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Robert McNary Karr
(1878-1969)

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Transferred by Family
Robert McNary Karr (Kerr*) was born in 1878 in Bloomington, Indiana. His early education was in the public schools of what is now Anaheim, California, where he graduated from high school in 1896. Karr was graduated from Monmouth College in Illinois in 1907, Magna Cum Laude, from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1909, where he earned both the Purdy and the Jamison scholarships. In that same year, Karr married Annis B. Marshall, and to this union were born four children.

Following ordination by Los Angeles Presbytery, Dr. Karr served pastorates at First United Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington (1909-1911), Kansas City, Missouri (1911-1917) and Oakmont, Pennsylvania (1917-1922). Monmouth College conferred a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1922. Karr was called in 1922 to Xenia Seminary as Professor of Theology and Homiletics. His theses had been "Religious Education and Democracy" and "The Gospel, Individual or Social." The latter was published in MEN AND MISSIONS, in 1914 and in BIBLIOTHECA SACRA 1926. While in Xenia, he also served as Vice President to accommodate the absences of Dr. M. G. Kyle as he pursued archeology in the Bible lands.

When Xenia Seminary merged with Pittsburgh in 1930, Karr continued as Professor of Systematic Theology and became Registrar as well, serving until his retirement in 1949.

Once again, Dr. Karr was called to a pastorate, serving the United Presbyterian Church at Pawnee, Nebraska from 1949 until 1953. In 1953, he was Moderator of the Synod of Nebraska.

The Karrs retired to Loveland, Colorado in 1953, where they purchased a home, but Dr. Karr was called again to active service, returning to Nebraska as interim pastor in Lincoln's First United Presbyterian Church from March until July 1954. Other interim positions were in Mission Creek, Nebraska, Canon City, Colorado, Colorado Springs, Benkelman, Nebraska and Nunn & Carr Presbyterian Churches. Robert Karr was a Commissioner to General Assembly in 1954 where he preached the sermon at the Communion Service.

Robert McNary Karr died in 1969.

* Karr changed the spelling of his name from Kerr to Karr in June 1928.

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