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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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privations and dangers, through the States of Tennessee and Kentucky, sometimes crossing the Ohio, and preaching to the settlements in what is now Ohio and Indiana. In 1801 he began his labors in Upper Buffalo Church, Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was installed as its pastor the next year, a relation which he held with great acceptance and usefulness, until it was dissolved by his own request, on account of declining health, January 15th, 1833.

Dr. Anderson conducted the theological education of a large number of young men, some of whom rose to eminence in the Church. He was one, if not of the originators, at least of the most active members of the old Board of Trustees of the Western Missionary Society, and under its direction he made several tours to the Wyandotte Indians, on the Sandusky river. He was also largely instrumental in founding the mission on the Maumee, and visited it once, in company with the Rev. E. Macurdy, with a view to settle some existing difficulties. After the transfer of that station to the United Foreign Missionary Society he became one of the most efficient supporters of that Society, and subsequently of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions into which it was merged. In forming the present General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, at Pittsburg, in 1831, he took a most lively interest, and extended to it his cordial, and active support till the close of his life, which occurred January 5th, 1835.

**Anderson, Samuel, C., Esq.,** was a ruling elder in the "College" Church at Hampden Sidney, Va., in which village are located both Hampden Sidney College and Union Theological Seminary, the two institutions existing under separate corporations. He was elected an elder in August, 1834, and continued in this office till his death, in April, 1865. The inscription on his tomb is a brief epitome of his honorable life, and is as follows: "IN MEMORY of Sam'l C. Anderson. Born in Cumberland County, Va., 22d July, 1788. Died 15th April, 1865. In 1812 a soldier of his country. From 1813 an eloquent advocate. And from 1828 a devout Christian. He was four years thereafter a legislator for his State; thirty-eight years a trustee of Hampden Sidney College, and for thirty-three years an elder of the College Church, and a faithful defender of Christ's truth. In the highest as in the lowest courts of his Church he filled every station honorably."

**Anderson, Samuel James Pierce, D.D.,** was born in Prince Edward county, Va., Dec. 5, 1814. The early years of his life were spent in the country, on the farm of his father, where, at a village school, and with the aid of a tutor at home, he was prepared for college. In 1831 he went to the University of Ohio, at Athens, and afterwards to Hanover College, Indiana, where he graduated in 1835. His theological course was pursued at Union Theological Seminary, Va., where, under the training of

the excellent men who were then in charge of that institution, he was fitted for the ministry. The first charge of Dr. Anderson was at Danville, Va., where he remained five years, the pastor of a large and constantly increasing congregation. From Danville he removed to Norfolk, Va., where he soon took rank as one of the ablest and most effective preachers in that State—so famous for its preachers. After remaining five years at Norfolk, he was called to St. Louis, and in 1851 was engaged as the pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in that city. At the time that Dr. Anderson took charge of the church it was far from being in a prosperous condition. It was yet in its infancy, few in numbers, embarrassed with debt, and greatly afflicted by the death of its first pastor, Rev. Alexander Van Court, of precious memory! The task before him was a difficult one; but, by faithful preaching and earnest work, and the blessing of God, he was enabled to accomplish it with success. Under his ministry the church grew steadily, was increased by considerable accessions from time to time, until it became, at length, one of the largest and most influential churches in the city. It is not too much to say of Dr. Anderson that he was, in his day, a man of eminent usefulness and power in the ministry. He was a preacher of marked ability—earnest, evangelical and eloquent. He was a man of fine scholarship, large reading, and almost faultless taste; his mind was richly stored, not only with Biblical, but also with historical and classical learning, and the whole was laid under contribution to the pulpit. His sermons were not only sound and able, as expositions of gospel truth, but they were usually finished productions as they came from his hand, abounding in happy illustration, delivered in a pleasing, captivating style, and with a voice the richness and sweetness of whose tones lent a charm to every word that he uttered. Dr. Anderson died September 10th, 1873. His death was one of peace and resignation. The last enemy was disarmed of its terrors to him. Nay, rather, he was waiting for death, waiting for it more than they that wait for the morning.

**Anderson, Samuel McCulloch, D. D.,** was born December 18th, 1823, in Butler county, Pa., and graduated at Washington College in 1846. He studied theology at the Western Theological Seminary, and was licensed to preach the gospel April 8th, 1851. In the same year he took charge of the church at Fredericksburg, O., where he continued till compelled by ill health to resign, in April, 1859. The Summer of that year he spent on a farm; and feeling himself able to resume pastoral duty in the Autumn, he accepted a call to the church of Davenport, Ia. In this charge he continued till the winter of 1869, when he took charge of the church in Hamilton, O. Dr. Anderson is at present pastor of the church at El Dorado, Kan. He is the author of an essay on "Miracles" which appeared in the *Princeton Review* in 1863.