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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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than thirty years, he has labored systematically and most faithfully, both as a preacher and pastor to his people. During his pastorate the church has been greatly prospered; its communicants have more than doubled in number; a new and ornate stone church edifice has been erected, and twelve young men have entered the ministry, most of whom are now successfully at work in different fields of labor. For more than a quarter of a century Dr. Miller has been Secretary of the St. Lawrence County Bible Society, and has been actively connected with the various ecclesiastical and benevolent associations of the county. For years he has been a Trustee of Hamilton College, and after the reunion of the O. S. and N. S. branches of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an early and zealous advocate, he was chosen Moderator of the Synod of Central New York, in 1873. Dr. Miller is an able and earnest preacher, and a most acceptable and useful pastor; indefatigable in the work of his ministry, and for the advancement of the cause of Christ both at home and abroad, and is highly appreciated and esteemed by his brethren in the ministry, and by all who know him, as an able and faithful minister, a wise and safe counsellor, and a warm-hearted and genial friend.

Miller, Samuel, D. D., son of Dr. Samuel Miller, of Princeton, N. J., was born in that place, January 23d, 1816, and graduated at New Jersey College in 1833, where he was Tutor, 1835-6. For a time he was a lawyer in Philadelphia. He was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, October 5th, 1841; stated supply at Mt. Holly, N. J., 1845; pastor, 1850; Principal of West Jersey Collegiate Institute, Mt. Holly, 1845-57; stated supply at Tuckerton and Bass River, 1858-62; and from 1880, was pastor of the Church at Oceanic, N. J. Dr. Miller was elected a Director of Princeton Theological Seminary in 1861. He died in 1883. He was a gentleman of scholarly attainments, calm temperament, retiring disposition, and was very useful during his life as a preacher and instructor of the young.

Mills, Hon. Benjamin, was born in the town of Snow Hill, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, in 1771. He was of Scotch-Irish descent by his father's side, and of Huguenot by his mother's. While he was quite young, his parents removed to Pennsylvania. He was fond of study, and became a good classical scholar and a proficient in mathematics. He first studied medicine, and practiced his profession for a short time, but finally gave it up, and after teaching school for a time, commenced the study of law.

He removed to Paris, Ky., in 1800, engaged in practice, rose rapidly in his profession, and was elected to the State Senate, and appointed by the Governor, Circuit Judge, which office he held for five years. In 1819 he took his seat upon the Supreme Court Bench. He united with the Presby-

terian Church in Paris, Ky., in 1820, and three years after was ordained an elder. In 1828 he resigned his seat upon the Supreme Bench, and removed to Frankfort, where he resumed the practice of the law, and had a very extensive business all over the State. He died suddenly, in 1831, in the full hope of a blessed immortality.

Two things were remarkable in Judge Mills; one was his devotion to the classics in the original, and his fondness for the higher mathematics; the other was his realization of the responsibilities of the eldership. Meetings of Presbytery were attended by him as faithfully as his sessions of Court, or the consultations of his law office. He was, from his ordination to his death, superintendent of the Sabbath school. If the pastor was absent he would lead the prayer meeting, and on the Sabbath he often read a sermon, or made an address to the congregation. He was warmly devoted to the educational interests of the Church, being one of the founders of Centre College, Ky., and a friend of the Kemper in founding Lane Seminary, in Ohio, and also aiding a number of young men in obtaining an education for the ministry. He gave freely of his counsels and his means to every cause that was designed to advance the interests of the Church and promote the glory of the Redeemer.

Two of Judge Mills' sons entered the ministry, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, who died in 1867, and Rev. B. Mills, of Illinois; and one of his daughters became the wife of Rev. E. P. Pratt, D.D., now pastor at Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mills, Benjamin, D. D., was born at Paris, Bourbon county, Kentucky, June 23d, 1820. He is the third son of the late Hon. Benjamin Mills, of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, and of Mary Reade, daughter of General Anthony Thornton. He graduated from Miami University, in 1841; finished his theological course at Lane Seminary, in 1844, and his law studies in Kentucky, in 1846. His life presents a mosaic of pastoral, evangelistic, missionary, legal and military work. He preached the gospel in the States of Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Indiana, having also been active in planting the Presbyterian Church in Nebraska and Wyoming Territory. His law practice was confined almost entirely to Kentucky. His military service was against the Indians in the Northwest.

Intellectually, Dr. Mills is possessed of strong analytical power, a most retentive memory and a marked aptitude for forensic discussion. To these he has added a large observation and a careful investigation. Physically, he possesses the utmost vigor, linked with great power of endurance. In the thirtieth year of his ministry he was able to preach three times each Sabbath, with a ride of sixteen miles between the services, and sustain that amount of labor consecutively for a year. Notwithstanding the broad field over which his life-work has spread,