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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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Palmer, Benjamin M., D. D., LL. D., is the third son of the Rev. Edward Palmer, noticed below. He was graduated with excellent class distinctions, by the University of Georgia, at Athens, August, 1838, after which came his divinity course of three years in the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. He was licensed to preach the gospel in April, 1841, by the Presbytery of Charleston, and was ordained in the Autumn of the same year, when he was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Georgia.

In January, 1843, Dr. Palmer was transferred to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Columbia, S. C. This relation was continued through fourteen years, and in connection with it he was from 1853 to 1857 Professor of Church History and Polity in the Theological Seminary in that city. He was one of



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several distinguished ministers who, in 1847, projected the *Southern Presbyterian Review*, published at Columbia, an able theological and philosophical quarterly, which has held its steady course ever since, and still exists with unabated vigor, having experienced only a brief suspension during the late civil war. The articles contributed to its pages by Dr. Palmer, if collected, would fill a large octavo.

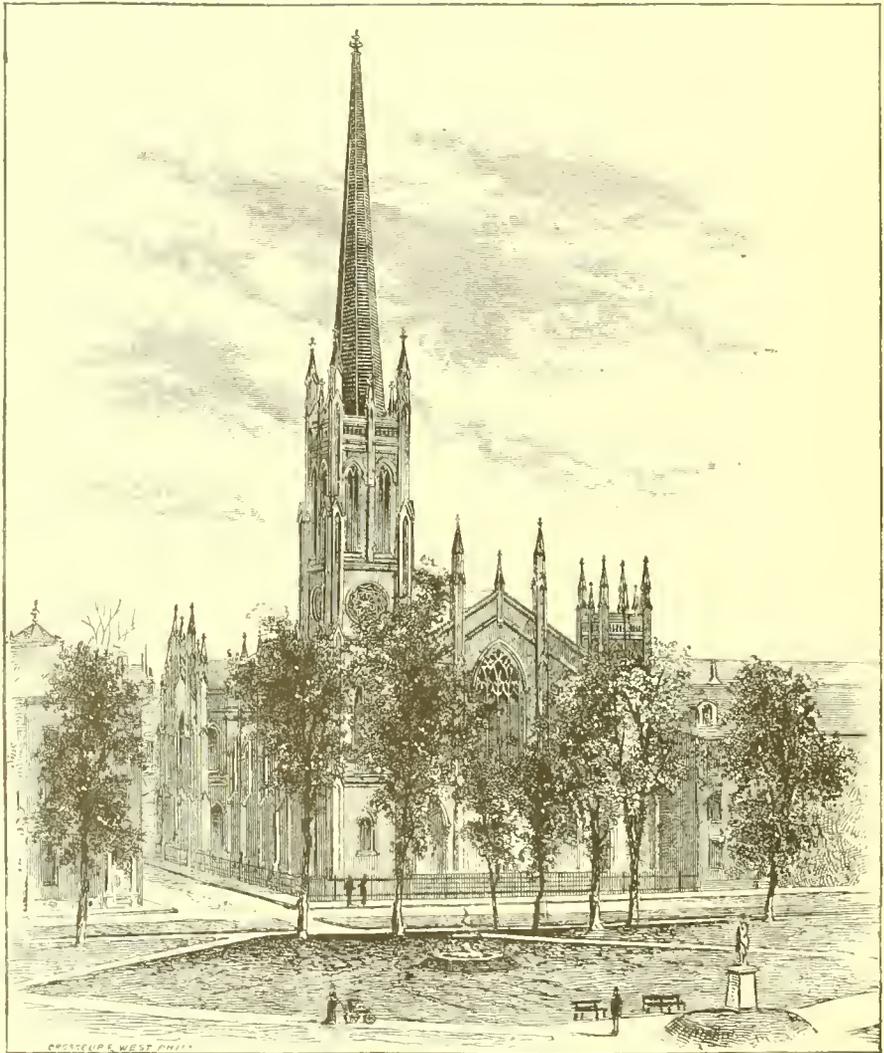
Dr. Palmer became Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, in December, 1856, which relation has continued with marked success to the present time, with every prospect of indefinite duration. He was the first Moderator of the Southern General Assembly, organized in 1861, and has served as a commissioner in ten General Assemblies, three of them being of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

In 1846 he was selected anniversary orator of the American Sunday-school Union, and acquitted himself on its platform with great credit and satisfaction. In 1853 he was chosen to the chair of Hebrew in the Theological Seminary, then just organized at Danville, Ky. In 1860 he was elected to the chair of Pastoral Theology, in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J. In 1871 was called to the Chancellorship of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tenn., and in 1881 was appointed Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Seminary at Columbia, S. C. All these elections were declined.

Dr. Palmer justly stands in the front rank of preachers. He has every element of intellect, heart, taste and attainment, that is calculated to give the pulpit dignity, power, and usefulness. He is an able theologian, a graceful and vigorous writer, and an impressive speaker. He is extensively and favorably known as an educator, and an advocate of all Scriptural plans for public reforms and ameliorations, as well as for his catholic readiness to co-operate personally in all proper measures to restrain vice, reclaim the degraded, and relieve the destitute. His labors among the sick, the suffering, the dying, in the city of his residence, in times of epidemic, contagious and infectious diseases, have exhibited manly self-denial and unflinching courage, and greatly endeared him to the community. The physicians of New Orleans will cheerfully testify that Dr. Palmer holds a high rank as one of their sympathetic, wise, and active co-laborers, in their endeavors to relieve the horrors of combined pestilence, destitution and ignorance, and is always ready in the application of his great resources while combating these evils. (See illustration of Dr. Palmer's church on next page.)

Palmer, Rev. David Henry, was born in Phelps, N. Y., October 15th, 1839. He united with the Brick Presbyterian Church in Rochester, in 1858, and graduated from the University of Rochester in 1860. His theological studies were pursued at Auburn Seminary. He was ordained at Buffalo, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Buffalo, May 20th, 1863. His fields of labor have been, Aurelius, 1862-63; Virginia City, Nev., 1863-64; Columbia, Cal., 1864-66; Prattsburgh, N. Y., 1867-71; Caledonia, four months; Brockport, 1872-75; Penn Yan, from 1875 to the present date. Mr. Palmer is a faithful pastor and acceptable preacher, and has had success in his ministry. He covets not prominence in his profession, but is content to labor with diligence and fidelity in the congregations to the charge of which he is called by the Master.

Palmer, Rev. Edward, was born in the city of Charleston, S. C., December 25th, 1788, and died at Barnwell, S. C., September 30th, 1882, in the ninety-fourth year of his age. At the time of his decease, he was doubtless the oldest minister of the Southern Presbyterian Church. His father, Mr. Job Palmer, of Charleston, S. C., died in 1845, at the still more



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LAFAYETTE SQUARE, NEW ORLEANS.