



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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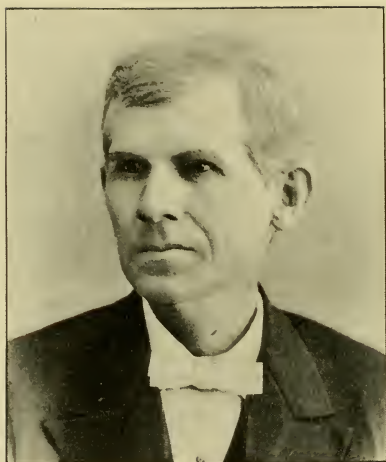
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SAMUEL O. WYLIE, D. D.

Reformed Presbytery in 1800 and 1801, and largely connected with the legislative work of the early Covenanter Church in America.

SAMUEL OLIVER WYLIE, D. D.:

Son of Samuel and Mary (Patterson) Wylie, was born near Elizabeth, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1819.* His parents were of a Covenanter ancestry, long in this country, and honorably connected with the history of the Church. Evincing a capacity for learning and a desire to enter upon the work of the ministry, he pursued his classical studies with this end in view, and graduated from the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1839. He studied theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery, June 1, 1842. He was ordained by the same Presbytery, installed pastor of the congregation of Greensburgh, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1843, and resigned November 18, 1844. He was installed pastor of the Second congregation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1844, and continued in this relation the residue of his life. For two years previous to his death, he was afflicted with dilatation of the heart, from which disease he died, at his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1883. He married Miss Jean Wallace, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1844. He was an able, instructive, and practical preacher. His scholarship was of a high order. He was a close thinker, a logical reasoner, and thoroughly versed in theology and history. He was eminently successful as a pastor, and the spirited and

* Memorial Volume.

prosperous congregation which he left is the greatest monument to his indefatigable labors. He was an earnest advocate of the distinctive principles of the Covenanter Church, a courteous and dignified Presbyterian, and a most humble and pious Christian. At the organization of the Foreign Mission in 1856, he was chosen Chairman of the Board, and to his mature judgment, wise management, and industrious correspondence, largely depended the success of the enterprise. In 1867, he was chosen Professor of Theology in the Allegheny Seminary, and taught one winter, but declined the office to remain among his devoted people. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association from its organization, and of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary for more than twenty years. He was Chairman of the Committee which drafted the Covenant of 1871, and, with a few changes, was adopted as it came from his pen. Among his publications are: "Truth's Pillar," 1856, pp. 40. "Messiah's Royal Beauty," 1860, pp. 40. He was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1871. He was Moderator of the Synod of 1855.

THOMAS ALEXANDER HENDERSON WYLIE:

Son of Rev. Preston H. and Mary A. (George) Wylie, was born near Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio, November 5, 1854. The following year his parents removed to Winfield, Lake County, Indiana, and, in 1860, to Rushsylvania, Logan County, Ohio, where he received his early education, and graduated