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PREFACE

Volume Eleven of the series, "THE FATHERS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH" contains biographical sketches of two hundred and forty-four ministers and licentiates of the Church who died between January 1, 1929, and December 31, 1936. This is the largest volume of the present series, both in the number of biographies included and in the number of pages.

The period of this Volume covers the Merger of the Reformed Church in the United States with the Evangelical Synod of North America in June, 1934. Since the avowed objective of the Series is to record the biographies of the Fathers of the Reformed Church, no minister or licentiate, for obvious reasons, who served in the former Evangelical Synod of North America, has been included.

We have faithfully and, we believe, successfully, searched every available source of information from church papers, Reformed Church Almanacs, Registers of Educational Institutions, Minutes of General Synod, District Synods and Classes; also by correspondence with relatives and friends of our deceased ministers. We believe that we have included a sketch of every minister and licentiate who died within the date limits indicated.

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REV. JULIUS H. BUSSIAN

J. H. Bussian was born in Germany on April 8, 1889. In his early childhood his parents and family came to America (in 1893), finding a home at Cleveland, Ohio. His parents were deeply religious. No sooner had they settled in their new home at Cleveland than they joined the Fourth Reformed Church of Cleveland, taking a serious interest in all the activities of the congregation.

The son was confirmed in 1903 by Rev. T. Henschen, when already the young man was looking forward to the Christian Ministry as his life-work. As soon as he was properly prepared, he entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin. He was graduated from the Mission House College in 1912 and from the Theological Department in 1915. He was licensed and ordained in that same year.

Mr. Bussian was pastor of the Blanchardville, Wisconsin, Charge from 1915 until June, 1920. I think this congregation must be identified with Zion Church near Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. In June, 1920, Mr. Bussian became pastor of the Dale, Wisconsin, Charge, serving it until 1928. He then accepted a Call to be pastor of the Ledyard, Wisconsin, congregation, which he served for less than a year.

Mr. Bussian died at his home in Ledyard on January 1, 1929, under very distressing circumstances. He took his son, Robert, who was very ill, to the hospital on December 23, upon the instruction of his physician, Mr. Bussian being ill at the time with influenza. He returned from the hospital only to take his bed with influenza and pneumonia and died in less than a week afterwards. The son died at the hospital a few days before the death of his father.

Funeral services on January 4 at Ledyard were in charge of

Revs. D. E. Bosma, C. Schmid and C. Grossheusch. Further services at Sauk City, Wisconsin, on January 5 were in charge of Rev. E. G. Krampe, who also preached the funeral sermon. He was buried at Sauk City. At the time of his death Mr. Bussian was thirty-nine years old.

On January 16, 1920, he was married to Miss Alma Becker of Sauk City, Wisconsin. He was survived by his widow, his parents, and two brothers.

References: Messenger; January 17, 1929

Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY HOCH

W. H. Hoch, son of Michael and Sophia Hoch, was born near Nazareth, Pa., on March 8, 1846. He attended the public schools of Northampton County and then, his parents being members of the Moravian Church, he attended a Moravian Parochial School at Nazareth. He was graduated from the Moravian College at Bethlehem in 1867, and from the Moravian Theological Seminary at the same place in 1870. Then for two years he was a teacher in the Nazareth Military Academy.

Mr. Hoch was ordained into the Ministry of the Moravian Church in 1872. He served congregations in that denomination until 1894 at Coveville, Pa., Emaus, Pa., Harmony, Iowa, Green Bay, Wisconsin, South Bethlehem, Pa., and at Egg Harbor, New Jersey.

In June, 1895, Mr. Hoch was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church. His residence from 1895 until 1901 was at Bath, Pa., but whether as pastor of a Charge, I do not know. From 1901 until March, 1902, he was at Oxford Furnace, N. J., probably as a supply-pastor. In March, 1902, he became pastor of the Plymouth, Pa., Charge, and served there until 1904. From the beginning of 1905 until 1908, his residence was at Steelton, Pa., but, again, I do not know if he was serving a congregation as a pastor. After 1908, he made his home with his sons at Rochester, N. Y., in retirement.

Mr. Hoch died at his home in Rochester, after an illness of two years, on January 5, 1929, at the age of eighty-two. Funeral services in Emanuel Church, Rochester, on January 8 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. F. H. Diehm, assisted by Revs. J. S. Richards and J. H. Rettig. He was buried at Rochester.

In 1919 Mr. Hoch became blind, but after an operation for the removal of cataracts, the sight of one eye was restored. On June

6, 1876, Mr. Hoch was married to Miss Fredericka D. Deubler, who died at Green Bay, Wisconsin, on December 11, 1880. He was survived by two sons.

References: Messenger; January 17, 1929

Christian World; February 2, 1929

Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

REV. OSCAR H. DORSCHEL

O. H. Dorschel, son of Oscar and Elizabeth (Hoffheins) Dorschel, was born at Buffalo, New York, on December 7, 1878. He was baptized in infancy and confirmed in youth at the Zoar Reformed Church, Buffalo.

He entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin, in 1901, graduating from the Academy in 1903, from the Mission House College in 1907, and from the Theological Department in 1910. He was licensed and ordained by West New York Classis in 1910.

From 1910 until 1915, he was pastor of the Reformed Church at Clarence, N. Y. In 1915 he returned to Buffalo to organize Grace Reformed Congregation in that City, building a church and a parsonage during his stay there. However, in 1919, on account of bad health, he was compelled to give up the active Ministry, and he then taught in the Hurst Private Business School at Buffalo until 1925.

For one year (1925 - 1926) he was supply-pastor of Salem Church, Buffalo. In 1926 he was elected pastor of that congregation, was regularly installed and served as pastor of Salem Church until his death.

Mr. Dorschel died, after an illness of one week, at his home near Buffalo on January 9, 1929, at the age of fifty. In 1928 Mr. Dorschel had built his own home, ten miles east of Buffalo, in which he resided to the end of his life.

Funeral services were held in his home on January 12 in charge of Revs. J. F. Reimers and F. W. Engelmann. Further services in Salem Church on the same day were in charge of Revs. B. R. Heller, J. H. Rettig, J. S. Kosower, J. Storer and J. W. Neville. Rev. J. M. Peck preached a sermon in English; Rev. H. E. Schnatz preached in the German language. Rev. F. W. Engelmann delivered

an address. He was buried in Buffalo.

On June 28, 1910, Mr. Dorschel was married to Miss Elsie Saenger, who survived him with three children.

References: Messenger; January 17, 1929

January 31, 1929

Christian World; February 2, 1929

Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

One authority says that he was graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1906 and from Franklin and Marshall College in 1910 or 1911. Another source says that he was a student at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Bloomsfield, New Jersey.

He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1911, graduating in 1916. It is said that his education was completely sponsored by a well-known Elder of the Reformed Church, and that he was the first Hungarian student to graduate from the educational institutions of the Reformed Church. He was licensed and ordained by the Hungarian Classis in 1916.

Mr. Dorschel was pastor of the First Hungarian Church at Akron, Ohio, from 1916 until 1917. He then served the Hungarian congregation at Lorain, Ohio, for five years. In 1922 he became pastor of the Hungarian Church at Westfield, Pa., which he served until his death.

Mr. Dorschel's ministerial career as a pastor was a successful one. In addition, his services were useful in promoting the interests of the Hungarian people and congregations in the Reformed Church. He served a term as President of the Central Hungarian Classis. One of the most distinguished as well as useful items of service was the preparation of a Manual in the Hungarian language. Mr. Dorschel seems to have done the major part of the work of editing and compiling the material of this publication. Also,

REV. SAMUEL HORVATH

Samuel Horvath was born at Tarscal (Tarcál), Hungary. His biographers differ regarding the matters of his birth and education. One says that he was born on September 3, 1886; another says that he was born on September 3, 1890. Both agree in saying that he came with his parents to America when he was a youth and that the family settled at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

One authority says that he was graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1906 and from Franklin and Marshall College in 1910 or 1911. Another source says that he was a student at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Bloomfield, New Jersey.

He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1911, graduating in 1914. It is said that his education was completely sponsored by a well-known Elder of the Reformed Church, and that he was the first Hungarian student to graduate from the educational institutions of the Reformed Church. He was licensed and ordained by the Hungarian Classis in 1914.

Mr. Horvath was pastor of the First Hungarian Church at Akron, Ohio, from 1914 until 1917. He then served the Hungarian congregation at Lorain, Ohio, for five years. In 1922 he became pastor of the Hungarian Church at Homestead, Pa., which he served until his death.

Mr. Horvath's ministerial career as a pastor was a successful one; in addition, his service was useful in promoting the interests of the Hungarian people and congregations in the Reformed Church. He served a term as President of the Central Hungarian Classis. One of the most distinguished as well as useful items of service was the preparation of a Hymnal in the Hungarian language. Mr. Horvath seems to have done the major part of the work of editing and compiling the material of this publication. Also,

he was the Editor of "Lapja", the weekly Hungarian church paper.

On January 11, 1929, Mr. Horvath had attended a meeting of the Board of the Hungarian Orphans' Home at Ligonier, Pa. On his way home, late at night, he was struck by an automobile as he was about to board a trolley car at McKeesport. He was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition and died, without having regained consciousness, on the next day, January 12, 1929.

Funeral services on January 16 in the Hungarian Church at Homestead were in charge of his brother-in-law, Rev. Gabriel Dokus, Jr. The funeral sermon in the Hungarian language was delivered by Rev. J. Melegh. Rev. C. E. Schaeffer preached in English and Rev. A. Kalassay delivered an address. Thirty-three Hungarian ministers attended the services, as well as other ministers of the Reformed Church and other denominations. He was buried in the cemetery connected with the Hungarian Reformed Church at Homestead.

On January 16, 1918, Mr. Horvath was married to Miss Bertha Dokus, daughter of Rev. Gabriel Dokus, Sr., of South Norwalk, Connecticut. He was survived by his widow and five children.

References: Messenger; January ³¹~~17~~, 1929

Christian World; February 2, 1929

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REV. CONSTANTINE K. J. WALENTA

C. K. J. Walenta, son of Rev. and Mrs. Wenzel Walenta, was born at Allentown, Pa., on December 22, 1877. At the age of fifteen he decided to study for the Ministry, whereupon he entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin, passing through the Academy, College, and Theological Seminary, graduating from the latter Department in 1902. He was duly licensed and was ordained at Reeseville, Wisc., in June, 1902. At the same time he was installed pastor of the First Reformed Church at Reeseville, which he served from 1902 until May, 1922. He was then pastor of the First Reformed Church at Sauk City, Wisconsin, until his death..

Mr. Walenta was noted for his fine singing-voice and his interest in and knowledge of music.

In December, 1928, he was confined to his bed with pneumonia. On the twenty-third of that month he was removed to the Wisconsin General Hospital where he died on January 12, 1929, at the age of fifty-one.

Funeral services in the home on January 18 were in charge of Rev. W. H. Settlage. Further services in the Reformed Church at Sauk City were in charge of Rev. C. Zenk, assisted by Rev. Valentine Rettig. Rev. A. Muehlmeier preached the funeral sermon. Rev. A. Ruehlman delivered an address. He was buried at Sauk City.

On April 18, 1913, Mr. Walenta was married to Miss Louisa Graf of New York City. The officiating minister at the marriage was Mr. Walenta's father, Rev. Wenzel Walenta. He was survived by his widow and three daughters; also by his father, one sister, and three brothers: Revs. Maximilian, Paul and Victor Walenta.

References: Christian World; February 2, 1929

Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

REV. HENRY W. SCHROER

H. W. Schroer was born at Louisville, Kentucky, on August 30, 1863. After passing through the public schools and taking further preparatory courses, he entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin, graduating from the College Department in 1891, and from the Theological Department in 1894.

Mr. Schroer served the New Berlin Charge, near Waukesha, Wisconsin, from 1894 until 1901. From 1901 until 1908 he was pastor of the Stradford, Wisconsin, Charge. He then took charge of the Second Congregation at Town Herman, Wisconsin. (I am not able to say whether this was the Immanuel's or the St. John's Congregation^{*}). He served here from 1908 until 1922, and then became pastor of the Haskins Charge near Norfolk, Nebraska, which he served until his death.

Mr. Schroer preached his last sermon on New Year's Day, 1929. He died on January 17, 1929, at the home of his son in Norfolk at the age of sixty-five. Funeral services in Peace Church near Norfolk on January 18 were in charge of Rev. R. Birk. Rev. L. Moser preached in German; Rev. William Jassmann, in English. He was buried at Town Herman, Wisconsin.

On November 15, 1894, Mr. Schroer was married to Miss Marie Magdalene Reinhart of Elmore, Wisconsin, the officiating minister being Rev. G. Beiser. He was survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

References: Messenger; February 28, 1929

Christian World; February 2, 1929

Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

* for corrected info see verticle file

Jacob
REV. JOHN PETER STAHL, D. D.

J. P. Stahl was the youngest child of Jacob Frederick and Christiana (Gehring) Stahl. The date of his birth was June 22, 1859, and the place - near the Tippecanoe River in Fulton County, Indiana, near what is now the village of DeLong, Indiana.

When he was yet a young boy his father bought a tract of land in Marshall County, Indiana, cleared the land and established what was destined to be the Stahl family homestead. John Peter was baptized in infancy, and in his youth was confirmed in Zion's Church near Culver, Indiana. As a very young man he was a rural school-teacher for two years; also, he conducted a singing-school in his home community.

From early childhood he had an earnest desire to be a minister. With that ambition in mind he entered the Preparatory Department of Heidelberg College in 1879. After spending some time, also, in Heidelberg College, he entered the Heidelberg Theological Seminary and was duly graduated in 1886. He was licensed by Lancaster (Ohio) Classis on May 17, 1886. A few days later he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Somerset, Ohio, Charge, which he served for two years (1886 - 1888).

Subsequent pastoral fields in which Mr. Stahl labored were Marshallville, Ohio, 1888 - 1892; New Berlin, Ohio, 1892 - 1896; Canal Winchester, Ohio, 1896 - 1906; Immanuel Church, Alliance, Ohio, 1906 - 1917; Sycamore, Ohio, 1917 - 1919; Springfield, Ohio, 1919 - 1923; Valley Charge near Dayton, Ohio, 1923 - 1925; and the Greenville, Ohio, Charge, 1925 - 1928. In April, 1928, Mr. Stahl retired from the active ministry and moved with his family to Alliance, Ohio, where he resided during the remainder of his life.

Mr. Stahl died of pneumonia at his home in Alliance on January 17, 1929, at the age of sixty-nine. Funeral services on January

20 in Immanuel Reformed Church, Alliance, were in charge of Rev. H. J. Christman who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. H. S. Gekeler, R. W. Blemker, E. M. Beck and O. J. Zechiel assisted in the services. He was buried in the Alliance City Cemetery.

Mr. Stahl served for one year as President of the Ohio Synod. At the time of his death he was President of the Board of Trustees of the Central Theological Seminary.

He was married to Miss Clara White of Twin Lakes, Indiana, (date not given). He was survived by his widow and seven children. One daughter, Miss Ruth Stahl, was a missionary in China. In 1905 Heidelberg College conferred upon Mr. Stahl the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; January 24, 1929

March 21, 1929

Christian World; January 26, 1929

February 16, 1929

Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

LIC. LESTER CLAIR KOHR

L. C. Kohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kohr, was born near Dover, York County, Pa., on January 27, 1898. He was graduated from the North York High School in 1917, and then attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for four years. He entered Ursinus College in 1921, graduating in 1925. He was graduated from the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, in 1928. Mr. Kohr was licensed by Zion's Classis on October 12, 1928.

He had been nominated to the pastorate of Messiah Church, Philadelphia, the formal election to be held on January 20, 1929. However, a few days before that date, Mr. Kohr was taken ill with Pneumonia, and died at his home in York, Pa., on January 19, 1929, at the age of twenty-nine.

Funeral services in the home and at Heidelberg Church, York, were in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. S. Kerschner, assisted by Revs. O. P. Schellhase, J. E. Klingaman, R. L. Bair and C. E. Whetstone. He was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, York.

Mr. Kohr was survived by his widow (nee, Miss Gladys McCarney) and one son; also by his parents.

References: Messenger; January 24, 1929

February 14, 1929

Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

REV. SAMUEL HENRY DIETZEL, Ph. D.

S. H. Dietzel, son of John and Amelia Dietzel, was born at Tusseyville, Pa., on April 10, 1864. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1890 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1893. He was licensed by West Susquehanna Classis in May, 1893.

On June 29, 1893, Mr. Dietzel was ordained by Westmoreland Classis and installed as pastor of the Pleasant Unity, Pa., Charge, which he served until January, 1897. In January, 1897, Mr. Dietzel became pastor of the Cavetown, Md., Charge, consisting of four congregations: Christ at Cavetown, Leitersburg, Wolfsville and the Harbaugh Congregation near Rouzerville, Pa. He served here until April 1, 1902, and then served the Maytown, Pa., Congregation from 1902 until the early part of 1909. Then for a period of nine months Mr. Dietzel resided in Maytown without a pastoral Charge. During his pastorate at Maytown, the church was re-modelled and a new pipe organ installed.

In November, 1909, Mr. Dietzel returned to his first Charge at Pleasant Unity, Pa., for a second pastorate of twenty years, serving there until his death. During this pastorate a new church was built at Pleasant Unity.

Mr. Dietzel died suddenly, with a heart attack, at his home in Pleasant Unity on January 27, 1929, at the age of sixty-four. Funeral services on January 30 in St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Unity, were in charge of Rev. A. B. Bauman, assisted by Revs. L. E. Bair and F. C. Seitz. Rev. W. C. Sykes preached the funeral sermon; Rev. W. S. Fisher delivered an address.

Further services in Trinity Church, Center Hall, Pa., on January 21, were in charge of Rev. D. R. Keener, assisted by Revs. W. C. Sykes, W. A. McClellan, E. R. Corman and W. J. Wagner of the

Lutheran Church. He was buried in the Cemetery at Center Hall.

In 1894 Mr. Dietzel was married to Miss Mary Grace Durst, who survived him. Mr. Dietzel was the author of "The Church Member", published in 1900. In 1899 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Calvin College.

References: Messenger; February 7, 1929

March 14, 1929

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REV. CHARLES H. (L.?) HARTMAN

C. H. Hartman was born at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on December 13, 1850. After 1918 his name is given in the Reformed Church Almanac as "Charles L. Hartman". We know nothing of his life or activities until he was graduated from the Theological Department of the Mission House in 1876. In very early manhood he was connected with the parochial school at First Reformed Church, Cleveland, probably as a teacher.

The references to his pastoral career are not clear. From the available sources we have tried to trace his ministerial activities, as follows: Ordained in 1876; pastor of the Ashland, Ohio, Charge, 1876 - 1877; pastor of the Charleston, Clark County, Indiana, Charge, 1877 - 1880; pastor at Alameda, California, 1880 - 1883; pastor of the Spencer, Wisconsin, Charge, 1883 - 1889; pastor at Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1889 - 1892; pastor of the Shanesville, Ohio, Charge, 1892 - 1897; pastor of the New Winchester, Ohio, Charge, 1906 - 1911; pastor of the Whetstone Charge near Bucyrus, Ohio, 1911 - 1926; pastor at Middletown, Ohio, 1926 - 1929. Whether all these periods represent active pastorates or residence without Charge, or in retirement, I do not know. For a number of years he was Treasurer of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home.

Mr. Hartman died at his home in Middletown, Ohio, on March 13, 1929, at the age of seventy-eight. He was buried at Middletown.

Mr. Hartman was married; First, to Annie Young; and Second, to Elizabeth Hoffman, who survived him with four children.

