

# 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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THOMAS HOUSTON ACHESON, D. D., PH. D.

T. H. ACHESON, whose biographical sketch appears in Glasgow's History up to the year 1888, when that volume was published, was at that time pastor of the Hopkinton, Iowa, Reformed Presbyterian congregation. He was released from Hopkinton October 16, 1895. Following his release from Hopkinton he went to Colorado and on March 11, 1897, was installed pastor over the Denver, Colorado, congregation. He held this charge for seven years, being released from Denver in the year 1904. From 1905 to 1908 he was Secretary of the National Reform Association and Assistant Managing Editor of the Christian Statesman. He was on the editorial staff of this publication during all the latter years of his life. He was installed pastor of the Eighth Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, congregation on January 3, 1908. He remained in charge of this people until near the time of his death when physical weakness made it necessary for him to give up the active service. He was released from the regular pastorate on March 23, 1925, remaining as Pastor Emeritus until the end of his life. He died at Atlantic City, where he had gone for his health, December 27, 1925. He was made Moderator of Synod in the year 1909, meeting in the Chicago, Illinois,



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Elected Moderator of Synod in the year 1909  
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church. In the year 1908 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Geneva College. In the year 1912 he received the degree Ph. D. from Grove City College. He was gifted as a public speaker and did much work along this line outside his own congregation and his own church. This was largely along the lines of National Reform and was for the most part under the auspices of the National Reform Association. He was a great student of the Bible with a forceful manner and an earnestness of spirit which made his preaching both pleasing and effective. Before leaving Denver he suffered a severe accident in a railroad wreck which left him weakened and from the effects of which he never fully recovered. His last years were marked by weakness and suffering which he spoke of as "Our light afflictions." There were three children from his first marriage: Helen M., George E., and William C. On July 14, 1900, he was married a second time, to Bertha C. Herman. They had one daughter, Dorothy Lael. At the time of his death he was a member of the Central Board of Missions and the Board of Corporators of Geneva College and had been President of the Ministers Union of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for one year.

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#### RICHARD CAMERON ADAMS

R. C. ADAMS, son of James Moore and Rachel (McKeown) Adams, was born near Bostwick, Nebraska, April 9, 1888. He was baptized as an infant in the Beulah Church and at 12 years of age united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in this same congregation under the pastorate of the Rev. James S. McGaw, in the year 1900. He