

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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REV. JAMES M. COLEMAN, D. D.
Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1917
In the Sterling R. P. Church
Sterling, Kansas

a Chair established by money received from the Gailey estate. At the Synod of 1929 he was elected Professor of Reformed Presbyterian Apologetics in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is carrying this work along with his college work. The year 1927-28 was spent in further special study looking forward to better fitness for service in his chosen calling. He received his M. A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1908, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Geneva College in 1926. On June 23, 1909, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Grier Willson, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, (now Pittsburgh). Five children have been born to them: Anna M., Mary E., Lois C., Rachel and Eleanor W. Mrs. Coleman, who had had extensive experience in college teaching before her marriage, is giving about half time to teaching as an assistant in the department of Bible and Religious Education.

JAMES MELVILLE COLEMAN, D. D.

J. M. COLEMAN, son of John and Mary Jane (Glass) Coleman, was born in Lisbon, New York, December 2, 1859. His father came from Ireland at the age of 6 years and settled in Lisbon. His mother was born in Lisbon. He united with the home church, took his early training in the schools of the neighborhood and attended Geneva College, graduating from that institution in 1887. The same fall he entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and attended through the three following years. He was licensed to preach the Gospel July 2, 1890, by Rochester Presbytery. In 1892 he received the

degree of M. A. from Michigan University. He also took special work in the University of Wisconsin, Chicago and Bonn, Germany. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity about the year 1913 from Geneva College, his Alma Mater. He was instructor in Geneva College from 1892 to 1907. He was ordained to the Ministry by Pittsburgh Presbytery May 5, 1908, at Mercer, Pennsylvania, and installed pastor over that congregation. He was released from this charge September 6, 1910. From 1910 to 1914 he was lecturer, under the Witness Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in colleges and seminaries over the country. On May 5, 1914, he was installed pastor of the Bloomington congregation, Bloomington, Indiana. He was released from this charge on September 19, 1918, to take up work again as a public lecturer. This work was carried on with utmost devotion and with the greatest efficiency through these years. He made his own appointments and filled his own engagements, often for a week in one institution. The lives that were touched and the ideals and principles instilled will be measured only by the history of the coming years, and the paths of coming generations even to eternity. On account of broken health the work of lecturing and teaching in Greenville College was given up, and on October 12, 1927, he was installed pastor over the Quinter, Kansas, congregation where he is in charge, lecturing still as opportunity offers, with greatly renewed strength. He was united in marriage in August, 1892, at Stanton, Pennsylvania, with Miss Maretta McGarey. They have one child, Mrs. M. K. Carson, of Sparta, Illinois.