

*Ex-Chancellor Fairfield.*

Old friends of Dr. Fairfield, and all who heard his interesting talks while here, will be pleased to read the following sketch of his long and useful life, furnished by his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Field.

Edmund Burke Fairfield was born at Charlestown, West Virginia, August 8th 1821. His father was a home missionary, a graduate of a Vermont college and a scholarly man for those days. His mother, at the time of her marriage with Rev. Nicaiah Fairfield, was a widow with several small children and a retinue of slaves. She was the daughter of Captain Minor Wynn of the Revolutionary army and belonged to an aristocratic family of Fairfax County, Virginia. She was the youngest of ten sisters, the oldest of the ten being the mother of Gen. Stonewall Jackson. Rev. Nicaiah Fairfield was an abolitionist and freed all his wife's slaves and established them, as far as possible, in homes of their own in Ohio. The Fairfields moved to Troy, Miami County, Ohio, about 1825.

The subject of this sketch was educated at his mother's private school and at Granville, Marietta and Oberlin colleges, all in Ohio. He graduated from Oberlin college in 1842 and from the Theological Seminary in 1845, when he received his minister's degree. From 1842 to '45 he was a tutor in the collegiate department and a trustee of the college from 1872 to 1876. His first pastorates were in New Hampshire and Boston. He came to Michigan in 1848 to engage in educational work and for twenty years was the President of Hillsdale college, Michigan. In 1870 he left the Baptist church and became a Congregationalist and pastor of the first congregational church of Mansfield, Ohio. In 1875 he was chosen principal of a normal school at Indiana, Pa. and in 1876 was elected chancellor of the University of Nebraska. In 1882 he was chosen pastor of the First Congregational church of Manistee, Michigan. In

1889 he was appointed consul to Lyons, France and for the last three years he has made his home at Grand Rapids, Michigan. This year he is to supply the pulpit at Mansfield, Ohio, his old church.

This concise array of facts and dates perhaps gives insufficient expression of the work of the man himself. He has always been a hard worker, a diligent student and seeker after the truth. He has traveled and lectured and preached and written and taught for more than fifty years, yet his heart is as young, his sympathies as keen, his enjoyment of young people as great as ever. He has made over 6,000 addresses of one kind and another during all these years. Not a few of these addresses were made in *ante bellum* times when a man almost took his life in his hands who went out as Dr. Fairfield did, to fight the wordy battles of the abolitionists.

Since Lincoln's time he has been a sturdy republican. Even in this, his seventy-sixth year, he has spoken afternoon and evening for two weeks in succession in behalf of the cause so dear to him.

*Thank You.*

The Palladians wish to express their appreciation of the kindness of the Chancellor, faculty and university friends in general, whose advice, enthusiasm and interest in the celebration helped more than they realize to make it a success. The recognition by the chancellor and faculty in granting the holiday, their presence at the various meetings are appreciated, as only students who are working against great odds to make a success of a great undertaking, can appreciate reciprocity. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and good fellowship of our sister societies and recognize anew the "tie that binds." As we made the celebration open for all to enjoy who would, so we hope also that all which was creditable in it may not stand alone for the Palladian society, but may be counted a credit to our University. Again to all friends we say, "thank you."

Sincerely, FLORA BULLOCK.