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SAMUEL SPAHR LAWS, D.D., LL.D., M.D.,

Son of the Rev. James and Rachel (Spahr) Laws, was born March 23, 1824, in Ohio County, Virginia. He made a public confession of his faith in the Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, Mo., at the age of sixteen. His early studies were in a log schoolhouse in the mountains of Virginia, in a night school in St. Louis, Mo., and with a private teacher. He graduated from Miami University as valedictorian in 1848, and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He later received the degree of LL.B. from the Law Department of Columbia University in 1870 and the degree of M.D. from Bellevue Medical College in 1875. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1848, taking the full three years' course there and graduating in 1851. He was ordained by the Presbytery of St. Louis, Oct. 9, 1851, being at the same time installed pastor of the West Church, St. Louis, which he served until 1853. He was professor of physical science in Westminster College, Missouri, from 1853 to 1855. During the year 1854-55 he was stated supply of the church at Augusta, Mo. In October 1855 he became president of Westminster College, holding this office until 1861. During this period he supplied the church at Concord, Mo., 1857-58. After this he spent a year in England and France. He lived in New York City from 1863 to 1875 and interested himself in a mechanical method of indicating the various conditions in the stock market, which resulted in his inventing and putting on the market the stock ticker. From 1876 to 1889 he was president of the University of Missouri. From 1893 to

1898 he was professor of natural science in connection with revelation and apologetics in the Columbia Theological Seminary. After this he resided in Washington, D. C., engaging in literary work. He died Jan. 9, 1921, in Asheville, N. C., of tuberculosis, in the 97th year of his age. He was buried in Cincinnati, Ohio. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Washington and Lee University in 1894; the degree of LL.D. from Westminster College, Missouri, in 1871, and the degree of Litt.D. from Miami University in 1914. He was a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South) several times and was appointed by the Southern General Assembly a commissioner to the Pan-Presbyterian Council in Washington in 1899. In 1882 he was appointed by the President an examiner and visitor to West Point. Among his published writings were: A Bible Study of the Two Obstacles between Man and Heaven, 1903; Polygamy and Citizenship in Church and State, 1906; Reasons for the Organization and Perpetuation of the Southern Presbyterian Church, 1910; The At-onement by the Christian Trinity, 1919, also many pamphlets on religious, philosophic and scientific subjects.

He was married Jan. 19, 1860, in Fulton, Mo., to Mrs. Ann Maria Broadwell Doubleday, who died in 1917.

JAMES FROTHINGHAM,

Son of John and Jane Ann (Dodge) Frothingham, was born Sept. 21, 1834, in Johnstown, N. Y. He made a public confession of his faith in the Presbyterian church of Pittston, Pa., at the age of eighteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in Johnstown Academy and he graduated from Union College in 1853, having received the Phi Beta Kappa key. He then spent a year in work as a civil engineer. Entering the Seminary at Princeton in 1854 he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1857. He was licensed by the Presbytery