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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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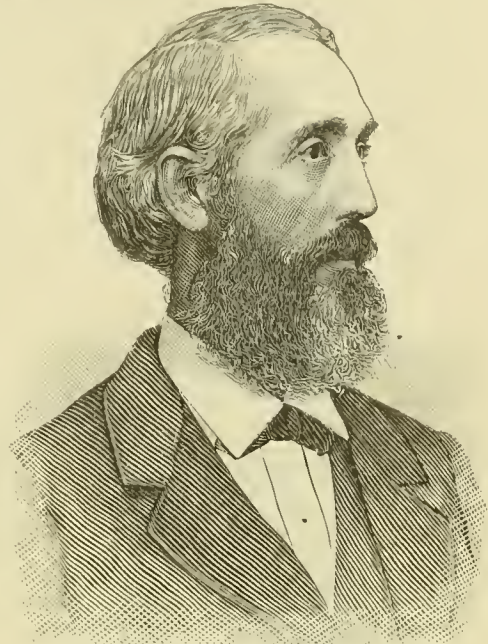
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bytery, and as often, perhaps, as any other elder, represented the Presbytery in the meetings of the General Assembly. As a member of Church judicatories his opinions were always looked for and respected, and he was always appointed on the most important committees. In the church at home, he was always as the pastor's right hand. According to his Scotch-Irish Presbyterian training, he was firmly settled in the well known doctrines of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of the Presbyterian Church. Not only was he faithful in his position as an elder of the Church, but he refused not the humblest service by which he could promote the cause of the Master. He was a diligent and faithful teacher in the Sabbath School till the infirmities of age compelled him to desist. Immediately upon his death the members of the County Court held a meeting, and passed resolutions expressive of their high appreciation of his character, and the business places of the town were all closed while his funeral ceremonies were being performed.

Bannard, William, D. D., the oldest child of William and Judson Bannard, was born in England, September 22d, 1820. He came with his parents to this country in 1832, and was graduated at Union College, N. Y., in 1844, and at the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., in 1847. He was licensed to preach by the First Presbytery of New York, April 21st, 1847, and by the same Presbytery ordained and installed over Madison Avenue Church, New York City, October 25th, 1848. He was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Kingsboro, N. Y., April 8th, 1863, and had charge of the First Presbyterian Church, Salem, N. J., from April 27th, 1869, to April 18th, 1883. He is at this time a member of the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia. Dr. Bannard is a gentleman of scholarly attainments. He is of a modest and retiring disposition, but of substantial worth. He preaches the gospel in its purity, and with ability, and is characterized by fidelity in the discharge of every duty. He is highly esteemed by his brethren.

Barbour, Lewis Green, D. D., was born in Danville, Ky., September 19th, 1829. He graduated at Centre College, in 1846, at Princeton Theological Seminary 1848, was teacher in Boyle county 1849-50, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Muhlenberg in October, 1854. He was stated supply at Bowling Green, Ky., in 1852; pastor 1854-5; stated supply at Russellville, 1852-53, and teacher at Lexington, Ky., 1857-60. He was Principal at Lexington, Mo., 1860-65; teacher at Lexington, Ky., 1865-66; Principal at Danville, 1866-74; stated supply at Silver Creek, 1872-7. Since 1874 he has been Professor in Central University, Ky. Dr. Barbour is a gentleman of genial spirit and pleasing address. His scholarship is of a high order, and he holds an eminent rank as an instructor. As a preacher he is able, instructive and impressive. He is a vigorous writer, and fre-

quently contributes valuable articles to the religious press. He is held in high esteem in the community in which he lives, and by his brethren in the ministry. His life has been one of marked usefulness in the Master's service.

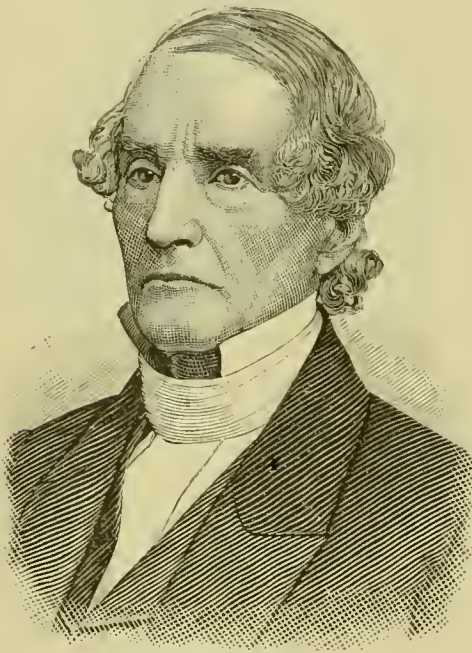


LEWIS GREEN BARBOUR, D. D.

