

# 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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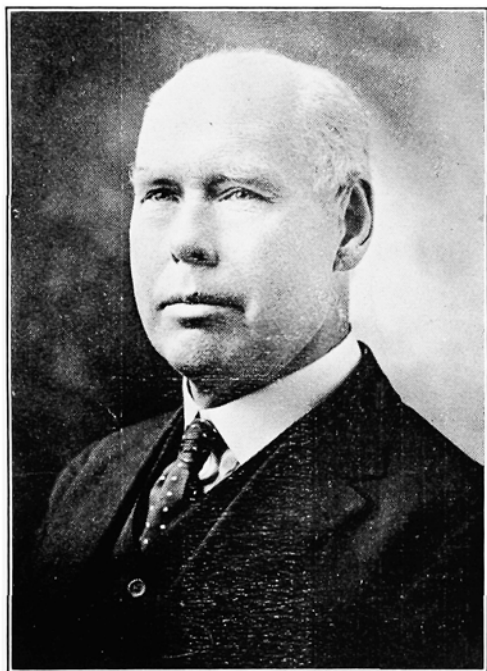
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time lecturing in the Witness Work of the Church. On June 17, 1892, he was united in marriage with Emma S. Porter, of Washington, Iowa. They have three sons: Robert E., George P. and Melville B.

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JOHN KNOX ROBB, D. D.

J. K. ROBB, son of James Kerr and Margaret Sarah (Scott) Robb, was born August 13, 1868, at New Concord, Ohio. Both parents were reared in Washington County, Pennsylvania. In the early years of life he moved with the others of his father's family to Kansas, near Denison, where he united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, called at that time North Cedar. This was at the age of 17 years, in September, 1885. The pastor at the time was Rev. J. S. T. Milligan. He attended the Grade Schools of New Concord, and took his preparatory work at Muskingum. His college work was taken in Geneva College, from which institution he graduated May 30, 1895. He won first prize for Sociology Essay and second in Class Oration. He entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, in September of the year of his graduation in college, and completed the course December 22, 1898. This mid-year graduation was brought about through a changing of the course from four to three years. He was licensed by Pittsburgh Presbytery December 20, 1897. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Colorado Presbytery at La Junta, Colorado, November 9, 1900, and installed pastor of the congregation in that place on the same date. He was released from La Junta May 30, 1902, to take up work as a Foreign Missionary in



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the land of China. In the fall of 1902 he went to China. There he labored for the most part along evangelistic lines rather than educational. In the year 1914 he carried a Memorial from the Board to the President of China, asking for a recognition of Christ in China's Constitution. He returned to the United States in 1919 and preached through the Church for some time. On March 28, 1922, he was installed pastor of the Princeton, Indiana, congregation. He was released from this charge December 10, 1924, and has been preaching and acting as Home Mission Secretary of Pittsburgh Presbytery. His residence in China and place of labor was Tak Hing, South China. On October 17, 1900, he was united in marriage with Maude Anna Lawson, of Lawsonham, Pennsylvania. Through these years she has been his companion and helper and has associated with him in his work both at home and abroad. They have four children: Neal L., David M., Joseph S. and Margaret. In the year 1920 he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Geneva College, his Alma Mater. He was Moderator of Synod in Chicago, Illinois, in the year 1916. On July 10, 1929, he was installed pastor of the Hetherton congregation, Hetherton, Michigan, where he is in charge.

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#### REMO IRWIN ROBB

REMO I. ROBB, son of Andrew Irwin and Ella (Torrence) Robb, was born at Hong Kong, South China, October 20, 1899. His mother died at Tak Hing, South China, November 16, 1903., His father is living near Los Angeles, California, retired from the active service of the Mission