
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF THE

Life, Work and Medical Skill

OF

Dr. John Henry Pinkard

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

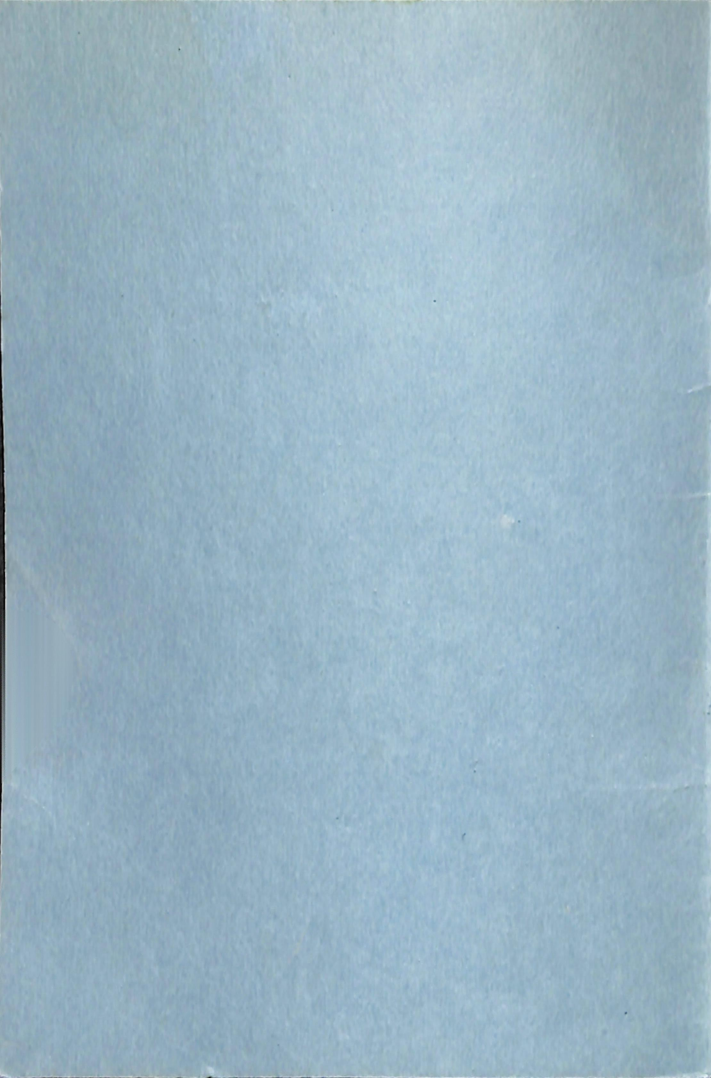


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Dr. John H. Pinkard, of Roanoke, Virginia, was born in the mountains of Franklin County, Virginia.

It seems that Jehovah had chosen this locality as the birthplace of two of the most famous and popular men of the Negro race; namely, Booker T. Washington and John H. Pinkard.

I wish to say with emphasis that Dr. Pinkard is a marvel of the age. He is the most wonderfully endowed man in the world to-day. Since Dr. Pinkard came upon the stage of action, the most thoughtful and elevated minds have been studying the phenomena of his character and his career. He is the only man in the world to-day who can, with the greatest accuracy and skill, sit down and, without even feeling the pulse of the patient, diagnose his case, tell the origin of his disease, and trace it through all its stages. There is only one solution to this problem, and that is—he is a God-sent and a heaven-endowed man in this time as much as the Apostles were specifically endowed to organize the Church of Christ.

Other physicians go to colleges and to universities, and acquire all the knowledge and learning possible, and after all their acquired knowledge and skill, when compared with Dr. John H. Pinkard, they fall far short of the excellent results which Dr. Pinkard brings to bear.

Dr. Pinkard, like the Messiah, who attracted the gaze of all nations, and who, while a populous region was full of His praise, succeeded in arousing the dull ears of the plodding, stupid religionists of His day; so likewise has Dr. Pinkard attracted the attention of the fashionable and the gay, and the leading men and women throughout the length and breadth of the American continent. His fame has gone abroad as a wonder of the age, and as a man preëminently fitted by divine power to heal the ailments and diseases of humanity that have baffled and puzzled medical science and medical skill; and there are thousands of men and women, whom he has cured, who will rise up and testify to Dr. Pinkard's healing power.

