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◊ PAST DAYS ◊

HISTORICAL DISCOURSE

BY

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An extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Consistory, held at the parsonage, Wednesday evening, Jan. 29th, 1885.

Whereas, A. V. W. VanVechten, Esq., of New York City, has presented to the Consistory a handsome Memorial Tablet, and had it put up in the church at his own expense, in memory of the three deceased pastors of the church, namely: Rev. George DuBois, Rev. Samuel VanVechten and Rev. R. H. Beattie, D.D., therefore

Resolved, That we, the Consistory, extend to Mr. VanVechten our sincere thanks for this generous and appropriate gift.

Resolved, That the above preamble and resolution be recorded on our Book of Minutes and a copy of the same be sent to Mr. VanVechten, and

Whereas, This winter completes the sixty-fifth year of the organization of our church, it having been organized on the last Sabbath in January, the 30th, 1820, therefore

Resolved, That we commemorate its sixty-fifth anniversary with suitable exercises on the 18th day of February, next—holding two services in the church—morning and afternoon, and that the Memorial Tablet be unveiled on that occasion.

Resolved, That the former pastors of the church, the ministers of Classis, neighboring ministers and others be invited to be present on that occasion.

J. B. WILSON, President.

D. S. DEWITT, Clerk.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Anthem by the Choir.

Singing Anniversary Hymn written by the pastor, J. B. Wilson.

Reading of the Scriptures.

Prayer by Rev. J. Keogan, of the Methodist Church.

Singing—Hymn 468.

Historical Discourse and Unveiling of the Tablet.

Singing Hymn written by J. E. Dean, Fishkill, N. Y.

Benediction.

After the anthem "How Beautiful upon the Mountains,"
the opening Anniversary Hymn was sung.

With great delight we hail this day,
With recollections sweet!
Of former years and days gone by,
When oft we here did meet;
To praise and bless our Father's name
For all His goodness shown;
To those who love and keep His law,
And His great mercy own.

Upon this mount our fathers laid,
Amid their prayers and tears,
The sure foundation of this house,
With many doubts and fears:
But, He who led His chosen band,
Oft to Mount Zion's height,
Gave courage to desponding hearts,
And to the gloomy, light.

And now for sixty years or more,
Upon this sacred ground,
Has stood this temple of the Lord,
To spread His truth around ;
And thus to lead the weary soul,
Oppress'd with sin and care,
To strive to reach the Heavenly Home,
And in its blessings share.

Oh, may our Gracious Father then,
Who through the years gone by,
Did feed and bless this favored flock,
With blessings from on high,
Continue still, for years to come,
To guide us on our way,
Until our lives, well spent, are lost
In an eternal day.

THE DISCOURSE.

Deut. 4, 32 :—“ Ask now of the days that are past.”

In these words Moses exhorts the people of Israel to inquire of the days gone by, and consider the goodness and mercy which God had shown them. For forty years He had led them along upon their journey to the Land of Canaan; and now as they were standing upon its borders, they should not forget Him who had caused them to prosper upon their way. How remarkable His dealings with them had been! Though sometimes he had visited them with severe judgment because of their sins, yet His mercies and blessings had been far greater and indeed more wonderful. He had taken them from another nation by signs and wonders and war—with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by terrible things, and yet He had not entirely consumed them. He had spoken to them amid the thunderings of Mount Sinai, and in the Burning Bush, to teach them His power and to show them His love. Had any people ever seen such manifestations of Almighty power mingled with such long-suffering kindness and mercy? And it had not been altogether for their sakes that God had been so kind to them, but for the love He had had to their

In the preparation of this discourse I have used facts wherever found, and hereby acknowledge my indebtedness to “Corwin’s Manual of the Reformed Church”; Rev. Dr. Bentley’s “History of the Classis of Orange”; J. E. Quinlan’s “History of Sullivan County”; “Gazeteer and Business Directory of Sullivan Co., 1872-3”; and to all persons from whom I have obtained information, facts and incidents.

J. B. W.

fathers whom He had chosen to be His peculiar people. They should therefore call to mind the former days, and remember with thanksgiving to God their worthy and pious ancestors, their strong faith, noble courage and great patience and the Lord's goodness to them, that their own hearts might be awakened to livelier feelings of gratitude to God, and stimulated to greater zeal and courage in the performance of future duties. It had been well said by an eminent writer that those who do not commemorate the good deeds of their worthy and noble ancestors may yet live long enough to have no worthy ancestry to commemorate.

Following then the advice of that faithful and noble leader of God's ancient people, let us trace our history as a Church from its earliest period.

“Ask now of the days that are past.”

For more than three score years God has been your leader. How varied and wonderful have been the experiences of this church along this journey of so many years! She has come up here from her infancy to a good age, not yet very old, and yet very near the age which marks the allotted time of man upon the earth. Counting by generations, more than two have passed away since this church began her work in this community, and we shall see as we follow her course, what God has wrought for the promotion of His cause and the up-building of His kingdom.

It is proper in passing, that I should say something in reference to the early history of this village, which Washington Irving in one of his celebrated “Sketches” calls “the beautiful village of Bloomingburgh.” The first house built within the bounds of the village was erected by Capt. John Newkirk on what was then and is still called the “North Road.” It was a frame house, one story and a half high, and its location was a few yards from the corner now occupied by Mr. Wm. F. Shorter's store. In it was kept the original tavern of the place. After a while it passed into the hands of Dr. Van

Wyck. It stood there in 1776, the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In this same year William Ellis, then a young man 21 years of age, moved here with his aged parents from Peckskill, and settled on the farm owned in 1773 by James Hare, which was then in the old precinct of Wallkill, until the line between the Town of Wallkill and Mamakating was changed from the Mountain to the Shawangunk or Assining River. There was then but one house in Bloomingburgh, the old Newkirk tavern. Young Ellis being the only support of his aged parents, did not enlist in the regular service of the Revolutionary Army, but engaged with the scattering Militia to defend the Mamakating frontier from the hostile demonstrations of the British forces. This worthy patriot lived in Mamakating 68 years, and died on the 24th of February, 1845, aged 90 years, leaving behind a worthy name as a Christian, a truly honest man and an unflinching advocate of civil and religious liberty. He united with this church in 1839 by confession of faith, being baptised at the same time.*

The first store was opened here by William Wighton & Co. a short time after the Revolutionary War. In 1784 the first school was opened by one Mr. Campbell; and the same year a grist mill was built upon the river by Mr. Joshua Campbell.

At the celebration of the Fourth of July in 1812, Samuel King, of Revolutionary memory, and who also had held the office of Town Clerk and Supervisor, acted as orator of the occasion. At this meeting the subject of the name of the village came up, and after some expressions of opinion upon the different names suggested by residents of the place, the name

*The first deed recorded in the Sullivan County Clerk's office was drawn Dec. 28th, 1808, by which deed William Ellis (of Mamakating, then in Ulster Co.) and Eleanor, his wife, conveyed to James S. Dunning and Oliver Dunning, merchants of that town, 20 acres of land, for the sum of \$300. This deed was acknowledged Feb 10th, 1809, before William A. Thompson, first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ulster. The first deed recorded that was made after the organization of Sullivan County bears date of Oct. 21st, 1809.—*Gazetteer and Business Directory of Sullivan Co., 1872-3.*

Bloomington was suggested by James Newkirk and adopted. April 26, 1838, the village was incorporated by an act of the Legislature. At the first election of officers the following were chosen: Alpheus Dimmick, Cornelius Wood and Stephen Belknap, Trustees; Dr. Gabriel S. Corwin, Clerk, and Theodore C. VanWyck, Treasurer. The corporation seal adopted was the impression of that side of a United States dime on which is the figure of an eagle. This corporation district embraced one mile west from the centre of Shawangunk River, and north and south of the Newburgh and Cocheton Turnpike one-third of a mile. Before the building of the Delaware and Hudson Canal this village was a place of very considerable business, and those who were residents here some forty or fifty years ago will readily call to mind the names of Sloan and Hunter, the Dimmick Brothers, Stewart and Gillespie, John Rosa and others, who were engaged here in mercantile pursuits, and did an extensive business with the people from the interior of Sullivan County, and from the adjacent surrounding country.

Bloomington has the honor of having the first printing office,* and the first academy in Sullivan County. The academy was built in 1810 or '11, and stood where our public school building now stands. It was incorporated April 5th, 1828. Its first trustees were (Jonathan Mills,) David Hunter, Charles Baker, Henry Linderman, Alpheus Dimmick, T. C. VanWyck, Gabriel H. Horton and Rev. Samuel VanVechten. Several gentlemen of fine scholarly attainments acted as principals of this academy, such as Alpheus Dimmick, John Burnett, Samuel Mosely, Alexander Patterson, Rev. John V. S. Lansing, Rev. H. Conolly and others. The first principal after its incorporation was Samuel Pitts. For some time this was a very flourishing institution, and acquired much of its

*And there seems to have been a printing office here as late as 1856, as a farewell sermon preached by Rev. John H. Leggett in the Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1855, bears this imprint: "Bloomington, N. Y., John Waller, Jr., Printer, 1856."

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reputation as a classical school from the fact that it was conducted for some years by Alpheus Dimmick, a diligent law student in the office of Charles Baker. He held during his residence here some high official positions—was at one time a member of the Assembly, eleven years District Attorney, and for four years County Judge. He died, much respected and beloved, in 1865.

Before the erection of the Court House at Monticello, courts were sometimes held in this village in the tavern of P. & M. Miller, afterwards kept by Christian Shons. It stood on the spot where now stands the residence of Lewis Bell. It is said that the first court of the county was held in this building, and that Joseph C. Yates, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, presided. The court was held in the ball room, in a part of the building which was afterward detached from the main building and moved to another spot.

The early residents here were noted for their business enterprise, thrift and good taste. The main street of the village was at one time adorned on each side for nearly the distance of a mile with a row of Lombardy Poplars, which were then held in very high estimation, but afterward they were regarded with less favor, and the elm, sugar maple and locust have taken their places, and now not a poplar remains as a landmark of the past.

No village in the County of Sullivan has had more honored and distinguished residents than Bloomingburgh. Some have already been mentioned, but I group the most of their names together with some accompanying remarks. Cornelius C. Schoonmaker was a member of the Assembly from Ulster from 1777 to 1779 and then again in 1795; a representative in the Congress in Philadelphia 1791, '92 and '93, and a member of the convention which met in Poughkeepsie in 1788. He lived about two miles from this village on the "North Road," in the house afterward owned and occupied by Alfred Norris, and now the residence of his son. Charles Baker, the eccentric and able

lawyer; Alpheus Dimmick, the scholarly and honest attorney; Samuel R. Betts, the able jurist; C. H. VanWyck, the successful politician and soldier, and able congressman, now United States Senator from Nebraska; Archibald C. Niven, George O. Belden and Samuel Jenkins, a lawyer, who represented Sullivan and Ulster in Congress from 1823 to '25; Charles Bodle, the honest wheelwright, who served one session in Congress in 1832, and while on his way to attend a second session was seized with illness, in New York, and was obliged to return home, and after a short season of suffering, which he bore with "the composure and fortitude of a man and a christian," he died on the 30th of October 1835. It is said of him that he was so conscientious that he never permitted a poor piece of timber to be used in a vehicle made in his shop, and that a sleigh or vehicle made by him always commanded a better price than that made by another. He was succeeded in business by Messrs. Everett and Cyrenius VanKeuren. He lived in the house which is now our parsonage, and the shop where he turned out such excellent wagons has recently been transformed into a new parsonage barn. Verdine E. Horton was a prominent man of the place and would have occupied a high place in public affairs had not his career been cut short by ill health. Thornton M. Niven was a member of the Legislature in 1845, and at one time inspector of state prisons. He resided here for several years. He was a man of wealth, highly respected, a vigorous writer, and a fine public speaker. He has taken a deep interest in the matter of keeping in proper condition the Bloomingburgh Cemetery, and at one time, with the co-operation and assistance of an old resident here—Jesse Squires and some others—was instrumental in having the iron fence put up along the front of the Cemetery, which, excepting a small portion, is the same iron fence which stood in front of the Reformed Dutch Church in Nassau Street, New York, before it came to be used as a post office.

Here is then an array of worthy names, whose memory the present and especially the older residents of Bloomingburgh should hold in high esteem, and of whose good deeds they should feel proud. Bloomingburgh though outside of the centre of political influence in the county has furnished more representatives to Congress up to 1873, than all the other localities of Sullivan County combined, the time of service rendered by all of them being twelve years. It is well said therefore by the author of the History of Sullivan County, that "Monticello should divide its honors with its ancient rival."

But time has wrought many changes. These latter days are not like the former in point of business enterprise and thrift. The building of canals and railroads has diverted trade from us and thrown it into other channels and the tide in business and enterprise has been falling; but I think it has gone to the lowest mark, and a rise has begun and our rich and fertile country, and healthy climate inviting strangers to avail themselves of its great benefits in the summer season, is awakening a new spirit of enterprise, and business, which we hope, will soon bring back its former prestige and glory.

The village now contains two stores, a post office, three hotels—the "Union House," the "Shorter House," and the "Terwilliger House," kept by John F. Bennett—and handsome Cottage Boarding House, kept by E. Gaudineer, a grist mill, three blacksmith shops, two wheelwright shops, one tin shop, one shoemaker shop, one creamery, two harnessmaker shops, a public school, a select school, two churches—the "Reformed" and "Methodist"—one lawyer's office, two physicians, one drug store, and contains about 350 inhabitants.

But what do the past days say in reference to the commencement and progress of the cause of religion? Sept. 23, 1799 the congregation of the Union Church at New Shawangunk gave a certificate for the organization of a church, embracing the section of country lying along the Shawangunk River, from Bloomingburgh to and embracing the neighbor-

hood of Michael Miller's, Mr. Jordan's, Wm. Wilkin's, John Crawford's and others. This certificate was signed by Daniel Stringam, John Newkirk, Horace Burns, Israel Vail, Robert Smith, John Stitt, William Stubbs, John Weed, John Puff. This society issued a new certificate March 16th, 1801. This paper was signed by John Stitt and William Douglass, inspectors of election, and the trustees named in it were: John Newkirk, Benjamin Simons, William Morrison, William Stubbs, Daniel Stringam and Robert Crawford. This society had a house of worship known as the "Old Union House," situated in the north-east corner of the cemetery on the Shearer farm, near Bloomingburgh*. This church in succeeding years went by the name of the Associate Reformed Church, and sometimes it was called the "Seceder Church." In 1808 the Rev. George Stewart was called, and continued to be its pastor until Sept. 1818, when he died, at the early age of 37, much beloved and greatly lamented. Rev. Ezra Fisk, of Goshen, preached the sermon at his funeral, in which he pays a high eulogy to this worthy minister of Jesus Christ.

