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ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D.D.,

Son of Jonathan Blake and Jane (Van Gaasbeck) Gosman, was born July 25, 1819, in Danby, N. Y. He united with the Congregational Church of Danby at the age of nineteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Ithaca Academy, N. Y., and he graduated from Williams College in 1843. He entered the Seminary at Princeton during the winter after his graduation from college, and graduated from the Seminary in 1847, remaining there a year longer as a graduate student. He was instructor in Hebrew in the Seminary, 1850-51. He was licensed by the Second Presbytery of New York, April 21, 1847, and ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, May 22, 1851, being at the same time installed pastor of the church at Lawrenceville, N. J. This was his only charge, from which he was released April 9, 1895, after a service of forty-four years. He spent the remainder of his life in retirement in the neighborhood of Lawrenceville, in the church parsonage, where he died Jan. 4, 1899, of paralysis, in the 80th year of his age. He received the degree of D. D. from Princeton College in 1862. Dr. Gosman was for many years a devoted friend and counsellor of Princeton Seminary. He was a member of its Board of Trustees from 1862 until his death, and was the secretary of the Board from 1879 until his death. He was a Director of the Seminary from 1876 until his death, and was Second Vice-President of the Board of Directors from 1884 to 1886, and its President from 1886 until his death. He was a commissioner to the General Assembly at Lexington in 1857; at St. Louis in 1866; at Pittsburg in 1878; at Saratoga in 1883, and at Philadelphia in 1888. He was moderator of the Synod of New Jersey in 1879. Dr. Gosman translated and edited a part of Genesis and Numbers,

and all of Deuteronomy, with a special introduction in Schaff's American edition of Lange's Commentary. He wrote a part of "The History of the Israelitish Nation." He also wrote many articles and book reviews for the Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review and for its lineal successors, the Presbyterian Review and the Presbyterian and Reformed Review.

He was married Oct. 21, 1858, in Lawrenceville, N. J., to Miss Letitia How Nassau, who with one son and four daughters survives him.

JAMES ORMSBEE MURRAY, D.D., LL.D.,

Son of James Tyng and Aurelia Powell (Pearce) Murray, was born Nov. 27, 1827, in Camden, S. C., to which place his father, a merchant of Scotch descent, had moved from Philadelphia, where he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. In 1836 his father went to Springfield, O. The son made a public profession of his faith in the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield at the age of fifteen and there also he prepared for college. He entered Brown University in 1844, but ill health compelled him to interrupt his course, so that he did not graduate until 1850, when he was the valedictorian of his class. He then spent a year as instructor of Greek in Brown University, entering Andover Theological Seminary in 1851, and graduating from it in 1854. He was ordained by a Congregational Council at South Danvers, Mass., Oct. 24, 1854, being at the same time installed pastor of the South Danvers (now Peabody) Congregational Church, from which he was released April 13, 1861. He was pastor of the Prospect Street Congregational Church, Cambridgeport, Mass., from May 1, 1861, to Feb. 6, 1865, when he was called to become associate pastor, with the Rev. Dr. Gardiner Spring, of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City, being installed Feb. 15, 1865. On the death of Dr. Spring in 1873 he became sole pastor. In 1875 he was invited to the Holmes Professorship of Belles Lettres and English Literature in Princeton College, and resigned his charge to accept this chair. In this position he remained until his death, which occurred March 27, 1899, in