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in his dress and person, and his horse and buggy showed that almost equal thought had been bestowed upon them. A poorly groomed horse, or a buggy not clean and well cared for, would have vexed him no little. In the keeping of his books and papers and his house and lot, a similar interest was manifested; it was his pride to show his friends his fine tomatoes, held up by proper frames, and the other good things in his garden. Not only in things that concerned himself, but as well in what touched the lives of others, was he interested to see that the little points were watched. Life is made up of little things, but life is no little thing. Concerning his real piety and conscientious devotion to duty there is no need that words be spoken, for on that matter the whole of his useful life throws clear light.

THOMAS HUME, JR.
1836-1912

In 1806 Rev. Thomas Hume, of Edinburgh, Scotland, came to Virginia to represent the Scotch heirs of Rev. Robert Dickson, his uncle. A little later his brother, Rev. William Hume, followed him to Virginia. The Hon. Hugh Blair Grigsby bore testimony to the scholarly ability of the two brothers, declaring that William Hume was the “finest Grecian he had known.” By reason of the “law’s delay,” Thomas was detained some time in Virginia, and finally married and settled in Smithfield, Isle of Wight County. Here his only child, Thomas, was born, March 16, 1812. This second Thomas, known among Virginia Baptists as Dr. Thomas Hume, Senior, married, in 1835, Miss Mary Anne Gregory, a member of an old and honored family, and a teacher in the Trinity Episcopal Sunday School of Portsmouth. Of the eight children of this union the oldest was named Thomas. This third Thomas Hume is known as Dr. Thomas Hume, Junior. He was born, at his father’s home in Portsmouth, Va., October 21, 1836. For a full story of the life of Dr. Thomas Hume, Senior, the reader is referred to the “Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers,” Third Series, where the son pays a beautiful and deserved tribute to his honored father. Suffice it here to say that Dr. Thomas Hume, Senior, besides being for many years the distinguished pastor of the Court Street Baptist Church of Portsmouth, was one of the leading citizens of that city, where he was able, not only to care for the interests of his own flock, but also to be president of an insurance company, County Superintendent of Education, president of a Provident Society, and con-
sulting director of the Seaboard Railroad. Nor was his influence limited by the Elizabeth River, for he was at one time pastor in Norfolk. And his leadership reached out to the work of the denomination in the State. In this home, with its pious and literary atmosphere and traditions, the subject of this sketch was born. After studying at the Virginia Collegiate Institute, of Portsmouth, he entered Richmond College at the age of fifteen, and graduated there, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1855, the other members of the class being Peter W. Ferrell, Halifax, Va., and Wm. S. Ryland, Richmond, Va. From Richmond College he went to the University of Virginia, where he remained three years and took a number of the “school” diplomas. Through the pen of Rev. Dr. John L. Johnson we see Mr. Hume as he was in the fall of 1856, when he entered the University, and when he and Dr. Johnson met for the first time. Dr. Johnson says: “In person he was of small stature, of less than average height, and very delicately made. Slightly curling auburn hair fell upon his shoulders; a massive brow, broad and deep, under which gray-blue eyes shone with unusual brightness, gave to his full face a wedge-like contour; and over all was a lurking humorous cast, which, even in pensive moods, made his expression interesting and magnetic. Poor health was his misfortune; chronic indigestion was his mortal foe. Days at a time he lay in bed, racked with pain, and smilingly receiving the loving ministry of his fellow-students. An ardent Christian, in spite of this physical weakness, he was to be found habitually at his church, Sunday school and preaching services, and in the Sunday afternoon prayer-meeting of the students.” He belonged to that interesting group of students in which number were H. H. Harris, J. William Jones, J. C. Hiden, L. J. Haley, James B. Taylor, Jr., and John L. Johnson, and with some of them he formed a happy bond between Richmond College and the University of Virginia. The first college Young Men’s Christian Association in the world was organized at the University of Virginia, and Mr. Hume was its first secretary and its second president. He was also one of the magazine editors.

