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

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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college. He was a contributor to the religious press of his day, besides publishing a number of pamphlets, some of them quite important. He was the author of "The Fathers of the Desert," in two volumes, "The Predestinarian," and a volume on "Monasticism." He died at Malden, Kanawha county, Va., December 17th, 1861.

Rumple, Jethro, D. D., was born in Cabarrus county, N. C., March 10th, 1827. The first eighteen years of his life were spent on a farm, varied by attendance upon the country schools. About the age of eighteen he made a profession of religion, and soon after undertook, by his own exertions, to secure a classical education. By teaching and attending neighboring academies, he was prepared to enter Davidson



JETHRO RUMPLE, D. D.

College, where he graduated with distinction, in 1850. He then taught school for several years, to defray the expenses of his literary and theological education. In 1854 he was received under the care of Concord Presbytery, and the same year entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., in which the Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., was then Professor of Theology, and remained two years. He was licensed by Concord Presbytery, July 31st, 1856, and was ordained by the same, January 9th, 1857, and installed pastor of Providence and Sharon churches, in Mecklenburg county, N. C. He served these churches four years, when he was called to the Presbyterian Church at Salisbury, Rowan county, N. C., in the same Presbytery, where he was installed pastor, November 24th, 1860. He has continued to be the faithful and beloved pastor of this church until the present time (May, 1883).

In both of these fields his labors have been abundantly blessed. During his pastorate of the Salisbury Church six young men have entered the ministry.

The high estimate set upon Dr. Rumple's character and abilities by his brethren is shown by the varied and responsible positions to which they have called him. For more than twenty years he has been a Trustee of Davidson College and a Director of Union Theological Seminary, Virginia. He has been a commissioner to several General Assemblies, and in Synod and Presbytery has served the Church in well nigh all the most honorable and important positions. As a pastor, he is prudent, laborious and sympathizing. As a preacher, he is earnest, clear, tender and able. As the stores of his learning increase, so does his preaching possess additional freshness and power.

Besides his pastoral and Presbyterian duties he has made excursions in the field of authorship. For the last five years, in the *N. C. Presbyterian*, he has been writing up the "History of Presbyterianism in North Carolina." These sketches, when completed, will be issued in a volume, giving a full account of the churches and ministers of his native State. In the meantime he published, in 1881, a "History of Rowan county, N. C."

In 1882 the University of North Carolina conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

With mental and physical powers unimpaired by the labors of the past, and with an increasing reputation, and, above all, with a heart loyal to Christ and His truth, may his life be spared many years to serve the blessed Lord, who has been in the past his "Sun and Shield!"

Russell, Rev. Joshua L., was born in Clifton, O., September 29th, 1845, and graduated at Wittenberg College, in that State, in 1864. He was stated supply at Troy, O., in 1866; ordained by the Presbytery of Miami, August 17th, 1867; pastor at Middletown, O., 1867-72; pastor of Park Church, Dayton, 1872-76; and took charge of the Spring Garden Church, Philadelphia, in 1876; retaining the pastorate for several years. In 1883 he was installed over the Second Church, Altoona, Pa. He is a graceful writer, frequently using his pen for the periodicals of the day, and as a preacher is thorough, direct, and faithful.

Russell, Rev. Robert, was a graduate of Princeton College in 1792. He was ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick in 1795, and about 1797 he joined the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and settled as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Allen township (now Allentown), Pa. Here Mr. Russell labored for more than a quarter of a century. He died in 1827.

Rutherford, Edward Hubbard, D. D., was born at Brownsville, Tenn., February 22d, 1831. His collegiate course was taken at Hanover College, Ind., where he graduated in 1854. He pursued his theological studies at Danville Theological Seminary,