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preachers in the country. He wrote much and published much, but his principal productions are the two volumes, "*The Church of God*" and "*Discourses on Redemption.*"

Dr. Robinson married, September 5, 1841, Miss Mary Eliza Brigham, daughter of William Brigham, M. D., of Charleston, Kanawha County, Va. She survived him. He left two daughters. Two sons had died before him. He was Moderator of the General Assembly (Southern) A. D. 1869. He received the degree of D. D., A. D. 1853, from Centre College, Ky.

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ABRAHAM BROOKS VAN ZANDT, D. D., LL. D.

Abraham Brooks Van Zandt, was born November 16, 1816, in Albany County, N. Y., and was the son of Gerrit G. and Sally (Brooks) Van Zandt. His preparatory education was acquired under private tutors at Auburn, N. Y. and Schenectady; he united on profession of his faith with the Presbyterian Church in the latter place at about 18 years of age; was graduated from Union College, N. Y., A. D. 1840, teaching the Grammar School at Schenectady during the last half of his senior year, and six months after his graduation; spent two years, 1840-42, in Princeton Seminary, studying with both the Middle and Senior classes during the second year; was licensed by the Presbytery of Troy, February 18, 1842; and was ordained by the Presbytery of North River at Matteawan, Dutchess County, N. Y., June 29, 1842. On the day of his ordination he was also installed pastor of the Matteawan Church, from which he was released October 29, 1842; was installed pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Newburgh, N. Y., December 14, 1842, and released therefrom June 5, 1849; was installed pastor of the Tabb Street Presbyterian Church at Petersburg, Va., October 21, 1849, from which he was released March 20, 1856; installed pastor of the Central Reformed Dutch Church, on Ninth Street, New York City, June 22, 1856, and released therefrom June 26, 1859; was installed pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Montgomery, N. Y., May 15, 1860, and released therefrom August 28, 1872; and was inaugurated Professor of

Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church at New Brunswick, N. J., September 24, 1872. On account of serious illness he tendered to the General Synod his resignation of this Professorship, and was released from its active duties, June 3, 1881, but was continued as *Emeritus* Professor until his death. This event occurred from cancer of the mouth and throat, July 21, 1881, at New Brunswick, N. J., in the 65th year of his age. He suffered intensely and long, but died in great peace of mind, fully content to depart and be with Christ. He was a man of marked ability, an earnest, eloquent and scriptural preacher, a devoted and wise pastor, a faithful and efficient professor, one of the foremost scholars of his denomination.

Dr. Van Zandt married, June 15, 1842, Miss Elizabeth Platt, daughter of Israel Platt, Esq., of Hudson, N. Y. She survived him. He left three sons and one daughter. He received the degree of D. D. in 1854, from Hampden Sidney College, Va., and that of LL. D. in 1875, from the College of New Jersey.

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WALTER SCOTT DRYSDALE.

Walter Scott Drysdale, son of William and Janette (Renfrew) Drysdale, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 8, 1823; received his preparatory education in an academy in his native city under Mr. Joseph P. Engles; was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, A. D. 1842; united on profession of his faith with the Sixth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia at fifteen years of age; went from the University to Princeton Seminary, where he studied three years, 1842-45, and was regularly graduated; was licensed by the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, April 10, 1844; and was ordained by the same presbytery, April 25, 1848. On the same day with his ordination he was installed pastor of Mantua Church, after serving it as stated supply from April, 1846, from which charge he was released November 9, 1848; was Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Tract Society in 1849, and principal of a Female High School, at Lancaster, Pa., 1850-58. He was installed pastor of East Whiteland Church, Pa., November 24, 1858, to