The following paper, which was prepared by Judge Alpheus Dimmick, at the request of Rev. S. W. Mills, gives quite a full and clear outline of the commencement of the Reformed Dutch Church of Bloomingburgh. I transcribe it entire:

"In Sept. 1818, the Rev. George Stewart, pastor of the Associate Reformed Church, died. He had been such pastor about ten years, and was its first *settled* pastor. During the year 1819 that church and the people of Bloomingburgh were destitute of any settled ministry. They occasionally had supplies. Previous to 1819 the Rev. Moses Froeligh, and his successor, Rev. Jesse Fonda, pastors of the Reformed Church of Montgomery, preached at a public house in this village! In the latter part of the summer or the forepart of the fall of

*Another building was erected in 1834 at a cost of \$3,250, and would seat 500 persons. Its first pastor was Rev. Mr. Kerr. Between the years 1813 and '19, it being the only church in the locality, it had about 350 members. —"Gazetteer and Business Directory of Sullivan Co."

1819, the Rev. George DuBois, of Ulster County, preached several times in the Associate Reformed Church, then the only church in the village and vicinity, and being about half a mile therefrom. His preaching met with the hearty concurrence of the officers of the church and its members and the congregation generally, he having been invited by the officers thereof, as was generally understood. A meeting of the congregation, or its male members, was therefore called at the church by its officers, to determine whether they would give him a call. Mr. John McWilliams, an elder in that church, was made chairman thereof, when the question of a call of Mr. DuBois was presented and considered, all, without exception, seemed desirous of such call. But the question was raised, under what denomination he should be called. It was objected that a call under any denomination but that of the Associate Reformed Church, would work a forfeiture of the title to the church building and ground. A committee of three lawyers was appointed to consider that matter and report thereon at an adjourned meeting to be held on the 23d of December 1819. On the adjourned day the committee reported that a settlement of a minister under another denomination would work a forfeiture of the title; but it was insisted that the church building was poor and dilapidated, and inconvenient to the village, and consequently of little worth. Whereupon a vote was taken whether Mr. DuBois should be called under the Associate Reformed body, and negatived by a large majority. And then the question was proposed to call him under the Reformed Dutch body. This question the chairman refused to put, and thereupon the meeting dissolved and another chairman was chosen, and a resolution proposed to call Mr. DuBois under the Reformed Dutch body, and about three-fourths of the congregation present united in this call. On the 27th of December, 1819, subscriptions for Mr. DuBois' salary were put in circulation and liberally subscribed. Proceedings were then instituted for the regular or-

ganization of a Reformed Dutch Church of Bloomingburgh, and the same was organized by the Rev. Jesse Fonda at the academy, and a call of Mr. DuBois made out in due form, and presented and accepted by him during the same winter.* Mr. DuBois commenced his pastoral labors the next spring (in 1820). He was excluded from the pulpit of the Associate Reformed Church, and performed his public services in the academy until a new church was built in the succeeding year. This exclusion was by the order of the officers of the Associate Reformed Church, as was then publicly understood and much complained of. Considerable dissatisfaction had more or less prevailed among portions of the Associate Reformed congregation, founded in part upon the course which had been pursued by the officers of the church in excluding from their pulpit ministers of Presbyterian and Dutch bodies, and in part by reason of their Psalmody the latter had been in a measure overcome by the introduction of Dutch Reformed Psalms in the latter part of the ministry of Mr. Stewart. It was very commonly asserted and generally understood that the members of the Associate Reformed Church preferred the Dutch Reformed to the Presbyterian body by reason of their supposed greater purity of doctrine. But soon after the union was formed and continued for several years between the Presbyterian and Associate Reformed bodies.”†

Here then we have a starting point in the history of our church. The leaven of our Reformed Church Psalmody had been working in the hearts of the members of the Associate Reformed Church until a choice was made by the greater number of them to cast in their lot with that denomination. At the funeral of Mr. Stewart above referred to some of the hymns sung are remembered to this day, such as the one beginning “And must this body die, etc.,” and another “Hark,

*See Appendix, Note 1.

†See Appendix, Note 2.

from the tomb a doleful sound, etc." The occasion was one of deep solemnity and left an abiding impression upon many hearts.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Bloomingburgh held December 23d, 1819, the following committee was appointed to attend to the matter of settling the Rev. George DuBois, consisting of T. C. VanWyck, Charles Baker, Daniel Torey, (Jonathan Mills) and Lawrence Tears; and in the winter of 1820 steps were taken to organize the Reformed Dutch Church of Bloomingburgh, and such organization was effected at the academy by the Rev. Jesse Fonda, of Montgomery, on the last Sabbath in January, the 30th, 1820, by direction of the Classis of Ulster, and the following were appointed the first consistory:

Elders,	{ Perer Weller,	Deacons,	{ Solomon Brink,
	{ Laurence Tears.		{ Moses Jordan.

The *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Sullivan Co.* before referred to, says the Reformed Church of Bloomingburgh was organized by the above named persons and with twenty-six members, but the old records of the church do not mention any other persons as being received at the time of the organization of the church than those four above named. The first record of the reception of members is in the following June. If the above number of members were received at the organization the record it seems has not been preserved.

A call was now duly made by the united congregations of Bloomingburgh and Mamakating,* (the latter the church of Wurtsboro,) upon the candidate GEORGE DuBois, which having been accepted by him, he was ordained and installed over said

The Reformed Church of Mamakating, (Rome, Wurtsboro,) was organized by Rev. Moses Froeligh as early as 1793, for it appears that the first house of worship was erected that year, and that Froeligh was the first pastor—the exact date of its organization is not known. This is reputed to be the oldest church edifice in the county and Froeligh is supposed to have been the first pastor in the county. The old house was sold to the Roman Catholic Society and the present one was erected in 1845. This is quoted from the *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Sullivan Co.* and the author of that work refers to *French's State Gazetteer*, p. 646, as his authority.

united congregations on the last Sabbath on May, 1820. Rev. H. L. Vanderveer and Rev. J. B. Tenyck conducted the services. Mr. DuBois labored here and at Wurtsboro for four years with much zeal and earnestness, and his labors were crowned and blessed by the Lord. He was remarkable for his pleasant and amiable disposition, and consistent Christian life, and though very young he displayed much practical wisdom and discretion in the discharge of his pastoral duties. Sixty-three were added to the church during his ministry, and thirty-two of the number by confession of faith. He resigned his charge at the close of the year 1823 and accepted a call to the Reformed Church, Franklin Street, New York. He was next called to the Reformed Church, Tarrytown, N. Y., where he died, in the midst of his usefulness and the prime of life, in 1844; and this church as well as the two others to which he ministered hold his name and labors in precious memory. His name stands first on the beautiful tablet erected at my right in memory of the three deceased pastors of this church.*

February 2d, 1820, the church was incorporated. A certificate was made out according to the laws of the State of New York regulating such matters, duly signed by the consistory and recorded at the County Clerk's Office, at five o'clock A. M., June 19th, 1820. The name chosen was "The Trustees and Congregation of the Reformed Prodestant Dutch Church of Bloomingburgh." † Shortly after February 19th the site of the church edifice was fixed, by resolution of consistory, and the spot chosen was the hill in the rear of D. Gillen's lot, and the consistory resolved to build upon it as soon as the title to said lot could be obtained. Very likely the consistory were influenced to choose this spot, not only because of its com-

*At this point Dr. George M. Beakes stepped forward and unveiled the tablet and the choir sang two verses of the hymn commencing

"Ye servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait," etc.

when Mr. Wilson again resumed the delivery of the discourse.

†See Appendix, Note 3.

manding position, but from the sacred remembrance of the lofty height upon which Mt. Zion, of old, stood, "whither the tribes of the Lord went up to worship." May 14th, 1821, the following persons were appointed a building committee: David Hunter, Solomon Brink and David Teed. A short time after the corner stone was laid with appropriate services. Charles Baker, Esq., delivered the address. In the cavity of the stone were placed the Sullivan and Orange County papers; and among those who were present, deeply interested in the building of the church, were Cornelius Wood, Laurence Tears, Solomon Brink, Cornelius Brink, P. Weller, A. Dimmick, Judge Thornton, Niel Townly, and of women Mrs. O. Dunning, Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Francis Oliver, the mother of Henry Oliver. Of the men named, so far as we know, only Cornelius Wood remains, now living in Gillman, Ill.; of the women only Mrs. Oliver, who resides with her son among us. On the day of the raising of the church Mrs. Oliver assisted with others in carrying the lunch to the men. It is related that in drawing the heavy loads of timber up the hill two pair of oxen were used. In each pair there was one ox who would not pull well—lagging back and seeming apparently well contented to let the other do all the pulling—just like some people in church work and christian effort who hold back and seem well satisfied to let others do all the work. So the two faithful oxen were put together and the two lazy stubborn ones yoked together, and Mr. John Oliver, father of Henry Oliver, agreed that if the true and faithful oxen pulled the load up the hill that he would purchase them at a good price. They did pull it up, and were used after that for drawing all the heavy loads of timber for the church up the hill. And Mr. Oliver purchased them and had them for a long time afterward. They did a noble service toward the building of the church, and the incident reminds us of Paul's words, "Doth God take care of oxen?" Yea, He does, and will much more take care of his own people.

As near as I can learn the church was so far completed that it might be used for service about the end of the year '21*. At the first and for nearly a year temporary seats were used.† In Dec., 1822, permanent pews were completed, and on the first of that month were rented. The church was built by Peter Weller and George Miller. The cost of the building was about \$5,000 and it will seat 500 people. I have not been able to learn the exact time of its dedication. The following interesting facts and incidents enable us however to arrive very close to it: David Tidd, the father of Mrs. Mary Ludlum who still resides among us, worked upon the church, and I have the pleasure of showing you to-day the very hammer (exhibits it) which he used at that time. It bears the marks of long use and of having been made by a blacksmith. It has been handed down through the Drake family, Mr. Tidd's wife's second husband being John Drake. It is now in the possession of Mr. William Brink. Mr. Tidd died May 15th, 1822. He had been injured in lifting a stone in doing some work about a well, and was helpless for seven or eight months before his death. It is said, and there are those living among us now who remember the circumstance, that when the church was dedicated he was carried in the church on a chair. So that the dedication of the church took place prior to May, 1822, probably in the winter or spring of that year. An interesting circumstance is stated in connection with Mr. Tidd's uniting with the church. When he was received, Dec. 2, 1821, opposite his name is this note, "He was baptized with all his house."

In the interior arrangement of the church at the first the pulpit stood between the two front doors, and the people came in the church facing the congregation. A change was made

* Up to this time, as before stated, services were held in the academy, a two story building, divided into an upper and lower room, and a hole eight feet square was cut in the floor so that those occupying the upper room might hear the minister preaching in the room below—rather a novel arrangement.

† See Appendix, Note 4.

during the ministry of Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois. I sometimes now wish that the other arrangement still existed for it had one good feature, it kept the people nearer the pulpit and nearer the minister. The outside plan of the construction of the church, remains, I believe, the same as it was when first completed. And here it has stood for more than three score years, upon this lofty height, with its noble tower rising up toward the heavens for nearly eighty feet, making the most prominent object of our village, and which can be seen from points in the country around us for many miles distant.

The second pastor was

REV. SAMUEL VANVECHTEN.*

He was received into the Classis of Ulster as a licentiate from the Classis of New Brunswick, June 22d, 1824. Having received and duly accepted a call from the united congregations of Bloomingburgh and Mamakating (now Wurtsboro), he was ordained and installed, July 13th, 1824, by a committee appointed by the Classis of Ulster. The committee consisted of Revs. Jesse Fonda, Wilson and J. B. Tenyck. Mr. Tenyck preached the ordination sermon. The field of his labors embraced the united congregations of Bloomingburgh and Mamakating (Wurtsboro) until April the 11th, 1829, when application was made by the consistory of this church to the Classis of Ulster for a dissolution of the connection which had then existed for nine years. The application was granted and from that time Mr. VanVechten's work was confined to this congregation. Shortly after he came here he was married to Miss Louisa VanWyck, daughter of Gen. VanWyck of Fishkill, N. Y., and boarded for a while with Mr. John Oliver. He then resided for a time where Dr. George M. Beakes now resides. The following record is found among some old papers: "The subscribers to purchase a parsonage met at

* See Apendix, Note 5.

the house of C. Wood, March 9th, 1829, agreeable to public notice. Nathan Youngs, chairman, G. S. Corwin, secretary. On motion resolved that a committee be appointed to superintend the purchase of a parsonage house." "Resolved, that Jonathan Mills, Nathan Youngs and Cornelius Brink be the committee." Accordingly on the 4th day of October, 1829, the house and lot then occupied by Charles Baker, Esq., and now occupied by David S. Tuthill, was purchased for one thousand one hundred dollars, and then occupied by Mr. VanVechten as the parsonage until the close of his ministry when it was sold, Mr. VanVechten becoming the purchaser. Soon after he entered upon his ministry it is said that the church grew rapidly. At one time every pew was occupied and some people took seats on the gallery. He remained pastor until 1841 embracing a period of seventeen years. Toward the close of his ministry, in 1839, the church was blest with a remarkable revival. In that year sixty-seven united with the church, and all but seven came in by confession of faith, and thirty two of the number embraced heads of families. Some differences of opinion now arose in regard to the manner in which some of these revival meetings were conducted, and the doctrinal views expressed by Mr. VanVechten. The matter stirred up considerable feeling in the congregation, and was presently brought before Classis, and then before Particular Synod and in due course before General Synod, when the case having been fully considered, and the Synod having heard from Mr. VanVechten himself a statement of his theological views, as well as from others, approved of the same. This conclusion, reached at an extra meeting of General Synod held at Albany, Nov. 10th, 1840, virtually brought this protracted and unfortunate case to a close, as may be seen by a full reference to the case in Rev. Dr. E. W. Bentley's History of the Classis of Orange. But however much some may have differed in their opinions in reference to the manner in which the meetings of that revival season were conducted, and the theological views expressed by the minister, and those

who engaged with him in the work, one thing is quite clear, and that is, that the hand of the Lord was in the work. His blessing rested upon their labors. There are some living, among us now who trace their conversion to that precious outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God. During the whole of Mr. VanVechten's ministry here (and this does not include the results of his labors at Wustsboro for five years) 239 were united to the church, an average of 14 a year; 184 by confession, nearly 11 a year, showing that the Lord had blessed his labors to the conversion of many souls. He resigned his charge here in January, 1841, but by the urgent request of consistory he continued to supply the church, except occasionally when candidates were heard, until October 3d, 1842, when Rev. S. W. Mills was engaged as a supply for six months. Presently Mr. VanVechten was called to the church of Fort Plains, N. Y., where he remained for three years, and then retired to his home at Fishkill, N. Y., where he spent his remaining days until he had completed his 86th year, when he was called to the church triumphant in Heaven, to reap the reward of his faithful and successful labors in the ministry of Jesus Christ. To many living among us to-day his memory as well as that of his amiable and beloved wife is very dear. One who sat under his ministry, and who himself became a minister, bears this testimony of him as a faithful and worthy minister. He says, "Many a time have I sat beneath the droppings of that Sanctuary listening to the tender teachings of a pastor, than whom, according to the careful observation of half a century, very few have approached nearer the perfect model. The Rev. Samuel VanVechten, the first to find out and give direction to the yearnings of my better nature, was not only a conscientious and industrious pastor, but an impressive preacher of carefully prepared and edifying sermons. He presented no unbeaten oil as an offering to the Lord. Very few had a sharper or keener eye to discern the unrest of an anxious soul, and knew better than he how to care for it." High praise and worthily bestowed.

