

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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on August 27, 1904, at the age of 14 years. He attended the Rural Schools at Mediapolis, Iowa, and the Grammar School, High School and College of Sterling, Kansas. He graduated at Cooper (now Sterling) College on June 2, 1915. He was Valedictorian in High School. He entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in September, 1915, and graduated April 30, 1918. He was licensed by Kansas Presbytery on May 9, 1917. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by New York Presbytery February 27, 1919, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and installed pastor over that congregation on the same date. He was released from Cambridge June 5, 1925, and installed pastor over the Bear Run and Mahoning congregation October 22, 1925. On June 19, 1919, he was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Steele, of Stafford, Kansas. They have four children: Bertha M., Anna J., Thomas R. and James L.

MATTHEW AUGUSTINE GAULT

M. A. GAULT, whose biographical sketch was carried forward in Glasgow's History as far as the year 1888, when that volume was published, was in that year continuing his labors as a Secretary of the National Reform Association, begun in 1882. He served in this capacity for ten years altogether in a most effective manner. In June, 1893, he was installed pastor of the Bloomington, Indiana, congregation, and in 1895 left this charge to become editor of the Christian Cynosure, of Chicago, Illinois. For five years he devoted his time and strength to the work of the National Christian Association in opposition to Secrecy. In Sep-

tember, 1901, he was installed pastor of the Wahoo, Nebraska, congregation and released from that charge October 22, 1906. On June 14, 1907, he was installed pastor of the Oakdale, Illinois, congregation where he remained until the time of his death, which occurred December 18, 1913. While ministering to this people he also did extensive work as a lecturer and reformer in the district covered by that part of his state. He was an effective speaker and was noted for his illustrations. For years he filled one column of the Christian Nation with illustrations on the Sabbath School Lesson. His widow still survives, making her home at Quinter, Kansas.

ROBERT JOHN GAULT

R. J. GAULT, son of John and Martha (Adams) Gault, was born May 4, 1855, at Waukesha, Wisconsin. His parents came to America in 1847, and settled near Brockport, New York. They moved to Waukesha, Wisconsin, in 1852, and united with the Vernon Reformed Presbyterian congregation. In 1866 they moved to Mediapolis, Iowa, where John Gault, Sr., became an elder in the Kossuth congregation. The subject of this sketch united with the Kossuth Reformed Presbyterian Church at Mediapolis, Iowa, under the pastorate of the Rev. Robert Johnston. He attended the District School and Washington, Iowa, Academy. He graduated from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, in June, 1886. He entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in the fall of 1886 and graduated in the spring of 1890. He was licensed by Iowa Presbytery April 10, 1889, and ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Ohio Presbytery at Mansfield, Ohio, May 10, 1891, and installed pastor of