



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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of slavery from observation. He endeavored to have the Legislature of South Carolina pass a law by which benevolent slaveholders might free their slaves; but in this he failed, and removed from the South that his family might be free from the contaminating influence of the accursed institution of human slavery. His house was the home of the anti-slavery lecturer, and for many years an important station upon the "Underground Railroad." He was advanced in his views upon all reforms, and took an early stand upon temperance. He was a devout and pious man, peculiarly fond of religious conversation, thoroughly devoted to the principles of the Church and the work of the ministry. In order that he might glean in his Father's vineyard, he sacrificed the fame and remuneration of the scholar and teacher, and also gave four sons to the same work of preaching the gospel of Christ.

JOHN CALVIN KNOX FARIS:

Son of James and Nancy (Smith) Faris, was born in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, April 11, 1833. He received his early education in the common schools, and under the direction of his father, graduating from the University of Indiana in 1853, and engaged in teaching. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, April 18, 1859. He attended the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, one session, and preached generally throughout the Church. He was appointed a Missionary to Natchez, Mississippi, February 16, 1864, where he remained in charge of the Freedmen's Mission for over a year. He was

ordained by the Ohio Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Muskingum and Tomica congregation, Dresden, Muskingum County, Ohio, December 6, 1865, and resigned on account of impaired health, April 13, 1871. He spent two years, principally in Colorado, in regaining his health, and occasionally preached. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Topsham, Orange County, Vermont, December 2, 1874, where he is in charge. He married Miss Elizabeth J. McKnight, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1865.

JAMES MELVILLE FARIS:

Son of David and Elizabeth (Smith) Faris, was born in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, April 14, 1840. He received his early education in the public schools, graduated from the University of Indiana in 1862, and engaged in teaching. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Illinois Presbytery, May 26, 1868. He was ordained by the New York Presbytery, and installed pastor of the congregation of Topsham, Orange County, Vermont, September 1, 1869, and resigned this charge, May 22, 1872. He was installed pastor of the Church Hill congregation, Coultersville, Randolph County, Illinois, June 19, 1873, and resigned May 30, 1884. He was installed pastor of the congregation of New Concord, Muskingum County, Ohio, July 3, 1884, where he is in charge. He was twice married. First to Miss Jennie Smith, of Bloomington, Indiana, October 15, 1868; and second to Miss Jennie Watson, of Utica, Ohio, January 28, 1886.