

# SKETCHES OF THE MINISTERS

Of the

## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF NORTH AMERICA

From 1888 to 1930

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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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repeated he resigned from the position of Secretary and accepted the call. He was installed pastor of the Eighth Street Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1926. On February 14, 1928, upon the union of this congregation with the Central Allegheny Church, he entered into a joint pastorate with the Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D., pastor of the Central Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Church. On the death of Dr. Reed on June 7, 1928, he became the pastor in charge of this united congregation. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Geneva College, his Alma Mater, in 1922. He is the author of the "Handbook for Young Christians," and numerous tracts and articles. On September 28, 1904, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma B. Cubit of Morning Sun, Iowa. They have two children: Elizabeth Arnetta and Delber Howard.

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#### GEORGE MILTON ELLIOTT (Colored)

G. M. ELLIOTT, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, was, at the time of the publication of that volume in 1888, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Selma, Alabama. In June, 1890, he was released from this charge by Illinois Presbytery. From Selma he went to Beauford, South Carolina, where he did evangelistic work and teaching under the Presbyterian Board. From there he went to Columbus, Georgia, as a teacher and then to Saint Augustine, Florida, where he established a school. Having united with the Presbyterian Church his name was taken from the roll of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Still laboring under the Presbyterian Board he went from Saint Augustine, Florida, to

Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he built up another school. He died while laboring in this place about the close of the "World War." His widow is living in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

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#### DAVID BRUCE ELSEY

D. B. ELSEY, son of Edward Graham and Phebe Taylor (Dobbin) Elsey, was born May 11, 1877, at Rehoboth, Iowa, and was baptized at the same place. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Glenwood, Minnesota, at the age of 13 years, under the pastorate of his own father, the Rev. E. G. Elsey. This was in the spring of 1890. He attended the Public Schools of Glenwood and High School in Coulterville, Illinois. His college work was done at Geneva College, graduating from this institution May 31, 1904. In September, 1906, he entered the Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Seminary and completed his work there in the spring of 1909. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Ohio Presbytery May 20, 1908. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry September 30, 1909, at Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. At the same time he was installed pastor over the congregation there. He was released from this charge on May 11, 1914. On July 7, 1915, he was installed pastor of the congregation in Winnipeg, Canada. In May, 1918, he was released from his charge in Winnipeg. A year or two later he received a call from the congregation in Barnet, Vermont, and was installed pastor there November 18, 1920. He was released from this charge October 28, 1924. On July 28, 1925, he was installed pastor over the Coldenham, New York, con-