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for Broad Creek, and Ebenezer and Bethel in Virginia. In the fall of 1891 he accepted calls from Hickory Grove and Smyrna, York Co., S. C., and was installed pastor of these churches in November, 1891, and here he continued until he was sent to take charge of the mission in Columbia, S. C., in 1899. During his pastorate at Hickory Grove and Smyrna, and largely through his efforts, the A. R. P. Orphanage was established, and he has been the Chairman of its Board of Trustees ever since.

During his service in Columbia, he has canvassed the Synod for funds, and has built a new house of worship which is called the Centennial Church, as a memorial of the Centennial of the A. R. P. Synod of the South.

Mr. Knox was married in Due West, S. C., Nov. 20th, 1890, to Miss Louisa Julia Brice, the youngest daughter of the late Rev. R. W. Brice and Anna M. Steele, and she still lives to bless the home of her husband. Mrs. Knox was born in Chester Co., S. C., April 2nd, 1868. Her grandfather Steele was a minister, three of his sons were ministers, his daughter, Mrs. Knox's mother, married a minister, and three of her daughters married ministers.

*Lathan, Robert.*—Was born in Fairfield Co., S. C., of Scotch-Irish parentage, Dec 27, 1829, and died June 15, 1896, at Bradley, Abbeville Co., S. C.

His father was a farmer, a man of good education, who early inspired in his son the ambition to become a scholar. School facilities were poor, but in his father's home was a large collection of useful and instructive books, and the boy applying himself to these soon laid the foundation for a thorough education. At the age of 19 (nineteen) he entered a school taught by Rev. James Gilland, a Presbyterian minister, and was here prepared for college. In 1853 he entered the Sophomore Class at Erskine College, and two years later was graduated with high honors.

After leaving college, he commenced to study for the ministry under Rev. R. W. Brice, pastor of Hopewell A. R. P. Church in Fairfield Co., S. C., and after pursuing his studies here for two years, entered the Theological Seminary at Due West, and completed the course. In 1858 he was licensed to preach and sent to Virginia, where he remained until the fall meeting of Synod.

In 1859 he accepted a call to the pastorate of Yorkville and Tirzah, and was ordained and installed in May of the same year. In 1884 he was elected to a professorship in the Theological Seminary, holding this office until the fall of 1894, when he resigned and accepted a call to the churches at Bradley and Cedar Springs in Abbeville Co., S. C.

On the tenth of May, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie E. Barron, daughter of Dr. A. T. Barron of Yorkville. To them were born seven children, five of whom are now living.

In connection with his pastoral labors, Dr. Lathan also engaged in teaching in and near Yorkville, for twenty years. His schools were what are known as the "old field" school, but in them he did some splendid work. His pupils were often from a distance of 20 or 30 miles and there are many substantial well-educated citizens in York County to-day who never had any other teacher.

Shortly after the War, Dr. Lathan was elected School Commissioner of York County, held the office for a short term, and was re-elected in 1874.

The public school system was, at that time, worse than chaotic. The school laws vague and clumsy in their meaning, but with undaunted energy and fine force of will, he set to work with the meager material at hand and organized a system of public schools which for efficiency was without a superior in the State.

In addition to his other duties, Dr. Lathan also found some time to devote to literature. He was for years a

valued contributor to the "*Yorkville Enquirer*." In his sketches of the "Early Settlement of South Carolina," is to be found, to this day, the best history of the State up to and including the War of the Revolution that has yet been written.

He also wrote a history of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South. In recognition of this work he received the degree of D. D. from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., in June, 1881.

Dr. Lathan is an exceptional illustration of a minister who did his best work after his fiftieth year. His work as stated supply at Bethlehem and Due West, and in the regular pastorate at Bradley was fruitful of much good. Christians were instructed and comforted, and sinners were awakened.

*Lee, Thomas Stephen.*—Was the son of Joseph Francis and Mary Jenkins Lee, and was born Oct. 15, 1827, on Wadmalaw Island, S. C., and was of English ancestry. His grandfather, Col. Wm. Lee, of Charleston, S. C., and great grandfather, John Jenkins, were captains of military companies of the Continental Army, in the Revolutionary War. His father removed to Abbeville District, S. C., in Jan., 1837. In the fall of that year he was sent to Clark and Erskine Seminary, then under the care of Mr. (afterwards Rev.) John S. Pressly, Due West, S. C., and graduated in the third class, that of 1844, in Erskine College, the institution having been changed into the College in 1839.

He was raised in the Protestant Episcopal Church, but joined the A. R. P. Church while in college. He entered the Theological Seminary soon after his graduation, and was licensed by the Second A. R. Presbytery at Generostee, S. C., April 3rd, 1847. In 1847 he was sent to the Kentucky Presbytery. At first, his time was divided between New Hope and Hinkston. A call was prepared for him by Hinkston, May 8th, 1849, and in