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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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years. His death occurred November 23d, 1849. Dr. Agnew was a devoted and exemplary Christian. Few men have been better fitted in natural talents, in education, in personal character and in public position, than he, for a wide and permanent influence of the best and highest kind over their fellow-men. He was a man of notable qualities. In the eye of the world he was one of the marked men of society, and, both in social and professional life, as well as in the Church, he was promptly accorded a place as a leader.

Aiken, Charles A., D.D., is the son of the Hon. John and H. R. (Adams) Aiken, and was born



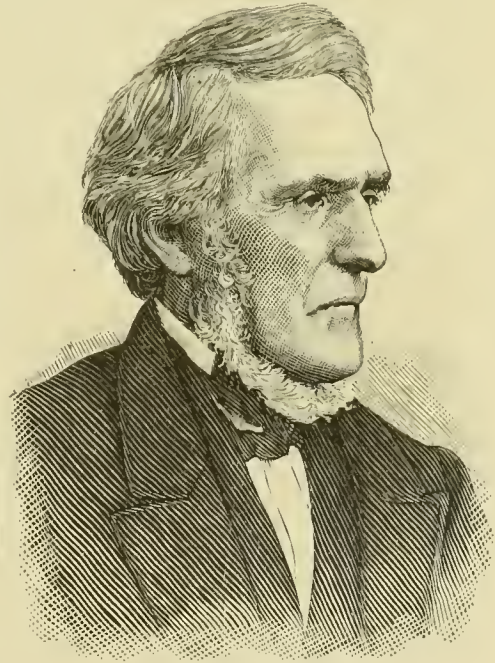
CHARLES A. AIKEN, D.D.

at Manchester, Vt., October 30th, 1827. He graduated at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, in 1846, and after studying theology at Andover and in Germany, completed the course at Andover in 1853. On the 19th of October 1854 he was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church at Yarmouth, Maine, and continued in the charge till 1859, when he was elected Professor of the Latin Language and Literature in Dartmouth College. In 1866 he was appointed Professor in the same department in the College of New Jersey, which he held till 1869, when he was elected President of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. In consequence of the unfavorable influence of the climate upon the health of his family he resigned this office after two years, and the same season (1871) was chosen to the newly constituted Archibald Alexander Professorship of Christian Ethics and Apologetics, in Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1882, in a readjustment of

departments he became Professor of Oriental and Old Testament Literature and Christian Ethics. In 1872 he had been chosen a member of the Old Testament Company in the American Bible Revision Committee. Dr. Aiken is the editor and translator of "Lange's Commentary on the Book of Proverbs." He has also contributed articles to the *Princeton Review*.

Aiken, Samuel Clark, D. D., was born in Windham, Vt., September 21st, 1790. He died in the first hour of the first day of the first month of 1879, aged 88 years. The voice at midnight came. While the bells of Cleveland were ringing out a joyful welcome to the new year, this beloved father in Israel was welcomed into the joy of his Lord.

His parents were of Scotch-Irish descent, godly people in daily practice as well as in public profession. The Bible, the Shorter Catechism, Watts' Psalms and Hymns, and Doddridge's Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul, composed the reading matter of the child Samuel, and in his childhood he knew the Lord. He graduated at Middlebury College, having there for his classmates Silas Wright, Governor and Senator; Samuel Nelson, Judge of the Supreme Court; Carlos



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Wilcox, preacher and poet; Pliny Fisk and Levi Parsons, and, greatest of all, Sylvester Larned, the "American Whitefield," who gathered the first Presbyterian church in New Orleans, and died there, at the age of 24 years. He studied theology at Andover, and in 1817 was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Londonderry, and in 1818 was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Utica, N. Y., where his ministry of seventeen years was greatly successful.

In 1835 he was installed the first pastor of the only Presbyterian church in Cleveland; he found the church weak in numbers, but under his vigorous, though conservative ministry, it became prosperous and strong. When he had been sole pastor of this church for twenty-three years, Rev. Dr. William H. Goodrich became his Associate Pastor, Dr. Aiken remaining Pastor Emeritus, and receiving from the church a liberal annuity for the twenty remaining years of his life. It is not easy to sum up the results of Dr. Aiken's labors in Cleveland, for they flowed into all the other Evangelical congregations in the city. "The Old Stone Church" has a numerous family of daughters, all of whom rise up and call her blessed. Dr. Aiken's spirit and example will long live in the churches of Cleveland, and thousands speak his name with reverence and love. In person he was tall, well proportioned and of pleasing and impressive countenance. Socially he was a model gentleman. His mental powers were of a high order, and as a preacher and pastor he stood in the first rank.

Alden, Joseph, D. D., LL. D., was born in Cairo, New York, in 1807, and graduated at Union College in 1829; after which he studied theology in Princeton Seminary, and was two years a Tutor in the College. He was then successively Professor of Rhetoric in Williams College, Massachusetts; Professor of Moral Philosophy in Lafayette College, Pennsylvania; President of Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, and Principal of the State Normal School, Albany, New York, 1867-80. Dr. Alden is the author of several instructive works for the young, and has been a constant and popular contributor to the periodical literature of the country. In the volume of the *Princeton Review* for 1830, he reviewed Payne's Elements of Mental and Moral Science, and Dugald Stewart's works.

Alden, Rev. Timothy, was of Puritan ancestry. He was born at Yarmouth, Mass., August 28th, 1771. He entered Harvard in 1790, and graduated in 1794. He seems to have engaged somewhat in the study of theology during his collegiate course. Whilst teaching at Marblehead, Mass., he was licensed to preach the gospel. November 20th, 1799, he was ordained as co-pastor with Dr. Haven, over the church of Portsmouth, N. H. He resigned his charge, July 31st, 1805, but continued his labors there until 1808, when he opened a ladies' school in Boston. In 1810 he took charge of the young ladies' department in the Academy at Newark, N. J., and after a few years opened a school for young ladies in the city of New York. July 28th, 1817, he was inaugurated President and Professor in the Faculty of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. He became a member of the Presbytery of Erie, April 2d, 1816. He delighted in missionary work, and for many successive years labored for a time among the Seneca and Munsee Indians, who had reservations in northwestern Penn-

sylvania and southwestern New York. Mr. Alden's connection with Allegheny College terminated in November 1831. He opened a boarding school in Cincinnati in 1832, and in 1834 took charge of the Academy at East Liberty, Pa., becoming also stated supply to the congregation of Pine Creek, in that region. He died, July 5th, 1839. Besides many occasional sermons and addresses, Mr. Alden published, in 1814, "A collection of American Epitaphs," in five volumes, 18mo, and in 1827, a "History of Sundry Missions," and in 1821, a "Hebrew Catechism."

Alexander, Archibald, D. D., LL. D. No other name on the records of the Presbyterian Church carries with it a greater charm than this, to the denomination of which he whom it designates was so distinguished and beloved a representative. It is



ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER, D. D., LL. D.

blended with the most endearing and enduring associations, and invested with an admiration and an honor which are imperishable.

Dr. Alexander was born near Lexington, Va., April 17th, 1772. His classical and theological studies were pursued under the direction of the Rev. William Graham, of Liberty Hall, afterward Washington College. He was licensed at the early age of nineteen, and on expressing his diffidence, Presbytery assigned him for a text, "Say not I am a child" (Jer. i, 7). After spending a year or more in missionary labor, according to the rules of the Synod, he was ordained, and installed pastor of Briery Church, November 7th, 1794. In 1796 he was chosen President of Hampden-Sidney College, at the age of twenty-four. May 20th, 1807, he was installed over Pine Street Church, Phila-