

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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graduating from the same May 26, 1892. He was Valedictorian of his class. He entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, in September, 1893, and completed his studies in that institution in March, 1897. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery in the Geneva College Chapel April 14, 1896. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by New York Presbytery May 20, 1897, at Bovina, New York, and at the same time installed pastor of the Covenanter congregation of that place. He was released from Bovina May 27, 1904, and installed pastor of the Seattle, Washington, congregation September 1, 1904. After seventeen years of effective service in this city he was released on November 2, 1921, and installed pastor of the Montclair, New Jersey, congregation December 1, 1921, where he is in charge. He is a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Church Erection, and the Board of Trustees of Geneva College. He was President of the Washington Anti-Secret Organization. He was Moderator of Synod in 1921, meeting in the Eighth Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Geneva College, his Alma Mater. On October 5, 1898, he was united in marriage with Anna Belle Hunter at Sterling Valley, New York. They have three children: John H., Mary E. and T. M., Jr.

WILLIAM SLATER

WILLIAM SLATER, the greater part of whose life is covered by a sketch appearing in Glasgow's History, was ordained and installed pastor of the Miller's Run congrega-

tion on May 24, 1843. This sketch closed with the year then entered Geneva College at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, 1888, when the volume was published. This date proved to be almost the close of his godly and useful life. On a Sabbath day, March 24, 1889, after suffering for a few days with acute pneumonia, he gently fell asleep in the sure hope that he had preached to his people and that had lifted up his own soul through the years—the hope of the resurrection and the life everlasting. For 44 years he ministered to this people who were his first flock in the service of the Great Shepherd, and for whom he lived and labored and in whose care he at last died. He was solicited by other congregations to become their pastor for he was a man of great force of character and of power both in the pulpit and in his relations with men. Toward the end of life his strength began to fail him and he found it necessary to be relieved of the responsibilities of the pastorate, and with the thought of the charge who needed more strength than he had to give, he resigned his charge and was released April 13, 1887. But while released from official charge he could not give up his love for his people and continued to minister to them till the end, which came two years later. He was a man of original ideas and original manners. He was also a man of decided convictions, outspoken in denouncing all sin and especially everything that had the appearance of hypocrisy. He was devoted to the great principles of the Church and likewise devoted to his Lord Himself and those whom He had given him to shepherd. Such a life stands out in bold relief against the selfishness and littleness and weakness of the world. Yet ought it not always to be so, that God's children because of the indwelling

Christ, should stand out like shining lights against the background of the world—made glorious by the glory of the King?

AUGUSTUS THEODORE SMITH

A. T. SMITH, son of John Calvin and Sarah Cecelia Augusta (McCartney) Smith, was born at Rose Point, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1875. He was baptized in the Slippery Rock Church, now Rose Point Church, and united with the same Reformed Presbyterian congregation October 15, 1887. He received his early training in the Public Schools of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the Woodward High School, and graduated from the University of Cincinnati in June, 1898. In 1900 he received the degree of M. S. from the same institution. He also attended the University of Indiana. He entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1904, and attended that institution for two years. In the fall of 1906 he entered the United Presbyterian Seminary of the same city, and graduated in the spring of 1907. On May 8, 1906, he was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. On June 4, 1907, he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in the Atlantic Avenue United Presbyterian Church of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and installed pastor of the same on that date. He was released from this charge in June, 1913. He was installed pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Pasadena, California, the same year, and served that charge until January of the year 1916. Immediately following this he was installed