Reference: Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

REV. JOHN WIRZ

John Wirz was born at Bubikon, Canton Zurich, Switzerland, on August 11, 1854. He was confirmed in youth by Rev. Mr. Deuber at Uster in Switzerland.

Experiencing a Call to Christian Service, Mr. Wirz prepared for the Ministry at the St. Chrischona Seminary Mission House near Basle. Whether he served as a pastor before coming to America or not, I do not know.

He came to the United States in 1884, was received as a minister of the Reformed Church, and was in actual service in the pastorate for some years, but I do not know in what Charges or congregations he was located.

Since the climate in America did not seem to agree with him, he returned to Switzerland and lived there for many years. He died on March 15, 1929, at the age of seventy-four. He was buried on March 19 at Winterthur. His son was buried on the same day and from the same chapel.

In 1885 Mr. Wirz was married to Miss Johanna Klarer, who survived him.

Reference: Reformed Church Almanac, 1930.

REV. LOUIS F. ZINKHAN

L. F. Zinkhan was born in Baltimore, Md., on December 11, 1854. He passed through the public schools of his native city and was then a student in private schools in Baltimore. He spent four years as a student at the Meadville, Pa., Theological Seminary, graduating in 1875. In the fall of 1875 he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, his courses being mostly on the post-graduate level. He had been a ministerial student under the care of Maryland Classis, but was dismissed to Lancaster Classis just before his graduation from the Seminary. He was, therefore, licensed by Lancaster Classis in May, 1877. In that same year he was ordained by the same Classis and installed as pastor of the Manheim, Pa., Charge, which he served until April, 1882.

Then for many years Mr. Zinkhan was connected with correctional work in penal or mental institutions, a kind of service for which he seemed to be especially well-fitted. From 1882 until 1897 he was Superintendent of the Prisoners' Aid Society of Baltimore, Md., and as Chaplain of the Maryland State Penitentiary. From 1897 until 1904, he was Superintendent of the Bayview Asylum, a mental institution just outside Baltimore. From 1904 until 1918 he was Superintendent of the Washington, D. C., Insane Asylum.

After a few months of inactivity, Mr. Zinkhan re-entered the active ministry by becoming pastor of the Boonsboro, Md., Charge, which he served from 1920 until 1928. Mr. Zinkhan then retired from active service and moved to Ravenna, Ohio, to make his home with a son, a physician.

On March 16, 1929, Mr. Zinkhan was stricken at the home of his son at Ravenna with apoplexy. He remained in an unconscious condition until his death on March 23, 1929, at the age of seventy-four. Funeral services on March 26 were in charge of Rev. Young,

a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was buried in the Charlestown Cemetery in Portage County, Ohio.

During his lifetime Mr. Zinkhan was interested and engaged in all kinds of charitable work. He was a member of the Board of the Charity Organizations Society, a Director of the Home for Fallen Women, a corporate member of the Trustees of the Industrial Home for Colored Girls, also, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of this Institution for fifteen years. He was also a member of the National Conference of Charities and Correction.

On August 5, 1878, Mr. Zinkhan was married at the home of the bride's parents to Miss Elia R. Bishop of Charlestown, Portage County, Ohio; the officiating minister being Rev. J. C. Burnette. Mrs. Zinkhan died on March 26, 1907.

On June 5, 1912, Mr. Zinkhan was married a second time to Mrs. Mary Alice Jordan of Washington, D. C. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of Faith Reformed Church, Baltimore, by the pastor, Rev. A. S. Weber. Mrs. Zinkhan died at Boonsboro on January 23, 1923.

References: Messenger; April 18, 1929

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REV. GEORGE ANDREW DREIBELBIES

G. A. Dreibelbies, son of Jacob Edward and Catherine Dreibelbies, was born at Tamaqua, Pa., on October 14, 1862. When he was nine years old the family moved to Lehighon, Pa., and then the son, for some reason not given, was placed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Wertzman, where he grew to manhood. He was very fond of his foster-parents and they evidently treated him as a beloved son. In youth he was confirmed in the Ben Salem Church by Rev. Abraham Bartholomew. As a very young man he worked for the Lehigh Valley Railroad for three years, and then was a school-teacher for some time. He attended Palatinate College at Myerstown and entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1886, graduating in 1890. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1893, winning the One Hundred Dollar Prize in Church History. He was licensed by Lehigh Classis in that same year.

Mr. Dreibelbies began his pastoral career with his ordination by Heidelberg Classis in the summer of 1893 and installation as pastor of the Caroline Charge, Carrothers, Ohio, which he served until 1895. He was then pastor of the Paulding Charge, Payne, Ohio, from 1895 until 1899. He then served the Shanesville, Ohio, Charge from 1899 until 1911, and the New Bedford, Ohio, Charge from 1911 until 1919. I am not able to say whether the last two Charges served by him were in Ohio or Pennsylvania. One source says that they were in Pennsylvania; another says that the whole of his pastoral service was given in the State of Ohio. I am inclined to agree with the latter source.

At any rate, Mr. Dreibelbies retired from the active ministry in 1919 and moved with his family to Wesleyville, a suburb of Erie, Pa., to reside with a son. Mr. Dreibelbies served as President of St. John's Classis, also as Treasurer of Central Synod

for fourteen years.

He died at his home in Wesleyville on April 18, 1929, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services in the home on April 22 were in charge of Revs. D. R. Dunn and W. M. Coursen. Further services in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Wesleyville were in charge of Rev. J. H. Poetter, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. E. Lahr and C. Hoffman also assisted in the services. He was buried in the Memorial Cemetery at Wesleyville, overlooking Lake Erie. His daughter, Miss Carrie Dreibelbies, was commissioned a missionary to China in November, 1906.

On May 24, 1891, Mr. Dreibelbies was married to Miss Amanda Wehr of Sittlers, Pa. Mrs. Dreibelbies died at Payne, Ohio, on September 9, 1896. Mr. Dreibelbies was married a second time on October 14, 1897, to Miss Orpha Arivilda Klinger at the home of the bride's parents near Paulding, Ohio, the officiating minister being Rev. J. M. Schick. He was survived by his widow and five children.

References: Messenger; April 25, 1929

May 9, 1929

Christian World; May 25, 1929

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REV. GEORGE WELLINGTON LUTZ

G. W. Lutz, son of James and Mary (Klingaman) Lutz, was born at Slatedale, Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pa., on June 26, 1876. He was baptized in infancy, and on April 15, 1892, was confirmed in the Jacksonville Church by Rev. J. N. Bachman. In late youth he taught a rural school for some time.

At the out-break of the Spanish-American War he volunteered for military service. He was received as a member of Company "B", Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment in the early spring of 1898 and was mustered into the active service of the United States at Mt. Gretna on May 9, 1898. He saw active service in Puerto Rico and at the close of the War was formally and honorably discharged at Allentown. He had been a student at Muhlenberg College during the school year of 1897 - 1898, and then after being discharged from the Army, he spent one more year at Muhlenberg.

In the fall of 1899 he entered the Junior Class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1901. He then spent three years in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1904. He was licensed by Lehigh Classis and ordained by Goshenhoppen Classis during the summer of that same year. From autumn in 1903 he supplied the Pennsburg, Pa., Charge regularly.

Upon his ordination he was installed as pastor of the Pennsburg Charge, which he is regarded as having served continuously until 1928.

During this period of twenty-four years, Mr. Lutz was also engaged in other activities. In January, 1916, he resigned the pastorate of the Pennsburg Charge, and it was reported that he had accepted a position as rural mail carrier. However, in April of that year (1916) he re-considered his resignation, so that it is doubtful if he ever ceased serving the Pennsburg Charge at all,

although he may have spent a few weeks in delivering mail.

He did, however, spend much time in teaching at Pennsburg. In 1907 he was elected Principal of the Pennsburg School. He was also at least during part of his pastorate a teacher in the Perkiomen Seminary at Pennsburg. Also, for some time, he was Editor of "Town and Country", a weekly paper published at Pennsburg. In 1908 Mr. Lutz was elected pastor of the Schwenkville, Pa., Charge, a Call which he declined.

In October, 1928, Mr. Lutz finally resigned the pastorate of the Pennsburg Charge to accept a Call to be pastor of the Frieden's Charge, Slatington, Pa.. This charge was situated near his birth-place, so that he was serving the church in which he had been baptized and confirmed.

However, his service here was brief, less than a year. He was siezed with an attack of appendicitis and taken to the Allentown Hospital for an operation. Complications developed and Mr. Lutz died in the Hospital on May 4, 1929, at the age of fifty-two.

Funeral services in the Unionville Church (Union Church at Neff's) on May 7 were in charge of Rev. J. P. Bachman, assisted by Rev. T. H. Bachman, O. S. Kreibel, G. B. Smith, M. F. Klingaman, and J. J. Schaeffer. Rev. A. O. Reiter preached the funeral sermon. Altogether, sixty ministers attended the funeral services. He was buried in the Unionville Cemetery.

On October 19, 1904, Mr. Lutz was married to Miss Florence Ochs of Allentown at the home of the bride's mother. Revs. G. W. Richards and T. F. Herman were the officiating ministers. He was survived by his widow and two daughters.

References: Messenger; May 9, 1929. June 26, 1929

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REV. FRANK P. LAROS (LAROSE)

F. P. Laros was one of three brothers to enter the ministry of the Reformed Church, all of whom spent their pastoral careers in South-Eastern Pennsylvania, and all of whom died in young manhood or in middle age. Rev. M. P. Laros died in 1920; Rev. E. J. in 1924; and Rev. F. P. in 1929.

F. P. Laros, the son of Jesse and Maria (Mohr) Laros, was born in Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pa., on March 22, 1878. During his childhood his parents moved to Colleagueville in order that their children might have the advantage of living close to Ursinus College. All the sons were graduates of Ursinus College and of the Ursinus School of Theology.

F. P. Laros entered Ursinus Academy in 1889, was graduated from Ursinus College in 1897, and from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1900. In May of that same year he was licensed by Philadelphia Classis.

Mr. Laros was ordained on October 19, 1900, and installed as pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Pottstown, Pa., which he served until December, 1905. He then became pastor of the Lehigh-Zion Charge, consisting of four congregations: Lehigh-Zion near Alburtis, St. John's at Fogelsville, St. Paul's and Weissenberg. During his pastorate here from 1905 until 1929, Mr. Laros resided at Alburtis.

For two years Mr. Laros had suffered from diabetes, but had been able to attend to his ministerial duties, and had continued his pastorate. However, in the spring of 1929 he became worse and on the last day of April was removed to the Allentown Hospital. He died there, one week after being admitted, on May 7, 1929, at the age of fifty-one.

Funeral services in Lehigh-Zion Church near Alburtis on May 11

were in charge of Rev. A. O. Reiter. Addresses were delivered by Revs. W. F. Curtis and J. G. Rupp. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining the Lehigh-Zion Church.

On October 22, 1901, Mr. Laros was married to Miss Carrie S. Stahl of Philadelphia. The ceremony was performed in St. Paul's German Reformed Church, Philadelphia, by Rev. Philip Vollmer, Sr. Mr. Laros was survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter.

References: Messenger; October 21, 1901

June 6, 1929

June 13, 1929

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REV. SAMUEL CRAIG LONG

S. C. Long, son of George and Caroline E. Long, was born at Huntingdon, Pa., on July 27, 1846. During the Civil War he was in military service in the Cavalry under General Leigul. I do not know how long he served as a cavalryman. For about six years after 1865 we have no record of his activities. About the year 1871 he entered Mercersburg College, under the presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee, graduating from the College in 1875 and from the Theological Department in 1878. In April of that year he was licensed by Mercersburg Classis.

Mr. Long then went West to do missionary work in Iowa. He spent a few months at Maquoketa, Iowa, and then in October, 1878, he was ordained by a committee of Iowa Classis, consisting of Revs. C. Cort and D. S. Fouse, and regularly installed as pastor of the Wilton, Iowa, Mission Congregation.

In 1879 he made a trip to Philadelphia to be married to Miss Emma Longacre of Philadelphia. He and his bride then returned to Wilton and served there until 1882. From 1882 until 1885 he was pastor of the Boulder and Brandon, Iowa, Mission Congregations.

In 1885, on account of his wife's health, Mr. Long left Iowa permanently, and began a series of pastorates in Pennsylvania, that were especially distinguished by his activity in church and parsonage building.

From 1885 until 1888 he served the Sulphur Springs, Pa., Charge. During his stay of three years the Charge became self-supporting, the membership of the congregations was doubled, and two new churches were built. In 1888 he went to the Brush Creek Charge, Manor, Pa., serving it for three years. In 1891 he became pastor of the Braddock, Pa., Mission. During his two years' service here a new parsonage was built and an old church debt paid off.

From 1893 until 1896 he was pastor of the New Centerville, Pa., Charge, maintaining his reputation as a builder by erecting a new parsonage at Rockwood, Pa. From 1896 until 1901 he was pastor of the Beam Charge, Jennertown, Pa., consisting of five congregations. He was then pastor of the Bethany Charge, Butler, Pa., serving there until 1905.

For some years Mr. Long had suffered with eye cataracts. In 1905 he became temporarily blind and was compelled to give up pastoral work altogether. After an operation the sight of one eye was restored. By 1908 he had sufficiently recovered to serve the Turtle Creek, Pa., Mission as supply-pastor. Later in the year 1908 he became pastor of the Emlenton, Pa., Charge, serving it until 1910, and then from 1910 until 1913 he was pastor of the Newburg, Pa., Charge.. In 1913, on account of a recurrence of eye trouble, Mr. Long retired permanently from the active ministry. For a number of years he and his wife lived with a sister at Atlantic City, N. J.

During the winter of 1928 - 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Long spent some time with his brother at St. Petersburg, Florida. He died there on May 22, 1929, at the age of eighty-two.

Funeral services in Bethany Church, Butler, on May 29 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. F. Hiack, assisted by Rev. J. H. String. He was buried in the North Cemetery at Butler with full Masonic honors. Mr. Long was survived by his widow and one son.

References: Messenger; May 30, 1929

June 20, 1929

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REV. GEORGE WILLIAM KERSHNER

G. W. Kershner, son of George W. and Catherine Kershner, was born at Friedensburg (Oley), Berks County, Pa., on October 31, 1851. (One account says that he was born on October 31, 1852). He was educated in the public schools and at the Oley Academy. At the age of fourteen he became the teacher of a rural school. At the same age he was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1871 he entered the Sophomore Class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1874. Mr. Kershner then returned to the school room as Principal of the High School at Ashland, Pa., which position he held from 1874 until 1876. In 1876 he was elected Supervising Principal of all the schools (twenty-one in number) in that Borough. At the same time he began to read Law, and was almost ready to be admitted to the Bar when evidently a sudden change of mind and heart took place, for in 1879 Mr. Kershner entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, where he spent two years.

In 1881 he transferred to the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1882. In that same year he was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis and ordained by East Pennsylvania Classis. During the summer of 1882 Mr. Kershner was installed as pastor of the Stroudsburg, Pa., Mission Congregation, which he served until 1888. During his pastorate here a new church was erected. From 1888 until 1900 he was pastor of the Fayette, N. Y., Charge, and from 1900 until 1903, of the Center Hall, Pa., Charge.

In 1903 Mr. Kershner entered Custom House Service at New York City, continuing in that position for the remainder of his life. Mr. Kershner died in New York City on June 6, 1929, at the age of seventy-seven. Funeral services at Fayette, N. Y., on June 9 were in charge of Rev. K. D. Van Wagenen. He was buried at Fayette. He was survived by his widow.

On April 5, 1903, Mr. Kershner was married to Miss Mary Estelle Acker of Fayette, N. Y.

References: Messenger; July 4, 1929

September 19, 1929

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On May 23, 1883, he was ordained by a committee of Schuylkill Classis, consisting of Revs. G. R. Snyder, B. B. Parer and G. H. Phillips, at the same time he was installed as pastor of the Upper and Lower Schuylkill Churches (called the Point Pleasant Charge), residing at Irwin, Pa.

Mr. Struck served this Charge until February, 1892, and then became pastor of the Woodcock Valley Charge, Schuylkill, Huntingdon County, Pa., serving here until 1896. From 1896 until 1902 he was pastor of the Mine's Charge, Main, Perry County, Pa., and from 1902 until 1910, pastor of the Trenton Charge in Schuylkill County. In 1910 Mr. Struck was temporarily retired from the active ministry and moved to Philadelphia, Pa., where he engaged in teaching for several years.

In the meantime, Mr. Struck had been doing some missionary work in Philadelphia, his efforts resulting in the organization of a Mission Church in that city. Mr. Struck formally organized the congregation with the name, "Calvary Reformed Church" and was installed as its pastor on October 22, 1917. He also built a new church which was dedicated in 1925. Mr. Struck served this congregation for as long as he lived.

Early in 1927 Mr. Struck became ill and was moved to St. Luke's Hospital in Philadelphia. He died there on June 11, 1929, at the age of seventy-four. Funeral services were held on June 13 at the home and later

REV. TITUS C. STROCK

T. C. Strock, son of Samuel M. and Mary (Judd) Strock, was born at Hellertown, Pa., on February 1, 1855. After passing through the public schools and academy of his native county, he entered Ursinus College in 1881, graduating in 1885. He was graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1888. He was licensed at Lansdale by Lehigh Classis in the early part of May, 1888.

On May 31, 1888, he was ordained by a committee of Tohickon Classis, consisting of Revs. N. Z. Snyder, B. B. Ferer and S. N. Phillips. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Upper and Lower Tinicum Congregations (called the Point Pleasant Charge), residing at Erwina, Pa.

Mr. Strock served this Charge until February, 1892, and then became pastor of the Woodcock Valley Charge, En~~ri~~riken, Huntingdon County, Pa., serving here until 1896. From 1896 until 1902 he was pastor of the Zion's Charge, Blain, Perry County, Pa., and from 1902 until 1910, pastor of the Tremont Charge in Schuylkille County, Pa. Mr. Strock then temporarily retired from the active ministry and moved to Bethlehem, Pa., where he engaged in teaching for several years.

In the meantime, Mr. Strock had been doing some missionary work in Bethlehem, his efforts resulting in the organization of a Mission congregation on Wood Street in that City. Mr. Strock formally organized the congregation with the name, "Calvary Reformed Church", and was installed as its pastor on October 22, 1917. He also built a new church which was dedicated in 1918. Mr. Strock served this congregation for as long as he lived.

Early in 1929 Mr. Strock became ill and was moved to St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem. He died there on June 11, 1929, at the age of seventy-four. Funeral services on June 15 at the home and later

at Calvary Church were in charge of Rev. William H. Bollman, assisted by several other pastors of Reformed Church in Bethlehem. Rev. J. R. Stein preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. S. L. Messinger and J. M. Mullan. He was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery at Bethlehem.

We have no record of Mr. Strock's marriage or of the maiden name of his wife. Mrs. Strock died in 1923. He was survived by one son and one daughter.

References: Messenger; June 20, 1929

June 27, 1929

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REV. SAMUEL H. ISENBERG (EISENBERG) Ph. D.

S. H. Isenberg, son of William L. and Rebecca Isenberg, was born at Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa., on December 14, 1850. He was educated for the ministry at Mercersburg College, during the Presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee, graduating from the Theological Department of the College in 1879. He was licensed by Mercersburg Classis in May, 1879.

In December, 1880, Mr. Isenberg was ordained by a committee of Westmoreland Classis, consisting of Revs. John W. Love and C. R. Dieffenbacher. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Latrobe, Pa., Mission congregation, serving here until November, 1884. He then became pastor of the Greenville, Pa., Charge and served there from November, 1884, until December, 1889. Then for ten years (1889 - 1899) he was pastor of the Center Hall, Pa., Charge; and for three years (1899 - 1902) of the Millersburg, Pa. Charge.

