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JEREMIAH SMITH GORDON,

Son of Alexander and Joanna (Fullerton) Gordon, was born Aug. 18, 1829, in Greencastle, Pa. He made a public confession of his faith in the Presbyterian Church of Greencastle at the age of seventeen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the West Jersey Academy at Mount Holly, N. J., of which the Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., was the principal. From September, 1848, until August, 1850, he assisted Dr. Miller in the work of the school. He graduated from Princeton College in 1853 and then spent sixteen months as a tutor in the family of the Rev. Dr. Van Rensselaer of Burlington, N. J. Entering the Seminary at Princeton at 1854, he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1857. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Carlisle, June 17, 1857, and ordained by the same Presbytery, June 17, 1858, being at the same time installed pastor of the Lower Path Valley and Burnt Cabins churches, Pa., which he had been serving as stated supply since November of the preceding year. This was his only pastorate, and was terminated by his death, after a service lasting more than forty-four years. He died March 25, 1904, in Fannettsburg, which had been his residence during his long pastorate, of diabetes in the 75th year of his age. He was buried in the cemetery near Fannettsburg. He was for a time chairman of the Committee of Aid for Schools and Colleges of Carlisle Presbytery.

Mr. Gordon was twice married: (1) Dec. 12, 1860, in Fannettsburg, Pa., to Mary Catherine Montgomery, who died Oct. 23, 1864; (2) May 29, 1867, in Fannettsburg, to Margaret Beatty Kyle, who survives him, with one son by his first wife and two sons and two daughters by his second.

ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER EDWARD TAYLOR, D.D., LL.D.,

Son of Edward Taylor, M.D., and Penelope Virginia Gordon, was born Aug. 27, 1834, in Springfield, O. He made a public confession of his faith in the Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge, O., at the early age of ten years. His preparatory studies were pursued in the school of Mr. E. S. Brooks, in

Cincinnati, O., and he graduated from Princeton University in 1854. Entering the Seminary at Princeton the same year, he took the full three years' course and graduated in 1857. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Cincinnati (O. S.), June 17, 1857, and ordained by the Presbytery of Louisville (O. S.), May 6, 1858, being at the same time installed pastor of the church at Portland, Ky., which he had been serving as stated supply since Sept. 13 of the previous year. This relation was dissolved Sept. 1, 1859. He was then pastor, successively, of the First Church of Dubuque, Iowa, from Nov. 11, 1859, to April 15, 1865; of the Bridge Street Church, Georgetown, D. C., from May 6, 1865, to May 25, 1869, and of the Mt. Auburn Church, Cincinnati, O., from July 23, 1869, until August, 1873. He was editor of "Our Monthly" from 1870 to 1871. He gave up pastoral work to accept a call to the presidency of Wooster University, and held this office from September (he was inaugurated Oct. 7th), 1873, until June 20, 1883. After retiring from the presidency he had charge of the post-graduate department for some time. He was professor of Mental Philosophy and Logic and dean of the post-graduate department from June, 1885, until June, 1887. He became editor of the "Midcontinent" of St. Louis, in March, 1888, and continued such until October, 1891, and also served the church at Ferguson, Mo., as stated supply from Oct. 13, 1889, until May 17, 1891. His last regular ministerial labor was as stated supply of the Westminster Church of Columbus, O., from Nov. 13, 1892, until installed its pastor, April 25, 1893, and then in this more intimate relation until his release from his charge, April 11, 1899. He continued his residence in Columbus thereafter until his death, April 23, 1903, after a lingering illness, of paresis, in the 69th year of his age. He was buried in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, O. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Wooster University in 1872, and that of LL.D. from both Wooster and Princeton Universities in 1883. Dr. Taylor was a member of the Presbyterian Board of Education at one time, and of the Board of Church Election. He was also a director of McCormick Seminary and of the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny. He had the

unusual experience of being five times the moderator of his Synod. He was a commissioner to the General Assembly that met at Newark, N. J., 1864; at New York City, 1869; at Cincinnati, 1885, and at St. Louis, 1900. Dr. Taylor published: *Our fallen leader*, 1865; *Remarks at the funeral of Carrie Peck*, 1869; *Social problems*, 1871; *Proper love of self*, 1872; *In memoriam: Samuel S. Fischer*, 1874; *Secular education*, 1876; *God's hour in the week*; *The Soul's only refuge*; *Public worship a divine ordinance*; *Claudia Procula and other verses*, 1899. He was also a frequent contributor to the religious press, aside from his editorial work.

He was twice married: (1) Aug. 2, 1858, at Freehold, N. J., to Annie Vanderveer, who died Feb. 5, 1867; (2) May 21, 1868, at Munson Hill, Va., to Lucy Eleanor Munson, who with one son by his first wife and one daughter by his second survives him.

WILLIAM CHARLES ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.,

Son of Charles Cross and Magdalene (Evans) Roberts, was born Sept. 23, 1832, at Alltmar, near Aberystwith, South Wales. He united on confession of his faith with the "Tabernacle" of the Calvinistic Methodist, or Welsh Presbyterian Church, at Aberystwith, at the age of fourteen. He pursued his preparatory studies at first in the Evans Academy of Aberystwith, and then, on coming to America in May, 1849, in the Pierson Classical School of Elizabeth, N. J., under the Rev. Dr. D. H. Pierson. Before going to college he spent a year or two in business. He graduated from Princeton College in 1855. Entering the Seminary at Princeton the same year, he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1858. During the two vacations of his seminary career he read law. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Passaic, April 22, 1857, and ordained by the Presbytery of New Castle, Oct. 13, 1858, being at the same time installed pastor of the First Church of Wilmington, Del. This relation was dissolved, Oct. 7, 1862. He was then pastor of the First Church of Columbus, O., Nov. 1862, to Oct. 21, 1864; of the Second Church of Elizabeth, N. J., from Nov. 1, 1864, to Feb. 21, 1866, and of the Westminster Church of Elizabeth,