

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.



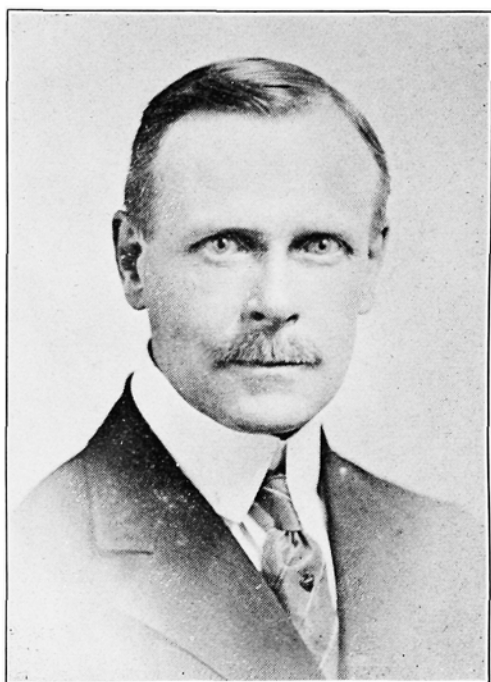
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THE REV. GEO. A. EDGAR, D. D.
Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1918
In the First Beaver Falls R. P. Church
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

GEORGE ALEXANDER EDGAR, D. D.

GEO. A. EDGAR, son of William and Sarah (Moore) Edgar, was born December 5, 1865, in Belfast, Ireland, and baptized the next year in that city by the Rev. Josias A. Chancellor. He united with the Cedarville, Ohio, Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1881, at about 16 years of age. He attended the grade schools in Cincinnati, Ohio, and High School in Cedarville, Ohio. He attended the Indiana University and Geneva College, graduating from the latter in May, 1890. He entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, in September of that same year and completed his work there in March, 1894. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery April 12, 1893. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Olathe, Kansas, June 26, 1894, and installed pastor of that congregation at the same time. He was released from Olathe on August 20, 1907. He was installed pastor of the Rehoboth congregation at Wyman, Iowa, May 8, 1908, and released from Rehoboth August 13, 1912. He was installed pastor of the Saint Louis, Missouri, congregation September 10, 1912, and released from Saint Louis September 17, 1915. Having been appointed Superintendent of the Knox Academy, Selma, Alabama, he took up his work there on the 15th of September, 1915. He continued to fill this position with great efficiency until November, 1920, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis and was compelled to give up the work entirely in January, 1921. In great weakness and often in great distress he spent the remaining years of his life. Unable to work and absolutely helpless much of the time, he continued strong in

the faith of God, who had sustained and directed him all through life. After long and patient waiting, he was called of God into his rest, at his home in Winona Lake, Indiana, February 10, 1927. He had endured for six and one-half years and passed from this life at the age of 61. He was laid to rest in Olathe, Kansas. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Geneva College. He was Moderator of Synod in 1918 at Beaver Falls. On May 1, 1900, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery (Adams) Wylie, in Kansas City, Kansas.

JOSIAH DODDS EDGAR

J. D. EDGAR, son of William Alexander and Elizabeth Sarah (Dodds) Edgar, was born November 3, 1883, at Sylvania, Dade County, Missouri. His father has been for more than a quarter of a century an elder in the Sterling, Kansas, congregation. His mother is a daughter of the Rev. Josiah Dodds, and a sister of the late Rev. J. Boggs Dodds. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Sterling, Kansas, at the age of 11 years, in 1894, under the pastorate of the Rev. T. J. Allen, D. D. His early education was received in the Sterling Grammar Schools and in the Preparatory Department of Cooper (now Sterling) College. He entered Sterling College in the fall of 1902 and graduated from that institution June 12, 1906. He took part in many public debates both within the school and as the representative of his college without losing a contest. He was sent as delegate to the Student Volunteer Convention, held in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1906. He was taken under the care of the Kansas Pres-