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In the spring of 1890 it was my privilege to pass through Virginia on a C. and O. express. Many things in that famous old state interested me exceedingly. The noble mountains to the west; the little town of Charlottesville, with its excellent university founded by the illustrious Jefferson; such names as Shenandoah and Manassas, Rappahannock and Rapidan, recalling the awful conflict of the sixties; and the general look of lingering desolation that still bore mute testimony to the dread ordeal through which the country had passed; these surely were enough to stir one's soul. And yet amid all these historic scenes with their thronging memories, no name excited within me so keen an interest, none, certainly, made such warm and affectionate appeal, as that of Culpepper. For in that county had been born a man who, within less than a single year, had so won the homage and affection of mind and heart as to invest the place that gave him birth with a tenderness of interest that approaches the sacred.

Biographical.—John Albert Broadus was born on the 24th of January, 1827. He came of good Welsh stock. The name seems to have been originally Broadhurst, and sometimes appears as Broaddus. His father was a man of deep piety, a pronounced Baptist, and a prominent member of the Virginia legislature. His great-uncle, Andrew Broaddus, was, fifty years ago, the foremost