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three years' course and graduating in 1851. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, April 18, 1850, and ordained an evangelist by the same Presbytery, Oct. 8, 1851. He was stated supply of the church at Franklin, O., 1851-52, and then of the church at Cedarville, N. J., until his ordination as its pastor, May 17, 1853. He was released from this charge, June 19, 1866. After this he was stated supply at Red Wing, Minn., 1866-67; pastor of the church at Lake City, Minn., from June 25, 1868, to Oct. 1, 1869; engaged in home missionary work at Las Vegas, N. Mex., at first under the care of the Foreign Board and then of the Home Board, from 1869 to 1880; and finally supplied the church at Rolla, Mo. from 1880 until installed its pastor, Dec. 12, 1881, in which relation he continued until July 19, 1900. During this pastorate he supplied the church at Cuba, 1880-1900, and also the church of Elk Prairie, 1883-1900. In the latter year he was honorably retired from the active duties of the ministry. He died June 4, 1903, in Rolla, Mo., after a long illness and much suffering, of softening of the brain and kidney disease, in the 79th year of his age. He was buried at Rolla.

Mr. Annin was married Sept. 25, 1851, in Boston, Mass., to Elizabeth Dyer Fisher, who with one son and two daughters survives him.

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### **ROBERT PERRY FARRIS, D.D.,**

Son of Robert Pattishall and Catharine Ann (Cross) Farris, was born Sept. 6, 1826, in St. Louis, Mo. He made a public confession of his faith in the Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, at the age of twenty-one. He attended the St. Louis University two and a half years, and was graduated from St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, in 1844. Both of these institutions were controlled by the Jesuits. He then entered the sophomore class of Yale University, graduating with the class of 1847. For a year after this he read law with the Hon. Trusten Polk in St. Louis. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1848, remaining two years. He studied theology a third year with the Rev. Dr. N. L. Rice and James Hoge in the Cincinnati Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of St. Louis (O. S.),

May 21, 1851, and ordained an evangelist by the same Presbytery, Nov. 14, 1852. Prior to his ordination he had supplied the church at Bonhomme, Mo., for a year, 1851-52. He was then stated supply of the Park Avenue Church, St. Louis, 1852-53. Going to Peoria, Ill., he founded the Second Church of that city in 1853 and served it as supply until Aug. 12, 1855, when he was installed its pastor. This relation was dissolved April 16, 1859. At this time his health becoming impaired he abandoned, temporarily, the pastorate and acted as agent for the Theological Seminary of the Northwest, now McCormick, for a year, 1859-60. In the latter year he assumed charge of the church at St. Charles, Mo., which he served as pastor elect until 1868. This was his last pastoral charge, as the nervous strain of the work proved too severe for his system. He acted as secretary of missions for Old School Synod of Missouri from 1866 to 1874. But his chief work was done in connection with the religious press. He was editor of the St. Louis Presbyterian from 1866 to 1895, nearly thirty years. This paper was later absorbed by the Christian Observer. During a part of 1902 Dr. Farris supplied the Cook Avenue Church of St. Louis. He died Aug. 28, 1903, in St. Louis, of a stricture of the oesophagus, within nine days of the completion of his 77th year. He was buried in the Bellefontaine Cemetery of St. Louis. He received the honorary degree of D.D., from Westminster College, at Fulton, Mo., in 1866. Dr. Farris was connected with the southern branch of the Presbyterian Church and was one of the best known of its ministry. He was the permanent clerk of the southern Assembly from 1885 until his death. He was moderator of the southern Assembly which met at Staunton in 1881.

Dr. Farris was married Aug. 3, 1848, in Cincinnati, O., to Eliza Seymour Bowen, who with one son and one daughter survives him.

*See article by Rev. J. A. Quarles, D.D., in the Southwestern Presbyterian, Sept. 17, 1903.*

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### STUART MITCHELL, D.D.,

Son of Daniel and Letitia (Bailey) Mitchell, was born in Bucks County, Pa. His parents died when he was an infant and he