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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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In 1835 he was installed the first pastor of the only Presbyterian church in Cleveland; he found the church weak in numbers, but under his vigorous, though conservative ministry, it became prosperous and strong. When he had been sole pastor of this church for twenty-three years, Rev. Dr. William H. Goodrich became his Associate Pastor, Dr. Aiken remaining Pastor Emeritus, and receiving from the church a liberal annuity for the twenty remaining years of his life. It is not easy to sum up the results of Dr. Aiken's labors in Cleveland, for they flowed into all the other Evangelical congregations in the city. "The Old Stone Church" has a numerous family of daughters, all of whom rise up and call her blessed. Dr. Aiken's spirit and example will long live in the churches of Cleveland, and thousands speak his name with reverence and love. In person he was tall, well proportioned and of pleasing and impressive countenance. Socially he was a model gentleman. His mental powers were of a high order, and as a preacher and pastor he stood in the first rank.

**Alden, Joseph, D. D., LL. D.**, was born in Cairo, New York, in 1807, and graduated at Union College in 1829; after which he studied theology in Princeton Seminary, and was two years a Tutor in the College. He was then successively Professor of Rhetoric in Williams College, Massachusetts; Professor of Moral Philosophy in Lafayette College, Pennsylvania; President of Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, and Principal of the State Normal School, Albany, New York, 1867-80. Dr. Alden is the author of several instructive works for the young, and has been a constant and popular contributor to the periodical literature of the country. In the volume of the *Princeton Review* for 1830, he reviewed Payne's Elements of Mental and Moral Science, and Dugald Stewart's works.

**Alden, Rev. Timothy**, was of Puritan ancestry. He was born at Yarmouth, Mass., August 28th, 1771. He entered Harvard in 1790, and graduated in 1794. He seems to have engaged somewhat in the study of theology during his collegiate course. Whilst teaching at Marblehead, Mass., he was licensed to preach the gospel. November 20th, 1799, he was ordained as co-pastor with Dr. Haven, over the church of Portsmouth, N. H. He resigned his charge, July 31st, 1805, but continued his labors there until 1808, when he opened a ladies' school in Boston. In 1810 he took charge of the young ladies' department in the Academy at Newark, N. J., and after a few years opened a school for young ladies in the city of New York. July 28th, 1817, he was inaugurated President and Professor in the Faculty of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. He became a member of the Presbytery of Erie, April 2d, 1816. He delighted in missionary work, and for many successive years labored for a time among the Seneca and Munsee Indians, who had reservations in northwestern Penn-

sylvania and southwestern New York. Mr. Alden's connection with Allegheny College terminated in November 1831. He opened a boarding school in Cincinnati in 1832, and in 1834 took charge of the Academy at East Liberty, Pa., becoming also stated supply to the congregation of Pine Creek, in that region. He died, July 5th, 1839. Besides many occasional sermons and addresses, Mr. Alden published, in 1814, "A collection of American Epitaphs," in five volumes, 18mo, and in 1827, a "History of Sundry Missions," and in 1821, a "Hebrew Catechism."

**Alexander, Archibald, D. D., LL. D.** No other name on the records of the Presbyterian Church carries with it a greater charm than this, to the denomination of which he whom it designates was so distinguished and beloved a representative. It is



ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER, D. D., LL. D.

blended with the most endearing and enduring associations, and invested with an admiration and an honor which are imperishable.

Dr. Alexander was born near Lexington, Va., April 17th, 1772. His classical and theological studies were pursued under the direction of the Rev. William Graham, of Liberty Hall, afterward Washington College. He was licensed at the early age of nineteen, and on expressing his diffidence, Presbytery assigned him for a text, "Say not I am a child" (Jer. i, 7). After spending a year or more in missionary labor, according to the rules of the Synod, he was ordained, and installed pastor of Briery Church, November 7th, 1794. In 1796 he was chosen President of Hampden-Sidney College, at the age of twenty-four. May 20th, 1807, he was installed over Pine Street Church, Phila-