



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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the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Lexington, Kentucky, in 1821.

DANIEL CARGILL MARTIN:

Son of John and Margaret (Dodds) Martin, was born near Eastbrook, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1841. He received his preparatory course of study in what is now Grove City College, graduating from Westminster College in 1868. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, April 12, 1870, and, under appointment of the Central Board of Missions, he spent some time in exploring the Pacific coast from San Jose, California, to Vancouver's Island, gathering scattered Covenanters into societies. He was ordained by the Illinois Presbytery, installed pastor of the congregation of Princeton, Gibson County, Indiana, November 7, 1872, and resigned this charge, April 12, 1888. He is residing at Pine Creek Station, near the city of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Lucretia Mott McIntosh, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1869.

WILLIAM MARTIN:

Son of David Martin, was born at Ballyspollen, near Ballykelley, County Londonderry, Ireland, May 16, 1729.* In 1750, he entered the University of Glasgow, Scotland, where he graduated in 1753. He studied theology under the direction of the Rev. John McMillan, and was licensed by the Reformed Presbytery of Scotland, October 10, 1756. He was the first Covenanter minister ordained in Ireland, this act taking place at Vow,

* Communications from Ireland. Irish Testimony.

on the lower Bann, and he was installed pastor of the societies centering in Ballymoney, County Antrim, Ireland, July 13, 1757. In 1760, the societies were divided into two congregations, separated by the river, he choosing Kellswater congregation, and lived for many years in Bangor. He came to America with a colony of his people in 1772, and settled on Rocky Creek, Chester District, South Carolina, where he bought a tract of land one mile square, and his people took up bounty land. He was the first Covenanter minister settled in the South. In 1774, his people built a church two miles east of Catholic, where he preached, and was dismissed in 1777, on account of intemperate habits. His adherents built another church near by, which was burnt by the British in 1780. He suffered many annoyances from the British and Tories, and taught his people to fight for their liberty as *Americans*. In the spring of 1781, he went to Mecklenberg, North Carolina, on account of the disturbed state of the country in the Chester District, and, after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, October 9, 1781, he returned to South Carolina, and resumed his charge around Catholic. In 1785, he was again dismissed for his conduct, and his services became unacceptable to the people. In 1793, he was restored to his privileges, and was made a member of the Committee of the Reformed Presbytery of Scotland, with Revs. King and McGarragh, to judicially manage the affairs of the Church in America. He continued to preach at the Jackson's Creek Church, Wolf Pen or Wolf Pit Meeting-House, Winnsboro, and at private houses in all the settlements

between Statesville, North Carolina, and Louisville, Georgia. Co-incident with his good preaching he continued his bad habit until the meeting of the Reformed Presbytery of America, when seven charges were brought against him, among which were habitual drinking and the holding of slaves, and he was deposed from the ministerial office by that court, March 12, 1801.* He did not cease preaching, however, until shortly before his death. He sold all his land, and made over his effects to his relatives. He died of a fever, brought on by an injury received by falling from his horse, October 25, 1806, and he was buried in a small graveyard near his cabin. He was married three times, but the names of his wives are unknown. He was a large, fine-looking man, a proficient scholar, an eloquent preacher, and an able divine.

DAVID McALLISTER, D. D., LL. D.:

Son of David and Mary A. (Scott) McAllister, was born in the city of New York, New York, August 25, 1835. He received his early education in the public schools and learned the printing business. Resuming his studies under the direction of the Rev. J. B. Williams, of White Lake, New York, he graduated from Union College in 1860. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and one session in the Union Seminary, New York, being licensed by the New York Presbytery, May 20, 1863. He was ordained by the same Presbytery, and installed pastor of the congregation of Walton, Delaware County, New York, December 16, 1863, and resigned, September 6, 1871,

* Minutes of Reformed Presbytery.