

SKETCHES OF THE MINISTERS

Of the

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF NORTH AMERICA

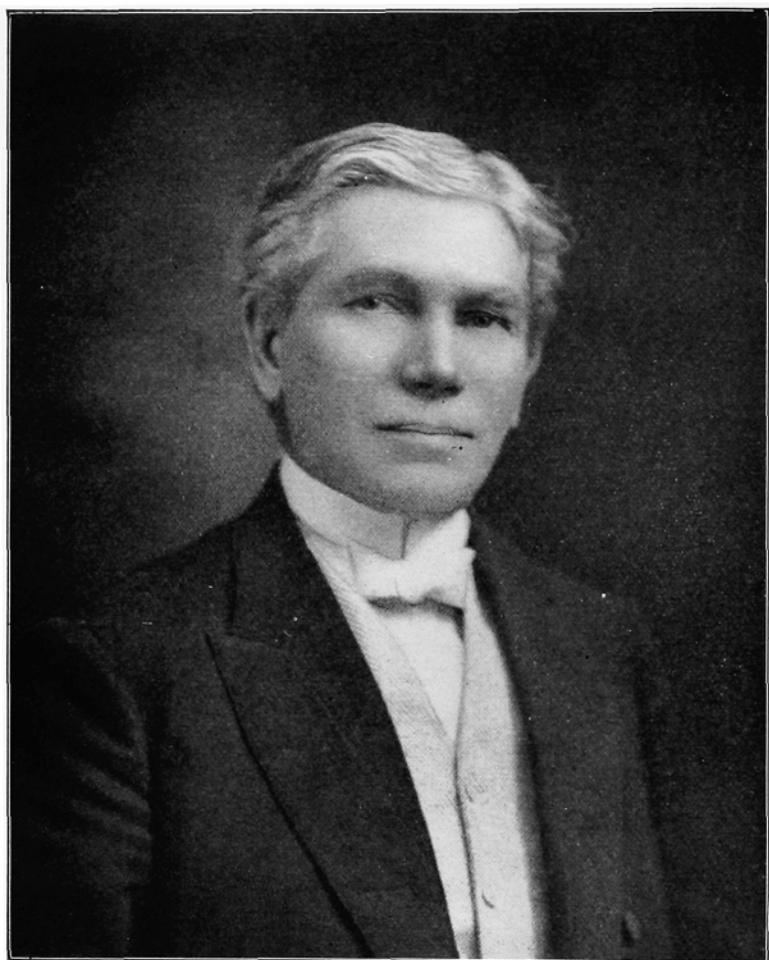
From 1888 to 1930

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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THE REV. RICHARD C. WYLIE, D. D., LL. D.

Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1891
In the Eighth Street R. P. Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

RICHARD CAMERON WYLIE, D. D., LL. D.

R. C. WYLIE, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, is recorded there, in the year 1888, as being in charge of the Cedar Lake congregation at Ray, Indiana. He had been ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the Hopkinton, Iowa, congregation, June 15, 1875. At his own request, he was released from this congregation in 1883, owing to an appointment by Synod to give his entire time as lecturer for the National Reform Association. He was called to the Cedar Lake congregation at Ray, Indiana, in 1884, giving half his time to the National Reform work until he was released from this charge in 1891. On November 25, 1891, he was installed pastor of the congregation of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. After 17 years of service in this pastorate he resigned from his charge and was released by Pittsburgh Presbytery October 13, 1908, that he might accept the professorship in the Theological Seminary, to which he had been elected by Synod. He first taught Old and New Testament Literature and Exegesis for three years, in the place of Dr. D. B. Willson, who had been temporarily laid aside by illness. In the year 1911, on the death of Dr. R. J. George, he was elected to the chair of Systematic Theology, Church History and Practical Theology. He filled this position until the time of his death, which occurred July 31, 1928. Beside his labor as pastor, preacher and instructor, he was through all his life an ardent advocate of the principles of the National Reform Association, and was one of the leaders of our land in that work and in that organization. He appeared continually upon the platform lecturing in the interests of that great work, and through numberless articles and

editorials kept these principles before the nation. He was for a number of years editor of the *Christian Statesman*. He was the author of "Our Educational System," "Sabbath Laws in the United States," "The Collapse of Christless Civilization," and many other publications of great variety and extent. He received the degrees M. A., D. D. and LL. D. from Muskingum College at New Concord, Ohio. He was made Moderator of Synod, which met in the Eighth Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1891. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Corporators of Geneva College. A few days before his death, in speaking of the loving kindness of the Lord to him, he spoke of the joy it was to be privileged to preach his last sermon, April 29, 1928, to the dear Wilkinsburg congregation, of which he had been pastor for so many years. His text was "Baptized with Christ Jesus." The Gospel of Christ was his treasure, and it was his delight to give of those riches. Again we note a life service under ordination to the Gospel Ministry that passed the half century mark. Dr. Wylie served thus for 53 years, the last 20 of which were spent in preparing other men for a like service for the King—a full half century longer than the Saviour had the privilege of serving in His earthly ministry. Do we who still live appreciate rightly the privilege that is ours of serving the King?

THOMAS ALEXANDER HENDERSON WYLIE

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