



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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JOHN CALVIN SMITH:

Son of Thomas and Jane (Curry) Smith, was born in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, October 29, 1831. He received his early education in the schools of his native city, graduating from the University of Indiana in 1851. He taught in the Academy of Bedford, Indiana, one year, and in the Model School connected with the University of Indiana, two years. In 1855, he taught Mathematics and Natural Science in Geneva College, Northwood, Ohio, and filled this position three years. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery, May 22, 1862. He was ordained by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Slippery Rock congregation, Rose Point, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1863, where he is in charge. He married Miss Sarah McCartney, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, August 9, 1855. He has published many articles in the magazines of the Church, and spoken upon the reforms of the day.

ROBERT MCGOWAN SOMMERVILLE:

Son of Rev. William and Sarah B. (Dickie) Sommerville, was born in Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, October 14, 1837. He received his early education under the direction of his father, and graduated from Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland, in 1860. He studied theology at the same time in the Belfast Seminary, and was licensed by the Eastern Presbytery, Ireland, January 3, 1861. He returned to America the same spring, was ordained by the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery, and installed co-pastor with his

father of the united congregations of Horton and Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, October 16, 1861. He was released from the Cornwallis branch in 1862, and soon afterwards built a church in Wolfville, where he preached for many years. In 1866, he was also chosen Inspector of Schools for Kings County, Nova Scotia, and resigned all these charges, November 13, 1873, and came to the States. He was stated supply at Cincinnati, Ohio, one year, and to the Second congregation of New York City for six months. He was installed pastor of the Second congregation of New York City, December 14, 1875, where he is in charge. He married Miss Elizabeth Chipman, of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, September 13, 1865. He is Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Assistant Clerk of Synod, and, since January, 1887, editor of the *Herald of Mission News*.

WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE :

Son of William and Jane (Kirk) Sommerville, was born in Ballyroney, County Down, Ireland, July 1, 1800.* He began the study of the classics with Rev. John Stewart, and continued them under the direction of Rev. David McKee, graduating with honor from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1820. He soon afterwards began the study of theology in the Seminary of Paisley, Scotland, and was licensed by the Southern Presbytery, Ireland, December 5, 1826. He was ordained *sine titulo* by the Southern Presbytery, Ireland, May 31, 1831, as a Missionary to the British North American Provinces, and sailed for St. John,

* Memoir by Rev. A. M. Stavelly, 1878.