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## ALUMNI

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### **ROBERT LEVI BRECK, D.D., LL.D.,**

Son of Judge Daniel and Jane Briggs (Todd) Breck, was born May 8, 1827, in Richmond, Ky. He made a public confession of his faith in Richmond at about the age of twelve. His preparatory studies were pursued in Richmond, Ky., and he graduated from Centre College, Ky., in 1845. During the winter of 1844 he had attended the East Tennessee University in Knoxville, Tenn. He took the first year of his theological course in the Western Theological Seminary, 1845-46, and entered the Seminary at Princeton in the fall of the latter year, remaining one year. He was ordained June 28, 1849, by the Presbytery of West Lexington, (afterwards Ebenezer) being at the same time installed pastor of the church in Versailles, Ky., from which he was released June 17, 1850. After this he lived for a year in Frankfort, Ky., and the year following in Macon, Ga. He was pastor of the church in Macon, 1853-58, and of the church in New Albany, Ind., 1858-60. He then spent a year in Richmond, Ky. He was stated supply of the church in Maysville, Ky., 1861-64; of the church in Richmond, Ky., 1865-66; and of the churches in Richmond and Silver Creek, Ky., 1868-74. He was chancellor of the Central University of Richmond, Ky., from 1876 to 1880. From 1881 to 1883 he served the First Church of Berkeley, Cal., as pastor-elect. After this the state of his health prevented his engaging in active work. He was honorably retired and resided in San Luis Obispo, Cal., from 1884 to 1911 and in Palo Alto, Cal., from 1911 until his death, which occurred Feb. 15, 1915, in Palo Alto, of bladder trouble after a few days of acute illness, in the 88th year of his

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.

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### **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