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fessor of Rhetoric and History in Lafayette College, 1858-72; subsequently resided at Germantown and Abington, Pa. While at Savannah he labored as a missionary among the slaves;—and while connected with Lafayette College preached for seven years for a new church at Asbury, N. J. He received the honorary degree of D. D. from Lafayette College in 1858. He died suddenly at Abington, Pa., March 12, 1887, in the 82nd year of his age. Dr. Eckard was married in Savannah, Ga., May 26, 1833, to Miss Margaret E. Bayard.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD HOUSTON, D.D.

Samuel Rutherford Houston, son of Rev. Samuel and Margaret (Walker) Houston, was born in Rural Valley, Rockbridge Co., Va., March 12, 1806. On the mother's side he was a descendant of that famous Scotch family, one of whose most honorable names was given to him. He was graduated at Dickinson College in 1825; taught six years in the Philadelphia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb; entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1831, remained one year, then went to Union Seminary, Va., where he spent nearly two years; was licensed by Lexington Presbytery, April 20, 1834, and ordained by the same Presbytery, June 26, 1834; was commissioned by the A. B. C. F. M., Aug. 17, 1834, as a missionary to the Levant; spent about two years and a half on the Island of Scio; was transferred to Areopolis, Laconia, in Greece, and remained there until Aug., 1841, when he returned to America, expecting after a time to resume missionary work in Persia. His wife's poor health prevented and he was released from the service of the Board in 1842. He served the churches of Union and Mt. Pleasant, Monroe Co., Va., as stated supply, 1842-45, and as pastor from the latter date until his last illness. He was a man of great power in the pulpit, wise in counsel, greatly respected and beloved. He died at his home, Wigton, West Va., Jan. 29, 1887, in the 81st year of his age. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Washington and Lee University. He married (1) July 13, 1834, Miss Mary R. Rowland of Botetourt Co., Va., who died at Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 19, 1839; (2) May 4, 1842, Miss Margaret Parks Paxton, of Rockbridge Co., Va., who survives him. Nine of his children are also living.