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JOHN CAMERON LOWRIE, D.D.,

Son of the Hon. Walter and Amelia (McPherson) Lowrie, was born Dec. 16, 1808, in Butler, Pa. He made a public profession of his faith in the Presbyterian Church of Chartiers Creek, Pa., at about the age of twenty, when a student in college. He received his preparatory training in the Butler Academy, Pa., and graduated from Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College in 1829. He then took the full three years' course in the Western Theological Seminary in Allegheny, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Ohio, in the First Church of Pittsburgh, June 21, 1832. He spent some months after his licensure, by direction of the committee of missions of the W. F. M. S., visiting churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky. He entered the Seminary at Princeton as a graduate student in October, 1832, remaining until the following March. He was ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of New Castle, May 23, 1833, and having devoted himself to the work of foreign missions, he spent the next three years of his life as a missionary in Upper India. His health compelled him to return to America in 1836. He was assistant secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions from 1838 to 1850, during five years of that time, 1845-50, supplying the Forty-second Street Church of New York City. He became secretary of the Board in 1850, and so continued until advancing years compelled him to retire from active labors in 1891, when his services had covered a period of fifty-three years. He was secretary-emeritus from that time until his death, May 31, 1900, of the slowly wasting infirmities of age, in East Orange, in the 92d year of his age, being at the time of his death the oldest living former

student of Princeton Seminary. He was buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Orange, N. J. He received the degree of D. D. from Miami University in 1853. Dr. Lowrie resided in New York from 1838 to 1857, except during two years spent in Astoria, L. I., then at Astoria from 1857 to 1866, and at East Orange, N. J., from 1866 until his death. He was quite a voluminous writer of books, pamphlets and articles for the press. He was editor of the *Foreign Missionary Chronicle*, 1838-49; of the *Foreign Record*, 1850-53, and of the *Foreign Missionary*, 1842-65. He published "Travels in North India," 1842; a new edition of the same, with the title, "Two Years in Upper India," 1850; "Manual of Presbyterian Missions," 1854, 1855 and 1868; "Missionary Papers," 1882; "Use of Property," 1849; "Power of Christian Witnesses," 1866; many articles in the *Biblical Repertory* and *Princeton Review*, and in the *Presbyterian Review*. Dr. Lowrie was the last surviving moderator of the Old School General Assembly, having presided at Pittsburgh in 1865. He was a commissioner to the General Assembly at Richmond, 1847; at Charleston, 1852; at Columbus, 1862; at Pittsburgh, 1865; at St. Louis, 1866, and at Saratoga, 1883.

He was twice married: (1) March 4, 1833, in Georgetown, D. C., to Miss Louisa Ann Wilson, who died Nov. 21, 1833; (2) Nov. 20, 1838, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Miss Elizabeth Boyd, who died March 16, 1891. Two daughters survive him.

CHARLES HENRY READ. D.D.,

Son of Aaron and Maria (Hawley) Read, was born Nov. 12, 1811, in Redding, Conn. He made a public profession of his faith in the Congregational Church of Sharon, Conn., at the age of seventeen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Sharon Academy at Litchfield, Conn., and he became a member of the Class of 1832 in Yale College, but did not complete his course there. After leaving college his health was infirm for some time, and he was engaged in business in Troy, N. Y., all the time until 1843, except the less than a year spent in the Seminary at Princeton, which he entered in 1832. He continued