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lev. Joshua Radford, a local preacher. In 1856 he moved with his parents to Gainesville, where he attended school until the War between the States began. In 1863 he enlisted in Howell's Battery, Georgia Volunteers, Martin's Battalion, Smith's regiment of artillery. At the close of the war he returned to Gainesville, where he was prepared for college by Prof. Lee F. Lyle. Entering the freshman class of Emory College in the spring of 1869, he proved a diligent and faithful student until graduation in 1872 under the presidency of Dr. O. L. Smith. He had been licensed to exhort in 1868, before entering college, under the ministry of Rev. John R. Park, and while a student at Emory was licensed to preach by Atticus G. Haygood on March 9, 1870. Following his graduation Brother Campbell entered the educational work, teaching at Clayton, Hartwell, McDonough, and Duluth, until 1876, when he was admitted into the North Georgia Conference on trial; admitted into full connection in 1878, and ordained elder at the Conference in Augusta in 1879. The charges served were Cherokee Circuit, 1877; Homer Circuit, 1878; Porter Springs Mission, 880-81; McLemore's Cove, 1882. At the close of this year he located at his own request. He edited the *Dawsonville News* until 1886, when, at the urgent request of Rev. M. H. Edwards, he went into educational work again, taking charge of the schoolroom work of Young Harris Institute. Here he taught for two years, during which time the enrollment of the school was greatly increased and a new school erected. In May, 1888, he was elected a professor in Paine Institute, and served thirty-two consecutive years, teaching mathematics, Systematic Theology, and the Bible. Brother Campbell was readmitted to the North Georgia Conference in 1891, and was appointed every year as professor in Paine College, where he labored acceptably to the time of his call to his eternal reward on August 7, 1920. For the first ten years he was Vice President of the institution. He was at his best in the classroom. Teaching by precept and example, he won the love and respect of his students by his unswerving loyalty to the right. Confederate veteran and soldier of the cross, he made an impression upon the colored youth that will never be effaced. A nightly Christian gentleman of the Old South, he was greatly beloved by both sexes. On December 23, 1873, he was married to Miss Mary Eugenia Mattox. Of this union, four sons and two daughters, with the mother, survive: R. W. and T. M.,

of Augusta; A. L., of Atlanta; Rev. Clyde K., of the New Mexico Conference; Misses Annie E. and Lula, of Augusta. It was in his home life that Brother Campbell was greatest and best. Faith in Christ, love for God, and obedience to his law were not theories with him, but experimental facts. He loved his Church. For some time he was unable to preach, but until two months before his going away he attended the services regularly. It was his delight to assist his pastor in administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and in rendering whatever service he could.—*J. T. Eakes.*

WILLIAM DUNBAR, the son of W. P. and Eliza Gertrude Dunbar, was born in Barnwell County, S. C., on April 23, 1855. He resided there with the family on the farm until 1870, when he attended school in Lexington, Ky., where he remained ten months, after which he returned home and remained until 1873. The latter part of that year he went to Augusta, Ga., where he found employment, and while in that city joined St. John Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the pastorate of Rev. Clement A. Evans. Soon after joining the Church he felt called to the ministry, and after going through Emory College he joined the Florida Conference, being received on trial at Tallahassee in 1880. He remained in the Florida Conference until 1886, when he transferred to the North Georgia Conference, and remained an active member of that body until his superannuation in 1918. While at Lawrenceville, in 1918, Brother Dunbar was stricken with paralysis and was compelled to surrender his charge. For a while he hoped that he would sufficiently recover to assume charge of his Church again, but it soon became apparent that he was permanently disabled. He gradually failed until December 1, when he left earth for that world for which he had lived for many years. On June 1, 1881, he was married to Miss Julia Keys Hentz, of Quincy, Fla., who was his companion for thirty-two years. She passed away, while he was stationed at Jefferson, Ga., on December 4, 1913. Ten children blessed this union, six of whom are still living: Mrs. Roy F. White, of Grantville, Ga.; Mrs. L. B. Isbell, of Jefferson, Ga.; Miss Carolina Lee Dunbar, of Atlanta; Mrs. A. B. McNeice and Charles A. Dunbar, of Macon; Miss Varina Leslie Dunbar, of Lawrenceville, Ga. On December 14, 1915, he was married to Mrs. Jessie Cheatham, who survives him. So greatly were the people of Lawrenceville

attached to Brother Dunbar, and so highly did they appreciate him, that a superannuate home was purchased by them, and it was directly expressed that he should be the first to occupy this home and on his decease his widow should live in it. It was in this home that he spent the remaining days of his life, and in it he passed away. His body rests in West View Cemetery, Atlanta. Brother Dunbar was openly and positively religious. He knew God, loved him, and lived in close touch with him. He had a daily, conscious religious experience, which cheered his heart and filled him with faith as he looked down the lane of life to its close. He believed in the old-time religion, the same kind that he sought and found in his young manhood at Augusta, Ga., and to which he remained true until the very last. He loved the souls of men, and God honored his ministry and blessed his labors in the Conference in the many charges he served.—*Clement C. Cary.*

RICHARD BENNETT OVERBY ENGLAND, the fifth son of William G. and Mary Ann England, was born in Oglethorpe County, Ga., August 25, 1855, and lived to be over sixty-four years of age. He was converted in early life, joined Mount Pleasant Church, the Church of his parents, and remained a faithful member till he entered the itinerancy. While quite a young man he felt a definite call to the ministry, conferred not with flesh and blood, but quickly yielded to the movings of the Holy Spirit, and was licensed to preach in 1877, joining the Conference the same year. He was ordained a deacon in 1879 and elder in 1881. He and Miss Myra Kingsbury, daughter of Charles and Sarah Kingsbury, were married at Fairmount, Ga., on December 15, 1880. To them were born three children: Mrs. Maude Elliott, Miss Annie England, and Bennett, the latter dying when he was about seventeen years of age. The following were his Conference appointments: Clayton Mission, junior preacher, 1878; Jasper Mission, 1879; Dawsonville Circuit, 1880-81; Ellijay, 1882; Clarksville Circuit, 1883; Culloden Circuit, 1884; Houston Circuit, 1885; Dallas Circuit, 1886; McLemore Cove Circuit, 1887-88; Carnesville Circuit, 1889-92; Hartwell, 1893-94; Broad River Circuit, 1895-98; Asbury Station (Augusta), 1899-1900; Jackson Station, 1901-02; St. Paul's (Atlanta), 1903-05; Conyers Station, 1906-08; Thomaston Station, 1909-12; Monticello Station, 1913-15; Woodlawn Station (Augusta), 1916-18; Martha Brown Memorial (Atlanta), 1919-20. And at the