Mr. Isenberg then temporarily retired from the active ministry to engage in educational work, but I do not know in what educational institution he was employed or in what capacity. On January 1, 1913 he returned to the pastorate in the Williard Memorial Church at Akron, Ohio, where he served until April, 1916. He was then pastor of the Athens, Michigan, Charge until April, 1918, and of the Robertsville, Ohio, Charge from 1918 until 1924.

Mr. Isenberg then permanently retired from the active ministry. From 1924 he and Mrs. Isenberg made their home with a daughter, Mrs. H. L. Grazier, at Aliquippa, Pa. Mr. Isenberg died at the home of his daughter at Aliquippa, Pa., on June 16, 1929, at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services in the home on June 17 were in charge of Rev. H. N. Bassler, assisted by Revs. J. G. Walter, A. M. Billman and D. J. Wolf.

Further services in St. John's Reformed Church, Bedford, Pa., on June 18 were in charge of Rev. J. A. Eyler, assisted by Rev. W. H. Landis. He was buried at Bedford. Mr. Isenberg was survived by one son and one daughter.

On November 16, 1881, Mr. Isenberg was married to Miss Etta I. Irvine, daughter of Rev. Matthew Irvine of Bedford, Pa. Mrs. Isenberg predeceased her husband, but I do not know the date of her death. Mr. Isenberg held the degree of Doctor of Philosophy but I do not know by what Institution it was conferred or in what year.

References: Messenger; July 18, 1929

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REV. HIRAM KING, D. D.

Hiram King, son of Thomas and Catherine King, was born at Cochran Mills, Armstrong County, Pa., on July 17, 1839. He was baptized on August 28, 1841, by Rev. William Weinel.

Not long after his birth the family moved to a farm in the neighborhood of South Bend, Pa., and here he spent most of his childhood and youth. He was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church on May 16, 1857, by Rev. Frederick Wise at St. Jacob's Church near South Bend.

On July 30, 1858, (at the age of nineteen) Mr. King was married to Miss Sarah Frantz of his home community near South Bend. It was the intention of the young couple to engage in farming. They bought land and began the erection of a house, but before the project was finished, Mr. King had definitely decided to study for the Christian Ministry; a decision in which his young wife fully concurred. Mr. King then began his studies, mostly on his own initiative and under his own supervision, although he sought direction and help from teachers and ministers whenever it was available. In the meantime he continued to support his growing family.

In 1863, after the Battle of Gettysburg, the State of Pennsylvania called for volunteers to protect the western part of the State. Thereupon, Mr. King enlisted in what was an emergency regiment, the Fifty-Seventh Militia, which was stationed for the most part along the Ohio Border. In ninety days after his enlistment, he was discharged. In September, 1864, however, he enlisted again in the Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, serving in this outfit until the close of the War. He was finally discharged from the Army in July, 1865.

After the War Mr. King continued to support his family and study for the Ministry. He attended the Elders Ridge and Elderton

Academies.

Finally, in 1868, he entered the Junior Class in Franklin and Marshall College, graduating with honor in 1870. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, came with the Seminary when it moved to Lancaster in 1871, and was graduated in 1873. In that same year he was licensed and ordained by West Susquehanna Classis.

Mr. King, upon being licensed and ordained, became pastor of the Bellefonte, Pa., Mission congregation, serving it from 1873 until 1879. While he was at Bellefonte, he organized a congregation at Lock Haven. In 1873 he was elected Principal of the Blairstown Academy in Iowa, but declined the election.

For two years, from 1879, Mr. King served several temporary supply-pastorates. He was at Ridgely, Md., serving St. Paul's Congregation from May, 1879, until 1880. Within the next year and a half, he had served in a similar capacity at South Bend, Pa., Lock Haven, Allegheny City, and Dubois.

In 1881 Mr. King became pastor of the Somerset, Pa., Charge which he served until his retirement in 1913. At the beginning of his pastorate the Charge consisted of two congregations: St. Paul's at Somerset and Salem at Lavansville. In 1886 two more congregations were added to make the Charge self-supporting - the Glade Congregation near Berlin, and St. John's at Shanksville.

For thirteen years Mr. King served this Charge of four congregations, covering a wide expanse of territory, and since he had no horse or conveyance, he did most of his pastoral work on foot, walking long distances to fill his Sunday appointments or to attend to week-day calls for his pastoral services.

In 1899 he received some relief from this laborious ministerial life when two of the congregations were detached from his Charge.

Then for fourteen year longer, Mr. King continued to serve the two original congregations of his Charge when he began his pastorate. It has been said that throughout his whole ministerial career, his salary never exceeded Seven Hundred Dollars a year, and yet he and his family lived comfortably and he was able to save modest sums which, however, he gave back to the Church in Building Funds. It was said of him that he could live well on a salary on which any other man would starve to death.

Some visible evidences of Mr. King's pastoral labor were a new Church at Somerset, dedicated in 1889, also a new parsonage at Somerset; a new church in the Glade congregation; and churches remodelled at Lavansville and Shanksville.

On April 24, 1913, Mrs. King died suddenly. Mr. and Mrs. King celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage in August, 1883, and their Golden Wedding Anniversary in July, 1908. Mr. King celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate at Somerset in 1901; the twenty-fifth in 1906; and the thirtieth in 1911.

During his pastoral career Mr. King served one term as President of Pittsburgh Synod. He was also President of Somerset Classis.

In 1913, after the death of Mrs. King, Mr. King resigned his pastorate and retired from the active ministry, but continued to reside at Somerset until the end of his life. He died at his home in Somerset on June 23, 1929, at the age of eighty-nine. During the years of his retirement he served as Chaplain of the Somerset County Home, conducting regular Sunday services there from 1915 until 1929. Also, each Sunday morning, he visited the Somerset Hospital, bringing flowers and offering his pastoral services to the patients.

Funeral services on June 25 were in charge of Rev. G. L. Roth,

assisted by Revs. Frank Wetzel and A. E. Ingal. He was buried at Somerset. Mr. King was buried with full military honors. He was survived by one son and two daughters.

Mr. King did a great deal of writing for the church papers and periodicals, including the Messenger, the Christian World and the Reformed Church Review. He published fourteen articles in the Review and twenty-nine in the Messenger. His most noted articles in the Messenger comprised a series of twelve articles on the topic, "The Three Hebrew Patriarchs", published in 1888 and 1889. Mr. King was also the author of two published volumes: "Infant Baptism Normal to the Gospel" (published in 1898) and "The Identity of Christ" (published in 1913).

In 1904 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. King the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. From 1891 until 1893 he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

References: Messenger; March 17, 1904

May 1, 1913

July 12, 1928

July 4, 1929

July 11, 1929

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REV. ISAAC MERKEL SCHAEFFER, D. D.

I. M. Schaeffer, son of Daniel B. and Lydia (Merkel) Schaeffer, was born at Lyons, Berks County, Pa., on May 31, 1867. He was graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown in 1886. He then entered the Sophomore Class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1889. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1892 and licensed by East Susquehanna Classis in May of that same year.

On June 19, 1892, he was ordained by a committee of East Susquehanna Classis, consisting of Revs. R. Duenger and J. A. Danner. At the same time he was installed as pastor of Zion's Church, Ashland, Pa., where he spent the whole of his ministerial career, the pastorate ending only with his death.

Mr. Schaeffer gave all his energy in pastoral service to his congregation. A fine new church was dedicated in 1902. He was President of East Susquehanna Classis three times and served as President of the Eastern Synod in 1926 - 1927. He published eight articles in the Messenger, of which the most striking was the article antititled, "The Messenger - My Assistant-Pastor". In his congregation was the largest list of Messenger subscribers in the whole denomination.

In the early summer of 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer went to Los Angeles, California, to visit a brother whom he had not seen for a number of years. Soon after his arrival he was stricken with appendicitis and was removed to the St. Vincent Hospital where an operation was performed. Mr. Schaeffer died in the Hospital at Los Angeles a few days after the operation, on July 22, 1929, at the age of sixty-two.

Funeral services in his home at Ashland on August 1 were in charge of Rev. J. E. Beam and C. D. Lerch. Further services in

Zion's Church were in charge of Revs. C. P. Wehr, A. Gonser, P. S. Leinbach and A. F. Dietz. Rev. C. B. Schneder preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. C. E. Schaeffer and I. J. Pugh. He was buried at Ashland. Thirty-one ministers attended the funeral services.

On account of the great crowd of people attending the funeral services, a sound arrangement was used by which a congregation which completely filled the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ashland was able to hear the entire funeral service.

In 1919 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Schaeffer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1892 Mr. Schaeffer declined a Call to be pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church at Reading, Pa.. He celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate at Ashland in June, 1917, and the thirtieth in 1922.

On September 27, 1893, Mr. Schaeffer was married to Miss Margaret E. Berstler of East Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa. The ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian Church at Lancaster by Rev. J. Y. Mitchell. Mr. Schaeffer was survived by his widow and two children.

References: Messenger; August 1, 1929

August 29, 1929

September 12, 1929

September 19, 1929

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REV. DANIEL H. LEADER

D. H. Leader was born at Bedford, Pa., on February 20, 1850. His parents evidently moved to Altoona, Pa., when he was a very young boy, for his childhood was spent and his elementary education was acquired in that City. As a young man he secured a position in the rail-road shops at Altoona and learned the trade of iron-moulding. In the meantime he became a member of the Reformed congregation in Altoona of which Rev. A. C. Whitmer was the pastor.

At the suggestion of Mr. Whitmer, who saw in this young man the necessary qualifications, mental and spiritual, for the Christian Ministry, Mr. Leader gave up his position in the shops and entered Mercersburg College, then under the presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee. He was graduated from the Theological Department of Mercersburg College in 1879. He was licensed and ordained by Juniata Classis in that same year.

Mr. Leader, in the early summer of 1879, was installed as pastor of the Everett, Pa., Charge, consisting of five congregations. He served here until 1882, when he was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to organize a congregation at DuBois, Pa. He was able to organize a group of people into a congregation at DuBois, and also organized a second congregation in the mountainous district in the vicinity of DuBois. Under his direction, both congregations erected church buildings.

In July, 1884, Mr. Leader became pastor of St. John's Congregation at Williamsport, Pa., where he also built a church. He served the Saegerstown, Pa., from 1889 until 1894. Here he served three congregations; also built a church. From 1894 until 1899 he served the Salisbury Charge in Somerset County, Pa., consisting of two congregations. During his pastorate here he built a new church at Salisbury.

Hence, in the first twenty years of Mr. Leader's pastoral career, he had served in five Charges, had organized two congregations, and had built five new churches. From 1899 until 1901 he was pastor of the New Kensington, Pa., Charge, and from 1901 until 1903, he served the Brush Creek Charge, Manor, Pa.

Mr. Leader was then challenged to accept the Superintendency of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, as the successor of Rev. P. C. Prugh, who had served in that capacity for twenty years. Mr. Leader accepted the challenge and served the Home as its Superintendent until 1909. During his term there an epidemic of typhoid fever swept through the Butler Area, taking many victims. I have no record of the number or names of the children of the Home who died of the disease. The epidemic did not originate in the Home, nor was it or its management responsible for the catastrophe. One of the results of this tragic experience was the removal of the Home to a more healthful environment at Greenville, Pa.

From 1909 until 1913, Mr. Leader was pastor of the Penbrook Congregation in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pa. After 1913 Mr. Leader did not serve a Charge as its regular pastor. He moved to Camp Hill, Pa., in 1913 and did a considerable amount of supply work until his final retirement in 1923.

After the death of his wife in 1923 Mr. Leader made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Windolph, at Lancaster. He died at his home in Lancaster on July 23, 1929, at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services at the home of Mrs. Windolph on July 26 were in charge of Revs. George A. Whitmore and W. S. Cramer. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Lancaster.

In 1889 Mr. Leader was married to Mrs. Margaret J. Heller, who died in July, 1923. He was survived by one daughter.

References: Messenger; August 1, 1929. August 8, 1929
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REV. MURRAY E. NESS

M. E. Ness, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Ness, was born at York, Pa., on November 11, 1894. He was confirmed in youth as a member of Emanuel Reformed Church in York of which his parents were members.

He spent two years at the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago, and then in 1918 entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1921. He was licensed by Zion's Classis on May 17, 1921.

Having accepted a Call to be pastor of the Union Bridge (Baust), Md., Charge, Mr. Ness was ordained by Maryland Classis on June 23, 1921, and duly installed. This Charge at the time consisted of three congregations: St. Paul's at Union Bridge, Emanuel (Baust) near Taneytown and a congregation at Ladiesburg in Frederick County. Mr. Ness resided in the new parsonage beside Baust Church.

During his pastorate here, the congregation at Ladiesburg was dissolved (September, 1921). Mr. Ness served the Union Bridge Charge until September, 1925, when he was dismissed to Gettysburg Classis and became pastor of the Arendtsville, Pa., Charge, near Gettysburg. He served at Arendtsville until his death.

Mr. Ness died of pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks, in the York City Hospital on July 27, 1929, at the age of thirty-four. Funeral services at the home of his parents in York on July 31 were in charge of Revs. E. O. Keen, O. S. Hartman and P. D. Yoder. He was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery at York.

On August 11 a memorial service was held in the Reformed Church at Arendtsville. Addresses were delivered by Revs. A. S. Meck, A. M. Wright and E. W. Brendle.

On July 23, 1917, Mr. Ness was married to Miss Mary Ruler of York. He was survived by his widow and one daughter; also by his

parents.

Mr. Ness was well-known for his musical ability. He had been director of various musical groups in York, and also used his musical talent to good advantage in the congregations which he served as pastor.

References: Messenger; August 1, 1929

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In September, 1895, he entered the Sophomore Class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1898. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1901.

Mr. Fox was licensed by Lebanon Classis in May, 1901, and on July 9, 1901, he was ordained by Carlisle Classis, the committee of ordination consisting of Revs. J. D. Miller, E. D. Hoixell and Elder A. H. Chalmers. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the New Bloomfield, Pa., Charge, consisting of St. John's congregation at Marketburg, and Trinity congregation at New Bloomfield. This was Mr. Fox's only pastorate; he served here from the time of his ordination until his death.

During nearly his entire pastorate at New Bloomfield, Mr. Fox was engaged, also, in educational work. From 1901 until 1905 he was a teacher in the New Bloomfield Academy (now called Carson Lake Institute). In 1905 he was elected Supervising Principal of the New Bloomfield schools, and continued in that position until his death.

Mr. Fox was regarded as a fine teacher and an able administrator. For many years he was a member of the Pennsylvania State Permanent Certificate Committee.

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REV. JOHN THOMAS FOX

J. T. Fox, son of Michael B. and Elizabeth (Feick) Fox, was born near Bernville, Berks County, Pa., on July 15, 1870. As a very young man Mr. Fox became a rural school teacher in Berks County, spending several years in this occupation. He then entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, graduating in 1893. He then taught for one year at the Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. In the fall of 1894 he returned to the Normal School at Kutztown to finish his preparation for college.

In September, 1895, he entered the Sophomore Class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1898. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1901.

Mr. Fox was licensed by Lebanon Classis in May, 1901, and on July 9, 1901, he was ordained by Carlisle Classis, the committee of ordination consisting of Revs. J. D. Miller, E. D. Meixell and Elder G. W. Shulenberger. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the New Bloomfield, Pa., Charge, consisting of St. John's congregation at Markelsburg, and Trinity congregation at New Bloomfield. This was Mr. Fox's only pastorate; he served here from the time of his ordination until his death.

During nearly his entire pastorate at New Bloomfield, Mr. Fox was engaged, also, in educational work. From 1901 until 1905 he was a teacher in the New Bloomfield Academy (now called Carson Long Institute). In 1905 he was elected Supervising Principal of the New Bloomfield Schools, and continued in that position until his death.

Mr. Fox was regarded as a fine teacher and an able administrator. For many years he was a member of the Pennsylvania State Permanent Certificate Committee.

Since the early spring of 1929 Mr. Fox had been ill with an

affection of the spine. He died at his home in New Bloomfield on August 23, 1929, at the age of fifty-nine.

Funeral services in the Reformed Church at New Bloomfield on August 25 were in charge of Rev. H. G. Snyder, assisted by Revs. A. M. Billman and H. D. McKeehan. Further services on August 26 in St. Thomas Church at Bernville were in charge of Rev. F. W. Ruth. He was buried in the Bernville Cemetery.

In 1893 Mr. Fox was married to Miss Nora Kantner of Bernville, by Rev. T. Calvin Leinbach. He was survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter.

References: Messenger; September 5, 1929

September 19, 1929

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REV. CALVIN EDGAR BARTHOLOMEW

C. E. Bartholomew was the son of Rev. Abraham and Sarah (Newhard) Bartholomew, the nephew of Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, and the brother of Rev. A. O. Bartholomew, all ministers of the Reformed Church. He was born at Pennsville, Northampton County, Pa., on December 25, 1862.

Mr. Bartholomew secured his early education in the schools at Lehigh, and was later a student at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1884, where he spent one year. His biographer says that he studied Medicine in Philadelphia for one year. That may have been after his first year in the Theological Seminary. He returned to the Seminary in the fall of 1887 and was graduated in 1889. He was licensed by Lehigh Classis in May, 1889.

Mr. Bartholomew was ordained in St. Mark's Church at Cressona, Pa., on June 23, 1889, by a committee of Schuylkill Classis, of which his uncle, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew was Chairman. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Cressona, Pa., Charge, which he served from 1889 until 1910. In 1910 he became pastor of St. Paul's Church, Pottstown, Pa., and of St. John's (Hill) Church where he served until 1927. In 1927 he retired from the active ministry and moved to Cressona where he resided during the remainder of his life.

Mr. Bartholomew died at his home in Cressona, after a long illness, on September 18, 1929, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services in the home on September 22 were in charge of Rev. N. H. Fra-vel, assisted by Rev. J. L. Herbster and Rev. Tassel. He was buried on September 23 in the family lot in the Lehigh Cemetery.

Mr. Bartholomew was married to Miss Ella Anthony (date and place not given) of Catasauqua. Mrs. Bartholomew died in 1907. In 1909

he was married a second time to Miss Emma Lutz of Cressona. He was survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

References: Messenger; September 26, 1929

October 10, 1929

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REV. ELMER ELLSWORTH HOCH LEINBACH

E. E. H. Leinbach, son of Elias A. and Caroline (Hoch) Leinbach, was born at Leimbach's, Bern Township, Berks County, Pa., on June 18, 1861. After receiving his elementary education he taught in the rural schools of Berks County for six years. Later he was a student at Palatinate College at Myerstown; also studied Medicine for a short while at the University of Pennsylvania. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1892, graduating in 1895. He was licensed by Lebanon Classis in that same year.

On October 4, 1896, he was ordained by Lehigh Classis and installed as pastor of St. John's Church at Kutztown and St. Peter's Church of Richmond Township (may be identified with St. Peter's Church at Topton), residing at Kutztown. Mr. Leinbach served this Charge throughout his entire pastoral career. For several years he was in bad health but continued his work. He finally resigned in 1928 on account of ill health and lived in retirement at Kutztown for the remainder of his life.

Mr. Leinbach died of heart disease and dropsy at his home in Kutztown on September 30, 1929, at the age of sixty-eight. Funeral services at St. John's Church, Kutztown, on October 4, were in charge of Rev. G. B. Smith, assisted by Revs. W. L. Meckstroth and P. R. Pontius. Rev. T. F. Herman preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in Hope Cemetery adjoining St. John's Church.

Mr. Leinbach was married to Miss Mary Saylor (date and place not given), who predeceased him. He was survived by one son and one daughter. Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, Jr., was his brother.

