

COVENANTER MINISTERS

1930-1963

of the

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF NORTH AMERICA

This volume is a successor to Thompson's *Sketches of the Ministers*, published in 1930. It contains supplemental sketches of ministers who were living in 1930 and of those who were called into service later. Some of these have entered into rest, while others have either retired or continue their ministry. The appendix includes a short list of those who left the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The latter pages are composed of accounts of institutions and projects of the church and include lists of missionaries who served in the period from 1930-1963. Pictures of moderators and of our institutions are given. For historical reference there are contained herein lists of Presbyteries and of Congregations, with dates of organization and disorganization during this same period.

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J. M. Coleman, whose biographical sketch is carried forward in **Sketches of the Ministers** to the year 1930, was at the time pastor of the Quinter, Kansas congregation, having been installed there October 12, 1927. He was released from this charge April 1, 1935, and retired with his wife to the home of their daughter, Mrs. M. K. Carson, in Sparta, Illinois.

On January 2, 1936 he began work in the Cincinnati, Ohio congregation where he had been appointed to serve as Stated Supply. After some ten months' active work there, he died following a very brief illness, on November 6, 1936, and is buried in the Uniondale Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The three words cut on the head-stone of his grave well epitomize his life for he excelled as

Pastor—Teacher—Friend.

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Dr. John Coleman, whose biographical sketch appears in Thompson's **Sketches of the Ministers**, was in 1930, the year of that book's publication, serving as Senior Professor in the Department of Bible and Religious Education, in Geneva College. This was a Chair newly established by money received from the Gailey Estate. In 1921 Dr. Coleman had given up his pastorate at New Concord, Ohio and his professorship of Philosophy and Psychology in Muskingum College to take up this work in Geneva.

The Synod of 1929 elected him Professor of Reformed Presbyterian Apologetics in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh. He continued this teaching in the seminary and the college until 1947. He served through the years on many committees and boards of Synod. He was