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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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Elmer was for forty years a Trustee of Princeton College, and upon his resignation was succeeded by his son-in-law, Judge John T. Nixon, of the United States District Court. He was a devout Christian, and was for many years a member and an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Bridgeton, N. J., and President of the Cumberland County Bible Society. He died at his home in Bridgeton, March 11th, 1883, aged ninety years.

**Ely, Prof. Charles Wright, A. M.**, son of Elias S. and Hester (Wright) Ely, was born at Madison, Conn., March 14th, 1839. His earlier years were spent on the farm. After having been fitted for college at Guilford Institute, Guilford, Conn., he entered Yale College in 1858, and graduated in 1862. In October, 1863, he accepted a Professorship in the Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, at Columbus, and held it for seven years. In September, 1870, he became Principal of the Maryland School for Deaf and Dumb, at Frederick City, which relation has continued to the present time, with every prospect of indefinite duration. During the Fall of 1882 he was elected Superintendent of the Ohio Deaf and Dumb Institution, at Columbus, but declined. He has been a director of the Young Men's Bible Society of Frederick county for over eleven years. He was elected and ordained a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church in Frederick City, Md., in January, 1872.

Prof. Ely is an agreeable and judicious man. He has an excellent reputation, as an educator of the deaf and dumb. He combines with a thorough education and large experience that decision of character and forbearance which qualify him in an eminent degree for his peculiar work. In his present position he has been eminently successful, and has shown administrative abilities of a high order, combined with broad and comprehensive views of the work of educating the deaf and dumb and of the adaptation of the best methods to that work. He discharges his duties as an elder with great wisdom, efficiency and acceptableness.

**Ely, Dr. Ezra Styles**, was born in Lebanon, Conn., June 13th, 1786. He graduated at Yale College in 1803; pursued his theological studies under the direction of his father, Rev. Zebulon Ely; was licensed in 1801, and ordained, by West Chester Presbytery, pastor of Colchester (Congregational) Church, Connecticut, in 1806. He was taken from this charge to act as Chaplain to the New York City Hospital. In 1813 he was installed pastor of the Pine Street Church, Philadelphia, as successor of Dr. Alexander, removed to Princeton, but his strong anti-Hopkinsian tenets led to the division of the church. His activity in all schemes of charity and benevolence was boundless. Jefferson Medical College owes its existence, in a great measure, to him, as one of its Trustees, for, in its pecuniary straits, he bought the lot and erected the building where the

Institution now stands. From 1825 until 1836 he was Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. In 1828 he was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly.

In 1834 his enthusiasm led him to embark as an active patron of Marion College, in Missouri. It was started as a manual labor college, and the products of the land belonging to the institution were expected to defray all expenses. A large number of students was collected, but, finally, the scheme failed of success. In 1844 Dr. Ely took charge of the Church of the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia. He retained this post till struck down by paralysis, August, 1851. His death occurred June 18th, 1861.

Dr. Ely was of a mercurial temperament, which was never completely overcome, in or out of the pulpit. No one went to sleep under his preaching. It has been estimated that he was the means of the conversion of two thousand, two hundred persons. He was a generous and open-handed man. There is good reason for believing that his benefactions during his lifetime amounted to nearly \$50,000.

His published works were, "Visits of Mercy," "The Contrast," "Collateral Bible," Memorial of his father, Rev. Zebulon Ely, and the religious weekly, *The Philadelphian*. He wrote, also, a "History of the Churches of Philadelphia," which is in manuscript, and unpublished.

**Ely, Rev. George**, was born at Trenton, N. J., January 3d, 1808. He graduated at the University of Nashville, Tenn., in 1833, and pursued his theological course at Princeton Seminary. He was ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, April 29th, 1840, and was pastor of Nottingham (now Hamilton) Square and Dutch Neck, N. J., 1840-56. He died at Hartsville, Pa., August 14th, 1856. Mr. Ely was a fluent and forcible speaker. He preached earnestly and impressively, and was ardently devoted to his work as a minister of the gospel. His Christian consistency and pastoral fidelity won for him the affectionate regard of the congregations which so long enjoyed his labors.

**Emerson, Daniel Hopkins, D.D.**, was a son of the Rev. Brown Emerson, D. D. He was born in Salem, Mass., January 23d, 1810; graduated at Dartmouth College, and studied theology at Andover and New Haven, after which he spent three years as teacher of a Young Ladies' Seminary, in Richmond, Va. He was first settled as pastor in Northborough, Mass., being ordained, October 19th, 1836. In 1841 he was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church in East Whiteland, Chester county, Pa., and also preached once in four weeks in Downingtown. May 17th, 1846 he was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in York, Pa., and resigned the charge in 1855. The same year he was settled as pastor at St. George's, Del., and continued in this relation until 1868. In 1869 he became pastor of the Eastburn Mariners' Church, Philadelphia; in 1873 was elected General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Oswego, N. Y.: in