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VIII.

JOHN WORK SCOTT, D. D., LL.D.

John Work Scott, son of Andrew and Mary (Dinsmore) Scott, was born within the bounds of the Presbyterian congregation of Slate Ridge, York County, Pa., November 27, 1807. His earlier preparatory education was acquired at Lower West Nottingham Academy, under the Rev. James Magraw, D. D., his later at Slate Ridge Academy, under Andrew Dinsmore, M. D. He was graduated from Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Pa., in 1827, after which he taught three years: first, at Butler, Pa., one year; secondly, near Churchville, Harford County, Md., six months; thirdly, at Chanceford, York County, Pa., at the same time studying for the ministry under the Rev. Samuel Martin, D. D. He made a public profession of religion at about twenty years of age, and united with the church at Butler, Pa., just after leaving college, and while principal of the Academy at that place. In 1830 he entered the Middle Class in Princeton Seminary, and remained there two years, at the same time teaching as an assistant to Prof. Robert B. Patton, in the Edgehill Seminary in Princeton. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Castle, October 3, 1832, and was ordained and installed as pastor by the Presbytery of Hartford, (afterwards called Beaver), at Poland, Ohio, October 3, 1834.

Mr. Scott had preached at Poland as stated supply during the winter of 1832-3 and the summer of 1833, while acting also as Tutor in Jefferson College. From this charge he was released April 13, 1836. In the same month (April, 1836) he became stated supply to the church at Three Springs, in the Presbytery of Washington, also of the Free Church of Steubenville, Ohio, in connection with the Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D. D., until October, 1847. After this he had no stated place of preaching, although he preached very frequently wherever he afterwards resided.

Dr. Scott's chief work was that of an educator, in which work he was eminently successful. Besides his teaching services already referred to, he was founder and principal of the Grove Academy at Steubenville, Ohio, with which he was connected from October, 1836, to October, 1847; was principal of the Lindsley Institute at Wheeling, Va., from October, 1847, to April, 1853; President of Washington College, Pa., from April, 1853, to June, 1865; principal of Woodburn Female Seminary and of the Academy at Morgan-

town, W. Va., from 1865 to 1867; then Vice-President of the State University at the same place, and Professor, first of Ancient Languages, afterwards of Mental and Moral Science, and for two years was Acting President. This position he was obliged to resign because of failing eyesight, in 1877. Both his eyes were afterwards successfully operated upon for cataract. About March 1, 1879, he went to North Carolina to supply a vacant place in Biddle University at Charlotte. His ripe scholarship and long experience made him a most valuable accession to its Faculty, and, although in feeble health, he performed most acceptably the duties he had undertaken. At the beginning of vacation he went to Ridgway, Warren County, N. C., which he and his family had made their place of residence, and there he died suddenly, of disease of the heart, July 25, 1879, in the seventy-third year of his age.

Dr. Scott was a man of excellent intellectual powers, of great activity and vigor of mind, of rare energy and fixedness of purpose. As a teacher he was admirable, and rarely surpassed. Thousands of his former pupils will mourn his loss, and remember gratefully the eminent services he rendered them.

Dr. Scott married, September 20, 1836, Miss Phœbe Anna Jenkins, daughter of Hon. Robert Jenkins, of Windsor Place, Lancaster County, Pa. She died December 10, 1872. He left three sons and three daughters.

IX.

JOSEPH BROWN.

Joseph Brown was a son of the Rev. Samuel Brown and Mary (Moore) Brown, the latter of whom in early life was the captive among the Indians, whose history is given in the volume entitled, "The Captives of Abb's Valley," and was born in Rockbridge county, Va., September 24, 1809. His early education was received under the tuition of the Rev. James Morrison. He first made a public profession of religion by uniting with the church of New Providence in the Presbytery of Lexington, Va., in the thirteenth year of his age. He was graduated from Washington College, Va., in 1830, after which he spent two years in teaching, entered Princeton Seminary in 1832, took a full course there of three years, and was regularly graduated in 1835. He was licensed