



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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1865. He was an interesting and instructive preacher, but not a pleasing speaker. He was an excellent classical scholar, a close thinker, a natural logician, active in Church courts, faithful in the discharge of pastoral duties, and a most earnest and sincere Christian. He was a strict disciplinarian, and bore constant testimony against the evils of the State and the innovations of the Church. He contributed able articles to *McClintock and Strong's Encyclopedia*, and essays, in the form of critical exegesis, to the magazines of the Church.

JACOB JERRIDINIA :

Son of Salloom Feyad and Helana (Korani) Jeridinia, was born in Showifat, Lebanon, Syria, March 17, 1837. By trade he was a soapmaker, and labored in his native town. In October, 1870, he became converted to the Christian religion, and attended the American Mission Schools at Showifat and Obey. He became a teacher in connection with the School at Antioch and Suadea, and subsequently repaired to Latakia. Here he studied theology under the direction of the Rev. Joseph Beattie, D. D., and was licensed to preach the gospel by the Commission of the Syrian Mission, March 1, 1882. He married Miss Helana Corani, of Showifat, Syria, September 15, 1885. Since 1882, he has been engaged in teaching and preaching principally in connection with the Mission at Suadea.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSTON :

Son of Gavin and Elizabeth (Hunter) Johnston, was born in Truro, Nova Scotia, August 16, 1793.* His parents were sturdy Covenanters from Hamilton,

* Principal items from Rev. Dr. David Steele, Sr., Philadelphia, Pa.

Scotland. They removed from Nova Scotia in 1805, and settled in Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he received his early education and engaged in the printing business. In 1808, he abandoned secular pursuits and began studies preparatory to the Christian ministry, in the Canonsburgh Academy, graduating from Jefferson College in 1813. He studied theology in the Philadelphia Seminary, and was licensed by the Middle Presbytery, April 9, 1817. He visited Nova Scotia during the summer of 1817, and, after returning in the fall, supplied vacancies in the East for a few months. His health becoming impaired, he retired to the home of his parents, who were then living near Chillicothe, Ohio. In March, 1818, he became stated supply to the congregation of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died of consumption, October 26, 1818, while yet a licentiate. Upon his death bed he married Miss Fannie Ferguson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, October, 1818, as she wanted to be his widow. He was a young man of great mental power. His discourses were characterized by a classical accuracy of expression, high poetical imagination, and replete with evangelical truth that at once bespoke a soul possessed of a deep and strong current of religious feeling. His graphic power was remarkable. His descriptions were those of a master, and appealed to the heart and conscience with such magnetic power that the attention of the auditor was completely enchained. Dr. Alexander McLeod said, "The time for the millennium has not come, and the world cannot stand before Archibald Johnston." Dr. John Black said,

“Archibald Johnston was the most accomplished orator ever licensed in the Covenanter Church.” He published a poem entitled “The Mariner,” in 1817, which was composed while on his tour to Nova Scotia. He was directed by the Synod of 1817, to write an article for the Testimony upon Messiah’s Headship, which he entitled “Regnum Lapidis, or The Kingdom of the Stone.” For some unaccountable reason it was not published. His father found a copy of the original article long after the death of the author, and printed it in the *Contending Witness*, Xenia, Ohio, in 1841.

ARCHIBALD WARRISTON JOHNSTON, M. D.:

Son of Samuel P. and Eleanor (Thomson) Johnston, was born near Hopedale, Harrison County, Ohio, November 26, 1844. His parents removed to Belle Centre, Logan County, Ohio, in 1851, where he received his preparatory education in Geneva College, graduating from the University of Indiana in 1864. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Lakes Presbytery, April 19, 1867. He was ordained by the New York Presbytery, and installed pastor of the congregation of Craftsbury, Orleans County, Vermont, August 5, 1868, and resigned this charge, October 31, 1871. He removed to the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and entered upon the study of medicine in Jefferson Medical College, and took the first honor of his class. He is a practicing physician in that city and preaches occasionally. He married Miss Mary A. Willson, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1869. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College in 1875.