

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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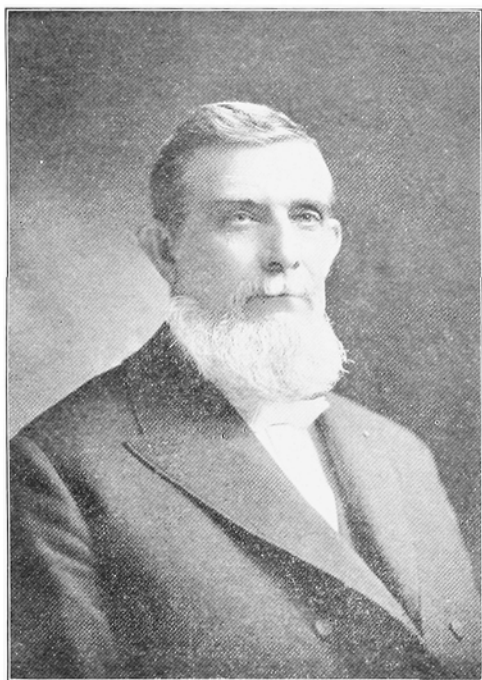
Theresa Shiring of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have one child, Joseph M.

ELLSWORTH MONTGOMERY SMITH

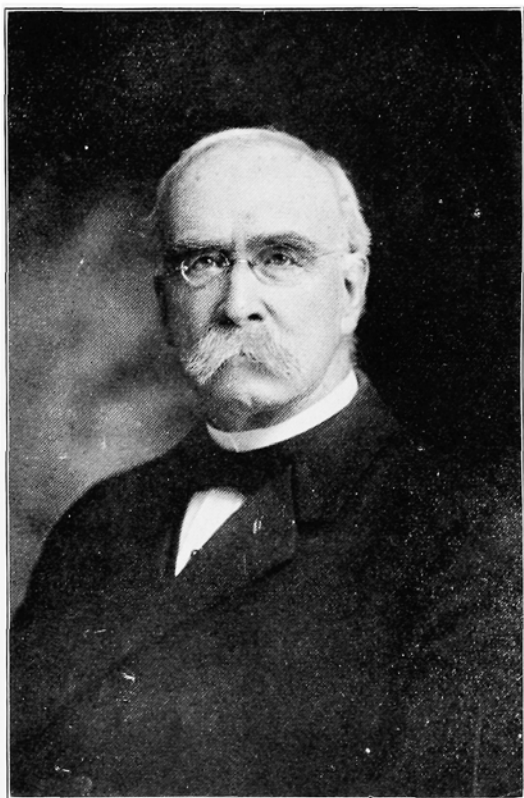
E. M. SMITH, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's Historical volume, was, at the time of the publication of that book in 1888, in charge of the united congregations of Staunton, Illinois, and Saint Louis, Missouri. On October 9, 1888, he was released from Saint Louis, at his own request, and two years later from the Staunton charge. Having accepted a call from the congregation in Baltimore, he was certified to Philadelphia Presbytery. He was installed pastor of this congregation December 8, 1890. On June 18, 1891, this relationship was dissolved upon his leaving the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Following this he affiliated with the Presbyterian Church and served for a number of years until the time of his death, which occurred in 1897.

JOHN CALVIN SMITH

J. C. SMITH is among those whose biographical sketches appear in Glasgow's History. The record of his life is carried forward in that volume to the year 1888. At that time he was pastor of the Slippery Rock (now Rose Point) congregation in Pennsylvania. He was ordained and installed in this charge April 16, 1863. He remained in the pastorate of the Slippery Rock congregation until April 10, 1889. On July 10, 1889, he became pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Cincinnati, Ohio. Here he con-



THE REV. JOHN C. SMITH
Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1896
In the Cincinnati R. P. Church
Cincinnati, Ohio



THE REV. ROBERT M. SOMMERVILLE, D. D.
Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1889
In the Belle Center R. P. Church
Belle Center, Ohio

tinued his labors for the Lord for eleven years, or until the time of his death, which occurred at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 12, 1900. During his 37 years of service as a Minister of the Gospel he was not once absent from the meeting of Synod, and seldom absent from Presbytery. He was Moderator of Synod in 1896, which met in his own church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Under his ministry the Jewish Mission of Cincinnati, was established. Into this work went not only his strength and interest but his heart as well. It was here that the Rev. Louis Meyer, D. D., found his new Christian faith and took up his noted service, afterward marrying a daughter of the pastor. He was a descendent of Walter Smith, who suffered martyrdom in Edinburgh, July 27, 1681, and also of David Farie, who died as a martyr in Edinburgh, October 10, 1681. He himself was a Covenanter not only in his relation to the Covenant of Grace and the Covenants of the Church, but in his personal relation with the Lord, for he had made and signed his own personal covenant years before his death. On being informed of the near approach of death he said: "I am ready. I was ready long ago. A death bed is no place for preparation." He was twice married. While at Northwood, Ohio, he married Miss Sarah A. McCartney. To this union there were eleven children born. She died April 19, 1891. On June 22, 1898, while pastor in Cincinnati, he married Miss Elizabeth Patterson in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

ROBERT MCGOWAN SOMMERVILLE, D. D.

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, was, at the time of the publishing of