The third pastor was

REV. S. W. MILLS, D.D.

His academical studies were prosecuted at Bloomingburgh and Montgomery, and he graduated from Rutgers' College in 1838, from the Theological Seminary 1842, and was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick, July 25th, in the same year, and commenced preaching in this church in the following October. He was called Feb. 23d, 1843, and was ordained and installed May 30th following, at 4 P. M. Rev. J. H. Bevier presided and read the form, and Rev. James Demarest preached the sermon. The church now passed through a severe crisis, and it is proper as matter of history that I should record the facts, which I have from Mr. Mills himself. He says, "The church at the commencement of my ministry was in a most deplorable condition, being rent in twain by the strife which had been prevailing for three years. The parties were nearly equally divided in point of numbers, and much bitterness existed between them. Families had been divided by the strife and the best friends separated. Spirituality was deadened and vital godliness had experienced a sad declension. As one of the results of this strife both the house of worship and the parsonage were held by the former pastor by virtue of a judgment obtained in the civil courts for a debt claimed to be due him. The church has been vacant for a year and a half, several efforts to obtain a minister having proved unsuccessful owing to the prevailing trouble. I was engaged to supply the pulpit for six months commencing October 1, 1842. The desire for a settlement on the part of the congregation in general was such that a call was made in the February following. Some of the leading members in the congregation, as it was learned subsequently, were not in favor of the call and sought to prevent it, but were compelled to acquiesce in the movement. Thus the ordination and installation took place May 30, 1843, with three of the elders opposed to it. They bided their time

which came during the year. There was \$1,400 due the former pastor, and for which he held a judgment upon the entire church property. He urged its payment. Soon after my settlement I drew up a subscription to meet it, and obtained just one name to it, when I abandoned all further effort in the matter. About the last of February or the first of March, 1844 the Rev. Mr. VanVechten came in person and pressed his claim. At a meeting of the congregation called to consider the matter, finding that nothing could be done, it was resolved to let him take the entire property. Mahar W. Horton then came forth to the relief of the church. Taking Mr. VanVechten to his house he entered into written obligations to give him \$600 to release the church edifice, he, Mr. VanVechten, taking the parsonage for the balance of his claim. Mr. Horton then drew up a subscription to raise the \$600 in the congregation, heading it himself with \$75. At this stage of the affairs the proposition was made to Mr. Horton, that instead of the congregation raising the \$600, six individuals should do it by the payment of \$100 each, sever the connection of the church with the Classis of Orange and with the Reformed Dutch Church, and become independent or unite with the New School Presbyterian or with the Congregational Church. Word of this movement reached me on Friday at noon. Convinced that no time was to be lost I started at once to see Mr. Horton and found him at the store of C. Wood, where he was waiting the return of the committee who had gone out to secure their six names in accordance with the plan proposed. Upon my stating to him what would be the result of this project in the breaking up of the church, and asking that an opportunity should yet be afforded to the congregation to redeem it, he readily assented and said he would give me until Monday noon to make the effort. As I passed out of the store one of the elders who had the matter in charge passed in with his \$600. I rode the rest of that day, and on Saturday and Monday until noon when the amount was raised and the church remains to this day, what but for this effort

it would not have been, the Reformed Church of Bloomingburgh. At a meeting of the consistory the next week three of the elders tendered their resignation, and with their families left the church, three other families leaving with them, making six in all. Three of these, however, subsequently returned, one of the men subsequently becoming an elder and serving as such until his death. The reason of the dissatisfaction of the persons referred to, was that they with several others, were strongly in favor of what was called 'new measures,' which had prevailed extensively for a long time in many portions of the country. I did not have much sympathy with these, and hence their reluctance to my settlement, with the subsequent effort to take the church out of the denomination. With their departure the church had peace, and soon became united, and grew and prospered, both in temporal and spiritual things, and I spent many happy years in ministering to it."

Surely this was a crisis in the history of the church, and Mr. Mills did it good service just at the time when it was most needed. He remained here fifteen years. There was now no parsonage, and Mr. Mills, like the Apostle to the Gentiles dwelt for sometime in his own hired house. In September 1847 efforts were made to secure funds to erect a parsonage.

Mr. Marvin now conducted the singing, and in order to make improvement in this important part of the worship of God, he asked the consistory for the use of the church for the meetings of the choir. They granted the request with the provision, "that all things be conducted with order and propriety," and a little later when the use of the church was asked for a temperance meeting the same provision was added, showing the great regard the consistory had for the sacredness of God's house, and their great desire to carry out the Apostle's injunction, "Let all things be done decently and in order." In 1848 blinds were secured for the church, the funds having been raised by the ladies. Messrs. T. Comfort and S. Purdy attended to the business.

November 1848 Mr. Mills received a call from the Reformed Church of Napanoch, but yielding to the earnest desire of the consistory and the people at large in the congregation he declined it. The project to erect a parsonage was now abandoned and consistory resolved to purchase a house and lot, and Messrs. C. Brink and M. Miller were instructed to attend to it, and accordingly on the 29th of January, 1849, the present parsonage together with about six acres of land was purchased of Mrs. Vashti Horton, widow of Verdine Horton, for the sum of \$1,400. Mr. Mills moved into it in the following April.

In 1850 a sexton was employed for \$18 a year, \$12 for the winter and \$6 for the summer, and among his duties named he was to sweep the church once in three months; and to show the difference between those former days and these, I would remark that our sexton now gets \$100 a year, and as to his duties it is not necessary to name them, for he is mindful of them, tends to them well, and not to say but that the sextons of those former days were very good ones, yet I can truly say, that I have never known a better one than he who serves us now, Mr. Wm. M. Smith.

The pews along the sides of the church were changed from squares into slips in July, 1850. About this time also efforts were made to liquidate the debt on the parsonage. In August, 1850, Messrs. Bradner and C. H. VanWyck were appointed a committee to make some repairs upon the parsonage. On September 26th, 1853, consistory sold a lot adjoining the church on the east, conveyed to them by C. Wood, to Joseph M. Crane for \$110, and payment was made in a wagon valued at \$75, and \$35 in money. This lot was donated to consistory by Mr. Wood for a parsonage, but the project to build a parsonage being abandoned, and a house and lot purchased as above stated, they sold this lot to Mr. Crane. At this time also some alterations were made in the seats in the north end of the church to increase accommodations.

The question of dropping the word "Dutch" from the name of our church so that it read "The Reformed Church in

America," instead of the "Reformed *Dutch* Church America," was now being agitated. When the matter came properly before the consistory they resolved unanimously they were opposed to any such change. October 9th, 1858, they also put upon record their opposition to a division of the Classis of Orange, which was then talked of in the Classis. In September, 1858, T. S. Comfort and C. C. Andross were appointed a committee to attend to the matter of putting a new roof on the church.

About this time Mr. Mills received a call from the Reformed Church of Port Jervis, N. Y., which he accepted, and continued to be the pastor of that church until 1871, and is now residing in that town without a charge. The consistory of the church very reluctantly united with him in a dissolution of pastoral relation. He had served the church for fifteen years and had had a successful and peaceful ministry, showing a good judgment, discretion, devoted piety and faithfulness in the Master's work—qualities with which the good brethren richly endowed, had exercised their salutary influence in making his ministry such a useful and happy one. There was little change as to the size of the congregation while he was here. In 1844 there were 118 families and when he left 108. He had received into the church 178, lacking but two of an average of twelve a year, 110 had united by confession, an average of over seven a year. 1850 was a bright and blessed year in Mr. Mills' ministry. In that year thirty-eight were added to the church—thirty-seven by confession of faith. Well may we say after such a ministry and such results "Well done."

The fourth pastor was

REV. JEREMIAH SEARLE,

who belongs to a ministerial family; as ever since William Searle in Bradford, England, preached the Gospel, one after another in the line of this family have been sounding out glad tidings of salvation. He is one of three brothers who

late years were given to the ministry of our church, one of whom, Stephen, died at the opening of this year amid the busy labors of his pastorate in the Reformed Church at Caatsban, N. Y., leaving behind him a precious memory as a faithful minister of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Searle graduated from Rutgers's College 1855, from the Theological Seminary in 1858, and was licensed by the Classis of Monmouth the same year. He was called to this church June 7th, 1858, and installed September 21st. Rev. L. L. Comfort presided and read the form, Rev. J. Searle, Sr., preached the sermon, Rev. Stephen Searle, of Leeds, N. Y., charged the pastor, and Rev. S. W. Mills, D.D., the people. Under his ministry there were united to the church forty-three persons, thirty-one by confession of faith and twenty-two of this number came in the church in 1860, showing that the special presence of the Holy Spirit accompanied his labors that year. In November, 1862, Mr. Searle received an appointment as chaplain of the 143d Regiment of New York State Volunteers. Though he was warmly attached to this people, yet feeling that he would like to do what good he could to the men who had left their homes and the sacred influence of the home church, and were periling their lives for the sake of their country's safety, prosperity and peace, he decided to go, and therefore November 16th asked the consistory to join with him in an application to Classis for a dissolution of the pastoral relation, which they did with regret. On his return from the war he was settled, for short periods of time, at Oyster Bay, Syracuse, the Third Church of Albany, and he is now the worthy and beloved pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Newburgh, N. Y. His fine voice, earnest manner, and strong love for his work contribute largely to make him what he is, an acceptable and popular preacher.

The fifth pastor was

REV. HASBROUCK DuBois.

He graduated from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1859, and labored for two years in the Fourth Reformed Church of Newark, N. J. June the 1st, 1863, this church extended to him a call which he accepted, and immediately entered upon his duties. He was installed September 8th, 1863. Rev. John DuBois, of Wurtsboro, presided and read the form, Rev. A. B. VanZandt, D.D., of Montgomery, preached the sermon. Glancing over the short time of his ministry I notice these two resolutions of consistory which are worthy of note. At a meeting held December 7th, 1863, it was resolved that the Sabbath evening service be dropped and that the pastor hold a Bible class to meet Sabbath evenings in different parts of the congregation. And at a meeting held November 11th, 1865, the prayer meeting was declared to be a church meeting, at which it is the duty of all members of the congregation to be present. This is a grand, good resolution, but I fear the principle involved in it is practiced by but few, when we consider how sparsely the weekly prayer meeting is attended in many of our congregations. It is a good thing to resolve, but it is a much better thing to go and do it. I fervently wish and pray that this resolution might be acted out more fully at the present day. If it were, our prayer meetings would be much larger than they are.

Mr. DuBois resigned his charge here May 9th, 1866, and was called to the Reformed Church at Mott Haven, where he is still settled, and where the Lord is crowning his labors with good success. His ministry here was short—not quite three years, yet long enough for him to win, by his pleasant and social manner and his instructive and cultivated pulpit discourses, a warm place in the hearts of this people. The church parted with him with sad feelings.

The sixth pastor was

REV. JOHN HATFIELD FRAZEE.

He was a native of New Brunswick, N. J., where he first turned his attention to the law, and pored over the pages of "Blackstone." In 1848 he was a classmate with me in college for a short time, and we studied together constitutional law under Hon. A. Bruyn Hasbrouck, L.L.D., then President of the college. About 1850, through the suggestion of a Somerset County friend he was led to purchase the "Somerset Whig," a paper published at Somerville, N. J., and for some years he conducted it with signal ability. Presently his mind and heart were turned to the ministry, and he graduated from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1860, and for a year labored as a missionary at Pisgah and Good Hope, Miss., and then took charge of the Presbyterian Church, Toms River, N. J., where he remained until 1865, and then he became chaplain of the 3rd N. J. Cavalry for one year, at the close of which he was called to this church. "This call," he says in a short historical memorandum which I find in the minutes of consistory by his own pen, "was duly accepted, and Mr. Frazee was received as a member of the Classis of Orange, at a stated meeting held at Newburgh, N. Y., by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Monmouth, Oct. 16, 1866." "In conformity with arrangements made by Classis the pastor elect was duly installed in the presence of a large assembly, Nov. 13th, 1866. Rev. Dr. VanZant, of Montgomery, presided and read the form, and Rev. Dr. Mandeville of Newburgh, preached the sermon."

"The services were solemn and impressive. After the benediction was pronounced by the pastor, he was greeted by his people, by whom a most cordial and earnest spirit was manifested. Thus the new tie was formed, and this church given, as we trust, in answer to prayer, one divinely appointed to be our shepherd in Israel."

While pastor of this church, he also, like his predecessor, Mr. DuBois, supplied the church at Wurtsboro on Sabbath afternoons. He entered upon his labors with earnestness and zeal, and with a *wide-awake spirit*, so much like the man, and the church prospered. The people caught the spirit of their pastor, and soon showed evidences of improvement and progress.

April 13th, 1868, D. S. DeWitt was appointed chorister, and has served the church in that capacity from that time to this with great acceptability. The debt upon the church of nearly \$582 was cancelled in 1868. A new bell was now also provided. Its weight, independent of mountings, was 610 pounds, with mountings, over 800 pounds. The old bell weighed 192 pounds, and was taken as part purchase for the new one. The new bell cost \$300; the difference paid was \$250. Thirty-five dollars expense was put upon the tower to prepare it for the reception of the new bell.

