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AND OTHER EMINENT MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH.

Including a Description of the Historic Decorations of the Pan Presbyterian Council of 1880,

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Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following—PSALM XLVIII, 12, 13.

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his labors, grew strong and flourishing. He also edited, while here, *The Presbyterian Expositor*. May 30th, 1859, he was elected by the General Assembly to be Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Northwest, at Chicago, and the duties of this Professorship were performed in addition to his pastoral and other labors.

Dr. Rice was installed pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church in the city of New York, April 28th, 1861. Here his labors were new in kind and large in measure, and his health, heretofore good, soon began to give way. April 16th, 1867, he resigned this charge, and retired to a farm, near New Brunswick, N. J., where, for a year or more, by order of his physician, he rested from all mental work. From thence he was called to the Presidency of Westminster College, at Fulton, Mo., and at the same time took charge of the church in Fulton. October 16th, 1874, he was installed in the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in Danville Theological Seminary. He died June 11th, 1877.

Dr. Rice was truly a great man. He impressed all who heard him preach, the most cultured and the most cultivated, with a sense of his power. He was great in intellect, great in labors, great in goodness. His most characteristic mental feature was the logical faculty. Closely connected with this was his well-nigh unrivaled power of analysis. Then he knew men and how to reach their hearts. He was also large-hearted, generous, fervent—the highest style of a Christian man. When his death occurred, it was universally felt that a great man had fallen in Israel. We have not space for a list of even his principal publications.

Rich, Dr. James S., was born in 1795; pursued the study of medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and was admitted to practice and received the degree of M. D., when about twenty-four years of age. He almost immediately established himself as a physician, in the vicinity of Doylestown, Bucks county, and built up a large, lucrative and successful practice, in which he was engaged for more than twenty years, when declining health obliged him to relinquish the active duties of his profession for eight years. Being restored to comfortable health by a kind Providence, he received the appointment, from the city of Philadelphia, of physician at the Lazaretto, on the Delaware river, below the city, and continued in the faithful and laborious fulfilment of the responsibilities of that position three years, when he removed to Churchville, Bucks county, and entered upon the practice of his profession there. For more than twenty years he resided in that place, useful, respected and honored as an excellent physician, and an unusually intelligent citizen. During the last four or five years of Dr. Rich's life the infirmities of age prevented his going much from home to attend the sick. He first made a public profession of religion

at the Central Presbyterian Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, Rev. Anson Rood, pastor, from which he transferred his membership, by letter, to Neshaminy Church, January 9th, 1846. His death occurred March 8th, 1875, when he was eighty years of age. A noble man was removed when his spirit took its flight.

Richards, Elias Jones, D. D., was born in Cheshire, England, January 14th, 1813. He graduated at the College of New Jersey, studied Theology at Princeton Seminary, and was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of New York, —, 1838. He was stated supply at Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1839; pastor of the Second Church, Paterson, N. J., 1840; pastor of the Central Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia, Pa., 1842-3; pastor of the Western Church, Philadelphia, 1843-6; and pastor of the First Church, Reading, Pa., 1846-72. He died at Reading, March 25th, 1872. Dr. Richards was an earnest Christian and an instructive and impressive preacher. In pastoral duty he was specially faithful. He was diligent and successful in the Master's work, and beloved by his brethren. Shortly before his decease he was Moderator of the Synod of Philadelphia.

Richards, Rev. George J. E., son of Rev. Charles and Christianna B. (McMuldoreh) Richards, was born at Hector, N. Y., September 11th, 1849. Graduated from Western Reserve College (Hudson, O.) in 1872. Was Tutor there one year. Spent two years in Princeton, N. J., Theological Seminary, and one year in Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., where he graduated in 1876. He was licensed to preach the gospel by Cleveland Presbytery, June 9th, 1875. Ordained by the Presbytery of Wisconsin River, October 10th, 1876. Preached one year at Richland Centre, Wisconsin, when, through excessive work, his health became so impaired that he was required to cease public labor for a few months. He afterwards preached four years at Delmar and Elwood, Iowa. While there he organized a church at Elwood, and built one church edifice at Delmar, and another at Elwood. Was called to Gallipolis, O., and installed as pastor, in the Spring of 1882.

Prominent traits of Mr. Richards are his readiness to grasp the entire details of any matter, and then to make the most of those details. Pre-eminently cautious, yet very persistent and earnest, in accomplishing, in the face of difficulties, the desired end. In public address his language is clear and simple, his argument well and carefully drawn, and accompanied with earnestness, that carries conviction to the minds of his hearers. For amiableness of spirit, accuracy of judgment, and thoroughness of work, both as pastor and preacher, he is very highly esteemed.

