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By REV. HENRY C. McCOOK, D. D., LL. D.

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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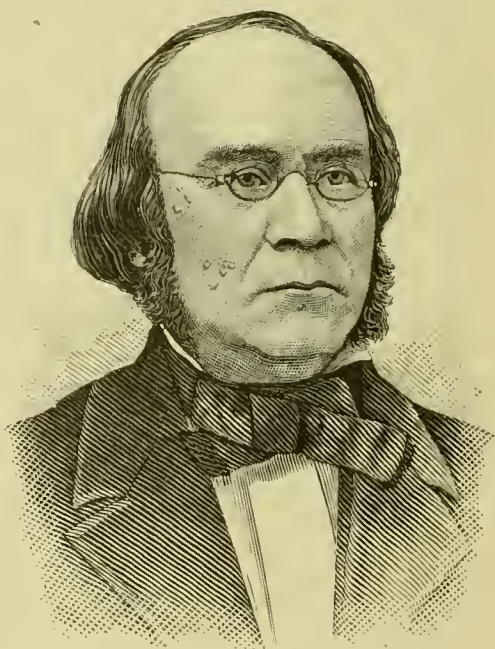
tion the Institution attained a measure of prosperity altogether unequalled in its previous history. Here he remained until August, 1829, when he resigned his place, and in February following he returned to Willington. This was the close of a course of preceptorial labors that had continued forty-five years. His labors in the ministry continued six or seven years longer. Dr. Waddell closed his pre-eminently useful life, July 21st, 1840. His character, as a Christian, was unexceptionable. His piety burned with a steady flame. He was active and constant in the discharge of his ministerial duties, and he shrunk from no labor which his ecclesiastical relations imposed upon him. "He discharged," says the Hon. J. C. Calhoun, "punctually and faithfully the various duties attached to all his private relations. He was sociable and amiable, but not without a due mixture of sternness and firmness. As a minister of the gospel, he was pious, zealous, and well versed in theology generally. His style of preaching was plain, simple, earnest. He addressed himself much more to the understanding than to the imagination or passions. As a teacher he stands almost unrivaled."

Waddle, Rev. John, was born July 4th, 1837, in Ohio county, West Virginia. After graduating at Franklin College (New Athens, Ohio), in 1858, and at the Allegheny (U. P.) Theological Seminary, in 1862, he was ordained and installed pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Decatur, Ohio, in 1863. In 1869 he received and accepted a call to the United Presbyterian Church at Kirkwood, Illinois, where he labored, with great profit to the church, and holding a very high place in the esteem of the community, until August, 1876, when he resigned the charge of this church to accept a call to the Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Illinois, in the Peoria Presbytery. This church Mr. Waddle continues to serve, with great acceptance and profit.

As a preacher, Mr. Waddle is clear, concise, forcible, direct, scriptural, orthodox and especially spiritual. Never resorting to the sensational to attract or interest, he always comes to the pulpit with something fresh and instructive, which attracts to hold. His delivery is always impressive, though varying greatly with the character of his theme. Sometimes unimpassioned and quiet, but more frequently with considerable action, unconsciously using the arts of the elocutionist, and sometimes, especially when he speaks without notes, he becomes somewhat dramatic, when he sways an audience with great power. He is considered one of the leading pulpit orators of Central Illinois. As a pastor, Mr. Waddle is best estimated by the uniform personal attachment of his people.

Wadsworth, Charles, D. D., son of Henry and Mary Ann (Bradley) Wadsworth, was born at Litchfield, Conn., May 8th, 1814; graduated from Union College, New York, 1837; after his graduation, taught one year in Canajoharie, N. Y.; spent two years, 1838-1840, in Princeton Seminary; was

licensed by Troy Presbytery, October 23d, 1840; was ordained by the same Presbytery, February 17th, 1842, and on the same day installed pastor of the Second Church of Troy, N. Y., from which, after eight years of brilliant and most successful pulpit service, he was released, March 5th, 1850. From March 20th, 1850, to April 3d, 1862, he was, with great popularity and effectiveness, pastor of the Arch Street Church, Philadelphia. He was installed November 5th, 1862, over Calvary Church, San Francisco, Cal., and after it had been greatly enlarged and strengthened by his labors, he was released, November 13th, 1869. He was installed December 19th, 1869, pastor of the Third Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia. In 1873 this church united with the Western Presbyterian Church, under the new name



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of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The court having decided that this church could not hold the church property of the Third Reformed Church, in February, 1878, Immanuel Church was united with the Clinton Street Church, under the name of the Clinton Street Immanuel Church, and Dr. Wadsworth was installed its pastor, March 25th, 1879, continuing to be so until his death, April 1st, 1882. Dr. Wadsworth was gifted with a brilliant and inexhaustible imagination, great pathos of tone and earnestness of manner, a power of presenting gospel truth in a wonderfully fresh and impressive manner. For a long course of years the large churches in which he preached were densely packed with eager hearers. In private life he was ordinarily shy, diffident and reserved, but among his special friends, was cordial, frank, and often full of humor.