

## JOHN SAWYER CRAIG.

John S. Craig married Sydney Neil Houston May 13, 1841, and the union was a happy one. They were devout, earnest Christians, and lived faithful and exemplary lives. They believed that it was the chief end of man to glorify God. They took the Bible as their rule and guide of life. No higher tribute to their characters would they ask if they were living than that they were God-fearing, honest Christians. Sometimes we thought their discipline strict and severe, but as the years have rolled away and we have lost their wise counsel and watchful care, we are constrained to acknowledge that they were guided by the purest intentions and deepest love, and that those who follow their precepts and example will live noble and upright lives.

John S. Craig was born ten miles north of Knoxville in a log cabin. His early education was such only as the meagre opportunities of that day afforded. He entered Maryville Seminary in December, 1832, and graduated some four years later. Many stories are still rife in Maryville about his advent and course in college. He came from the backwoods clothed in the plainest of home-spun. He appeared to be strong neither physically nor mentally. It is said that the teachers discouraged him from entering college, fearing he would be a failure, and the students made fun