References: Messenger; October 10, 1929

November 7, 1929

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REV. GEORGE M. HIRSCH

G. M. Hirsch was born at Gustinlohr, Bavaria, Germany, on July 6, 1864. At the age of four he came to America with his parents, the family finding a home at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He worked here at a secular trade for several years after he had grown to manhood, and then decided to study for the Ministry, probably at the suggestion and under the supervision of Rev. Dr. Carl Schaaf, pastor of the Reformed Church at Fort Wayne. He entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin, graduating from the Theological Department in 1892. In that same year he was licensed and ordained by Zion's (German) Classis.

Mr. Hirsch served the Marion - Van Buren, Indiana Mission Charge from 1892 until August, 1899. He then served the Garrett - Auburn, Indiana, Charge from 1899 until November, 1902. Mr. Hirsch then withdrew from the active ministry on account of ill health, moved to Portland, Oregon, and resided there in retirement during the remainder of his life.

Mr. Hirsch died at Portland on October 6, 1929. We have no record of his funeral or place of burial. He was married to Miss Rosalia Schaaf, daughter of Dr. Carl Schaaf of Fort Wayne, Indiana (date of marriage not given). He was survived by his widow, two sons and four daughters.

Reference: Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. DAVID URSINUS WOLFF, D. D.

D. U. Wolff, the son of Rev. Dr. George Wolff and his wife, Hannah D. Wolff, was born at McEwensville, Northumberland County, Pa., on September 2, 1856. At the time of his birth, his father was pastor of the Paradise Charge in East Susquehanna Classis.

After passing through the local elementary schools, Mr. Wolff attended Palatinate College at Myerstown during the time that his father was pastor of the Myerstown Charge (1860 - 1880). After graduating from Palatinate College in 1872, he entered Ursinus College, graduating in 1875 (one source says 1876). From 1875 until 1878 he was a student at the Yale Divinity School. Mr. Wolff was licensed by Lebanon Classis at Leesport in 1878, and ordained in June (after June 11) of that same year, and by the same Classis. At the same time he was installed as Assistant-Pastor of the Myerstown Charge, of which his father was the senior pastor. At this time the Myerstown Charge consisted of five large congregations (Myerstown, Womelsdorf, Mt. Aetna, Rehrersburg and Host Churches). When his father retired in 1880, Mr. Wolff was importuned to accept the pastorate of his father's Charge, but, instead, he accepted a Call in that year to be pastor of the New Oxford (Abbottstown), Pa., Charge. His service here was most acceptable. All the churches of the Charge were repaired and a new parsonage was erected.

His father, upon his retirement from the active ministry in 1880, had established his residence on an estate one mile north of Myerstown, where he resided as long as he lived.

In 1886 when he felt that his parents, on account of old age and physical infirmities, needed his presence and care, he resigned the pastorate of the New Oxford Charge, much to the regret and over the protests of his congregations, who expressed their disapproval of his course by refusing to accept his resignation. How-

ever, he left New Oxford in 1886 and moved to the family home north of Myerstown, where he cared for his aged parents as long as they lived. His father died in 1888; his mother, in 1892.

After the death of his mother, Mr. Wolff in 1892 became pastor of Boehm's Church at Blue Bell, Pa., serving there until 1905. During his pastorate at Boehm's Church a new Sunday School building was erected and dedicated in October, 1903. In 1905, on account of his own failing health and certain business connections which required his presence at Myerstown, he resigned his pastorate and moved back to the family home where he resided during the remainder of his life.

Several years before his death Mr. Wolff suffered a stroke of paralysis. For the last few months of his life he was confined to his room. He died at his home near Myerstown on October 29, 1929, at the age of seventy-three.

Funeral services in the home on November 1 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. David Lockart, assisted by Revs. I. C. Fisher and H. M. Leidy. Sermons were delivered by Revs. C. E. Schaeffer and C. B. Alspach. He was buried at Myerstown.

In June, 1882, Mr. Wolff was married to Miss Mary Alice Bahney, daughter of Jacob Bahney of Lebanon County. The marriage ceremony was performed in the Reformed Church at Myerstown by Rev. George Wolff, assisted by Rev. F. W. Kremer. Mrs. Wolff died at the home of her parents at Myerstown on March 29, 1887.

Mr. Wolff was married a second time to Miss Elizabeth S. Bahney, the twin sister of his first wife (place and date of his second marriage not given). He was survived by his widow and two children.

Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Wolff the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, but I do not know in what year the degree was awarded.

References: Messenger; October 1, 1903

November 7, 1929

November 28, 1929

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REV. SAMUEL ZWINGLI BEAM, D. D.

S. Z. Beam, son of Henry C. and Margaret Smith Beam, was born in the Linganore Hills, north-east of Frederick, Md., on May 8, 1833. It appears that during his early childhood, his parents moved to the neighborhood of Emmitsburg, Md. Here he attended school and catechetical instruction. At the age of thirteen he was confirmed by Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, pastor of the Reformed Church at Emmitsburg. At the age of fourteen he was clerking in a store and at the age of eighteen he was teaching school.

He was a nephew of Rev. Moses Kieffer who, being President of Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, persuaded the young man to become a student in that Institution. He entered the Academy at Heidelberg in 1852 and was graduated from the College in 1860. He entered the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, but soon after he had begun his theological studies, President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. Mr. Beam heeded the Call and enlisted for a term of three months. When the second Call came later that year, he re-enlisted for three years. He was badly wounded at Mechanicsburg Gap in Virginia, losing the greater part of his left hand. He was then discharged from the Army and resumed his studies at the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, graduating in 1862. He was licensed by Ohio Synod on May 27, 1862.

In the fall of 1862 he was ordained by St. Joseph's Classis at Elkhart, Indiana, and was installed pastor of the Wakeshma Charge at Ida (Neriah), Michigan. He served here until 1871 or 1872, and then resigned to accept a Call to be pastor of the Grindstone Hill Charge near Chambersburg, Pa. If he ever moved in-to the Grindstone Hill Charge, the term of his service was limited to a few weeks, for in 1872 he is recorded as being in the Wakeshma Charge for a second pastorate. What probably happened was that after he had re-

signed, pressure was brought to bear to induce him to reconsider his resignation. It is doubtful if he ever moved into the Grindstone Hill Charge or served it at all.

In June, 1874, Mr. Beam finally left the Wakeshma Charge and became pastor of the Fulton, Michigan, Charge. He left Fulton in October, 1876, and served the Scottdale, Pa., Charge from October, 1876, until March, 1878. He was then pastor of the Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Charge from March, 1878, until April, 1884; pastor of the Lima, Ohio, Charge from April, 1884, until February, 1885; and pastor of the St. Petersburg, Pa., Charge from February, 1885, until May, 1892. He served the Carrollton, Ohio, Charge from August, 1892, until June, 1896. From 1896 until 1899 Mr. Beam was without a pastoral Charge, but I do not know where his residence was during that interlude. In 1899 he was elected pastor of the Penn's Creek, Pa., Charge but declined it. In April, 1899, he became pastor of the Bettsville, Ohio, Charge, serving it until 1903. He then seems to have served a brief pastorate in the Apple Creek, Ohio, Charge, but yet in 1903 he suffered a break-down in health, retired from the active ministry and moved to Carrollton, Ohio. However, he continued to serve as Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod, a position which he held until 1924.

During his pastoral career he served five times as President of a Classis, served terms as President of Ohio Synod and Pittsburgh Synod, as Stated Clerk of East Ohio Classis, a member of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster (1888 - 1889), and was one of the organizers of the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod. At the time of his death he was Vice-President of the Board of Visitors of the Central Theological Seminary. During the latter years of his life, Mr. Beam resided at Tiffin, Ohio.

He died at his home in Tiffin on November 11, 1929, at the age of ninety-two. At the time of his death he was the oldest Alumnus of Heidelberg College, and was probably the oldest minister of the Reformed Church.

Funeral services in Trinity Church, Tiffin, on November 13, were in charge of Rev. J. O. Reagle. Addresses were delivered by Revs. D. W. Loucks and C. E. Miller. He was buried at Tiffin.

In 1863 while he was pastor at Wakeshma, Mr. Beam first confirmed and then was married to Miss Frances E. Rauch. In 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Beam celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of their marriage; and in 1928, the sixty-fifth. They were the parents of Dr. H. L. Beam, Professor of English Bible and Registrar of Heidelberg University; Mrs. E. M. Adair, wife of a minister of the Reformed Church; Dr. J. A. Beam, Medical Missionary to China and later Professor of Biology and Geology at Heidelberg University, also holding the same position at Cumberland University in Tennessee; Rev. George T. N. Beam, a minister of the Reformed Church; and Miss Mary H. Beam, Principal of the College Hill School at Tiffin.

Mr. Beam was the author of twenty-five articles in the Reformed Church Review. He also contributed eighty-three articles to the Messenger, the most noted of which were a series on "The Apostles' Creed" (fourteen articles), and a series of six articles on "The Lord's Prayer", published in 1906. Between 1920 and 1929 he contributed twenty-five articles, most of which were poems.

In 1888 Wittenburg College conferred upon Mr. Beam the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; December 11, 1902. November 14, 1929

December 5, 1929

Christian World; November 30, 1929

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. OSCAR TOBIAS MOYER

O. T. Moyer, son of Tilghman F. and Amanda M. Moyer, was born at Easton, Pa., on July 31, 1860. His parents were members of the Reformed Church, in which denomination he was baptized; also confirmed in youth as a member of St. Mark's Reformed Church at Easton by Rev. N. Z. Snyder. He was graduated from the Easton High School and then spent three years in Kansas and Nebraska. In due time he returned home to engage in business with his father.

However, Mr. Moyer felt that he was called to the Christian Ministry, so, in 1897, he was licensed, and in 1901 was ordained by the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association (Later called the Evangelical Church).

His pastorates in the Evangelical Church were in the East Greenville Charge, Slatedale - Emerald Charge, Bethany Evangelical Church, at Ephrata, Evangelical Church at Terre Hill, and Salem Evangelical Church at Orwigsburg; all in the State of Pennsylvania. He then resided for a short time at Reading.

In 1915, late in that year, he was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church and installed as pastor of the Gowen City, Pa., Charge, where he served until November, 1920. He next served a brief pastorate in the Landisburg, Pa., Charge of not quite a year (November, 1920 - October, 1921). From October, 1921, until April, 1923, he was pastor of the Freeburg, Pa., Charge; from April, 1923, until January, 1926, of the Sugar Creek Charge near Chicora, Pa.; and from January, 1926, until his death, of the Nittany Valley Charge, Howard, Pa.

In November, 1929, Mr. Moyer was seized with an attack of angina pectoris. He did not rally from the attack, but died in his home at Howard on November 12, 1929, at the age of sixty-nine.

Funeral services on November 14 in the First Reformed Church at Howard were in charge of Rev. D. R. Keener, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. W. E. Harr, W. A. McClellan, H. A. Hartman, R. Thena and G. A. F. Griesing assisted in the services. On the next day (November 15) he was buried in the Fairview Cemetery at Allentown.

On April 16, 1887, at Upper Saucon, Lehigh County, Pa., Mr. Moyer was married to Miss Laura Matilda Weber, daughter of Thomas Biery Weber, and his wife, Caroline (Eisenhardt) Weber. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Hartzell. Mrs. Moyer died at Ephrata on October 31, 1911.

On March 12, 1923, Mr. Moyer was married a second time at Shamokin, Pa., by Rev. C. B. Schneder, to Miss Mary Saville Haupt of Gowen City, Pa. He was survived by his widow and three children. Rev. W. W. Moyer, pastor of the Mahoning Charge in Lehigh Synod, is his son.

References: Messenger; November 21, 1929

December 12, 1929

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Valuable information supplied by Rev. W. W. Moyer.

REV. JOHANNES GROSSMANN

Johannes Grossmann was born at Leipsig, Germany, on January 17, 1874. After graduating from the public school of his native community, he studied at Koenigsfeld and Niske to fit himself for missionary work in Labrador. He was a missionary in Labrador from 1902 until 1905.

In 1905 he went to Western Canada. He studied for one year under the guidance of a Reformed minister in that district and then was ordained on October 21, 1906, by Manitoba Classis. He served Canadian congregations at Arcola, Irvin and Pleasant Forks (If these congregations are still in existence they have assumed different names. None of the communities mentioned above are listed at present as sites of churches in our denomination).

In course of time he came into the United States, and served congregations at Medina, Heil, Wimbleton, Lincoln Valley, Artas and Herried - all in the Dakotas. I am not sure that some of these congregations are still in existence. Throughout his entire pastoral career, Mr. Grossmann suffered untold hardships, due to climate, scattered congregations and poor support. He was a true missionary.

Mr. Grossmann died, following a paralytic stroke, on November 13, 1929, at the age of fifty-five. One biographer says that he died at Herreid; another reports his death as having occurred at Delmont, S. D. These two communities are not the same, and are not geographically near each other.

On account of the smallness of the church building, funeral services were held in the City Hall at Delmont on November 15. All the ministers of the Reformed Church in South Dakota participated in the services. I have no record of the place of interment.

In December, 1906, Mr. Grossmann was married to Miss Mathilda Dahl, who survived him with three children. 1931.

References: Messenger; March 27, 1930. Reformed Church Almanac,

REV. EDGAR SCHAFF HASSLER

E. S. Hassler was born at Mercersburg, Pa., on September 25, 1856. His parents were Rev. Jacob and Matilda (Stenger) Hassler. His father was a well-known pastor of the Reformed Church, served Charges in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and was also Principal of the Marshall Institute at Mercersburg.

Mr. Hassler was graduated from Mercersburg ^{College} during the presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee in 1878. He was then a student in the Theological Department of Mercersburg College for two years. When Mercersburg College finally closed at the end of the year 1879, Mr. Hassler entered the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in January, 1880, graduating in 1881. In that same year he was licensed by Mercersburg Classis. He then spent more than two years teaching at Butler, Pa. One account says that he taught in the Butler High School; another says that he was a teacher in St. Paul's Orphans' Home. He may have taught in both schools.

In 1884 Mr. Hassler accepted a Call to be pastor of the St. Clairsville, Pa., Charge, whereupon, he was ordained and installed by Juniata Classis. From 1888 until 1891 he was pastor of the Braddock, Pa., Mission, where he built a new church. At the same time he was pastor of the Turtle Creek, Pa., Mission, serving that congregation until 1893. After he relinquished the pastorate of the congregation at Braddock, he resided at Turtle Creek.

From 1893 until 1903, he served the Wilhelm Charge near Myersdale, Pa., and the Grove City, Pa., Charge from 1903 until 1907 or 1908. From 1908 until 1912 Mr. Hassler was without a pastoral Charge, but at least for part of that time he served as Field Secretary for the Mercer County Sunday School Association.

He was elected pastor of the Rimersburg, Pa., Charge in 1905, but declined the Call. From 1906, for probably several years, he

was Editor of "The Woman's Journal", founded some years before by Mrs. Estella Whitmore.

In 1912 Mr. Hassler returned to the Wilhelm Charge for a second pastorate of two years (1912 - 1914). From 1914 his pastoral activities were within the State of Ohio, where he served the Uniontown Charge at Lake from 1914 until 1919; and at Shelby where he served as pastor from 1919 until his death. During his pastorate here the church at Shelby was re-built. Mr. Hassler also had the honor of being elected and of serving two terms as Mayor of Shelby.

Mr. Hassler died suddenly following an attack of angina pectoris at his home in Shelby on November 15, 1929, at the age of seventy-three. Funeral services on November 18 in the Reformed Church at Shelby were in charge of Rev. D. B. Young, a Lutheran minister, and Rev. C. Hassel. Addresses were delivered by Rev. G. W. Good and by Rev. Young. He was buried in the Shelby Cemetery.

On June 8, 1887, Mr. Hassler was married to Miss Rilla Prugh, daughter of Jacob Prugh of near Dayton, Ohio. The ceremony, at the home of the bride's parents, was performed by his father, Rev. Jacob Hassler, assisted by Rev. W. S. McClure. He was survived by his widow and six sons.

References: Messenger; November 21, 1929

December 5, 1929

Christian World; November 28, 1929

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REV. J. FREDERICK REIMERS

J. F. Reimers, son of John and Sophia (Muehl) Reimers, was born in Schleswig - Holstein, Germany, on December 28, 1884. During the latter part of his youth he attended a Mission School at Breklum. At the age of twenty-one he came to America, spending one year at Ursinus College for the special purpose of studying the English language.

In 1907 he entered Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and then when the Heidelberg Seminary was merged with the Ursinus School of Theology in 1908 to form the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, he continued his studies in the new Institution, graduating in 1910.

After being licensed and ordained, Mr. Reimers was installed as pastor of the Arcanum, Ohio, Charge, serving there for one year. He served at Colon, Michigan, from 1911 until 1913; the Walnut Creek, Ohio, Charge, from 1913 until the end of 1914. For one year (May, 1915 - April, 1916) he was pastor of the Saxton, Pa., Charge. He was pastor at Carrothers, Ohio, from 1916 until 1920, and at Bluffton, Indiana, for one year (1920 - 1921). He served the Warren, Ohio, Charge from 1921 until 1925, and then became pastor of Jerusalem Church, Buffalo, N. Y., which he served until his death.

In 1929 Mr. Reimers suffered a nervous collapse which developed into a case of complete melancholia. He was found dead in his garage, a victim of suicide, on November 22, 1929, at the age of forty-four.

Funeral services in Jerusalem Church on November 27 were in charge of Revs. F. W. Engelmann and J. M. Peck, assisted by the officers of West New York Classis. Rev. H. E. Schnatz preached the funeral

sermon. On November 28 private funeral services were held in the home. He was buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery at Buffalo.

In 1910 Mr. Reimers was married to Miss Louise Rein of Tiffin, Ohio. He was survived by his widow and four children.

References: Messenger; November 28, 1929

December 26, 1929

Christian World; January 4, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. HENRY WILLIAM STEINECKER

H. W. Steinecker was born in Westphalia, Germany, on February 25, 1852. In 1869 he came to America and settled at Indianapolis to live with friends and relatives. He entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin, in 1872, graduating from the Theological Department in 1877.

After being licensed and ordained, he became pastor of the congregation at Medina, Wisconsin, serving there until 1892. During this pastorate he re-organized a defunct congregation at Fremont, Wisconsin, and added it to his Charge. In the meantime, and due to his influence, a group of people from his home town in Germany had settled at Wausau and Stradford, Wisconsin. He served them pastorally from Medina, and later organized them into congregations.

In 1892 he became pastor of a Charge, centered at McIntosh, North Dakota, consisting of six small congregations. Within a year he had organized six more, and then developed these small groups into five self-supporting pastoral Charges.

In 1904 he resigned the Medina Charge to become House-Father at the Mission College and Seminary. In 1908 he returned to the Medina - Fremont, Wisconsin, Charge for a second pastorate of five years (1908 - 1913). From 1913 until 1922 he was pastor of the Ashley, North Dakota, Charge. In 1922 he became pastor of a congregation at Bateman, Canada, serving it, however, for a period of only seven months. Mr. Steinecker then retired from the active ministry and took up his residence in his wife's home community, near the Mission House, at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Mr. Steinecker died after a lingering illness at his home at Elkhart Lake on December 16, 1929, at the age of seventy-seven. He was buried at Ashley, North Dakota.

In 1878 Mr. Steinecker was married to Miss Clara Muehlmeier, who

died in 1916 at Ashley. In 1922 he was married a second time to Mrs. Anna Neuhaus. He was survived by his widow and five children.