Scarcely had Mr. Hume entered upon his work as Professor of Latin and English in the Chesapeake College, Hampton, Va. (an institution which had been rescued a few years before, by Mr. Hume’s father, from purchase by the Catholics), when the War called him from the teacher’s chair to the camp and the line of march. He had already felt the call to preach, and now he became chaplain of the Third Regiment Virginia Infantry. Later he was made post chaplain at Petersburg, where he remained as official chaplain of the Confederate Hospitals during the siege of the city and until the surrender at Appomattox. On June 5, 1865, at the close of the session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., he was ordained to the gospel ministry. On this occasion the sermon was preached by J. B. Jeter, the ordaining prayer made by Wm. F. Broadus, the charge delivered by J. L. Burrows, the hand of fellowship given by J. William Jones, and the Bible presented by Geo. B. Taylor. For the score of years that followed this event, Mr. Hume gave himself to teaching and to preaching, a part of this period both of these lines of service receiving at the same time his thought. For a short season he supplied the pulpit of the First Church, Petersburg, and then became Principal of the Petersburg Classical Institute, giving his Sabbaths to country churches in Sussex and Chesterfield Counties. On June 29, 1867, in company with Dr. William D. Thomas, Dr. J. W. M. Williams,
Dr. G. W. Samson, Dr. J. L. M. Curry and bride, and others, he sailed from New York for a trip to Europe. His next work was in Danville, where he was Principal of the Roanoke Female College, and for two years pastor of the First Baptist Church. It was only after long consideration that he decided to turn from his teaching to take charge of this church, but when the question was settled “he became at once a busy pastor, looking systematically after the membership of the church and making most careful preparations for the pulpit. He was indeed a fine preacher: language simple and chaste, thought strong and penetrating, illustrated richly from the broad fields of his reading; voice clear and incisive, face aglow with the passion of the hour, made him a speaker good to listen to and easy to learn from.” In 1874 his father’s death called him back to his old home, and he was invited to succeed his father in the pastorate of the Cumberland Street (later known as the First) Baptist Church, of Norfolk. This position he held till 1878, when he became Professor of Latin and English in the Norfolk College. In the same year he was married to Miss Annie Louise Whitescarver, a daughter of Rev. W. A. Whitescarver, and remarkable for her beauty of person and face. In June, 1881, Dr. Hume was the Richmond College Alumni Poet. While a broken-down engine prevented his being present to read his poem alumni night, he did read it on the Wednesday night of the Commencement. The poem, the subject of which was “Walking With God,” instituted a comparison between Enoch and Dr. J. B. Jeter.

In 1885 Dr. Hume became Professor of English Language and Literature in the University of North Carolina. He filled this chair for twenty-two years, and in this capacity probably did the best work of his life. It is certain that he was most highly fitted to be a teacher, yet he had elements that go to the making of the successful pastor. If a warm, genial heart and an intense human interest in people gave him power in the classroom, surely this same marked factor in his character would have become, in the sphere of the church, the “shepherd heart.” He threw into his work as a teacher a zeal and enthusiasm and love that quickened in his students a kindred fire and a spirit of painstaking work. His appreciation of the true and the beautiful in literature was at once keen and accurate. He seemed to know almost as if by instinct what was really fine in prose and poetry, and those who followed his taste and leadership were sure to drink of the purest waters. Letters from many of his old students record his patient and kindly work with them, not only in their studies, but in the problems of their personal and religious life. At his death, one of these students wrote of him, in a Southern paper:

“Many old students are anxious to testify that he opened up to them vistas of things undreamed of before; that he helped them on in paths that have been so pleasant and so inspiring in after-life; that he interpreted the vision of the ‘light that never was on sea or land’ so that it has illumined many a dark hour; that he lifted them up and introduced them to the masters, who have inspired, cheered, and comforted, oh! so many hours since; that his outlines of the Great Plan are coming out largely as he sought to make plain to young, mobile, and impressionable minds; that he was nobly unselfish through it all, and their appreciation is unstinted.”

Mr. E. K. Graham, formerly Professor of English, now President of the University of North Carolina, writing of his work, on his retirement, said, in part:

“When Dr. Hume came to the University, conditions surrounding teaching in the State were not so favorable
as they are now. They were especially unfavorable to
the teaching of English Literature. ... In the face
of the difficulties which confront every teacher of the
esthetic, and the peculiar difficulties that confronted him,
Dr. Hume wrought at his task of teaching the master-
pieces of literature with the zeal of a prophet. Litera-
ture (whenever he wrote the word he capitalized it) was
to him not a chance profession; it was a religious faith.
The beauty he found there was not the sentimentalism of
a cult; it was the gift of God, coequal with truth and
goodness—the heavenly light that was the consecration
of the monotonous struggle to get on. ... During
most of the years in which he served the State, Dr.
Hume, in his field, worked almost alone—alone, in what
was by all odds the largest department in the University.
He placed but one limit on the number of courses he
taught, and that was the number of hours in the day.
Day and night he gave himself to active instruction. In
addition, he organized Shakespeare clubs out in the
State, lectured in summer schools, preached in churches;
in fact, put no reserve whatever upon his time or
strength. It was a matter of everyday wonder how so
frail a man had the burden-bearing power of a superman.
But here was the simple secret: to him it was not a
burden, but a joy. It gave him the chance to teach!

