



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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A. Dennison, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1852. He was in many respects a popular preacher, and well known throughout the Church. His style was earnest and impressive; his disposition genial, his manner social, and he was in these respects peculiarly fitted for the pastoral office which he discharged with faithfulness. He was a devout and pious man, but not demonstrative in regard to religious experience.

JOSIAH JAMES HUSTON :

Son of John and Susannah (Craig) Huston, was born near Glenwood, Fayette County, Indiana, May 15, 1858. In 1865, his parents removed to Roscoe, Des Moines County, Iowa, where he received his early education. He attended the High School of Morning Sun, finished the course in the Academy of Washington, Iowa, in 1879, and graduated from Monmouth College in 1881. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, was licensed by the Iowa Presbytery, April 9, 1884, and preached in the West and other parts of the Church. He was ordained by the Lakes Presbytery, and installed pastor of the congregation of Belle Centre, Logan County, Ohio, April 30, 1886, and also of Rushsylvania, same County, July 30, 1886. He resigned the Rushsylvania branch, April 9, 1888, and, with Belle Centre, supplies Bellefontaine. He married Miss Bella W. Maginness, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1887.

ROBERT HUTCHESON :

Son of James and Sarah (Martin) Hutcheson, was born near Loughgilly, County Armagh, Ireland, April 24, 1810. His parents were members of the Secession Church, and he received his early education in the

schools of his native country. He came to America in the spring of 1829, and settled near Cambridge, Guernsey County, Ohio, where he connected with the Covenanter Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. William Sloane. He pursued his classical studies under the care of his pastor, and, in 1836, repaired to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where he resumed them under the direction of the Rev. Hugh Walkinshaw. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, May 8, 1839. He was ordained *sine titulo* by the same Presbytery, as a Home Missionary, September 10, 1841. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Brush Creek, Adams County, Ohio, September 29, 1842, where he labored faithfully, until the congregation was so reduced by emigration, that he resigned the charge, May 21, 1856. He soon afterwards removed to Bremer County, Iowa, and served the Church as a Home Missionary for several years. He was instrumental in building up the congregation of Grove Hill, Bremer County, Iowa, over which he was installed pastor, April 17, 1863, and was released, May 8, 1867, remaining stated supply for two years. In 1869, he repaired to the new stations of the North-West Mission, and was stated supply respectively at Elliota, Lake Reno, and Round Prairie, Minnesota, for several years. In 1878, his health began to fail, and he removed to Washington, Iowa, where he died of general debility, April 1, 1880. He was twice married. First to Miss Jane Walkinshaw, of Lucesco, Pennsylvania, in 1840; and second, to Mrs. Jane C. (Coulter) Andrews, of Princeton, Illinois, November 15,

1865. He was an interesting and instructive preacher, but not a pleasing speaker. He was an excellent classical scholar, a close thinker, a natural logician, active in Church courts, faithful in the discharge of pastoral duties, and a most earnest and sincere Christian. He was a strict disciplinarian, and bore constant testimony against the evils of the State and the innovations of the Church. He contributed able articles to *McClintock and Strong's Encyclopedia*, and essays, in the form of critical exegesis, to the magazines of the Church.

JACOB JERRIDINIA :

Son of Salloom Feyad and Helana (Korani) Jeridinia, was born in Showifat, Lebanon, Syria, March 17, 1837. By trade he was a soapmaker, and labored in his native town. In October, 1870, he became converted to the Christian religion, and attended the American Mission Schools at Showifat and Obey. He became a teacher in connection with the School at Antioch and Suadea, and subsequently repaired to Latakia. Here he studied theology under the direction of the Rev. Joseph Beattie, D. D., and was licensed to preach the gospel by the Commission of the Syrian Mission, March 1, 1882. He married Miss Helana Corani, of Showifat, Syria, September 15, 1885. Since 1882, he has been engaged in teaching and preaching principally in connection with the Mission at Suadea.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSTON :

Son of Gavin and Elizabeth (Hunter) Johnston, was born in Truro, Nova Scotia, August 16, 1793.* His parents were sturdy Covenanters from Hamilton,

* Principal items from Rev. Dr. David Steele, Sr., Philadelphia, Pa.