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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 22d 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

instructive, lucid and thoroughly evangelical. He had a clear conception, an intelligent and experimental knowledge of the gospel, and expounded the saving truths always with great simplicity, and often with an earnestness, a pathos, a persuasive power, that brought his hearers 'into captivity to the obedience of Christ.' And then, a certain propulsive power was imparted to his discourses, by his manliness, his moral and physical courage, his profound conviction of the truth and glory of the gospel, and by the unspotted purity of his life. His character came with him into the pulpit; it robed his person with honor when he walked through the streets. What men thought of him strengthened all our ministers, of every Church, in the confidence of the community.

"Few men have been so diligent and useful in pastoral visitation. His fine social qualities, his ready, even spontaneous, sympathy, his sense of propriety and delicacy, made him welcome always to the families of his congregation. The sick and the dying and the bereaved turned to him as at once a learner and a teacher in the school of Christ, the Consoler. His labors as a pastor were the most prominent, and, as he thought, the most fruitful branch of his ministry. Through these labors he reached a place in the love of the people which has not been often attained in our generation.

"In the Presbyterian Church at large he was a wise and trusted counsellor. He loved the Church; he consecrated himself, body and spirit, down to the end of his days, to its welfare. His brethren throughout the land committed to him the most sacred trusts, and they bestowed upon him the highest honors of the profession."

Breed, David Riddle, D.D., was born June 10th, 1848. His father was a merchant, of old Puritan stock. His mother, Rhoda Ogden Edwards, was a great-grand-daughter of President Edwards. He was received into the Church (Third Presbyterian, Pittsburg), by Dr. Henry Kendall, in 1861; prepared for college at Western University of Pennsylvania, from 1859 to 1862, inclusive; pursued a business life from January, 1863, to May, 1864, and graduated at Hamilton College, N. Y., in 1867. He graduated at Auburn Theological Seminary in 1870, and was called, December 28th, 1869, to the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, of which he still has charge. He was ordained by the Presbytery of St. Paul, October, 1870. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Sunday-school Centenary, in London. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from his *Alma Mater*, in June, 1883. Dr. Breed is an earnest and able preacher, and faithful to pastoral responsibility. He is beloved by his people, and ready to aid in every good work.

Breed, William Pratt, D.D., is one of the most effective preachers and industrious and successful pastors in the city of Philadelphia. It can well be said for him that he is "abundant in labors" whether

we consider his pastoral work, his pulpit ministrations, his service in the Boards of the Church, or the extent and variety of the fruits of his pen. He has written and published sixteen bound volumes, one-half of which are specially adapted to the young, besides various tracts and numerous newspaper articles. In the pulpit Dr. Breed has been no less laborious. He was for eight years pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, of Steubenville, Ohio, the church which the young ladies of the Seminary at that place attended, by whom he was greatly loved as a pastor, and to whom his ministry was specially blessed. Of the three hundred and eighty additions to his church during this pastorate, many were from the Seminary, and are now occupying prominent places in social life and in the benevolent



WILLIAM P. BREED, D. D.

work of the Church. In 1856 he was called to a new enterprise just starting in West Spruce Street, Philadelphia, under the auspices of Dr. Boardman's church. The organization then consisted of thirty-four members. To this number more than one thousand have been added under his ministry, and the splendid church at Seventeenth and Spruce has been built.

Dr. Breed was born in the State of New York; united with Dr. Krieb's Church, in New York city, when he was sixteen years of age; graduated at the University of New York under Chancellor Prelinghuysen, and spent one year at Union Theological Seminary, and two at Princeton, where he graduated. He has been twice honored with the Moderatorship of the Synod of Philadelphia, and in 1883 was