Did you know Simeon Howard Calhoun…

Simeon Howard Calhoun was born on this date in 1804 in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated from Williams College in 1829, and was a tutor there from 1833 till 1836.

In 1837 Simeon became a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. His field of service was the Holy Land for nearly 40 years. He was thoroughly versed in the Arabic and Turkish languages, and he collaborated with Dr. William Goodell, another ABCFM missionary, in making the first translation of the Bible into Armeno-Turkish (Turkish words using Armenian letters.). For this work, Williams College awarded him an honorary doctorate (D.D.) in 1864.

Realizing the need for ministers in their own country and language, Simeon founded a seminary for the education of native teachers. He loved his adopted country and the people he served. His son, Charles William Calhoun (b. February 2, 1850, d. June 22, 1883), died on the mission field at age 33 and is buried at the Anglo-American Cemetery in Beirut, Lebanon. Simeon himself had hoped to be buried in Lebanon, but it was not to be.

After many years of service abroad, he returned to the United States. He died at Buffalo, N. Y, December 14, 1876 at the age of 72.

…was a Congregationalist?

Call To Worship

L: Each day will have its trials
C: Each day we'll see God's grace

L: For God has promised surely
C: To bless us in our place

L: May we live with a pilgrim's spirit
C: This hour and every day

L: To cast our lot upon the Lord
C: In work, in worship, and in play

Invocation (in unison)

We thank You, good Lord, as we pray, for Your blessings on this day and in this hour of worship. We thank You for the pilgrim spirit which You have instilled in us from the beginning of the Christian church, through the time of the Pilgrims of our shores 400 years ago, and into this congregation. May our worship honor their faith and their spirit. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen

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