"Besides the influence that Dr. Hume exerted on all
his students, on the thousands of people with whom he
came in contact in his extension work and through his
preaching, he made other leaders of sweetness and light
in whose work his influence is especially obvious. Many
successful teachers—themselves makers of teachers—
many successful preachers and lawyers, have added a
grace to their lives that was kindled at the torch he bore.
He was never a writer of books, but he was a maker of
writers of books. A half-dozen books come to my mind
in which he was in this indirect way a joint author.
... As a teacher of men it was given him to subdue
the petty tyranny of time and space. Is it not possible
to say simply and with certitude about such a teacher,
that life gives to him her greatest gift; that even while
he lives immortality becomes to him a visible, a realized
fact?"

At Glen Falls, N. Y., and at Knoxville, Tenn., he gave
courses at summer schools, while he delivered series of
lectures on Shakespeare, Tennyson, and the Literary
Study of the Bible before schools and clubs and Bible
assemblies in various parts of Virginia and North Caro-
Una. He published many articles and addresses, and
during the last months of his life was at work on a book
on the development of the English Bible. In 1907 he
was made Emeritus Professor on the Carnegie Founda-
tion, being the first educator in North Carolina to receive
this appointment.

Although he gave up regular preaching during this
last twenty-odd years of his life, he did not give up his
interest in his church. He was ever a most active and
earnest member of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, the
right-hand man of his pastor, active in the Sunday
school and the B. Y. P. U., and Sunbeam Missionary
Society, ever bearing on his heart and mind the welfare
of the church and his pastor. One pastor writes thus:
"It was my honor to be Dr. Hume's pastor for two years,
when I had not been preaching long. The way he treated
me, his young and inexperienced pastor, was character-
istic of the man. He honored me as his pastor, and in
scores of ways was courteous to me and considerate of
my office, as well as of my comfort. He never forgot
those little amenities which always help to tide over the
rough places, especially when they mark the manner of a
man, in distinguished place, towards one far less
advanced in age and achievement. If he made suggestions as to sermon structure, or as to the work of the church, it was done with marvelous tact. His interest in religious work was not limited to the local church, nor to his own denomination. He was in touch with what was being done by North Carolina and Southern Baptists, and as Superintendent of the Y. M. C. A. work in the colleges and towns of North Carolina, as well as in other ways, he made himself felt throughout all the State.

Towards the end he was a sufferer. On July 15, 1912, he passed away at his home in Chapel Hill. The funeral and burial were in Waynesboro, Va. His wife and three children, Thomas Hume, Annie Wilmer (now Mrs. William Reynolds Vance), and Miss May Gregory, survive him.

JOSEPH R. GARLICK
1825-1912

One of the delegates to the "Virginia Baptist Anniversaries" (as the general State gathering was then called), in Norfolk, 1852, was Joseph R. Garlick. In 1856 he was one of the life members of the General Association, and on through the years, until his death, he was closely connected with the work of the denomination in Virginia. He was born on December 30, 1825, in King William County, Virginia. After his early training in neighborhood schools he entered, in 1840, the Virginia Baptist Seminary (now Richmond College), where he continued till the fall of 1841, when he became a student at Columbia College, Washington. Here he graduated in 1843. For a season he now became a teacher, his first experience as a pedagogue being at Lancaster Court House. One of his pupils, a youth four years his junior, named Thomas S. Dunaway, still abides among us, in his venerable age, after a long and a most honored career of service among Virginia Baptists. Upon the death of his former schoolmaster, Dr. Dunaway wrote tender and loving words concerning him, describing him as "a man of fine literary taste and acquirements and broad scholarship," and recalling the fact that Dr. Jeter had once suggested to Dr. Garlick that he prepare a lexicon of the English language.

After studying theology under Rev. Dr. Andrew Broaddus, the elder, he was ordained, in December, 1847. His first charge was at Hampton, Va., and here he remained four years. After teaching for two years in the Chowan Female Institute, Murfreesboro, N. C., he