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JOHN BAILEY ADGER, D.D.,

Son of James and Sarah Elizabeth (Ellison) Adger, was born Dec. 13, 1810, in Charleston, S. C. He united with Presbyterian Church of Schenectady, N. Y., at the age of fifteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Kinderhook Academy, in Columbia County, N. Y., and he graduated from Union College in 1828. He then spent one year in Charleston, S. C., before entering the Seminary at Princeton in 1829, where he remained as a student for four years. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, April 23, 1833, and ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of Charleston Union, April 15, 1834, intending to go as a missionary to the Armenians of Turkey. On August 20th of the same year he sailed from Boston, and arrived at Smyrna Oct. 25th. For two years thereafter he was connected with the West Turkey mission of the A. B. C. F. M. While in this field he engaged in the translation into Armenian of the New Testament, Pilgrim's Progress, the Shorter Catechism, and other books. The failure of his eyes necessitated the abandonment of his foreign work. But upon his return to America he became a missionary to the negro slaves of his native city, and inaugurated a work which in later years developed into large proportions under the ministry of Dr. Girardeau. Dr. Adger was professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in Columbia Theological Seminary from 1857 to 1874. From 1875 to 1877 he was stated supply of the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, S. C., and pastor of the Roberts Church from 1878 to April 9, 1879, and of the Hopewell (Pendleton) and Mt. Zion Churches from Aug. 27, 1879, to 1896, his residence being at Pendleton, S. C., during this time and until his death, which occurred Jan. 3, 1899, at Pendleton, of pneumonia, in the 89th

year of his age. He received the degree of D.D. from the College of Charleston, S. C., in 1853. He had just completed the writing of "My Life and Times" when he died. He translated into Armenian, in addition to the works mentioned above, an abridgement, in two volumes, of D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation. For thirty years he was on the editorial staff of the Southern Presbyterian Review. At the time of his death he was the oldest living alumnus of Princeton Seminary.

Dr. Adger was married June 29, 1834, in Charleston, S. C., to Miss Elizabeth Keith Shrewsbury, who died Oct. 11, 1890. Three daughters survive him.

LEICESTER AMBROSE SAWYER,

Son of Jonathan and Lucy (Harper) Sawyer, was born July 28, 1807, in Pinkney, Lewis Co., N. Y. He united with the Congregational Church of Rodman, N. Y., at the age of fourteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in Watertown, N. Y., under the Rev. George S. Boardman, D. D., and he graduated from Hamilton College in 1828. He then spent one year in teaching and in the study of Hebrew and New Testament Greek, entering the Seminary at Princeton in 1829, and remaining there one year and nine months. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Watertown in July, 1831, and ordained an evangelist by the same Presbytery Feb. 23, 1832. He served the churches of Adams, Smithville and North Adams, N. Y., 1831-32 as stated supply; was pastor of the church at Martinsburg, N. Y., from Feb. 23, 1832, until June, 1835; pastor of the North Congregational Church, New Haven, Conn., from June 3, 1835, to November, 1837; he founded the Howe Street (now Dwight Place) Congregational Church, New Haven, and was its pastor from July 11, 1838, to October, 1840. In 1840 he went to Columbus, O., to engage in teaching. He was stated supply of the Presbyterian Church of Central College O., 1843-46. He supplied the Presbyterian Church of Monroeville, O., 1847-50, and was pastor of that at Saekett's Harbor, N. Y., from April 18, 1850, to Oct. 31, 1854. He then resumed his connection