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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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nity and fidelity with which he had discharged the duties of the responsible office from which he had retired.

The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Judge Sharswood by the University of the City of New York, and also by Columbia College. In 1850 he was appointed Professor of Law in the University of Pennsylvania, and he filled this position for a number of years with signal success. He contributed largely to the literature of the science by his works, as well as by his numerous decisions. In 1831 he published the first paper of his series on the Revised Code of Pennsylvania, in the *American Quarterly* for June of that year. Within a twelvemonth he was elected one of the Vice-provosts of the Philadelphia Law Academy. Soon afterward he published an Ameri-



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can edition of "Roscoe on Criminal Evidence," enriched with notes and references. His report on the affairs of the United States Bank appeared in four closely-printed columns of the *United States Gazette* of April 8th, 1841. In 1843 he became editor of the *American Law Magazine*. In 1841 he gave to the legal world editions of Stephens' "Nisi Prius" and "Russell on Crimes." In 1852 he published the first of five annual editions of "Byles on Bills," and the next year undertook the work of editing the successive volumes of the English Common Law Reports, republished in Philadelphia, for the use of the American Bar—a labor which he continued from volume 65 to volume 90, inclusive. In 1854, the year he was elected Provost of the Law Academy, he published his absorbing work on "Professional Ethics," fol-

lowed, two years later, by his "Popular Lectures on Commercial Law," originally prepared for the students of a business college. The ensuing years were devoted to the work which may be regarded as the culminating achievement of his literary life, and through which he became most quickly and widely known. This was his great edition of Blackstone's Commentaries, enriched with his own annotations. The work, important as it was, met with instant and universal acceptance from one end of the Union to the other. It was made the text-book in all the law schools in the United States, and was pronounced by the most eminent instructors in the law the best edition of Blackstone ever put before the public.

Judge Sharswood was for many years an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and one of the trustees of the General Assembly. He was a gentleman of great suavity of disposition and pleasing address. He adorned, by his ability and integrity, every position he occupied, and justly enjoyed, in the highest degree, the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. As a lawyer, he was second to none in the history of the American Bar. His literary labors, in connection with his profession, made his name familiar throughout the country, and the decisions of the Supreme Court, during the fifteen years of his membership, were received by the Bar with more than ordinary confidence and respect.

Judge Sharswood died at his home, in Philadelphia, May 28th, 1883, lamented by all classes of the community, and especially by the Bar, which had grown up under the deceased jurist, and took a personal pride in contemplating his blameless life, his great public services and his exalted reputation.

Shaw, James Boylan, D. D., the son of James and Margaret Shaw, was born in the city of New York, in 1808. He was among the first children on whose heads the venerable Gardiner Spring laid his hand in baptism. He was fitted to enter the Sophomore class in Yale College, and then entered the office of a physician, and attended a course of medical lectures. After that he entered the office of Thomas Addis Emmet, and commenced the study of the law. When he was about to be admitted to the Bar, the Lord touched his heart. He united with the Brick Church of New York, in 1829. In 1834, having been previously licensed to preach the gospel, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Genesee, and installed pastor of the Church at Utica. For more than forty years he has been pastor of the Brick Church of Rochester, N. Y. The College of Western Reserve conferred upon him the honorary degree of A. M., and in 1852 the University of Rochester gave him the degree of S. T. D. In 1862 he was elected a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Dr. Shaw was Moderator of the General Assembly which met in Brooklyn in 1865. He is a trustee of the Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., where

he graduated in 1832. He was a member of the General Assembly of 1837, when the act of excision was passed; and that, as a member of the Joint Committee on Reunion, he has had a part in healing the breach, he counts the greatest honor of his life. He was also a member of the Assembly which met at Saratoga, in 1883.

Dr. Shaw is an earnest, practical, and forcible preacher. His ministry has been very largely blessed. He is highly esteemed by all who know him. When (1840) he assumed charge of the Brick Church the roll of the church bore 445 names; the report to the last Assembly reveals that there are now 1485. During the entire pastorate about 2000 persons have been received on profession of faith, and 1400 by certificate; in all, about 3400 additions. The contribu-



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tions of the church to benevolent and charitable objects during this period have been \$265,000. Although now seventy-five years of age, Dr. Shaw continues to preach, with unabated vigor of intellect and fervor of eloquence, to a large congregation, composed of both the old and the young. His evening audience averages from 1000 to 1200 persons. It is earnestly hoped that he may be spared yet a number of years to exert his far-reaching influence for the glory of God and the good of men.

**Shaw, Rev. John S.**, was born in Arnite county, Miss., in 1818. He graduated at Davidson College, N. C., in 1873, and at Union Theological Seminary, Va., in 1876. He was licensed in April, of that year, by the Presbytery of New Orleans. Taking charge of the Church at Rodney, he labored faithfully there

until 1879, when he was called to the church near Natchez, Miss., of which he is now pastor. Though yet young he gives promise of extensive usefulness. Robust in health, he can endure any amount of labor. Having a strong voice and clear articulation, the largest audience can easily hear him. His fine culture, based upon good common sense, enables him to present truth in a winning and convincing manner.

**Shearer, F. A., D.D.**, was born in Path Valley, Franklin county, Pa., January 1st, 1812. He graduated at Jefferson College in 1836; studied theology at the Western Theological Seminary and under the direction of the Rev. A. A. McGinley, D. D.; was licensed by the Presbytery of Carlisle, April 11th, 1839, and ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Richland in Savannah, Ohio, June 9th, 1840. He is now pastor of the Church of Colfax, Iowa, and still actively and usefully engaged in ministerial work. Dr. Shearer's long ministerial life has been crowned with the divine blessing. He has changed his fields of labor several times, but the churches of which he has had charge, and for the most part started, have continued to prosper. Under his ministry four houses of worship have been built from the beginning, two others finished, and his present congregation is now engaged in the erection of another.

**Shearer, Rev. Frederic Eichelberger**, was born at Dillsburg, Pa., March 27th, 1838, and graduated at the College of New Jersey in 1862, after which he entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Long Island, August 16th, 1866. From 1866 to 1870 he was co-pastor at Southampton, L. I. Since 1870 he has been the efficient District Secretary of the American Tract Society, San Francisco, California.

**Shearer, Rev. George Lewis**, was born at Dillsburg, Pa., October 16th, 1835, and graduated at Lafayette College in 1857. For a time he was a teacher. He was ordained an evangelist by the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, October 3d, 1865. He was District Secretary of the American Tract Society, Philadelphia, Pa., 1864-5; its District Secretary, Richmond, Va., 1865-68; Assistant Secretary New York city, 1868-72, and since 1872 has been Financial Secretary of the same institution. He is an earnest Christian, an indefatigable worker, and renders very efficient service in the position he occupies.

**Shedd, Henry, D. D.**, was born in Jaffrey, N. H., May 16th, 1803. He graduated at Dartmouth College, in 1826, and at Andover Seminary in 1829; was licensed to preach in April, and ordained September 24th, the same year, by the Presbytery of Newburyport. He was a Home Missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Columbus seven years; stated supply of Pisgah Church, near Cincinnati, one year and a half, then occupied his former field of labor again for four years; then occupied a large destitute region in Madison, Union, and Dela-