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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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nine of which are occupied by the Society. The fireproof portion is twenty feet front, and eighteen feet deep. The walls are lined with portraits of distinguished Presbyterians, Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Duff, Dr. Archibald Alexander, Dr. William Adams and many others. One year brought in two hundred and ninety-three historical and memorial discourses. Another year six hundred church histories, twenty histories of Presbyteries and Synods. Another year the Society received more than eleven hundred volumes, among them sixty-five volumes of the acts of the Free Church of Scotland, and a box of books of standard value from the Rev. John McNaughton, of Belfast.

The aim of the Society is to gather within reach, and make accessible to all, the whole story of what God has done and is doing through the Presbyterian Church, for the weal of the world and the glory of his name.

The original corporate members of this Society were David Elliott, William M. Engles, W. R. DeWitt, Albert Barnes, George H. Stuart, J. B. Dales, J. T. Cooper, James Hoge, Charles Hodge, Samuel Hazzard, Samuel Agnew, Robert J. Breckinridge, William Chester, George Howe, William B. Sprague, Henry A. Boardman, C. Van Rensselaer, John C. Backus, John Leyburn, William S. Martien, Alfred Nevin, Thomas H. Skinner, John A. Brown, Samuel H. Cox, Peter Force, Edwin F. Hatfield, George Duffield, George Duffield, Jr., Henry B. Smith, Matthew W. Baldwin, Henry J. Williams, B. J. Wallace, J. N. McLeod, John Forsyth, James Wood, Thomas Beveridge, James M. Wilson, T. W. J. Wylie, S. J. Wylie, Thomas Smyth, M. L. P. Thompson, and J. F. Stearnes.

**Hitchcock, Henry L., D.D.**, was born at Benton, O., October 31st, 1813. His father, Peter Hitchcock, who settled in Northern Ohio in 1806, was Judge of the Supreme Court of the State for twenty-eight years. He also held other important public positions at different times, as member of the State Legislature and of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States. Dr. Hitchcock received his academic education at Benton Academy. In September, 1829, he entered the Sophomore Class of Yale College, and graduated in 1832. For two years after graduating he taught in Benton Academy. He then spent one year in theological studies, reciting to his pastor, the Rev. Dexter Witter, after which he was a student in Lane Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Grand River, July 25th, 1837. He was ordained and installed by the same Presbytery over the Church of Morgan, O., November 29th, 1837. In June, 1840, he was dismissed from this charge to accept a call from the Second Presbyterian Church of Columbus, O., which had then been organized a little more than one year. Dr. Hitchcock commenced preaching in Columbus, July, 1840, and was installed pastor of

the church November 24th, 1841, by the Presbytery of Marion (afterwards Franklin). In this charge he remained fifteen years, during which the church became strong and influential, and the Third Church of Columbus was organized from its membership. This church afterwards became Congregational, and is now a large and useful church. Dr. Hitchcock became President of Western Reserve College, Hudson, O., in July, 1855, in which position, in addition to the duties of the Presidency, he was pastor of the College Church, which, under his ministry, recovered from its depression, and attained a good degree of prosperity. He died July 6th, 1873, at Hudson, O.

**Hodge, Archibald Alexander, D. D., LL. D.**, the eldest son of Dr. Charles Hodge, was born at Princeton, N. J., in July, 1823. He graduated at the College of New Jersey in 1841, and after being Tutor



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

for a year, he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary. On leaving the Seminary he was ordained as a missionary; sailed for India in August, 1847, and was stationed at Allahabad two years; but, owing to the ill-health of his wife, he returned, in May, 1850. In 1851 he accepted the charge of the Church of Lower West Nottingham, Maryland, and in the Fall of 1855 resigned this pastorate for that of Fredericksburg, Va. While here he composed his "Outlines of Theology," which was published in 1860, and has been republished in 1878 in a new and much enlarged edition; has been republished in Great Britain, and translated into Welsh, modern Greek and Hindustani. In 1861 he became pastor of the Church at Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he was greatly beloved, and eminently useful.

