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National School of Ballyclare, and partly at the Grammar School at Kingston, Canada, under Messrs. May, Moffat and Peters. He first made a public profession of religion by uniting, at about seventeen years of age, with the Presbyterian Church of Ballylinney, County Antrim, Ireland. He took a modified college course in Knox College, Toronto, and University College, Toronto, Canada, which was completed in 1866. Immediately after leaving college, he spent some months in missionary work in Western Canada, under the care of the Presbytery of London (C. W.), but in the fall of the same year (1866) entered Princeton Seminary, where he took a full three years' course of study, and was regularly graduated in 1869. In every summer vacation, from 1865 to 1868 inclusive, he was assiduously engaged in missionary work either in Canada or the United States.

Mr. Murdoch was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick April 22, 1868, and was ordained, May 20, 1869, by the Presbytery of Long Island, at Islip, N. Y., and on the same day was installed pastor over the church at that place. Here he continued to labor very acceptably until June 20, 1871, at which date, on his own request and on account of failing health, the pastoral relation was dissolved by the Presbytery of Nassau. His health continued to be very feeble, and in 1877 he returned to Ireland, where he was a confirmed invalid and a great sufferer until his death, which occurred at Belfast, Ireland, February 2, 1881, in the forty-first year of his age. He was a man of great spirituality of mind, and had a consuming zeal for his Master's glory and the salvation of his fellow-men. During his long and painful illness he was supported by the comforts of the Gospel, and when dying quietly breathed the name of "Jesus," when unable to utter anything more.

Mr. Murdoch married, September 11, 1862, at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, a widow, daughter of James Barklie of Ballynure, County Antrim, Ireland. She survived him. They had no children.

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### LIII.

#### WILLIAM HENRY FENTRESS.

William Henry Fentress, son of Bennett and Agnes (Clasey) Fentress, was born in the city of Baltimore, March 25, 1851, and

received his preparatory education in nine years of diligent study at the Maryland Institution for the Instruction of the Blind. He afterwards entered Richmond College, Va., from which he was graduated with honor in 1870. He became a probationer in a Methodist church at seventeen years of age, but was never received into full membership. In his twenty-first year he connected himself, by a public profession, with the Central Presbyterian Church of Baltimore. Yet he had, from his earliest recollection, an irrepressible desire to preach Christ, whom he loved from his childhood. In the fall of 1873 he entered Princeton Seminary, and after a full course of three years was regularly graduated in 1876. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Baltimore, April 11, 1876, but never received ordination. He preached frequently to various churches in Baltimore and its vicinity, and for some time in 1878 supplied the two churches of Stewartstown and Centre, in York County, Pa.

Mr. Fentress entirely lost his sight at six years of age, and pursued his studies almost wholly by the help of readers. In a note written not long before his death he says: "My classmates at the Seminary were very kind and thoughtful in their many attentions to me. I have also a very grateful remembrance of all the Professors." He published a series of sermons entitled *The Pulpit of Baltimore*. He also edited a copy of his discourses in raised letters for the blind.

Mr. Fentress died, after a brief illness, in the city of Baltimore, September 4, 1880, in the thirtieth year of his age. He was never married. He was gifted with ability, industry and earnest piety. Though brief, his ministerial life was a busy and successful one.

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#### LIV.

### EDWARD HARRY DUVALL.

Edward Harry Duvall, son of William Tyler and Mary Ellen (Humrickhouse) Duvall, was born at Ridgeville, Frederick County, Md., August 27, 1849. He was prepared for college at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass. under the presidency of Dr. Henshaw; then entered Amherst College, Mass. in September, 1875, but remained only through the Freshman year. He united