



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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Mission for over six years. He returned to the United States in June, 1886, and spent one year lecturing in the interests of the Foreign Mission. He resigned his connection with the Mission, June 3, 1887, and is supplying vacancies throughout the Church, with his residence in Mars, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Ella Campbell, of Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1879.

ALEXANDER MCLEOD STAVELY:

Son of Rev. Dr. W. J. and Jane (Adams) Stavelly, was born in Corkey, County Antrim, Ireland, June 19, 1816. His father was a distinguished Covenanter minister, under whom he received a careful training in religion and general literature. He began his classical studies in the Belfast Academy, attended Belfast College two years, and graduated from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1835. He studied theology two sessions under Dr. Thomas Chalmers, the remaining course in the Seminary of Paisley, Scotland, and was licensed by the Northern Presbytery, Ireland, March 16, 1839. He was ordained *sine titulo* by the same court, May 12, 1841, as a Missionary to St. John, New Brunswick. He came to this field in August, 1841, took charge of the congregation in St. John, laboring here and among the adjacent societies for thirty-eight years. He resigned this charge, June 16, 1879, and returned to his native land, where he preached in the vacancies for five years. He was installed pastor of the congregation of Ballyclare and Larne, County Antrim, Ireland, December 10, 1884, where he is in charge. He married Miss Margaret Cameron, of St. John, New Brunswick, April 21, 1852. Among his writings are the following:

"The Perpetuity of the Gospel." "Redeeming the Time."  
"The Historical Position of the Covenanter Church."  
"Life and Times of John Knox." "The Supremacy of  
the Bible." "Memoir of the Rev. William Sommers-  
ville." He was Moderator of the Irish Synod in 1880.  
DAVID STEELE, D. D.:

Son of David and Sarah (Gailey) Steele, was born in Upper Creevaugh, County Donegal, Ireland, November 2, 1803.\* He received his early education in the private and night schools of the vicinity, and labored upon the farm until his sixteenth year. In 1820, he entered the Academy of Londonderry, where he pursued the regular course of study for three years. He came to America in 1824, settled in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged as a clerk in his uncle's store, and also prosecuted his classical studies. In the spring of 1825, he was engaged as a teacher in the Academy of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, and the next year entered the Western University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1827. He studied theology under the direction of the Rev. Dr. John Black at Pittsburgh, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, April 8, 1830. He was ordained by the Ohio Presbytery, installed pastor of the congregation of Brush Creek, Adams County, Ohio, June 6, 1831, where he continued as pastor for nine years. He withdrew, with a few followers, from the Covenanter Church, and organized the Reformed Presbytery, June 24, 1840. He remained in Adams County, Ohio, and preached to a few adherents until 1859, when he removed to Hill Prairie,

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\* Autobiography and Reminiscences, 1883.