

# 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 For historical reference there are contained herein lists of Presbyteries and of Congregations, with dates of organization and disorganization during this same period.

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deny his faith in Jesus Christ. During trial and cruel torture, he remained faithful to his Lord to the end of his earthly life.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)

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### **DAVID RAYMOND TAGGART, D. D.**

**D. R. Taggart**, whose biographical sketch appears in Thompson's **Sketches of the Ministers**, was in 1930, the year of that book's publication, pastor of our Topeka, Kansas congregation. He had been installed there on February 12, 1918, and continued to serve in this capacity until 1938. "In 1933 he was elected by Synod as an editor of 'The Covenanter Witness': in 1938 he assumed full responsibility for it. Nine times he was elected for a three year term in this wider ministry of the Church. He was faithfully aided in all these services by his wife and daughters."

He was elected Moderator of our Synod in 1953. In 1954 Geneva College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

The excellent memoir prepared by M. W. Dougherty furnishes further information about this humble, devoted servant of his Lord: "His name is listed in *Who's Who of the Clergy*. He was a member of the Eugene Field Society of Authors and of the Kansas Authors Club. He was the author of the book: **The Faith of Abraham Lincoln**.

"We do not undertake to erect a huge monument to his memory, for his work continues on. He loved the Church and served with patience and faithfulness. On November 12, 1958, he was transferred into the presence of his Master, the Author and Finisher of life. Time ceased for him, but life continues on. We who remain bow in submission and reverence to an all-wise God."



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Moderator of Synod at Geneva College  
Beaver Falls, Pa. in 1953