



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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1854, he removed to the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and preached as frequently as his health would permit. In 1862, he removed to Burlington, New Jersey, where he died of general debility, June 16, 1865. He married Miss Margaret A. McLeod, of New York, New York, June 8, 1827. He was a man of superior mind and cultivation, and few possessed more of the elements of the true ministerial character. He was devout and courteous, and adapted himself and his discourses to the circumstances of his people. He lived a life of usefulness, was patient under long and severe personal affliction, and died in peace with God and men when his work was done.

LEWIS JOHNSTON: (COLORED.)

Son of Lewis and Jane (Brunson) Johnston, was born in the city of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1847. His parents were members of the Covenanters Church then under the pastoral care of Rev. Thomas Sproull, and, in 1853, removed to Temperanceville, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and, in 1858, to Blairsville, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the coal mines, and attended the common schools as opportunity was afforded. In 1864, he entered the Union army, where he remained until the close of the war. In the summer of 1865, he returned to Blairsville and resumed his work as a miner. Soon afterwards he began his classical studies under Dr. A. M. Milligan, of New Alexandria, with the ministry in view. In 1867, he entered Geneva College, where he graduated in 1870. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, April 8,

1873. He was ordained *sine titulo* by the same Presbytery, October 14, 1874, as a Missionary among the Freedmen at Selma, Alabama. He built up the flourishing school which is now Knox Academy, and was installed pastor of the congregation of Selma, Alabama, May 21, 1875. He was suspended from the exercise of the ministerial office and privileges in the Church, November 14, 1876. He soon afterwards went to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he taught school for many years. In 1882, he turned his attention to the land agency, was clerk in the court, and employed in a newspaper office. He was restored to the exercise of his ministerial functions by the Pine Bluff Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, May 24, 1883, engaged in mission work, and began the publication of the *Pine Bluff Reformer*. Since March 1, 1886, he is engaged in organizing Schools and Churches throughout the destitute portions of Arkansas. He married Miss Mercy A. Taborn, of Marysville, Ohio, March 2, 1870. He was the first colored Covenanter minister ever ordained.

NATHAN McMILLAN JOHNSTON:

Son of Samuel P. and Eleanor (Thomson) Johnston, was born near Hopedale, Harrison County, Ohio, March 23, 1832. He received his early education in the schools of his native County, and, in 1851, removed to Belle Centre, Logan County, Ohio. He resumed his studies in Geneva College, and, in the fall of 1858, entered the University of Michigan. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, April 14, 1863. He was ordained by the same Presbytery, installed pastor