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restoration of peace, he went to Appomatox Court House, Va., and on the field recently wasted by hostile armies, he succeeded in organizing a church and erecting two church edifices.

But though years had elapsed since this devoted man had left the foreign field, his heart was still there. He thought, and talked, and wrote of Greece. When finally his son, the Rev. G. L. Leyburn, who was born in Greece, determined to relinquish his pastorate in Winchester, Va., and go thither, the father's heart leaped with joy on learning that he himself could go likewise. Accordingly, in April, 1875, father and son, with their families, sailed from Norfolk, Va., under the direction of the Foreign Missionary Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Having retained his knowledge of modern Greek, Mr. Leyburn immediately entered on his work at Athens, and after a few weeks set off on a tour in the Turkish empire. At Salonica (the ancient Thessalonica) he was greatly debilitated by some ministerial labors he performed. So much was he encouraged by the prospects at that point that he determined to settle there. But what he had chosen as his field of labor, was destined to furnish him a grave. He was taken ill from exposure in returning from a trip to Cassandra, and after a short illness entered into the heavenly rest, August 14, 1875, at the age of sixty-six years.

XV. REV. ISAAC J. HENDERSON, D. D.

The Rev. Isaac J. Henderson, D. D., was born at Natchez, Miss., Jan. 6, 1812, and belonged to a family well-known in the region of Natchez and New Orleans. He was graduated at Jefferson College in 1831 and entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1833. Here he took the full three year's course of study, and was greatly beloved by his fellow-students. Soon after his license he was sent by the Synod of Mississippi to explore and preach in the destitutions within its bounds. In doing this he spent two years in Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Having landed at Galveston with a design to explore Texas, he found there a weak and disunited church, The people urged him to remain, and gave him a unanimous call. This he accepted, but as there was no fit place of worship, he traveled about eight months, raised funds and secured the erection of the first Presbyterian church in Galveston. He remained in Texas about seven years, when the effects of the climate upon his health compelled him to change his place of residence. About 1850 he accepted a unanimous call to Jackson, Miss., where he labored two years. In the Autumn of 1852, he accepted a call to

Prytania St. church in New Orleans. Here he labored over eleven years most usefully, and greatly beloved by his people. In the Spring of 1864 he was prostrated by congestion of the lungs, and his life was despaired of. On convalescing from this attack he went to the North for the benefit of his health. In the following summer he returned to New Orleans and attempted to resume his work, but was after a few weeks obliged to desist. He returned to New York, and in 1865, feeling convinced that he must cease preaching, he resigned his pastorate. Contrary to his expectations his health was so far restored that he gradually resumed his ministerial functions, and began to preach at Annapolis, Md., in the autumn or winter of 1866. On the 12th of March, 1867, he was installed as pastor of the church at Annapolis and continued to labor there until his death, which occurred Dec. 8, 1875, when lacking a few days of having reached the sixty-fourth year of his age. For many years he was more or less an invalid, but always labored to the utmost his strength would allow, in the work of the ministry. During the last two years of his life he toiled earnestly to accomplish the renovation and improvement of his church edifice at Annapolis, a work which he lived to see nearly completed. Dr. Henderson was a man of great natural amiability and gentleness of character, to which grace added a devoted piety. As a preacher he was faithful, practical and very interesting to all classes. When asked in his closing moments if Jesus was near, he replied, "Oh yes; I know whom I have believed. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin."

XVI. REV. SAMUEL HOWE.

The Rev. Samuel Howe was born in Greenwich, Conn., March 27, 1802, and at an early age united with the Congregational Church in that town. He was graduated at Yale College, in 1827, and immediately afterwards entered its Theological Department. He was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Congregational Association, but afterwards entered Princeton Theological Seminary, in 1832, and studied here for one year. In 1835 he was ordained, and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hopewell, Ontario Co., N. Y., by the Presbytery of Genesee. Two years afterwards he removed to North East Centre, Dutchess Co., N. Y. In 1845 he was settled over the Congregational Church of South Framingham, Mass. Not long after he removed to New Haven, Conn., and resided there for the purpose of educating his children. In 1858 he took charge of the Congregational Church of North