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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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His residence, at present, is at St. Paul, Minn., with his son, Robert Forrest.

Dr. MacLaren has never used manuscript in the pulpit. His preaching is biblical, earnest and eloquent; and in his pastoral work he has ever manifested the greatest prudence and wisdom.

Maclean, John, D. D., LL.D., eldest son of Dr. John Maclean, the first Professor of Chemistry in the College of New Jersey, and of his wife, Phœbe Bainbridge, was born in Princeton, N. J., March 3d, 1800; entered the College at Princeton in the Spring of 1813, and was admitted to the first degree in the Arts in the Autumn of 1816. In the Autumn of 1818 he was appointed a Tutor in the College, and he was at this time a student in the Theological Seminary of Princeton. In 1822 he was made Teacher of Mathe-

three letters on the "Imposition of Hands." He has also given to the press, "A Lecture on a Common School System for New Jersey;" a revision, in 1831, of Professor Stuart's Prize Essay on "Temperance;" in 1853, two letters on "The True Relations of the Church and State to Schools and Colleges;" besides a number of sermons, and articles on different topics, in the public papers, and in the *Princeton Review*. Dr. Maclean's life has been one of great activity and usefulness. He is remembered with affection by those who were, as students, under his direction; and now, residing on the classic spot on which he was born, and has ever lived, and waiting for the time of his departure, he is, amid the infirmities of advanced years, held in the highest reverence and esteem by all who know him.

Macurdy, Rev. Elisha, occupies a prominent place among the pioneer ministers of Western Pennsylvania. He was born in Carlisle, Pa., October 15th, 1763. His father removed to Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, in embarrassed worldly circumstances. At this time the son was about twenty-one years of age, and engaged in the transportation of freight to and from Baltimore, for about eighteen months, which enabled him to aid materially in the support of the family. After his conversion he became, in 1792, a student of the Academy at Canonsburg, completing his literary and theological course in 1799; the latter chiefly under the direction of the Rev. Dr. McMillan.

Mr. Macurdy was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Ohio, June 26th, 1799. For some time subsequently he was engaged in missionary labor in the region bordering on Lake Erie, but in June, 1800, he was ordained and installed pastor of the united congregations of Cross Roads and Three Springs, by the Presbytery of Ohio. His ministry, from its commencement to its close, was a scene of the most self-denying and unremitting labor. He had an important agency in connection with the great revival in Western Pennsylvania, that commenced about 1801-2. He was among the few leading spirits that formed the Western Missionary Society, designed especially to diffuse the knowledge of the Gospel among the new settlements and the Indian tribes, and he engaged personally in the missionary work, frequently leaving his own immediate charge for a considerable time, to break the bread of life to those who were otherwise entirely destitute of it. His health having suffered from sickness during a missionary appointment at Maumee, which he fulfilled in 1823, he resigned his charge of the Church at Three Springs, and confined himself to that of Cross Roads. In 1835, by reason of increasing bodily infirmities, he resigned the pastoral charge of the latter congregation, and in the Spring of 1836 he removed to Allegheny, where he resided during the rest of his life, still employed, as opportunity offered and his strength allowed, in



JOHN MACLEAN, D. D.

matics and Natural Philosophy, and in 1823 was chosen Professor of Mathematics. In 1829 he was transferred to the Chair of Ancient Languages, and at the same time he was chosen Vice-President of the College. In December, 1853, he was chosen President of the College, and entered upon the duties of his office, June 28th, 1854. In December, 1857, he tendered his resignation, to take effect at the ensuing commencement in June, at which time he gave up his connection with the College, after a faithful service, in various offices, of fifty years.

Dr. Maclean was several times a member of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and took an active and prominent part in its proceedings. In 1844 he published, in *The Presbyterian*, ten letters on the "Quorum or Elder Question," which afterwards were printed in pamphlet form, together with