

**WIGHTMAN, BISHOP WILLIAM**

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William Wightman was, like Bishop McTyeire, a South Carolinian by birth, having been born at Charleston on Jan. 29, 1808. He graduated at the College of Charleston in 1827; later receiving the honorary degree of LL.D. from that college and the D.D. degree from Randolph-Macon College. He joined the South Carolina Conference in 1828; served several leading appointments here; served as Professor of English at Randolph-Macon; as editor of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, Columbia; as President of Wofford College; and was elected Chancellor of the Southern University, Greensboro, Alabama, in 1859. He at once transferred his Conference membership to the Alabama Conference and served as Chancellor of the Southern University until his election in 1866 as a Bishop, indeed for some months after his election as Bishop. He was one of the great men of the nation. He died in 1882, and is buried at Charleston.

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instructor and later as a professor  
from 1852 until 1857, when he was  
licensed to preach. He served as pas-  
tor of Columbus, Miss., then in the  
Alabama Conference, and later in  
Mobile. During the War Between the  
States he was a Chaplain in the Con-  
federate Army. From 1865 to 1867  
he served as president of Centenary  
Institute at Summerfield, Alabama.  
Later he transferred to the Tennessee  
Conference where he served for a  
while as president of the Tennessee  
Female College, later at McKendree  
Church, and was serving on the  
Franklin District when elected  
bishop. He served sixteen years as  
Secretary of the college of Bishops.  
Bishop Hargrove was twice married  
first to Miss Harriet Cornelia Scott,  
the daughter of David Scott and his  
wife who was a Miss Houghton, rela-  
tive of the founder and long-time  
head of the Houghton-Mifflin Pub-  
lishing Company; second, to Miss  
Ruth Eliza Scarritt, of Kansas City.  
Bishop Hargrove was a member of  
the well-known Hargrove family of  
West Alabama, and was named for

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