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AND OTHER EMINENT MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH.

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By REV. HENRY C. MCCOOK, D. D., LL. D.

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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its pastor, and continued to be so until 1833. His labors in this field were greatly blessed. He was a traveling agent for the American Sunday-school Union until May 1st, 1834, and then supplied the Church at Sag Harbor, N. Y., for one year. From this point, Mr. Pillsbury became identified with the West, where he organized fourteen churches and assisted at the organization of several others, some of them from fifty to one hundred miles distant. He was installed pastor of the Church at Andover, Ill., April 17th, 1841, to which he ministered with diligence and a good measure of success, until 1849. From May 22d, 1850, he labored with the same diligence and success until 1854, when his pastoral relation was dissolved, that he might take charge of McDonough College, at Macomb. He died, April 20th, 1862. Mr. Pillsbury was a prudent and wise counsellor, a sincere and constant friend, and an able and faithful minister of the New Testament.

Pinkerton, Rev. John, was born near Sadsburyville, Chester county, Pa., in November, 1811. When he was about six years of age, the family changed their residence, and located in the bounds of the Brandywine Manor congregation, of which the Rev. J. N. C. Grier was pastor. After graduating at college and studying theology, he went to Eastern Virginia. In 1849 he went to Union, Maroe county, to aid the Rev. Samuel R. Houston in teaching and preaching. He was licensed by the Greenbrier Presbytery, in October, 1849, from which time he preached regularly every Sabbath at some one of the points belonging to Mr. Houston's charge, until called to Mossy Creek Church, of which he was installed pastor, November 5th, 1853, retaining this relation until his death, which occurred May 31st, 1871.

As a companion, no one was more courteous, kind, and accommodating, than Mr. Pinkerton. As a preacher, his labors were very acceptable wherever he went. His sermons were wisely constructed, logical, earnest, and faithful. He evidently had no other purpose or desire but to declare the whole counsel of God. As a speaker, he was attractive, persuasive, and often very impressive. As a pastor, he magnified his office. When on his death-bed, a ministerial friend having asked him if he had any message for his congregation, his response was, "Tell them to live near the Lord."

Pinney, John Brooke, LL.D., son of Elijah and Margaret (Langford) Pinney, was born in Baltimore, Md., December 25th, 1806; was graduated from the University of Georgia, August, 1828; studied law while pursuing his college course, and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Georgia, in 1828; taught one year in Waterboro, S. C.; entered Princeton Seminary in 1829, and having completed the full course, was regularly graduated in 1832. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, April 25th, 1832; was ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, October 12th, 1832, hav-

ing been appointed a Missionary to Africa by the Western Foreign Missionary Society; was appointed by the American Colonization Society "to act as Agent" of the American Colony at Liberia "until the arrival of a permanent Agent," October 24th, 1833; and was appointed Agent, April 17th, 1834.

Mr. Pinney remained in Liberia until 1837. After his return, he was Corresponding Secretary of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, residing in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, from 1837 to 1847; was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Washington, Pa., by the Presbytery of Washington, June 1st, 1847, and released, April 20th, 1848; was Corresponding Secretary of the New York State Colonization Society, from 1848 to 1863. In 1866 he went to Nevada, where he remained until 1869, engaged in mining and agricultural operations. A few years later, on the reorganization of the New York State Colonization Society, he was again appointed its Corresponding Secretary, and continued in that office until his death. He was a man of almost singular devotion to his work, of indomitable energy of character, and indefatigable in labor. He had worn himself out long before his end came; but in the intervals of his struggles with disease and infirmity, he continued to do his utmost to the last. His whole life was devoted to the Negro race, and especially to African colonization. Seven times he crossed the ocean, to Africa, once or twice after the failure of his health, to promote the interests of Liberia. He died at his residence, near Ocala, Florida, whither he had gone a few months before, on his seventy-seventh birthday, December 25th, 1882. He was buried under the shade of the oaks, near his house, six black men acting as pall-bearers.

Pitzer, Alexander W., D. D., was born September 14th, 1834, in Salem, Roanoke county, Va. He studied at Virginia Collegiate Institute (now Roanoke College); afterwards at Hampden-Sidney College, where he graduated, as Valedictorian of his class, in 1854. He studied theology one year at Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, and two years at Danville, Ky.; was licensed by Montgomery Presbytery, September 5th, 1856; preached in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1857; was ordained to be pastor of the First Church, Leavenworth, in April, 1858, and remained in this relation until 1861, when he returned to Virginia. Subsequently he supplied the churches of Sparta and Mt. Zion, in Georgia, and then preached at Cave Spring and Liberty, Va., until the end of 1867, when he began to labor as an evangelist in Washington City, D. C. Here he organized the Central Church, May 31st, 1868, of which he continues to be the pastor (1883).

Dr. Pitzer has been Stated Clerk of Chesapeake Presbytery since 1873; President of the Washington Bible Society since 1874, and Professor of Biblical Literature and Moral Science in Howard University since 1876. He has published "*Ecce Deus Homo.*"