Another great proof that Dr. Pinkard is divinely empowered and fitted for the important work in which he is engaged, and that he is thus guided, is the fact that his life is blamelessly pure. The innocence of infancy, the tenderness of womanhood, the strength of manhood, the gravity of a sage are the mingled elements of his aspect and his manner.

Most of all, it must be said of Dr. Pinkard that he is an earnest, devout and enthusiastic follower of the Man of Galilee. As you behold this man, his countenance will reveal to you that he has imbibed of the spirit of the Master, and that his soul is in vital touch with Him who spake as never man had spoken. This is the true key to his miraculous life.

The greatest eulogy that can be passed upon any man is that he is pious, unselfish, unassuming, and a spirit-filled man, in addition to his rare and peculiarly high endowment. All of this is true of Dr. Pinkard.

Dr. Pinkard is thoughtful of the needs and wants of humanity, and especially of

his own race. He has a big, philanthropic heart; he is generous and kind; very pleasant and affable, and in his address, words of gentleness and kindness flow from his lips.

He loves the church, and contributes of his means and his time for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and for the promotion of its reign. Dr. Pinkard is a minister of the Gospel himself, and preaches with the fervency and logic of a Paul. His fine natural endowment prepares him to present his messages with argumentation and demonstration that may be compared to those of Paul, who, like a mighty avalanche that sprang from the Rock of Ages, thundered down the heights of Calvary, overwhelming sages, philosophers, heroes and statesmen.

While it is true that Dr. Pinkard has passed the meridian of life, yet it is true, I believe, that his work for humanity is just beginning. It has only been about twenty-five years since he came into prominence, and to-day, men are coming from every part of the United States to seek his advice and healing power. So, judging the future by

the past, what may we expect of this marvelous man in the next ten years? There is no mind that can conceive of the length and breadth his influence will yet carry him. It remains for a true history of his career to be written, and when completed, it will be voluminous.

As God raised up Moses to be a leader of Israel, and to face the King of Egypt and demand their emancipation, so it may be predicted that God has raised up Dr. Pinkard for the encouragement and enlightenment of his people, and to be a potent factor in carrying the colored race to a higher point of spiritual development. As a genius of his type, he is one of the brightest that ever gleamed, glittered, glowed or blazed upon the pages of history.

He has by thrift, industry and his superhuman power amassed a great amount of wealth—yet, upon this he does not set his heart, but always says that his wealth and success come from God, in whom he firmly believes and to whom he daily prays.

He has recently purchased twenty-five acres of land on the National Highway,

about one mile distant from Roanoke City, which he is now developing as a residential section for colored people under the title of "Pinkard's Court."

This sub-division is a beautiful landscape, laid out in lots, streets, avenues and alleys;



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has water connection and electric lights, and suitable and convenient houses are now being erected to be sold on the installment plan to desirable purchasers. This sub-division is entered from the highway through a large and commanding arch, artistically built of white stone and red brick. Near this arch and the driveway, he has built for himself a

beautiful residence; a two-story structure of modern design. One of the unique features which make his sub-division most attractive, is the jug fence built across the front of Dr. Pinkard's residence.

Dr. Pinkard has built and equipped a beautiful enterprise known as the Pinkard Court Filling Station and Tourist Camp. This business is located on the Rocky Mount Road or National Highway, a short distance from the City of Roanoke, Virginia.

Here you find tourist cottages, tea room, rest rooms, a reception hall, protected sheds for housing cars and many other modern facilities for serving the public.

Dr. Pinkard is agent for the sale of automobile burglar alarms, a device for protection against theft or other unauthorized use of your car. This device will sound an alarm the instant your car is touched.

Dr. Pinkard is not only the most wonderful medical genius the world has ever known, but he is also one of the foremost business men of his race in the United States.

Concerning Dr. Pinkard, it may well be said that it is not the heights to which

he has attained, but the depth from which he came, that makes him a source of wonder in the medical and economic world.

Dr. Pinkard, although the wealthiest man of his group in Virginia, is, nevertheless, broad-hearted and generous and has given large sums of money to religious, educational and charitable causes.

In striving to reach his goal of fond desire, he has had to surmount many difficulties and overcome many obstacles, especially from a hostile set of professional men. However, he has successfully withstood the adverse forces along this line and to-day stands out so unique in nature and characteristics that it differentiates him from other men.

