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**IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT LEWIS DABNEY**

Robert Lewis Dabney, retired professor of government and member of the first faculty of The University of Texas at Austin, died on January 3, 1898. He was 77.

Professor Dabney was born on March 5, 1820, in Louisa County, Virginia. He studied at Hampden-Sydney College and received a master's degree from the University of Virginia in 1842. He graduated from the Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sydney in 1846. Professor Dabney subsequently served as a missionary in his county and as a pastor in Augusta County. He was also a professor and chairman of systematic and polemic theology at Hampden-Sydney College until 1883.

Professor Dabney joined the faculty of the University in 1883 and taught until 1894. In 1884 he opened the Austin School of Theology with R. K. Smoot. Professor Dabney was a prolific writer whose publications included *Life and Campaigns of Lieut-Gen. Thomas J. Jackson*, *Defense of Virginia*, and *Sensualistic Philosophy of the Nineteenth Century*.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
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