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AND OTHER EMINENT MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH.

Including a Description of the Historic Decorations of the Pan Presbyterian Council of 1880,

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Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following—PSALM XLVIII, 12, 13.

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but afterward they were shared by the congregation at Staunton. In 1785 he removed to an estate which he had purchased at the Eastern base of the Blue Ridge. He preached in several churches in the neighborhood, and also became, for the fourth time, a classical teacher, and received pupils in his own house.

Some time after his removal to Louisa, Dr. Waddel was overtaken with the calamity of blindness, but he continued to preach, availing himself, in his preparations, of the assistance of different members of his family, in finding the text, consulting the commentaries, etc., and the effect of his preaching was not a little heightened by the fact that he was seen to be speaking in total darkness. His latter days were eminently serene and happy. Before his decease he gave orders that all his manuscripts should be committed to the flames, that his funeral should be conducted in the most simple manner, and that his body should be borne to the grave by his own servants. His death, which was a bright scene of Christian triumph, occurred on the 17th of September, 1805.

Most persons are familiar with the glowing description given of Dr. Waddel's preaching by William Wirt, in the *British Spy*. He was peculiarly eloquent and impressive, and greatly admired by the intelligent and refined. James Barbour, Governor of Virginia, told an eminent physician in Philadelphia, that Dr. Waddel, whose pupil he had been, had spoiled him in regard to hearing other preachers.

Waddell, John Newton, D. D., LL. D., youngest son of Rev. Dr. Moses Waddel, of South Carolina, was born April 2d, 1812, at Willington, S. C. He prepared for the University of Georgia, at Athens, Ga., and graduated in that Institution, August 5th, 1829. He joined the Presbyterian Church in 1839, in Green county, Ala.; was taken under care of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, in the same year; was licensed by the Presbytery of Mississippi, September 15th, 1841; and was ordained by the Presbytery of Tombeckee, September 23d, 1843. He was first settled as preacher at Mount Hermon, Smith county, Miss.; then at Mount Moriah, Newton county, Miss., alternating with Montrose, Miss. This continued until 1848, when, removing to Oxford, Miss., he supplied the church there in conjunction with Hopewell Church, near Oxford. Here he continued until 1857. He then supplied LaGrange Church, where he was associated with Dr. J. H. Gray. After acting as agent of Synod of Alabama for establishing the Orphan Asylum at Tuskegee, Ala., he supplied Oxford Church again, from 1865 to 1872, partly with Hopewell Church. In 1874 he removed to Memphis, Tenn., and supplied, as his last charge, Lauderdale Street Church until 1879.

Dr. Waddell's work has been largely connected with literary institutions, in all of which he has won a high reputation. He taught the academy from 1830 to 1834, at Willington, S. C., and taught another

academy from 1842 to 1848, at Montrose, Miss. He was then elected Professor of Ancient Languages in the University of Mississippi, where he served until 1857. He was then called to La Grange Synodical College, as Professor of Ancient Languages, serving as such until 1860, when he was made President of the same college, which office he held until the college was closed by the war. In 1865, called to the University of Mississippi as Chancellor, he served in this capacity until 1874. Resigning to accept the Secretaryship of Education of the Southern Church, he served in this office until 1879, when he accepted a call to the Chancellorship of the Southwestern Presbyterian University. He is still occupying this position.

Dr. Waddell was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church in its meeting at Baltimore, in 1868. His whole ministry has been one of great activity and widely extended usefulness. Blessed with a vigorous constitution, and until within the last few years with fine health, he has done an unusual amount of service in all his different charges. As a preacher, he is always evangelical, instructive and attractive. He is eminently conservative in all his doctrinal views, and may be regarded as a representative man of the Southern Church. It is, however, as an educator that he has won his widest reputation. Much of his life has been spent in this department of work. In the instruction of youth and in the government of collegiate institutions he seems to have inherited the genius of his distinguished father. Eminently wise in counsel, judicious and practical in all his methods, he has never failed to secure the respect, confidence and affection of young men in all the institutions of education with which he has been connected. There is probably no man in all the Southern Church who could be placed before him in this respect. Nor are there many in all the country who to an equal degree possess those high qualities of thorough scholarship, practical wisdom, good sense, firmness and affability which make the popular and efficient college president.

Waddell, Moses, D. D., was of Irish parentage. He was born in Rowan (now Iredell) county, N. C., July 29th, 1770. He received his academic education at a school which was opened in the neighborhood under the name of Clio's Nursery. He was engaged in teaching from 1784 to 1788, at several places in North Carolina and Georgia. He graduated at Hampden-Sidney College in 1791; and was licensed by the Hanover Presbytery, of Virginia, to preach, May 12th, 1792. In 1793 or 1794 he opened a school in Columbia county, Ga., and in 1801 a school in Vienna, Abbeville District, S. C. Here he remained until 1804, when he removed to Willington, a country-seat of his own establishment, about six miles south of Vienna. In 1818 he was elected President of the University of Georgia, and in May, 1819, entered upon the duties of this office. Under his administra-

