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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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died December 5th, 1878. As a preacher, Mr. Graves was serious and earnest. His services were especially sought for at sacramental seasons and protracted meetings, and his labors were greatly blessed in bringing sinners to Christ. He was an accurate scholar; from conviction a thorough Presbyterian, and ever ready to maintain and defend the doctrines of our standards. His end was peace.

Graydon, William, Esq., was born September 2d, 1759, near Bristol, Pennsylvania, and spent his early life in Philadelphia, where he pursued his classical education, and studied law in the office of EDWARD BIDDLE, Esq. He removed to Harrisburg, and entered upon the practice of his profession, while quite a young man. He was well educated, and a man of fine literary tastes. He was elected, at some date prior to 1812, an elder of the Church at Harrisburg. He was highly esteemed as a gentleman of the old school, in his manners refined, courteous, of unblemished integrity in the many trusts committed to him, of high and honorable principles, and in the Church and walks of Christian life a man of true piety and deep devotion to the Church, of which he was a ruling elder for twenty-eight or thirty years. He was honored by his fellow-citizens with the office of Magistrate, was a Justice of the Peace for several years, and published a "Book of Forms," well known as a standard to professional men, also a Digest of the Laws of the United States. He died October 13th, 1840, in the eighty-second year of his age, ripe in years and full of honors.

Gready, Rev. William Postell, son of Andrew Plyme and Prudence Eliza (Switzer) Gready, was born in Charleston, S. C., June 5th, 1817; was graduated from Yale College, A. D. 1842; went immediately to Princeton Seminary, where he spent three years, 1842-45, and was regularly graduated; was licensed by New Brunswick Presbytery, April 23d, 1845, and was ordained by Hopewell Presbytery, an evangelist, at Thyatira, Jackson county, Ga., August 15th, 1847. Immediately after his licensure he served for some months a mission church in Charleston; in 1846-47 he supplied the Church at Turkey Creek, Ga.; supplied the united churches of New Hope and Danielsville, Ga., 1847-50; supplied the Church at Perry, Houston county, Ga., 1850-56; then removed to the county of Pickens (now Oconee), S. C., where he supplied, 1857-73, the churches of Retreat, Tugalo and Richland, as a domestic missionary. Tugalo Church had a house of worship on each side of the river, one in South Carolina, the other in Georgia. In 1873 the members residing in the latter State organized a separate Church at Toccoa City, Ga., which, in connection with Hopewell Church (and for one year, 1871-72, the Church at Gainesville, Ga., also), he supplied until within a year of his death. Early in the year 1881 he was prostrated by a sickness from which he never fully recovered. He died, calmly and peacefully, on his farm, four miles from Carnes-

ville, Ga., and fifteen miles from Toccoa, January 28th, 1882. He was a fair scholar; a well-read theologian; a sound, instructive, spiritual and faithful preacher; a pious and devoted man of God.

Green, Ashbel, D.D., LL.D., was born at Hanover, Morris county, N. J., a son of the pastor, Rev. Jacob Green. In 1778, at the age of sixteen, he was teacher of a school, but dismissed it and entered the army. He was promoted, young as he was, to be orderly sergeant in the militia. Becoming infected with skepticism, he was cured of it by the study of the New Testament. He entered the Junior class, half advanced, and graduated at Nassau Hall, in 1783, with the highest honors. After acting for a while as Tutor, then as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, he entered the ministry. Declining invitations from Charleston and New York, he was ordained colleague to Dr. Sproat, in the Second Church, Philadelphia, May, 1787. He was very popular, and large accessions were made to the church.

From 1792 till 1800 he served as Chaplain to Congress, along with Bishop White. In 1812 he was made President of the College of New Jersey. While he elevated the standard of learning in the college, he did not neglect discipline and religious instruction.

In 1815 there was a revival of religion, and thirty students were its subjects, among them such men of mark as John Breckinridge, Dr. Charles Hodge, Bishop McIlvaine and Bishop Johns. In 1822 he resigned and returned to Philadelphia, where he applied himself to editing the *Christian Advocate* for twelve years.

In 1824 Dr. Green was elected Moderator of the General Assembly. He was a member of the Assembly in the years, successively, 1837, 1838 and 1839, and took a decided stand in favor of the Old School party. "The trumpet gave no uncertain sound." In 1846 the Old School Assembly met in Philadelphia, and the venerable man was led in. The whole Assembly rose to do him honor, and the Moderator, Dr. Hodge, welcomed him, to which Dr. Green responded. He was conducted to a chair, placed for him under the pulpit, but was able to remain only a short time. May 19th, 1848, he paid the debt of nature, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He was found dead, in the posture of prayer.

Dr. Green's long experience and active habits gave him great weight in the councils of the Church. Dr. Van Rensselaer styled him "the connecting link between old times and new." Scarce an important action was taken in which he had not a share. He was identified with the history of the Church from the beginning. He could appropriately apply to himself the words, "*quorum pars magna fui.*" Some objected that he was dictatorial, or at least, magisterial. Dr. Carnahan thought him "fitted to adorn any station." Dr. Janeway regarded him as "the first preacher in the Presbyterian Church."

