ARCHIVES
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

William Swan Plumer

60:10

Transferred from Western Theological Seminary
ARCHIVES
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

HISTORY

William Swan Plumer was born in Greensburg Pennsylvania, July 26, 1802. He graduated from Washington College, Virginia in 1825 and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1826. Washington College, Lafayette College and Princeton University conferred honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity in 1838. The degree of Doctor of Laws was given him by the University of Mississippi in 1857.

Orange Presbytery ordained Mr. Plumer in 1827 and he served as a missionary in Virginia and North Carolina from 1826-1829. He was stated supply and pastor in Petersburg Virginia from 1830-1834, pastor of the Franklin Street Church in Baltimore Maryland from 1847-1854, then was called as pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny Pennsylvania. While serving there, he also was elected as Professor of Didactic and Pastoral Theology, Western Theological Seminary, a position he held until 1862. He returned to the pastorate as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Pottsville Pennsylvania from 1865-1867.

Dr. Plumer then returned to theological education as Professor at Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina. He was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1838 and again in 1871. Plumer was a member of the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary from 1849-1855. He died in Baltimore Maryland, October 22, 1880.

SCOPE

The record of William Swan Plumer contains a volume of his lectures, his inaugural address for James W. Alexander and some correspondence. A number of his published works can be found in the main catalog of Barbour Library, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.
See main catalog for circulating publications.