# 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.



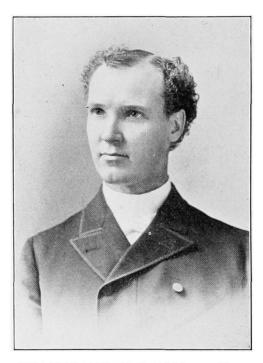
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THE REV. FINLEY M. FOSTER, PH. D. Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1900 In the Cedarville R. P. Church Cedarville, Ohio

uating in the spring of 1905. His theological studies were pursued in the Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, (now North Side Pittsburgh). His work in this institution was completed in the spring of 1908. The following year he took post-graduate work in Philosophy and Theology at Princeton Seminary. He was licensed by Pittsburgh Presbytery May 14, 1907. After preaching through the church as a licentiate for a short time he received a call from the Winchester congregation at Winchester, Kansas. This call was declined, however, and he withdrew from the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and entered the Presbyterian Church. was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Presbyterian Church and installed pastor at Othello, Washington. After a short period of labor in this field he resigned and was installed at Tillimook and Bay City, Oregon. After laboring here for a short period his health failed and he was compelled to go to Southern California to recuperate. The change of location, however, failed to bring the desired results and he gradually weakened under the ravages of consumption until he passed away on December 31, 1911, at Redlands, California, at the age of 28 years. His body was laid to rest in Versailles Cemetery, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. So ended the earthly life of one who was marked by spirituality and consecration; who always gave to the Lord his best and gave without stint.

#### FINLEY MILLIGAN FOSTER, PH. D.

F. M. FOSTER, whose biographical sketch is carried forward in Glasgow's History until the year 1888, when that volume was published, was in that year the pastor of the Third Reformed Presbyterian congregation of the City of New York. Through the forty-one intervening years he has continued to fill this charge with faithfulness and acceptance. In the year 1900 he was Moderator of Synod at the meeting held in Cedarville, Ohio. He had been Clerk of Synod for a number of years preceding. He received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from New York University. He is the author of "The Witnessing Church," and "Is Christ Divine?" beside numerous tracts, articles and pamphlets. He is Recording Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and is a member of the Board of Church Erection and the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary. He was married in the year 1883 (see Glasgow). Three children: Wilbur W. (deceased), Finley M., and Hazel C. He is a lover of the Word of God and delights to preach upon the great principles for which the Church of his faith stands. He is still active and full of the energy of youth, preaching with great vigor and power in the fiftieth year of his ministry. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Bellefontaine, Ohio, in May, 1880.

### HENRY GEORGE FOSTER

H. G. FOSTER, son of Samuel M. and Joana R. (Kyle) Foster, was born June 7, 1859, at Cedarville, Ohio. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1877. His early education was received in the Cedarville Grade Schools and the Bellefontaine High School. He attended Indiana University and Muskingum College, graduating from the latter in June, 1890. He re-