

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 L. McCARTNEY, D. D.

J. L. McCARTNEY, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, is noted there as filling an appointment from the Central Board on the Pacific Coast. Here he labored successfully in gathering together bodies of Covenanters into worshipping groups. In 1889 he gave up his professorship in Geneva College and became one of the Secretaries of the American Sabbath Association and served that cause for some time. In 1894 he removed with his family to California, living at Redlands and at Claremont. In the years 1896-98 he made his residence in Denver, Colorado. From this time on until the end of his life, with the exception of two winters spent abroad in the years 1900 and 1904, he made his residence at the old home, Fern Cliffe, on College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He lived to a ripe old age, passing from this life September 23, 1911, at his home. He excelled at the bedside of the sick and suffering. He was gifted with a soft and sympathetic voice and had a clear, usable knowledge of the strengthening and consoling words of the Holy Book. He also had a gift of prayer that enabled him not only to approach with assurance into the presence of God, but also to carry his hearers with him into the very Throne of Grace. Early in his ministry he became connected with Geneva College and he remained a firm friend and faithful supporter to the end of life. He was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and in 1911 was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He preached frequently up to the last of life and took part in the ordination of his sons to the Gospel Ministry. He was ordained in 1861, and for a half century labored in that calling to which he had been

called of God. A half century on one road takes you far yet it is only a beginning after all, and we may all make our beginning on that same journey whether we spend one year or fifty on the earthly end. Eternity is before us all.

JOHN DAVISON McCLURE

J. D. McCLURE, son of McLeod Milligan and Annie Elizabeth (Wilson) McClure, was born at New Alexandria, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1884. His father and mother are both living. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church at New Alexandria, Pennsylvania, at about 12 years of age, under the pastorate of the Rev. R. J. Gault. He attended the Public Schools of his home community, the Normal School of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and Business College at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. His college work was taken at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, from which institution he graduated in June of 1912. In September of the same year he entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary of North Side Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he attended two years. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery on May 12, 1914. He did not complete his theological work because of weak eyes, and was never ordained but preached as a licentiate and labored as missionary in the Spring Garden Mission of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On August 2, 1927, he was united in marriage with Edith H. Mearns, of Seattle, Washington. Their address is Belle Center, Ohio.

ALBERT WITSIUS McCLURKIN

A. W. McCLURKIN, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History up until the time of his licensure,