Bard, Rev. Isaac, was born near Bardstown, Ky., January 13th, 1797. He was admitted as a student in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, upon a certificate from Transylvania Presbytery, in 1817, and licensed by New Brunswick Presbytery, April 27th, 1820. In order to complete his classical education, he entered the Senior Class of Union College, and graduated in 1821. In 1823 he was installed pastor of the churches of Greenville and Mt. Pleasant, Ky., and sustained this relation ten years. After the dissolution of the pastoral relation, he continued to reside, throughout the whole of his long life, near Greenville, and during most of those years supplied them, as well as the Mount Zion and Allensville churches, preaching zealously and constantly, but never again assuming the pastoral office. He lived to be the ministerial patriarch of all that region. His death occurred June 29th, 1878.

Barnes, Rev. Albert, was born in Rome, N. Y., December 1st, 1798. His preparatory studies were conducted in Fairfield Academy, where he gave early promise of his abilities by composing, in connection with his fellow-students, a tragedy in verse, entitled "William Tell; or, Switzerland Delivered." In early life he was a skeptic. An article in the "Edinburgh Encyclopedia," by Dr. Chalmers, entitled "Christianity," first commanded his assent to the truth and

divine origin of the Christian religion. But he resolved to yield to its claims no further than thenceforward to keep aloof from its active opposers, and to lead a strictly moral life. On entering Hamilton College he experienced the deeper change that set in entirely new channels the currents of his life. He became a Christian, gave up his fondly cherished plan of preparation for the legal profession, and consecrated himself to the work of the ministry. After graduating at the institution just named, he pursued a four years' course of theological study at Princeton. In February, 1825, he was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, N. J. Here he commenced the preparation of his Commentaries. After nearly five years in this pastorate, he accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church of Phila-



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delphia, with which church he retained official connection to the day of his death.

Upon the ministry of Mr. Barnes, both in Morristown and Philadelphia, the divine blessing abundantly rested. His ministrations were characterized by Scripturalness, clearness, fullness of treatment, fairness in dealing with objections, and thoughtful spiritual power. He was a firm and fearless advocate of the Temperance reformation, nor did he ever hesitate, in the clearest and most unmistakable manner, to express his opposition to the system of slavery. "His name," says the Rev. Dr. Robert Davidson, "appears without any title, because he was conscientiously opposed to academic degrees. As a preacher, it is sufficient to say that he stood at the head of his profession, in an arduous post, and under peculiarly

trying circumstances, yet he commanded to the last the respect and admiration of persons of intelligence and culture, both in and out of the learned professions."

As a writer Mr. Barnes was remarkably clear and lucid. It was impossible to mistake his meaning. In 1832 he published his "Notes, Explanatory and Practical, on the Gospels; designed for Sunday-school Teachers and Bible Classes." Subsequently one book after another followed, until he found himself at the end of the New Testament. During these years he also wrote his Annotations, successively, on Isaiah, Job and Daniel, which were followed by his "Notes on the Psalms." Meanwhile other works in the line of his ministerial labors were given to the press. His pen was never idle. Among his other more important published works are "The Way of Salvation," "The Atonement," "Lectures on the Evidences," and "Life of St. Paul." His two discourses, "Life at Threescore" and "Life at Threescore and Ten," are among the most charming autobiographies the world has ever seen; they show beautifully how religion can gild and cheer a Christian minister's closing years. He lived to see edition after edition of his Commentaries exhausted, until more than half-a-million of volumes were sold in his own country, and perhaps even a greater number in England, Scotland, and Ireland, while translations of many of his Notes were made into the languages of France, Wales, India and China.

The years of controversy in the Presbyterian Church which culminated in its division in 1837, and in which some of Mr. Barnes' doctrinal views were assailed, were painful years to him. But through them all he bore himself with a firmness that never passed by its excess into obstinacy, with a gentleness that never degenerated into weakness, and with a patience that was never ruffled. He remained conspicuously connected with what was known as the New School branch of the Presbyterian Church, but through press and pulpit contributed largely to that state of things which made the reunion of the Presbyterian Church possible, and which so happily characterizes the union as actually accomplished.

In 1849 Mr. Barnes was invited to a professorship in Lane Seminary, which he saw fit to decline. In 1851 the General Assembly (New School) manifested their approbation of their favorite champion by making him Moderator. About this time his eyes began to fail, and this infirmity increased to such a degree that in 1868 he resigned his charge, much against his people's wishes, but continuing, at their request, as Pastor Emeritus. To the last, however, he continued to preach occasionally in the churches, and regularly in the House of Refuge, of which he was a Manager.

