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land, May 19, 1851, and became assistant to the late Rev. Elias Heiner, D.D., pastor of the First Reformed Church of Baltimore, and at the same time taught Latin in the select school of the late Professor T. D. Baird. He was ordained by the Classis of Virginia, May 19, 1853, and at the same time installed pastor of the Central Reformed Church of Winchester, Va. In 1857 he resigned this charge to become Professor of Ancient Languages and English Literature in Mt. Washington Female College, near Baltimore. This school was broken up by the civil war. In 1860 he became pastor of the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., remaining there until 1864, when he accepted a call to the pastorate of Zion's Church, Chambersburg, Pa. He resigned this charge in 1875 and removed to Philadelphia to assume the duties of editor in chief of the *Reformed Church Messenger*. On account of failing health, he gave up this work in 1887, and in the year following removed to Plainfield, N. J., and thence to Chicago, where he resided until the spring of 1892. He died Aug. 9, 1892, at Wyoming, O., of locomotor ataxia, in the 65th year of his age. He received the degree of D.D. from Mercersburg College, in 1873. During his residence in Philadelphia he took a great interest in the Eastern Penitentiary, regularly visiting it every Sunday and holding religious services there in the morning.

Dr. Davis was married, Jan. 26, 1860, at East Hanover, Pa., to Miss Emma Maria Phreaner, who, with one daughter, survives him.

JOHN LIVINGSTON NEVIUS, D.D.,

Son of Benjamin H—— and Mary (Denton) Nevius, was born March 4, 1829, at Ovid, N. Y. He united with the Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ga., at the age of twenty. His preparatory studies were pursued at the Ovid Academy, and he graduated from Union College in 1848. After teaching for a few months in the Ovid Academy, and nearly a year in Columbus, Ga., he entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1850. He remained in Princeton two and a half years. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Oct. 5, 1852, and ordained

by the same, May 23, 1853. On Oct. 19, 1853, he sailed from Boston for China, having devoted his life to the work of foreign missions. He settled at Ningpo, and in 1885 was installed pastor of the native church of that city. There he remained until 1860, when he received an appointment to establish a mission in Japan. After several months in Japan he found this impracticable, and, returning to China, settled in Tungechow in June, 1861. There he stayed until 1871, laboring as a missionary, with the exception of the years 1865-68, spent in America. The greater part of his missionary life was spent in Chefoo, where he was stationed from 1871 until his death. Beside pioneer and general missionary work, he spent much time in teaching theological students and in preparing text-books intended principally for their use. In 1890-91 Dr. Nevius paid another visit to this country and awakened a new interest in churches, colleges and theological seminaries, in the cause of missions. His death occurred suddenly, Oct. 18, 1893, at Chefoo, in the 65th year of his age. He received the degree of D.D. from Union College, in 1869.

Dr. Nevius was married, June 15, 1853, at Ovid, N. Y., to Miss Helen S. Coan, who survives him.

ROBERT HAMILL DAVIS, Ph.D.,

Son of Benjamin and Elizabeth D. (Hamill) Davis, was born March 25, 1832, in Coatesville, Pa. He united with the First Presbyterian Church of Norristown, Pa., at the age of twelve. His preparatory education was received at the school of his uncles, Drs. Hugh and Samuel Hamill, at Lawrenceville, N. J., and he graduated from Lafayette College in 1852. The next four years were spent in teaching at Lawrenceville. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in May, 1856, and graduated from that institution in 1859, after the full three years' course. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, April 14, 1858, and ordained by the Presbytery of West Jersey, June 4, 1861, being at the same time installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Deerfield, N. J., which he had been serving as stated supply for a year. This pastorate was closed Aug. 1, 1875.