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JAMES TURNER LEFTWICH, D.D.,

Son of Thomas Lumpkin and Mildred Otey (Turner) Leftwich, was born January 3, 1835, at Liberty (now Bedford City), Va. His preparatory studies were pursued at Liberty under the Rev. Dr. J. D. Mitchell, the Rev. George Leyburn, and Prof. William G. Clayton of Piedmont Institute. He spent his freshman year in Yale College and then entered Princeton, graduating in 1856. When a senior at Princeton he was converted on the Day of Prayer for Colleges, being then twenty-one years of age, and soon after united with the Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, Va. His theological training was had in Union Theological Seminary, New York City, from which he graduated in 1859. He was licensed by the Third Presbytery of New York, April 5, 1859, and ordained by the Presbytery of Winchester (N. S.), November 13, 1859, being at the same time installed pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Alexandria, Va. This relation was dissolved December 9, 1869, when he was called to the Central Church (connected with the Southern Assembly) of Atlanta, Ga., over which he was installed May 1, 1870, and from which he was released December 12, 1878. His only other pastorate was over the First Church, Baltimore, Md., of the Northern Assembly, from October 28, 1879, to April 18, 1893, when the failure of his health required the abandonment of ministerial labor. The efforts of the following years for the restoration of his health were in vain, and he died at Atlanta, Ga., February 25, 1897, of locomotor ataxia, in the 63d year of his age. He was buried in the cemetery of his birth place. He received the degree of D.D. from Washington and Lee University in 1874. Dr. Leftwich was prominent in the councils of both the Southern and Northern branches of the Presbyterian Church. He was

for many years a trustee of Lincoln University and was a director of Princeton Seminary from 1884 until his death, and was one of its warmest and most devoted friends.

He was married May 11, 1859, at Oswego, N. Y., to Miss Adelia Lake, who with one son and two daughters survives him.