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or place of his birth. He made a public confession of his faith in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia at the age of sixteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Presbyterian Institute, Philadelphia, and he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1859, being the valedictorian of his class. Entering the Seminary at Princeton in the fall of the same year, he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1862. He was licensed by the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia in 1862, and ordained by the Presbytery of Northumberland, Nov. 10, 1863. He was pastor of the church at Sunbury, Pa., from 1863 to 1865. During the latter year he served as agent of the United States Christian Commission. He was pastor of the church at Waynesburg, Pa., from 1866 to 1869. During this time he served also the churches of Pine Grove, Cedar Grove and Churchtown, Pa. He then went to Indiana, Pa., and engaged in the jewelry business until 1875. He was professor of ancient languages in the State Normal School of Indiana, Pa., from 1875 to 1881, and principal of the Public Schools of Indiana, Pa., from 1881 to 1882. During the next two years he engaged in business in New York City. He was principal of the Public Schools of Indiana, Pa., from 1884 to 1889. From 1889 to 1900 he again engaged in business. He was principal of the Third and Eighth Ward Public Schools of Allegheny, Pa., from 1900 to 1902. After this he resided in Indiana, Pa., until his death there, September 14, 1919, of pneumonia, in the 83rd year of his age. He was buried in the Oakland Cemetery of Indiana.

He was married Dec. 13, 1870, in Indiana, Pa., to Laura Louise Hildebrand, who with three daughters survives him.

### **HUNTER CORBETT, D.D., LL.D.,**

Son of Ross Mitchell and Fanny Culbertson (Orr) Corbett, was born Dec. 8, 1835, in Leatherwood, Pa. He made a public

confession of his faith in the Presbyterian church of Leatherwood at the age of nineteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Elders Ridge Academy, Pennsylvania, and he graduated from Jefferson College in 1860. He then spent the first two years of his theological course in Western Theological Seminary. He entered the Seminary at Princeton as a senior in 1862, completing his course there and graduating in 1863. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Clarion, June 9, 1862, and ordained an evangelist by the same Presbytery, June 10, 1863. Having devoted his life to the work of foreign missions, he sailed for China July 3, 1863, arriving in that country in the midst of the Tai-ping rebellion. His first work as a missionary was teaching. After two years of persistent effort he opened a school with three pupils. He was pastor of the mission church of Chefoo from Oct. 24, 1866, until his death. He frequently engaged in the work of an itinerating missionary, travelling over a large part of the Province. He died Jan. 7, 1920, in Chefoo of old age in his 85th year. He was buried in Chefoo. During one of his furloughs he was elected moderator of the General Assembly in 1906. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Washington and Jefferson College in 1886, and that of LL.D. from the same college in 1902. He published: A Commentary on the Ten Commandments, 1883; Church History, in the Chinese Mandarin, two volumes, 1880, and Church History, in Chinese Wen-Li, 1887, as well as numerous tracts in Chinese.

He was married three times: (1) June 4, 1863, in Elders Ridge, Pa., to Lizzie Culbertson, who died March 10, 1873; (2) Sept. 16, 1875, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Mary Campbell Nixon, who died Oct. 7, 1888; (3) Sept. 3, 1889, in Chefoo, China, to Harriet Robina Sutherland, who, with two daughters by his first wife, one son and three daughters by his second wife and two sons and one daughter by his third wife, survives him.