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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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in the Presidency of Washington College. He held this office eight years, during which time he was also pastor of the Salem and Leesburg churches. In the Spring of 1829 he removed to Edgar county, Ill., and died there, November 18th, 1830. He was held in high esteem as an eloquent and forcible preacher of the gospel.

Bovelle, Stephen, D. D., of Huguenot descent, was born in Cumberland county, Pa., in 1770, and was educated at Dickinson College, under the Presidency of Dr. Nisbet. When he was about twenty-one years of age his father removed his family to the territory of Ohio. Stephen being the oldest child, soon afterward went to Kentucky, put himself under the tuition of Dr. David Rice, and under him studied theology. He was licensed to preach in 1796 or 1797. In 1798 he left Kentucky and went to Abingdon, Va. After two or three years he became a member of the Presbytery of Greenville, Tenn. Upon its dissolution, in 1804, he had assumed the pastorate of the Sinking Spring and Green Spring Churches, in Virginia, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Abingdon. Here was his home for nearly thirty-five years. Besides his pastoral work he was much of the time engaged in teaching. In 1811, and again in 1819, he made, by appointment of the General Assembly, missionary tours into Indiana. In 1837 he removed to Missouri. He died at the age of seventy, in December, 1840, at Paris, Ill., while visiting relatives in that place.

Dr. Bovelle commanded a wide influence as an instructive preacher of the Word. An occasional sermon published in the *National Preacher* called forth from Dr. A. Alexander, the remark, it is said, that he knew of no minister of our Church in the Western country, who could write a better sermon than Dr. Stephen Bovelle.

Boyd, Adam, was the son of John Boyd and Elizabeth Young, daughter of Sir William Young. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1746. His grandfather, John Boyd, was born in or near Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1690. Born in this country, the grandson yet inherited the peculiarities of the Scotch character. By occupation Mr. Boyd was a carpenter. He was still a young man when the War of the Revolution opened, and entered into the conflict with patriotic order, serving through four campaigns, and participating in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Princeton, as an officer. At the close of his military career he held the place of chief of transportation. In 1783 he removed from Cumberland county to Harrisburg, and made it his permanent home. Here he was elected an elder of the Presbyterian Church, in 1794. Mr. Boyd bore a high reputation among his fellow-citizens, and was often selected by them for positions of honor and trust, serving as the presiding officer of the first Town Council, as County Treasurer for many years, as County Commissioner, as Director of the Poor, as

Chief Burgess, and in other important trusts. As a citizen and public officer, he stood very high in the estimation of the people, and was honored with office as long as he would consent to accept it. He was a man of fine abilities and literary taste, decided in his opinions, of industrious habits and strictest integrity. In person, he was stoutly built, of blue eyes, sandy hair and fair complexion, benevolent in heart and life, kind and genial in countenance and bearing. As an officer of the Church, he was greatly esteemed and beloved, and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. The interests of the Church and of Zion at large engaged his warm devotion. His death occurred on May 14th, 1814, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and the twenty-first year of his eldership.

Boyd, Rev. Joseph R., pastor of the Church of Lancaster, O., was born in Guernsey county, O., July 23d, 1835. His parents were members of the United Presbyterian Church, at New Concord, O. He graduated at Franklin College in 1859, entered the United Presbyterian Seminary that Autumn, and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Allegheny, in the Spring of 1862. After spending another year in the seminary, he settled in a church in the neighborhood of where he was born and brought up. Having preached there four years, he was sent to a mission field under the care of the Presbytery of Xenia, at Wilmington, O.; where he remained two years, and while there changed his views on the matter of close communion. Leaving that field and the church in the Autumn of 1869, he immediately settled at Liberty, Indiana, and connected himself with the Presbytery of Whitewater. In the pastorate of this church he continued until 1872, when he received and accepted a call to the church of which he now has charge, and in which, during the twelve years of his ministry, he has labored with a good deal of success. He is a practical and faithful preacher, conscientious in discharging duty, prosecutes his work with energy, and is esteemed for his consistent and exemplary character.

Bradford, Rev. William H., was born in Cooperstown, N. Y., August 5th, 1814, the youngest of ten children of Esek and Huldah (Skinner) Bradford, and of the sixth generation from William Bradford, second Governor of Plymouth Colony. He prepared for college at the Cortland Academy, Homer, and graduated from Hamilton in 1833, with Rev. Julius Foster, Rev. S. P. M. Hastings, Rev. Dr. David Malin and Prof. Oren Root among his classmates. He then studied law for two years, desiring, perhaps, to make that his profession; but he had publicly professed the Saviour in the Church at Homer, while attending the academy there, and his vows to the Lord turned him to the ministry. Finishing the curriculum at Auburn Theological Seminary, he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Cayuga, and in 1838 was ordained by the Presbytery of Tioga, and installed in Berkshire, N. Y., the only parish in