

# 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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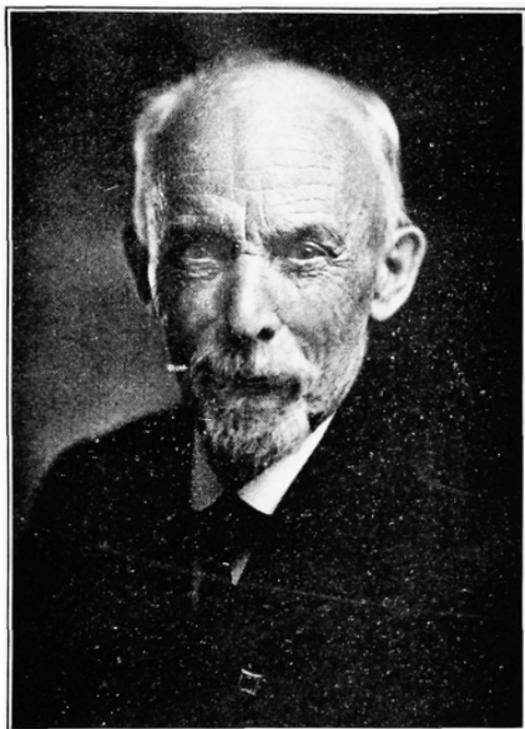
## ALEXANDER KILPATRICK, D. D.

A. KILPATRICK, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History and is carried forward in that volume to the year 1888, was at that time pastor of Pine Creek and Union, united congregations, and residing at Valencia, Pennsylvania. He was installed here May 17, 1876. He continued in this same charge until July 7, 1927, when he was released from Union congregation, Pine Creek having become disorganized March 11, 1925. Thus he served in this one pastorate for more than half a century. He has suffered a slight stroke and weakened physically but still engaging in the activities of the Kingdom with great earnestness and using all his strength for the Lord. He was Moderator of Synod in 1903, at Hopkinton, Iowa. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Lenox College, at Hopkinton, Iowa. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College for many years, and President of that Board for years. These long journeys of more than half a century in the Ministry of Christ that some of the brethren take should inspire those of shorter pilgrimages to doubled efforts.

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## SOLOMON FORD KINGSTON (Colored)

S. F. KINGSTON, son of Benjiman and Betty Kingston, was born in October, 1860, near Selma, Alabama. His parents were born in slavery and were uneducated. They were members of the Baptist Church. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Selma, Alabama, in 1877, under the pastorate of the Rev. Lewis Johnston. He attended Burell Academy, Knox Academy and Geneva College, graduating from the latter in 1885. He entered the Re-



THE REV. ALEXANDER KILPATRICK, D. D.  
Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1903  
In the Hopkinton R. P. Church, Hopkinton, Iowa

formed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, in 1888 and completed the course in 1891. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery April 9, 1890, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the same Presbytery at Wilkinsburg on March 27, 1891. He was appointed to work in Selma, and took up work in that Mission as Stated Supply. Later a regular Gospel call was made upon him by the congregation and on May 13, 1903, he was installed pastor over that congregation by a Commission of Illinois Presbytery. He resigned from that charge in 1927, and has been employed since by organizations engaged in social and charitable service. He was born a Baptist and united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church as a young man. He spent two years in Birmingham, Alabama, as City Missionary. He also taught two years at Greensboro, Alabama. In 1893 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Rose Patterson of New Brighton, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kingston died March 1, 1922, at Selma, Alabama, her home.

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#### WASHINGTON ROBERT LAIRD, D. D.

W. R. LAIRD, whose biographical sketch is carried forward in Glasgow's History to the year 1888, when that volume was published, was in that year installed pastor of the New Castle, Pennsylvania, Reformed Presbyterian Church. In 1892 he left the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and entered the Presbyterian Church, becoming pastor of the West Chester, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Church. He remained in active charge here, doing effective work as preacher and reformer until the year