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and Shickshinny. His last charge was [the Larksville Church, of which he was stated supply from 1881 to 1887. At the latter date he was honorably retired from the active duties of the ministry. He died Sept. 24, 1903, at Forty Fort, of paralysis, having just completed his 78th year. He was buried at Wilkesbarre, Pa. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Lafayette College in 1894.

Dr. Welles was married Oct. 12, 1849, at Farmington, Me., to Miss Ellen Suzanna Ladd, who died Jan. 25, 1895. Two sons and two daughters survive him.

JOSEPH RUGGLES WILSON, D.D.,

Son of Judge James and Anne (Adams) Wilson, was born Feb. 28, 1822, in Steubenville, O. He made a public profession of his faith in the First Presbyterian Church of his native place at the age of eighteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the academy at Steubenville under the Rev. John W. Scott and he graduated from Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College in 1844, with the highest honors of his class, delivering the valedictory oration. After graduating he engaged in teaching for a time, having the charge of an academy at Mercer, Pa. He spent the year 1845-46 in the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa., and entered the second class at Princeton Seminary in 1846, remaining somewhat less than a year. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Steubenville, June 23, 1847, and then taught in the Male Academy of Steubenville. In July, 1849, he was elected professor extraordinary of Rhetoric in Jefferson College and occupied this chair for about a year. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Ohio, June 20, 1849, being at the same time installed pastor of the Chartier's Church, Pa. This relation was dissolved Jan. 15, 1851. From 1851 to 1855 he was professor of Chemistry and Natural Sciences in Hampden-Sydney College, Va. During this time he supplied the church at Walker's, Va. He was pastor of the church at Staunton, Va., from June 24, 1855, to Oct. 8, 1857, and of the church of Augusta, Ga., from May 2, 1858, to Aug. 27, 1870. He resigned the latter charge that he might accept a call to the chair of Pastoral and

Evangelistic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., which he occupied until 1874, when he became pastor of the church at Wilmington, N. C., from Nov. 1, 1874, to March 6, 1885, his release to take effect on April 5th. At this time he returned to professorial work, filling the chair of Didactic, Polemic and Historical Theology in the Southwestern Presbyterian University of Clarksville, Tenn., from 1885 to 1893. After this he resided in Columbia, S. C., and during the last years of his life in Princeton, N. J., where he died, Jan. 21, 1903, after a protracted illness, which involved much suffering, in the house of his son, President Woodrow Wilson, within a month of the completion of his 81st year. He was buried in Columbia, S. C. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Oglethorpe University, Ga., in 1857. At the time of the division of the Presbyterian Church into the Northern and Southern branches, Dr. Wilson was a pastor in Augusta, Ga., and the first General Assembly of the latter met in his church and elected him its permanent clerk. He held this office until 1865, when he became stated clerk and continued in this influential position until 1899, the long period of thirty-four years. He was moderator of the Assembly that met in Louisville, Ky., in 1879. He served frequently on important committees of the Assembly. He published a number of sermons, articles for the religious press and pamphlets.

Dr. Wilson was married June 7, 1849, in Chillicothe, O., to Miss Jessie Woodrow, who died April 15, 1888. Two sons and one daughter survive him.

JOHN EDWARDS,

Son of George Cunningham and Hannah (Carpenter) Edwards, was born Jan. 21, 1828, in Bath, N. Y. He made a public profession of his faith in the Presbyterian Church of his native town at the age of fifteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in Bath under various teachers. During the winter, 1843-44, he engaged in teaching in the public schools of Chemung County, N. Y. He graduated from Princeton College in 1848, and entered