

REV. JAMES DAY BROWNLEE, D.D., the oldest minister in years of continuous service in Indiana county, has been pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Indiana, since 1877. Dr. Brownlee was born Feb. 4, 1842, in Washington county, Pa., and is of Scotch descent, his great-grandfather, the first of this line of Brownlees in the United States, having been born in Scotland.

James Brownlee, his grandfather, was born in Chester county, Pa., and came to Washington county when a boy. He was a farmer by occupation. In religion he was a member of the Associate Presbyterian Church.

John Brownlee, son of James, died in 1874, and his wife, Mary (Day), died in February 1885. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah died when six years old; Malcolm P. served in the Civil war as a soldier of the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died in April, 1863; Maria A. died when six years old; John Calvin is a farmer of Washington county, Pa.; Mary E. is the wife of William Lindley; Ella W. is the wife of David Henry, of New York City; Rev. H.H. is principal of the Silliman Collegiate Institute, at Clinton, La. (he was pastor at Port Gibson, Miss., for sixteen years); Laura A., who died in August, 1912, was the wife of Rev. A. M. Crosbie of New York City; James Day completes the family.

James Day Brownlee attended public school in Washington county, Pa., later going to Washington College and to Westminster College, at New Wilmington, pa. He took his theological course at the United Presbyterian Seminary at Allegheny, Pa., graduating in 1869. In 1870 he took his first pastorate, the United Presbyterian Church at Wellsville, Ohio, where he was located for six years. Owing to illness resulting from a wound he received while serving in the army during the Civil war, he then retired from the ministry for one year. On Oct. 1, 1877, he resumed his ministerial work as pastor of this present congregation at Indiana. When Dr. Brownlee came here the church had a membership of but two hundred seventy, which has now increased to over five hundred and the work of the congregation has broadened accordingly. A second congregation has also been organized. The affairs of the church are now in most encouraging condition. Dr. Brownlee is an earnest and forceful preacher, endowed with oratorical powers which continue to draw large audiences to his sermons. His sincerity and energy in and out of the pulpit have won him the good will and respect of the entire community, and his long and happy service in this field has made him widely known.

On June 4, 1861, Dr. Brownlee enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a private of Company K, of the 8th Pennsylvania Reserve Regiment, and served until January, 1863, when he was discharged by reason of disability, having been wounded Sept. 14, 1862, at the battle of South Mountain. He was in the Patent Office hospital at Washington, D.C., for several months, and has never fully recovered from his injuries; he still carries the bullet in his body.

On Sept. 5, 1866, Dr. Brownlee married Isa Vance, daughter of Samuel R. Vance, of Lawrence county, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Arthur A., a graduate of Princeton University, who resides in New York City; Mabel L., who graduated from the State normal school at Indiana, and died at the age of twenty-six years; and Paul Vance, who died when twenty years old. The mother of this family died March 21, 1873, and on Sept. 27, 1877, Dr.

Brownlee married (second) Catherine Smith, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (McGregor) Smith, of Wellsville, Ohio. Four children have been born to this union: James Day, Jr., a graduate of Princeton University, now an attorney at law, of Indiana, Pa.; Charles S., a civil engineer, married to Mabel McCreight, now residing in Oregon; May, who is a graduate of the Indiana State normal school and of Wilson College, taught school three years at Mount Pleasant, Pa., and has attended Columbia University, New York City, taking a master's degree; and Bertha, a graduate of the Indiana State normal school, now engaged in teaching in Arizona.