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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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counties, Va., 1846-8, and was diligent, faithful, successful and very acceptable in his work. He was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of East Hanover, June 10th, 1848, and was pastor-elect at Amelia, C. H., Va., 1848-51. Here his lot was cast among a cultured and generous people, by whom he was highly esteemed. In 1851 he took charge of the Westminster (Pine Street) Church, St. Louis, Mo., and continued to be its pastor until 1863, amid constantly increasing evidences of his usefulness, and constantly repeated tokens of mutual affection between himself and the people whom he so faithfully served as an ambassador for Christ. From 1868-70, he was pastor of Mulberry Church, Ky., where he was eminently faithful and greatly beloved. He died March 9th, 1870, whispering with his latest breath, "To live is Christ, to die is gain."



SAMUEL BROWN M'PHEETERS, D.D.

Dr. McPheeters' life and character presented an admirable specimen of well ordered natural endowments, sanctified and ennobled by grace. He was endowed with a wisdom that delivered him, consistently, from hasty, foolish and ill-tempered things. With a judgment pre-eminently sound, it was safe at all times to trust him as a counsellor. His piety was cast in the loftiest mould, and yet there never appeared in its composition a shadow of fanaticism. Everything about him betokened a sojourner and the pilgrim, staff in hand, waiting only for the morning. As a preacher, he would not, in common acceptance, be called eloquent. And yet the people always heard him gladly. His apt illustrations and intense common sense arrested attention from the start, and the preacher, rapt in the fervor of his

earnestness, spake as one who came directly from the presence of God, while the message which he bore was fragrant with the incense that burns in the Holy Place.

McPheeters, William, D. D., was born, September 28th, 1778, in Augusta county, Va. He began his classical course in Staunton, and finished his education at Liberty Hall Academy. In 1797 he commenced the study of medicine, at Cynthiana, Ky., but abandoned it. His theological studies were pursued chiefly under the Rev. Samuel Brown, at New Providence. He was licensed to preach, April 19th, 1802, by the Presbytery of Lexington; in October following visited the State of Kentucky, and preached in various places till about March, 1803; then passed over to Ohio, preached in Chillicothe and other places, and after an absence of a few weeks, returned to Kentucky, taking charge of a church in Danville, also opening a school. After one year he returned to Cynthiana, and subsequently made a second visit to Chillicothe. After a visit to Kentucky he returned to Virginia. During the winter of 1804 he visited the counties of Greenbriar and Monroe, and subsequently took charge, for six months, of the congregations of New Lebanon and Windy Cove. In December, 1805, he began to officiate as a stated supply at Bethel Church; received a call from it, April 15th, 1806, and two or three days after was ordained to the work of the ministry. In June, 1810, he took charge of the Academy and Church in Raleigh, N. C. His connection with the academy continued until 1826, and his connection with the church, as a stated supply, several years longer. From February, 1836, to July, 1837, he had charge of a female school in Fayetteville. In the Autumn of 1837 he undertook an agency under the direction of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly, which he continued till the Spring of 1839. In 1840 he was chosen President of Davidson College, but owing to ill health, declined the election. He died, November 7th, 1842. Dr. McPheeters received many testimonies of high public regard, and fulfilled with exemplary fidelity every public trust that was committed to him. He was several times a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and never failed to command in that body a high degree of respect. He was for many years a faithful and efficient Trustee of the University of North Carolina. He was an eminently practical, useful and respectable man.

McPheeters, William M., M. D., second son of the Rev. Dr. William McPheeters, was born in Raleigh, N. C., December 3d, 1815. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1840. Having served a year as resident physician at Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia, he moved to St. Louis, Mo., in the Fall of 1841. Soon afterward he was chosen Professor of Clinical