

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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stalled pastor of the Hemet, California, congregation, and was released February 26, 1923. Since that time he has continued to make his residence in Hemet. On April 3, 1889, he was united in marriage with Margaret Jane Slater, of Venice, Pennsylvania. Five children were born to them: Lizzie C., William S., Margaret J., George A. and Wilfred G. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College for a number of years, also a member of the Domestic Mission Board. He was a member of the Committee that prepared the 1911 Psalter. He was Moderator of Synod, meeting in Morning Sun, Iowa, in the year 1912. The same year he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Geneva College.

OWEN FOSTER THOMPSON

O. F. THOMPSON, son of David Glenn and Ada (Foster) Thompson, was born at Oakdale, Illinois, December 6, 1884. He was baptized in the Oakdale Church in the spring of 1885. He united with the Geneva Reformed Presbyterian Church, on College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in the year 1898, at the age of 13, under the pastorate of the Rev. H. G. Foster. His early schooling was gotten in the Public Schools of La Junta, Colorado, and of College Hill. Seven years were spent in the Preparatory and Collegiate Departments of Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He graduated from this institution in the spring of 1906. In the fall of the same year he entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, and completed the course there in the spring of 1909. He was licensed by Pittsburgh Pres-

bytery in the spring of 1908. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in the Tabor Church, near Idana, Kansas, by Kansas Presbytery, April 29, 1910. He spent four years in this charge, being released in the spring of 1914. From Tabor he went to the Indian Mission, near Apache, Oklahoma, where he spent three years and a half as assistant to the Superintendent of the Mission. This was the third period spent in the Mission. The first being the summer following his first year in the Seminary, and the second a six month period after completing his seminary course. On October 20, 1917, he was certified by Kansas Presbytery to Illinois Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Old Bethel congregation, near Houston, Illinois. He was released from Old Bethel in August, 1924, and on September 8, 1924, was installed pastor of the Long Branch congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, located in Blanchard, Iowa. He is in charge of this congregation at the present time. He was Chairman of the Committee on Bible Reading for about eight years, and is the author of the booklet, "Scotland Through Her Character Windows," and of this present volume of Biographical Sketches of the Ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church from 1888 to 1930. On May 11, 1915, he was united in marriage with Harriett Levina Snodgrass at the Indian Mission. They have two children: Harold F. and Dorothy M., beside one daughter who died in infancy.

RICHARD MCCLURE THOMPSON, D. D.

R. M. THOMPSON, the greater part of whose life is covered in a sketch in Glasgow's History, was, at the time of