



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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and resigned on account of impaired health and old age, September 13, 1881. He removed to Morning Sun, Louisa County, Iowa, where he lived in retirement until his death of old age, November 12, 1886. He was twice married. First to Miss Jeanette Glenn, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1823; and second, to Miss Susan French, of California, Michigan, in 1868. He was a strong and valiant soldier of the Cross, endured many hardships and suffered many deprivations in proclaiming the gospel in new settlements. He possessed a large physique, a robust constitution, and retained his mental powers unimpaired until his death. He was a good classical scholar, a sound theologian and a forcible preacher.

ROBERT LUSK :

Son of William and Elizabeth (Holliday) Lusk, was born near the city of Londonderry, Ireland, March 8, 1781.* He came with his parents to America in 1792, and settled in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. In early life he manifested a thirst for knowledge, which could not be gained very extensively in the primitive schools of his adopted neighborhood, and, in 1804, he repaired to the Academy of Greensburgh, Pennsylvania, where he received his preparatory course of study, and graduated from Jefferson College in 1810. He studied theology in the Philadelphia Seminary, and was licensed by the Middle Presbytery, May 9, 1814. He was ordained by the same Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Conococheague congregation, Chambersburgh, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, June 16,

* Items principally from the Rev. Dr. David Steele, Sr., Philadelphia, Pa.

1816, and resigned this charge, October 15, 1823. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Walnut Ridge, Washington County, Indiana, October 7, 1824. Upon the charge of having defrauded a neighbor, he was suspended by the authority of Synod, August 10, 1825. These weighty charges were thoroughly investigated by a Commission of Synod, and he was restored to his ministerial functions, October 15, 1834, and re-installed pastor of Walnut Ridge, May 9, 1835. He left the communion of the Church, June 24, 1840, and joined the Reformed Presbytery, and his name was stricken from the roll by the authority of Synod, September 18, 1840. He preached in the vicinity of his home as often as his health would permit, and died of erysipelas, December 14, 1845. He was twice married. First to Miss Margaret Thomson, of Conococheague, Pennsylvania, in 1816; and second, to Miss Mary Reid, of Walnut Ridge, Indiana, in 1824. He was not considered a pleasing speaker, yet he was a very instructive preacher and gifted in prayer. His literary acquisitions were both general and accurate, and he was a reputable scholar in science and medicine. In his pulpit exhibitions he had a style peculiarly his own, and aimed to "speak by punctuation and paragraphs." He was a diligent student of prophecy, and in this connection noted carefully the events of Providence. He published "Characteristics of the Witnessing Church," and "Characteristics of Surrounding Communities," in the *Contending Witness*, 1843. He was Moderator of the Synod of 1817.