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*Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following—PSALM XLVIII, 12, 13.*

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**Babb, Clement Edwin, D. D.**, was born at Pittston, Pa., August 19th, 1821. He graduated at Dickinson College in 1840, and studied theology at Union and Lane Seminaries. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Indianapolis, in September, 1848. He was pastor of the Second Church, Indianapolis, 1848-53; editor of *Christian Herald*, 1853-70, and of the united paper *Herald and Presbyterian*, 1870-3; corresponding editor of the same paper, 1873-8; editor of the *Occident*, San Francisco, 1876-81. He resides at present at *San Jose*, California. Dr. Babb has been faithful in all the positions he has occupied. He is a forcible preacher, a graceful and vigorous writer, and has exerted a large influence for good in the communities in which his lot has been cast.

**Babbitt, Rev. William Hampton**, son of William and Elizabeth E. (Sutton) Babbitt, was born in Mendham, New Jersey, June 5th, 1825. He received his academic training in a classical school of celebrity in his native place, entered the College of New Jersey, Princeton, and was graduated, one of the first in his class, in 1846. He spent three years teaching in an academy at Flushing, Long Island, and subsequently entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating in 1853. He was two years tutor in Princeton College. After serving as a licentiate in Ohio and in Deckertown, New Jersey, he was ordained as an evangelist, by the Presbytery of Rockaway, in 1856. He was pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Hoboken, New Jersey, 1857-67; of the First Presbyterian Church of Glendale, Ohio, 1867-81; and has been supply and pastor of the Church of Tecumseh, Mich., from 1882 to the present time.

Mr. Babbitt is a fine scholar, a chaste and polished writer, a sound theologian, a faithful pastor, with gifts for the pulpit much above the average. Unostentatious in manner, wholly devoted to his sacred calling, prudent in speech, wise in counsel, with the advantages of the best home and literary culture, he has always been highly esteemed by his ministerial brethren, and loved as the faithful pastor of the flocks over whom the Holy Ghost has made him overseer.

**Backus, John Chester, D. D.**, was born in Wethersfield, Conn., September 3d, 1810. He graduated at Yale College in 1830. After his graduation he studied law. His theological studies were pursued at New Haven, Andover and Princeton Seminaries. He was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, in December, 1835, and was assistant secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Domestic Missions 1835-6. In 1836 he accepted the pastorate of the

First Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md., retaining the charge until his resignation in 1875, since which time he has been Pastor Emeritus.

Dr. Backus is a gentleman of great personal culture, united with marked dignity of character. He is a forcible preacher, and always presents the truth with an earnest spirit, and controlling reference to its practical bearings. His long ministry in Baltimore has been eminently blessed, not only in the prosperity of his own congregation, but in the influence which he has exerted for the growth of Presbyterianism in that city, where his exemplary and useful life has



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secured for him universal esteem. As a member of several of the boards of the Church he has been very useful, by his sound judgment and wise counsels. He has been a Director of the Theological Seminary at Princeton since 1841, and has ever shown a deep interest in that institution. He was Moderator of the General Assembly at its meeting in Philadelphia in 1861, and presided over its deliberations ably and acceptably.

**Backus, J. Trumbull, D.D., LL.D.**, son of E. F. Backus, was born in the city of Albany, N. Y., January 27th, 1809. He was prepared for college at the Albany Academy, and graduated at Columbia Col-