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The UNION SEMINARY REVIEW takes pleasure in presenting to its readers a cut of Dr. James Sprunt, whose article on *The Restoration of Jerusalem* appears in this number, and proposes, without his knowledge or permission, to publish herewith a brief sketch of this versatile man of affairs and large hearted Christian gentleman, to whom our institution is so deeply indebted.

ANCESTRY.

In 1812 Laurence Sprunt, a farmer in Perthshire, Scotland, married Christiana McDonald, daughter of a Highland family, whose brother, John McDonald, was a prosperous planter in Jamaica. They had three children, Alexander, James Menzies, and Isabella, all of whom were educated in Edinburgh. After his graduation, Alexander became a partner in the firm of Reed, Irving & Co., of London and Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, off the coast of Venezuela. As junior partner he had personal charge of the business at Trinidad, where his sterling qualities were promptly recognized. As early as 1841 he is spoken of as a merchant of high standing, a Queen's commissioner, or magistrate, and a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad. Through reverses following the British emancipation of slaves, his property was swept away, and after some ineffectual efforts in Scotland to re-establish himself, he moved to North Carolina, whither his brother, Rev. James M. Sprunt, D. D., afterwards well known as pastor at Kenansville, principal of

FIRST PETER: THEME AND ANALYSIS.

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