

# 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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vania. He carried forward his studies for some time but becoming incapacitated by illness for further work he gave up his course in the seminary. When he left the seminary he had not advanced his studies to the point of licensure.

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### ISAIH FARIS

ISAIH FARIS, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, was, in the year 1888, in charge of the Reformed Presbyterian congregation at Vernon, Wisconsin. He was released from this charge May 31, 1901. Following this he has labored in many places. From November, 1901, to May, 1902, he preached in Ireland and Scotland. Following this he made his home in Denison, Kansas, though he was absent for long periods preaching and missionating. Nearly a year was spent in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, and another in Content, Canada. From December, 1903, to May, 1906, he labored in the Chinese Mission in Oakland, California. In 1911 he removed from Denison, making his home in Topeka, Kansas, where he is at present residing. He is one of the oldest ministers of the Church and has been, perhaps, in the ministry longer than any other living, his period of service since ordination being 59 years. He has been a most faithful attender at Synod and the meetings of Presbytery. Not until the 1928 meeting of the higher court did he miss a single meeting. Now, near the end of a long life journey, he waits in the faith of his Lord for the call that is looked forward to by those who have lived into the four score years. He was born April 25, 1846, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry September 21, 1870.