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## XXIX.

## STUART ROBINSON, D. D.

Stuart Robinson was born November 26, 1816, at Strabane, Ireland, and was the son of James and Martha (Porter) Robinson. He was brought to this country when about eight months old, and spent his early life in the Kanawha Valley, in West Virginia, where his father died while he was yet a child. He received his preparatory education under Rev. James M. Brown, D. D., in Berkeley County, Va. and Rev. William H. Foote, D. D., at Romney, Va.; united on profession with Tuscarora Church, Berkeley County, Va., at about sixteen years of age; was graduated from Amherst College, Mass., A. D. 1836; went thence to Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and spent one year, 1836-37; then taught two years, 1837-39; spent nearly two years, 1839-41, in study at Princeton Seminary; was licensed by Greenbrier Presbytery, Va., April 10, 1841; and was ordained by the same presbytery, October 8, 1842, at Lewisburg, Va. (now West Va.) On the day of his ordination he was installed pastor of the church at Kanawha Salines, from which he was released May 8, 1847; was installed pastor of the church at Frankfort, Ky., by the Presbytery of West Lexington, June 18, 1847, and labored there as pastor until released September 2, 1852; removed to Baltimore, Md., and supplied the Fayette St. Church (Independent) in that city nearly one year, 1852-53; then organized the Central Presbyterian Church in the same city, and was installed its pastor May 10, 1853, and was released therefrom October 27, 1856; was Professor of Pastoral Theology and Church Government in Danville Theological Seminary, Ky., 1856-57; was pastor of the Second Church at Louisville, Ky., where he was installed April 27, 1858, and released June 16, 1881, owing to the failure of his health. He died in Louisville, Ky., October 5, 1881, of cancer in the stomach, in the 65th year of his age, and in the faith and hope of the Gospel he had preached. To those who knew him intimately, there was a wonderful charm about Dr. Robinson. It lay in the striking combination of kindness, benevolence, manliness, and magnanimity. He was a man of rare learning, eloquence, genius and versatility of talent, coupled with indomitable energy and resolution. He was one of the finest expository

preachers in the country. He wrote much and published much, but his principal productions are the two volumes, "*The Church of God*" and "*Discourses on Redemption.*"

Dr. Robinson married, September 5, 1841, Miss Mary Eliza Brigham, daughter of William Brigham, M. D., of Charleston, Kanawha County, Va. She survived him. He left two daughters. Two sons had died before him. He was Moderator of the General Assembly (Southern) A. D. 1869. He received the degree of D. D., A. D. 1853, from Centre College, Ky.

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### XXX.

#### ABRAHAM BROOKS VAN ZANDT, D. D., LL. D.

Abraham Brooks Van Zandt, was born November 16, 1816, in Albany County, N. Y., and was the son of Gerrit G. and Sally (Brooks) Van Zandt. His preparatory education was acquired under private tutors at Auburn, N. Y. and Schenectady; he united on profession of his faith with the Presbyterian Church in the latter place at about 18 years of age; was graduated from Union College, N. Y., A. D. 1840, teaching the Grammar School at Schenectady during the last half of his senior year, and six months after his graduation; spent two years, 1840-42, in Princeton Seminary, studying with both the Middle and Senior classes during the second year; was licensed by the Presbytery of Troy, February 18, 1842; and was ordained by the Presbytery of North River at Matteawan, Dutchess County, N. Y., June 29, 1842. On the day of his ordination he was also installed pastor of the Matteawan Church, from which he was released October 29, 1842; was installed pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Newburgh, N. Y., December 14, 1842, and released therefrom June 5, 1849; was installed pastor of the Tabb Street Presbyterian Church at Petersburg, Va., October 21, 1849, from which he was released March 20, 1856; installed pastor of the Central Reformed Dutch Church, on Ninth Street, New York City, June 22, 1856, and released therefrom June 26, 1859; was installed pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Montgomery, N. Y., May 15, 1860, and released therefrom August 28, 1872; and was inaugurated Professor of