

# 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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died at the age of 70. His mother became a Christian at the age of 60 years, and is alive at the time of this writing, at the age of 88 years. The subject of this sketch was baptized in 1907 at Tak Hing, China. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church the same year, at 19 years of age, at Tak Hing, under the Rev. A. I. Robb. He studied in the native schools and three years at Tak Hing. He attended the Bible Training School at Tak Hing, entering in 1905, and finishing the course in 1908. He was licensed to preach the Gospel January 16, 1915, by the China Commission, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry January 20, 1926, by the China Presbytery. He has held no regular charge, but has filled appointments and preached as stated supply in various places. His wife's name was Chung Mok Shi. They were married in 1892 at Che Tsai, in the district of Wat Naam. Seven children have been born to them. When young he wholeheartedly worshipped the ancestral tablets. When he turned to Jesus he was severely persecuted by his relatives, neighbors and clansmen. He was also severely persecuted thrice by the Triad Society, but testifies that he overcame by the power of prayer to the Heavenly Father.

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#### DAVID RAYMOND TAGGART

D. R. TAGGART, son of John and Martha (George) Taggart, was born near Hickory, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1880. He was baptized in the Miller's Run Church in 1880. He united with the Geneva congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1893, under the pastorate of the Rev. H. G. Foster. He attended the District School, College Hill

Public School, and Geneva Preparatory Department. He graduated from Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1903. He spent a number of months in the Indian Mission near Apache, Oklahoma. In the fall of 1904 he entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny (now North Side Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, and completed his studies in that institution in the spring of 1907. He attended Wisconsin University for two years, and took one summer term in Michigan University. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery on May 8, 1906. He preached as a supply in various congregations over the church, and on September 6, 1910, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, for work in the Foreign Mission Field of China. He sailed that fall for his chosen place of service with his wife, who was formerly Miss Sarah Emma Wilson of New Concord, Ohio, and to whom he had been united in marriage August 25, 1910. For six years they labored in China, serving in all the stations opened during those years. In 1916 they returned to America, and while on furlough he occupied the chair of Greek in Muskingum College for a year. Having received a call from the Topeka, Kansas, congregation, he accepted the same and was installed pastor over that charge on February 19, 1918. He has continued in that pastorate until the present time. He has received offers to teach in various colleges but has continued in the pastorate, considering it his highest opportunity to serve in the Kingdom. He has written numerous editorials and articles in religious periodicals. They have three children: Martha I., Helen R., Esther C.