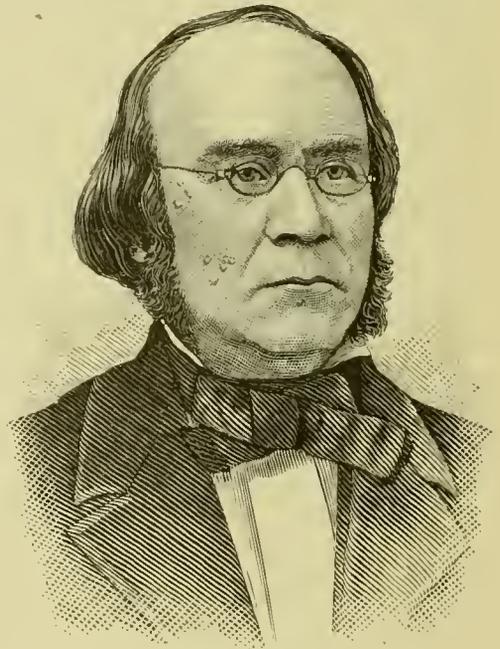
tion the Institution attained a measure of prosperity altogether unequalled in its previous history. Here he remained until August, 1829, when he resigned his place, and in February following he returned to Willington. This was the close of a course of preceptorial labors that had continued forty-five years. His labors in the ministry continued six or seven years longer. Dr. Waddell closed his pre-eminently useful life, July 21st, 1840. His character, as a Christian, was unexceptionable. His piety burned with a steady flame. He was active and constant in the discharge of his ministerial duties, and he shrunk from no labor which his ecclesiastical relations imposed upon him. "He discharged," says the Hon. J. C. Calhoun, "punctually and faithfully the various duties attached to all his private relations. He was sociable and amiable, but not without a due mixture of sternness and firmness. As a minister of the gospel, he was pious, zealous, and well versed in theology generally. His style of preaching was plain, simple, earnest. He addressed himself much more to the understanding than to the imagination or passions. As a teacher he stands almost unrivaled."

Waddle, Rev. John, was born July 4th, 1837, in Ohio county, West Virginia. After graduating at Franklin College (New Athens, Ohio), in 1858, and at the Allegheny (U. P.) Theological Seminary, in 1862, he was ordained and installed pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Decatur, Ohio, in 1863. In 1869 he received and accepted a call to the United Presbyterian Church at Kirkwood, Illinois, where he labored, with great profit to the church, and holding a very high place in the esteem of the community, until August, 1876, when he resigned the charge of this church to accept a call to the Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Illinois, in the Peoria Presbytery. This church Mr. Waddle continues to serve, with great acceptance and profit.

As a preacher, Mr. Waddle is clear, concise, forcible, direct, scriptural, orthodox and especially spiritual. Never resorting to the sensational to attract or interest, he always comes to the pulpit with something fresh and instructive, which attracts to hold. His delivery is always impressive, though varying greatly with the character of his theme. Sometimes unimpassioned and quiet, but more frequently with considerable action, unexpectantly using the arts of the elocutionist, and sometimes, especially when he speaks without notes, he becomes somewhat dramatic, when he sways an audience with great power. He is considered one of the leading pulpit orators of Central Illinois. As a pastor, Mr. Waddle is best estimated by the uniform personal attachment of his people.

Wadsworth, Charles, D. D., son of Henry and Mary Ann (Bradley) Wadsworth, was born at Litchfield, Conn., May 8th, 1814; graduated from Union College, New York, 1837; after his graduation, taught one year in Canajoharie, N. Y.; spent two years, 1838-1840, in Princeton Seminary; was

licensed by Troy Presbytery, October 23d, 1840; was ordained by the same Presbytery, February 17th, 1842, and on the same day installed pastor of the Second Church of Troy, N. Y., from which, after eight years of brilliant and most successful pulpit service, he was released, March 5th, 1850. From March 20th, 1850, to April 3d, 1862, he was, with great popularity and effectiveness, pastor of the Arch Street Church, Philadelphia. He was installed November 5th, 1862, over Calvary Church, San Francisco, Cal., and after it had been greatly enlarged and strengthened by his labors, he was released, November 13th, 1869. He was installed December 19th, 1869, pastor of the Third Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia. In 1873 this church united with the Western Presbyterian Church, under the new name



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of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The court having decided that this church could not hold the church property of the Third Reformed Church, in February, 1878, Immanuel Church was united with the Clinton Street Church, under the name of the Clinton Street Immanuel Church, and Dr. Wadsworth was installed its pastor, March 25th, 1879, continuing to be so until his death, April 1st, 1882. Dr. Wadsworth was gifted with a brilliant and inexhaustible imagination, great pathos of tone and earnestness of manner, a power of presenting gospel truth in a wonderfully fresh and impressive manner. For a long course of years the large churches in which he preached were densely packed with eager hearers. In private life he was ordinarily shy, diffident and reserved, but among his special friends, was cordial, frank, and often full of humor.