Reference: Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

Mr. [Name] was born [Date]. His early education was acquired in the [Name] public school in [County]. He entered [Name] and [Name] College in 1887, graduating in 1892. He was [Name] from the [Name] Seminary in 1892. He was licensed by [Name] on May 16, 1892.

Having accepted a call to be pastor of the Greenfield Charge, [Name], Pa., Mr. [Name] was ordained and installed on June 23, 1892, by [Name]. The committee on ordination consisted of [Name], [Name], [Name] and [Name].

Mr. [Name] served the Greenfield Charge from 1892 until 1901, and was the pastor of the [Name] Charge, [Name], Pa., for the years 1901 - 1904. He was pastor of the [Name], Pa., Charge from 1904 until 1907; of the [Name], Pa., Charge from 1907 until 1910; of the [Name], Pa., Charge from 1910 until 1913; of the [Name], Pa., Charge from 1913 until 1916. In that year he became pastor of the [Name] Charge, [Name], Pa., and served it until his death. During his pastoral career he built and dedicated a new church at [Name], Pa., and re-built the church at [Name], Pa. He served a term as President of Pittsburgh Area and was President of several churches.

Mr. [Name] died at the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, on [Date], 1916, at the age of [Age]. Funeral services on [Date] in the [Name] Church, near [Name], Pa., and [Name] for [Name] his birth-place, were in charge of Rev. W. C. [Name]. The [Name] presented the funeral sermon. He was buried in the [Name].

REV. SIMON URIAH WAGAMAN

S. U. Wagaman, the eighth son of Hezekiah and Catherine (Laufer) Wagaman, was born near Harrison City, Westmoreland County, Pa., on February 5, 1861. His early education was acquired in the Penn Township public school in Westmoreland County. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1885, graduating in 1889. He was duly graduated from the Theological Seminary in 1892. He was licensed by Westmoreland Classis on May 16, 1892.

Having accepted a Call to be pastor of the Greenfield Charge, Claysburg, Pa., Mr. Wagaman was ordained and installed on June 25, 1892, by Juniata Classis. The committee on ordination consisted of Revs. J. F. Moyer, A. S. Glessner and S. C. Stover.

Mr. Wagaman served the Greenfield Charge from 1892 until 1903, and then was pastor of the Curlsville Charge, Rimersburg, Pa., for two years (1903 - 1905). He was pastor of the Youngwood, Pa., Charge from 1905 until 1909; of the Export, Pa., Charge from 1909 until 1915; of the Scottdale, Pa., Charge from 1915 until 1918; of the Yukon - Seanors, Pa., Charge from 1918 until 1926. In that year he became pastor of the St. Clairsville Charge, Osterburg, Pa., and served it until his death. During his pastoral career he built and dedicated a new church at Pavia, Pa., and re-built the church at Greenfield, Pa. He served a term as President of Pittsburgh Synod and was President of several Classes.

Mr. Wagaman died at the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, on December 16, 1929, at the age of sixty-eight. Funeral services on December 19 in the Brush Creek Church near Manor, Pa., and not far from his birth-place, were in charge of Rev. W. C. Sykes, who also preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the Brush

Creek Cemetery, near Manor.

On June 16, 1892, Mr. Wagaman was married to Miss Emma Highberger, who survived him with three sons.

References: Messenger; December 26, 1929

January 23, 1930

March 13, 1930

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REV. CHARLES HARRY KEHM, Sr.

C. H. Kehm, Sr., the son of Rev. Jacob and Amanda C. Kehm, was born at Sellersville, Pa., on January 7 (8?), 1877. At the time of his birth, his father was pastor of the Sellersville Charge which he served for nearly thirty years.

C. Harry Kehm was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1901. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1902, graduating in 1905. In that same year he was licensed by Tohickon Classis.

In the summer of 1905 he was ordained by Lebanon Classis and installed as the first pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Richland, Pa., serving there until July, 1911. He was then pastor of Zion's Reformed Church at Pottstown, Pa., from 1911 until early in the year of 1926. In 1926 he was elected Assistant-Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, and after serving one year in that position, he was elected Superintendent of the Home in 1927, succeeding Rev. W. F. More.

Mr. Kehm's term of service as Superintendent was brief, but characterized by energy and devotion to the interests of the Home and the children. He was greatly beloved and respected by the orphan boys and girls at Bethany. His early death, after a service of only three years, was greatly regretted.

Mr. Kehm died, after an illness of three months, at the Bethany Home on December 17, 1929, at the age of fifty-two. Funeral services in the Chapel at Bethany on December 19 were in charge of Rev. H. J. Miller, assisted by Rev. I. C. Fisher. Rev. E. S. Leinbach preached the funeral sermon. Rev. J. L. Fluck delivered an address.

Further services on December 20 at Sellersville were in charge of Rev. J. R. Shepley. Rev. C. E. Creitz preached the sermon. He was buried at Sellersville. Mr. Kehm served for some years as Stat-

ed Clerk of Goshenhoppen Classis.

He was married to Miss Matilda Cressman (place and date not given), who survived him with twin sons, both of whom are ministers of the Reformed Church: Rev. C. Harry Kehm, Jr., Pastor of Grace Church, Allentown; and Rev. J. Paul Kehm, pastor of St. Paul's Church at Fleetwood, Pa.

References: Messenger; December 26, 1929

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1930, REV. JAMES MILTON SANGREE ISENBERG, D. D.

J. M. S. Isenberg (Eisenberg), son of Joseph and Mary Norris Isenberg, was born near McConnellstown, Pa., on January 1, 1871. After passing through the public school of his native community he entered Ursinus Academy, graduating in 1889. He was then a student at Ursinus College, graduating in 1893, and was duly graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1896. He was licensed in May of that same year by Juniata Classis.

In July, 1896, Mr. Isenberg was ordained and installed as pastor of the Durham Charge in Bucks County, Pa.. He served here until October, 1897, when he became pastor of the First Reformed Church, Spring City, Pa., where he served until February, 1905. In December, 1904, he was elected pastor of Trinity Church, Philadelphia and at first declined the Call. Later he reconsidered the matter and in February, 1905, moved to Philadelphia as pastor of Trinity Church. At that time the Trinity congregation was worshipping in an old church building in the center of the Jewish district. Within a short time he was able to bring about a merger with the Tioga Congregation and then built a new church in a different part of the City, under the name "Tioga Reformed Church". Mr. Isenberg served the merged congregation until 1922.

He then became pastor of the Central Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio, where he served until 1926. In that year he became Vice-President of Ursinus College, continuing in that office until his sudden and tragic death.

On the evening of January 21, 1930, he and Mrs. Isenberg started to drive to Norristown to visit friends. When only a short distance from Collegeville his automobile was in collision with a trolley car. Mr. Isenberg was thrown from the automobile and fatally injured. He was taken to the Norristown Hospital where he died on the next

day (January 22, 1930) at the age of fifty-nine. Mrs. Isenberg was seriously injured, but recovered after a five weeks stay in the hospital.

On January 26, for most of the day, the body of Mr. Isenberg lay in state in the Library of Ursinus College. Funeral services in Trinity Church, Collegeville, on January 27 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. John Lentz. Addresses were delivered by President G. L. Omwake of Ursinus College, Rev. C. B. Alspach, Rev. George Stibitz and Elder H. E. Paisley. He was buried in the cemetery of Trinity Church at Collegeville.

Mr. Isenberg was a member of the Board of Trustees of Ursinus College from 1906 until his death; also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Central Theological Seminary from 1912. In 1918 he was elected Director of the War Emergency Campaign, and in 1923 a member of the General Council of the Reformed Church. In 1916 he was elected President of the Eastern Synod.

On May 12, 1896, Mr. Isenberg was married to Miss Mary E. Heffner. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride near McConnellstown, Pa., by Rev. H. E. Jones of Collegeville, assisted by Rev. C. H. Slinghoff. He was survived by his widow and three children. In 1910 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Isenberg the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity

References: Messenger; May 21, 1896

January 30, 1930

April 10, 1930

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REV. WILLIAM ALBERT GONSER

W. A. Gonser, son of William and Mary (Asire) Gonser, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, on May 23, 1855. When he was but a boy, his father, who was a soldier in the Civil War, was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness. The young boy then had to assume the management of the home farm and the responsibility of supporting the family. However, being of a studious nature, he was able in addition to continue his school work, at first under the direction of his pastor, and then later at the Millersburg (Ohio) High School from which he was graduated. He then taught in a public school for several years and studied in a Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana. He was a graduate of Heidelberg College, and was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1881. In that same year he was licensed and ordained.

Mr. Gonser was pastor of the West Salem, Ohio, Charge from 1881 until 1888, and of the Robertsville Charge, East Canton, Ohio, from 1888 until 1892.

He then came to Pennsylvania as pastor of the Myerstown Charge which he served from 1892 until August, 1897. In 1897 he took charge of the Grace Mission Congregation at Mt. Carmel, Pa. During his service here of more than thirty-two years (1897 - October, 1929) he was able to bring the congregation to self-support and added many members to its roll. Also, during his pastorate a new church and parsonage were erected at Mt. Carmel. During most of the time from 1897 until his death, he was supply-pastor of Hope Church at Excelsior, Pa.

Mr. Gonser resigned and retired in October, 1929. However, he continued as supply-pastor of Hope Church at Excelsior and of Faith Church at Ranshaw until his death. At the time of his retirement (possibly before) Mr. Gonser resided at Kulpmont, situated between

Mt. Carmel and Shamokin.

Mr. Gonser died at his home in Kulpmont, after an illness of twelve days, on January 31, 1930, at the age of seventy-four. Funeral services in the home at Kulpmont on February 5 were in charge of Revs. C. B. Schneder and E. S. Noll, and Student Lee Gable. Further services in Grace Church at Mt. Carmel were in charge of Rev. C. D. Lerch assisted by Revs. W. M. Hoover, F. Hiack and C. B. Schneder, all of whom delivered sermons. He was buried on February 6 at Millersburg, Ohio.

Mr. Gonser celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate at Mt. Carmel in October, 1922, and the thirtieth in October, 1927.

Mr. Gonser was married (place and date not given) to Miss Susan Uhl of Millersburg, Ohio. She died during his pastorate at Myerstown, leaving three children. Soon after coming to Mt. Carmel he was married a second time to Miss Elizabeth C. Lehman of Myerstown. He was survived by his widow and four children.

References: Messenger; February 13, 1930

March 20, 1930

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REV. FRANK E. LAHR

F. E. Lahr was born in Huntingdon, Indiana, on October 6, 1873. He was the son of Philip and Mary (Knopfloch) Lahr, both of whom were natives of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. He was brought up in a humble but pious household. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. P. H. Dippell, and confirmed in youth by Rev. C. M. Schaaf. After passing through the public school, he entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin, graduating in succession from the Academy, the College, and from the Theological Department in 1898. In that same year he was licensed and ordained by Zion's Classis of the Synod of the North-West.

Mr. Lahr served the Defiance, Ohio, Charge from 1898 until 1904, and Zion's Charge, New Bedford, Ohio, from 1904 until 1911. In March, 1908, he declined a Call to be pastor of the Plymouth, Pa., Charge. From February, 1911, until August, 1917, he was pastor of St. Luke's Church at Jeffersonville, Indiana; of the Stone Creek Charge, New Philadelphia, Ohio, from October, 1917, until May, 1920; of the Waldo, Ohio, Charge from May, 1920, until August, 1922; and of the Titusville, Pa., Charge from August, 1922, until February, 1928.

In February, 1928, he became pastor of the First Reformed Church at Ridgeway, Pa., and served there until his death.

On the evening of February 4, 1930, during a heavy rain-storm and after dark, as Mr. Lahr was proceeding from the church to the adjoining parsonage, he was struck in front of the church by a messenger boy on a bicycle and thrown by the impact to the ground, causing an intercranial hemorrhage. He was removed to the hospital and everything possible was done to stop the bleeding, but without result. Mr. Lahr died at the Hospital on the next day (February 5, 1930) at the age of fifty-six.

Funeral services in the First Church at Ridgeway on February 7 were in charge of Rev. J. O. H. Meyer, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. H. Brunner, H. E. Schnatz, J. A. Galbraith of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Patterson of the Ridgeway Y. M. C. A. also assisted in the services.

Further services at Huntingdon, Indiana, on February 10 were in charge of Rev. R. B. Meckstroth, assisted by Revs. H. Robrock and A. Grether. Rev. D. R. Raiser preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the family lot in the Cemetery at Huntingdon. At the time of his death Mr. Lahr was Stated Clerk of Heidelberg Classis (German Synod of the East).

On September 24, 1903, Mr. Lahr was married to Miss Ella J. Jungermann of Frostburg, Md. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents by his brother, Rev. W. H. Lahr. Mrs. Lahr died at New Bedford, Ohio, on August 31, 1908, leaving four children. He was married a second time to Miss Clara Stingel (place and date not given) who survived him.

References: Messenger; February 20, 1930

March 13, 1930

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REV. ELAM JACOB SNYDER

E. J. Snyder, son of Peter and Mary Snyder, was born in the old family home-stead at Lime Kiln, Oley Township, Berks County, Pa., on August 12, 1880. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. A. S. Leinbach, and in October, 1895, was confirmed as a member of the Schwarzwald Church in Berks County.

After passing through the elementary school he was a student in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. After graduating from the Normal School he taught for several years in the public schools of Berks County. In 1899 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1903, one of three brothers to graduate in that Class. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in May, 1906. He was licensed by Reading Classis in that same month and year. In June, 1906, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Alsace Charge, Reading, Pa., by a committee of Reading Classis, consisting of Revs. T. M. Yundt, J. R. Brown and C. E. Schaeffer.

When Mr. Snyder became its pastor in 1906 the Alsace Church was Union. In 1908 the Reformed and Lutheran congregations separated, each congregation erecting its own church building, close to each other, and built exactly alike to each other.. Mr. Snyder continued to serve Grace Church, Alsace, until 1917. During part of his pastorate here he taught German in the Reading High School.

In 1917 he became pastor of the Quakertown, Pa., Charge, serving it until the beginning of the year 1921. He then took charge of Tabor Reformed Mission Church in Philadelphia, serving there until 1927; also teaching meanwhile in several schools in Philadelphia. While he was in this pastorate the Tabor Congregation built a new church.

In 1927, on account of a break-down in health, Mr. Snyder re-

signed his pastorate and moved to Wyncote, a suburb of Philadelphia, where he resided for the remainder of his life. From 1927 until his death, he was a Field Representative of Columbia University of New York City.

Mr. Snyder died at his home in Wyncote on February 12, 1930, at the age of forty-nine. Funeral services were held at the home of his father-in-law, also at Grace Church, Alsace, on February 17 in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Mengel, assisted by Rev. T. C. Wiemer. Revs. C. E. Schaeffer and J. R. Brown preached funeral sermons. He was buried in the Charles Evans Cemetery at Reading.

In 1906 (exact date not given) Mr. Snyder was married to Miss Louisa Shalter of the neighborhood of Reading. He was survived by his widow, two children, his mother, two brothers and three sisters.

References: Messenger; February 20, 1930

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Note: Mr. Snyder and I were class-mates for four years in college and three years in the Theological Seminary. Editor.

REV. JOHN DANIEL THOMAS, Ph. D.

J. D. Thomas, son of Daniel and Sarah (Beaver) Thomas, was born at Slatington, Pa., on October 12, 1854. After acquiring a public school education he attended the State Normal School at Kingston, Pa., Muhlenberg College at Allentown, and then entered Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio. He was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1884.

Mr. Thomas then spent some time as Principal of the High School at Winslow, Illinois, and then became associated with the College of Northern Illinois. When this Institution closed in 1887, Mr. Thomas entered the Ministry. He was ordained by St. Paul's Classis in October, 1887, and was installed as pastor of the Cochranon, Pa., Charge which he served until June, 1896. He then spent the next year and a half at his home in Slatington, probably without a Charge. There is no evidence that he was ever pastor of the Slatington Charge.

In November, 1897, he became pastor of the Bettsville, Ohio, Charge, serving there for exactly one year. He then returned to Pennsylvania as pastor of the Bloomsburg Charge, which he served from November, 1898, until April, 1909. He was pastor of the Germantown, Ohio, Charge from April, 1909, until February, 1911.

He was then pastor of the Manor Charge, Adamstown, Md., from 1911 until April, 1920. Mr. Thomas' last pastoral field was at Ruffsdale, Pa., which he served from 1920 until May, 1925.

Mr. Thomas then purchased a home in Frederick, Md., and resided there in retirement during the remainder of his life. In March, 1903, Mr. Thomas declined a Call to be pastor of the Youngwood, Pa., Mission congregation.

He died at his home in Frederick, after an illness of two days, on March 3, 1930, at the age of seventy-five. Funeral services on

March 5 in the home were in charge of Rev. H. L. G. Kieffer, assisted by Revs. C. E. Wehler and E. A. G. Hermann. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Frederick.

In 1887 or 1888 (exact date not given) Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Louisa P. Leiner of Tiffin, Ohio. Mrs. Thomas died at Frederick on February 17, 1931. After funeral services in her home in charge of Rev. E. A. G. Hermann she was buried at Tiffin. At the same time the body of her husband was exhumed and re-interred at Tiffin. There were no survivors.

Mr. Thomas was the author of the volume "The Child Life". In 1898 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Calvin College.

References: Messenger; March 27, 1930

April 3, 1930

March 12, 1931

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. HENRY J. WELKER

H. J. Welker was born near Red Hill, Montgomery County, Pa., on November 29, 1850. He attended the public school of Upper Hanover Township, Montgomery County, also the Frederick Institute and Washington Hall College. After teaching for a while in the public schools he made his final preparation for college at the Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Collegiate Institute.

Mr. Welker was graduated from Ursinus College and may have spent one year in the Ursinus School of Theology. He was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis on May 27, 1877. During that same annual session of the Classis at Oley, Pa., he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Springfield Charge, Richlandtown, Lehigh County, Pa., serving there from 1877 until 1884.

In October, 1884, Mr. Welker became pastor of the Tulpehocken Charge, residing in the historic stone parsonage (built in 1770), three miles east of Myerstown. Attached to the parsonage property were about one hundred acres of land which Mr. Welker cultivated in addition to attending to his pastoral duties, during his entire pastorate at Tulpehocken. When he became pastor of the Charge in 1884, it consisted of five congregations: Trinity at Tulpehocken, Salem at Millersburg, St. Paul's (Union) at Hamlin, Mt. Zion's and Kimmerlings. He was instrumental in the organization of Grace Congregation at Richland and Grace Congregation at Avon (which he served until 1907).

Mr. Welker served this laborious Charge from 1884 until his final retirement in October, 1920 (one account says November, 1924), also during all these years cultivating the parsonage farm. His pastoral record in the Tulpehocken Charge is as follows: Baptisms, 1352; Marriages, 700; Confirmations, 1011; Funerals, 709. Mr. Welker always took great pride in and made elaborate preparations for the

annual "Rose Festival", which was observed in Trinity Church at Tulpehocken. In 1900 he declined a Call to be Superintendent of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home at Myerstown. He celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate in the Tulpehocken Charge in April, 1907; and the thirtieth in 1914.

Upon his retirement from the active ministry, Mr. Welker moved to Myerstown and resided there during the remainder of his life. For about a year he was ill with a kidney disease, undergoing several operations. After lying unconscious for five days he died at his home in Myerstown on March 4, 1930, at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services in the Reformed Church at Myerstown on March 8 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. David Lockart, assisted by Revs. C. H. Slinghoff, W. C. Hess, P. E. Swope and M. A. Peters. Rev. C. M. DeLong, pastor of Mr. Welker's home church at East Greenville, Pa., preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. L. Fluck, I. C. Fisher, P. S. Leinbach and David Lockart. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining the Tulpehocken Church. Altogether, twenty-one ministers attended the funeral services.

