

SKETCHES OF THE MINISTERS

Of the

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF NORTH AMERICA

From 1888 to 1930

With supplemental sketches of ministers living in 1888 whose records were carried forward in Glasgow's History up to that date; together with sketches of the institutions, missions and organizations of the Church, and lists of missionaries who have served the Church during this period; containing also 42 portraits of Moderators of Synod besides the cuts of the institutions of the Church; also lists of Presbyteries and Congregations together with the dates of organization and disorganization of the same during the period covered by this volume.



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about a year in Regina, Canada, and also the same length of time in Hemet, California. He had an active part in the organization of both of these congregations. He was installed as pastor in the Lake Reno congregation, Greenwood, Minnesota, on October 23, 1914. He was released from this congregation on February 6, 1917. He was installed pastor of the Rehoboth congregation, Wyman, Iowa, February 6, 1917, and released from Rehoboth on August 28, 1925. In later years his health being greatly impaired he has given up regular preaching and is living at the present time at 421 Sherman Avenue, Cherokee, Iowa. Mr. Allen has suffered severe trials and has passed through the depths of sorrow yet through it all has been a living testimony to the faith of the Saviour.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN ARMOUR

J. M. ARMOUR, whose historical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, was, at the time of the publication of that volume in the year 1888, living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was devoting himself to the work of an author, supplying vacant pulpits as strength and opportunity afforded.

In the year 1894 he moved to Seattle, Washington, and spent the last 23 years of his life in service there. He died in that city March 20, 1917, at the age of 91 years. He was one of the last of a former generation and one of the most highly cultured and sweet spirited of the ministers. He had lived to see the most of the important events of a century. It was his privilege to have seen almost all the Presidents of the United States and some of the grand-

fathers of the present rulers of Europe. His service for the Church extended from the time of his licensure on April 16, 1852, through pastorates in Craftsbury, Syracuse and Sterling, as well as service given to the Freedmen's Mission in Washington, D. C. He was a preacher of more than usual ability and was able to speak from the pulpit up to within a few months of his death. The greater part of his life was devoted to the work of a writer, his published works being: "Atonement and Law;" "The Divine Method of Life;" "Mercy, Its Place in the Divine Government." At the time of his death he was laboring on other works and had some already in manuscript. The doctrine of the Atonement was the great truth that very early in life took hold of his soul and moulded his character and his whole life. Would that the whole world of men were under that same influence to the glory of the Redeemer.

KHALIL ELIAS AWAD

KHALIL ELIAS AWAD, son of Elias Ibrahim and Shaheeni (El Horani) Awad, was born at El Daney, Syria, about December 1, 1890. His father was the first one to join the Reformed Presbyterian Church in his village and suffered much on account of it from his family who were Greek Orthodox. His mother is the daughter of one of the first of our Evangelists who was also superintendent of the mountain schools for a long time. She herself labored effectively as a volunteer Bible Woman in her home village, El Daney. Khalil Awad was baptized February 8, 1891, and united with the church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Latakia, in 1903, at the age of 13, under Dr. J. S. Stewart.