

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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Bertha May Harper. They have one son, Harold Eugene. Their present home is in New Concord, Ohio. He is a member of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

WILLIAM JOHN McKNIGHT, D. D.

W. J. McKNIGHT, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Campbell) McKnight, was born September 22, 1865, in Butler County, Pennsylvania. His mother was a descendent of the Campbell Clan of Scotland, with the quiet Scotch strength of character that never turns back. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1882, at the age of 17 years, at what was then known as Centerville, Pennsylvania, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. Renwick Wylie, D. D. He attended the "Miller School," Butler County, Pennsylvania, then entered Geneva College at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, graduating in the year 1888. He also graduated from the University of Michigan, in 1892. He entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1888, and completed his theological studies in that institution in 1892. By special arrangement he took his university work and theological work at the same time. He also had one year of correspondence work in Hebrew (Harper Method) in 1888-89. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery April 14, 1891. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Pittsburgh Presbytery May 23, 1895, and installed over the Mercer and Adamsville congregations on the same date. He was released from the Adamsville branch of this charge November 19, 1901, and from Mercer



THE REV. WILLIAM J. McKNIGHT, D. D.
Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1930
In the Session held at
Winona Lake, Indiana

May 28, 1907. From 1908 to 1913 he was the Public Lecturer of the Church, appointed by Synod to carry the message of our Distinctive Principles both through the Church itself and as far beyond it as the message could be made to reach. His lectures were most scholarly and were delivered with great power. This laborious work was carried on year after year for five years until the Seed of the Truth was planted from coast to coast. On November 5, 1914, he was installed pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian congregation of Boston, where he is in charge. He was born and baptized in the United Presbyterian Church, but never united with that Church. He is the author of "A Message to China," a booklet; also "The Ideal Republic," a booklet printed in Chinese at Shanghai, published by the Christian Literature Society for China; also "The Apocalypse of Jesus Christ, A Reappearance: Volume I— John To the Seven Churches." On October 21, 1896, he was united in marriage with Grace Isabel Scott, of Syracuse, New York. They have two children, William Sterrett and Dorothy Jane. Their present residence is in Boston, Massachusetts.

HERBERT B. McMILLAN

H. B. McMILLAN, son of John Milton and Elizabeth (McNabney) McMillan, was born at Evans, Colorado, May 19, 1872. His Grandfather McMillan was in the Covenantner Church in the South and on account of slavery moved to Illinois. The subject of this sketch was baptized by the Rev. A. C. Todd at Greeley, Colorado. He united with this same congregation in 1888, becoming a member of the

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