

# 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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manse clear of debt. After leaving there he supplied for six months at Mansfield, Ohio, and later four years stated supply at Topeka, Kansas. Here also he was instrumental in the purchase of a parsonage clear of debt. Following this he went in search of health to California, and on October 1, 1905, left the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and entered the United Presbyterian Church and has preached in that church to the present time. In 1906 he was installed pastor of the United Presbyterian Churches in Castroville and Prunedale, Monterey County, California. On October 21, 1923, he suffered a severe stroke of paralysis and has been an invalid since. On December 27, 1888, he married Miss Margaret F. Calderwood. Five children were born to them: Samuel E., Frances P., Helen M., Rachel A., Hugh C. On December 6, 1925, his beloved wife was taken from him by death, leaving him to walk the last years of life alone, yet still in Heavenly companionship.

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#### GEORGE SLATER COLEMAN, D. D.

GEORGE S. COLEMAN, son of William John and Elizabeth (George) Coleman, was born October 29, 1886, at Utica, Ohio. He was baptized in the winter of 1887 in Utica, Ohio. He united with the Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Church in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, on April 17, 1899, at the age of 12 years, under the pastorate of his father, the Rev. W. J. Coleman, D. D. He attended the Pittsburgh Public Schools and the University of Pittsburgh, graduating on June 8, 1908. He was second honor graduate and won the Chancellor's Ora-

torical Prize. He attended the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny, entering in September, 1909, and finishing in April, 1912. He took special work in Harvard in 1908-1909, and also in the spring, 1916. He was licensed to preach the Gospel May 9, 1911, by Pittsburgh Presbytery. Having received a call from the Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Hopkinton, Iowa, he accepted the same and was ordained by Iowa Presbytery on February 7, 1913. While residing at Hopkinton he was professor in Lenox College from 1915 to 1926, filling the chair of History and Social Science. From this institution he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. On February 8, 1926, he was released from Hopkinton to attend Harvard University, and on September 26, 1926, installed pastor of the Cambridge Reformed Presbyterian Church where he is in charge. Since removing to Cambridge he has continued to take extensive post-graduate work in the university, fitting himself for better service in the Kingdom. He has specialized in history and political science and for some time edited the magazine "America's Great Decision." In the summer of 1911 and spring of 1912 he labored in the Indian Mission, Apache, Oklahoma. He received the degree A. M. from Harvard in 1916. On February 1, 1916, he was united in marriage with Miss Helen Frances Joseph of Hopkinton, Iowa. They have four children: Carol Elizabeth, William Hall, Mary Katherine and Donald George.

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JOHN COLEMAN, D. D.

JOHN COLEMAN, son of William John and Elizabeth (George) Coleman, was born January 25, 1882, at Beaver