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Chapter 1 : The life and correspondence of Rev. William Sparrow, D.D. - CORE

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Notes From Ingraham Family in America: He was born in Charlestown, Mass. He was taken by his father to Ireland in , where he lived until He was occupied with various parochial duties in Ohio and in the Chair of Theology at Kenyon until , when he became professor in the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia. He received the degree D. Doctor of Divinity from Kenyon College. He was an able, successful teacher and a sermonizer of rare excellence. Bishop Phillips Brooks, a pupil of his at Alexandria says of him: Sparrow died in and in his "Life and Correspondence" was published. From Desc of Philander Chase: William Sparrow was a boy of three when in he went to Gorey, Ireland, to live with his grandfather and remained there during most of his childhood. His grandfather had intended that his grandson William, who was his namesake and his heir, upon his death enter Trinity College, Dublin; it is not known why this did not happen. William Sparrow wrote of his memories in Ireland that he knew both of my grandfathers, and one of his grandmothers until he was fifteen. He lived with his grandfather Sparrow in a small house in Gorey until he was five, with two servants making up the family. William remembers his grandfather Sparrow as a highly regarded man of business whose income of fifteen or twenty hundred dollars came from a life interest, which he held in land belonging to Lord Fitznorris. He never met his grandmother but she was most highly spoken of as a most excellent wife and mother. Both grandfathers, Sparrow and Roe, were originally from Gorey; although the latter spent the last 20 years of his life in Dublin. Both families had many members in the county of Wexford. It is not known when the Roes came over from England, but they were a respectable family in and around Gorey. During the time of the Rebellion, grandfather Dr. Henry Roe removed his family for security reasons to Dublin and after found so many favorable prospects there that he spent the rest of his life there. The Sparrow and Roe families were gentry and like most of that time lived above their means. His excellent schooling enabled him to take charge of an Academy in Utica, New York, soon after his arrival in America in and to enter Columbia College the year after in In , his father Samuel with the rest of the family including three other children moved from Utica to Huron County, Ohio. Around William left Columbia College and joined his family in Ohio; his mother died that same year in Ohio. In Ohio he became associated with pioneer education efforts lead by Bishop Philander Chase. In William and his younger brother, Edward, went to Worthington where Bishop Chase was living and William became a teacher Worthington school. His father Samuel was at this time a lay delegate in the diocese convention. In he was ordained a deacon and four days later was advanced to the Episcopal priesthood. The seminary was preparatory and collegiate and out of it developed Kenyon College and Gambier Theological Seminary, Gambier, Ohio, where the institution was moved in Over the years, some controversy developed over the running of the seminary causing Bishop Chase to resign in and Rev. Sparrow decided to accepted a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia. Hayes was a student of Rev. On 5 August Rutherford Hayes graduated first in his class and delivered the valedictory address. That same month he began to study law in the office of Thomas Sparrow, brother of Rev. At one of the Kenyon reunions President Rutherford B. Hayes recalled how Dr. Sparrow taught him politeness. According to his narrative, he went to Dr. Thereupon he flung himself out of the room with great disgust. He had not taken many steps before he heard Dr. She met William on a visit to her sister, wife of Bishop Chase of Ohio. Kip was the mother of Bishop Kip. In at Gambier he received a letter from his brother Edward who was in Natchez, Louisiana. He was working as a clerk of the court and earning 90 dollars per month. Edward wrote that many store clerks during the unhealthy months often were found dead in the stores in the morning being too ill to call for help. William believed that the plague must be in Natchez. The gravesites of his father, sister, brother and children are at Kenyon College; he revisited them on a trip in Sparrow traveled to Alexandria, VA, to take up his position at the Episcopal Seminary and arrived "sick and sore beyond description" with his

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wife and seven children from Ohio, so they had to take lodgings in Alexandria. The Seminary had waited for him to pick the site before building him a home. Some who knew Mrs. Sparrow in Ohio said of her, "As a wife and mother, she had few equals; and I feel safe in saying, that not one woman in ten thousand possessed such a variety of intelligence as she did. It is probably worth noting that throughout his life Dr. Sparrow suffered much illness from a weak constitution. In appearance he looked very much the teacher and scholar. He was "Tall, erect and spare, with a lofty brow and piercing eye, one could see that he was a man of intellectual force. When you met him, the charm of his conversation, his ripe scholarship, his wide and varied learning, rich with the spoils of ancient and modern times, his sympathetic and loving heart, his countenance lighting up with a beautiful smile, all combined to make a deep impression. William writes that that he has heard that his brother "Thomas is married to a lady of decided piety, in Columbus, [Ohio] who is likely to exert a salutary influence on him. Sparrow was Dean of the Alexandria Theological Seminary from and the head of Systematic Theology from All of his daughters, except one who was an invalid and remained at home, married Virginia Seminary students: Mary Sparrow to Rev. Jerome in Bessie Sparrow to Rev. Grammer in Susan J. Sparrow to Dudley D. Smith in Wilhelmina Sparrow to T. Grayson Dashiell in Kate Sparrow to Rev. Grayson Dashiell in Grayson Dashiell married two Sparrow daughters. Wilhelmina died young and subsequently he married Kate. Susan Sparrow Smith, his second daughter, traveled with her husband as a missionary to China where she became ill with malaria and died. Sparrow also adopted Blanche Hening who was the daughter of a missionary couple; her father made the request when he was widowed. Julius Grammer was assigned to St. His son Leonard K. In and Kenyon College asked him to return as president but he declined as he did offers from churches in Boston, Cincinnati, Richmond and Baltimore. Instead he chose to remain for 33 years at the Virginia seminary. William went on a trip down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and speaks of visiting Natchez and New Orleans - it seems likely that he would have been in touch with his brother Edward at this time. Sparrow mentions in a letter that Edward had been appointed a delegate from Louisiana to the Whig Convention in Baltimore and that he hope he would be coming. In he writes that he is in touch with both brothers Edward and Thomas. Early in Spring , the students left the Seminary because of the civil war - the students returned to families on both sides of the conflict. This was a sad time for Dr. Sparrow whose earliest childhood impressions were connected with the civil war in Ireland. His family was forced to move while his mother was ill and became refugees to America. During the Civil War, Seminary buildings were used as a bakery and others housed some wounded Federal soldiers. Sparrow departed the Seminary soon after it was occupied by the Federal army with his family, including himself, Mrs. Sparrow and two of his daughters, and students moved the seminary to Staunton, Virginia and later to a plantation in Halifax County. Dean Sparrow kept the seminary going. When the war broke out, his daughters, Mrs. Grammer was in Columbus, Ohio and Mrs. Jerome was in Pennsylvania. Smith was in China. His daughter Wilhelmina Dashiell died very suddenly in Richmond. Two of his sons were in the Confederate army including Leonard in an artillery company on Aquia Creek, and another son, William, was employed as an assistant engineer on the railroad west of Staunton. The civil war was a time of great trial for Dr. He had warm ties to the North but sympathized with the sufferings of the people of the South. On slavery, he regarded it as an evil that sooner or later, in the providence of God, would be removed. He spoke often of his family involved in the conflict but refused to read newspaper accounts. He "seemed to think that no man should use weapons of carnal warfare, even in his own defense, and was accustomed to say that if his life were in danger he would not strike a blow. During the Civil War, Dr. Jerome, who was the Federal chaplain for the Union troops quartered at the seminary.

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