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JACOB LANSING PEARSE,

Son of Sebastian and Williampe (Lansing) Pearse, was born October 5, 1829, at Niskayuna, N. Y. He united with the Reformed Dutch Church of his native place at the age of twenty. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Albany Academy, New York, under T. Romeyn Beck and Alexander Bullions, and he graduated from Union College in 1849. He spent the following year in travel and teaching, entering the Seminary at Princeton in 1850. He remained a year and then interrupted his course to spend two years in travel. Returning to Princeton in 1853 he remained three years, graduating in 1856. He was licensed by the Reformed Dutch Classis of Schenectady May 22, 1856, and ordained by the Reformed Classis of Montgomery, August 19, 1856, being at the same time installed pastor of the Reformed Church at Hageman's Mills, N. Y. He was released from this charge November 25, 1859. His second pastorate was over the Reformed Church of East Williamsburg, N. Y., from December 1, 1859, to September 25, 1860, and his third and last was over the Second Reformed Church of Bethlehem, N. Y., with his residence at Delmar, from October 1, 1860, until his death, a term of more than thirty-eight years. He died November 6, 1898, at Delmar, N. Y., of neuralgia of the heart, in the 70th year of his age. He was stated clerk of the Reformed Classis of Albany for thirty-seven years.

He was married June 5, 1856, at Newburgh, N. Y., to Miss Mary A. Edgar, who died June 8, 1891. Three daughters survive him.

WILLIAM MAXWELL BLACKBURN, D.D., LL.D.,

Son of Alexander and Delilah (Polk) Maxwell, was born December 30, 1828, at Carlisle, Ind. He united with the Rolling Prairie Presbyterian Church near La Porte, Ind., at the age of fourteen. His preparatory studies were pursued at La Porte, under the Rev. W. K. Marshall, D.D., and the Rev. F. P. Cummins, and he graduated from Hanover College in 1850. He

spent the following year in teaching, from November to March at La Porte, and on until August at Constantine, Ind. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1851, remaining nearly three years. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, April 27, 1853, and ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of Lake, Ind., September 28, 1854. He was stated supply of the church at Three Rivers, Mich., from May, 1854, until May, 1856; of the Park Church, Erie, Pa., from May 16, 1856, until installed its pastor, May 25, 1857. This relation was dissolved December 22, 1863, after which he began his work as pastor of the Fourth Church of Trenton, N. J., being installed February 10, 1864, and released from this charge August 16, 1868. He supplied the Olivet Church, Chicago, from February to May, 1869, and the Fullerton Avenue Church, Chicago, from May, 1869, until September, 1871. He was Professor of Biblical and Ecclesiastical History in McCormick Theological Seminary from 1868 until 1881. Resuming the pastorate he was installed over the Central Church, of Cincinnati, November 20, 1881, being released May 26, 1884. The remainder of his life was given to the cause of education. He was president of the University of North Dakota, at Grand Forks, from 1884 to 1885, and of the Pierre University, S. D., from 1885 until his death. During this latter period he supplied the church at Pierre from 1886 to 1890, and again from 1892 to 1894. He died of heart disease at Pierre, South Dakota, December 29, 1898, within one day of the completion of his 70th year. He received the degree of D.D. from Princeton University in 1870, and that of LL.D. in 1894 from Wooster University. Dr. Blackburn was stated clerk of the Presbytery of Chicago from 1869 to 1870, and of the Synod of Illinois in 1870, and Moderator of the Synod of South Dakota in 1886. He was a prolific writer, being the author of twenty-seven bound volumes, besides pamphlets, sermons and addresses. Among his publications are the following: "The Holy Child," "The Nevers," "The Ancient Schoolmaster," "The Curious Chapter," "The Vow at the Bars, etc.," "College Days of Calvin," "Young Calvin in Paris," "The Theban Legion," "Geneva's Shield," "The Exiles of Madeira,"

“Judas the Maccabee,” “The Rebel Prince,” “Aonio Paleario, etc.,” “William Farel,” “Ulrich Zwingli,” “Admiral Coligny,” “The Rise of the Huguenots,” “St. Patrick and the Early Irish Church,” “History of the Christian Church.” Dr. Blackburn contributed articles also to the Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review, and the American Presbyterian Quarterly Review.

He was married August 16, 1864, in Buffalo, N. Y., to Miss Elizabeth Powell, who survived her husband but a few months, dying March 7, 1899. One son and two daughters survive him.

WILLIAM LIFE,

Son of Samuel and Anne (Weybright) Life, was born December 22, 1817, at Crabbottom, Va. He united with the Presbyterian Church of his native place at the age of twenty-one. His preparatory studies were pursued near Brownsburg, Va., under the Rev. James Morrison, in whose school he taught for seven or eight years. He graduated from Washington College, Va., in 1849, after which he again engaged in teaching for two years. Entering the Seminary at Princeton in 1851, he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1854. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Lexington, May 23, 1854, and ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of Northumberland, October 3, 1855. In July, 1854, he began supplying the Presbyterian Church at Muncy, Pa., and was installed its pastor January 8, 1857. This relation was dissolved January 2, 1868. He then served the churches of Renovo and North Point, Pa., as stated supply, from January, 1868, to April, 1869. After this he gave up active ministerial duties and adopted teaching as his life work. From 1869 until his death he was the principal of the Young Ladies' Seminary at Rye, N. Y., a term of nearly thirty years. In February, 1898, he went to the Pacific coast for rest and recreation, but shortly after his arrival he was stricken with pneumonia, of which disease he died, April 30, 1898, at Pasadena, Cal., in the 71st year of his age.

He was married October 16, 1856, at Owego, N. Y., to Miss Susan Jane La Monte, who survives him.