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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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He has been an active and useful elder in the Presbyterian Church at Charlottesville, since 1878, and was a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Council which met in Philadelphia in 1880. Professor Venable's qualities of mind and heart fit him admirably for the position which he holds. He is a model college officer. His dignity of deportment, his love for young men and sympathy with them, are very marked, and render him very attractive to his pupils. In all things he is straightforward and honest. He is not simply a learned and accomplished mathematician, but a scholar of varied and extensive acquirements; a man of broad views, great public spirit, and active and enlightened sympathies.

Venable, Rev. Henry Isaac, was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, June 28th, 1811. He graduated at Centre College in 1830; at Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, in 1834, and in the same year was licensed by West Hanover Presbytery. In 1834 he sailed as a missionary for Zulu Land, in South Africa, where he labored, with great earnestness and self-denial, until he was driven from his field by war, when he returned to the United States, in March, 1839. He supplied the Church at Paris, Illinois, from October 1st, 1839, until December 1st, 1841. At the latter date he founded the Edgar Female Academy, at Paris. He was stated supply at Charleston, Illinois, from 1853 to 1856; then of Oakland Church, from April 1st, 1856, to May 1st, 1860, at which date he was installed its pastor, and continued so until 1865. After this he supplied the Church at Newton, Illinois, then Carlisle and Claiborne churches, and York Church, all in Illinois. In 1870 he became Principal of Edgar Collegiate Institute, at Paris, and continued so until a short time before his death, May 22d, 1878. Mr. Venable was a truly godly man, an earnest and faithful minister of the gospel, a true and

faithful friend, universally esteemed and loved by his brethren.

Vermilion Institute. A Presbyterian Academy at Hayesville, Ashland county, Ohio, founded in 1846; donated to the Presbytery of Richland in 1849. The Presbyteries of Wooster and Coshocton afterwards took part in its support and management. After the reannion, in 1870, it belonged to Wooster Presbytery alone, until, in 1875, when, on account of various difficulties, it was sold to the citizens of Hayesville.

The Rev. W. W. Colmery, D.D., the Rev. Saunders Diefendorf, D.D., and Professor A. F. Ross, LL.D., were successively Principals of Vermilion. John Simpson, PH.D., was for many years a valued Instructor in Mathematics and the Natural Sciences, and the Rev. T. K. Davis was for several years Professor of Languages. The school will ever be associated most closely with the name of Dr. Diefendorf, who presided over it nearly all the time it was a Presbyterian Academy. Before the opening of Wooster University, in 1870, Vermilion served as a college for many of the O. S. Presbyterians in Ohio. It had a large patronage, over two hundred students being in attendance for several years, and it was eminently useful. Students who went there avowed infidels or utterly careless about eternal things, because they came from irreligious families, were converted to the faith and entered the gospel ministry. Down to 1875, more than one hundred of the Hayesville students had become ministers of Christ. Some of them are occupying prominent positions in the Church, and several have been efficient missionaries in foreign lands. Both sexes were received on an equality from the beginning. And the number of Christian wives and mothers and lady teachers, at home and on mission fields, who received their inspiration and spiritual impulse at "Old Vermilion" is quite large.

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Waddel, James, D. D., was born at Newry, in the North of Ireland, in July, 1739. His parents migrated to America in his infancy, and settled in the Southeastern part of Pennsylvania, on White Clay Creek. As a student in the school of Rev. Dr. Finley, at Nottingham, he enjoyed excellent advantages for both intellectual and moral culture. Such was his proficiency, especially in the classics, that Dr. Finley took him at an early age to be his assistant. Afterward he was, for a year or more, an assistant in the celebrated school of Rev. Robert Smith, D. D., at Pequea, Lancaster county, Pa. Traveling South, he made the acquaintance of the Rev. Samuel Davies, in Hanover county, Va., and, though having been studying medicine before this, was persuaded

by Mr. Davies to abandon it and enter the ministry. He studied theology under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Todd, of Louisa county, and was licensed to preach the gospel, April 2d, 1761, by the (Old) Presbytery of Hanover.

On the 7th of October, 1762, Mr. Waddell accepted a call from the churches of Lancaster and Northumberland, Va., and on the 16th of June he was ordained at Prince Edward. The ill effect of the climate upon his health, in connection with the inroads of the Revolutionary War, led him, about the year 1776, to resign his charge and remove to the Valley of the Shenandoah. On May 1st, 1776, he received a call from Tinkling Spring Church, in Augusta: For some time his labors were confined to this Church,

but afterward they were shared by the congregation at Staunton. In 1785 he removed to an estate which he had purchased at the Eastern base of the Blue Ridge. He preached in several churches in the neighborhood, and also became, for the fourth time, a classical teacher, and received pupils in his own house.

