

REV. WILLIAM T. GERHARD.

DEATH OF A LANCASTER CLERGYMAN WHO MARRIED 1,000 COUPLES.

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Rev. W. T. Gerhard, than whom no man was more widely known in this city and county, died in Harrisburg on Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. in his 77th year.

During his illness in Harrisburg he received the attention of his two sons, and his closing hours were soothed by the presence of these sons, his daughter and Rev. D. W. Gerhard, of New Holland.

His funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 31 East Orange street, in this city, on Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Rev. William Trautman Gerhard was born of pious parents in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, on the 25th day of December, A. D. 1809.

His father, Frederick Gerhard, who emigrated from Langensolzbach, Hesse, Cassel, to America in 1770, was a successful farmer.

Rev. Gerhard traveled in the performance of his ministerial duties about 15,000 miles. He officiated at 2,044 baptisms, and the number of his communicants was 16,657.

His immediate forefathers were farmers and wheelwrights. In the summer he worked on the farm, and for several years his son much of his time was spent in his father's wheelwright shop.

When about ten years of age his pastor, Rev. Dr. Hendel, preached a sermon on the subject of the prodigal son, which made a deep impression on his mind.

His father's family consisted of Mrs. J. C. Gerhard, wife of Rev. Dr. Gerhard, pastor of the Reformed church, New Holland, Pa., and his wife, Mrs. D. C. Tobias, wife of Rev. Dr. Tobias, pastor of the Reformed church, Reading, Pa.

He was educated in the common schools of his native county, and attended the academy at Harrisburg, Pa., where he was graduated in 1831.

He received a call from the Bern church, in Lancaster county, Schuylkill by the free synod in Orwigsbach, Schuylkill county, Pa., and in consequence of the same he was married to Elizabeth Stuber, who was also by descent, education and choice a devoted member of the Reformed church.

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ROBERT J. EVANS CONVICTED

OF THE ORIGINAL CHARGE OF TAKING HIS WIFE'S MONEY.

His Embezzlement Case Occupying a Large Part of the Quarter Session Time—The Jury Agree Upon a Verdict of Guilty After an Hour's Deliberation.

Tuesday Afternoon.—Court resumed at 2:30 o'clock and the trial of Robert J. Evans for embezzlement was resumed.

Henry Spidel, who was undergoing cross-examination when the defense offered to show that Evans was only employed as a common laborer in the litigation which followed the admission of the will to probate, Mrs. Spidel, who was not to be questioned any more, was asked to state whether the instate laws gave her, and also that Spidel gave money to Evans, who, with his knowledge, consent and direction, had taken the money from the estate.

The defense was that Evans was only taken into the estate as attorney for Henry Spidel, and that the money was given to him by the latter as executor of his father's estate.

Subsequently Spidel gave him other money to invest, but the purchase of the aggregate was for \$3,000. Henry Spidel was frequently asked by his co-executors about the estate's money, and invariably said it was in bank.

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