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affection of his three churches. But becoming seriously crippled by a shivered limb, he felt compelled to relinquish the duties of a extended charge. He accordingly resigned his three churches Oct. 5, 1841, and accepted a call to the church at Johnstown, Pa., not far distant, where he was installed Nov. 9, 1841. In 1845 he was released for half his time, and began to supply the church at Armagh, where, for that half of his time, he was installed May 22, 1846. His pastoral relation at Johnstown was wholly dissolved April 14, 1852, and that at Armagh April 13, 1855. In 1856 he removed to Leland, La Salle Co., Ill., in the neighborhood of which he had made extensive purchases of land. But, although he had no pastoral charge, he continued to preach the gospel as he had opportunity, and with much favor and success. For about three years, from 1869 to 1871, he resided at Aurora, Ill. He was now becoming advanced in age, and after sixteen years of absence, he longed to be again near the scenes of his former labors. His desire to be near his older children and to give the younger ones the advantages of good schools led him in 1871 to take up his residence at Blairsville, Pa. Here he continued preaching, but with powers of body and mind gradually failing, until he fell asleep in Jesus, Aug. 5, 1877, in the 79th year of his age.

Mr. Swan, was as a scholar, above the average of ministers. As a preacher, he was always instructive and sound; a Christian in whom there was no guile, and a gentleman always. His brethren who had been intimately acquainted with him through his whole ministerial life, held him in high esteem, respect and affection.

Mr. Swan was twice married. His first wife was Sarah Moorhead, daughter of Samuel Moorhead, Esq., who died about three years after his settlement at Johnstown. His second wife was Miss Mary Priestley, daughter of Shepley Priestley, an elder of the Johnstown Church. She was killed in 1867 by an accidental fall, while residing with her husband in Illinois.

IV.

JOHN MILLER DICKEY, D. D.

Dr. Dickey was born at Oxford, Pa., Dec. 15, 1806. His parents were the Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., and Jane Miller,

daughter of John Miller, Esq., of Philadelphia. He was prepared for college principally at Oxford, and afterwards at Milton, Pa., under the tuition of the Rev. David Kirkpatrick, D. D. He was graduated from Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., in 1824. While a student in college he made a public profession of religion and united with the First Church of Carlisle in his seventeenth year. In the same year in which he was graduated he entered Princeton Seminary, and after taking a full course of study was graduated there in 1827. He was licensed by Newcastle Presbytery, Oct. 17, 1827, and ordained by the same presbytery at Newcastle, Del., May 19, 1830. After he received license he went under a commission from the Board of Domestic Missions to the northeastern counties of Pennsylvania, where he spent the year 1828 in missionary work, preaching in various new settlements. The year 1829 was spent in labors in Florida and the southern part of Georgia. Having accepted a call to become pastor of the church at Newcastle, Del., he was ordained there as above stated, and installed the same day. This pastoral relation was dissolved by the presbytery, April 8, 1832, he having accepted a call to become pastor of the two churches of Oxford, Pa., and Upper West Nottingham, where he was installed June 15, 1832, where he labored assiduously and successfully for nearly twenty-four years. From this charge he was released April 9, 1856. For fifteen years, while pastor, he was also principal of Oxford Female Seminary. Since his retirement from pastoral life, he has continued to reside at Oxford, although of late years he has spent a portion of every year in Philadelphia.

Dr. Dickey was largely instrumental in originating the Ashmun Institute, which afterwards developed into Lincoln University at Oxford, and from the year 1854 to his death he was President of the Board of Trustees of that institution. He always felt a profound interest in the African race, and has been a zealous and efficient friend to a multitude of colored young men struggling for an education. He has been a true benefactor, whom many of these can never forget. In no small degree, Lincoln University, so long as it exists, will stand as a monument to his indefatigable zeal in their behalf. Since 1858 Dr. Dickey has been also a member of the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary, and for several years was Secretary of that Board. He died in Philadelphia, very suddenly, March 21, 1878, in the 72d year of his age. He was an amiable, warm-hearted and genial gentleman, and was greatly loved and respected by all who knew him.

Dr. Dickey married, June 12, 1834, Miss Sarah E. Cresson, of Philadelphia, who preceded him to the other world only a few weeks, having died Feb. 3, 1878. They have left three sons, one of whom is the Rev. Clement C. Dickey, of Philadelphia.

V.

PETER JOHNSON GULICK.

Mr. Gulick was born at Freehold, N. J., March 12, 1797, and was a son of John and Lydia (Combs) Gulick. He was prepared for college at the Lawrenceville High School under the tuition of the Rev. Isaac V. Brown, and was graduated from the college of New Jersey in 1825. In college he roomed with James Brainard Taylor, and like him was one of the founders of the Philadelphia Society of Nassau Hall. When quite young he made a profession of religion and united with the Tennent Church near Freehold. From college he passed immediately to Princeton Seminary in 1825, and remained there two years. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Aug. 7, 1827, and was ordained by the same presbytery as an evangelist, Oct. 3, 1827. Immediately after his ordination, Nov. 3, 1827, he embarked at Boston for the Hawaiian Mission under commission from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and labored at Waimea, on the Island of Kauai, from 1828 until 1835; at Koloa until 1843; on the Island of Molokai until 1847; then at Wai-
alua on Oahu until 1857. After this he resided at Honolulu until his removal to Japan in June, 1874. Thus he labored more than forty-six years on the Sandwich Islands, and his labors were greatly blessed of God. He saw a nation transformed from barbarism into enlightened and devout Christians, and his name will always be held in honor as that of one of the foremost and most useful pioneers who under God brought about that wonderful transformation. In his old age he went to Kobe, Japan, and spent his last days in the home of one of his sons, where, on Dec. 8, 1877, after a short and painless illness, he gently breathed his last in the 81st year of his age. He was a man of faith and prayer and earnest labor for God. He never returned to his native land after entering on his great work in the Sandwich Islands.

Mr. Gulick married, Sept. 5, 1827, Fanny Hinckley, daughter of John and Betsey Thomas, of Westfield, Mass. This lady, now