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## PROFESSOR

## WILLIAM BRENTON GREENE, JR., D.D.,

Son of William Brenton and Eliza Harriet (Arnold) Greene, was born August 16, 1854, in Providence, R.I. He made a public confession of his faith in the Madison Square Presbyterian Church of New York City, at the age of thirteen. His preparatory studies were pursued in the Collegiate Institute of Mr. M. W. Lyon in New York City, and he graduated from Princeton University in 1876. After his graduation he spent a year in teaching at the Princeton Preparatory School. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1877 taking the full three years' course there and graduated in 1880. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Boston April 14, 1880, and ordained by the same Presbytery June 3, 1880, being at the same time installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Boston. He was released from this charge April 11, 1883. He became pastor of the Tenth Church of Philadelphia May 14, 1883, being released December 5, 1892, that he might accept a call to the Stuart Professorship of the Relation of Philosophy and Science to the Christian Religion in Princeton Seminary. The name of this chair was changed to that of Stuart Professor of Apologetics and Christian Ethics in 1903. He occupied this chair until his death November 16, 1928, in Princeton, New Jersey, of heart failure in the 75th year of his age. He was buried in Providence, R.I. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Princeton University in 1891. He was a member of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work from 1885 to 1915, and its Vice-President from 1892 to 1912. He published: *The New Theology*, 1885; *The Function of Reason in Christianity*, 1893, and *Christian Doctrine*, 1905. He wrote numerous articles in *The Presbyterian and Reformed Review*, *The Princeton Theological Review*, *The*

Presbyterian Quarterly, and other periodicals. He was a frequent contributor to *The Presbyterian*, *The New York Observer*, *The Presbyterian Journal* and other weekly papers. Most of these latter were concerned with the Revision Controversy, the Brigg's Controversy, and the Cumberland Union Controversy.

He was married September 2, 1880, in East Greenwich, R.I., to Katharine Porter Greene, who survives him.