and thorough information, tempered by deference to any and all conflicting opinions.

"He is a man of medium height, light figure, and independent freedom of motion, enhancing every impression received from him by an almost imperceptible memory of Scotland in accent and manner.

"The invitation to come to Yale was long ago extended, and has been earnestly urged upon him by many warm friends, who longed to have his direct influence extended in New Haven, and who will accord him a most hearty welcome."

Correspondence.

FROM REV. J. W. COX.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me, through the columns of the INDEPENDENT, to thank the many kind friends throughout Canada who have, by their generous contributions, ministered relief to us in our protracted affliction.

The trial through which we have passed has been severe, and but for the continued presence of our blessed Lord, and the precious tokens of our Christian brethren's esteem and affection, we would