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was preaching the gospel in all the regions round about him; and there was no religious or benevolent enterprise of upper South Carolina which did not feel the effect of his active hand, his liberal aid, and his judicious counsels.

After the war failing health compelled his withdrawal from most of the active labors in which he had delighted to engage, and he quietly retired into the charmed circle of his own family, where he had always found his solace in trial, and his brightest cheer in the days of prosperity. None who were favored with his intimate friendship could fail to be struck with the cheerful, loving, elevating, refining influence which radiated from him, especially in those gleeful, happy hours when he unbent the bow and "let himself loose," to enjoy and to create enjoyment, in the bosom of his own family, or with a few chosen friends.

The College of South Carolina conferred upon him the degree of LL. D. about the year 1856.

He died in the assured and blissful hope of a glorious resurrection, surrounded by his dearest earthly friends, in Walthourville, Liberty County, Georgia, October 30th, 1873, leaving a devoted wife and eleven surviving children, to whom his memory will ever be precious.

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### REV. W. C. DANA, D. D.

WILLIAM COOMBS DANA, son of the Rev. Daniel Dana and Elizabeth Coombs Dana, was born at Newburyport, Mass., February 13, 1810. He was of Huguenot ancestry, and was descended from Richard Dana, who fled from persecution in France and settled in England, from which country he emigrated to Cambridge, Mass., about 1640.

Mr. Dana received his preparatory education at Pickerton Academy, Derry, N. H., under Abel P. Hildreth, and was graduated from Dartmouth College, N. H., in 1828. He made a public profession of his faith by uniting with the Second (Harris Street) Presbyterian church of Newburyport, at the age of seventeen. After leaving College, he taught as Principal of Thetford

Academy, Vt., one year, 1829. He taught at Chesterfield, N. H., a part of 1831, when he entered Andover Seminary, and studied there one year, and afterwards at Columbia Seminary, S. C., from December, 1833, to 1835. He entered Princeton Seminary in May, 1835, and remained one session. He was licensed by Harmony Presbytery, S. C., April 10th, 1835. In December, 1835, he began to preach for the Central church, of Charleston, S. C. Soon after, he accepted a call to become its pastor, and was installed on the day of his ordination, February 14, 1836, by Charleston Union Presbytery. Here he found his life-work, and continued the pastor of this church until he died, a period of about forty-five years of an almost unbroken ministry.

He died of suffusion of the brain, after an illness of five days, November 30, 1880, in the seventy-first year of his age.

Dr. Dana was a man of singularly pure and blameless life, of great gentleness and sweetness of disposition, of a warm and sympathetic nature, and of chivalric nobleness of spirit. He was eminent as a preacher, and tenderly loved as a pastor. An elegant classical scholar and polished writer, he published, in 1831, a translation of Fénelon on the "Education of Daughters;" in 1845, a volume entitled "A Transatlantic Tour;" in 1866, he published "The Life of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Dana," his father. He paid especial attention to hymnology, and compiled a volume of hymns for the use of his church.

Dr. Dana was married July 30, 1839, to Miss Flora M. Matheson, of Charleston, S. C. They had no children.

G. R. BRACKETT.

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### REV. E. C. DAVIDSON.

EDWARD CHAFFIN DAVIDSON was born in Maury County, Tenn., February 17th, 1832, and died at Oxford, Miss., April 25th, 1883.

When he was only five or six years old his father moved to La Fayette County, in Mississippi, and settled a few miles from Ox-