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JOHN DEWITT, D.D., LL.D.,

Son of William Radcliffe and Mary Elizabeth (Wallace) DeWitt, was born October 10, 1842, in Harrisburg, Pa. He made a public confession of his faith in the First Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg at the age of nineteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Harrisburg Academy and under his father, and he graduated from Princeton University in 1861. After his graduation he studied law in Harrisburg. Immediately after his conversion and uniting with the church he gave up the study of law and began his studies for the ministry, entering the Seminary at Princeton in March 1862, remaining two years. He completed his theological studies in Union Theological Seminary, New York, from which he graduated in 1865. He was licensed by the First Presbytery of New York, April 20, 1864, and ordained by the Third Presbytery of New York, June 9, 1865. He was pastor of the church at Irvington, N.Y., from July 6, 1865, to Dec. 1, 1869; pastor of the Central Congregational Church of Boston, Mass., from 1869 to 1876, and pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, from Oct. 12, 1876, to June 5, 1882. He was professor of Ecclesiastical History in Lane Theological Seminary from 1882 to 1888; professor of Apologetics in McCormick Theological Seminary from 1888 to 1892, and professor of Church History in Princeton Theological Seminary from 1892 to 1912, when he resigned and was made professor emeritus, continuing as such until his death, Nov. 19, 1923, in Princeton, N.J., in the 82nd year of his age. He was buried at Harrisburg, Pa. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Princeton University in 1877 and that of LL.D. from Hanover

College, Indiana, in 1888. He published "Sermons on the Christian Life," 1885, also many sermons, articles in religious periodicals and pamphlets—historical, biographical and theological. He was for five years editor of the *Princeton Theological Review*. He was commissioner to the General Assembly in 1901 and a trustee of Princeton University from 1905 to 1920. He was a member of the General Assembly's Committee on the Revision of the Confession of Faith in 1901 and also of the committee that prepared the Book of Common Worship. He was a member of the General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, Philadelphia, 1880. He was also a member of the Victoria Institute of London, the American Historical Association and the Archaeological Institute of America.

He was twice married: (1) Aug. 20, 1874, in Danville, Pa., to Laura Aubrey Beaver, who died June 10, 1892; (2) July 26, 1894, in Erie, Pa., to Mrs. Elinor (Maclay) Allen, who survives him.