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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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Dr. Hodge is a gentleman of genial spirit and scholarly attainments; an excellent preacher, an exemplary pastor, and a valuable presbyter. Descended from good Presbyterian stock, he is not given to speculation in theology, but faithfully, earnestly and successfully proclaims the truth of God's Word as set forth in the Standards of our Church.

Hodge, Samuel, D. D., second son of Francis and Priscilla (King) Hodge, was born in the Fork, Sullivan county, Tenn., June 7th, 1829. Having graduated at Washington College, Tenn., in 1850, he entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., in September of that year, and completed the usual three years' course of study. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, April 27th, 1853, and in September began Home Missiounary work in the churches of Rock Spring and Walnut Grove, Washington county, Va. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Montgomery, in September, 1854. In 1855 he began the supply of New Providence Church, Hawkins county, Tenn., being also for one year the Principal of New Providence Academy. In 1857 he accepted a Professorship at Washington College, where he remained until the outbreak of the civil war, and the consequent disbanding of the College. During his Professorship, and afterwards during part of the war, he supplied the churches of Salem and Leesburg. Leaving Tennessee, in 1865, after a few months spent in Missouri, he came to Iowa, where he accepted the Professorship of Languages in Lenox Collegiate Institute, at Hopkinton; also supplying the Milo Church, twelve miles distant. The Synod of Iowa (O. S.) elected him President of Lenox Institute, in October, 1866, and the Hopkinton Church sought his services as pulpit supply. He performed these double duties with rare ability and success, for ten years, when he withdrew from the care of the church and gave his whole time to the college. He resigned the presidency in 1882, after sixteen years of continuous and wearying labor, during which the school increased constantly in numbers and influence. He now resides at Rockford, Ill.

Dr. Hodge has a fine reputation as an instructor and manager of youth. He is a thorough scholar, well informed in all the branches of general knowledge, and especially fitted by mental culture, accurate scholarship, long service and general aptitude for imparting instruction, in mental and moral philosophy and the languages, to classes in college of high grade. He ranks among the foremost of Western educators.

As a preacher, Dr. Hodge stands high among thinking men. With a keen liking for philosophical research, and a rare power of analysis, he unites an ardent love for the old doctrines, which he maintains with energy and eloquence. His sermons are models of careful preparation, combining purity of style with precision of thought, and glowing with spiritual truth.

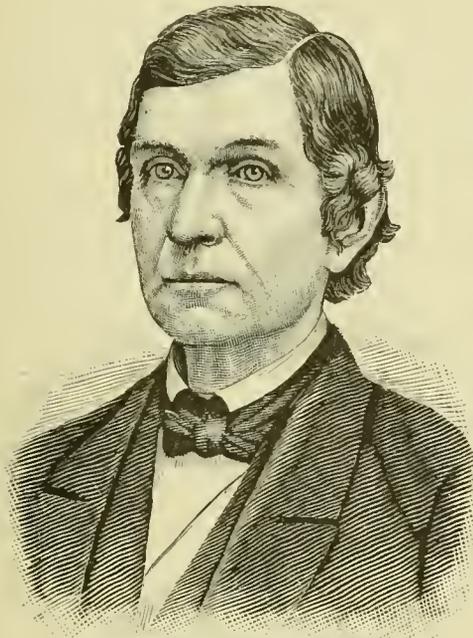
Hofford, Rev. M. Lowrie, A. M., son of John and Hannah (Lowrie) Hofford, was born near Doyles-town, Pa., January 27th, 1825. He pursued a part of his college course at Lafayette College, and was graduated at the College of New Jersey, in 1849. He studied theology at Princeton Seminary, and was licensed to preach the gospel by the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, in June, 1851. For one year he was stated supply of the Church at Tamaqua, Pa. In 1852 he organized the First Presbyterian Church of Beverly, N. J., and opened a select and classical school, which was continued till 1863. In that year he was elected Principal of the Seminary at Allentown, Pa., which became quite flourishing under his administration, and was incorporated by the State as Muhlenburg College. Upon retiring from this Institution to Beverly, in 1863, he organized the Fairview Presbyterian Church, erecting a house of worship. In 1870 he organized the Presbyterian Church of Delanco, erecting a house of worship. In 1873 he organized the Calvary Presbyterian Church of River-ton. In 1878 he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Morrisville Presbyterian Church, Pa., his present charge. Mr. Hofford is a faithful preacher and pastor. He has been a frequent contributor to the religious press. He is the author of "Gospel Hymns," which have found their way into numerous Sabbath schools and devotional collections.

