



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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**FINLEY MILLIGAN FOSTER :**

Son of Samuel M. and Joan (Kyle) Foster, was born in Cedarville, Green County, Ohio, December 1, 1853. He received his early education in the schools of his native village and in Geneva College, and graduated from the University of Indiana in 1876. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery, April 11, 1879. He was ordained by the same Presbytery, and installed pastor of the congregation of Bellefontaine, Ohio, May 13, 1880, and was released from this charge, August 23, 1887. He was installed pastor of the Third congregation of the city of New York, New York, September 7, 1887, where he is in charge. He married Miss Sallie C. Neer, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, May 30, 1883. He is the author of many articles published in the Church magazines.

**JAMES MITCHELL FOSTER :**

Son of Samuel M. and Joan (Kyle) Foster, was born in Cedarville, Green County, Ohio, September 22, 1850. He received the accustomed rudimentary training in the schools of his native town, and graduated from the University of Indiana in 1871. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery, April 12, 1876. He was ordained by the same Presbytery, and installed pastor of the congregation of Cincinnati, Ohio, December 27, 1877, and resigned this charge, April 13, 1886. He accepted the position of Secretary of the National Reform Association, July 1, 1886, which position he now occupies. He married Miss Laura L. Turner, of Bloomington,

Indiana, September 24, 1878. He is a voluminous writer upon various subjects, and contributes to the magazines and papers of the Church.

#### JOHN FRENCH:

Son of John and Jane (Graham) French, was born near Malone, Franklin County, New York, June 12, 1815. In 1816, his parents removed to Reynoldsburgh, Franklin County, Ohio, where he received his early education in the common schools. He was engaged in teaching for many years in different parts of Ohio, and attended Miami University a few sessions. He studied theology privately, and in the Cincinnati Seminary, and was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery, September 5, 1849. He was ordained by the same Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Cedar Lake congregation, California, Branch County, Michigan, September 23, 1850, where he labored diligently until his death. About two years before his decease his health began to decline, and he asked to be relieved from his pastoral charge on account of his inability to attend fully to all ministerial duties, but before this was done, he was released by sudden death, from ulceration of the bowels, October 3, 1880. He married Miss Lydia Carithers, of California, Michigan, December 5, 1850. He was a very large man, of a commanding appearance, and an energetic speaker. He was an earnest and instructive preacher, a genial conversationalist, and a faithful pastor. He was universally beloved as an exemplary Christian, and in his death the Church lost one of her worthy and esteemed ministers.