

PASTORATE OF REV. DR. PARKS.

PREPARED BY JUDGE J. D. CLEAVER.

James H. Parks was born in the City of New York, July 13, 1829. He was converted in the year 1847, and united with the Reformed Dutch Church. Soon after he commenced a course of preparation for Rutgers' College, having the Ministry in view, but health failing, and a series of circumstances arising which brought the subject of Christian Baptism to his attention, he was compelled to make a thorough examination of Scriptural teachings upon the subject, which resulted in his being immersed, on profession of faith, on the second day of July, 1854.

He afterward pursued a post-graduate course at Columbian College, Washington, D. C., and received the Degree of Master of Arts, upon Examination, from that Institution.

He was also honored with the Degree of A.M. from Princeton College, New Jersey.

He was ordained to the Ministry, May 28, 1856.

He has been Pastor of the Baptist Churches at Stamford, Connecticut; Bedford, New York; Pemberton, New Jersey; Mannayunk, Pa., and Norwich, Conn.; Calvary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Linden Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, and Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

While Pastor at Scotch Plains, in the year 1889, he received the Degree of D.D. from Shurtliff College, Illinois.

He settled with the Scotch Plains Church the second week in January in the year 1883, and resigned the pastorate December 31, in the year 1893.