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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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**Brown, Samuel T.**, was born March 21st, 1827, of Scotch-Irish parentage. By the death of his father he was, early in life, thrown upon his own resources, and this circumstance developed in him sterling and self-reliant characteristics which strengthened as he grew to manhood. Having removed to Huntingdon, Pa., about 1849, he was admitted to the Bar at that place, in April, 1852. In 1854 he was associated with the Hon. John Scott in the practice of his profession. In 1857 he was elected an elder of the Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, and has ever since held that position, discharging its duties with fidelity, and representing his Church frequently in Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. In 1869 he served as a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. Mr. Brown is distinguished, as a lawyer, for his wide and accurate knowledge of the law, a good advocate, and a safe counsellor. He is a man of stern, unwavering principles, but, at the same time, generous, considerate, and at all times commanding the entire respect, confidence, and good-will of his fellow-men. He is a successful lawyer, a good, substantial citizen, and above all, an earnest and sincere Christian.

**Brown, Rev. William, D. D.**, is a son of Rev. Samuel Brown, of New Providence Church, Rockbridge county, Va., and Mary Moore, whose eventful history is widely known through the little volume of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, "The Captives of Abb's Valley." He is the youngest of four sons who became ministers in the Presbyterian Church, of whom three have "entered into rest."

He was born September 11th, 1811; was received into full communion in the church of which his father was pastor, when ten years of age; was graduated at Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), Lexington, Va., in 1830; entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1832, and after spending three years there, was licensed to preach the gospel, in September, 1835, by the Presbytery of Lexington, Va. He then spent several months at Union Seminary, Prince Edward county, Va., when, having received a call to the pastorate of Augusta Church, one of the oldest churches in the Valley of Virginia, he was ordained and installed pastor of the same in October, 1836. In this, his first and only pastoral charge, he remained for twenty-four years, preaching the gospel with great acceptance, the Lord blessing his labors to the edification of the Church.

At the call of his brethren of the Synod of Virginia, and with the advice of his Presbytery, in November, 1860, he removed to Richmond, Va., and took charge of *The Central Presbyterian*. For a period of nineteen years, covering a season of great agitation and trouble, both in Church and State, Dr. Brown edited that paper with great ability, and in such a way as to retain to the last the full confidence of his brethren. In 1879, on account of a serious failure of vision, he relinquished his editorial labors, and for some time resided in Fredericksburg, Va., doing missionary work

as he had opportunity, but without any regular ministerial engagement. He is at present in Florida.

In his conduct of his paper, in the meetings of his Synod, from which he was never absent during a ministry of nearly half a century, and of the General Assembly, of which he was several times a member, Dr. Brown was always listened to with marked attention, and pursued such a course as to secure and retain the confidence of his brethren. This confidence the Synod manifested by continuing him a Director of Union Theological Seminary for thirty years, and the General Assembly by continuing him their Permanent Clerk since 1865. A man of remarkable singleness of purpose, a clear head and sound judgment, Dr. Brown's influence in shaping the course of the Southern Presbyterian Church has been widely felt, and will continue to be felt for many



WILLIAM BROWN, D. D.

years to come. In 1883 Dr. Brown was one of the delegates from the Southern Assembly to the General Assembly which met at Saratoga, N. Y.

**Brown, Rev. William, Biays**, was born in the city of Philadelphia, of Presbyterian and Scotch-Irish ancestry, November 17th, 1818. He graduated at Jefferson College, Pa., in 1847, and studied theology at Union Seminary, Va. He first settled as pastor at Hillsboro, N. C., in 1850. In 1851-5 he was Principal of Augusta Female Seminary. He was Professor of Latin and Belles Lettres in Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., for one year. He taught school in Kentucky, and while thus engaged supplied various churches until the close of 1863. He was pastor of the Second Church of Wabash, Ind., until