Hoffman, Christian J., an elder of the North Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., was born in Lewistown, Pa., November 18th, 1819. In early life he learned the printing business, but abandoned it in favor of commercial pursuits. After serving as a clerk in Philadelphia, in 1847 he embarked in the flour and grain trade, in which he attained great success. He was elected a member of the City Council in 1852, and filled the position one year after the consolidation of the city. In 1861 he was elected President of the Corn Exchange Association. He has served faithfully, for a number of years, as one of the Directors of Girard College, and as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia. Mr. Hoffman is a gentleman of great energy and admirable executive ability. He is kind in disposition, liberal and active in the support of all good causes, and justly held in high esteem for his integrity of character.

Hoge, James, D. D., the son of Rev. Dr. Moses and Elizabeth (Poage) Hoge, was born at Moorfield, Virginia, in 1784. He was chiefly educated by his father, and was licensed to preach the gospel by Lexington Presbytery, Virginia, April 17th, 1805. Under a commission from the General Assembly, he went as a missionary to Ohio, arriving at Franklin-ton, November 19th, 1805, where he organized a church, February 18th, 1806. Early in the Fall, on account of impaired health, he returned to his native State, but, his health having improved, he accepted, September 25th, 1807, a call from the Church of

Franklinton for three-fourths of his time. Not long after this he was solicited to preach at Columbus, on the opposite side of the river, and the acceptance of this request resulted in the organization of the First Presbyterian Church of that city, of which he continued to be pastor until February 28th, 1858, when, on account of his age and feeble health, he resigned. He continued to reside in Columbus, where he died, September 22d, 1863.

The vast and varied powers of Dr. Hoge were not confined to the individual church of which he was pastor, but were largely enjoyed by the whole denomination to which he belonged. He may be justly called the father of the Presbytery of Columbus, and even of the Synod of Ohio. He was very influential in our Church courts. He was the pioneer of the



JAMES HOGUE, D. D.

great Temperance reform in the State in which he so long resided. For many years he was trustee of two of the universities of the State. He was one of the warmest advocates of the Bible Society in the West. He was largely instrumental in securing the establishment, by the Legislature, of Institutions for the deaf, the dumb and the blind, and he rendered efficient aid in the establishment of the lunatic asylum. His life was one of great usefulness, and he has left an abiding influence in the church in which he lived, labored and died.

Hoge, Rev. John, was the son of William Hoge, "an exile for Christ's sake," from Scotland. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, October 10th, 1753. In 1755 he was ordained by the Presbytery of New Castle, and became the first pastor of the churches of Opeconon and Cedar Creek,

Va. In 1760 we find him the pastor of Tuscarora, Opeconon and Back Creek churches. About 1762 Mr. Hoge, on account of the remissness of his people in giving him a support, resigned his charge and removed to Pennsylvania.

Hoge, Rev. John Blair, a son of the Rev. Moses Hoge, D. D., was born in Jefferson county, Va., in April, 1790. After assisting his father for some time, in a school which he had established at Shepherdstown, he entered Hampden-Sidney College, at an advanced standing, where he graduated about the year 1808. He afterwards became a tutor in the college, his father having, in the meantime, become its President. He commenced the study of the law with great promise, but, determining to prepare for the gospel ministry, he became a student of theology under his father, and on the 20th of April, 1810, was licensed by the Hanover Presbytery. October 12th, 1811, he was ordained and installed pastor of the congregations of Tuscarora and Falling Waters, giving a portion of his labors also to Martinsburg. From his first appearance in the pulpit, Mr. Hoge's preaching attracted great attention. For the sake of needed relaxation from labors, he crossed the ocean, leaving home in 1814, and returning in 1816, in various ways benefited by his tour. He was now even more sought after as a preacher than he had ever been before, but his popularity never seemed to occasion the least self-exaltation. September 7th, 1822, he became pastor of the church on Shockoe Hill, Richmond. Here his usefulness was enlarged; but ere long his health began to decline, and he died March 31st, 1826. Mr. Hoge was one of the most gifted sons of old Virginia. His talents, taste and acquirements were acknowledged, by all who knew him intimately, to be of the first order. In his private intercourse, he was a model of all that is gentle, discreet and exemplary. His enduring monument is in the hearts of many whom he guided to the Saviour. Dr. D. H. Riddle, referring to him as the friend of his youth, says—

"None knew thee but to love thee,
Or named thee but to praise."

Hoge, Moses, D. D., was born in what is now Frederick county, Va., February 15th, 1752. He served, for a short time, as a soldier in the army of the Revolution, but under what circumstances cannot now be ascertained. He entered Liberty Hall Academy, at Timber Ridge, in 1778; completed his studies there in 1780; on the 25th of October of that year was received as a candidate by the Hanover Presbytery. During the pendency of his trials for licensure, he prosecuted his theological studies still further, under the direction of the celebrated Dr. James Waddel, and was licensed to preach in November, 1781. He became pastor of the congregation named *Concrete*, in Hardy county, December 13th, 1782, and during his pastorate taught a school, which secured important advantages to the youth in