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**ANDREW BOYD CROSS,**

Son of William Stuart and Jane (Boyd) Cross, was born in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 12, 1810. He united with the Second Presbyterian Church in his native city, with a large number of other young persons, in May, 1827, in an awakening which occurred under the ministry of the Rev. John Breckinridge, D.D. One year he attended school at Nottingham, Md., the remainder of his preparatory education was obtained in Dr. Craig's Academy in Baltimore. He was graduated from the College of New Jersey at Princeton in 1831; then spent over two years in Princeton Theological Seminary, which he left in the fall of 1833, without graduating; and was licensed by the Presbytery of Baltimore, Jan. 10, 1834. In 1835 he united with the Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, D.D., in establishing a periodical called *The Baltimore Literary and Religious Magazine*, chiefly for the discussion of Romanism, which magazine enjoyed an enviable reputation and the articles of Mr. Cross were distinguished by marked ability. His connection with this periodical continued until 1841. Having accepted a call from Bethel Church, Harford Co., Md., he was there ordained and installed as pastor, Aug. 31, 1837, and there labored until the pastoral relation was dissolved, June 17, 1845, in connection with mission stations at Belair, Deer Creek (now North Bend), Franklinville, Long Green (now Chestnut Grove), Hereford, Middleton, New Market, and other places. From 1845 to 1849 he was editor of the *Maryland Temperance Herald*, acting also as Corresponding Secretary and Agent of the Maryland State Temperance Society. He also preached as stated supply from 1848 to 1863 at Ashland, Phoenix, Whitchall, Hereford, Parkton, New Market, and other places. Out of his unwearied toils grew the Broadway Church in Baltimore, as well as flourishing congregations with settled pastors in most of the places above mentioned. During the latter part of the civil war, Mr. Cross, as a member of the Christian Commission, rendered valuable service. In the camps and hospitals, at Gettysburg, Point Lookout, near Petersburg, and many other places, his labors were abundant and incessant. His tract, "the War and the Christian Commission," is a work of permanent historic value. Since 1865 he continued to reside in Baltimore, de-

voting himself to missionary work in the city and its vicinity, especially along the railway lines; preaching, gathering Sabbath-schools, and distributing tracts and books wherever he could secure an opportunity. His latest labors resulted in the building of Faith Church at an important point in north-eastern Baltimore.

Mr. Cross was a copious writer, and wrote and published a long list of tracts, pamphlets, essays, etc., on a wide variety of topics. He was a man of decided character, of clear and strong convictions, which he was ever ready to maintain in the face of any opposition. He was scrupulously faithful to every obligation; careful of the welfare of his family; yet ever ready, with a tender heart, at the cost of great self-denial, to help and comfort the poor and the distressed; a man of strong faith, high resolves, and abundant toil; a decided friend of negro education and for many years a Trustee of Lincoln University. He died of bronchitis at his home in Baltimore on Sept. 6, 1889, in the 79th year of his age.

Mr. Cross was twice married. 1st, May 12, 1836, to Miss Margaret Irvine Dickey, daughter of the Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, D.D., of Oxford, Pa. She died in Baltimore, May 2, 1882, and of that marriage five children survive him, one of whom is the Rev. John Miller Cross of the Seminary class of 1870, and another the Rev. Craig Boyd Cross of the class of 1879. The others are E. D. Cross of Chicago; W. Irvin Cross of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Janet M. Cross of the same city. 2d, May 27, 1855, Mr. Cross married Miss Marion L. Ramsay of Baltimore, who survives him. S.

### THEODORE WILLIAM SIMPSON, D.D.,

Son of John N. and Mary ( ) Simpson, was born at Baskinridge, N. J., March 1, 1807: was graduated at Rutgers College in 1828, and after three years spent in teaching in Virginia entered Princeton Seminary, where he remained sixteen months. His father's death made it necessary for him to resume teaching for the support of the family. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Oct. 7, 1834, and ordained *sine*