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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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**Dinwiddie, Rev. William**, was born March 7th, 1830, in Campbell county, Va. Studied at Hampden Sidney College, 1845-7, and afterwards taught school in Botetourt and Buckingham counties. He was then associated with Rev. J. Henry Smith, in conducting the Samuel Davis Institute, at Halifax Court House, Va. From this position he entered the University of Virginia in 1851, and in 1854 took the degree of Master of Arts. For two years he was assistant Professor of Mathematics in the University, and for one year assistant Professor of Greek. In 1856 he established Brookland School, in Albemarle county, which he conducted for twelve years, with signal ability and success. During this period he was made ruling elder in Lebanon Church, and began to study with a view to the ministry. He studied systematic theology with the Rev. W. H. McGuffey, D. D., with whom he had been brought into most intimate relations during his residence at the University of Virginia. In 1864 he was licensed by the Presbytery of West Hanover, and in 1866 was ordained and installed pastor of Lebanon Church. He was for some years stated clerk of West Hanover Presbytery, and was also made clerk of the Synod of Virginia. In 1870 he became pastor of the First Church, Lexington, Ky., and in 1874 took charge of the Second Church, Alexandria, Va., which position he still holds.

Mr. Dinwiddie combines an unusual number of the elements which make an attractive and useful preacher. In addition to his well-trained mind and thorough scholarship, he has a warm, responsive heart, a commanding presence, a fluent and pleasing utterance, naturalness and simplicity of manner, and, best of all, consecration to his Master. It may be truly said that he seeks not his own, but the things which are Jesus Christ's. He is strictly an expository preacher, and has the rare gift of holding the interest of a congregation throughout extended expositions of Scripture. His preaching is characterized by great simplicity. He speaks in a conversational tone, but with an unction which rivets attention, and frequently raises him into strains of real and overpowering eloquence. He possesses the gifts of an evangelist to an eminent degree, and his frequent labors in this direction have been greatly blessed. He is an earnest believer in the pre-millennial coming of Christ, and was a member of the Prophetic Conference in New York, in 1878.

**Dirck, Cornelius Lansing, D. D.**, was born in Lansingburg, N. Y., March 3d, 1785. He was ordained pastor at Onondaga, N. Y., December, 1807; this relation continued eight years; Stillwater, 1814-16; Park Street Church, Boston, Mass., 1816; Auburn First Church, 1817-29; Utica Second Church, 1829-33; Houston Street Presbyterian, New York, 1833-5. He resided at Auburn, 1835-8; in Illinois, 1838-9; he was pastor at Utica, Syracuse and Auburn, 1839-46; of Chrystie Street Church, New York, 1846-8; of Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn, 1848-55; he was

Trustee of Auburn Seminary, 1820-30 and 1835-57; Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, 1820-4, and Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology, 1821-6. He served without salary, and, as financial agent, raised large sums for the seminary. He died March 19th, 1857. Dr. Dirck published "Sermons on Important Subjects," 1825.

**Doak, Samuel, D. D.**, was born within the bounds of the New Providence congregation, Virginia, in August, 1749; was admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the College of New Jersey, in 1775; taught for a short time in the school of the Rev. Robert Smith, of Pequea, Pa., then became Tutor in Hampden Sidney College, where he remained about two years, pursuing the study of theology under the Rev. John Blair Smith, which he subsequently continued for some time under the Rev. William Graham. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Hanover, October 31st, 1777, and having preached for some time in Washington county, Va., he removed to the Holston settlement, in what was then a part of North Carolina, but is now a part of East Tennessee. After residing in this settlement a year or two, he removed, in the hope of finding a more promising field of usefulness, to the settlement on Little Limestone, in Washington county, and there purchased a farm, on which he built a log house for purposes of education, and a small church edifice, and founded a congregation known as the "Salem Congregation." The literary institution which he here established was the first that was ever established in the great Valley of the Mississippi, and he presided over it from the time of its incorporation, in 1785, till the year 1818, when he removed to Bethel, and opened a private school, which he called Tusculum Academy. Dr. Doak organized a number of churches in the county in which he lived. His ministry was attended with no small success. His style of preaching was original, bold, pungent, and sometimes pathetic. He was eminently successful in training up young men for the ministry. J. G. M. Ramsey, M. D., one of Dr. Doak's pupils, says: "it may safely be affirmed that he was one of the most useful men of the period in which he lived."

**Dod, Albert Baldwin, D. D.**, was born in Mendham, N. J., March 24th, 1805, and graduated at Princeton College in 1822, immediately after which he became a teacher in a private family in Fredericksburg, Va., where he remained between three and four years. On his return from Virginia he remained at home a few months, and in the autumn of 1826 he became a member of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The next year he accepted a Tutorship in Princeton College, still continuing his theological studies, as he had opportunity. He was licensed to preach, in the Spring of 1828, by the Presbytery of New York, but retained his office as Tutor till 1829. In 1830 he was appointed to the Mathematical Professorship in the College, a place that was eminently