January 16, 1869, Messrs. D. S. DeWitt and Wm. M. Dunning were appointed a committee to sell the melodeon and to arrange by lectures, etc., in the church to provide means to purchase a new Mason & Hamlin organ.

May 29th, 1869, through the worthy and energetic efforts of the ladies, new table linen and plates were provided for sacramental occasions. The pastor presented along with them a beautiful copy of the Liturgy of the Church for pulpit use.

There were added to the church during Mr. Frazee's ministry 22 persons, 12 of the number by confession. December 23d, 1869, Mr. Frazee resigned his charge and accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Syracuse, N. Y., and was, after a successful pastorate there for some years, called to the Congregational Church of Franklin, N. Y., where he is now laboring with evident tokens of the Divine blessings.

The seventh pastor was

REV. R. H. BEATTIE, D.D.

Dr. Beattie prepared for college under the care of Dr. Samuel Wilson, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Coldenham. He graduated from Union College in 1833 and studied Theology with Dr. Samuel T. Wylie of Philadelphia. He was first settled for two years in Walden, over a Reformed Presbyterian Church, from which he removed to West Milton, Saratoga Co., where he remained through a pastorate of 12 years, whence he returned to Orange County to take charge of the church at Bethlehem, which he also served for 12 years. After that he preached for a few months in New Windsor, and for two years in Milford, Pa., from which he was called to Bloomingburgh in June, 1870, and installed on the 15th. Rev. J. L. Zabriskie presided and read the form, Rev. S. W. Mills preached the sermon.

January 16th, 1871, the Wakeman property adjoining the parsonage was purchased.

Mr. Beattie resigned his charge here March 9th, 1872, having received a call from the Reformed Church at New Hurley, which seemed to him to be the indication of Divine Providence. He therefore accepted the call and entered at once upon his labors in that church, and continued its pastor until the spring of 1884, when after a season of severe illness, which he bore with great patience and Christian fortitude, he died on the 20th of May, 1884, aged sixty-nine years, and entered upon the blessed reward of his labors in Heaven. His death ended 48 years of continuous service in the ministry. He was a good preacher, sound in the faith "once delivered to the saints," prepared his sermons with care, delivered them from notes, but his style and manner rendered his discourses acceptable and profitable to his hearers. This people have pleasant memories of his short ministry here, and the people of New Hurley hold his pastorate of eleven years among them

in grateful remembrance. His name completes the trio of names inscribed upon the beautiful tablet at my right—worthy servants of Jesus Christ, faithful ministers of the Gospel—“They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”

The eighth pastor was

REV. AUGUSTUS F. TODD.

He was born in Somerset Co., N. J. He graduated from Rutgers's College, New Brunswick, N. J., in 1855, and from the Theological Seminary in 1858, and was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick in 1858. His first settlement was at Athens, Pa., where he remained until 1865, and then he served for a short period the church of Piermont, N. Y., and that at Boonton, Morris Co., N. J., and was called to this church October 7th, 1872, and on the 20th of November, at eleven o'clock A. M., he was installed as pastor. Rev. S. W. Mills, of Port Jervis, presided and read the form, and Rev. Jno. A. Statts, of Goshen, N. Y., preached the sermon. He entered upon his labors with good prospects of success and the apparent evidences of the Lord's blessing. At the communion in the following March twelve persons joined the church upon confession of faith. The whole number united to the church during his ministry of four years was fifty-seven, and of that number forty-three were by confession of faith. Mr. Todd resigned October 17th, 1876, and he then took charge of the Reformed Church of Wurtsboro, where he remained about three years, when he was called to the Reformed Church of Schoharie, N. Y., and labored there until this past summer when he was called to the Reformed Church of Bound Brook, N. J., where he is now settled, not far from the place of his birth, and where he has entered upon his new field of labor with encouraging evidences of the Divine favor.

The church was now vacant for about a year when the ninth pastor,

REV. GEORGE LYDECKER,

was called. He graduated from Rutgers's College in 1874, and from the Theological Seminary in 1877, and October 1st of the same year he received a call from this church, which having accepted, he was ordained and installed November 7th, 1877, by the Classis of Orange. Rev. F. S. Schenck, of Montgomery, presided and read the form, and Rev. H. M. Voorhees, of Port Jervis, preached the sermon. It was his first charge. He came here a young man and single, but soon afterward returned to New Brunswick to bring back with him his bride, Miss Julia L. Sweney, having, like many of our young men who have graduated at the New Brunswick Seminary, been caught in the matrimonial net before they could get out of New Brunswick. Young, energetic and active, Mr. Lydecker entered upon his labors here with good prospects, and the Lord crowned them with success. Toward the latter part of his ministry the debt of the church, through the leading efforts and generous contributions of the consistory and others, was entirely cancelled, and the consistory placed on record a vote of thanks and sent it to those outside of the congregation who had generously contributed. Thirty-one were united to the church during Mr. Lydecker's pastorate, and twenty of the number came in by confession of faith. March 21st, 1882, he received and accepted a call from the Reformed Church of Napanoch, N. Y., where he still remains with the blessing of God resting upon his labors. He and his good wife still occupy a warm place in the hearts of this people.

The present incumbent, Rev. J. B. Wilson, is the tenth pastor. My first look at this beautiful village, occupying this lofty position, yet surrounded by higher hills and mountain scenery affording magnificent views, was on Saturday, Nov.

4th, 1882. On Sunday, the 5th, I preached to what seemed to me a deeply interested congregation, and on the 8th the consistory extended to me a unanimous call; and having accepted of it, in due course, I entered upon my labors here on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1882, arriving at 12 m., and in the afternoon I held my first preparatory lecture. We found a pleasant home and a cordial welcome until our goods arrived, in the house of that good Elder, whom the Lord, however, did not spare to be with me long, but called him away to a higher and better service in Heaven—Mr. Peter A. Decker, who was an “Elder worthy of double honor.”

On the 13th of December I was duly installed in the presence of a good congregation, though the weather was unpleasant. Rev. S. W. Mills presided and read the form, Rev. Dr. R. H. Beattie, of New Hurley, preached the sermon, and Rev. John A. Staats, of Goshen, took part in the services. I pronounced the benediction, and afterward was cordially welcomed by the people. Two years and two months have passed away, and during that time pastor and people have worked together in pleasant harmony, under the divine favor and blessing, and with temporal prosperity. During the first year a new parsonage barn was built at an expense of over \$200, and in the second thorough improvements and repairs have been made to our church edifice, such as painting inside and out, new roof and the repairing of the tower, at an expense of over \$800. Five hundred dollars were realized by the sale of the Wakeman property, adjoining the parsonage, and the balance raised by the people and the energetic and active efforts of the ladies. The work of painting, etc., was done this last summer by Messrs. Wm. M. Smith and John Millspaugh, and reflects upon them much credit. The tin work upon the tower was done by Messrs. Vail, Brink & Clark, of Middletown, and the tin roof put on by Mr. Thomas Ghee of this village. And now through the earnest and laborious efforts of one of the ladies of the church new and beautiful pulpit furniture has been provided and paid for at an expense of

about \$90. It is worthy of note how this movement originated. Just after the completion of our late improvements, one Sabbath morning at the close of the service Mrs. Wm. Ellis said to her husband: "Well, how do you like the looks of the Church?" "Very much," he replied, and then added, "But now they need one thing more." "What is that?" said his wife. He responded: "A new set of pulpit furniture, and I think you better give it to them." "I do not feel able," said she, "to do that, but I will do all that I can towards it." A little time after she drew up a subscription and started out, working with untiring perseverance in this severe winter until the thing has been accomplished. It is wonderful what a little *push* and perseverance will do.

There have been added to the church during my pastorate thus far 34; fourteen by confession of faith. I am thankful for the many kindnesses and favors I have received from the people, and at the same time feel conscious of my faults and failings. My only prayer is, that God may give grace to me and my people, that we may faithfully discharge our respective duties, and that His blessing may still be more evident in our future labors.

"Ask now" again "of the days that are past." Six hundred and forty-eight persons have united with this church during these sixty-five years 455 of the number by confession of faith, just an average of seven a year by confession. What an army gathered in from the world for the service of Christ! Six of the members became ministers. The first is

REV. JOHN H. DURYEA, D.D.

He was ten years of age when the church was organized. He united with the church August 28th, 1828, under the ministry of Samuel VanVechten, being baptized at the same time. He seems soon to have given himself to the work of preparing for the ministry, and having taken his academic course in the Bloomingburgh Academy he presently entered Rutger's Col-

lege and graduated therefrom in 1834, and from the Seminary in 1837. He was licensed by the Classis of Orange in the same year. He preached first at the church of Warwarsing (Napanoch) for two years, and then settled in the church of Totowa (Second Church of Paterson,) where he has labored as an able and honored pastor until a year or two ago when he took the position of Pastor Emeritus, and Rev. Peter Mili-kin is now pastor of the same church. He would gladly have been with us to-day, but age and feeble health prevent him.

The second is

FRANCIS T. DRAKE.

He united with the church also under Mr. VanVechten's ministry October 28th, 1831, at the time when revival meetings were being held in the church. He was a rather wild and careless youth, and it is said that on one occasion when going to the meeting that night he remarked in a frivolous manner, "I'm going to be converted to-night." He seemed a true prophet of his own happy fate, for that very night the arrow of conviction went to his soul; for the next day he purchased a bible, and shortly after gave himself up to Christ, and subsequently to the ministry. He graduated from Rutgers' College in 1838, and from the Seminary in 1841, was licensed by the Classis of Orange in 1841. He was first called to the Reformed Church of Wurtsboro where he remained two years, and to Canastota, N. Y., where he remained eight years—to 1853. Further we have not been able to trace his history particularly. He died a few years ago.

The third is

REV. ALEXANDER C. MILLSAUGH,

who united with the church also under Mr. VanVechten's ministry in July, 1832. In '38 he graduated from Rutgers' College, and from the Seminary in '41, and was licensed by the Classis of Orange the same year. He was settled in the

Reformed Church of Middletown village N. J., from 1841 to 1866—a quarter of a century and for fifteen years I labored side by side with this good brother in preaching the gospel and in promoting the various interests of the Reformed Church in the bounds of the Classis of Monmouth. At one time we traversed together for days a portion of the southern part of Ocean township in the distribution of the Bible in connection with the interests of the Monmouth Co. Bible Society. It is with great pleasure therefore, that I speak of his long and successful pastorate there. We often met in sweet counsel together, and with the other brethren of Classis in religious and classical meetings: and long will he be remembered with warm affection in that church, and indeed by all the churches of that classis, as a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. In 1866 he took charge of the churches of Jerusalem and Onisquethan, N. Y., and in 1878 of Union Church, N. Y., where he is still serving the Master with like zeal and faithfulness, in his ripened age of more than three score and ten years.

The fourth is

REV. GABRIEL S. CORWIN, M.D.

“He was born February 27, 1802, near Middletown, Orange County, New York. Pursued classical studies at Montgomery Academy, medical studies at Castleton, Vermont, and College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. Settled at Bloomingburgh, about five miles from the place of his birth, and continued the practice of medicine and surgery for fifteen years till the time of his conversion, when he commenced the study of theology, and after three years was licensed to preach September, 1841, by the Presbytery of Hudson. First settlement was at Elba, December, 1841, where he continued for twenty-five years, having in the providence of God a very pleasant settlement with a united people for twenty-five years and a prosperous church—having doubled in membership and more than tripled in its public beneficence. The small defec-

tion which arose in the church from the civil war and the question of slavery, together with ill health of the pastor, caused him to ask the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation. After six months' rest he received the unanimous call to the Presbyterian Church of East Pembroke, which he accepted, and has remained till the present. This settlement, like the first, has been a very pleasant one, with no divisions or alienation; the church and society one year since invited him to preach and labor as their pastor while he felt able, and this union of pastor and people and unity among the people have been increased by the blessing on the church in more than doubling its members, and ready and efficient help of the Session and a large portion of the members."

The above is from the *History and Atlas* of Genesee Co., N. Y., published 1876. He had now therefore spent eleven years at East Pembroke and quit from age and loss of voice. At one time during his residence here he was superintendent of the Sabbath school and his wife a teacher in the school. Some of the older residents here now remember him with high esteem as their family physician. He is now living at Cape May Point, New Jersey, over eighty years of age, and still occasionally preaching that glorious Gospel of the Great Physician of souls, who over forty years ago had inclined *his* heart, like He moved the heart of our beloved Dr. Scudder of missionary memory,* to turn his attention to the healing of sin-sick souls as well as to care for the bodily infirmities of our fallen humanity.

The fifth is

REV. P. H. MILLIKEN,

who united with this church by certificate from the Reformed Church of Peekskill, N. Y., in 1874. He was born in the Town of Crawford, Orange Co., N. Y., August 31st, 1851, studied at Newburgh Academy and State Normal School at

* See Appendix, Note 6.

Albany, and prepared for college by private instruction. He entered Rutger's College in '72 and graduated in '76, and from New Brunswick Seminary in '79. He was ordained to the ministry and installed over the Berea Reformed Church in October, '79, where he remained until October, '82. He was then called to the Second Reformed Church of Totowa, Paterson, N. J., where he is now laboring with good success by the side of his venerable predecessor, Rev. Dr. John H. Duryea, the mantle of whose godly ministerial life we trust will fall upon him.

The sixth is

REV. JOSIAH CRANE,

Who united with this church by profession of faith June 15th, 1872. He was born in the Town of Crawford, Orange Co., about three miles from this village, and after a few years of academic training he entered Rutger's College and was one of a class numbering thirty six. He graduated in '81 and from the Theological Seminary in '84, and was examined and licensed by the Classis of Orange in this church, May 24th, 1884, and the Classis and this church sent him forth to preach the gospel with their warmest prayers and benedictions. He was called to the Reformed Church of Rocky Hill, N. J., and ordained and installed over said church by the Classis of Philadelphia July 24th, 1884, where he is now laboring with many evidences of the divine favor.

Another, the late

REV. CHARLES H. STITT, D.D.

Although not a member of this church, was a native of this place. He was born at the old Stitt homestead, about a mile from this village, (now in possession of his brother John Alexander,*) May 22, 1819, of pious ancestry, on his father's side

* John Alexander Stitt died the following Monday after the delivery of this discourse—after an illness of five days—aged 74 years, 2 months, 12 days, and his funeral held Thursday, Feb. 25, was attended by a large concourse of people.

