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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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Del., where one of his relatives, the Rev. John Holmes Agnew, was Professor of Languages. His medical training was obtained at the University of Pennsylvania, and he entered upon the practice of his profession in the rural districts. After some years he removed to Philadelphia, where he continued his practice, and commenced to deliver a course of lectures in the Philadelphia School of Anatomy, in College Avenue. In 1860 his class in this time-honored institution numbered 265 students, representing every State in the Union. He also established, at the same place, the Philadelphia School of Operative Surgery. He was elected, in 1854, one of the Surgeons of the Philadelphia Hospital, and in that institution he founded the present Pathological Museum, and for some time acted as its Curator.



D. HAYES AGNEW, M. D., LL. D.

In 1863 Dr. Agnew was appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy, and Assistant Lecturer on Clinical Surgery in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania; about the same time he was elected one of the Surgeons of Wills Ophthalmic Hospital. In 1865 he was elected to a similar position in the Pennsylvania Hospital, and likewise in the Orthopædic Hospital. In 1870 he was chosen to fill the chair of Operative Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania, and in the year that followed he became Professor of the Principles and Practice of Surgery in the same institution. He is a most skillful, rapid and efficient operator in every department of general surgery, which is his specialty, and his reputation is world-wide in this respect. He has published a large and exhaustive work on Operative Surgery, which indicates the

highest type of professional ability. During the illness of President Garfield he was summoned as one of his attending physicians, and rendered most valuable service.

Dr. Agnew is a gentleman of fine personal and social qualities. He combines amiableness of disposition, a winning address, and firmness of purpose with an unaffected modesty which sheds its lustre over his dignified and symmetrical character. He is an active, exemplary, honored and useful member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and, notwithstanding the great pressure of his professional claims, is regular in his observance of the public and social ordinances of worship.

Agnew, Rev. John Holmes, D.D., was born in Gettysburg, Pa., May 9th, 1804. He graduated at Dickinson College, under the presidency of the distinguished Dr. John Mason, and taught the Grammar School in Carlisle for some time after leaving the college.

Mr. Agnew pursued his theological studies in the seminary at Princeton, and was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Carlisle, April 11th, 1827. That same year he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, Pa. In 1831 he was elected Professor of Languages in Washington College, Pa., which position he resigned in 1832. By this institution the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1852. After leaving Washington he became connected with the German Reformed Institution at York, Pa., then a Professor in Marion College, Missouri, then he filled a similar position in Newark College, Delaware. Subsequently he was Professor of Ancient Languages in the University of Michigan, and after leaving this position took charge of Maplewood Female Seminary, Pittsfield, Mass. Dr. Agnew was editor of the *Eclectic Magazine*, the *Biblical Repository*, a quarterly in the interest of the (then) New School branch of the Presbyterian Church, also of *The Knickerbocker*. He was the author of a small and valuable work on "The Sabbath," from the press of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and assisted in the translation of Winer's Grammar of the New Testament. Dr. Agnew died October 12th, 1865. One who knew him thoroughly thus succinctly delineated his character: "He was generous, benevolent, social, genial, gentlemanly, scholarly."

Agnew, Samuel, M.D., was born at Millers-town, Adams County, Pa., August 10th, 1777. He graduated at Dickinson College in 1798, and took his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. During the War of 1812 he served as a surgeon, and after its termination commenced the practice of Medicine in Gettysburg, but afterwards located at Harrisburg, where he rapidly rose to deserved eminence, establishing a large and lucrative practice. He was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of that place for fifteen