# 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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#### JOHN CALVIN KNOX FARIS

J. C. K. FARIS, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's volume, was, in the year 1888, left by that account in the pastorate of the Topsham congregation, Orange County, Vermont. He was released from this charge at the end of four or five years and transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery June 1, 1893. He resided in Beaver Falls for some time that he might educate the younger members of his family. After this he moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he died on November 17, 1916. He did not preach much in the latter years of his life, but served as the teacher of a Bible Class for years. It was said of him by those who knew him that he was noted for his gentleness and Christian courtesy to all. He was a man careful to maintain that evenness of disposition and temper which marks the Christian gentleman as perhaps nothing else can.

### JAMES MELVILLE FARIS

J. M. FARIS, whose historical account appears in Glasgow's History, was, in the year 1888, recorded there as being pastor of the congregation at New Concord, Ohio. He remained in this pastorate for about 12 years when he was released and supplied for a time. On June 17, 1897, he was installed pastor of the Sterling, New York, congregation. He was released from Sterling on June 1, 1900. After supplying for a year he was transferred to Lakes Presbytery and became stated supply in the Belle Center and Bellefontaine, Ohio, congregations. For a number of years he continued to fill the position of stated supply in one or