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WILLIAM KENT PRESTON,

Son of John Tansel and Sarah Ann (Kent) Preston, was born Oct. 27, 1852, in Nashville, Ill. He made a public confession of his faith in the Presbyterian church of Richview, Ill., at the age of eighteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Washington County Seminary at Richview; also in McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., and he graduated from Wabash College in 1880. He spent the following year in teaching. Entering the Seminary at Princeton in 1881, he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1884. He was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of New Castle, Apr. 17, 1884. He supplied the church at May's Landing, N. J., from May to September 1883; was pastor of the church at Port Penn, Del., from June 5, 1884 to Apr. 30, 1885; pastor of the Neshaminy of Warwick Church, Hartsville, Pa., from June 4, 1885 to July 14, 1903; pastor of the Lycoming Centre and Linden churches, Hepburnville, Pa., from Nov. 8, 1903 to July 29, 1908, and pastor of the Elysburg and Rush churches, Pa., from Sept. 1, 1908 until his death, Nov. 3, 1913, in the German Hospital, Philadelphia, after an operation for appendicitis, in the 62nd year of his age. He was buried in the cemetery of Neshaminy of Warwick Church, near Hartsville, Pa.

He was married Oct. 14, 1884, in New York City, to Mary Grier Ferguson, who, with one son and one daughter, survives him.

BENJAMIN PALMER REID,

Son of the Rev. Robert Harden and Mary Julia (Anderson) Reid, was born Aug. 7, 1860, in Reidville, S. C. He made a public confession of his faith in the Nazareth Presbyterian church of Spartanburg County, S. C., at the age of fourteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Reidville High School, and he graduated from Davidson College, N. C., in

1879. He spent the next four years in teaching: first as assistant teacher in the Lynch Select School for Boys at High Point, N. C., from August 1879 to January 1881, and then as principal of the Reidville Male High School until June 1883. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in the fall of 1883 and remained one year. He spent the year 1884 to 1885 in the Columbia Theological Seminary, S. C. He was licensed Apr. 10, 1885 by the Presbytery of Enoree. From June 1885 to November 1886 he supplied the Antioch, Mt. Tabor and Woodruff churches of South Carolina. He began supplying the Bethesda church, Guthriesville, S. C., in November 1886, and was ordained and installed its pastor May 7, 1887. He was released from this charge June 25, 1893. He was stated supply of the Kershaw, Heath Springs and Beaver Creek churches, S. C., from July 1893 to July 1895; was stated supply of the Clemson College Church and pastor of the Pendleton church, S. C., from Sept. 9, 1895 to Apr. 11, 1900. During the next year he engaged in evangelistic work under the care of the Synod of South Carolina. He was then stated supply of the church at Mt. Calvary, S. C., from October 1901 until installed its pastor Aug. 25, 1903, and was released from this charge Oct. 21, 1908. During this pastorate he supplied the Woodruff and Mountain Shoals churches, S. C., 1901-07; the Old Fields church, S. C., from 1901 until installed its pastor Aug. 11, 1906, being released Oct. 16, 1907, and the Mt. Vernon, Enoree and Campobello churches, S. C., from October 1907 to October 1908. He supplied the Old Antioch church, S. C., from 1904 until his death, the Fulton church from 1907 until his death, and was pastor of the Antioch and Nazareth churches, S. C., from 1909 until his death. He died Dec. 4, 1913, in Reidville, S. C., of paralysis, in the 54th year of his age. He was buried in the cemetery of the Nazareth church, S. C. He was stated clerk of the Presbytery of Bethel from 1892 to 1905 and of the Presbytery of South Carolina from 1900 to 1901. He was a trustee of

Davidson College for the Bethel, South Carolina, and Enoree Presbyteries, serving three years for each Presbytery, and for a time was secretary of the Board of Directors. He was a director of the Columbia Theological Seminary from 1899 until his death. He was also the historian of the Presbytery of Enoree. His principal writings were reports on ministerial education embodied in the minutes of the Synod of South Carolina, being chairman of the Synod's Permanent Committee on this subject.

He was married Dec. 12, 1906, in Reidville, to Leila Teasly, who, with two sons and one daughter, survives him.

GEORGE LESLIE JOHNSTON,

Son of James and Margaret (Ronald) Johnston, was born Mar. 15, 1863, in London, Ontario, Canada. He made a public confession of his faith in the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of London, Ontario. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Collegiate Institute of London, and he graduated from the University of Toronto in 1891. Entering the Seminary at Princeton in the fall of the same year, he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1894. He then spent a year at the University of Halle, Germany. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Toronto, Can., May 15, 1894, and ordained by the Presbytery of Kingston, Nov. 28, 1895, being at the same time installed pastor of the church at Marmora, Canada, from which he was released Mar. 28, 1898. He was then pastor of the St. Andrew's Church, North Bay, Canada, from Mar. 28, 1898 to July 25, 1910. At this time ill health compelled him to give up work for a year and a half. Resuming work he supplied the churches of Horning's Mills and Primrose, Ont., for more than a year, and was pastor of the churches of Pickering and Brougham, Ont., from April 1913 until his death, which occurred Feb. 18, 1914, at Brougham, because of a rupture of