Scotch-Irish, on his mother's English. After his academic education at the Bloomingburgh Academy he went to New York at the early age of sixteen, and entered the large and wealthy drygoods house of E. & J. Bussing, where by his diligence and probity he soon won the esteem and confidence of his employers and was advanced to a high position. One stormy day when he and his fellow clerks had some leisure, they resolved to give religion a personal investigation. Mr. Stitt was fond of and interested in reading light literature. But he stopped in the midst of *Ivanhoe* and returned the volume to the Merchantile Library, and took Baxter and Doddrige in its stead. The result was the conversion of himself and two of his fellow clerks, he joining the Collegiate Reformed Church. Then they had a meeting at each other's houses on Sabbath evenings for counsel and prayer. Out of this little band he was chosen for the Master's service. He left New York in February, 1839, to prepare for college at the academy in his native town. Here with his previous academic training and great diligence he made such progress that he was admitted into the Sophomore class in Rutger' College in September, 1840, lost one year by illness, and so graduated from the college in 1844 and from the Seminary in '48, and was licensed by the Classis of New York, and called and settled over the Reformed Church of New Paltz, where he remained seventeen years—a long ministry and followed with blessed results. In '65 he was called to the Second Reformed Church of Kingston, N. Y., where he labored nine years. He was then called, February 15th, '74, to the Reformed Church of Bayonne, N. J., where after nearly seven years of devoted service, and in the midst of his successful labors, he was called, after a short illness, to reap the blessed reward of his ministry in heaven. Dr. Stitt was an earnest, pungent preacher, having a good voice and delivering his sermons with much force and eloquence. Many who sat under his preaching were won to Christ, and to them his memory is like sweet incense. Many

of you have heard his voice within these walls, but shall not hear it again. Remember the words he spake unto you.

Seven in all—the holy number—consecrated to a holy life. Truly this old church has done something for her Master in sending some of her sons into His vineyard to preach His Gospel.

Some of her daughters too, have become minister's wives. Miss Sophia Townley, who was married September 5th, 1837, to the Rev. John H. Duryea; Miss Harriet Sloan, who was married to Alexander C. Millspaugh, and was spared to fill her place, which she so well filled, but for a few years, as she died in August, 1845, aged 33 years; Miss Emma L. Wood, daughter of Deacon Wood, who was married to the Rev. Robert Laird, of Barr Centre, N. Y., December 28th, 1840.

The whole number of marriages performed by all the pastors of this church from its organization to the present time is 426.

With regard to the spirit of benevolence manifested during the history of the church, the records bearing upon this point are too fragmentary to enable me to make any definite statement. The highest mark which the benevolent contributions have reached seems to have been during the ministry of Rev. Dr. S. W. Mills and that of Rev. J. H. Frazee, amounting in one or two instances to over \$200 a year. The contributions were secured then by collectors appointed for the different neighborhoods—by far the best plan.

Let us "ask now" again "of the days that are past." What a history this church has along these three score years and five. How the voices of the past to-day come ringing in our ears, telling us of the goodness of God, the love of the Saviour and the witness of the Holy Spirit! Let us listen to them. Let us heed them. The fathers and the mothers in Israel where are they? Once they stood upon these grounds; once they walked these aisles and sat within these seats, and listened to the gospel message, and prayed, and worked with courage

and faith to hand down to you this blessed heritage of the Lord. They are gone to their rest. Many of them sleep in yonder cemetery, while their glorified spirits bask in the bright sunlight of the Saviour's righteousness in heaven. You remember them.

“Fond memory to her duty true,
Brings back their faded forms to view;
How life-like through the mist of years,
Each well-remembered face appears!”

Remember their love and spirit of self-sacrifice, and strive to imitate it. Remember their virtues and strive to practice them; their toil and suffering and with a willing spirit, if it be the Lord's will, endure the same with christian fortitude, that you may wear the crown they wear and share in the glorious reward they are now reaping.

Strive to be the sons of noble, worthy sires,
Kindling your faith at the same Altar fires;
Where they did holy inspiration take,
To pray, and toil, and work for Jesus' sake.

“God,” says D'Aubigne, “is in history.” If this be true; the past teaches us the merciful dealings of God with His people; how He did all things for their good, that they might be a wiser and better people, and serve Him with greater love and faithfulness. And thus may we, profiting by the lessons of the past and the teachings of experience, so well perform our part in the years that are yet to come, as long as God shall permit us to live; keeping with holy love and zeal, inviolate the sacred trust and glorious heritage handed down to us by our pious ancestors, and when we come to the end, like the good man touchingly described by our own American poet:—

“Sustained and soothed
By an unflinching trust!” we'll near the grave,
“Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch,
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.”

And each one will then hear the welcome words "Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

A part of the following hymn, written by J. E. Dean, of Fishkill, N. Y., was then sung:

Three score and five times around the sun
The earth its annual course has run,
Since in this place our honored sires,
First lighted up their altar fires.

How many changes, strange and great,
Have come since then to church and state;
What rapid growth, what vast increase,
What varied scenes of war and peace.

That little faithful, toiling band,
Have found rest in the Heavenly land;
They who here planted for the Lord,
Now with Him reap a rich reward.

Through all the changing scenes of life,
Through all the turmoil and the strife,
The word of God has stood secure—
His promise is forever sure.

On us the burden now doth rest,
To us the mandates are addressed,
To us the Master now doth say,
"Work in my vineyard, son, to-day."

Lord help us all our part to do,
To prove to every duty true,
That when our earthly race is run,
Thou'lt greet us with a glad "well done."

God grant this church may ever stand,
Shielded by Thine Almighty hand;
And may his people ever be
True to their calling and to Thee.

BENEDICTION.

Dinner had been provided at the parsonage for invited guests, and a very pleasant social re-union was enjoyed.

Afternoon Exercises.

Singing, Prayer by Rev. Charles Beattie, Singing, Extracts from letters from members who became ministers and from former pastors and others, Singing, Address by Rev. Charles Beattie, Closing Hymn, Doxology, Benediction.

At 2 P. M. a large congregation embracing the scholars of the Sabbath school, the youth of the church and the people at large, assembled in the church, and the exercises opened by singing No. 143 Gospel Hymns, beginning

“Do you see the Hebrew captive kneeling,
At morning, noon and night to pray?
In his chamber he remembers Zion,
Tho' in exile far away,” etc.

Prayer was now offered by Rev. Charles Beattie, followed by the singing of the 137 Psalm, 3d Part, beginning,

“I love thy kingdom Lord,
The house of thine abode ;” etc.

After which Mr. Wilson read some letters from former pastors and others, who owing to the severe cold weather, the snow blockade on the lines of travel, and other causes, were not able to be present. A few interesting extracts from such are here given.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 4th, 1885.

Rev. John H. Duryea, says:—“It is the church associated with my early religious impressions. I was ten years of age when it was organized and remember the interest my parents took in the movement leading to its organization and the erection of the church edifice. The first pastor, Rev. George DuBois, was highly esteemed. He was a mere youth, only about twenty years of age, when he became pastor; and when he left after about three years, I have a distinct recollection of

the deep grief with which the little church parted with him. It was under the ministry of his successor, Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, I was brought into the church and had my mind turned to the ministry. He was a good man and devoted to the Master's work. Some of his people thought him over zealous, but the love of souls constrained him. I have many delightful recollections of the esteemed pastor and the good people who composed the church, of whom now scarcely one remains."

UNION CHURCH, N. Y., Feb. 4th, 1885.

Rev. A. C. Millspaugh, says:—"It would afford me great pleasure to be with you on the 65th Anniversary of a church very dear to me on several accounts. It is about fifty years since I with a number of others united with it, publicly accepting that wonderful invitation 'come unto me.' Many a delightful walk to that 'hill of Zion' have I enjoyed in the company of many whose memory is still fresh and green and very precious, who have 'reached the heavenly fields and walk the golden streets.' Then follows the words before quoted, referring to Mr. Van Vechten, and speaking further of the results of his work, he continues, "of not a few will he be able to say in that day, when the 'Jewels are made up,' 'here Lord am I and the children thou hast given me.' And among them not less than four or five, who influenced by his singular piety and devotion, gave themselves not only to the Lord but to the 'ministry of His word.' And never had a minister a more worthy companion than that dear pastor of whom I say these things."

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Feb. 4th, 1885.

Rev. Jeremiah Searle, says:—"It would certainly afford me great pleasure to be with you, and recall with those who remain many seasons of delightful Christian intercourse enjoyed with the Bloomingburgh flock in the days of my early ministry. For nearly five years I exercised my ministry among that people, who were forbearing with its faults and

failings, and most ready kindly to commend whatever could prove acceptable and I can never forget their kindness, and readiness to help in my work. With special pleasure do I remember the Lord's spirit manifesting his gracious presence with us, and permitting us to have the joy of ingathering. Many who worked with me then have entered upon their reward. Many have removed to other places, and though I can never fail to have a home feeling for Bloomingburgh, I should doubtless to some extent find myself among strangers." Then referring to the illness of Mrs. Searle which prevents his leaving home, he says, "So will you convey to your dear people my congratulations upon the prosperity I delight to know is attending you, and the assurance of my faithful prayers that the dear Lord will make you in a more marked degree a fountain of blessing to your community in the future than in the past."

NEW YORK CITY, FEB. 6th, 1885.

Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois, says:—"I regret that special service to be held in my own church at that time render it impossible for me to accept your kind invitation. But allow me through you to present my congratulations to the church for the prosperity with which God is blessing them. Please say to them that the few years I spent among them were among the pleasantest of my life, and I shall always hold the interests of that church dear to my heart."

FRANKLIN, N. Y., Feb. 17th, 1885.

Rev. John H. Frazee says:—"I want you to give my very cordial and loving salutations to my old friends and all the new friends of the church over which you are now pastor. I am very sorry it is out of my power to be with you, but you all may be sure, of my good wishes and prayers that the Great Head of the church may abundantly bless you all. Some of the happiest years of my life were passed at Bloomingburgh. Such *friends* as God only can give a minister were mine.

Some of them have gone to their reward. Some I should meet if with you."

'We a little longer wait,
But how little none can tell.'

"May a fresh sense of *privilege* in *responsibility* be given your dear people, so that your hands may always be upheld by loyal and strong friends. Above all, may you see many souls brought into the Kingdom through your faithful performance of duty. I followed Brother Hasbrouck DuBois, with whom I was in the Seminary, though behind him, and after a little while you followed me, with whom you were in College. The good old truths taught in New Brunswick we may stand by safely, and teach confidently."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14th, 1885.

Rev. G. P. VanWyck says:—"Your favor of the 12th inst. received. While it is a matter of great regret that I will not be able to be present with you on Wednesday next, yet at the same time you will allow me to express my pleasure and gratitude concerning the efforts you are now making to keep in remembrance the early educational, moral and religious history of my native town, as well as the church of my childhood. I trust that you and your good people may be abundantly blessed, as you consider the way the God of the covenant hath led you, and thus far hath given prosperity; so that you may all take courage for the conflicts and conquests that are in the future."

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Feb. 1st, 1885.

Rev. S. W. Mills, D.D., says:—"The church whose 65th anniversary you celebrate has a very warm place in my heart. For fifteen years I was its pastor, laboring under many and serious discouragements, especially at the beginning, and in great weakness to promote its welfare, and at the same time with many evident tokens of the Divine blessing. It has been, and still is, a pleasing reflection that two or three times since my pastorate there I have been recalled to serve them for some

months, in one instance for an entire year, in the intervals between the going and coming of their pastors. I have known it in its seasons of prosperity and rejoicing; when the harps of God's people were hanging upon the willows and no notes were heard save those of sighing and lamentation, and again when songs of rejoicing and gladness over a church revival and souls converted, were heard from every lip. Of the 178 persons received into her membership during my pastorate, I recall distinctly the names and faces of very many. Some of them are still with you witnessing a good confession for Christ and bringing forth fruit in their advanced years. Large numbers of them have finished their course and are with the redeemed on high. Of those who were prominent and active in the church at the commencement of my labors forty-two years ago, almost every one has passed away from among the living; but still the church lives and grows. In spite of the ravages of death; in spite of the opposition of wicked and ungodly men; in spite of much infirmity and imperfection among the professed followers of Christ, the church lives and increases, and will continue until all God's purposes concerning her shall be accomplished. She depends not for her existence and prosperity upon an arm of flesh, but upon her divine and glorious Lord. Because Christ, her Great Head, lives, she shall live also. This is an encouragement in all our labors and efforts to advance the cause and Kingdom of Christ among men. We need to realize it more and more, and to be stimulated thereby to renewed diligence and activity in our Master's service. That the choicest blessings may descend and rest upon this dear old church, upon both pastor and people, and its coming years may witness her enlarged growth and usefulness in the community where its house of worship has so long stood like a city set on a hill, is the sincere and earnest prayer of its oldest surviving pastor."

NAPANOCH, N. Y., Feb. 17th, 1885.

Rev. George D. Lydecker says:—"It was in August, 1877, that I first visited the hill country of Bloomingburgh. In October I received a call, and in November was ordained and installed pastor of the church. This being my first charge, memory will ever turn back with pleasant recollections to this church. My ministry began among a kind and generous people, and through a course of four and a half years I am happy to say that nothing occurred to make the pastoral relation unpleasant. The bond of attachment grew strong and has continued to this day. In April, '81, Stephen Harris, for many years an elder, respected and useful in the church and community was buried. In January, '81, I preached a sermon upon the subject of 'Christian Duty to the Church,' which had the good result to stimulate the congregation to pay off the debt. In this church I gathered the first fruits of my ministry and it was a day of great rejoicing to me. Though we never enjoyed any special revival of God's work, yet the work of grace went steadily on. Here our children were born, and here in May, '82, we put our dear mother to rest in the cemetery on the hill. In all the memories which make the beginning of pastoral work dear to one's heart, my mind turns back to this people. In May, '82, I accepted a call to the church of Wawarsing, and being only eighteen miles away, many of the pleasant relations with my former charge are continued."

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 16th, 1885.

Rev. P. H. Milliken, says:—"I regret exceedingly that I cannot be with you on Wednesday. My best wishes and earnest prayers for my mother's church, which has become by age a venerable grand-mother."

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 15th, 1885.

