



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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that body, September 5, 1849. He afterwards lost his mind, was confined in an asylum in West Virginia for several years, and died, May 14, 1862. He was a man of considerable ability and theological education, but so eccentric that he was unappreciated as a preacher.

JAMES ROBERT NEWELL, PH. D.:

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gregg) Newell, was born in the city of Belfast, Ireland, March 3, 1831. He received his early education in the public schools of his native city, and graduated from Queen's College in 1849. He came to America in the spring of 1850, and was employed as a teacher in a classical school in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1853, he was chosen to a professorship in Westminster College, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, where he taught for eight years. In 1861, he became Professor of Languages in Allegheny City College, and subsequently founded Newell Institute, Pittsburgh, which became a flourishing preparatory and classical school. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, May 23, 1867. He seldom preached beyond the vicinity of Pittsburgh, but devoted himself to teaching. He connected with the Presbyterian Church in 1871, and soon afterwards was chosen President of Mt. Auburn Female Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died very suddenly of apoplexy, November 8, 1874. He married Miss Christiana W. Sproull, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1856. He was an acceptable preacher, but best known as a teacher. He was a fine classical scholar, well-read in educational matters, and possessed to a remarkable degree the gifts of imparting instruction.

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