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## DIRECTORS.

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### ROBERT RUSSELL BOOTH, D.D., LL.D.,

Son of William Agur and Alida (Russell) Booth, was born May 16, 1830, in New York City. He made a public confession of his faith in the Rivington Street Presbyterian Church, New York, at the age of seventeen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Grammar School of New York University and he graduated from Williams College in 1849. He studied theology in Auburn Seminary, 1849-52, graduating in the latter year. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Cayuga, June 4, 1851, and ordained by the Presbytery of Troy, Nov. 30, 1853, being at the same time installed co-pastor of the First Church of Troy, N. Y. He was released from this charge Jan. 13, 1857. His other pastorates were: First Church, Stamford, Conn., from March 4, 1857, to Feb. 18, 1861; Mercer Street Church, New York, from March 6, 1861, to Oct. 30, 1870, when it was united with the University Place Church, New York, of which he was the pastor from that time until June 11, 1883, and the Rutgers Riverside Church from Nov. 8, 1886, until Dec. 9, 1896, when his health required the giving up of regular pastoral work. He was pastor emeritus of the last church from 1896 until his death. The interval between 1883 and 1886 was spent in rest and travel on account of his health. He died Nov. 24, 1905, in New York City, in the 76th year of his age. He was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, New York. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from New York University in 1864 and that of LL.D. from Lafayette College in 1895. Dr. Booth was a Director of Princeton Seminary from 1882 until his death. He was a director of Union Seminary, New York, from 1861 to 1892; trustee of Williams College from 1866 until his death; a mem-

ber of the New School Committee of Foreign Missions from 1864 until 1870, and thereafter a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the united Church until his death. He was moderator of the Synod of New York and Brooklyn in 1871 and Moderator of the General Assembly at Pittsburgh in 1895. He was also a trustee of the Christian College of China in Canton, a member of the first revision committee, a member of the Kai Alpha Society from 1847 until his death; a member of the American Tract Society, of the Union League, Century and Colonial Clubs. From 1863 to 1869 he was the chaplain of the Twenty-Second regiment of National Guards of the State of New York. He published "The work of foreign missions in relation to Christianity," 1865; "Christian union and denominational loyalty," 1896; "History of the Rutgers Riverside Presbyterian Church," 1898.

He was married Oct. 26, 1853, in Auburn, N. Y., to Emma Louise Lathrop, who survives him.

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### FRANCIS BLANCHARD HODGE, D.D.

Son of the Rev. Dr. Charles and Sarah (Bache) Hodge, was born Oct. 24, 1838, in Princeton, N. J. He made a public confession of his faith in the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton at the age of seventeen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Edge Hill School of Princeton under the Rev. T. W. and the Rev. W. C. Cattell, and he graduated from Princeton College in 1859. Entering the Seminary at Princeton in the fall of the same year, he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1862. He continued his theological studies in Princeton for a fourth year as a resident graduate. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Feb. 4, 1863, and ordained by the Presbytery of New Castle, May 9, 1863, being at the same time installed pastor of the church at Oxford, Pa. He was released from this charge Dec. 22, 1868, that he might accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes Barre, Pa., over which he was installed