



HISTORY

OF THE

Reformed Presbyterian Church

IN

AMERICA:

WITH SKETCHES OF ALL HER MINISTRY, CONGREGATIONS,
MISSIONS, INSTITUTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, Etc.,
AND EMBELLISHED WITH OVER
FIFTY PORTRAITS AND
ENGRAVINGS.

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resigned this office, October 4, 1886, and devoted himself to missionary work. He was twice married. First to Miss Sarah R. Miller, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1878; second to Miss Hattie L. Davis, of Selma, Alabama, April 21, 1885. In March, 1886, he became editor of the *Guiding Star*, a weekly and monthly paper, devoted to the moral and religious welfare of the colored race.

EDWARD GRAHAM ELSEY :

Son of John H. and Susan (French) Elsey, was born in Reynoldsburgh, Franklin County, Ohio, March 22, 1830. He received his early education in the schools of that vicinity, and in Northwood, Ohio. He subsequently removed to California, Branch County, Michigan, where he was engaged in farming and teaching for many years. Having an earnest desire to preach the gospel, he removed to Northwood, Ohio, and resumed his studies in Geneva College, graduating in 1870. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery, April 14, 1873. He was ordained by the Iowa Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Rehoboth congregation, Wyman, Louisa County, Iowa, August 14, 1874, and resigned this charge, April 13, 1881. He was installed pastor of Lake Reno congregation, Glenwood, Pope County, Minnesota, July 17, 1882, where he is in charge. He married Miss Phebe T. Dobbin, of West Hebron, New York, October 19, 1861.

WILLIAM MORRISON ENGLES, D. D. :

Son of Silas and Anna (Patterson) Engles, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October

12, 1797.* He received a liberal education in the schools of his native city, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1815. He studied theology in the Philadelphia Seminary, and was licensed by the Middle Presbytery, October 21, 1818. He preached with much acceptance as a supply to the mission stations of Wyoming and Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, for several months. He connected with the Presbyterian Church, being received by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, November 10, 1819, and preached to the Old Scotch congregation, which became the Seventh Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, over which he was ordained and installed pastor, July 6, 1820. A serious throat disease caused him to resign this charge, September 4, 1834, and he became editor of the *Presbyterian*, in which capacity he continued until his death. In 1838, he was appointed editor of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, a position which he discharged with great ability until his resignation in 1863. He finally became a subject of heart disease, from which he died, at his residence in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1867. He was a mild, instructive and thoroughly evangelical preacher. His usefulness as an editor was very great. His extensive reading of books of theology, and thorough discrimination of works of science were largely the means of the popularity and success of the Presbyterian Publishing House. He revised and abridged many old works which found a ready sale. He was the author of many tracts and books published anony-

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mously. His "Sick Room Devotions" and "The Soldier's Pocket Book," were especially valuable, and found a large circulation at the time of the war of the rebellion. He married Miss Margaret Schott, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1822. He was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Lafayette College in 1838. He was Moderator of the General Assembly in 1840, and Stated Clerk for many years.

GORDON THOMPSON EWING :

Son of John and Mary (Thompson) Ewing, was born near Maghera, County Londonderry, Ireland, July 17, 1798.* His parents were members of the Anti-Bounty Associate Church, and, being the only son, was the object of peculiar parental solicitude. Having completed his rudimentary education, he was placed under the tuition of his pastor, the Rev. John Bryce, and, in 1816, he made a profession of his faith in the Associate Church. In 1818, he entered the College of Belfast, Ireland, where he graduated with honor in 1821. He came to America in the spring of 1822, and landed in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he made the acquaintance of the Rev. Samuel Wylie, and accompanied him to his home near Kaskaskia, Illinois, and opened a classical school. While teaching in this place he espoused the principles of the Covenanter Church, and began the study of theology under the care of the Rev. Samuel Wylie. In the fall of 1824, he resumed his studies in the Philadelphia Seminary, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, May 9, 1825. He was ordained by the

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