A. V. W. VanVechten, Esq., in acknowledging the receipt of the resolution of thanks from the consistory for his gift of the tablet erected to the memory of the three deceased pastors,

(See last page for representation of the tablet and inscription) says:—"It is a pleasure thus to testify an abiding remembrance of my birth-place and childhood's home, and of the scenes of a pastorate which in its devotion and tenderness was my first and most lasting, persuasive of the nature and all sufficiency of Christian truth—what piety will not inspire, warrant or grace, may be set down at once as faulty and delusive. * * * I know your history, your line of devoted pastors, and can see the fruits, and ask no better future than their society as they realize the golden promise of the Master, 'Where I am, ye may be also.'"

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 14th, 1885.

George S. Stitt, Esq., says:—"The dear old church! How I venerate and love it! There my dear father and dear mother worshipped. There I attended my first Sabbath school. In its pulpit my dear brother often preached. May the Holy Spirit be felt in His manifest power and presence, and a precious revival spread through the congregation, and every family, and in my dear old home. May the great Head of the church hear and answer every prayer, and comfort you my dear friend and strengthen you in your work."

Hymn No. 259 in Gospel Hymns, beginning

"When Jesus comes to reward his servants,
Whether it be at noon or night,
Faithful to Him will He find us watching,
With our lamps all trimmed and bright." etc.

was now sung. After which Rev. Charles Beattie, of Middletown, delivered a very interesting address upon the subject of "A Good Name," which theme the speaker said was suggested by the unveiling of the tablet, that was intended not only to hold in lasting remembrance the names of the three of the honored pastors, but also illustrate the value of securing a good name in the sense of attaining a good character, making a good record, achieving a good reputation and realizing the rich rewards which are promised to all those who in the exalted biblical sense win a "Good Name."

The exercises now closed by singing Hymn No. 310, in Gospel Hymns, commencing "I have read of a beautiful city," etc., the L. M. Doxology, and the pronouncing of the

BENEDICTION.

The church was beautifully decorated and there was a very large and fine display of flowers provided and arranged by the committee of ladies consisting of Miss S. Davis, Mrs. Matilda Williams, Miss Warner, Mrs. Wm. Ellis and Miss M. B. Decker. The text chosen as the motto of the occasion, by the ladies was, "The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations," which was placed in large evergreen letters up back of the pulpit, and at each end of them was a large star, and upon one were the figures 1820, and on the other 1885, made of little white daisies gathered last summer by two little girls of the Sabbath school, which figures looked like raised work and formed a beautiful contrast with the green background of the stars. A blank-book had been provided for the record of the names of the people of the congregation and friends, and for the members and youth of the Sabbath school, who should be present on the occasion. It was in charge of Justice Elmer Pitts, who occupied a position in the middle aisle near the door. A large number of names were recorded. Messrs. Fred. Hornbeck, Z. Dunning and C. E. Redfield, acted as ushers.

The following embrace the present consistory :

J. B. Wilson, Minister.

Thomas J. Stitt,	} Elders.	Thomas Dare,	} Deacons.
Wm. H. Mills,		Wm. F. Shorter,	
C. C. Andross,		Jesse D. Decker,	
D. S. DeWitt,		Miles B. Decker,	

OFFICERS :

Rev. J. B. Wilson, President.

Wm. F. Shorter, Treasurer. D. S. DeWitt, Clerk.

SEXTON :

Wm. M. Smith.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

OFFICERS :

- Mrs. William Ellis, President.
 " Rev. J. B. Wilson, Vice-President.
 " M. B. Decker, Secretary.
 " Jonathan Crawford, Treasurer.

THE CHOIR :

- D. S. DeWitt, Chorister.
 Miss Sadie Hornbeck, Organist.
 Miss Sarah Davis, Soprano, }
 Miss Kate Shearer, Alto, }
 Jesse D. Decker, } Bass, } Leading Voices.
 Jas. W. Comfort, }
 D. S. DeWitt, Tenor, }

SABBATH SCHOOL.

- D. S. DeWitt, Superintendent.
 Rev. J. B. Wilson, Ass't Superintendent.
 James W. Comfort, Librarian.
 Jesse D. Decker, Secretary and Treasurer.

SESSIONS—Every Sabbath morning from 10 to 11 o'clock.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Morning, 11 A. M. ; evening, 7 P. M. in winter and 7:30 P.M. in summer.

Communion on the first Sabbath of each season of the year.

The meeting of consistory for the reception of members, and the preparatory service takes place on the Saturday afternoon preceding the communion.

Sabbath school concert and children's service once a month, on a moon-light Sunday evening.

The third Sabbath in May is observed in the church as "Children's Day."

A list of the names of all the persons who have united with the church since its organization on the last Sabbath in January, the 30th, 1820, to the present time. C indicates received by certificate; P by profession of faith. The maiden name of married ladies, so far as could be ascertained, in the right hand column. Wid. designates widow, so far as known.

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Peter Weller.....	Jan'y, 1820.	C	Elder, }
Laurence Tears.....	" "	C	" " } 1st Consist'y.
Solomon Brink.....	" "	P	Deacon, }
Moses Jordan	" "	P	" " }
Acha Brown	June "	P	Acha Harden.
Catherine Puff	" "	P	
Barbara Brink	" "	P	
Lorenza Quackenbush.....	" "	P	
Nancy Shult	" "	P	Nancy Moffert.
Nancy Duryea.....	" "	P	
Catherine McLochlen.....	" "	P	
Daniel Brush	" "	C	
Lucretia Dimmick.....	Nov. "	P	
Rachael Strickland	" "	P	
Lorie Townley	" "	P	
Lea Brink	" "	P	
Sarah Tidd	" "	P	
Catherine Dunning	" "	C	
Jesse M. Teed.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary Teed, his wife.....	" "	C	
Jonathan Mills.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Jane Mills, his wife.....	" "	C	Jane McCra. <i>mother</i>
Charles Tears	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary Tears, his wife.....	" "	C	
Hannah Wilkin	" "	C	
Hannah Gillen.....	" "	C	
Lettie Mills.....	April, 1821.	P	<i>mother</i>
Peggy Decker.....	" "	C	
Sarah Stewart	" "	C	
Jude Smith	" "	P	
Mary Tidd.....	" "	C	
Peter Puff.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary Puff, his wife.....	" "	C	
Cornelius Brink	Nov. "	P	
Levi Hultslander	" "	P	
Mrs. Phebe Hultslander, his w.	" "	P	Phebe Comfort.
Mrs. Nancy Ross.....	" "	P	Nancy Gillen.
Susanna Anderson, (colored)..	" "	P	
Eliphalet Warner	" "	C	
Dola Roosa	" "	C	
Sarah Allis	" "	C	
Dinah Wilkin, (colored).....	" "	C	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Daniel Tidd.....	Dec. "	P	Baptiz. with all his house.
Catherine Jordan.....	April, 1822.	P	
Clarrissa Huyck.....	" "	C	
Lucy _____(colored)	" "	C	
Betsy VanWyck.....	" "	P	
James Leech.....	May, "	P	
Mrs. Ellenor Leech, his wife..	" "	P	Ellenor Harkness.
Benjamin B. Dorrance.....	Nov., "	P	
Mrs. B. B. Dorrance, his wife	" "	P	Eliza Ann Sloan.
John Gillen.....	" "	P	
Mrs. A. Dimmick.....	" "	C	Maria Carr.
John M. Faulkner	May, 1823.	P	
Mary VanCott.....	" "	P	
Hannah Clark.....	" "	P	
Mary Duryea.....	" "	C	
Hannah Smith	" "	C	
John McLochlen	" "	C	
Hannah Brewster.....	" "	C	
Margaret Linderman.....	" "	C	
Abigail Parrish	" "	C	
Aleathan Bingham	" "	C	
Cornelius Wood	Nov., 1824.	P	
Mrs. C. Wood, his wife.....	" "	P	Phebe Ann Patten.
Ann Montgomery.....	" "	C	
Mrs. D. Sloan	" "	C	Catherine Montgomery..
Mahailey Newkirk	June, 1825.	P	
Mrs. Rev. Samuel VanVechten	" "	P	Louisa VanWyck.
Sallie Maria Hopkins.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Charles Baker	Nov., "	P	Caroline Lindsey.
Mrs. M. Miller.....	" "	P	Margaret Dickerson..
Mrs. Shafer, wife of F. Shafer	" "	C	
Mrs. Arminda Dunning, wife of J. O. Dunning.....	" "	C	
Isabella Anderson	April, 1826.	P	
Mary Wilkin.....	" "	P	
Elizabeth Montgomery	" "	P	
Jane Bull.....	Nov., "	P	
Elizabeth Anderson.....	" "	P	
Maria Kelly	" "	P	
Julia Davis	" "	P	
Pollie Jordan	" "	P	
Bettie Mills.....	" "	P	
Benjamin Thompson.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Antonette Thompson, his wife.....	" "	C	
Cornelia Denniston	Jan'y, 1827,	P	
Mary Wheeler	" "	P	
John H. Duryea.....	Oct., 1828.	P	{ Became a Minister of the Gospel.
Mary Tears	May, 1829.	C	
Mrs. M. Weller, wife of M. Weller	" "	C	Elizabeth Libolt.

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Elizabeth More.....	Oct., 1829	P	
Mrs. Kerr	" "	P	
Sallie(colored)	" "	P	
Adaline Corwin	" "	C	
Benjamin Sears.....	" "	C	
David Hamilton.....	April, 1831.	P	
Milton Weller.....	" "	P	
Elizabeth Miller.....	" "	P	
Milicent Carpenter.....	" "	P	
Elizabeth Hamilton.....	" "	P	
Mittie Milligan(colored)	" "	P	
Sarah Millspaugh	" "	C	
Eunice L. Norris	" "	C	
Lettie McGowan.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Ann Martine, wife of J. Martine	Aug., "	P	
Michael Miller.....	" "	P	
John A. Crane	" "	P	
Mrs. John A. Crane, his wife..	" "	P	Sarah Ayers.
Alpheus Miller.....	" "	P	
Mary Jane Mills.....	" "	P	
Elsie Mills.....	" "	P	
Sophonia Townley.....	" "	P	
Sophia Townley	" "	P	
Maria VanCott.....	" "	P	
Mrs. H. Mills, wife of H. Mills	" "	P	Jennett Duryea.
Nancy Wilber.....	" "	P	
Eleanor Wilber.....	" "	P	
Esther Jane VanCott.....	" "	P	
C. Milton Smith.....	" "	P	
Francis T. Drake.....	" "	P	{ Became a Minister of the Gospel.
Jack Duryea(colored)	" "	P	
Mary Miller	" "	P	
Betsey Young	Oct., "	P	
Esther Redfield.....	" "	P	
Sallie Ann Watts.....	" "	P	
Sallie Jane Brink.....	" "	P	
Catherine Mills.....	" "	P	
Lucas Harding.....	Jan'y, 1832.	P	
David R. Brush	" "	P	
Julia Ann Crane.....	" "	P	
Mary Faulkner.....	" "	P	
Eliza S. Miller	" "	P	
Leartus M. Weller.....	" "	P	
Mrs. W. Dickenson, wife of Wm. Dickenson	" "	P	Catherine Weller.
Hannah Maria Hultslander...	" "	P	
Mrs. A. Harding, wife of Lucas Harding	" "	P	
John Dickenson	" "	P	
John Teed.....	" "	P	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Esther McCreary	Jan'y, 1832.	P	
Harriet Losey.....	" "	P	
Jonathan Miller.....	" "	P	
Elsie Depuy.....	" "	C	
Rhoda Wright	July, "	P	
Mittie H. Weller, wife of L. M. Weller	" "	C	
Alexander C. Millspaugh.....	Dec., "	P	{ Became a Minister of the Gospel.
Mrs. M. Carpenter, wife of Wm. Carpenter.....	" "	P	
Anna Anderson	" "	P	
Elizabeth Ellis, wife of Joseph Ellis	" "	P	
David Redfield.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Esther Redfield, his wife	" "	C	
Mary Redfield.....	" "	C	
Sarah Andrews, wife of John Andrews.	" "	C	
David Ball.....	" "	C	
Caroline Montgomery.....	Feb., 1833.	P	
Peggy Ann VanCott	" "	P	
Malinda Ellis	" "	P	
Lydia Wilkin.....(colored)	" "	P	
Elizabeth VanWyck, wife of T. C. VanWyck	" "	C	
Ann Eliza Brink.....	May, "	P	
Harriet Dickerson	" "	P	
John Redfield.....	Aug., "	C	
Susan Redfield, his wife	Oct., "	C	
William Williamson.....	" "	P	
Bevier Depuy	" "	P	
Mrs. Depuy, his wife.....	" "	P	Jemima Miller.
Jonathan O. Dunning	Jan'y, 1834.	P	
Mrs. Rebecca Jones, wife of Joseph Jones.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Woodward, wife of Lucas Woodward	" "	P	Abba Bingham.
Stephen Sayer.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Milicent Sayer, his wife..	" "	C	
Mrs. Priscilla Shorter, wife of John Shorter.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary Dickenson, wife of Jesse Dickenson	" "	C	
Mrs. Hannah Williams, wife of H. Williams.....	April, "	P	
Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, wife of Abm. Brown	" "	P	
Joseph R. Crawford.....	" "	C	
Elisha Dickerson	" "	C	
Robert Cross	" "	C	
Mrs. Dolly Cross, his wife.....	" "	C	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Julia Dickerson	April, 1834.	C	
Mrs. Hannah Crawford, wife of M. Crawford	" "	C	
Sarah Gillespie.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary Dickerson, wife of D. Dickerson.....	Aug., "	P	
Harriet Sloan	" "	P	
Asenette Davis	" "	P	
William Crawford	" "	C	
Mrs. E. Crawford, wife of M. Crawford	" "	C	
Mrs. Jane McCreary, wife of A. McCreary.....	" "	C	
Mary Ellis.....	Oct., "	P	
Jacob Bensel.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Sally Bensel, his wife.....	" "	C	
Marietta Roosa.....	Jan'y, 1835.	P	
Cyrenus Crosby.....	" "	C	
Wm. McCreary.....	April, "	P	
Mrs. Wm. McCreary.....	" "	P	Jane Brink.
Jesse Dickerson	" "	P	
Mrs. Henry Martine	" "	P	Ann Jane Sturge.
Mrs. Elsie Redfield, wid. of Samuel Redfield	" "	P	
Mrs. Maria Martine, wife of John Martine.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Elizabeth Weller, wid. of Absalom Weller.....	" "	P	
Magdelene Reddiker.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary Crane, wife of Moses Crane	" "	C	
Mrs. Hulda N. Teed, wife of John Teed.....	Oct., "	P	
Mrs. E. M. Dickerson, wife of Albert Dickerson	Mar., 1836.	P	
Martha Ann Reddiker.....	" "	P	
Mrs. J. W. Miller	" "	C	Julia Ann Jessup.
Mrs. Keziah Crane, wife of Josiah Crane.....	Jan'y, 1837.	P	
Mary Jane Ross	" "	P	
Eliza R. Ross	" "	P	
Mary Jane Gillen.....	" "	P	
Sallie Gillen	" "	P	
William Todd.....	" "	P	
Phebe Jane Dolaway.....	" "	P	
Sarah Maria Crane.....	" "	P	
Clarissa Jane Travis.....	" "	P	
Hannah Maria Travis.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Bennett, wife of Joseph Bennett.....	July, "	P	Adah Winter.
John E. Brewster.....	Oct., "	C	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Mary Brewster	Oct., 1837.	C	
David Dickerson	Jan'y, 1838.	P	
Martha Valentine	" "	P	
Mary Ann Newkirk.....	" "	C	
Stephen Newkirk.....	April, "	P	
Romes Valentine	" "	P	
Dolly Valentine.....	" "	P	
Sarah Miller	" "	P	
Harriet Frost	" "	P	
Abigail Kincade	" "	P	
Reuben Campbell.....	" "	P	
Mary Campbell.....	" "	P	
Maria Miller.....	" "	P	
Sarah Maria Redfield	" "	P	
Mrs. Keturah Harris, wife of Harvey Harris.....	" "	C	
Sarah York.....	" "	C	
Elmer Pitts.....	July, "	P	
Mrs. Elmer Pitts	" "	P	Lucretia Crans.
Elizabeth Graham.....	" "	P	
H. Elizabeth Travis.....	" "	P	
David Swalm	" "	C	
William Parker	" "	C	
Mrs. Dolly Parker, his wife...	" "	C	
Hagar Jeffrey.....	Oct., "	P	
Mahar W. Horton	Feb., 1839.	P	
Rachel Horton, his wife.....	" "	P	
Adam Wilkin.....	" "	P	
Thomas Shaw	" "	P	
Sarah Shaw.....	" "	P	
Eunice Shaw.....	" "	P	
Susan Dickerson.....	" "	P	
Maria Libolt.....	" "	P	
Catherine Libolt.....	" "	P	
James Bingham	" "	P	
Joseph Seagers.....	" "	P	
Ellen Jane Seagers.....	" "	P	
Lewis Myers	" "	P	
Elizabeth Myers.....	" "	P	
David M. Hultslander.....	" "	P	
Sarah Horton, wid. of Ira Horton	" "	P	
Mary E. Boak.....	" "	P	
Adatha Horton.....	" "	P	
Catherine Horton.....	" "	P	
Mrs. A. E. Horton, w. of C. Horton	" "	P	
Gabriel S. Corwin, M.D.,.....	" "	P	{ Became a Minister of the Gospel.
Mrs. Maria Baird, wife of A. Baird	" "	P	
Emma Louisa Wood	" "	P	

