



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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He was honored with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Washington and Jefferson College in 1871.

JOHN NEWELL, D. D.:

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gregg) Newell, was born in the city of Belfast, Ireland, August 18, 1824. He received his early education in the public schools of his native city, and graduated with honor from the Belfast Academical Institution in 1845. He studied theology in the Seminary of Paisley, Scotland, and was licensed by the Eastern Presbytery, Ireland, October 9, 1849. The following spring he came to America, was ordained by the Rochester Presbytery, installed pastor of the congregation of Syracuse, New York, May 7, 1851, and resigned this charge, May 26, 1853. In the fall of 1853, he accepted the Presidency of Westminster College, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, where he remained in charge for seven years. In 1860, he resigned this position and returned, with his family, to Ireland. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Newtonards, County Down, Ireland, May 8, 1861, and resigned this congregation May 10, 1867. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Manchester, England, October 14, 1867, where he was pastor three years. He returned to the United States in May, 1871, taught in Newell Institute, Pittsburgh, and also preached in the vacancies adjacent. He died at his residence in Wilkinsburgh, Pennsylvania, of pericarditis, complicated with pneumonia, September 20, 1875. He married Miss Harriet Finlay, of Buffalo, New York, May 20, 1851. Gifted with mental endowments above the ordinary, and possessing a thorough classical education, he was a finished scholar

and a successful teacher. He was a teacher rather than a preacher. He was, however, a well-read theologian, and his sermons were finished discourses and well prepared. His delivery was mild, but there was an unction and pathos in his voice that never failed to interest his hearers. Having travelled much, and stored his mind with useful knowledge, he was well posted in general information. He was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by an institution in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1857. Among his publications are: "The Higher Law," 1851, pp. 39. "The Royal Priesthood of Messiah," 1858, pp. 20. He was Moderator of the Synod of Ireland in 1862.

ROBERT GAMBLE ORR :

Son of Robert and Elizabeth (Gamble) Orr, was born in Donascallion, County Londonderry, Ireland, July 8, 1787.* He attended the schools of his neighborhood, and entered the University of Glasgow, Scotland, where he graduated in 1810. He studied theology in the Seminary of Stirling, Scotland, and was licensed by the Western Presbytery, Ireland, March 16, 1813. He was ordained by the Northern Presbytery, installed pastor of the united congregations of Dumboc and Ballyrashane, Ireland, August 31, 1815, and was released from this charge, at the request of the congregation, July 26, 1820. He came to America in 1832, and, at the division of the Church in August, 1833, became identified with the New School branch of the Covenanter Church. He preached for some time at Ogdensburgh, New York. He died of mortification arising

* Communications from Ireland.