

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 calling. There are few men who loved flowers more than Dr. Kennedy. He was on the way to the florist when he met his death. The casket in which his body lay was covered over with flowers which he loved in life. The end came quite suddenly to him. He was waiting for a street car and was struck by another street car and killed instantly. We soon forget the manner of such a death in remembering the glorious life beyond. A sudden death is always a reminder to us of the uncertainty of life.

JAMES KENNEDY, D. D.

JAMES KENNEDY, whose historical sketch is carried forward to the year 1888 in Glasgow's History, was at that time in charge of the Fourth Reformed Presbyterian congregation of New York City. In the year 1886 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Geneva College. The following year he was elected to fill the chair in the Theological Seminary left vacant by Dr. Sloan. This honor and service was declined on account of age and attachment to his own congregation. On the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination an appropriate and affectionate address was delivered by him to his beloved people. During the richest period of his later life he prepared and published the volume, "Christ in the Song." He was officially released from his charge on October 30, 1894. In 1897 he removed with his daughter to Saint John, New Brunswick. Here he resided in contentment, preaching a few times as he was able, and bearing infirmities in the spirit of the Master. He passed from earth on January 26, 1898, having been in the Gospel Ministry for 55 years.

He was in the pastorate in the North of Ireland from 1843 to 1870, and in the United States from 1870 to 1894. The peace in the latter end and the departure of this godly man spoke more loudly of the reality of Christian faith than many sermons could have done. The funeral was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Neill. The service was conducted by Dr. Sommerville, assisted by other ministers who had been close to him in life. He was laid to rest in the Covenanter burying ground at Bronxville. "Let my last end be like his."

JOSHUA KENNEDY, D. D.

JOSHUA KENNEDY, whose historical sketch is carried forward in Glasgow's History to the year 1888, when that volume was published, was at that time living in infirm health at Green Castle, Pennsylvania, after having resigned his last charge at Bovina, New York. Here he continued to reside until October 15, 1891, when he was called from the earthly home to the Better Country. He spent 41 years in the ministry of Jesus Christ. His ministry was an active and adventurous one. He rode 70,000 miles horseback, or nearly three times the distance around the world; preached on 2,452 days; baptized 1,806 persons; and married 240 couples. Surely such a life speaks its message though he who lived it be dead; "Today lays its hand on eternity."

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