

# 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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ceived his theological training in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, entering in 1890 and completing the course in the spring of 1894. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 12, 1893. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Pittsburgh Presbytery at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1894, and installed pastor of the Geneva congregation, then worshipping in the Chapel of Geneva College. He was released from this charge in 1909 and installed pastor of the Billings congregation, Billings, Oklahoma, November 6, 1909. He was released from Billings May 23, 1913. He was installed pastor over the Bethel congregation at Sparta, Illinois, on June 10, 1913, and released from this charge September 19, 1918. He was installed pastor of the Bellefontaine, Ohio, congregation the following year, where he is in charge. In the year 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Elliott of Bellefontaine. They have two children, both married: Dayles and Mildred.

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#### JAMES MITCHELL FOSTER

J. M. FOSTER, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History and is left off at the year 1888, when that volume went to the press, was at that time Secretary of the National Reform Association. He held the position of District Secretary to this Association for six years. He lectured in over 100 institutions, in twenty states, north and south, and in the churches of many of the cities of our land. Also for many years he labored in the Merrimac Mission of Boston, and also in the Young Men's Christian

Association. He was a tireless worker, spending many hours each day in his study and on the pavements of his city in his pastoral and Mission work. He was prominent in the Ministers' Union of Boston, always steadfast for his principles, especially for supreme allegiance to Jesus Christ the Head of Church and State. At the close of his service in the National Reform work he received a call from the Second Reformed Presbyterian congregation of Boston, Massachusetts. He resigned from his Secretaryship, and on November 11, 1891, was installed pastor of the Second Boston congregation. He held this charge until the time of his death, which occurred November 11, 1928, on Armistice Day, and 37 years to the very day from his installation over that congregation. It was on a Sabbath that he was called from his earthly labors to the more glorious presence and service for eternity. He quickly and from the very midst of his work stepped from earth into heaven. He had been pastor of his last charge for 37 years and had been in the Ministry of Christ for 51 years. His body was laid to rest in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts, to await the resurrection. He was a voluminous writer, "Reformation Principles," "Christ the King," beside unnumbered tracts and articles and published lectures coming from his pen. His beloved wife, to whom he had been married September 24, 1878, preceded him to the Heavenly Home, her death occurring August 4, 1919. There were eight children born to them: Roderic (deceased in infancy), S. Turner, Emma, Edith, Rachel, J. Paul, Wm. Harold and Hester.