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Phebe Ann Carpenter.....	Feb., 1839.	P	
Aleph Baird	" "	P	
Ellenor Sinsibaugh	" "	P	
Rosella Frost.....	" "	P	
David Everett.....	" "	P	
Maria Everett.....	" "	P	
Oliver Wheat	" "	P	
James Wood.....	" "	P	
Clement Botsford	" "	P	
John Murray.....	" "	P	
Robert Bennett.....	" "	P	
Wm. Henry Eckhart.....	" "	P	
Hannah Sinsibaugh.....	" "	P	
Nathaniel Miller ..	" "	P	
Eliza Dickerson	" "	P	
Sophia Sinsibaugh	" "	P	
Emily McCreary.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Margaret Murray, wife of J. Murray.....	" "	P	
Josiah Crane.....	" "	P	
Mary J. Smith	" "	P	
Horace Mills.....	" "	P	
James Kirr	" "	P	
Alvan Knapp	" "	P	
Eliza Mills	" "	P	
Thomas L. Wood.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Mary Wood, his wife....	" "	P	
James F. R. Deane	" "	P	
Jennetta Dunn	" "	P	
Mortimer Sinsibaugh.....	" "	P	
William Ellis	April, "	P	
James Brewster.....	" "	P	
James Gillen.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Catherine Norris, wife of A. Norris	" "	P	
Catherine Ann Carpenter.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Abigail Miller, wife of N. Miller	" "	P	
Emily Birch	" "	P	
Dolly Dickerson	Nov., 1840.	P	
Samuel Bull	" "	C	
Harriet McGowen	Sept., 1842.	P	
John E. S. Gardener.....	Feb., 1843.	P	
Mrs. Phebe M. Gardener, his wife.....	" "	P	
Nancy Elizabeth Hultslander	June, "	P	
Elsie Brink	" "	P	
Hannah Crawford	" "	P	
Mrs. Mary Miller.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Elizabeth Stitt, wife of J. M. Stitt.....	" "	C	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Mrs. Jedediah Bennett	Sept., 1843,	P	Mary Miller.
Mrs. Sarah Drake, wife of R. Drake	Jan'y, 1844.	C	
John Felter.....	May, "	C	
Mrs. John Felter	" "	C	Sarah Ann Wallace.
Lucas Decker	Aug., "	C	
Mrs. Lucas Decker.....	" "	C	Margaret J. McLaughlin.
Mrs. Ann Eliza Harding	" "	C	
Mrs. Milton Bookstaver	" "	C	Margaret Smith.
Smith Purdy.....	" "	C	
(Mrs. Rev. S. W. Mills.....	" "	C	Almeda Jane Bailey. <i>Wife of</i>
Mrs. Rachael Mansfield.....	May, 1845.	P	
Mrs. M. M. Bensel.....	" "	C	Ann Maria Moore.
William Smith	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, his w.	" "	C	
Mrs. Keturah Harris.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Julia Drake, wife of John Drake	" "	C	
Theodore S. Comfort.....	Feb., 1846.	C	
Mrs. Theodore Comfort.....	" "	C	Jane McWilliams.
Mrs. Margaret M. Luckey, wife of B. Luckey.....	May, "	P	
Rose Lavenia Wood.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Smith Purdy.....	Aug., "	P	Mary Oakley.
Mrs. Wm. Eichenburgh	" "	P	Elizabeth Sinsibaugh.
Mrs. John Wesley Smith	" "	P	Ellen Blake.
Catherine Elizabeth Galloway	" "	P	
Henrietta Miller	" "	P	
Mary J. Wood	" "	P	
Elsie Ann Sears	" "	P	
Zachariah H. Luckey.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Alexander J. Pitts.....	Nov., "	P	Esther Garvin.
Mrs. Charles Brown.....	" "	P	Mary Jane Gowdey.
Mary Jane Randolph.....	" "	P	
William Marvin.....	" "	C	
Mrs. William Marvin	" "	C	Harriet E. Weed.
Mrs. Z. D. B. Galloway.....	" "	C	Catherine Thompson.
Mrs. N. F. Randolph.....	" "	C	Melinda Goldsmith.
Mrs. Catherine Armstrong.....	Feb., 1847.	P	
Newton Fitch Randolph.....	" "	P	
Mrs. H. Brink.....	" "	C	Mary Elizabeth Brush.
Mrs. C. Wood.....	" "	C	Submit Stickney.
Mrs. Keziah Terwilliger.....	Aug., "	P	
Isaac Parsons	" "	C	
Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, his w.	" "	C	
Cornelia B. Hunter	Nov., "	P	
Mrs. Mary Duryea, wife of John Duryea.....	" "	C	
Mary Ann Duryea	" "	C	
Mrs. Isabella Beyea, wife of Isaac Beyea.....	May, 1848.	P	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Mrs. Sarah Jane Carpenter, wife of Daniel Carpenter...	May, 1848.	P	
Stephen Norris.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Sallie Norris, wife of Stephen Norris.....	" "	C	
Angeline Norris.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Susan Milliken, wife of John Milliken	" "	C	
Elizabeth Dauskin	Aug., "	P	
Froeligh Millsbaugh.....	" "	C	
James A. Miller.....	Nov., "	P	
Mrs. Susan Ann, his wife	" "	P	
William Fulton	" "	P	
Mrs. Rebecca Ann, his wife...	" "	P	
Milton Bookstaver.....	Feb., 1849.	P	
Mrs. Sarah Thompson, wife of Rev. J. J. Thompson.....	" "	C	
Sarah McCreary	" "	C	
Susan Tears.....	May, "	P	
Mrs. Hannah Jane, wife of H. Babcock	Aug., "	P	
Mrs. Catherine, wife of Hiram Hawkins.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Margaret Ann, wife of M. B. Cameron.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Ruth L., wife of Jonathan Duryea	" "	C	
Sallie Ann Drake.....	Nov., "	P	
Rachel Norris.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Mortimer Sinsibaugh.....	" "	P	Malissa Dimmick. <i>copy</i>
Isaac Beyea.....	" "	P	
Dr. George Little.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Dr. George Little	" "	C	Martha P. Weed.
Mrs. Hannah Monell.....	" "	C	
Stephen Harris.....	April, 1850.	P	
Bradner Poppino	" "	P	
Hannah Smith	" "	P	
Emily Smith.....	" "	P	
Amanda E. Owen.....	" "	P	
Hannah Elizabeth Tears.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Mary Jane Seaman.....	" "	C	
Mary Jane Overton	May 2, "	P	
Hiram Brink.....	" "	P	
Deborah Ann Miller	" "	P	
Sarah Picket Miller.....	" "	P	
Agnes Wood	" "	P	
Mary Ann Wakeman.....	" "	P	
Francis Eliza Jane Monell...	" "	P	
Susan Maria Comfort.....	" "	P	
Sarah C. Gallow.....	" "	P	
Rachel Mills.....	May 6, "	P	

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Elois Ann Wilson	May, 6, '50	P	
Phebe Brink.....	" "	P	
Lettie Maria Smith	" "	P	
Mary Elizabeth Luckey	" "	P	
Thomas J. Stitt.....	" "	P	
George Hedges Babcock.....	" "	P	
John C. Noble.....	" "	P	
Samuel Alonzo Monell	" "	P	
Stephen Howard.....	" "	P	
Francis Louisa Poppino.....	May, 10, "	P	
Sarah M. Norris.....	" "	P	
William Augustus Poppino ...	" "	P	
Theodore Bradner Poppino ...	" "	P	
Harriet Newell Brink.....	Aug., "	P	
Rachel Townley.....	" "	P	
Ann Jennette Mills	" "	P	
Sarah Ann Eckert.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Leander Dunning.....	" "	P	Sarah Jane Finch.
Silas Williams.....	Mar., 1851.	C	
Mrs. Silas Williams.....	" "	C	Sarah Jane Parson.
James J. Baker	May, "	P	
Elizabeth Harris.....	Aug., "	C	
Mrs. Sarah E. Cogswell	" "	P	Sarah Oliver.
Mrs. Mary Purdy.....	Nov., "	P	
Mrs. James Norbury	" "	P	Mary Fathergill.
Jacob Y. Randall.....	" "	C	
Mary Catherine Randall	" "	C	
Stephen N. McCarty	Aug., 1852.	P	
Mrs. Mahala Youngblood.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Bethual Crane	" "	C	Mary W. Ryerson.
Elizabeth Smith	" "	P	
Phebe Ann Hultslander	Nov., 1852.	P	
Mrs. Stephen McCarty	" "	C	Ann Gowdey.
Mrs. Susan Redfield.....	Feb., 1853.	C	
Juliet Smith.....	May, "	P	
John Dickerson.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Susan Dickerson, his wife	" "	C	
Mrs. Sarah Lines, wife of Abm.			
Lines.....	Aug., "	C	
Henry G. Brewster	Nov., "	P	
Mrs. Henry G. Brewster.....	" "	P	Maria Harlow.
Mrs. Hilah Milikin.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Robert Sly	" "	P	Elizabeth Morrison.
John Randall	" "	P	
Ira Monell.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Elizabeth Monell, his			
wife.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Albert Dickenson.....	" "	C	Phebe Ann Monell.
Maria Hunter.....	" "	P	
Thomas Dare	Feb., 1854.	P	
Mrs. Thomas Dare.....	" "	P	Fannie Brook.

