

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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preach in 1891 and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Allegheny Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church on April 10, 1892. He served as stated supply in the Wetherville Presbyterian Church near Baltimore, Maryland, from 1892 to 1895. He was pastor of the Case Avenue Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, from 1895 to 1899. He was assistant pastor of the East Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, from 1899 to 1903. He retired from the active work of the ministry and is at present living in Cleveland, Ohio, still taking a deep interest in the things of the Kingdom of Heaven. On March 22, 1893, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth D. Dorsey, of Baltimore, Maryland.

GEORGE KENNEDY, D. D.

GEORGE KENNEDY, whose historical sketch appears in Glasgow's volume and is carried forward to the year 1888, was at that time professor of Greek in Geneva College. He continued to fill that position until the time of his death, which occurred on May 22, 1918, having completed 36 years of service in the chair of Greek in Geneva. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Geneva College in the year 1904. He was elected Vice-President prior to 1907, and with those extra duties also taught both Greek and Latin during his later years. He was buried in Beaver Cemetery, Beaver, Pennsylvania. In the year 1891 he was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Coverdale. There were five children born to them: Miles Coverdale, Elizabeth Conn, George Conn, Caroline Mary and Catherine Christina. He was scholarly in his work and happy in

his calling. There are few men who loved flowers more than Dr. Kennedy. He was on the way to the florist when he met his death. The casket in which his body lay was covered over with flowers which he loved in life. The end came quite suddenly to him. He was waiting for a street car and was struck by another street car and killed instantly. We soon forget the manner of such a death in remembering the glorious life beyond. A sudden death is always a reminder to us of the uncertainty of life.

JAMES KENNEDY, D. D.

JAMES KENNEDY, whose historical sketch is carried forward to the year 1888 in Glasgow's History, was at that time in charge of the Fourth Reformed Presbyterian congregation of New York City. In the year 1886 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Geneva College. The following year he was elected to fill the chair in the Theological Seminary left vacant by Dr. Sloan. This honor and service was declined on account of age and attachment to his own congregation. On the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination an appropriate and affectionate address was delivered by him to his beloved people. During the richest period of his later life he prepared and published the volume, "Christ in the Song." He was officially released from his charge on October 30, 1894. In 1897 he removed with his daughter to Saint John, New Brunswick. Here he resided in contentment, preaching a few times as he was able, and bearing infirmities in the spirit of the Master. He passed from earth on January 26, 1898, having been in the Gospel Ministry for 55 years.