On November 29, 1877 (his twenty-seventh birthday), Mr. Welker was married to Miss Mary (Mamie) Troth of Philadelphia. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother in Philadelphia by Rev. A. L. Dechant, assisted by Rev. S. R. Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Welker were the parents of four children.

References: Messenger; March 13, 1930

April 10, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. WILLIAM F. DELANEY

W. F. Delaney was born in Omagh County, Tyrone, Ireland, in 1855. He was baptized and confirmed in the Protestant Episcopal Church. After being orphaned at an early age, he was, while still in his youth, a keeper at the Omagh Asylum. When he was twenty-one years of age he was married to Margaret Moore, and then he brought his young bride to America, landing in Philadelphia (1876).

Mr. Delaney was what might be called a naturally religious man, regarding religion, however, not only as a belief, but as the guide to a pattern of life; that is, he used his religion for the betterment of his fellow-men - more especially among the unfortunate. This trait of his character probably was developed all the more significantly because of his experience at the Omagh Asylum.

Upon coming to Philadelphia, he joined the Bethany Presbyterian Church in that City. He became acquainted with John Wanamaker who was impressed with the earnest zeal of the young man who wanted to serve. Mr. Wanamaker gave him a position in his store in Philadelphia where young Delaney worked for ~~ten~~ years.

Probably at the suggestion of his employer, Mr. Delaney decided to study for the Ministry. He, therefore, entered Ursinus College, an Institution in which Mr. Wanamaker was always interested. Mr. Delaney was graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1888.

During his business career and especially while he was a student of Theology, he did a great deal of missionary work in South Philadelphia. He was one of the founders of Bethel (now St. Stephen's) Reformed Church in Philadelphia (organized in 1884), and upon his graduation from the Ursinus School of Theology, he served as its pastor for eleven years. He was instrumental, also, in the establishment of St. Andrew's Mission, which was organized in 1886. This congregation was enrolled by Philadelphia Classis as a Mission and

a chapel was built. In 1906 the original property was sold and a new church was erected in another part of the City.

Mr. Delaney then went to New York City, filling several positions, but always doing missionary work.

In 1916 he became Superintendent of what was later known as the "Delaney Mission" in New York City. It is said that a religious service was held at the Mission on every night for thirteen years.

Mr. Delaney died, after an illness of a few days, at his home in New York City on March 28, 1930, at the age of seventy-five. Funeral services on April 1 in the Second Presbyterian Church in New York City were in charge of the pastor, Rev. Duncan Black. Further services at the home of his son-in-law at Glenolden, Philadelphia, on April 2 were in charge of Rev. C. F. Deininger. Rev. A. G. Peters delivered an address. He was buried in Philadelphia. On April 11 a memorial service was held in the Second Presbyterian Church in New York City.

In March, 1876, he was married to Miss Margaret Moore in the Second Presbyterian Church at Omagh by Rev. Josiah Mitchell. To the time of his death, Mr. Delaney always maintained his status as a minister of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; April 3, 1930

May 1, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. ERNEST W. KRUSE

E. W. Kruse was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on August 19, 1876. When he was fifteen years old his parents moved to Franklin, Wisconsin. Living close to the Mission House, he was a student at that Institution until 1895. He made his final preparation for the Ministry at the Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin, graduating in 1898.

In June, 1898, Mr. Kruse was ordained and installed as pastor of the Decatur, Indiana, Charge, which he served until 1900. Later pastorates served by Mr. Kruse were: Orrville, Ohio, Charge, 1900 - 1906; Ada, Ohio, Charge, 1906 - 1908; Spencerville, Ohio, Charge, 1908 - 1913; Farmersville, Ohio, Charge, 1913 - 1919; Bluffton, Indiana, Charge, 1919 - 1920; Kenton, Ohio, Charge, 1920 - 1924.

In 1924 Mr. Kruse became pastor of St. John's German (Fourth) Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., serving there until February, 1927. In May of that year he became pastor of the Hale Memorial Church at Dayton, Ohio, serving it until his death.

For a year before his death, Mr. Kruse was more or less incapacitated by heart trouble. As his condition became worse, involving confinement to his home, he offered his resignation, which was not accepted. He continued, therefore, in the pastoral relation until the end of his life. Mr. Kruse died at his home in Dayton on April 7, 1930, at the age of fifty-three. Funeral ^{se}rvices were held on April 10 in the Hale Memorial Church. Interment took place on April 11 at Tiffin, Ohio.

References: Messenger; April 17, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. WENZEL WALENTA, D. D.

Wenzel Walenta was born near Carlsbad in Bohemia, Austria, in 1856. He was baptized and confirmed a Roman Catholic. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to a merchant. At the age of seventeen and at the end of his apprenticeship, he came to America, landing at New York City (1873).

Not being able to find employment in New York, and at the suggestion of a new-found friend, he came to Vogelsville (Fogelsville), Pa., where he worked for a time at odd jobs. In the meantime he had become acquainted with Rev. W. A. Helffrich who became much interested in the young German and began to give him private instruction in preparation for the Christian Ministry. He was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church by Mr. Helffrich in Ziegel's Church in 1875. Mr. Helffrich sent him to the Mission House Theological Seminary, supplying the necessary funds for Mr. Walenta's final preparation for the Ministry.

After his graduation from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1879, and after being licensed and ordained, he became pastor of Salem Ebenezer Church at Newtown, Wisconsin, where he served until 1883. In 1883 he became pastor of St. Luke's German Reformed Church in Philadelphia; at the same time filling the position of Professor of German in Ursinus College.

In 1887 Mr. Walenta became pastor of the newly-organized Emanuel Mission in Brooklyn, N. Y. Soon afterwards he organized a mission congregation at Richmond Hill.

On account of certain conditions in the City of Brooklyn a change of location for Emanuel's Church was found to be desirable. Accordingly, in 1923, the two Mission congregations were merged and a fine new church was erected at Woodhaven on Long Island, the merged congregation retaining the name "Emanuel". Mr. Walenta

served this congregation until the end of his life.

For some years Mr. Walenta had suffered from bronchitis which at times caused him severe pain. After an illness of two weeks Mr. Walenta died at his home in Woodhaven on April 11, 1930, at the age of seventy-four. His body lay in state in Emanuel Church for forty-eight hours. Funeral services at Emanuel Church were held on April 14 in charge of Rev. E. J. Strassburger. Rev. J. Hehr preached a German sermon; Rev. G. W. Richards preached in English. More than fifty ministers attended the funeral services. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Brooklyn. Mr. Walenta was survived by his widow and seven children.

He was a member of the Board of Home Missions for ten years, serving two years as its President and six years as its Secretary. He was also a member of the Publication Board of the Central Publishing House at Cleveland.

Mr. Walenta's four sons became ministers of the Reformed Church: Constantine, who died in 1929; Max J. H., pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church, Brooklyn; Victor A., pastor of the Fourth Church, Cleveland, Ohio; and Paul (deceased).

In 1928 Mission House College conferred upon Mr. Walenta the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; April 17, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D., LL. D.

David Van Horne, son of Cornelius and Hannah Van Horne, was born at the Van Horne Homestead along the Schoharie Creek, near Amsterdam, N. Y., on December 11, 1837. His parents were pious members of the Reformed (Dutch) Church.

Mr. Van Horne enjoyed exceptional educational advantages. He was a student in 1856 - 1857 at a seminary at Fort Plain, and for a short time at a similar Institution at Claverack. His final preparation for college was made in a private school, under the principalship of Rev. William Hall at Fultonville, N. Y., also one term at the Academy at Johnstown, N. Y.

He entered Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., in 1860, graduating in July, 1864. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed (Dutch) Church at New Brunswick, N. J., in 1867, and was ordained a minister in that denomination.

From 1867 until 1868 he was pastor at Greenwich, N. Y. In 1868 he was received into the Reformed Church in the United States and installed as pastor of the First Reformed Church at Dayton, Ohio, serving here from 1868 until 1879. During this pastorate a new church was erected.

In 1879 Mr. Van Horne became pastor of the historic First (Race Street) Reformed Church in Philadelphia, serving it from 1879 until 1888. Here, also, he built a new church.

In 1888 Mr. Van Horne was elected by the Synod of Ohio as President and Professor of Systematic Theology in the Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin. When in 1907 Heidelberg Seminary was merged with the Ursinus School of Theology to form Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, Mr. Van Horne became the first President of the new Institution, continuing also his professorship of Systematic Theology.

He resigned the Presidency in 1912 but continued as Professor until 1916. At the time of his final resignation and retirement, he was made Professor Emeritus and Honorary President of the Seminary.

Mr. Van Horne then returned to reside at his boyhood home, but after a short while moved into the City of Amsterdam, N. Y., where he resided until the end of his life.

After having been confined to his home for one month, Mr. Van Horne was removed to the City Hospital at Amsterdam, where he died on April 12, 1930, at the age of ninety-two. Funeral services on April 16 in Trinity (Dutch) Reformed Church were in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. S. Maines, who also preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the family lot in the cemetery at Amsterdam.

Besides his services as pastor and professor, Mr. Van Horne was active in the work of the denomination as a whole. In 1878 he was elected President of the General Synod, serving for a term of three years. He was President of the Board of Foreign Missions from 1878 until 1888. In 1883 he began of service of several years as Synodical Editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, representing the Eastern Synod. Mr. Van Horne contributed two articles to the Reformed Church Review and twenty-eight to the Messenger. He was the author of the following volumes: "History of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia" (1876); "The Shorter Heidelberg Catechism" (1881); "The Mountain Boy of Wildhaus" (1884); "The Companion of Praise" (Hymns for home use, published in 1877); "Tent and Saddle Life in the Holy Land" (1885); "Religion and Revelation" (1892); and "The Church and the Future Life" (1904).

On September 18, 1867 Mr. Van Horne was married to Miss Mary G. Van Horne of Van Hornesville, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Van Horne celebrated their "Golden Wedding" in September, 1917. I have no

record of Mrs. Van Horne's death, but she died before 1930.

Mr. Van Horne celebrated his ninetieth birthday in December, 1927. He was survived by two daughters.

In 1877 Heidelberg College conferred upon Mr. Van Horne the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1898 he received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Ursinus College.

References: Messenger; April 26, 1928

April 17, 1930

April 24, 1930

May 1, 1930

Christian World; April 26, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. OTTO C. RENTER

O. C. Renter, son of Rev. and Mrs. William Renter, was born at Kenton, Ohio, on March 21, 1864. His father was a minister of the Reformed Church. After being graduated from the Monroeville, Ohio, High School, he entered Calvin College at Cleveland, graduating in 1890. He was duly graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin in 1893.

After being licensed and ordained Mr. Renter became pastor of the Apple Creek, Ohio, Charge, which he served from 1893 until 1896. This was the end of his pastoral career. He then entered secular business in which he was engaged until the end of his life.

He died in the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, on April 13, 1930, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services at the Second Reformed Church in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 16 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. H. B. Robrock. He was buried at Cleveland.

Mr. Renter was married to Miss Martha Kuss, daughter of Rev. Kuss, a minister of the Reformed Church. He was survived by his widow and three children.

References: Messenger; May 22, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. HENRY MARTYN KIEFFER, D. D.

H. M. Kieffer, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ephraim Kieffer, was born at Mifflinburg, Pa., on October 5, 1845. He was a brother of Rev. J. S. Kieffer, pastor for many years at Hagerstown, Md., and of Lic. J. B. Kieffer. Professor of Greek at Franklin and Marshall College.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Kieffer, then a school-boy only sixteen years old, enlisted as a Drummer Boy in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers (called "The Bucktail Regiment"), serving until the end of the War. His book, "Recollections of a Drummer Boy" (published in 1883) was one of the most popular books of its day and was read with deep interest by thousands of young people.

He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1870. He entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in the fall of 1870, finishing his theological preparation in the Seminary at Lancaster in 1873.

He was licensed by Zion's Classis on May 18, 1873. On October 13, 1873, he was ordained by Philadelphia Classis and installed as pastor of the Church of the Ascension at Norristown, Pa. The Committee on Ordination consisted of Revs. D. E. Klopp, J. G. Noss, and Daniel Feete.

He served at Norristown from 1873 until 1884; then became pastor of the First Reformed Church at Easton, Pa., which he served until 1903. In that year, due to some internal dissension in the church at Easton, the pastoral relation was dissolved by East Pennsylvania Classis, without Mr. Kieffer's approval and contrary to his desire.. This action was approved by the Eastern Synod. Then Mr. Kieffer withdrew from the ministry of the Reformed Church and affiliated himself with the Protestant Episcopal Church (January 1, 1904).

In this denomination he was ordained Deacon in 1904, and Priest in 1905. His pastoral record in the Protestant Episcopal Church is as follows: Christ Church, Susquehanna, Pa., 1905 - 1906; St. George's Church, Newark, N. J., 1906; Assistant at Ascension Church and Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Atlantic City, N. J., 1907 - 1916; Christ Church, Millville, N. J., 1917 - 1923; Pastor of a Church at Atlantic City, 1923 - 1924. He retired in 1924 but continued to reside at Atlantic City during the remainder of his life. Mr. Kieffer died at his home in Atlantic City on April 21, 1930, at the age of eighty-four. He was buried in the Lancaster Cemetery at Lancaster, Pa.

Besides "The Recollections of a Drummer Boy", already referred to, he was the Editor of a Volume of the Sermons of Dr. J. W. Nevin, published in 1890. In 1912 he published "Short Stories of the Hymns". In 1885 Mr. Kieffer was elected Editor of "The Guardian", serving in that capacity until 1889. He contributed nine articles to the Messenger. From 1890 until 1894 he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

On September 2, 1873, Mr. Kieffer was married to Miss Mary E. Miley, daughter of Amos Miley of Lancaster, Pa. The ceremony was performed by his brother, Rev. J. S. Kieffer, assisted by Rev. J. B. Shumaker. He was survived by his widow and one son. In 1889 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Kieffer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; May 1, 1930

Christian World, May 17, 1930.

REV. EZRA DOUGLAS LANTZ

E. D. Lantz, son of Ezra and Sarah (Gigous) Lantz, was born at Keedysville, Md., on May 3, 1872. After passing through the public school of his community he was a student at the Hagerstown, Md., High School, graduating in 1890. He was successively graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1894 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1897. He was licensed by Maryland Classis on May 22, 1897, and ordained by Iowa Classis in that same year (after October 5).

From 1897 until 1899 Mr. Lantz was pastor of Grace Church, Lone Tree, Iowa, serving at the same time and at the request of the citizens of that community as Principal of the local High School. From 1899 until 1901 he was a student of Medicine at the Iowa State University.

From 1901 until 1916 we have no definite record of Mr. Lantz's activities. He was in many places and in many occupations, but during this time he did not serve as a pastor. During part of this time he was in Texas.

In 1816 he returned to the active ministry as pastor of Grace Church, Abilene, Kansas. His withdrawal from the ministry for fifteen years brought about a situation, unique, so far as I know, in the history of Maryland Classis, and possibly in the whole Reformed Church. When Mr. Lantz, who during his college and seminary years had been a beneficiary student under the care of Maryland Classis, left the Ministry, Maryland Classis in 1902 brought suit against his bondsmen to recover the sum of Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars which had been advanced to him. The suit was successful in that the bondsmen were compelled to pay the amount in full to the Trustees of Classis. Years afterwards, when it was reported that Mr. Lantz had returned to the active ministry, the money was re-

turned to the bondsmen. The suit was the cause of a considerable amount of dissension in the Keedysville Congregation, which, in my opinion, has never been forgotten.

Mr. Lantz served the Abilene congregation until 1917, and then returned to Lone Tree for a second pastorate, continuing until February, 1924. He was pastor at Baltimore, Ohio, from 1924 until 1927, and of the Paulding Charge, Payne, Ohio, from 1927 until 1929. In January, 1929, he became pastor of the Beam Charge, Jennerstown, Pa., which he served until his death.

Mr. Lantz died suddenly from a heart attack in the parsonage at Jennerstown on April 26, 1930, at the age of fifty-seven. Funeral services in the Reformed Church at Jennerstown on April 29 were in charge of the officers of Somerset Classis. He was buried at Jennerstown.

On August 3, 1911, Mr. Lantz was married to Miss Mayma Sudley at Rosenberg, Texas. He was survived by his widow and two daughters.

References: Messenger; May 15, 1930

Christian World; May 17, 1930

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REV. JACOB STUCKI, D. D.

Jacob Stucki was born at Diemtigen in Simmental, Kanton Berne, Switzerland, on January 22, 1862. At the age of sixteen he came to America, settling at Toledo, Ohio, where he lived until 1879. He then entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin, graduating from the Theological Department in 1884.

Even before his graduation he had been called and had begun his work as Assistant to Rev. Jacob Hauser who had established a Mission School among the Winnebago Indians at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. When Mr. Hauser resigned in 1885, Mr. Stucki took entire charge of the Mission, with all its related activities. Here he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in serving the Winnebagos for a period of forty-six years. After a sizable group of Indians had become converted to the Christian Faith, Mr. Stucki organized a Mission congregation (Immanuel Church at Black River Falls) and served it regularly as its pastor. John Stacy, one of the original converts, was Mr. Stucki's assistant for a number of years. Rev. Mitchell Whiterabbit, himself a Winnebago, a graduate of Mission House College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, has been pastor of the Winnebago Indian Mission at Black River Falls since 1947. The Winnebago Indian School at Neillsville, Wisconsin, is now under the superintendency of Rev. Benjamin Stucki (Mr. Ben), son of Dr. Jacob Stucki.

Mr. Stucki died at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, California, on May 10, 1930, at the age of seventy-three. Funeral services were held in the Indian Mission Chapel on May 16. He was buried in the Christian Indian Burial Grounds at Black River Falls.

Mr. Stucki was married on January 12, 1886, to Miss Marie Reineck of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Mrs. Stucki died in 1894. He was married a second time (date not given) to Miss Johanna Reineck, a

sister of his first wife. In October, 1904, he was married a third time to Miss Wilhelmina Engelmann, who survived him. Mr. Stucki was the father of six sons and two daughters. Two of his sons, Rev. F. E. Stucki of Alleman, Iowa, and Rev. Benjamin Stucki are ministers of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Stucki translated the Heidelberg Catechism into the Winnebago Language in 1917. In 1926 Mission House College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; May 22, 1930

June 26, 1930

Christian World; May 24, 1930

May 31, 1930

June 14, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. FRANK GREETHER, D. D., LL. D.

Frank Grether, son of Rev. Michael and Salome (Harter) Grether, was born at Akron, Ohio, on April 10, 1856. His father came to Akron to follow the trade of baking, in 1847. Later he studied Medicine and practiced as a physician for seven years at Plymouth, Wooster, and New Philadelphia, all in Ohio. He studied Theology at New Philadelphia under the direction of Rev. Carl Bank, and then served as a minister in the Reformed Church for many years.

Frank Grether passed through the public school and then entered Calvin College at Cleveland. At the age of sixteen he was given a License to teach in the public schools. He spent a short time in Mt. Union College at Alliance, Ohio, and then entered the Mission House Theological Seminary, graduating in 1878. While a student in the Seminary, he was a part-time teacher (helper) in Mission House College from 1876 until 1878. He was licensed in May, 1878, by St. John's Classis, and ordained by Sheboygan Classis in that same year.

From 1878 until 1886 he was pastor of the Town Rhine, Wisconsin, Charge. During his pastorate here he organized a congregation at Greenbush, (possibly Greenwood), Wisconsin, and added it to his Charge. During part of 1886 and in 1887 he was a "traveling missionary" in Dakota Territory.

