

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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Blanchard, Iowa

wood, Minnesota, on the same date. On May 27, 1913, he was released from Lake Reno congregation and on April 17, 1914, installed pastor of the Superior, Nebraska, congregation. He was released from Superior on June 6, 1919, and installed pastor in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on September 30, 1919. He was released from Winnipeg June 1, 1926, and installed pastor of the Hopkinton, Iowa, congregation February 10, 1927, where he is in charge. In the year 1926 he spent a number of months as a public lecturer and laboring in the interests of the Bryan Memorial University, which was planned to honor the name of that great man and to stand as a defense against evolutionary and materialistic teachings of modern schools. He is the author of two volumes, "Practical Lectures on the Book of Job" (1923), and "Evolution in the Balances" (1926). He is also an occasional correspondent for several religious papers and magazines. His name appears in "Who's Who in America" and also in "Who's Who in Literature," published in Liverpool, England. On May 4, 1911, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ellen Dodds of Seattle, Washington. They have two children, Mary Grace and Marjorie Elizabeth.

ROBERT CAMERON ALLEN

R. C. ALLEN, whose historical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, was, at the time of the publication of that volume, in charge of the Lochiel congregation, Brodie, Ontario, Canada. He labored there for nearly eight years, being released from this charge on May 14, 1895. He then removed to Grove City, Pennsylvania, to educate his family. There he spent the remainder of his life. He never de-

sired a pastoral charge hereafter but spent the most of his time in writing booklets on reform subjects. He also lectured in various places and supplied vacant congregations from time to time.

He was called to pass through peculiarly sore affliction yet bore it with a calm resignation, passing to his Heavenly reward from his home in Grove City, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1921, at the age of 73 years.

He was an earnest Christian, a conscientious pastor, and a close, careful student of the Word. He was self-possessed and of a strong character, ready to act in an emergency. At one time he saved a life through the amputation of the leg of a fellow-passenger who was caught in the wreckage of a railroad wreck. He was the author of numerous writings such as: "Christian Marriage and Divorce;" "The Kingdom of Christ and God;" "The State and the Kingdom;" "Rights, Human and Divine in Civil Government;" "The Bible in Our Public Schools."

THOMAS JOHN ALLEN, D. D.

T. J. ALLEN, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, was, at the time of the publishing of that volume, without a stated charge but was engaged in evangelistic work. On October 20, 1893, he was installed pastor of the Sterling, Kansas, congregation. He was released from this charge April 8, 1902. Following his release from Sterling he made his residence in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He did not, however, give up active work. He preached in various congregations and continued to give his lectures on the Hebrew Tabernacle with his presenta-