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Levi M. Hultslander	Feb., 1854.	C	
Mrs. M. L. Hultslander	" "	C	Eliza Ann Duryea.
Samuel V. Hultslander.....	May, "	C	
Mrs. S. V. Hultslander	" "	C	Rachèl Crosby.
Martha Monell	Nov., "	P	
Mrs. T. J. Stitt.....	" "	C	Malissa Bull.
Melinda Monell.....	May, 1855.	P	
Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Elder	Aug., "	P	Susan Redfield.
Mrs. George S. Sears.....	" "	P	Margaret Ann Arnett.
Calvin C. Andross	Feb., 1856.	P	
Ellen Maria Todd	" "	P	
John James Duryea.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Elizabeth Pond.....	May, "	P	
Mrs. Dr. J. J. Baker	" "	P	Eliza Augusta Mills.
Kerzia Millspaugh Miller	" "	P	
Adam Miller.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Ezra Kelso.....	Aug., "	P	Sarah Francis Milliken.
Hester Augusta Miller.....	" "	P	
George D. Rosa	" "	C	
Mrs. Marietta Rosa, his wife...	" "	C	
Mrs. Dolly Rosa.....	" "	C	
Clarissa Ann Gardner.....	Nov., "	P	
Rhoda Miller.....	Feb., 1857.	C	
Mrs. Susan T. Jordan, wife of Increase Jordan	" "	C	
Cornelius Wood	" "	C	
Miss Marietta Sears.....	May, "	P	
Henrietta Pike	Aug., "	C	
Sarah Maria Redfield	" "	C	
James B. Baxter.....	Nov., 1858.	P	
Mrs. Abigail Jane, his wife....	" "	P	
Theron Burr Luckey.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Rev. Jeremiah Searle ...	" "	C	Margaretta T. Conover.
Miss Mary Howard.....	Feb., 1859.	P	
Joseph S. Seaman	" "	P	
Mary Jane Smith.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Annie Anderson	" "	C	
Miss Susan Dickerson.....	May, "	P	
Mrs. Rachel Townley	" "	C	
Virgil Y. Thompson.....	Aug., "	C	
Mrs. Mary M. Shafer.....	" "	C	
Elizabeth Smith	" "	C	
Miss Caroline B. Miller	" "	P	
Miss Harriet L. Jordan	Nov., "	P	
Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Sea- gears	April, 1860.	P	
Matilda Margaret Todd	" "	P	
Mary Crosby Jordan.....	" "	P	
Hannah Norris Jordan.....	" "	P	
Sarah Elizabeth Comfort.....	" "	P	
Phebe Ellen Comfort.....	" "	P	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Sarah Margaret Harris.....	April, 1860.	P	
Nancy Jane Harris	" "	P	
Elsie B. Smith.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Mahala, wife of Peter Miller	" "	P	
Sarah Ann Miller	" "	P	
Julia E. Woodruff.....	" "	P	
Charles Harding Brown	" "	P	
Sarah Brown.....	" "	P	
Mary Hawkins.....	" "	P	
Sarah Dickerson.....	" "	P	
Mary Elizabeth Lane	Aug., "	P	
John Harvey Comfort	" "	P	
John C. Harris	" "	P	
Miss Belinda Dickerson	Nov. "	P	
Dr. David VanWyck.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Dr. VanWyck	" "	C	Rebecca Deyo.
Mrs. Amanda, wife of Jacob Bull	Feb., 1861.	C	
Mrs. Lettie B. Campbell.....	Aug., "	P	
Mrs. Harriet Amanda Camp- bell	May, 1862.	P	
Miss Mary Jane Whitehead...	" "	C	
Joseph H. Decker.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary E. Decker	" "	C	
Mrs. Francis E. Poppino	Feb., 1864.	C	
Miss Augusta Miller.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Caroline VanEtten Gard- ner.....	" 1865.	C	
Calvin Hoyt	" "	P	
Mrs. Betsey K. Wood	" 1866.	C	
David B. Luckey.....	" "	P	
Rosa Lavina Luckey	" "	P	
Miss Sarah Crane.....	Mar., 1867.	P	
Mrs. Mary Hultslander.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Catherine Shafer.....	May, "	C	
Mrs. Sarah Ann VanTuyl	Aug., "	C	
Mrs. John Ludlum.....	Dec. "	C	Mary Tidd.
Mrs. Rev. John H. Frazee.....	" "	C	Caroline Saxton.
Mr. John T. Frazee	" "	C	
Wm. H. Crane.....	" "	C	
Mrs. M. J. Crane	" "	C	
Miss Ann Phife	" "	C	
Mrs. Emeretta Dunning	" "	P	
Henry Barrett.....	May, 1868.	P	
Mrs. Maria Barrett	" "	P	
Miss McCreary.....	" "	P	
Sarah Cudney.....	Sept., "	C	
Francis H. Oliver	Dec., "	C	
Miss Rosa L. Pitts.....	" "	P	
George Theodore Harris.....	May, 1869.	P	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
Mrs. Eveline Harris	May, 1869.	P	
Miss Matilda Bull.....	" "	P	
Henry Bruster	" "	P	
Mrs. John Shorter	Sept., "	C	Pricella Dickerson.
William VanTuyl	June, 1871.	P	
Mary Emma Gillen.....	Sept., "	P	
Libbie Histed.....	" "	P	
Cornelia Hawkins	Dec., "	P	
Mrs. Daniel S. DeWitt.....	Mar., 1872.	P	Emma Cath. Swartwout.
Alanson Comfort	" "	P	
David L. Decker	" "	P	
Clarence E. Decker	" "	P	
Daniel S. DeWitt.....	June "	P	
Josiah E. Crane	" "	P	Became a Minister.
Laurence T. Hultslander	Mar., 1873.	P	
Mrs. L. T. Hultslander.....	" "	P	Almeda C. Harding.
Charles Stephen Werr	" "	P	
Wm. H. Mills.....	" "	P	
Miss Minnie L. Mills	" "	P	
Henry John Barrett	" "	P	
Maria Elizabeth Barrett.....	" "	P	
Maud Mary Barrett.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Miles B. Decker	" "	P	Harriet VanKeuren.
Margaret Ellen Histed	" "	P	
Hammond M. Champlin.....	" "	P	
Wm. B. Cheeseborough.....	" "	P	
David Hoyt.....	" "	C	
Mrs. David Hoyt	" "	C	Sarah Johnson.
Mrs. Catherine Norris.....	" "	C	
Francis R. Drake.....	May, "	P	
Miles B. Decker.....	" "	P	
John R. Taylor	" "	C	
Anna Bella Taylor.....	" "	C	
Eliza M. Taylor	" "	C	
Mrs. Robert Curry.....	" "	C	Mary J. Bull.
Mrs. Mary Lamareux	" "	C	
Mrs. James Dolson	Sept., "	P	Harriet L. Moore.
Mrs. Mary Ann Shorter	" "	C	
Mrs. Dr. Geo. M. Beakes	Dec., "	P	Lizzie Bull.
Mary Wilkin	" "	P	
James W. Comfort.....	" "	C	
Mrs. James W. Comfort	" "	C	Nancy J. Harris.
Alfred Norris	Feb., 1874.	P	
Dr. George M. Beakes.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Francis T. Drake	" "	P	
George Shafer.....	May, "	P	
Mrs. George Shafer, Jr.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Mary Catherine Horton.	" "	P	
Miss Mary Shorter.....	" "	P	
Samuel Willard Beakes	" "	P	
Peter H. Milliken	" "	C	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
George Bennett.....	May, 1874.	P	
Mrs. George Bennett	" "	P	Sarah E. Libolt.
Sarah Francis Gillen.....	Sept., "	P	
Sarah Eliza Miller.....	" "	P	
Catherine Haines.....(colored)	" "	P	
Mrs. Thomas Dare.....	" "	C	Catherine S. Decker.
Mathew Goodjoin.....	Mar., 1875.	P	
Sarah Elizabeth Goodjoin	" "	P	
Mary Jane Howard.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Alanson Comfort.....	June, "	P	Flora Vail.
Jacob Randolph	Sept., "	P	
Mrs. Jacob Randolph	" "	P	
Mrs. Sarah A. Anderson.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Mary Ann Hammond ...	Dec., "	P	
Mrs. Wm. F. Shorter.....	" "	P	Ann Eliza Smith.
Mary Emerta Crane.....	" "	P	
Wm. F. Shorter	Mar., 1876.	P	
Mrs. Mary Ann Green	" "	P	
William Decker	" "	P	
Sarah Ada Andross	" "	P	
Agnes Curry	Dec., 1877.	P	
Kate Brown.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Dr. H. Smith.....	" "	P	Minnie Harris.
Mary Millspaugh.....	" "	P	
Peter A. Decker.....	June, 1878.	C	
Mrs. Peter A. Decker	" "	C	Drucilla Millspaugh.
Jesse D. Decker	" "	C	
Mrs. Emma Sweney.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Rev. George Lydecker...	" "	C	Julia Sweney.
Mrs. A. T. Jordan	" "	P	Mary E. VanAlsf.
Mary E. Shearer.....	" "	P	
Kate Shearer.....	" "	P	
DeWitt E. Purdy.....	" "	P	
Sarah Francis Davis	Sept., "	P	
Phebe Ann Dunning.....	" "	P	
John G. Blake	Mar., 1879.	P	
Mrs. John G. Blake.....	" "	P	Caroline Smith.
Mrs. Sarah A. Brown.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Sarah B. McKee.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Jesse D. Decker	June, "	C	Mary C. Miller.
Mrs. Stephen Harris	Sept., "	C	Eliza Scott.
Carrie Barrett.....	June, 1880.	C	
Mrs. Jonathan Crawford	" "	C	Florinda Bull.
Mrs. Isabella Robbins.....	Sept., "	C	
Carrie Thompson.....	Dec., "	P	
Mrs. Wm. Ellis	Mar., 1881.	P	
Julia Smith.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Charles E. Gardener.....	" "	C	Kate Norris.
J. Harvey Seybolt	Dec., "	P	
Margaret Elizabeth Barrett ...	" "	P	
Alice Barrett..	" "	P	

NAMES.	WHEN REC'D.	HOW.	REMARKS.
James A. Weller	Apr., 1882.	C	
Mrs. Henrietta Bennett.....	Mar., "	C	
William Hornbeck.....	Dec., "	C	
Mrs. William Hornbeck.....	" "	C	Dorothy Cudney.
Hellen Hornbeck.....	" "	C	
Fred Hornbeck.....	" "	C	
Nelson Mance.....	Mar., 1883.	C	
Mrs. Nelson Mance	" "	C	
Mrs. Rev. J. B. Wilson.....	" "	C	Mary E. Porter.
Miss A. P. Wilson.....	" "	C	
Elizabeth Rogers	" "	P	
John Augustus Crawford	" "	P	
Augusta C. Hultslander	" "	P	
Ida Isabella Seaman	" "	P	
Ida Etta Stitt	" "	P	
Mrs. Charles Scott, wid.....	June, "	P	Susanna Steward.
Mrs. Elizabeth Otis	" "	C	
Mrs. Augustus H. Harlow	" "	C	
John W. Crawford.....	" "	C	
Mrs. John W. Crawford	" "	C	Esther C. Redfield.
Jacob F. Shorter.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Jacob F. Shorter.....	" "	C	Mary D. Hawkins.
Mrs. John A. Crawford.....	Sept., "	C	
Mrs. Milton Weller, wid.....	" "	C	Emeilne Libolt.
Mrs. Wakeman B. Oakley, wid	Mar., 1884.	C	Emma Savage.
Miss Sarah E. Stitt	" "	P	
Miss Mary C. Evans	" "	P	
Miss Fanny Jane Bennett.....	" "	P	
Miss Bell Gedney.....	" "	P	
Miss Emma Comfort.....	" "	P	
Miss Idella Ward Bennett.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Alanson Youngblood, wid	May, "	C	Sarah J. Dickerson.
Miss Mary Wilkin.....	" "	C	
Mrs. Edwin R. Green.	Dec., "	C	Jessie M. Cars.
Miss Mary Louisa Rogers.....	" "	P	
Charles Wickham Stitt.....	" "	P	
Mrs. Howell Beakes, wid.....	Mar., 1885.	P	Anna J. Wilkin.

Appendix.

NOTE 1.—George DuBois was born at New Paltz in 1800, studied under Froeligh 1819, and was licensed by the Classis of Paramus 1819. On the 2d day of February, 1820, the consistory met at the house of Lebbeus Godfrey, when the call of Rev. George DuBois was made out, and is still among the original papers of the church. Among the services required, it stipulates that he shall preach twice on the Sabbath from the first of April until the first of October, and once during the remainder of the year; and that the preaching on the Lord's Days be four times at Bloomingburgh and once at Mamakating, so as to give four-fifths of the service at the former place. This call is signed by Peter Weller, Solomon Tears and Moses Jordan—consistory at Bloomingburgh, and by Wm. H. Kuykendall, Silas Tidd and Obed Van-Duser—consistory of Mamakating (then called Rome). The call is dated Feb. 2d, 1820, moderated by J. Fonda, and approved by the Classis of Ulster on the 2d day of May, 1820, and signed by Isaac N. Wyckoff, Pres. P. T. of Classis, and J. Fonda, Clerk, P. T. of Classis. The amount of salary was five hundred dollars.

NOTE 2.—The result of this union of the Associate Reformed and the Presbyterian bodies seems to have been the origin of the establishment of the Presbyterian Church in this village, located on what is called the "North Road." It was built in 1834 (D. B. Luckey the builder), and usually went by the name of the "North Church." Services were held in it for several years, when some of the principal supporters of the church having moved away and others having died, the services were discontinued, and last fall the Methodist church people purchased it and repaired it, and are now using it as their place of worship. The church they vacated upon the purchase of the North Church stands on the South Road, was built in 18— and organized in 1825 with twelve members, by Rev. John Kennedy, who was its first pastor.

NOTE 3.—In the act of incorporation no mention is made of the adoption of a seal, but no doubt one was chosen, as we find one was used in the execution of a number of papers in transacting the business of the church. The impression made by it was this phrase: "*Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Bloomingburgh,*" placed in a circle, and in the centre the device of a "Lamb and a Cross."

NOTE 4.—At this time, September, 1821, an appeal was made for help to finish the interior of the church, and in the subscription drawn up for that purpose is found this statement: "That the church was enclosed by the 25th of September, 1821."

NOTE 5.—Mr. VanVechten graduated from Union College in 1818, and from New Brunswick Seminary 1822, and was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick the same year; was a Missionary to Princeton and Guilderland 1822-23, to Ovid, Johnstown, Westerlo and Mapletown, Mayfield, Fonda's Bush and Union 1823-24. April 26th, 1824, he was called to the Reformed Church of Bloomingburgh, and the church of Mamakating (then called Rome) at a salary of \$500, and in the call it was stipulated that he shall preach such part of the time at Rome as will be in proportion to the part of the salary which will be raised by them, not exceeding one fifth of the whole amount.

NOTE 6.—The Missionary, Dr. John Scudder, was first a physician. He studied with Dr. Samuel Ferman, of Freehold, N. J., and united with the Old Tennant Presbyterian Church, of Freehold, Oct. 13th, 1810, under the ministry of Dr. John Woodhull, and upon his settling in New York as a physician he transferred his church relation to Father Bork's church, in Franklin St. While here engaged in his profession his mind was turned to the claims of the heathen in a peculiar manner. In professional attendance upon a lady, while in the ante-room he took up a tract whose title was "The conversion of the world, or the claims of six hundred millions, and the ability and duty of the churches respecting them." This ripened conviction often felt before, and he resolved to offer his services to the American Board of Foreign Mission. He did so, was accepted, and ordained May, 1819, as a minister of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, on board of the ship which carried him to India.—"*Corwin's Manual.*"

NOTE 7.—The tablet mentioned in the preceding pages is the gift of A. V. VanVechten, Esq., of New York, son of Rev. Samuel VanVechten, and was made and erected by James Dean, of Fishkill, N. Y. It was made of white marble, set on a back-ground of black, which is attached to the wall of the church, near the pulpit, and on the right side of it. It bears the following inscription :

IN MEMORY OF THE THREE DECEASED

PASTORS.

FIRST PASTOR, 1820-1824.

REV. GEORGE DUBOIS.

BORN 1800; DIED 1844.

SECOND PASTOR, 1824-1841.

REV. SAMUEL VAN VECHTEN.

BORN AUGUST 4TH, 1796;

DIED NOVEMBER 2D, 1882.

SEVENTH PASTOR, 1870-1872.

REV. ROBERT H. BEATTIE, D.D.

BORN AUGUST 26TH, 1815;

DIED MAY 20TH, 1884.

They rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

ERECTED 1885.