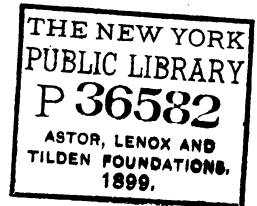


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**THEODORICK PRYOR, D.D.,**

Son of Richard and Ann (Bland) Pryor, was born at Annsville, Dinwiddie Co., Va., Jan. 9, 1805. He united with the church of Hampden Sidney College in the nineteenth year of his age. He pursued his preparatory studies at the Winfield Academy, Dinwiddie Co., under Daniel G. Hatch. He entered Hampden Sidney College in 1823 and graduated in 1826 with the highest honors of his class. He then went to the University of Virginia, where he studied law. He practised as a lawyer for three years, when the death of his wife turned his attention to the ministry. In January, 1831, he entered Union Theological Seminary, Va., remaining there only a few months. In July of the same year he came to Princeton, spending the summer session in the Seminary there, and returned in the fall to Union Seminary, Va., studying there for one year. He was licensed by the Presbytery of East Hanover, at Portsmouth, Va., April 28, 1832, and ordained by the same body at Shiloh, Va., Nov. 18, 1832, being at the same time installed over the Presbyterian Church of Nottoway. He continued in this charge until August 16, 1853, when he was released to accept a call to the Third Church of Baltimore. His stay there was short, for he returned to Virginia in 1854, becoming pastor of the Second Church of Petersburg. During his pastorate there, finding that the location of the church building was hindering its work, he secured the removal of the congregation to a new house of worship, which was dedicated in June, 1861. At this time the roll of communicants had doubled, and the congregations had trebled. On April 18, 1863, he resigned this charge that he might become a chaplain in the Southern army, at the request of his Presbytery. He labored two years as evangelist in the army of northern Virginia, and after the war became pastor of the church in Brunswick, Va., being installed Dec. 2, 1866. This relation was dissolved Nov. 13, 1867. On Dec. 8, 1867, he for a second time became pastor of the Nottoway Church, and so continued until his death, which occurred at "The Castle," near Nottoway C. H., Va., on Sunday, July 27, 1890, in the 86th year of his age. Dr. Pryor was a man of ardent love, and of a simple and childlike as well as enlightened faith. His ministry extended through fifty-eight years, and the

work performed in that time was such as only one of his mental and spiritual gifts and remarkable physical powers could have accomplished. Preaching the gospel was his delight, and through the pulpit he exercised his chief influence. He was often a member of the General Assembly, and in that of 1883 was chosen Moderator. He had the rare experience of two long pastorates in the same field, his first and last, twenty-one and twenty-three years respectively. He received the degree of D.D. from Hampden Sydney College in 1852.

He was three times married : (1) to Miss Lucy Eppes Atkinson, of Chesterfield Co., Va., Oct. 11, 1827, who died Dec. 30, 1829 ; (2) to Miss Frances Campbell Epes, of Nottoway Co., Va., Nov. 15, 1832, who died in the fall of 1860 ; (3) to Miss Frances Fitzgerald, of Nottoway Co., Va., Oct. 6th, 1868, who survives him, as do one son, Gen. Roger A. Pryor, of New York, and one daughter by the first wife, and one son and two daughters by the second wife.

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#### OREN COOK THOMPSON,

Son of Isaac and Polly (Campbell) Thompson, was born in Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 20, 1806. He made a public profession of his faith at the age of 18 in the Congregational Church of Ravenna, O. His preparatory studies were pursued at Ravenna under the Rev. C. B. Storrs, and at the Talmadge Academy, Talmadge, O. He graduated from Western Reserve College in 1830, and at once entered the Seminary at Princeton, where he spent one year. After leaving Princeton he continued his theological studies under Pres. Storrs. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Detroit in 1833. Previous to this he had been engaged in teaching at Ann Arbor, Mich., 1832-33. He was ordained by the Detroit Presbytery, Nov., 1834, and installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church of St. Clair, Mich., which relation he held until 1842, when the church became Congregational and he continued its pastor until 1849. His health giving out he moved to Detroit and engaged in business. After five years he resumed his ministerial labors, becoming stated supply of the Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, Mich., 1854-56, and of the