"Mr. Barnes," says Dr. Herrick Johnson, "was distinguished by a rare balance of faculties. He had also a rare command of his faculties. He was

'conscience incarnate,' a man for the stake, if need be, but not for a compromise of what he believed to be the truth. Yet his heart was full of charities withal. His affectionateness and childishness won for him a peculiarly tender regard. As a friend he knew no guile, there being deep-rooted in his heart every tender and sympathetic virtue. As a man he was singularly regardful of the rights of man, and was always the champion of all that were oppressed, and that were of low degree."

Mr. Barnes died on December 24th, 1870, while in the performance of a sacred and tender duty. On that day he walked a mile to administer consolation to a bereaved family, but had scarcely seated himself when he experienced a difficulty in breathing, and suddenly falling back in his chair, expired, without a struggle.

Barnett, Rev. John M., son of John and Mary Morrison Barnett, was born May 20th, 1826, in Derry township, Westmoreland County, Pa. Having pursued his preparatory studies at the Blairsville Academy, he entered Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Pa., and was graduated with the class of 1849. Before and after graduation, to the extent of four and a half years, he was associated with the Rev. Alexander Donaldson, D. D., as assistant teacher in the excellent and eminently useful Academy of Elder's Ridge, Indiana County, Pa. He was graduated from the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny, in the Spring of 1855, and a few weeks later was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of Blairsville, when, under commission of the Board of Home Missions, he proceeded to the head of Lake Superior, and there labored six years in this capacity, being one of the original members of the Presbytery of Lake Superior, and of the Synod of Minnesota, O. S.

Resigning his charge he then became pastor of the Church of Mount Pleasant, O. S., in the Presbytery of Redstone, until 1869, when he took charge of the Church of Connellsville, in the same Presbytery, in which happy and useful relation he remained for the period of thirteen years. In evidence of his success, it is enough to state that, finding the Connellsville Church with a membership of one hundred and forty, he left it with two hundred and seventy-five, the Church of Dunbar having meanwhile been set off from it, which, having an efficient pastor, now reports a membership of one hundred and forty-seven. In June, 1882, Mr. Barnett gave up the pastoral office to become Financial Secretary of Washington and Jefferson College, in which service he is now (1883) very actively and usefully employed.

He is a clear, evangelical and effective preacher and vigorous pastor, and a skillful ecclesiastic. He has shown special fitness for the office of Stated Clerk, having served both his Presbytery and the Synod of Pittsburg in that capacity for many years. Of the latter body he was Moderator, in 1880, at Johnstown, Pa.

Barr, Rev. Hugh, the son of Patrick and Nancy Barr, was born in North Carolina, May 12th, 1790. His parents removed to Middle Tennessee, with their family, in 1798. He was educated in the academy of the Rev. Dr. Blackburn. On leaving the academy he began life as a teacher, and established a school for English and classical studies, at Hopewell, Tennessee. In the Indian war of the South he served as a soldier under General Jackson, leaving his young wife and his home to hazard his life for the defence of his country. He served through the whole of that struggle, taking part in its bloodiest battles, particularly that known as the "Horse-Shoe" battle. Returning home after the war, he resumed his occupation as a teacher. After a vigorous study of theology, and completing his course about the year 1819, he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Shiloh. He was ordained and sent as a missionary to Northern Alabama, and was settled at Courtland, in that State, in the year 1821. He remained as pastor of this church for fourteen years, serving in the meantime, as he had opportunity, the destitute neighborhoods in the region about him. In this, his first settlement, he was eminently successful in winning souls, and was greatly beloved, both as a preacher and as a man. He went to Illinois in 1835, and for six months supplied the church at Pisgah, in Morgan county, and then settled at Carrolton, Green county, Ill., in November of the same year, where he remained until he closed his ministerial labors, in 1852. Here he labored hard, and long, and well, to lay the foundations of society, to establish the Church of Christ, and to build up schools and institutions of learning for the community. Mr. Barr died August 1st, 1862. As a theologian, he was sound, systematic, and scriptural. As a preacher he was thoroughly doctrinal, argumentative, and expository. As a pastor he was greatly beloved. He was full of fidelity and zeal for his Church.

Barr, Thomas Hughes, D. D., fifth son of Rev. Thomas and Susannah (Welch) Barr, was born in Greensburg, Beaver county, Pa., November 19th, 1807. He graduated at Western Reserve College, Ohio, in 1835, with honor, studied theology at Princeton, N. J., was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Wooster, June 23d, 1841. He was pastor of Wayne and Jackson churches, Ohio, 1841-7, and of Jackson Church until his death, which occurred November 29th, 1878. His third daughter, Mary, went, in the Summer of 1878, a few months previous to the death of her father, to Peking, China, where she labored under the auspices of the New York Woman's Foreign Missionary Board. On account of ill-health she was transferred, in the Summer of 1883, to California, where she still labors, under the same Board. Dr. Barr was possessed of an active, energetic and well-trained intellect. Humility and simplicity were traits of character for which he was remarkable. He