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age. He was buried in Richmond, Ky. He received the honorary degree of D.D. in 1874 from both Westminster College, Mo., and Davidson College, N. C. Dr. Breck was moderator of the Synod of Kentucky in 1865 and presided at the opening session of the Synod in 1866 at Henderson, Ky., at which time the Synod of Kentucky was divided.

He was married July 20, 1847, at Woodlawn, near Richmond, Ky., to Martha Green Rodes, who died Oct. 18, 1866. One son and four daughters survive him.

JAMES ROBERT GRAHAM, D.D.,

Son of William and Hannah (Houston) Graham, was born July 16, 1824, in Montgomery, N. Y. He made a public confession of his faith in the Goodwill Presbyterian Church of Montgomery, at the age of eighteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Montgomery Academy under Professor Jacob C. Tooker, and he graduated from Union College in 1844. After his graduation he spent a year on a farm in the recovery of his health, and then engaged in teaching in the Montgomery Academy for three months in 1845, and in the St. Matthew's Parish, Orangeburg, S. C., from November, 1845, to July, 1847. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1847, taking the full three years' course there and graduating in 1850. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Hudson, April 18, 1850, and ordained by the Presbytery of Winchester, Oct. 9, 1851. He supplied the Falling Water, Tuscarora and Gerrardstown churches, Va., for a year after his graduation from the Seminary. His only pastorate was that of the Kent Street Church, Winchester, Va., from Oct. 9, 1851, to March 20, 1900, the long period of forty-nine years. During this pastorate he was principal of the Winchester School, Va., from 1863 to 1866. On being released from the Winchester Church he was made pastor-emeritus and continued his residence in Winchester

until his death, which occurred April 8, 1914, in Winchester, of the infirmities of age, in his 90th year. He was buried in the Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Va. He received the honorary degree of D.D. in 1876 from Hampden-Sydney College. Dr. Graham was moderator of the Synod of Virginia in 1873; was stated clerk of the Presbytery of Winchester from 1853-1903, and was moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, in Nashville, in 1894. He was many times a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Southern Church, and was a member of the Pan-Presbyterian Council at its meeting in New York in 1909. He published *The Planting of the Presbyterian Church in Northern Virginia*, 1904, and was the author of several addresses and sermons, and was a frequent contributor to the religious press.

He was married Oct. 3, 1853, in Winchester, Va., to Fanny Bland Tucker Magill, who died May 13, 1901. Five sons and one daughter survive him.

ROBERT MITCHELL OVERSTREET,

Son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Overstreet, was born Dec. 22, 1826, in Oldham County, Ky. He made a public confession of his faith in the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Ind., at the age of twenty-one. His preparatory studies were pursued in the public schools of Johnson County, Ind., in the Preparatory Department of Franklin College, and under his brother, G. M. Overstreet. He graduated from Indiana University in 1848. Entering the Seminary at Princeton in the fall of the same year, he took the full three years' course there, graduating in 1851. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Indianapolis, June 11, 1851, and ordained an evangelist by the same Presbytery, Sept. 17, 1851. He served the following churches as stated supply: Georgetown and Shiloh, Ind., from August 1851, to May 1852; Paris, Ill., from May 1852 to April