

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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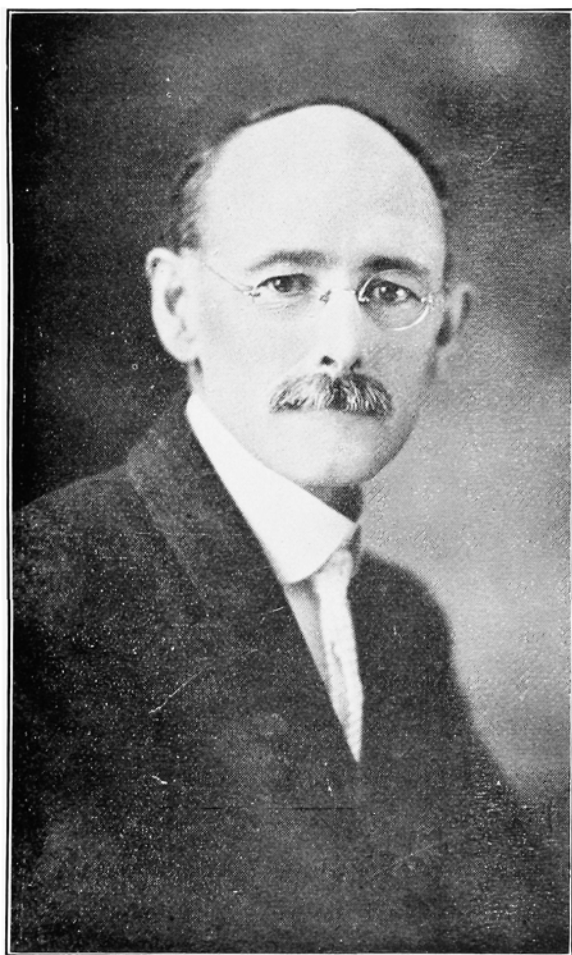
Pastor of the Blanchard Congregation

Blanchard, Iowa

1894. This means that he died in the 57th year of his service under ordination. Even with the years of his weakness subtracted we have but one more testimony to the fact that our lives are in God's hand and that He can add days and years. This He does to a comparative few of His servants on earth. How much better is it to know that He adds all Eternity to every one of His servants in Heaven.

ANDREW JAMES MCFARLAND, D. D.

A. J. MCFARLAND, son of Joseph and Margaret Jane McFarland, was born at Perry, Iowa, July 26, 1869. His father was a graduate of Miami University and of our Theological Seminary, and was licensed to preach the Gospel but on account of his health took up farming. He died in 1898, and the mother in 1919. The subject of this sketch was baptized in the town of his birth in 1871, and united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in September, 1885, at the Bellview Branch of Salem congregation, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. The Rev. David McAllister, D. D., was holding communion there at the time and moderated the session. He attended the Jefferson County Commercial School and Academy. Following this he entered Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, graduating from this institution in 1892. He entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, (now North Side Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), the same fall and completed the course there in 1896. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery April 10, 1895, and ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Kansas Presbytery in Kansas City, Missouri, May 22, 1896, and installed pas-



THE REV. ANDREW J. McFARLAND, D. D.
Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1920
In the Greeley R. P. Church, Greeley, Colorado

tor over the congregation there on the same date. In 1906 he was released from the Kansas City charge to go abroad as a Foreign Missionary to the Levant. From 1906 to 1910 he spent in Latakia. From 1911 to 1921 he spent in Mersina. And 1921 to the present time in Latakia again. He has spent considerable time preaching, lecturing and itinerating in Latakia and Mersina. He took up the difficult Arabic language readily, preaching his first sermon after only six months on the field. The furloughs of 1912 and 1920-21 were spent in lecturing among the churches on the Levant Mission. In 1920 he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Geneva College. He was Moderator of Synod in 1920, at Greeley, Colorado. On June 3, 1897, he was united in marriage with Isabel E. Edgar of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Margaret E. This man is one of those who has followed in the footsteps of the Great Foreign Missionary—so should we all. It is all Foreign Field to Heaven.

ARMOUR JAMES MCFARLAND, D. D.

A. J. MCFARLAND, whose biographical sketch is carried forward to the year 1888 in Glasgow's History, was at that time pastor of the Saint John Reformed Presbyterian congregation in New Brunswick, having been installed there August 4, 1882. He was released from Saint John congregation December 20, 1894. He received appointment by the Synod of 1894 to become lecturer in the interests of Testimony Bearing. This work, which was full of toil and disappointment, was carried on for 13 years until 1907. In the last ten years of his life he made his residence upon