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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United States of America. In the spring of 1791, he settled on the north side of the Beaver Dam, a branch of the Rocky Creek congregation, Chester District, South Carolina. His most excellent wife, Miss Elizabeth Clark, of County Down, Ireland, to whom he had been married some time before leaving his native land, died soon after his arrival in this country, and the second time he married an intemperate and worthless woman, who was his housekeeper, and who lead him to fall into intemperate habits, for which conduct he was suspended by the Committee, June 24, 1795.* He was deposed from the ministerial office by the Reformed Presbytery, February 5, 1801, but was afterwards restored to private membership. He taught school and cultivated a small farm for a livelihood, died in great despondency, September 6, 1816, and was buried in Paul's graveyard, near Mount Prospect, Chester District, South Carolina. He was a proficient scholar, an apt teacher, and a very acceptable preacher.

CHARLES BROWN McKEE:

Son of James and Agnes (Morrow) McKee, was born near Elder's Ridge, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1792. He received his early education in the neighboring Academy of Greensburgh, also in a classical school in Philadelphia, and attended the University of Pennsylvania. He studied theology in the Philadelphia Seminary, and under the direction of the Rev. S. B. Wylie, D. D., and was licensed by the Philadelphia Presbytery, December 28, 1819. He was ordained by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, installed pastor

^{*} Rev. D. S. Faris in R. P. & C., 1876, p. 51.



CHARLES B. McKEE.

of the Brush Creek congregation, Chillicothe, Ohio, August 7, 1821, and resigned, September 10, 1822. He accepted the chair of Languages in Cincinnati College, was installed pastor of the congregation of Cincinnati, Ohio, November 18, 1822, and resigned, October 17, 1831. He soon afterwards removed to the city of Rochester, New York, where he opened a classical school and preached as occasion was afforded. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Rochester, New York, May 14, 1837, and resigned, August 29, 1842. In 1844, he removed to the city of Baltimore, Maryland, where he opened a flourishing classical school, and was stated supply to the congregation for two years. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Baltimore, Maryland, December 2, 1846, and was released, December 4, 1852, when he connected with the Presbyterian Church. He built up the Twelfth Presbyterian Church of that city, and was pastor for five years. In 1858, he took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Lewinsville, Virginia, where he labored until the rebels occupied that country in 1861. His sentiments and sympathies being wholly with the North, he found it necessary to resign the charge. He removed to the city of Washington, D. C., where he accepted an appointment in the War Department. This position he discharged with ability and acceptance, until stricken with paralysis at his desk, and, in three days thereafter died, at his home in Georgetown, D. C., June 5, 1866. He was twice married. First to Miss Julia H. Snyder, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1821; and second to Miss Hannah Adams, of

Rochester, New York, June 10, 1841. He was a most excellent and finished scholar, and was well known as a teacher of the classics. He was thoroughly versed in the ancient languages and biblical literature, and possessed rare capabilities for imparting instruction. As a preacher, he was most interesting and instructive, and at times quite eloquent. During his residence in Washington he preached much in the hospitals and camps of the soldiers, and also to the refugees who flocked around the city during the war of the rebellion. He made application for re-admission into the Covenanter Church, but died before his request could be acted upon by a constituted court. Among his publications are: "An Analysis and Defence of Doctrines of the Westminster Confession of Faith," 1832; "The Hopkinsian Heresy," 1841; "Anti-Deacon," 1843. He was Moderator of the Synod of 1841.

DAVID McKEE:

Son of David and Jane (Smith) McKee, was born near Ballibay, County Monaghan, Ireland, April 10, 1821. He received his early education in his native country, came to America in 1836, and settled in Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He resumed his studies in the Mercer Academy, and graduated from Jefferson College in 1847. He studied theology in the Cincinnati Seminary, and privately, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, April 9, 1851. He was a Professor of Greek in Westminster College, two years. He was ordained by the Philadelphia Presbytery, installed pastor of the Fourth congregation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1854, and resigned this charge, August 4, 1859. He