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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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dist Church, and then accepted a call to the Reformed (Dutch) Church, at Seventh and Spring Garden streets, Philadelphia. His call there occasioned a lawsuit, which was lost by his friends, and, after a short ministry in Philadelphia, he was called to the Second Church in Pottsville, which he served for fourteen years. He was a fine preacher, thoughtful, clear, and very popular wherever he went. His friends were warmly drawn to him, and his home was one into which it was pleasant to enter. It was gradually shadowed by many sorrows, and life grew dark, until it at last closed, on June 29th, 1883. His remains were borne to Lexington, Ky., to be placed by the side of his wife and children.

Smith, Rev. Ambrose Cephas, was born in Wrightsville, Pa., August 21st, 1841. He graduated at Jefferson College in 1861, and at Princeton Theological Seminary in the class of 1864. After preaching as stated supply two years at Wantage (Bremerville), N. J., and Harrisburg, Pa., in the Autumn of 1866 he assumed charge of the South Presbyterian Church, Galena, Ill., where he has ever since labored, enjoying the respect, confidence and affection of his people, and giving in return to the church and to the community he has known so long a constant influence for good. Mr. Smith is a student and a scholar. Questions which lie on the border land between Natural Science and Revelation, College classics, extensive historical reading, English literature in wide limits, proficiency in the German language, the New Testament in the original, and the familiarity of an adept with the Old Testament Hebrew—such pursuits and acquirements, as illustrating his mind and his taste, are well known by those who are acquainted with him.

Smith, Benjamin M., D. D., was born in the county of Powhatan, Va., June 30th, 1811. Having lost his father when seven years of age, his education was carried on under his mother's roof, by teachers in the family or immediate vicinity, except for one year, till, at the age of fourteen, he entered Hampden-Sidney College, where he graduated September, 1829, sharing equally the first honor with Chancellor Garland, now of Vanderbilt University. During his connection with the Institution, he was an inmate of the family of the Rev. John H. Rice, D.D., the founder of Union Seminary, who had lived in his father's house when a young man, for about a year, pursuing his studies in medicine under their family physician, and who also married his father's niece, and took a tender interest in the children of his friends.

At eighteen years of age Mr. Smith taught the Milton (N. C.) Male Academy, five years. He entered Union Seminary January 1st, 1832. In April, 1834, when he had yet, by four or five months, not completed the three years' course, he was elected Tutor of Hebrew and introductory studies in the Seminary. In April, 1836, he resigned this post,

and, with a view of improving his impaired health, as well as to extend his opportunities for study, he went to Europe, and remained till the Fall of 1837. Having supplied the pulpit of the church at Danville, Va., for some time, he was installed its pastor in the Spring of 1838. Finding his health again failing, in the Summer of that year he traveled for a season in the Valley of Virginia.

Dr. Smith took charge of Tinkling Spring Church, Augusta, county, Va., in November, 1840, and during part of the five years he sustained this pastoral relation he was also employed in conducting a classical school. In November, 1845, he became pastor of the Church at Staunton, Va., and labored there successfully till November, 1853, when he entered on



BENJAMIN M. SMITH, D.D.

the work of Secretary of the Board of Publication of the Presbyterian Church. In October, 1854, he accepted the office of Professor of Oriental Literature in Union Theological Seminary, which he now fills. He was Moderator of the General Assembly (Southern), at Savannah, in 1876.

Besides a number of sermons and addresses, Dr. Smith has given to the press a volume on "Family Religion," a "Commentary on Psalms and Proverbs," part of a work on the whole Bible, of which Dr. David Brown and Rev. Mr. Fausset and others furnished parts, and which was published in Glasgow, Scotland, and a volume of "Questions on the Gospels," all of which are works of marked ability. He has also contributed a number of valuable articles to the *Southern Presbyterian Review*. Dr. Smith's life has been a busy, influential and useful one. He is a

genial and cultivated gentleman, a ripe scholar, an eloquent preacher, a vigorous writer, and has devoted his attainments and influence, with exemplary zeal and large success, to the grand objects and interests of his profession.

