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months of 1850; pastor at Stewartsville, 1851-62; at Hacketts-town, 1862-66; at Newton, 1866-76; stated supply at Edinboro, 1876-79; at Saline, Mich., 1880-82; at Brooklyn, Mich., 1882-87. In 1888 he moved to Westchester, Pa., and again to Elwood, N. J., serving the Presbyterian Church of Elwood as stated supply from 1888 until his death, April 29, 1890, in the 75th year of his age. His life was one of constant labor for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ. He was helpful in the founding of several churches in Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He had an even and genial disposition, a most unassuming manner, a delicate consideration for others, and the deepest interest in the welfare of all who came under his influence. He was an occasional contributor to the religious and secular press, and published a small work, "Bible Baptism never Immersion."

He was married (1) Oct. 9, 1851, to Miss Mary Ann Provost, of Caldwell, N. J., who died, Jan. 24, 1882, at Saline, Mich.; (2) Jan. 25, 1884, to Miss Ulyssa Almira Savage of Philadelphia, Pa., who survives him with two sons and one daughter.

### JOSEPH MAYO ATKINSON, D.D.,

Son of Robert and Mary Tabb (Mayo) Atkinson, was born June 7, 1820, at Mansfield, Dinwiddie Co., Va. He made a public profession of his faith at Petersburg, Va., at the age of 16. He pursued his preparatory studies in Lunenburg and Petersburg, Va.; was a student in Hampden Sidney and Princeton Colleges, graduating from the latter in 1841. He entered the Seminary at Princeton the same year, and spent two years there. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Winchester, Va., May 5, 1843, and ordained by the same, April 20, 1845, at Springfield, Va. He became stated supply for the churches at Shepherds-town and Smithfield, Va., in 1843, was installed pastor of the latter, April 20, 1845, and of the former, July 13, 1845, and continued serving these churches until 1849, when he became pastor of the church at Frederick, Md., from June 19, 1849, to July 2, 1855. He was pastor of the First Church at Raleigh, N. C., 1855-75. For two years after this he engaged in teaching in the Raleigh High School, and in May, 1877, became

stated supply for the newly organized Second Church of Raleigh, was installed pastor in November, and released from this charge in Nov., 1890, when he moved to Warrentown, N. C., serving the Littleton and Geneva churches. His death occurred instantly from heart disease in Warrentown, March 6, 1891, in the 72nd year of his age, having preached the Word of God for nearly half a century, with earnestness and zeal. He was characterized by gentleness and courtesy of demeanor, by sincerity and modesty, by marked social gifts and by an unflinching devotion to duty. He published a small book, "The True Path," as well as numerous contributions to the *Princeton Review* and other periodicals, and a number of useful tracts. He received the degree of D.D. from Chapel Hill College, N. C.

He was married, June 29, 1843, at Fredericksburg, Va., to Miss Sally Page Wellford, who survives him with two daughters.

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#### PHILANDER MONTGOMERY CUSTER,

Son of Stephen George Rozzell and Ann (Brofford) Custer, was born, March 28, 1820, in Rockingham Co., Va. He made a public profession of his faith in the Bethel Church of Augusta Co., Va., at the age of fourteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in Greenville, Va., under the tuition of the Rev. Horatio Gates. He graduated from Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), Va., in 1840. After his graduation he spent four years in teaching, two in Newcastle, Va., and two in Rockingham Co., Va. Entered Princeton Seminary in 1844, graduating in 1847. Was licensed by the Presbytery of Lexington, June 4, 1847; ordained an Evangelist by the Greenbrier Presbytery at Oak Grove Church, Aug. 19, 1854. He was stated supply at Malden, Kanawha Salines, Va., 1847-50, and principal of the Male Academy in Charleston during the same period; was principal of the Male Academy of Lewisburg, Va., 1850-61; pastor of the Church of Mount Horeb, Va., 1861-65. On resigning this charge he resumed teaching, becoming principal of the Female Institute of Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co., Va., 1865-70; he returned to Lewisburg in 1871, and engaged in teaching there until 1872; was President of Deshler Institute in Tuscum-