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by the death of his father, and of his eldest brother; he then studied under Dr. George Duffield, at Carlsle; was licensed by Presbytery of New Castle, 1835, and ordained by Wilmington presbytery, the same year. He was stated supply at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., 1835-'36; dismissed from the Presbyterian Church and ministry about 1838, at his own request, owing to changes in doctrinal views; became agent of the American Anti-Slavery Society in 1836, publishing agent in 1840, then Corresponding Secretary, 1840-'63. He was Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Relief Association, 1863-'65; Corresponding Secretary of American Freedmen's Commission, 1865-'69; and afterwards connected with the press as one of the proprietors of the "N. Y. Nation." Mr. McKim was one of the leading spirits in the fierce and long struggle against slavery, and lived to see the complete triumph of the cause he early espoused. He died at Llewellyn Park, Orange, N. J., June 13, 1874, of consumption. Mr. McKim was married Oct. 1, 1840, to Miss Sarah A. Speakman, of Chester Co., Pa., who survived him. He left one daughter, Mrs. W. P. Garrison, who died 1877; also a son, Charles F., an architect in New York City.

SAMUEL IRENÆUS PRIME, D.D.

Samuel Irenæus Prime, son of Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Scudder, and Julia Ann (Jermain) Prime, was born at Ballston, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1812. He was prepared for College by his father, at Cambridge, N. Y., and was graduated from Williams College, in 1829, in the 17th year of his age; was matriculated at Princeton Seminary in 1832, remaining until Feb. 1833; was licensed Oct. 2, 1833, by the Presbytery of Bedford, N. Y.; was ordained June 4, 1835, by the Presbytery of Albany, and installed pastor of the Church at Ballston, N. Y., where he remained only a year, his delicate constitution, which had interrupted his Seminary studies, being unable to bear the strain of pastoral work. His second settlement at Matteawan, N. Y., 1837-40, had a similar issue. From 1840 to the time of his death he was engaged chiefly in editorial work and authorship. He was editor of the *New York Observer* from 1840, and from 1858 was one of its proprietors. Meanwhile he had

been for a short time (1848-9) one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society, and for a short time (1849-50) an editor of the *Presbyterian*. He was an active officer of many religious, benevolent and educational organizations. Nearly forty volumes, large and small, came from his facile pen. His "Irenæus" letters were especially welcome and useful in many thousand homes. His ecclesiastical services were often in demand, and his admirable spirit, temper and tact made him a welcome member of numerous evangelical organizations in our own and other lands. His death occurred July 18, 1885, at Manchester, Vt., as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Dr. Prime was married (1) Oct. 15, 1833, at Sing Sing, N. Y., to Miss Elizabeth T. Kerneys, who died after a few months; and (2) Aug. 17, 1835, to Miss Eloisa L. Williams, of Ballston Spa, N. Y., who survives him, with several children. He was President of the Alumni Association of the Seminary in 1877-8.

JOHN ABEEL BALDWIN, D.D.

Rev. John Abeel Baldwin, son of Jesse and Harriet (Barnet) Baldwin, was born in New York City, April 25, 1810. His father, a prominent merchant of New York, was an office-bearer in the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church. He was graduated from Yale College in 1829; studied law for a time; entered the Theological Seminary at Andover in 1831; the following year he removed to Princeton Seminary, graduating in 1834. Stated supply of the Presbyterian Church at Whippany, N. J., 1835; ordained by the Reformed Dutch Classis of Long Island, March 22, 1836; pastor Reformed Churches of Flatlands and New Lots, Long Island, 1836-52; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Pa., 1852-56; pastor New Providence, N. J., 1857-63; then resided until his death at Brooklyn, N. Y., frequently preaching in the churches of the city and vicinity, and supplying for a time the Presbyterian Church of Woodhaven. Dr. Baldwin's preaching was eminently biblical, and as a pastor he was pre-eminently successful, winning the hearts of his people. A painful illness of nearly four months duration, resulting from exposure in bad weather, when on a visit to his former parishioners in New Providence, to whom he preached his last sermon, closed his life at Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1886, in his 76th year.