Smith, Rev. Caleb, was born in Brookhaven, Long Island, December 29th, 1723, and graduated at Yale in 1743. New York Presbytery licensed him in April, 1747, and ordained him, November 30th, 1748, pastor of Newark Mountains, now Orange, N. J. Mr. Smith was an untiring friend of the College of New Jersey, making long journeys to collect funds, and going to Virginia to prevail on Mr. Davies to accept the Presidency. He was indefatigable in study, delighted in prayer, and excelled in pastoral visitation and catechizing. He died October 22d, 1762, aged thirty-nine.

Smith, Rev. David, the son of the Rev. David Smith, was born, it is believed, in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1772. At the age of about sixteen, there being no academy in the West, he accompanied his father to one of the meetings of the Synod of Virginia, and was there placed under the care of Dr. John B. Smith, then President of Hampden-Sidney College. His health being impaired by too close study, he took an excursion, as a traveling companion, with the Rev. Dr. Hill, who had been then recently licensed and appointed to itinerate for six months in the lower counties of Virginia. He returned to his college, and in due time graduated. After studying theology, under his father, he was licensed to preach the gospel, and installed pastor of the united churches of George's Creek and the Tent, in Fayette county, Pa. Here he labored, with great success, for about four years, when he removed to the Forks of Yough, in Westmoreland county, and took charge of the congregations of Rehoboth and Round Hill, where he preached till he died, August 24th, 1803. His death-bed was a scene of the triumph of faith. His weeping people bore his mortal remains to the grave, near the church where he preached his last sermon. The unexpected death of this young and faithful servant of God produced a very wide-felt sensation, and was made instrumental in giving fresh impulse to that greatest of all revivals that has ever been in the West.

Smith, Edward Dunlap, D. D., was born in Greenwich, N. J., September 17th, 1802; graduated at the College of New Jersey, in 1822, and also at Princeton Theological Seminary. He was a missionary in Georgia, 1828-9, and chaplain of the University of Virginia, 1830. He was ordained by the Presbytery of the District of Columbia in 1831, and was pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Washington city, from 1831 to 1835. In the year 1835 he assumed the pastoral charge of the Eighth Presbyterian Church, in the city of New York, continuing therein eight years, when he was installed pastor of the church known as the Chelsea Presbyterian Church,

now no longer on the roll of Presbytery. He served this church until the year 1869, discharging all the duties of a pastor with great earnestness and fidelity, and retiring, after a ministry of nearly forty years, with the undiminished confidence of his brethren and the affection of all the people whom he had served as a minister of Christ. Dr. Smith was a man of scholarly tastes and habits, a Christian gentleman in all his intercourse with men, and a faithful, sincere disciple of Christ. He died in the city of New York, March 27th, 1883.

Smith, George W., formerly an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Mauch Chunk, Pa., was born February 28th, 1805, at Princeton, N. J. He was one of the pioneers of Presbyterianism in the Lehigh Valley. He passed his early life at Derry Meeting, Pa., and in 1824 removed to Mauch Chunk. In 1826 he helped to organize the first Sabbath school, out of which have grown three prosperous churches of different denominations. He was largely instrumental in the organization of the Presbyterian churches of Mauch Chunk and Summit Hill, of which he was one of the original elders many years. In 1863 he removed to Catasauqua and connected himself with the First Presbyterian Church. Here he died, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. At the time of his death he was a trustee of the church and a teacher of the young ladies' Bible class. He was twice a delegate to the General Assembly.

Smith, H. Augustus, D. D., was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., May 28th, 1833, and died in Philadelphia, March 7th, 1883. He graduated at Williams College, Mass., in the class of 1853, and at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. His first charge was the South Street Church, of Philadelphia, which he resigned, after two years, to accept the pastorate of the Northminster Church in the same city. He continued his ministry here for eighteen years, resigning the charge in May of the year of his decease, on account of ill health. During his pastorate the congregation built the edifice at Thirty-fifth and Baring streets, the entire debt upon which was provided for before his resignation, and which, with its solid grandeur and enduring beauty, is a fitting symbol, as it will be a lasting monument, of the great spiritual work he accomplished therein.

Dr. Smith was a scholarly, studious and eloquent minister, and a sympathetic and efficient pastor. Though without the sustaining power of a strong physical constitution, he lived fast, and wrought more in his fewer years than many others in the half century of labor allotted them. He did not often take a prominent part in public meetings other than those of his own church, but when he did, his course, especially in our Church judicatories, was always marked by a prudent, judicious, deliberative spirit. He was a member of the Board of Publication, and was greatly beloved by his ministerial brethren.