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WILLIAM BROWN, D.D.,

Son of the Rev. Samuel and Mary (Moore) Brown, was born Sept. 11, 1811, near Brownsburg, Rockbridge County, Va. At the early age of eleven years he made a public profession of his faith in the Presbyterian Church of New Providence, Va. He pursued his preparatory studies at Brownsburg, Va., under the Rev. James Morrison, and graduated from Washington College, Va., in 1830. The next two years he spent in teaching, three months in the Academy at Woodstock, Va.; one year near Romney, Va. (now W. Va.), and one year at Gerrardstown, Va. (now W. Va.) He entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1832, where he spent four years, taking the first year over again on his own motion. He also spent six months in Union Seminary, Va. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Lexington, Oct. 17, 1835, and ordained by the same Presbytery Oct. 28, 1836, and installed pastor of the Augusta Church, near Staunton, Va. He remained in this pastorate until 1860. From 1860 until 1879 he was editor of the *Central Presbyterian*, of Richmond, Va. The serious failure of his sight, in 1879, compelled him to relinquish this work. From 1879 to 1883, he resided in Fredericksburg, Va., and at Bay View, Fla., from that time until his death, which occurred April 23, 1894, at Bay View, in the 83d year of his age. He had been blind for years before his death. He received the degree of D.D. from Hampden-Sydney College in 1857. He was a trustee of Washington (now Washington and Lee) College after 1855; a trustee of Union Seminary, Va., from 1853 until his death; was permanent clerk of the Southern General Assembly from 1865 to 1884, and was often a commissioner to the General Assembly (South). He was the delegate of the Southern Assembly to the Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, in Edinburgh in 1877, and again in Philadelphia in 1880. He was also an active member of the Southern committee on fraternal relations with the Northern Church.

He was twice married: (1) May 19, 1836, in Frederick City, Md., to Miss Elizabeth Hill Smith, who died March 2, 1881; (2) May 15, 1882, in Fredericksburg, Va., to Miss Lucy Gray Wellford, who survives him.