Richards, James, D. D., was born in New Canaan, Conn., October 29th, 1767; spent the year 1789-80 in Yale College; then placed himself under the instruction of Dr. Burnet, at Norwalk, and

afterwards completed both his academical and theological course under the direction of Dr. Dwight. His improvement was worthy of the best advantages, and in 1794 the corporation of Yale College, at Dr. Dwight's suggestion, conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1793 he was licensed by a committee of the Association in the Western District of Fairfield county, to preach the gospel.

In September, 1794, Mr. Richards received a call from the Church in Morristown, N. J., and in May, 1797, was installed its pastor, by what was then the Presbytery of New York. Here he labored, with great acceptance and success, until the early part of 1809, when he felt it to be his duty to accept a call from the Presbyterian Church at Newark, which had become vacant by the removal of Dr. Griffin to a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Andover. In 1805 he was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. In 1807 he was chosen a trustee of the College of New Jersey, and he was a director of the Theological Seminary at Princeton from its first establishment, both of which offices he held until he left the State. He was also intimately connected, at this period, with several of the earlier and more important of our benevolent institutions. His ministry in Newark, as in Morristown, was signalized by remarkable tokens of the divine favor. The years 1813 and 1817 were specially memorable for the powerful workings of divine influence among his people.

Dr. Richards was inaugurated Professor of Christian Theology in the Theological Seminary at Auburn, October 29th, 1823. His connection with this Institution was justly regarded as ominous of great good to it, as his standing in the Church, for prudence, piety and theological attainment, was such as to secure, not only to himself, but to the infant seminary with which he became identified, the general confidence and favor of the Christian community. He was the chief instrument of increasing its funds—the main-spring of its financial operations. After serving it with marked fidelity, he died, August 2d, 1843. In his last illness, though his articulation became indistinct, he was enabled to bear testimony to the sustaining power of the gospel, and there was a delightful tranquillity diffused over his dying scene, that spoke most impressively of the rest to which death introduced him.

Dr. Richards was a man of singular excellence. There was in his character a happy combination of Christian discretion and deep, sober-minded and cheerful piety. In the pulpit he was eminently impressive. There he appeared as the messenger of God on a mission solemn as death and the awards of eternity, and his great subject filled his soul, and gave an earnestness, an animation, and a deep emotion, often to tears, to his addresses, that awed every mind of his audience. He spoke as a dying man, with the eloquence and power of truth. Besides the "Lectures on the Prayer

of Faith," his publications were principally sermons and memorial addresses.

Richardson, E. M., D. D., was born in Camden county, North Carolina, January 12th, 1828. His father removed to Warren county, Miss., in 1832, and here he grew to manhood, and was educated, graduating at Clinton College, IJinds county, Miss., in 1849. The same year he entered Union Theological Seminary, New York, taking a three years' course, and was licensed to preach the gospel by the Third Presbytery of New York (N. S.), in 1852. In the Fall of the same year he took charge of the church at Grenada, Miss., and was ordained by the Presbytery of Lexington, South, N. S., at Carrollton, Miss., in the Winter following. He remained for sixteen years pastor of the church at Grenada. In 1868 he received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Third Presbyterian Church of Memphis, Tenn. Rev. Jno. D. Waddel, D.D., LL.D., having been called to the Chancellorship of the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn., resigned his position as Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee of Education, in June, 1879, and Mr. Richardson was elected in his stead by the Committee, which has power to fill vacancies. The General Assembly has elected him annually since then. Dr. Richardson still holds the position of pastor of the Third Church, but his duties as Secretary are paramount, and whenever the interests of the cause require, he must give his whole time to the cause of education.

Richardson, James, was born in Hopkinton, N. H., July 14th, 1817, the eighth in descent from Ezekiel Richardson, who belonged to the celebrated Winthrop colony. He was the son of a thrifty New England farmer, and received his education at the district school and at an academy in the neighborhood of his home. His youth was occupied in farm work in the summer and in teaching a country school in the winter. In 1845 he moved to Pittsburg, Pa., where, for twelve years, he conducted a successful grocery business. Changing his residence to St. Louis, in 1845, he engaged in the wholesale drug business, which, under his management, has made the house of Richardson & Co. second only to the largest establishment of its kind in the country.

Tall and commanding in personal appearance, genial and sociable in disposition, Mr. Richardson is distinguished by strong common sense, unusual executive ability, and conservative wisdom. These qualities, which conspired to achieve for him remarkable success in business, have also been conspicuous in his religious and benevolent relations. For many years he has been an elder, and President of the Board of Trustees, in the First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, and has rendered liberal assistance to the material interests of the Church. For several successive terms he was elected member of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools, and served as President of the School Board. His general