His discourses were written, but not read. He was also in the habit of writing his prayers, to which they

owed their richness and variety. To weighty matter he added an impressive manner, a transparent style, beautiful diction and a good delivery.

"Though deep, yet clear; though gentle, yet not dull;
Strong without rage; without overflowing, full."

His printed works, comprising, an Autobiography, and "Lectures on the Shorter Catechism," fill several volumes.

Green, Rev. D. D., was born in Washington county, Pa., August 12th, 1828. He graduated at Jefferson College in 1856, and at the Western Theological Seminary in 1859. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Richland, at Frederickstown, O., and ordained a Foreign Missionary by the same Presbytery, at Shelbyville, Ohio. His field of labor was Ningpo, China, to which he was sent out in 1859, and which he occupied until the Fall of 1866. He then removed to Haug Chow, where he remained till May, 1869, when he returned home to his native land, in feeble health. In 1870 he settled as a home missionary at Doniphan, Kansas, where he labored till the time of his death, September 25th, 1872. He was an earnest student and a devout servant of the Master, and died in the triumphs of the faith he sacrificed so much to preach. Said one who was with him at his death, "The valley had no shadow for him, and when his articulation failed in English his tongue found utterance in the Chinese, 'Yong Wha'—glory. He not only taught us how to live, but how to triumph over death."

Green, Rev. Enoch, of the class at Princeton which graduated in 1760, was ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, in 1762, and installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Deerfield, N. J., June 9th, 1769. While pastor of this church he was abundant in missionary labor, on the coast of New Jersey. During the Revolution he acted as chaplain, and died, November 20th, 1776, from camp fever, contracted while in the discharge of his duty.

Green, George Smith, of Trenton, N. J., was the oldest of three brothers, who, in their lives, were prominently identified with the Presbyterian Church, the other two being John C. Green, of New York city, and Henry W. Green, late Chancellor of New Jersey. His death, which occurred at Trenton, November 17th, 1883, closed a long, active, and in every respect, an honorable and exemplary Christian life. Of a retiring, modest disposition, not given to the conventional forms of demonstration, Mr. Green was as strong in his affections as in his will and his integrity; a man of sound judgment and uniform character in his connections alike with the world and with the Church. He was for forty-two years a communicant, for twenty-five years a ruling elder, and nearly as long a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton.

Green, Henry Woodhull, LL. D. This eminent lawyer was a brother of Mr. John C. Green, whose sketch is below, and was born, September

20th, 1804, at Maidenhead (now Lawrenceville), in the county of Hunterdon (now Mercer), N. J. He graduated at Princeton College, with honor, at the early age of sixteen. He was licensed as an attorney-at-law, in 1825, and continued to practice, in Trenton, for twenty-one years. After receiving many honorable and responsible appointments of various kinds, he was, in 1846, appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and at the expiration of his term of office, in 1853, was reappointed. On the 14th of March, 1860, he was appointed Chancellor, and entered immediately upon the duties of his new office. In the Spring of 1866 he resigned his Chancellorship, on account of his health, which had become enfeebled by his intense and unremitting labors, and imperatively demanded repose. A voyage to Europe, from which he returned after five months of absence, proved of essential benefit. His last years were largely spent in devotional studies and exercises, as he had, to a great extent, withdrawn from professional and public cares. His death occurred at his residence in Trenton, N. J., December 19th, 1876, in the seventy-third year of his age.

Chancellor Green was, for many years, a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton. He was also a warm and liberal supporter of the various Boards of the Presbyterian Church. Whenever he appeared in its judicatories, he was always an influential member. He was a Commissioner to the General Assembly at Albany, in 1868, and was sent by it as one of its delegates to the other Assembly, then sitting at Harrisburg, Pa. He was always a devoted friend to the Institutions at Princeton. From 1833 he was, until his death, a Trustee of the Theological Seminary, and the President of its Board of Trustees, from 1860. In 1850 he received the degree of LL.D. from Princeton College, and, at the same time, was elected a member of its Board of Trustees. He was universally esteemed one of the most accomplished jurists, and one of the ablest and most upright judges our country has produced.

Green, Rev. Jacob, a native of Malden, Mass., graduated at Harvard College, in 1744, and was licensed by the Presbytery of New York, in September, 1745. He was soon called to Hanover, and was ordained in November, 1746. The support of a large family led him to engage in the practice of medicine, and he continued it for thirty years. He was very diligent in catechizing, and endeavoring to promote piety in the young. During the Revolution he was foremost in his country's cause, and, against his will, was elected to the Provincial Congress, and was Chairman of the Committee which drafted the State Constitution. Mr. Green died, May 24th, 1790, whilst a revival of religion was in progress in his congregation. He was an instructive, plain, searching, practical preacher, a watchful, laborious pastor, and was eminently successful in doing good.