

these ministrations. During this period he was with the army in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. While at Port Hudson Dr. Corey first came into touch with the work of education among the colored soldiers. The impressions received by him at this time practically determined the course of his subsequent life.

In the spring of 1864 Dr. Corey was transferred to South Carolina. With great self-denial and rare tact he ministered to the spiritual needs of the colored people in and around Charleston. Amidst the distress and the disturbed social conditions existing at the close of the war, Dr. Corey's labors were exceedingly helpful in strengthening religious influences and promoting peace and good-will among all classes. His tactful discernment of the right thing to do, his courteous and sympathetic manner and christian character marked him as the man for the place in those troublous times.

At the close of the war Dr. Corey received an appointment from the Baptist Home Mission Society to labor among the colored population of South Carolina in organizing churches and establishing schools. By his zealous and wise labors he achieved great success. Two years later he was appointed president of the Theological Institute in Augusta. After two years' service in this institution, he was transferred to Richmond, Va. Here he has been employed in a most useful and honored service for nearly thirty years.

Before Dr. Corey came to Richmond something had been attempted in the way of founding a permanent school, but the business came into his hands while it was yet in its very first stages and in most depressing circumstances. The dismal building which the school occupied had been once a place in which refractory slaves had been confined, funds were inadequate for the needs of the work even on this scale, and the people for whom the school was designed cared very little for it. The difficulties were appalling. But Dr. Corey overcame them and carried the work on to a brilliant success. His cheerfulness, patience, and faith in the right sustained him in all the disheartening experience of those early days and brought friends and money to the school. After a time better quarters were obtained, students began to understand the meaning of the generosity of their friends and a marvelous development of intellectual ability soon followed. Again enlarged and improved buildings and grounds were purchased, the course of study was brought into better system and the policy of the school became definitely that of a well organized Theological Institution. And now the Richmond Theological Seminary, with a large staff of competent teachers, a large number of trained students and a most honorable record, under the wise and faithful administration of President Corey has become the leading Theological Seminary for the education of ministers for the numerous Baptist churches among the colored people of the South. Few of the graduates of Acadia have accomplished an equally useful and honorable life-work.