



REV. FRANKLIN JOHNSON, D. D.,

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Rev. Franklin Johnson, D. D. was born at Frankfort, Ohio, November 2, 1836. He was educated at Madison University, graduating from the Theological Department in 1861. In the same year he was ordained at Portsmouth, now Bay City, Michigan, and became pastor of the Baptist church at that place. His subsequent pastorates have been at Lambertville, Passaic City, Newark, New Jersey, and Cambridge, Mass., the latter beginning in 1874 and ending in 1888. He has been in Europe four times, and studied at some of the German universities, among them Leipsic, Jena, and Heidelberg, studying theology under Kahnis, and Old Testament interpretation under the elder Delitzsch.

In addition to his abilities as scholar and preacher, Dr. Johnson has always manifested

a warm interest in polite literature, and has found time in the midst of a busy professional life in some degree to gratify his taste. In 1883, he published a small tasteful volume entitled "Dies Irae: An English Version in Double Rhymes, with an Essay and Notes." The Atlantic Monthly, in a notice of his translation of this magnificent production, says, "As a whole it is worthy to take rank with the three best versions in the English language, and in selected stanzas is quite incomparable." Dr. Johnson has given especial attention to the translation of Latin hymns, and besides a large number unpublished, many are to be found in contemporary journals, and in other forms. In 1886, D. Lothrop & Co. published his translation of the "Stabat Mater Dolorosa," and the

“Stabat Mater Speciosa,” with illustrations from the old masters.

Besides the hymns, he has published “The Gospel According to Mark, with Notes;” “Moses and Israel;” “Heroes and Judges from the Lawgiver to the King;” “True Womanhood: Hints on the Formation of the Womanly Character;” “A Romance in Song: Heine’s Lyrical Interlude;” “The New Psychic Studies in Relation to Christian Thought.” He has also published several sermons and review articles; has been a frequent contributor to the religious press, and in 1876, with Dr. Lorimer, he edited the Watchman. He was heartily and unanimously elected to the presidency of Ottawa University at a called meeting of the Board, of Trustees, on the 15th of last July. —IN THE MAIN, FROM “BAPTIST HYMN WRITERS.”

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