Some time after his removal to Louisa, Dr. Waddel was overtaken with the calamity of blindness, but he continued to preach, availing himself, in his preparations, of the assistance of different members of his family, in finding the text, consulting the commentaries, etc., and the effect of his preaching was not a little heightened by the fact that he was seen to be speaking in total darkness. His latter days were eminently serene and happy. Before his decease he gave orders that all his manuscripts should be committed to the flames, that his funeral should be conducted in the most simple manner, and that his body should be borne to the grave by his own servants. His death, which was a bright scene of Christian triumph, occurred on the 17th of September, 1805.

Most persons are familiar with the glowing description given of Dr. Waddel's preaching by William Wirt, in the *British Spy*. He was peculiarly eloquent and impressive, and greatly admired by the intelligent and refined. James Barbour, Governor of Virginia, told an eminent physician in Philadelphia, that Dr. Waddel, whose pupil he had been, had spoiled him in regard to hearing other preachers.

Waddell, John Newton, D.D., LL.D., youngest son of Rev. Dr. Moses Waddel, of South Carolina, was born April 2d, 1812, at Willington, S. C. He prepared for the University of Georgia, at Athens, Ga., and graduated in that Institution, August 5th, 1829. He joined the Presbyterian Church in 1839, in Green county, Ala.; was taken under care of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, in the same year; was licensed by the Presbytery of Mississippi, September 15th, 1841; and was ordained by the Presbytery of Tombekbee, September 23d, 1843. He was first settled as preacher at Mount Hermon, Smith county, Miss.; then at Mount Moriah, Newton county, Miss., alternating with Montrose, Miss. This continued until 1848, when, removing to Oxford, Miss., he supplied the church there in conjunction with Hopewell Church, near Oxford. Here he continued until 1857. He then supplied LaGrange Church, where he was associated with Dr. J. H. Gray. After acting as agent of Synod of Alabama for establishing the Orphan Asylum at Tuskegee, Ala., he supplied Oxford Church again, from 1865 to 1872, partly with Hopewell Church. In 1874 he removed to Memphis, Tenn., and supplied, as his last charge, Lauderdale Street Church until 1879.

Dr. Waddell's work has been largely connected with literary institutions, in all of which he has won a high reputation. He taught the academy from 1830 to 1834, at Willington, S. C., and taught another

academy from 1842 to 1848, at Montrose, Miss. He was then elected Professor of Ancient Languages in the University of Mississippi, where he served until 1857. He was then called to La Grange Synodical College, as Professor of Ancient Languages, serving as such until 1860, when he was made President of the same college, which office he held until the college was closed by the war. In 1865, called to the University of Mississippi as Chancellor, he served in this capacity until 1874. Resigning to accept the Secretaryship of Education of the Southern Church, he served in this office until 1879, when he accepted a call to the Chancellorship of the Southwestern Presbyterian University. He is still occupying this position.

Dr. Waddell was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church in its meeting at Baltimore, in 1868. His whole ministry has been one of great activity and widely extended usefulness. Blessed with a vigorous constitution, and until within the last few years with fine health, he has done an unusual amount of service in all his different charges. As a preacher, he is always evangelical, instructive and attractive. He is eminently conservative in all his doctrinal views, and may be regarded as a representative man of the Southern Church. It is, however, as an educator that he has won his widest reputation. Much of his life has been spent in this department of work. In the instruction of youth and in the government of collegiate institutions he seems to have inherited the genius of his distinguished father. Eminently wise in counsel, judicious and practical in all his methods, he has never failed to secure the respect, confidence and affection of young men in all the institutions of education with which he has been connected. There is probably no man in all the Southern Church who could be placed before him in this respect. Nor are there many in all the country who to an equal degree possess those high qualities of thorough scholarship, practical wisdom, good sense, firmness and affability which make the popular and efficient college president.

Waddell, Moses, D. D., was of Irish parentage. He was born in Rowan (now Iredell) county, N. C., July 29th, 1770. He received his academic education at a school which was opened in the neighborhood under the name of Clio's Nursery. He was engaged in teaching from 1784 to 1788, at several places in North Carolina and Georgia. He graduated at Hampden-Sidney College in 1791; and was licensed by the Hanover Presbytery, of Virginia, to preach, May 12th, 1792. In 1793 or 1794 he opened a school in Columbia county, Ga., and in 1801 a school in Vienna, Abbeville District, S. C. Here he remained until 1804, when he removed to Willington, a country-seat of his own establishment, about six miles south of Vienna. In 1818 he was elected President of the University of Georgia, and in May, 1819, entered upon the duties of this office. Under his administra-