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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 1855. 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.
from 1852 until 1857, when he was licensed to preach. He served as pastor of Columbus, Miss., then in the Alabama Conference, and later in Mobile. During the War Between the States he was a Chaplain in the Confederate Army. From 1865 to 1869 he served as president of Centennial Institute at Summerville, 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, relative of the founder and long-time head of the Houghton-Mifflin Publishing 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 to
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