From 1887 until 1906 he was Professor of English in Mission House College. From 1906 until 1926 he was Professor of Biblical Interpretation in the Mission House Theological Seminary. He resigned the Seminary Professorship in 1926, but continued to teach in the College until the end of his life. Mr. Grether was well-known as an author, producing many books and magazine articles.

He died of erysipelas at his home in Plymouth, Wisconsin, on May 18, 1930, at the age of seventy-four. Funeral services on May

21 in Immanuel Reformed Church, near the Mission House, were in charge of Rev. John Gatermann who also preached in German; Rev. A. W. Krampe preached in English. He was buried in the cemetery of Immanuel Church.

In 1880 Mr. Grether was married to Miss Caroline Wilhelmina Schaferkort. He was survived by his widow and four children. Rev. Prof. Alvin Grether of the faculty of the Mission House was his son. Besides himself, his five brothers were also ministers of the Reformed Church.

In 1903 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Grether the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The same degree was conferred upon him in the same year by Heidelberg College. In 1926 Mission House College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

References: Messenger; May 29, 1930

July 3, 1930

Christian World; May 24, 1930

June 7, 1930

July 19, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. ELWOOD W. MIDDLETON

E. W. Middleton was born in Philadelphia, but I can find no record of the date of his birth. He was a student at Mission House College and was graduated from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1894. He was licensed by Philadelphia Classis in May, 1894, and was ordained by the same Classis in June of that same year.

At the same time Mr. Middletown was installed as the first pastor of the Tioga Mission Congregation in Philadelphia. The new Tioga Church was dedicated in August, 1896. He served here until August, 1907, and was then dismissed to the Presbyterian Church.

He was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Waddington, N. Y., from 1907 until 1918. From 1918 until 1920 he was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Dix, N. J., and at Fortress Monroe in Virginia.

In April, 1920, he returned to the Reformed Church as pastor of the First Church, Xenia, Ohio, serving there until 1924. From 1924 until 1929 he was pastor of St. John's Reformed Church at Germantown, Ohio. He then retired from the active ministry and moved to Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Middleton died at his home in Dayton, after an illness of a year, on May 22, 1930 (age at death, unknown). Funeral services in the home on May 25 were in charge of Rev. George Stibitz, assisted by Revs. H. J. Christman and George Longaker. He was buried at Germantown, Ohio.

Mr. Middletown was twice married. His first wife died on February 14, 1901, leaving two children. He was survived by his second wife and four children.

References: Messenger; June 19, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. PAUL MENGES SPANGLER

P. M. Spangler, son of Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Spangler, was born in York County, Pa., on November 25, 1867. He was graduated from Ursinus College in 1892, and from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1894.

After having been licensed in 1894 by Zion's Classis, and ordained in that same year by East Pennsylvania Classis, Mr. Spangler was installed as pastor of the Tannersville, Pa., Charge (Monroe County), serving here from 1894 until 1897. From 1897 until May, 1906, he was pastor of the East Berlin, Pa., Charge. He then retired from the active ministry and moved to York where he resided until 1918. From 1918 until his death, his residence was at Paxtang, Pa.

Mr. Spangler died at his home in Paxtang, near Harrisburg, on June 15, 1930, at the age of fifty-two. After a brief funeral service in the home on June 18, further services in Zwingli Church, East Berlin, were in charge of Rev. J. N. Levan, assisted by Revs. H. B. King and H. D. Houtz. He was buried at East Berlin. The funeral services were attended by fourteen ministers of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Spangler was married (date not known) to Miss Alice Lichty of Spring City, Pa. She died in November, 1896. He was married a second time on January 9, 1900, to Miss Minnie Myers of Hampton, Pa. He was survived by his widow and four children.

References: Messenger; July 31, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. JACOB OTTO VITZ

J. O. Vitz, the second son of Rev. Peter and Anna Mary (Jacob) Vitz, was born in Preble Township, near Decatur, Adams County, Indiana, on November 27, 1859. When he was three years old, his parents moved to Huntingdon, Indiana, where he spent his early childhood. In 1871 the family moved to Lafayette, Indiana.

In 1875 he entered the Mission House, graduating from the College in 1879, and from the Theological Department in 1882. In that same year he was licensed and ordained.

Mr. Vitz served the Marrsville (or Morrsville) Charge, near Bluffton, Indiana, from 1882 until 1888. He was then pastor of the St. Paul, Minnesota, Mission Congregation from 1888 until 1904. He served the English Mission Congregation at Louisville, Kentucky, from 1904 until March, 1916. From March, 1916, until his retirement in 1921, he was pastor of First Reformed Church at Cincinnati, Ohio, and of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Covington, Kentucky, but I do not know the length of his pastorate in either church. At his retirement in 1921, he moved to Hartwell, Cincinnati, residing there until the end of his life.

For nine years Mr. Vitz was an invalid, the victim of a paralytic stroke. On July 15, 1930, he was taken to the Deaconess Hospital at Cincinnati and underwent an operation. He died in the Hospital on July 20, 1930, at the age of seventy.

Funeral services in Immanuel Reformed Church, St. Bernard, Cincinnati, on July 23 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. H. P. Ley, assisted by Rev. L. D. Benner. Rev. H. J. Christman preached the funeral sermon; Rev. W. B. Leis delivered an address. He was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery near Glenside, Cincinnati. Fourteen ministers of the Reformed Church attended the funeral services.

Mr. Vitz was noted for his musical ability. He possessed a

singing voice of unusual quality and was able to play on four musical instruments. Three of Mr. Vitz's brothers, as well as his father, were ministers of the Reformed Church.

In May, 1885, Mr. Vitz was married to Miss Amalia Leyler of St. Cloud, Minnesota. He was survived by his widow and seven children.

References: Messenger; August 7, 1930

August 14, 1930

Christian World; August 16, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. ANDREW HOFFA SMITH

A. H. Smith was born near Womelsdorf, Pa., on October 2, 1865. In 1871 the family moved to Reading, Pa., where he acquired his elementary education. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to an upholsterer, gaining great skill in that trade. He also worked in a bakery.

Mr. Smith in youth was confirmed a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church at Reading and served as Director of Music in the Sunday School of that church. Later he became Choir Director of St. Stephen's Reformed Church at Reading. At the same time he became a member of that congregation.

From 1887 until 1889 Mr. Smith was a student at the Carroll Institute at Reading. In 1889 he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1892. He was licensed by Schuylkill Classis in that same year.

On October 9, 1892, he was ordained by a committee of North Carolina Classis, consisting of Revs. J. C. Clapp, J. A. Foil, and J. L. Murphy. At the same time he was installed as pastor of Grace Church at Newton, N. C., which he served until August, 1897. From 1897 until 1902 he was pastor of the First Reformed (Mission) Church at McKeesport, Pa. In May, 1902, Mr. Smith became pastor of the Harrisville Charge, Tom's Brook, Va., serving there until September, 1910. From 1910 until 1917 he was pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Church at (West) York, Pa.

In April, 1917, Mr. Smith became the second Superintendent of the Hoffman Orphanage near Littlestown, Pa. He held that position until 1926 when he was compelled to resign on account of ill-health. He was succeeded as Superintendent by his son, Rev. S. S. Smith.

Mr. Smith then moved to York, where he resided until the end of his life. After a long illness, he died of palsy at his home in

York on July 26, 1930, at the age of sixty-four. Funeral services in the home on July 31 were in charge of Rev. G. S. Sorber, assisted by pastors of the York Area, also by Revs. C. E. Creitz, A. S. Dechant, C. N. Heller, M. J. Roth and F. A. Rupley. Altogether, sixteen ministers of the Reformed Church attended the funeral services. He was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery at York.

On September 21, 1893, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Katie Schultz of Reading, in St. Stephen's Church in that City. He was survived by his widow and two sons. His son, Rev. S. S. Smith is at present Superintendent of the Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folks' Home in Allentown.

References: Messenger; July 31, 1930

August 14, 1930

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REV. J. H. LEESER

The information concerning Rev. J. H. Leeser is scant and unsatisfactory. We only know that he was ordained in 1897 and that he was then living at Pottstown, Pa. From 1898 until his death his residence was at Reading, Pa. I can find no record, however, that he ever served a pastoral Charge at Pottstown or at Reading. He was not even listed as a member of Reading Classis.

His death occurred in 1930 (before August 14 of that year).

References: Messenger; August 14, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931 (only his name, but no biography given).

REV. EMERSON DEWITT EWING

E. D. Ewing, son of Rev. Charles Ewing (a minister of the Reformed Church) and his wife, Emma Ewing, was born at Tiffin, Ohio, on December 5, 1893. He was baptized on August 4, 1894, in the First Reformed Church at West Alexandria, Ohio, by Rev. Reuben Keller. In youth, he was confirmed by his father in Grace Church near Barberton, Ohio.

He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1915, and from the Central Theological Seminary in 1918. He was licensed by North-East Ohio Classis in 1918, and on June 2, 1918, he was ordained by South-West Ohio Classis. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Farmersville, Ohio, Charge, which he served from 1918 until the beginning of the year 1921. From 1921 until 1928 he was pastor of the Delaware, Ohio, Charge. In November, he became pastor of a congregation at Lima, Ohio, serving there until his death.

Mr. Ewing was much interested in the Science of Religious Education and did special work in that Subject at the Ohio Wesleyan University. He had been engaged to serve on the faculty of the Summer School of Religious Education at the Central Theological Seminary for the summer of 1930.

While on his way from his home to Dayton, accompanied by several members of his congregation, his automobile was in collision with another car at Washington Court House, Ohio., and he was fatally injured. He was taken to the Mt. Carmel Hospital at Columbus, Ohio, where he died on the same day, on August 7, 1930, at the age of thirty-six.

After a brief funeral service in the home on August 9, further services were held in Grace Reformed Church at Landaster, Ohio, in charge of Rev. E. B. Jacobs, assisted by Revs. S. Snepp, M. V.

Stump and E. E. Burkhardt. Rev. H. J. Christman preached the funeral sermon and Rev. C. B. Alspach delivered an address. His body was then taken to the home of his wife's parents in Tiffin, where a brief service was held in charge of Rev. A. C. Shuman. He was buried in Tiffin.

On June 25, 1918, Mr. Ewing was married to Miss Florence Irene Chenot of Tiffin. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. G. F. Chenot, assisted by Rev. A. C. Shuman. Mr. Ewing was survived by his widow and two children; also by his mother.

References: Messenger; August 14, 1930

August 21, 1930

Christian World; August 23, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. CHRISTIAN BAUM, D. D.

Christian Baum was born in Germany on March 23, 1844. In 1863 he came to America, landing at Baltimore, Md. We know nothing further about him until he was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1870. He had been a student at Heidelberg College also. In April of 1890 he was licensed and ordained.

Mr. Baum served the following pastorates: Jeffersonville, Indiana, 1870 - 1873; Fort Wayne, Indiana, March, 1873 - March, 1876; First Reformed Church, Pottsville, Pa., March, 1876 - March, 1881; Deep Creek Charge, Hegins, Pa., March, 1881 - February, 1884; Missionary in Chicago (three months), 1884; Wheatland, Iowa, June, 1884 - January, 1889; Lima, Ohio, 1889 - 1898; Detroit, Michigan, 1898 - 1915 (although in 1910 he is listed as living at Newark, N. J.); Winnepeg, Canada, 1915 - 1917; Lima, Ohio (Second pastorate), 1917 - 1920; Port Hope, Michigan, 1920 - 1923; Bateman, Saskatchewan, Canada, 1923 - 1924; Wolseley, Saskatchewan, Canada, 1924 - 1926; Winnepeg, Canada, 1926 - 1927.

Mr. Baum seems to have retired from the active ministry in 1927, and for the next three years he was a resident of the State of Florida; at Green Cove Springs in 1927 - 1928, and at the "Penney Farms" in 1928 - 1930.

Mr. Baum died of cancer, after being in bad health for four years, at Lima, Ohio, on August 16, 1930, at the age of eighty-six. Funeral services in the First Reformed Church, Lima, on August 19 were in charge of Rev. R. J. Schroer. Rev. F. W. Leich preached the funeral sermon. He was buried at Lima.

Mr. Baum was twice married; his first wife dying in 1919, leaving one child. In 1924 he was married a second time to Mrs. Minnie Heinemann of Winnepeg. He was survived by his widow.

In 1893 Heidelberg University conferred upon Mr. Baum the

honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In April, 1910, Mr. Baum celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his ordination. At the time of his death he had been a minister of the Reformed Church for a period of sixty years.

References: Messenger; August 28, 1930

Christian World; August 30, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. JOHN H. HARTMAN

J. H. Hartman, son of Peter and Wilhelmina (Fetzer) Hartman, was born in Germany on September 9, 1848. When he was four years old his parents brought him to America, the family finding a home at Tamaqua, Pa. After he had passed through the public school, he became a student at Palatinate College at Myerstown, Pa., graduating about 1867. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1871 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1874. He was licensed and ordained in March of that same year.

He was ordained and installed by Lebanon Classis as pastor of Trinity Church, Tamaqua, Pa., in his home community. He served here from 1874 until January, 1880, and then became pastor of Zion's Reformed Church at Lehighon, Pa., serving it from 1880 until April, 1884. While he was in the pastorate at Lehighon, a new church was finished and paid for.

In 1884 he became pastor of Lischey's Charge in York County, Pa., consisting of Lischey's congregation, Mt. Zion congregation at Spring Grove, St. Paul's (Dubs) congregation, and Bethel congregation at Smith Station. He served these churches until July, 1901, when a division of the charge and a re-construction took place. Lischey's and Mt. Zion's congregations were detached; at the same time St. David's (Sherman's) near the Maryland Line and St. Bartholomew's, both in West Manheim Township, York County, were added to his Charge, and constituted the "West Manheim Charge", which Mr. Hartman continued to serve until his retirement in 1920. After 1901 Mr. Hartman resided in Hanover, Pa., where a new parsonage was built for the use of the Charge. Therefore, during his entire pastoral career Mr. Hartman built four new churches, finished a church at Lehighon and built a new parsonage. After his retirement from the active ministry, Mr. Hartman continued to reside in

Hanover until Mrs. Hartman's death, and then made his home with his children. While living in York (In 1928), Mr. Hartman translated the Minutes of Zion's Classis (1820 - 1835) into English.

For two years before his death, Mr. Hartman's health had not been good. He died at Hanover, Pa., after a serious illness of six weeks on September 2, 1930, at the age of eighty-two, less one week. Before the funeral services, his body lay in state in Emanuel Church, Hanover. Funeral services in Emanuel Church on September 4 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. H. I. Stahr. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hanover.

Mr. Hartman was married (date and place not given) to Miss Mary Ann Berger of Alliance, Ohio. She was born in Switzerland and was brought by her parents to America when she was two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman were the parents of four sons and two daughters. Three of his sons became ministers of the Reformed Church: Revs. J. E., Charles R., and Oliver S. Hartman.

References: Messenger; September 11, 1930

September 25, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. WILSON FRANKLIN MORE, D. D.

W. F. More, son of William and Rebecca More, was born on a farm adjoining his late residence in Bethlehem, Pa., on March 2, 1858. He was baptized on March 29, 1858, by Rev. D. F. Brendle. On October 21, 1876, he was confirmed in the Altonah Church by the same minister.

At the age of fifteen he began to teach school, continuing in that occupation for four years. He then attended Schwartz's Academy in Bethlehem, and in 1879 entered Lehigh University. He was graduated in 1883, the first graduate of the University to enter the Christian Ministry. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1886. He was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis in St. John's Church at Bangor, Pa., on June 3, 1886.

In the same month and year, and by the same Classis, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Salem Church, Catasauqua, Pa., which he served until 1904. While at Catasauqua he also served as Professor of German at the Allentown College for Women (Now, Cedar Crest College).

In 1904 he became Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa. During his administration, no less than seven buildings were erected for the use of the Home, including a residence for the Superintendent, the gift of Mrs. More, in memory of her parents.

In 1927 he went on a tour around the world, his first vacation for many years. Upon his return home, late in that year, he resigned the Superintendency and then lived in retirement on Applegate Lane, Bethlehem, for the remainder of his life. At the time of his retirement he was elected Superintendent-Emeritus of the Home.

Mr. More died of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Bethlehem on September 4, 1930, at the age of seventy-two. Funeral services

in the home on September 7 were in charge of Rev. W. H. Bollman who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. E. W. Kreibel and H. I. Crow also assisted in the services.

Further services were held on September 8 in the Bausman Memorial Chapel at Bethany Orphans' Home. Addresses were delivered by Revs. C. E. Creitz and P. S. Leinbach. Also, Revs. H. E. Gebhard, W. C. Slough and T. F. Herman participated in the services. Twenty-three ministers of the Reformed Church were in attendance at the services. He was buried beside his wife on the grounds of Bethany Home.

Mr. More, while at Catasauqua, encouraged and financially helped several young men to enter the ministry. He was President of East Pennsylvania Classis twice, President of the School Board at Catasauqua for many years, and a Trustee of Cedar Crest College and of the Phoebe Deaconess Home at Allentown.

While Superintendent of Bethany Home he wrote and published a weekly article in the Messenger, keeping the Church informed as to Bethany's progress and needs. For eleven years (almost weekly) he contributed a series of articles to the Messenger on the general subject, "The Consistory and Its Work". He also wrote poems and translated hymns into German.

Mr. More was married (date not given) to Miss Matilda Applegate of Bethlehem, Pa. Mrs. More died on February 7, 1919. He was survived by two daughters.

In 1914 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. More the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; September 11, 1930

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REV. HENRY J. F. GRAMM

H. J. F. Gramm was born at Cleve, Germany, on January 5, 1849. He was the son of Karl Gramm, overseer for the King at the famous Swan Castle. The son was born in the castle and spent the first twenty years of his life there.

As a young man he learned the carpenter trade. He moved to Coln where he became foreman and later owner of a contracting firm at that place. He was much interested in Christian work among young men, organizing many societies corresponding to Youth Christian Service Clubs of the present day. Also, he organized some of the first Sunday Schools in Germany.

At this time, Calvin College in Cleveland, which had been established by Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for the avowed purpose of providing ministers for the German-speaking congregations of the Reformed Church, issued a general challenge throughout Germany to young men to come to America to study for the Christian Ministry. Mr. Gramm accepted the challenge, coming to America in 1886. He was graduated from Calvin College in 1888 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1889.

After being licensed and ordained Mr. Gramm was installed as pastor of the Monroeville, Ohio, Charge, consisting of congregations at Monroeville, Chicago Junction (afterwards Willard), and Hunt's Corners. During his pastorate there of three years (1889 - 1892) he built new churches in the two first-named congregations of his Charge. From 1892 until 1900 he was pastor of the Sandusky, Ohio, Charge where, during his term of service, the church was renovated and a new pipe organ installed.

In 1900 he became the first pastor of the Memorial Reformed Church at Toledo, Ohio. During his pastorate the congregation became self-supporting. He then became pastor of St. John's Re-

formed Church at Egg Harbor City, New Jersey, where he served for fifteen years. In 1922 Mr. Gramm retired from the active ministry but continued to reside at Egg Harbor City for the remainder of his life.

Mr. Gramm died, after a long illness, at Egg Harbor City on September 10, 1930, at the age of eighty-one. Funeral services in the home on September 13 were in charge of Revs. G. A. Haack, C. A. Hauser and W. Rhode. He was buried at Egg Harbor City.

Mr. Gramm was survived by his widow, one daughter, and one son, Rev. Carl H. Gramm, a minister of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; September 18, 1930

September 25, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. JOHN CALVIN BOWMAN, D. D.

J. C. Bowman, one of the best-known and universally-respected ministers of the Reformed Church, was born near Chambersburg, Pa., on August 15, 1849. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Nicklas) Bowman. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1871 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1875. In that same year he was licensed by Mercersburg Classis.

