

Reverend John Alexander McClung, D.D.

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MCCLUNG, REV. JOHN ALEXANDER, D. D., was born September 25, 1804, in Mason County, Kentucky, and was the son of Judge William McClung, and grandson of Thomas Marshall. He received his education mainly under his uncle, Dr. Lewis Marshall, and, in his eighteenth year, became a student in the Theological Seminary, at Princeton; joined the Presbyterian Church, in 1820; was licensed to preach in 1828, and, after taking a position among the most brilliant clergymen of the Presbyterian Church, and laboring with great success, he abandoned the ministry, and, in 1835, began the practice of the law at Maysville, and soon stood among the most brilliant men of that profession; in 1838, he was elected to the Kentucky Legislature; after a successful career at the bar, in 1849, he again resumed his ministerial labors; in 1851, he was pastor, for a time, of the First Presbyterian Church, at Louisville; was subsequently in charge of the Seventh Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati; was for four years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis; in 1857, took charge of the Church at Maysville, Kentucky; in the mean time was elected President of Hanover College, Indiana, and urged to accept various valuable charges in his Church, all of which he declined. His health finally became impaired, and his habits became somewhat peculiar, and, when on a tour of recreation, he was drowned, while bathing in Niagara river, August 6, 1859. In 1830, he published a romance called "Camden," and, in 1832, published his celebrated work, "Sketches of Western Adventure." He was a man of fine literary attainments; displayed at the bar, and in the Legislature, uncommon talents and ability; possessed remarkable oratorical powers, was a preacher of extraordinary force, and was undoubtedly one of the most attractive and able ministers of his Church. Mr. McClung was married, in 1825, to Eliza Johnston a sister of General Albert Sidney Johnston and Hon. J. Stoddard Johnston, a lady of great refinement and piety.

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