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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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Breckinridge, Samuel M., LL. D., is the son of the late Rev. John Breckinridge, D. D., and of the late Margaret (Miller) Breckinridge, daughter of the late Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., of Princeton, New Jersey, and was born in Baltimore, Md., November 3d, 1828. He was educated in part at Union College, New York, and at Centre College, Kentucky, but chiefly at the College of New Jersey, at Princeton.



SAMUEL M. BRECKINRIDGE, LL. D.

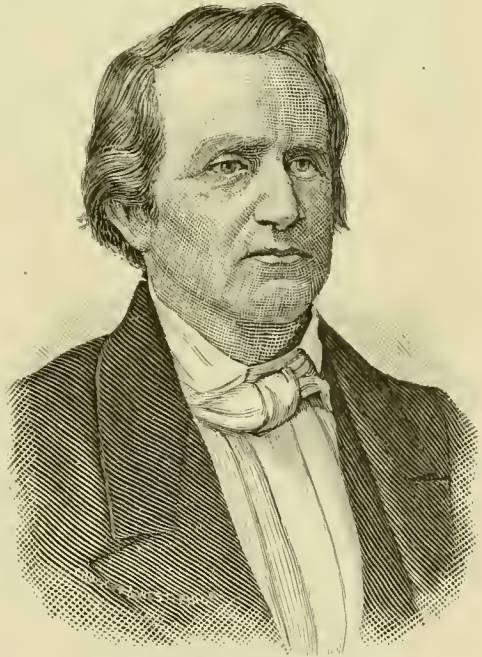
He graduated at the Law School of Transylvania University, at Lexington, Kentucky, and settled at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1850, and has there since resided.

In 1854-5 Mr. Breckinridge represented the city and county of St. Louis in part, in the Legislature. In 1859 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Missouri, and while on the Bench, was chosen a member of the State Convention, which continued in existence until 1863. He became Elder of the Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis in 1871. In 1874 he was a member of the General Assembly which met at St. Louis; in 1873 he was a member of the committee on Fraternal Relations, appointed to meet a similar committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

In 1878 Judge Breckinridge was made a member of the General Assembly's Committee on the Revision of the Book of Discipline, which was continued from time to time, making its final report to the Assembly of 1882, at Springfield, Illinois. He was a member of the Assemblies of 1881, at Buffalo, of 1882, at Springfield, and of 1883, at Saratoga. He is a model Christian gentleman, wise in counsel, and

exercises a marked influence in ecclesiastical assemblies.

Breckinridge, William Lewis, D. D., LL. D., eighth child and fourth son of Hon. John and Mary Hopkins (née Cabell) Breckinridge, was born at Cabell's Dale, near Lexington, Kentucky, on the 23d of July, 1803. He became a follower of Christ at about the age of fifteen, and entered the ministry about 1831. His first pastorate was fulfilled at Maysville, Ky. When his brother John was made Secretary of the Board of Education, he was sought for to succeed him in the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, but preferred a Professorship of Languages in Centre College, Ky. Thence he was called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Louisville, Ky., where he began his work on the first Sabbath of January, 1836, and profitably preached for a period of three-and-twenty years. Subsequently he was President of two colleges; first of Oakland College, Miss., and then of Centre College, Ky. At the time of his death he was residing on his farm in Cass county, Missouri, and laboring in the surrounding country, as minister at large. He died peacefully, December 26th, 1876.



WILLIAM LEWIS BRECKINRIDGE, D. D., LL. D.

The following estimate of his character is from the pen of his life-long friend, Rev. Dr. Edward P. Humphrey: "The grace of God, which took possession of his mind and heart when about fifteen years old, gave sweetness and dignity to his elevated nature, true love to Christ and to the souls of men, together with a spirit of self-sacrifice and of unquestioning obedience to God. As a preacher he was