In May, 1864, Dr. Hodge was elected, by the General Assembly, to the Chair of Didactic, Historical and Polemic Theology, in the Western Theological Seminary, and he removed to Allegheny City in the Fall. In 1867 he published his work on "The Atonement," and in 1869 his "Commentary on the Confession of Faith." In 1877 he was elected Associate Professor of Theology in Princeton Seminary, and in 1878, Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the same Seminary, which position he now holds. Dr. Hodge is justly distinguished for his vast and varied scholarship. As a preacher, he is always listened to with pleasure and profit. His sermons are rich with Bible truth, logically constructed, clothed in captivating language, delivered with solemnity, and addressed with no less earnestness to the heart than to the intellect. The works which he has given to the public are all characterized by marked ability, orthodoxy and vigor of style, and, whilst indicating thorough erudition and profound research, are peculiarly adapted to interest and instruct the popular mind. As a Professor, he fully meets the demands of the position, by his masterly treatment of the great themes assigned to his department of instruction.

Hodge, Charles, D. D., LL. D., was born in Philadelphia, December 28th, 1797. He graduated at the College of New Jersey in 1815; entered Princeton Seminary in November, 1816, and remained in the Institution for a full three years' course. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, October 21st, 1819, and during the Winter of 1819-20 preached regularly at the Falls of Schuylkill, the Philadelphia Arsenal, and Woodbury, N. J. In May, 1820, he was appointed Assistant Instructor in the Original Languages of Scripture, in Princeton Seminary, which position he held until 1822. He became a member of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, July 5th, 1820, and continued as such all the remainder of his life. Under appointment of Presbytery, in 1820, he supplied the churches of Georgetown and Lambertville for a season, and Lambertville and Trenton, First Church (now Ewing Church), during parts of the years 1820-23. He was ordained *sine titulo* at Trenton, November 28th, 1821.

Dr. Hodge's connection with the Seminary continued to the end of his life. In May, 1822, he was elected by the General Assembly to the Professorship of Oriental and Biblical Literature; in May, 1840, to that of Exegetical and Didactic Theology, and after 1854, was added to these, Polemic Theology. In 1846 he was elected Moderator of the General Assembly. In 1825 he commenced the *Biblical Repertory*. The same year he went to Europe, and spent three years in the universities of Paris, Halle, and Berlin. During his absence the *Repertory* was under the direction of Professor Robert Patton, then connected with the College of New Jersey. In 1829, the name of the work was changed to *The Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review*, and its scope was

greatly widened. It soon became a mighty power in the Presbyterian Church, and continued such until the close of its editor's life.

Dr. Hodge was a voluminous writer, and from the beginning to the end of his theological career his pen was never idle. In 1835 he published his "Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans," his greatest exegetical work, and one of the most masterly commentaries on this Epistle that has ever been written. Other works followed, at intervals of longer or shorter duration—"Constitutional History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," 1840; "Way of Life, 1841; republished in England, translated into other languages, and circulated to the extent of thirty-five thousand copies in America; "Commentary on Ephesians," 1856; on "First Corinthians," 1857;



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on "Second Corinthians," 1859. His *magnum opus* is the "Systematic Theology" (1871-73), of three vols. 8vo, and extending to 2260 pages. His last book, "What is Darwinism?" appeared in 1874. In addition to all this, it must be remembered that he contributed upwards of one hundred and thirty articles to the *Princeton Review*, many of which, besides exerting a powerful influence at the time of their publication, have since been gathered into volumes, and as "Princeton Essays," "Hodge's Essays" (1857), and "Hodge's Discussions in Church Polity" (editor Rev. William Durant, 1878), have taken a permanent place in our theological literature.

On the 23d of April, 1872, the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Hodge's election as Professor, there was observed in Princeton a semi-centennial commemora-