

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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his strong faith. As National Field Secretary of the National Reform Association he carried the message of this organization to all parts of the country. He lived to see two World Conferences, in the last of which he delivered a powerful message before a throng of almost 20,000 people. This was one of the last public appearances that he made in the service. Although he was a reformer above everything else, yet he continued to the end of life to show an increasing interest in the broader work of the Kingdom which included along with the reform movement, the work of Missions at home and abroad and the great movement for the evangelization of all men and all races. On February 18, 1897, he married a second time. Ella (Martin) George, the companion of his latter years, was indeed a helpmeet for a great and kindred soul. She not only marched side by side with her companion, but has continued his great projects for reform through these more than fifteen years since his death.

ROBERT JAMES GEORGE, D. D.

R. J. GEORGE, whose biographical sketch was carried forward in Glasgow's History to the year 1888, was, at the time of the publishing of that volume, pastor of the First Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The year previous he had been elected professor of Systematic Theology in the Seminary in Allegheny, but had declined the call and remained with his congregation. In 1891 he was appointed by the Seminary Board to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Sproull and in 1892 was elected professor by the Synod and became successor to Dr. J. K. McClurkin. This call



THE REV. ROBERT J. GEORGE, D. D.
Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1892
In the Mansfield R. P. Church
Mansfield, Ohio

was accepted and he resigned from his charge in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, to take up the duties of an instructor in the Seminary. He was chosen Moderator of Synod in the year 1892, which met at Mansfield, Ohio. His work in the Seminary continued with great acceptance until the time of his death, which occurred at his home in Allegheny, (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, February 11, 1911. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Miller's Run Church, the congregation where he was raised. He received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from Westminster College. He was the author of "The Covenanter Pastor," "Pastor and People," and "The Covenanter Vision," beside numerous tracts and articles. He was on the Board of Corporators and the Board of Trustees of Geneva College, the Seminary Board and the Central Board. A life such as this was never ceases to live though the date of death be well known. How many characters were developed, how many lives were moulded, how many purposes were formed, how many ideals were set by his influence. He has been called one of the "fixed stars on the broad rich firmament of Covenanter History." It was indeed his consuming passion to honor his Lord and to bring the souls of his fellowmen to the feet of the Redeemer. He loved to see progress in the Heavenlies in others as well as in himself. No company, no congregation was too small to draw from him the best that the grace of God could give. In the morning he fell asleep and while he slept the Bridegroom came to call him into his blessed presence forever. Let us live today for eternity.

Mrs. George lived a number of years after her husband's death. There were six children born to them: Grace

H., J. Maude, (Rev.) William Mc., Roy M., Emma and Mary Ruth. William MacLeod, J. Maude and Emma are deceased. The others are on the Pacific Coast.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER GEORGE

S. A. GEORGE, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, was noted there as being pastor of the Mansfield, Ohio, congregation in the year 1888. He continued in this relation until the first of July, 1891, when he ceased preaching in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and in 1894 entered the communion of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, South, then with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in which body he has held pastorates in Oregon and Washington.

WILLIAM HENRY GEORGE, D. D. PH. D.

W. H. GEORGE, son of Henry Hosick and Sara (Brown) George, was born at Northwood, Ohio, August 18, 1878. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, under the pastorate of the Rev. R. J. George, D. D. He attended the Pittsburgh Academy and the Preparatory Department of Geneva College. He graduated from the Geneva Collegiate department in 1900, receiving B. A. He took post-graduate work at Harvard, Princeton, University of Paris, University of Bordeaux. He was Salutatorian in Geneva College. His theological work was taken in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, graduating in 1905. He took further work along this line