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was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick April 14, 1858 and ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of Oregon Sept. 8, 1860. He was stated supply of the First Church of Portland, Ore., from May 1861 to January 1867. After this he was obliged to give up the work of the ministry on account of his health. He engaged in farming with his residence at Partlow, Va., from 1868 until his death, which occurred Oct. 11, 1900, near Partlow, of blood poisoning, in the 71st year of his age. He was buried near Partlow.

He was married May 14, 1855, in Princeton, N. J., to Sarah Baker, who died Nov. 25, 1903. Four sons and four daughters survived him.

ROBERT MAYNE PATTERSON, D.D., LL.D.,

Son of John and Margaret (Mayne) Patterson, was born July 17, 1832, in Philadelphia, Pa. He made a public confession of his faith in the Ninth St. Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, at the age of seventeen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the public schools of Philadelphia, and he graduated with first honors from the Central High School of Philadelphia in 1849. While in the High School he studied stenography, which he afterwards practiced with much success. For five years he was official reporter for the United States Senate, 1850-1855. He studied law for a considerable time in the office of Isaac Hazlehurst of Philadelphia. Upon deciding to enter the ministry, he entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1856, taking the full three years' course there, and graduating in 1859. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia July 7, 1858, and ordained by the same Presbytery Aug. 25, 1859, being at the same time installed pastor of the Great Valley Church, Pa., from which he was released June 24, 1867. He was pastor of the South Church, Philadelphia, from Oct. 31, 1867 to Jan. 3, 1881. From 1881 to 1892 he was editor of the Presbyterian Journal of Philadelphia. In

1882 he began serving the Great Valley Church the second time as pastor elect and was installed its pastor June 18, 1885. This relation continued until Sept. 25, 1906 when he retired from the active labor and was made pastor emeritus. He resided in Malvern, Pa. after this until his death, which occurred April 5, 1911, in the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, of arterial sclerosis, in the 79th year of his age. He was buried in the Great Valley Church Cemetery. He received the degree of D.D. from Princeton University in 1879 and that of LL.D. from Lafayette College in 1887. Dr. Patterson was a commissioner to ten General Assemblies. He was a member of the conference in London in 1875 which formed "The Alliance of the Presbyterian Churches of the World", in which he later took a prominent part. He was delegate of the General Assembly to the Presbyterian Council in Belfast in 1884, and was moderator of the Synod of Pennsylvania in 1890. He was also president of his Seminary class. Dr. Patterson was a prolific writer. He edited the proceedings of the Second General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance in 1880 in conjunction with the Rev. John P. Dales. He published a number of volumes among them being: "Paradise, or the State and Place of Saved Souls between Death and the Resurrection"; "Visions of Heaven for the Life on Earth"; "Elijah the favored Man"; "History of the Great Valley Church", and "American Presbyterianism", besides sermons and addresses. He was also a frequent writer for the magazines and reviews.

He was married twice: (1) May 30, 1861, in Milroy, Pa., to Margaret Baxter Maclay Nourse, who died Dec. 16, 1862; (2) May 9, 1867, in Philadelphia, to Rebecca Thomas Malin, who died in 1906.

JOHN McMURRAY,

Son of John and Elisabeth (Kerfoot) McMurray, was born Feb. 24, 1829, in New Concord, O. He made a public con-