

Memorium: ROBERT PARK, 1880-1961

Robert Park was born May 12, 1880, in Rome, New York. On November 22, 1961, at the age of 81, he was called to his heavenly home. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University in 1905, his theological training at The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. In 1924, he completed his Master of Arts degree in history at the University of Pittsburg. From 1922 to 1956 he was on the faculty of Geneva College, teaching History, Bible, and for a part of that period serving as Dean of the College.

In addition to his teaching and administrative duties, he served as pastor in a congregation of The Reformed Presbyterian Church in the Pittsburgh area and spent his summers ministering to one of the oldest Covenanter congregations in this continent at Grafton, Nova Scotia.

Dr. Park was a strong and vigorous man who excelled in sports. He was captain of one of Syracuse University's outstanding football teams, and during his college teaching career he coached football, cross country and track teams that excelled.

As teacher and as minister he combined a warm zeal for revealed truth. He had a wide influence over students, and saw many of them later go into the field of teaching and into the ministry. During the years 1929 through 1952, Geneva College shared him with The Reformed Presbyterian Seminary where he served as Professor of Church History.

At the time of the formation of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dr. Park became one of the charter members (listed as number 64). He maintained a keen interest in the work of the Society. Though his administrative duties and his heavy teaching load at Geneva College made it difficult for him to attend many of the meetings, he followed the work of the Society with great interest and encouraged his students to keep in touch with the aims and purposes of the E.T.S.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jennie Hayes Park, and five sons.

Christ as Savior and Lord of men and nations was the key note of his proclamation. The doctrinal basis of the Evangelical Theological Society is a clear expression of the commitment of his life to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, the only infallible rule of faith and life.