And so we close this imperfect sketch of a great and wonderful man, in the firm belief that the future is yet to speak his praise and the people are yet to augment his fame.



MRS. MARY PINKARD, WIFE OF
DR. J. H. PINKARD

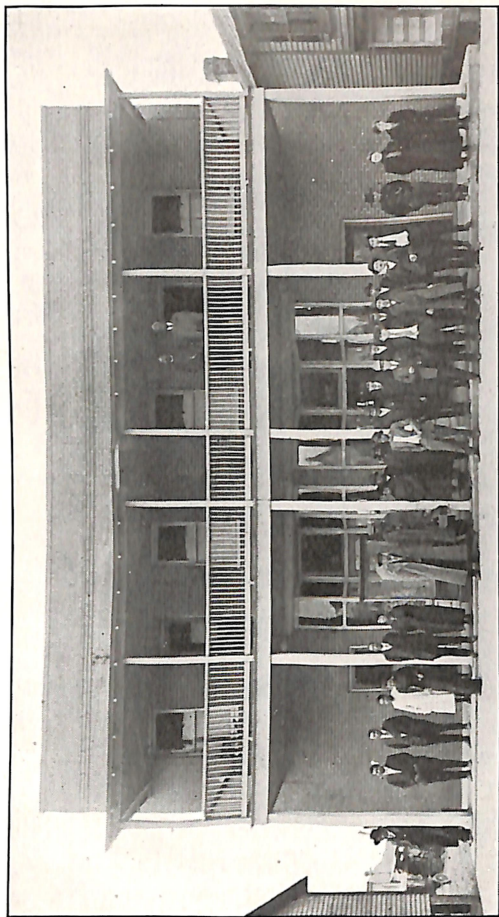
Here is the picture of the mother of this great man in the person of Mrs. Sarah Pinkard, whose life and religious activity has been a beacon light shining before men till they have seen the reality in serving the



MRS. S. PINKARD

Lord. She has been a class leader for forty years, living a devout Christian life; she is now one hundred years old and is still active in Christian work. Hers has been a life of earnest, consecrated service, an example worthy of emulation.

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AN APPROBATION

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It is with exceeding pleasure that I am afforded this opportunity to express by recordation my comment and approval of the foregoing sketch, and particularly of the distinguished person to whom it relates.

As discoverers love to trace great rivers to their sources, so we, in the study of the life, character and achievements of an individual who has filled a large space in the world of achievement, are delighted to speak of those hidden gems and those finer and nobler attributes not usually found in the sons of men, and which always win and lead captive the popular heart.

Such, then, is the impression inescapably possessed by the person who reflects and considers the knowledge, the accomplishments and successes achieved by Dr. John Henry Pinkard, of Roanoke, Virginia.

My judgment of his ability, medical skill and fine traits of character were formed as

the result of long acquaintance, deliberate study and intimate association covering a period of many years. It is, therefore, my deliberate conviction, a conclusion not hastily formed, that Dr. John Henry Pinkard is a divinely touched man. And I believe also that his copious knowledge of botany, physiology and anatomy, and particularly his superhuman vision or second-sight by which he sees and tells of the mysterious inner workings of the human frame constitute in him a master problem as yet unsolved, and this places him in a class to himself.

And whatever other professional gentlemen may think or say respecting the medical skill and curative powers of Dr. Pinkard and however much they may object to his entrance into their mystic craft, they cannot efface his work; they cannot penetrate his secret; they cannot defy the cogent evidence of a great host of witnesses of all races and from all sections of the country, who speak in glowing terms of the wonderful cures and benefits which his advice and medicine has wrought upon them.

We see, then, even by casual observation, the handwriting on the wall. It is the science of the Creator, the truth and fiat of the Almighty, the Ruler of the Universe.

In this mystery, God has spoken, and John Henry Pinkard heard His voice and feeling solemnly bound to obey, he walks and works each day with his hand in God's hand. And being thus constantly in the sanctuary of the mysteries of Jehovah, the vision of which is denied to other professional men, Dr. Pinkard is in every sense a miracle, God's medical gift to the world. And in his life of medical skill there is embodied the benign provisions of an all-wise Providence for the curing of diseases. And through Dr. Pinkard's efforts and achievements it is God, Himself, working to will and to do of His own good pleasure for the benefit and happiness of the creatures which He has made.

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