

DAVID HALL, D.D. It is the privilege of few men who are engaged in the work of the Christian ministry in this State to be so highly respected as the Rev. David Hall, D.D., the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Indiana since 1874. Of his it is recorded in the standard historical work of the Presbyterian church of the United States, that "his ministry in Indiana has been largely blessed" and that "he is greatly beloved and admired by his people." David Hall, D.D., is a son of David and Margaret (Hindman) Hall and was born at Slate Lick, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1828. of the numerous Hall families in the United States, which have produced eminent divines of the Presbyterian church, one is the Hall family of Indiana county, which was founded by Capt. David Hall, who was a native of England and came with his parents to Westmoreland county when quite young. He became an early settler of Armstrong county, served as a captain the war of 1812 and participated in several Indian expeditions into the Western Reserve of Ohio, where he afterwards took up several large tracts of land. He married Jane Jackson and died March 27, 1836, at the age of 74 years. His son, David Hall, was born October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1792 and died at Slate Lick, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1884, when rapidly nearing his ninety-second mile-stone on the pathway of life. His first business was manufacturing salt in the Kiskiminetas Valley, which he soon abandoned to engage in farming. He was an old-time democrat, an extensive farmer, an upright, truthful man and an exemplary member of the Presbyterian church. He was remarkable for strength of purpose, Christian charity and moral firmness. He married Margaret Hindman, who was a daughter of James and Mary (McClellan) Hindman, and a member of the Presbyterian church. She was born June 25, 1793, In Armstrong county, where she died March 15, 1864.

Rev. David Hall was reared on a farm until he was sixteen years of age. He received his elementary education in the subscription schools, attended Kittanning academy and at sixteen years of age entered Jefferson college, at Cannonsburg, Pa., from which institution he was graduated with honors on March 30, 1850. Leaving college, he served for eighteen months as assistant principal of the Witherspoon institute, a Presbyterian academy at Butler, Pa. At the end of this time he resolved to devote his life to the cause of Christianity and entered the Western Theological seminary, of Allegheny, Pa., to prepare for the work of the ministry. After three years of hard and profitable study, he was graduated May, 1854, with high standing in his class. In the meantime, June 20, 1854, he was licensed by the presbytery of Allegheny, Pa., but wishing to be thoroughly prepared for his work, he went, after his graduation at Allegheny, to Princeton Theological seminary, where he spend one year as a resident graduate and took the post-graduate course of that thorough and efficient institution. Returning from Princeton, he was called as co-pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Columbus, Ohio, serving with Rev. Dr. James Hoge. He remained there about one year, then accepted a call from his native county and was ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Allegheny on November 5, 1856, as pastor of Union and Brady's Bend churches, of Armstrong county. His pastorate of these two churches was a very pleasant and successful one and extended over a period of eleven years. It terminated in 1867, when he became pastor of the Presbyterian church of Mansfield, Ohio, where he labored with acceptance and good results until 1874. on June 30<sup>th</sup> of that year he was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Indiana, which he has served acceptably ever since. When he assumed his present charge the membership was three hundred and fifty, but now the

church-roll bears the names of five hundred and twenty members. In 1858 Jefferson college conferred the degree of D. D. upon him for his ability, learning and valuable services in the ministry. In 1857 he was elected at Jefferson college as professor of Latin and Literature, and in 1858 he served as a member of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church held in New Orleans. In political matters Dr. Hall is a democrat from principle.

December 2, 1856, he married Elizabeth Walker, daughter of David Walker, of Butler, Pa. Their children are: Edward Payson, Henry Walker, Laura Baudelle, Mary Campbell and Caroline Rowland. The eldest son, Edward Payson Hall, is an attorney of the pension bureau of Washington City, and the second son, Henry Walker Hall, is a successful artist of New York city, who spent three years in art studies in Paris, France, and is now engaged in illustrating.

Dr. Hall is of fine physique and dignified bearing. He is an impressive and earnest speaker, whose style is characterized by clearness, simplicity and strength. As a minister of God and an ambassador for Christ, no one has ever mistaken his character or his purpose. While gentle to all men, yet he is never pliant and his every word, tone and gesture bears the unmistakable impress of sincerity. Rather timid in disposition, with no desire to preach on set occasions, yet he is bold as a lion in the pulpit, in rebuking vice, folly and injustice.

In the biography of Dr. Hall in the Encyclopedia of the Presbyterian church in the United States, Rev. Alfred Nevin, L.L.D., says "He (Dr. Hall) is a man of fine scholarship and much culture, and his motto seems to be 'Do all the good you can and say nothing about it.' In his preaching he emphasizes Christian morality, honor, manliness, integrity, truth, chivalry, charity and helpfulness, as in the sight of God and in the love of Christ. He teaches that salvation is largely character and exalts Christ's offices of Prophet (or Teacher) and King, as well as his office of Priest. He abounds in illustrations from nature. He makes an impression on the community by his efforts to tone up public morals.