

Brother Ayres is now an old man, having seen seventy-four winters, and is waiting with great resignation to cross the river.

— **MANLY J. BREAKER.**—This gifted and brilliant young pastor comes of a family of Baptist preachers. His grandfather was a Baptist preacher; and his father, Rev. J. M. C. Breaker, D. D., highly esteemed and well known, is the able pastor of the First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

The subject of this notice was born in New Berne, North Carolina, March 9, 1850, but was brought up in South Carolina, as his father soon returned to that state. He was converted in September, 1865, baptized by his father, and united with Spartanburg Baptist Church in South Carolina. His education was pursued at Wofford College, S. C., Washington University, Mo., William Jewell College, Mo., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. At this last institution he graduated in full in May, 1873; and soon after married Miss Mary Timms, Liberty, Mo. His first pastorate was at Glasgow, which he left to take the presidency of Mount Pleasant College, Huntsville. This he resigned and became pastor of the Baptist church at Fayette, Howard County, Mo., to which, and some neighboring churches, he has preached ever since, except three months that he spent at Austin, Texas. He has done some writing for the press, and especially has he rendered valuable assistance in the editorial work of the *Central Baptist*, having for some time conducted the Sunday-school department of that paper. His preaching is very largely expository; in style he is clear and forcible. No one questions his devotion to the interests of the Baptist denomination. He is fully identified with the work of the Missouri Baptist General Association and of the Southern Baptist Convention. As a theological thinker he is independent and recognizes no Master but Christ.

SAMUEL DRISKOLL—was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, December 10, 1799. His early religious convictions were deep and pungent, and followed him for many years. At one time his conviction of sin was so heavy as to cause sickness, requiring the attendance of the physician, who bled him, but to no purpose. Getting no better, he removed to Tennessee, where he succeeded in partially throwing off his convictions for three years. He then moved to Green County, Illinois, where he remained only four years, and from there to Morgan County, Missouri.

About this time, at thirty-five years of age, he lost two chil-

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