



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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tion, and is residing in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Martha J. Withrow, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1859.

DAVID JAMISON SHAW :

Son of James and Susannah (Patterson) Shaw, was born in Knockbracken, County Down, Ireland, May 14, 1821. He received his early education in the city of Belfast, Ireland, came to America in 1832, and settled near New Alexandria, Pennsylvania. He soon afterwards resumed his studies in the neighboring Academy of Elder's Ridge, and graduated from Geneva College in 1853. He studied theology at the same time in the Northwood Seminary, and was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery, April 12, 1854. He was ordained by the Illinois Presbytery, and installed pastor of the congregation of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, May 22, 1856, where he is in charge. He married Miss Martha J. Hartin, of Belle Centre, Ohio, November 13, 1854.

JAMES WILLIAM SHAW :

Son of William and Martha (Gormley) Shaw, was born near Ardstraw, County Tyrone, Ireland, November 6, 1812. He received his early education in that vicinity, came to America in 1824, and settled in West Hebron, Washington County, New York, where he continued his education in the common schools. In 1837, he entered the Coldenham Academy, and subsequently attended Lafayette College. He studied theology in the Coldenham and Allegheny Seminaries, and was licensed by the Southern Presbytery, April 11, 1843. He was ordained by the New

York Presbytery, and installed pastor of the congregation of Coldenham, Orange County, New York, May 29, 1844, and resigned this his only charge on account of impaired health, October 26, 1881. He preached occasionally as his health would permit, and died at his home near Coldenham, New York, of a complicated kidney disease, November 27, 1886. He was twice married. First to Miss Margaret J. Burnside, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1843; and second to Miss Elizabeth M. Finley, of Little Britain, New York, July 1, 1845. He was a man of considerable natural ability, of an acute and logical mind, of a keen perception, and a fond student of nature. As a preacher he was sound and instructive; a man of unbending conviction in regard to divine truth, and ever preached the gospel in its purity whether the subject was popular or not. He was conscientiously devoted to the work of the Master, and piously attached to Reformation principles. He was retired in his disposition, and for this reason was not so well known in the Church as he deserved to be. His many contributions to the magazines were always spirited and interesting. He also published a few sermons, among which are: "Attachment to Zion." "Our Banner set up." "The Sufferings and Glory of Christ."

SAMUEL GORMLEY SHAW:

Son of Rev. J. W. and Elizabeth M. (Finley) Shaw, was born in Coldenham, Orange County, New York, November 20, 1854. He received his early education in the schools of that vicinity, also in the Newburgh Classical Institute, graduating from Columbia