



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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TARSUS. Dr. Metheny opened this Mission in Cilicia in December, 1882, and is now in charge of it. In February, 1883, Miss Evadna Sterrett, and in May, 1887, Miss Lillian B. Joseph accepted appointments, and are teaching in connection with this Mission.

CYPRUS. A Mission at Larnica, in the Island of Cyprus, has recently been established under the auspices of the Latakia Mission, and is in charge of two native teachers. There are now (1888) about thirty Syrians, Jews, and Cypriates, in attendance.

SKETCHES OF MISSIONARIES.*

JAMES MCKINNISS BALPH, M. D.:

Son of Joseph and Sarah J. (McKinniss) Balph, was born near Butler, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1851. He received his early education in the Normal School of Edinboro, and continued his studies in Witherspoon Institute, Butler, Pennsylvania. He studied medicine under Dr. W. M. Clark, of Whitestown, and settled as a physician in Unionville, Pennsylvania. After practicing for three years, he resumed his studies in, and graduated from, the Cincinnati Medical College in 1877, and settled in Rose Point, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, where he practiced medicine and discharged the duties of ruling elder in the Slippery Rock congregation. He married Miss Elzina J. Dodds, of Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1875. In the

* For Sketches of Revs. Joseph Beattie, R. J. Dodds, Henry Easson, S. R. Galbraith, Jacob Jerridinia, David Metheny, William Sproull and J. S. Stewart see "The Ministry."

spring of 1887, he was chosen a medical Missionary to Syria, and sailed for that foreign field, September 7, 1887, where he is engaged in proper missionary work.

ELZINA J. (DODDS) BALPH :

Daughter of John A. and Margaret (Fife) Dodds, was born near Brownsdale, Butler County, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1854. She received her early education in the schools of that vicinity, and engaged in domestic duties until her marriage to Dr. J. M. Balph, February 18, 1875. She accompanied her husband to Syria.

MARTHA E. (LORD) BEATTIE :

Daughter of James and Martha (Lockwood) Lord, was born in Camden, Delaware, April 17, 1834. She received her education in a Select School taught by Friends, and resided in Camden until her marriage to Dr. Joseph Beattie, September 16, 1856. She sailed with her husband for the Syrian field, October 16, 1856, where she remained engaged in the proper work of domestic and missionary life, until impaired health caused her to come to America in 1876. She remained in this country to educate her children, her husband returning to Syria. She died of pneumonia, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1878. High testimonials are given of her Christian graces and consecration to the Master's service.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSTON DODDS, M. D. :

Son of Rev. Dr. R. J. and Letitia M. (Dodds) Dodds, was born in Damascus, Syria, May 26, 1857. He came to America in 1871, after his father's death, and settled in Lucesco, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. In 1872, he repaired to Allegheny, Pennsylvania,