



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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now Barnesville, Kings County, New Brunswick, in the spring of 1846, when there were only two Covenanters in that vicinity. Here he labored faithfully for ten years, and gathered a congregation, which he resigned October 17, 1856. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Boston, Massachusetts, November 20, 1856, and resigned, October 22, 1857. He returned to Barnesville, New Brunswick, where he continued to labor until partial paralysis caused his resignation, April 12, 1882, and he is infirm health. He married Miss Margaret Hastings, of St. John, New Brunswick, July 1, 1851. In May, 1880, he began the publication of the *Advocate*, a monthly religious magazine. Among his published writings are: "The Character of Joseph, or The Young Man's Model," 1855, pp. 21. "The Millennium," 1864, pp. 24. "Correspondence on Psalmody with the Editor of the *St. John Telegraph*," 1880, pp. 42. "The British Elective Franchise," 1884, pp. 22, two editions.

MATTHEW LINN:

Son of Matthew Linn, was born at Corkermaine, near Cairn Castle, County Antrim, Ireland, August 10, 1731.* He was of Scotch parentage and a tiller of the soil. Brought up in the strictest manner by a Covenanter parentage, he received a careful religious training, and the elements of an education in the schools of that vicinity and under private instructors. In the spring of 1757, he was ordained a ruling elder, and the same fall entered the University of Glasgow, Scotland, where he graduated in 1760. He studied theology with the ministers of the Presbytery, and was licensed by the

* Sprague's Annals. Communications from Ireland.

Reformed Presbytery of Scotland, July 16, 1761. He was ordained at the organization of the Reformed Presbytery of Ireland, at Vow, and installed pastor of the societies of Bannside, Limavady and Aghadowey, County Londonderry, Ireland, August 21, 1763. After ten years of faithful labor in his native country, he was appointed to accompany Rev. Alexander Dobbin as a Missionary to America, and arrived in New Castle, Delaware, December 13, 1773. He, with Revs. John Cuthbertson and Alexander Dobbin, organized the Reformed Presbytery of America, at Paxtang, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1774, at which time he was assigned to preach to the Churches of Paxtang, Dauphin County, and Stony Ridge, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He abandoned the Covenanted cause and went into the Associate Reformed Church at its formation, November 1, 1782. In 1783, he removed to Franklin County, Pennsylvania, where he became pastor of the united congregations of Green Castle, Chambersburg, West Conococheague and the Great Cove. In 1797, he was thrown from his horse, and so seriously injured that he became unfit for ministerial duty, and resigned his charges, March 13, 1798. He died from a disease brought on by his injuries; at his home near Green Castle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1800, and was buried in the old graveyard at Brown's Mills. He married a cousin of Robert Fulton, of steamboat fame, Miss Jennett Fulton, of County Antrim, Ireland, in 1769. He was large and corpulent in person, comely in his appearance, and winning in his manners. He was a laborious student all his life. He was an eloquent

speaker, and large audiences had their attention astonishingly riveted for hours, while with marked ability he unfolded the truths of the gospel. In private life he was an ornament to the Christian religion, and recommended the doctrines he so powerfully proclaimed by the silent energy of an eminently holy and exemplary life.

JOHN LITTLE :

Son of James and Esther (Allen) Little, was born in Ouley, County Down, Ireland, June 17, 1823. His parents were active and exemplary members of the Covenanter Church, by whom he was religiously instructed and dedicated to God for the gospel ministry. He received his preparatory literary studies in the schools of Rathfriland, graduating from the Belfast Academical Institution in 1843. He studied theology in the Seminary of Paisley, Scotland, and was licensed by the Southern Presbytery, Ireland, March 8, 1848. The same fall he came to America, was ordained by the New York Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Third congregation of New York City, New York, June 5, 1849. For causing defection and abandoning his charge, he was suspended by the New York Presbytery, April 20, 1852. He connected with the Presbyterian Church, and was received by the Presbytery of the City of New York, February 9, 1853. He preached but a short time, when, becoming despondent, he sickened and died in great distress, January 2, 1855. He never married. He was a diligent student, a clear and logical reasoner, an interesting and eloquent preacher. Being of a genial and open-hearted disposition, of an ambitious turn of mind, he was lead away from the faith