

COVENANTER MINISTERS

1930-1963

of the

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF NORTH AMERICA

This volume is a successor to Thompson's *Sketches of the Ministers*, published in 1930. It contains supplemental sketches of ministers who were living in 1930 and of those who were called into service later. Some of these have entered into rest, while others have either retired or continue their ministry. The appendix includes a short list of those who left the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The latter pages are composed of accounts of institutions and projects of the church and include lists of missionaries who served in the period from 1930-1963. Pictures of moderators and of our institutions are given. For historical reference there are contained herein lists of Presbyteries and of Congregations, with dates of organization and disorganization during this same period.

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to September 17, 1947, he was lecturer and lobbyist from the Christian Amendment Movement and helped introduce C. A. M. bill into Congress in 1947, 1949, and 1951. More recently he has furnished the script for several lectures promoting the Christian Amendment over the radio. In addition he has lectured before our summer youth camps on the history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

JOHN KNOX ROBB, D. D.

In 1930 when the book **Sketches of the Ministers** by Thompson was published, Dr. J. K. Robb was serving as pastor of the Hetherton, Michigan congregation. Up to that time he had filled an eventful life as a missionary to China (from 1902 to 1919) and after that he had served as Home Missionary for Pittsburgh Presbytery. This was followed by a pastorate in Princeton, Indiana.

The pastorate in Hetherton was marked with successful evangelistic effort and continued for the span of 17 years, from 1929-1946. From the memoir prepared by Dr. Paul D. McCracken the following tribute is paid:

"Dr. Robb was a man of many talents. He was an experienced carpenter, an able preacher, a wise counselor, a faithful shepherd, and a warm friend. He will long be remembered for his rare musical ability. With his mellow voice, his "absolute pitch," and his keen sense of harmony and beauty, he served the Church on Psalter Revision Committees in 1929 and again in 1950, and our present Psalter contains 8 originals and 4 arrangements that bear his name.

"The marks of true greatness were easily distinguished in this Man of God. His humility was outstanding, his knowledge extensive, his faith genuine, and his sincerity and earnestness beyond question. Possessing a keen sense of humor, he radiated cheerfulness and goodwill. He loved

people; he loved the church and its work; and he loved his Lord."

He was called home on October 30, 1960, at Baroda, Michigan, after an earthly life of almost 93 years. "The path of the just is as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

REMO IRWIN ROBB, D. D.

R. I. Robb, whose biographical sketch appears in Thompson's **Sketches of the Ministers** up to the year 1930, when that volume was published, was then beginning his pastorate of the Seattle, Washington congregation, having been installed on December 13, 1929. He was released from Seattle, August 2, 1932, and was installed pastor of the Clarinda, Iowa congregation August 24, 1932. In the spring of 1939 he was released from Clarinda and on July 28, 1939, was installed pastor of the First Beaver Falls congregation, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He served in this pastorate until August 31, 1946, when he was released to take up the work of Synod's Home Mission Secretary. The following year he was appointed Young People's Secretary, and he held these two offices until the time of his death. He passed from this life at the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1957, after a brief illness.

In 1950 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Geneva College.

Dr. Robb was indeed a full-time servant of the Church. He served faithfully on many of the Synod's boards and committees. At the time of his death he was the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board, a member of the Trustees and Board of Corporators of Geneva College, a member of the Board of Christian Education, as well as being on the Witness and Evangelistic Committees. He gave