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Rev. George Lewis Staley, A.M., D.D., son of the Rev. Stephen and Ann Mary (Leiby) Staley, was born at Shepherdstown, Va. (now W. Va.), September 24, 1823. His father was a minister in the Reformed Church and a relative of the Rev. Dr. Lewis Mayer, founder of the Theological Seminary which is now located in Lancaster. He prepared for college under private tutors, with whom he read the entire college course of Latin and Greek, and entered the Sophomore class of Marshall College in 1839, becoming a member of the Goethean Literary Society. He was graduated with his class in 1842. After his graduation he entered the Theological Seminary, then also located at Mercersburg, and completed his course in 1845, when he was licensed to preach by the Maryland Classis of the Reformed Church.

In 1846 he was ordained by Maryland Classis as pastor of his first charge, at Burkittsville, Md., where he remained until 1849, when he became pastor of the Third Church of Philadelphia, a missionary congregation located in the northern part of that city. This church was afterwards known as the Church of the Apostles, and later on, under another pastorate it disbanded. In 1851 he was president of the Philadelphia Classis. On account of poor health he gave up preaching in 1853 and returned to Maryland, where, in the bounds of the Maryland Classis, he spent the rest of his life in the work of higher education.

On his return to Maryland he founded and became principal of the Linwood school for boys in Frederick county, Md., and later of the Barleywood school in the same county. In 1856 he moved to Mt. Washington, Md., a suburb of Baltimore, where he established the Mt. Washington Female Seminary, afterwards known as the Mt. Washington Female College, one of the pioneer institutions in the Reformed Church for the higher education of women. This school had a large patronage from the North and South and flourished until it was broken up by the Civil War. At present the buildings are owned by the Roman Catholic Church, which conducts therein the St. Agnes Academy, a boarding school for girls. In 1864, he established a school for girls at Tryconnell, in Frederick count, where his family remained until 1884.

Dr. Staley left Tryconnell to accept the principalship of a Colored Grammar School in Baltimore in 1883. The rest of his active life was devoted to the higher education of the colored race in that city. He advanced the grade of the grammar school until it became the Colored High School in 1888, and he remained as its principal until his retirement from active work in 1902. His work in this school will always be gratefully remembered by the colored people of

Baltimore. As a teacher he had the ability to a remarkable degree of impressing his personality upon his pupils, ranking in this respect with the great teachers of his day and generation. His refined taste and judgement, his gentle manners, and the literary quality of his thought and mind made him a most genial and delightful companion.

Although so long engaged in teaching he always retained his deep interest in all the affairs of his church. He was a strong advocate in all the affairs of his church. He was a strong advocate of liturgical worship and had much to do with the making of the liturgy and the order of worship which was adopted by his denomination. From time to time he was a contributor to the *Reformed Church Messenger* and the *Reformed Quarterly Review*. The policy of establishing missions in large cities revived his earnest support, and he was actively identified with the starting of three of these in Baltimore - Trinity (Woodberry), Christ Church and St. Stephen's. With the establishment of the latter in 1892 he identified himself with the congregation and remained one of its active members to the end of his life.

In 1848 he was elected president of the general Alumni Association of Marshall College. In 1873 he received the honorary degree of D.D. from Franklin and Marshall. The degree of A.M. he received "in course."

On May 22, 1851, Dr. Staley was married to Miss Hannah Frances Garrott, daughter of Edward and Mary Garrott of Washington county, Md. Eight children were born to them, four dying in infancy. The four others are the following: Edward Garrott (1876), Baltimore; George Lewis (1875 n.; M.D., 1878, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore), deceased; Mrs. Mary Louisa Claggett, Petersville, Frederick county, Md.; and Miss Ella Maud, Baltimore. Mrs. Staley died in 1888, after which he lived with his son George and his daughter Ella, and later he and his daughter Ella lived with his son Edward.

Dr. Staley died after a brief illness on February 15, 1908, and is buried in the Loudon Park Cemetery near Baltimore.