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AND OTHER EMINENT MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH.

Including a Description of the Historic Decorations of the Pan Presbyterian Council of 1880,

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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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of his native town, and his college education was begun in the University of North Carolina and completed at Delaware College, in 1846. While a student at the latter Institution he made a public profession of faith in Christ, and consecrated himself to the work of the ministry. After spending some time at Union Seminary, New York, he entered the Middle class in Princeton Seminary in 1847, where he graduated in 1849. Returning home, he was licensed by his Presbytery, and on the 12th of July, 1850, ordained to the full work of the ministry. He preached for some years as a Domestic Missionary and stated supply, at Ashboro and Cedar Falls. In consequence of failing health he was laid aside from the active duties of the ministry, but in his retirement still meditated schemes for the advancement of the cause of Christ. One of these schemes was the establishment of a Presbyterian newspaper, specially adapted to the wants of the Church in North Carolina. Securing the approval of the Synod and some of the Presbyteries, and enlisting other influential men, a joint stock company was formed, and the first number of the *North Carolina Presbyterian* issued from Fayetteville, January 1st, 1858, with Rev. George McNeill as editor.

The paper was ably conducted by Mr. McNeill until his death, August 18th, 1861. The announced design of the paper was, primarily, to advance the cause of Presbyterianism in North Carolina, and this design has been largely accomplished. Mr. McNeill was peculiarly fitted, by his readiness, acumen, courage, and vigorous style, for editorial work, and the paper, surviving till the present, has been useful in arousing, not only North Carolina Presbyterians, but the whole Southern Church, to greater diligence and faithfulness in the work of Christ. He being dead, yet speaketh, in the enterprise originated by him.

McNish, Rev. George, was a native of Scotland or Ireland, and came to this country in 1705, with the Rev. Francis Makemie. The Rev. John Hampton came at the same time. They were no doubt induced to come through the influence of Mr. Makemie, who had already labored here for a number of years. In the Spring of 1710 Mr. McNish was called as the eighth pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Jamaica, L. I. He was one of the original members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, the first formed in America. For a short time he labored among the people of Monokin and Wicomico, in Maryland, but, it appears, was not settled as their pastor.

In 1711 Mr. McNish became the minister of Jamaica. In 1710 he was the Moderator of the Presbytery. He may be said to be the father of Presbyterianism in the State of New York. In 1716 he was again Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and consequently preached the synodical sermon at the first meeting of the Synod of Philadelphia, in 1717. The same year he was deputed by the Synod to act as

its representative abroad, for the promotion of religion in this country. This visit, however, he did not make, but the appointment and other important service assigned him, prove that he was a leading and influential minister, and enjoyed, in no small degree, the confidence of his brethren. In 1723 Synod recorded its "great grief" at his decease. In the Church Register of Newtown it is stated that he died March 10th, 1722. His remains were buried in the Jamaica cemetery.

McNulty, Joseph McCarrell, D. D., was born in Fayetteville, Franklin county, Pa., September 18th, 1827. He was named for his mother's brother, Rev. Dr. Joseph McCarrell, of Newburgh, N. Y. Graduating from the Associate Reformed Classical Institute in Newburgh, he studied theology in the Associate Reformed Seminary, of which his uncle was President, at the same place, and was licensed to preach by the First Associate Reformed Presbytery of New York, in May, 1851. He became pastor of the Associate Reformed Church of West Kortright, N. Y., in September, 1852, and continued so four years. He then built up a missionary church in Hobart, Delaware county, N. Y., in the same connection. He took charge, for four years, of the Independent Congregational Church of Clarkson, N. Y., in 1857. In 1862 he accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, N. Y., and in 1867, a call to the Presbyterian Church of Winona, Minn. He was installed, in 1872, over the Claremont Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, N. J. In July, 1874, he became pastor of the Church at Woodbridge, N. J., where his labors for nearly nine years have proved eminently successful.

Dr. McNulty is a frequent contributor to the current religious literature of the day. For seven years he has prepared a weekly study of the International Sabbath-school Lessons for the local press, with great acceptance. As a man, he is affable, frank, kind-hearted and manly. In professional and social life he is endeared to all by consecration, personal devotion and sacrifice. He is an eloquent, forcible and effective preacher. An unction pervades his sermons and makes him "wise to win souls." As a pastor, he is conscientious and faithful, and in every Christian enterprise he is active and earnest.

McPheeters, Samuel Brown, D. D., so called after the Rev. Samuel Brown, of New Providence, Virginia, the fifth child of Rev. William McPheeters, D. D., and his wife, Margaret Ann Curry, was born in Raleigh, N. C., September 18th, 1819. He graduated at the University of his native State in June, 1841. After his graduation, he returned home and began the study of law, which he prosecuted for more than a year. Toward the end of August, 1843, the young law student left Raleigh for Princeton, N. J., with a view of joining the Theological Seminary in that place. After his licensure he was a preacher to the colored people of Amelia and Nottaway

counties, Va., 1846-8, and was diligent, faithful, successful and very acceptable in his work. He was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of East Hanover, June 10th, 1848, and was pastor-elect at Amelia, C. H., Va., 1848-51. Here his lot was cast among a cultured and generous people, by whom he was highly esteemed. In 1851 he took charge of the Westminster (Pine Street) Church, St. Louis, Mo., and continued to be its pastor until 1863, amid constantly increasing evidences of his usefulness, and constantly repeated tokens of mutual affection between himself and the people whom he so faithfully served as an ambassador for Christ. From 1868-70, he was pastor of Mulberry Church, Ky., where he was eminently faithful and greatly beloved. He died March 9th, 1870, whispering with his latest breath, "To live is Christ, to die is gain."



SAMUEL BROWN M'PHEETERS, D.D.

Dr. McPheeters' life and character presented an admirable specimen of well ordered natural endowments, sanctified and ennobled by grace. He was endowed with a wisdom that delivered him, consistently, from hasty, foolish and ill-tempered things. With a judgment pre-eminently sound, it was safe at all times to trust him as a counsellor. His piety was cast in the loftiest mould, and yet there never appeared in its composition a shadow of fanaticism. Everything about him betokened a sojourner and the pilgrim, staff in hand, waiting only for the morning. As a preacher, he would not, in common acceptation, be called eloquent. And yet the people always heard him gladly. His apt illustrations and intense common sense arrested attention from the start, and the preacher, rapt in the fervor of his

earnestness, spake as one who came directly from the presence of God, while the message which he bore was fragrant with the incense that burns in the Holy Place.

McPheeters, William, D. D., was born, September 28th, 1778, in Augusta county, Va. He began his classical course in Staunton, and finished his education at Liberty Hall Academy. In 1797 he commenced the study of medicine, at Cynthiana, Ky., but abandoned it. His theological studies were pursued chiefly under the Rev. Samuel Brown, at New Providence. He was licensed to preach, April 19th, 1802, by the Presbytery of Lexington; in October following visited the State of Kentucky, and preached in various places till about March, 1803; then passed over to Ohio, preached in Chillicothe and other places, and after an absence of a few weeks, returned to Kentucky, taking charge of a church in Danville, also opening a school. After one year he returned to Cynthiana, and subsequently made a second visit to Chillicothe. After a visit to Kentucky he returned to Virginia. During the winter of 1801 he visited the counties of Greenbriar and Monroe, and subsequently took charge, for six months, of the congregations of New Lebanon and Windy Cove. In December, 1805, he began to officiate as a stated supply at Bethel Church; received a call from it, April 15th, 1806, and two or three days after was ordained to the work of the ministry. In June, 1810, he took charge of the Academy and Church in Raleigh, N. C. His connection with the academy continued until 1826, and his connection with the church, as a stated supply, several years longer. From February, 1836, to July, 1837, he had charge of a female school in Fayetteville. In the Autumn of 1837 he undertook an agency under the direction of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly, which he continued till the Spring of 1839. In 1840 he was chosen President of Davidson College, but owing to ill health, declined the election. He died, November 7th, 1842. Dr. McPheeters received many testimonies of high public regard, and fulfilled with exemplary fidelity every public trust that was committed to him. He was several times a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and never failed to command in that body a high degree of respect. He was for many years a faithful and efficient Trustee of the University of North Carolina. He was an eminently practical, useful and respectable man.

McPheeters, William M., M. D., second son of the Rev. Dr. William McPheeters, was born in Raleigh, N. C., December 3d, 1815. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1840. Having served a year as resident physician at Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia, he moved to St. Louis, Mo., in the Fall of 1841. Soon afterward he was chosen Professor of Clinical