In May, 1875, he was ordained by Virginia Classis and installed as pastor of the Shepherdstown, W. Va., Charge, where he served until 1882. From 1882 until 1890 he was pastor of Emanuel's Reformed Church at Hanover, Pa.

In 1886, when the Synod of the Potomac decided to endow a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Mr. Bowman was appointed the agent of the Synod to secure the amount needed for the Endowment Fund. Without relinquishing his pastorate he accepted the appointment and for the next several years devoted a great deal of time and effort in canvassing that portion of the Reformed Church comprised within the territory of the Synod of the Potomac. He visited dozens of congregations and hundreds of homes. During these visits he not only brought the Seminary closer to the knowledge and hearts of the people, but he also left an impression of respect and regard for himself personally. When, therefore, Dr. Bowman later visited the same congregations and homes during later canvasses in 1893 and in 1915, he was not regarded as a stranger but hailed as an old friend. Within three years (by 1889) Dr. Bowman had personally raised the full amount, Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars.

The Synod was now ready to elect its Professor of New Testament Theology to serve in the Faculty of the Theological Seminary.

What was more natural or becoming than for the Synod to elect Dr. Bowman as its Professor. This the Synod did at its annual meeting in October, 1890.

Dr. Bowman resigned his pastorate at Hanover during the latter part of the year 1890, and assumed his duties at the Seminary without delay. He was formally inaugurated in April, 1891. The subject of his inaugural address was "Interpretation of Scripture Progressive", which was published in that same year.

Dr. Bowman served in the Seminary as Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Theology until 1904. He then offered his resignation, having been elected pastor of the First Reformed Church at Easton, Pa. However, since Dr. William Rupp, Professor of Practical Theology in the Seminary, had died in April, 1904, the Pittsburgh Synod was ready to elect Dr. Rupp's successor. It chose Dr. Bowman to be the Pittsburgh Synod's Professor of Practical Theology. If Dr. Bowman had accepted the pastorate of the First Church at Easton, which I do not think he had, the acceptance was withdrawn, and he accepted the Professorship of Practical Theology, beginning his work in that Department in the fall of 1904.

(Note: I was a student in the Seminary at the time. Dr. Bowman served as Professor of New Testament until the end of the Seminary year in May, 1904. In September of that same year, he began as Professor of Practical Theology, so that his service in the Faculty was not interrupted. Editor.)

Dr. Bowman served as Professor of Practical Theology from 1904 until his retirement in 1920. From 1906 until 1920 he was also the President of the Seminary. Before assuming the Office of the Presidency, he visited a number of theological seminaries, publishing the results of his observations in a series of articles in the Messenger.

When the Synods in 1892 decided to erect a building for the Seminary they turned to him again to secure the funds. So, again he canvassed the territory of the three Synods and was so successful that the building project could be forwarded without delay, the work being completed in 1894. And again, in 1915, while he was President of the Seminary, he initiated the movement for the erection of new buildings on the Seminary campus - the Dormitory, the Refectory and the Addition to the Library. He was largely instrumental in securing the funds and superintended the erection of these new buildings. The present splendid plant of the Theological Seminary will always remind the Church of the zeal and devotion of Dr. Bowman who, more than any other one person, brought the dream of the Reformed Church for adequate accommodations for its Theological Seminary to reality.

Dr. Bowman resigned the Presidency of the Seminary and his Professorship of Practical Theology in 1920 and spent the remainder of his life in retirement. His residence from 1920 until 1925 was at Lancaster, from 1925 until 1928 at Douglastown, Long Island, and from 1928 until 1930 at Honeybrook, Pa.

During the years of his retirement Dr. Bowman did much traveling. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean many times. He also visited the Near East and completed his tour by making a trip around the world. For several seasons he conducted cruises to the Mediterranean Area. At the time of his death he was making preparations for a trip to Australia and the South Pacific Islands. During the winter of 1929 - 1930, Dr. Bowman, with his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. S. R. Bridenbaugh, spent several months at Winter Haven, Florida.

On September 11, 1930, as he was walking along the highway near Honeybrook, Pa., where he made his home with his son, Davis Bowman, he was struck by an automobile and fatally injured. He died in an

ambulance on the way to a hospital.

Funeral services on September 15 in Santee Hall (the Seminary Chapel) were in charge of the members of the Seminary Faculty. Rev. G. W. Richards delivered an address.

Further services on September 16 in Trinity Reformed Church, Boonsboro, Md., were in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. L. Bair, assisted by Revs. J. S. Adam, J. S. Hartman, S. R. Wagner, H. L. G. Kieffer, J. E. Guy and C. A. Santee. He was buried in the Cemetery of the Reformed Church at Boonsboro.

Dr. Bowman was married on January 8, 1878, to Miss Minnie Amelia Davis, daughter of Elias Davis of Boonsboro. The ceremony was performed in Trinity Church, Boonsboro, by the pastor, Rev. S. S. Miller. Mrs. Bowman died on March 24, 1928 at the home of her son, Davis Bowman, near Honeybrook. She was a sister of Rev. P. Seibert Davis, a minister of the Reformed Church and for some years Editor of the Reformed Church Messenger. In January, 1928, Dr. and Mrs. Bowman celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, all of whom survived their parents.

In 1893 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Bowman the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Bowman contributed eleven articles to the Reformed Church Review and one hundred and four to the Messenger.

References: Messenger; September 18, 1930

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History of Virginia Classis

History of the Theological Seminary (Richards).

REV. ISAAC SUMMERS STAHR

I. S. Stahr, son of John and Sarah Stahr, and brother of Dr. J. S. Stahr, was born at Applebachsville, Bucks County, Pa., on May 23, 1845. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, continuing in this occupation for a period of eleven years. He also served as a church organist.

Mr. Stahr entered the Theological Seminary in 1874, graduating in May, 1877. He was licensed by Tohickon Classis on June 9, 1877, and ordained by West Susquehanna Classis on October of that same year. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Lock Haven Mission Congregation, which he served until 1883.

In 1883 he became pastor of the Oley (Friedensburg), Pa., Charge which he served until early in the year 1928, a period of forty-five years. Mr. Stahr then retired from the active ministry but continued to reside at Oley during the remainder of his life. His pastoral record in the Oley Charge is as follows: Baptisms, 1800; Confirmations, 1100; Funerals, 900; Weddings, 450. He was an historian of note, making frequent contributions to papers and magazines on historical topics. He celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate at Oley in February, 1909, and the fortieth in 1923.

Mr. Stahr died at his home in Oley on September 23, 1930, at the age of eighty-five. Funeral services were held on September 26. He was buried in the Oley Cemetery.

On June 10, 1879, Mr. Stahr was married to Miss Camilia Applebach of Applebachsville, Pa. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents by Rev. A. F. Ziegler. Mrs. Stahr died on July 2, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Stahr were the parents of four children. His son, Rev. H. I. Stahr, is a minister of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; October 2, 1930

E. H. Long was born at October 9, 1930

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REV. HOWARD HERBERT LONG, D. D.

H. H. Long was born at Riegelsville, Pa., but we have no record of the date of his birth or the names of his parents. He was graduated from Ursinus College in 1894 and from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1897. He was licensed in May¹⁸⁹⁷ by Philadelphia Classis and ordained in September of that same year by the same Classis.

Mr. Long served the East Vincent Charge, near Spring City, Pa., from 1897 until 1902. From 1902 until 1919 he was pastor of the Mt. Bethel (Centerville) Charge, Stone Church, Pa., near his birth-place. From 1919 until January, 1928, he served the Red Lion, Pa., Charge. During his pastorate here a new Sunday School Building was erected at Red Lion. In January, 1928, he became pastor of St. John's Church at Evans City, Pa., which he served until the end of his life.

Although Mr. Long's health had not been good for three years he was seriously ill for only a brief period. He died at his home in Evans City on September 26, 1930. Funeral services were held in St. John's Church at Evans City on September 28. Addresses were delivered by Revs. E. H. Laubach, J. F. Bair and J. H. String. He was buried in the cemetery at Stone Shurch, Pa.

On March 23, 1898, Mr. Long was married at Altoona, Pa., to Miss Ellie May Heffner of McConnellstown, Pa. He was survived by one son and one daughter.

In 1922 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Long the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In September, 1922, he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

References: Messenger; October 2, 1930

Christian World; October 11, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1931.

REV. MILTON MONROE NOACKER

M. M. Noacker was born at Pallas, Snyder County, Pa., on November 22, 1860. After passing through the public school of his native community he was a student at the Selinsgrove Institute (now Susquehanna University).

In 1887 he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1890. He was licensed by East Susquehanna Classis on June 9, 1890.

On August 24, 1890, he was ordained by Lancaster Classis and installed as pastor of the Maytown, Pa., Charge, which he served until 1893. He was then pastor of the Arendtsville, Pa., Charge from 1893 until 1901. In 1900 he was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to take charge of the Mission Congregation at Harrisonburg, Va., but the Joint Consistory of the Arendtsville Charge refused to accept his resignation, so he remained there for one more year. In 1901 he became pastor of the Homestead and Duquesne Mission Congregations in the Pittsburgh Area. In 1902 he relinquished the Homestead Mission, but continued to serve the Duquesne Mission for another year. In 1903 he became pastor of the Duncannon, Pa., Charge, serving it until 1907, and then served the Enola, Pa., Mission for one year (1907 - 1908).

Mr. Noacker was then pastor of the West Rowan Charge in North Carolina Classis, residing at China Grove, N. C., from April, 1908, until March 1, 1912. For just one year (March, 1912 - March, 1913). He then returned to North Carolina to serve the Albemarle Mission Charge for about a year. On September 5, 1914, he was dismissed by North Carolina Classis to the Presbyterian Church. He was pastor of the Fifth Creek Charge, Statesville, N. C., in the Presbyterian denomination for a few months in 1914.

However, before the end of the year 1914, he returned to the

Reformed Church to become pastor of the Woodstock, Va., Charge, which he served for two years (December, 1914 - December, 1916). At the end of the year 1916 he was again dismissed to the Presbyterian Church. He then served at Arcadia, California (Presbyterian), from 1916 until 1919. From 1919 until 1929 he resided at Los Angeles, California. From 1919 until 1921 he was engaged in Near East Relief work.

In 1921 he again returned to the Reformed Church and organized the West Hollywood, Cal., Mission, which he served as pastor until 1929. Upon his retirement in 1929 it was his intention to live at Salisbury, N. C., and he and his family had come to that place. However, on account of some difficulty arising from the disposition of his property in Los Angeles, it was necessary for him to return to that City.

Mr. Noacker died at his home in Los Angeles on October 10, 1930, at the age of sixty-nine. Funeral services in Trinity Church, West Hollywood, on October 14, were in charge of the pastor, Rev. F. J. Schmuck. He was buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery at Los Angeles. Some years before his death, Mr. Noacker made a trip to Europe.

On January 8, 1882, Mr. Noacker was married to Miss Anna Marie Hockenbroch of his home community. Mrs. Noacker died at Harrisburg on August 3, 1907. On January 12, 1910, Mr. Noacker was married a second time to Miss Anna K. Saeger of Philadelphia, formerly of Blain, Pa. The ceremony was performed at Philadelphia by Rev. S. L. Messinger. Mr. Noacker was survived by his widow and one daughter.

References: Messenger; October 30, 1930

December 11, 1930

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History of North Carolina Classis (Leonard)
History of Virginia Classis (Garrison).

REV. WILLIAM STUART CRAMER, D. D.

W. S. Cramer, son of William Clay and Julia (Crouse) Cramer, was born at Creagerstown, near Thurmont, Frederick County, Md., on April 12, 1873. His father who was a merchant moved to Thurmont during his son's childhood. The son attended the public school at Thurmont and was for a time a student at the Eaton and Burnett Business College in Baltimore, Md. He prepared for college at Lamb's Academy in Baltimore, where he became a member of the Third Reformed Church in that City, during the pastorate of Dr. Conrad Clever. At Dr. Clever's suggestion he decided to study for the Ministry.

He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1894, graduating in 1898. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1901. He was licensed by Maryland Classis during its annual sessions at Christ Reformed Church, Middletown, on May 22, 1901. Before his graduation from the Seminary, he had been commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to take charge of the Mission congregation at Salisbury, N. C.

However, on July 7, 1901, he was ordained by a committee of Lancaster Classis, consisting of Revs. E. V. Gerhart, J. S. Stahr and D. G. Glass. At the same time he was installed as assistant-pastor of the First Reformed Church at Lancaster, of which Rev. Dr. J. M. Titzel was the senior pastor. He served in this capacity from 1901 until 1905 and then, upon Dr. Titzel's retirement in 1905, he was elected pastor of the congregation and served as such until his death.

Mr. Cramer was noted for faithfulness to his pastoral duties in the congregation. In addition, he found time and energy to engage in many community activities. He was, likewise, connected with a number of denominational projects. During the campaign in 1915 - 1917 to secure funds for the enlarged building program of the Theol-

ogical Seminary, Mr. Cramer was released from his pastoral responsibilities for almost a year to assist Dr. Bowman in this work. He served as President of Eastern Synod in 1827 - 1928. In the closing year of World War I, Mr. Cramer was the Executive Secretary of the National Service Commission of the Reformed Church in the United States, and was Assistant Secretary of the General Wartime Commission of Churches. In 1924 he, with Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, dedicated the Memorial Chapel at Chateau Thierry, France, which had been erected with funds secured largely by Mr. Cramer.

During his pastorate the First Reformed Church received as a gift the Diffenbach Mansion on North Duke Street in Lancaster. Mr. Cramer supervised the transformation of the building into a Home for the Aged, which has been for years a source of blessing and shelter for the homeless of the congregation. He had a fine tenor voice which, during his student days, was in demand on the College Glee Club and in the choirs of various churches in Lancaster.

Mr. Cramer died suddenly from an attack of angina pectoris at his home in Lancaster on November 6, 1930, at the age of fifty-seven. Funeral services in the First Church on November 10 were in charge of Rev. G. W. Richards, assisted by Revs. H. H. Apple and H. M. J. Klein. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Lancaster.

The funeral ^{S²}ervices were attended by nearly one hundred and twenty-five ministers.

On April 17, 1907, Mr. Cramer was married to Miss Margaret White Snader, daughter of A. W. Snader, Esq., of New Holland, Pa.. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in New Holland by Rev. Mountz of the Lutheran Church and Rev. John G. Noss. During that summer Mr. and Mrs. Cramer made a visit to Europe, where for three months he was a student under Dr. Sanday at Christ Church College, Oxford University, England. Mr. Cramer was survived by his

widow, two children, his mother, a sister and a brother.

Mr. Cramer contributed two articles to the Reformed Church Review and twenty-six to the Messenger. He was the author of "The History of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster", published in 1904. In 1920 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; November 13, 1930

December 4, 1930

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REV. BENJAMIN E. LIENKAEMPER

B. E. Lienkaemper, son of Rev. Karl and Margaretha (Imig) Lienkaemper, was born at Waukon, Iowa, on June 7, 1873. When his father died in 1879, his mother moved to Franklin, Wisconsin, in order that her children might be educated at the Mission House. At the age of fourteen he entered the Mission House Academy, graduating successively from the Academy in 1891, from the College in 1895, and from the Theological Department in 1898. He was licensed and ordained by Sheboygan Classis in 1898.

Mr. Lienkaemper served pastorates as follows: Haskins, Ohio, 1898 - 1903; Stone Creek Charge, Joyce, Ohio, 1903 - 1904; New Philadelphia, Ohio, 1904 - 1905; Bellaire, Ohio, 1905 - 1908; Jeffersonville, Indiana, 1908 - 1911; Upper Sandusky, Ohio, 1911 - 1926. In 1921 he was elected Superintendent of the Home for the Aged at Upper Sandusky, but I do not believe that he accepted the position. He was not the Superintendent in 1924.

In April, 1926, Mr. Lienkaemper became pastor of the Milton^{on} Avenue Reformed Church at Louisville, Kentucky, which he served until his death.

After having suffered for several weeks with an infected hand and arm, he was advised by his physician to go to the Baptist Hospital in Louisville, where his trouble was diagnosed as septimia. He died at the hospital, after a stay of five weeks there, on November 18, 1930, at the age of fifty-seven.

Funeral services in the Milton Avenue Church on November 20 were in charge of Rev. C. F. Kreite, who also preached the funeral sermon. Pastors of the Reformed Churches in Louisville assisted in the services.

Further services on November 22 in Immanuel Church at Franklin, Wisconsin, were in charge of Rev. John Gatermann, assisted by Revs.

J. Friedli and A. Grether. Rev. W. Lahr preached a funeral sermon in German; Rev. L. C. Hessert preached in English. He was buried in the cemetery of Immanuel Church, near the Mission House. He was survived by two sisters and four brothers, all of whom were ministers of the Reformed Church: Revs. Calvin, August, William and Albert Lienkaemper. Mr. Lienkaemper was never married. At the time of his death, he was President of Kentucky Classis.

References: Messenger; November 27, 1930

January 15, 1931

Christian World; December 6, 1930

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. HERMAN F. LIMBACHER

H. F. Limbacher, son of William and Katherine Limbacher, was born at St. Mary's, Ohio, on March 11, 1868. His parents were among the pioneer settlers of St. Mary's.

He was graduated from the St. Mary's High School in 1885, and then was a school-teacher for five years. He was a student at the Ohio Northern University for a time and then entered the Mission House College in 1890, graduating in 1894. He was graduated from the Theological Department of the Mission House in 1897. He was licensed and ordained in that same year.

Mr. Limbacher served the following Pastoral Charges: Dayton, Ohio, 1897 - 1903; Ironton, Ohio, 1903 - 1908; Glenwood, Ohio, 1908 - 1910; Crothersville, Indiana, 1910 - 1911; Linton, Indiana, 1911 - 1915; Ragersville, Ohio, 1915 - 1923; St. Peter's Church, Apple Creek, Ohio, 1923 - 1925. In 1925 Mr. Limbacher took charge of the Porterfield, Wisconsin, Mission Congregation, serving there until his death.

He died at his home in Porterfield on November 20, 1930, at the age of sixty-two. Funeral services in St. Paul's Reformed Church at St. Mary's Ohio, on November 24 were in charge of Rev. H. R. Burkett, who also preached the funeral sermon. Rev. H. A. Clausing delivered an address. He was buried in the Elm Grove Cemetery at St. Mary's.

On October 17, 1900, Mr. Limbacher was married to Miss Gertrude P. Wieser of Dayton, Ohio. He was survived by his widow, two sons and three daughters.

References: Messenger; December 11, 1930

January 29, 1931

Christian World; January 10, 1931

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. SAMUEL HENRY STEIN, D. D.

S. H. Stein, son of Elder George Stein, Treasurer for many years of the Board of Home Missions, and Caroline Rauch Stein, was born at Annville, Pa., on March 18, 1871. He was baptized and confirmed in the Reformed Church at Annville by Rev. J. E. Hiester. In childhood and youth he attended the public schools of his native community; then was a school-teacher for several years. After having been a student at Lebanon Valley College at Annville, he entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1892, graduating in 1896. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1899. He was licensed by Lebanon Classis in May, 1899, and on June 6 of that same year he was ordained by a committee of Carlisle Classis, consisting of Revs. R. L. Gerhart, S. N. Callender and J. M. Mullan.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Mechanicsburg, Pa., Charge, which he served from 1899 until 1904. From 1904 until 1910 he was pastor of St. Luke's Church at Lock Haven, Pa.

When Rev. H. H. Apple became President of Franklin and Marshall College, Mr. Stein was elected his successor as pastor of First Trinity Reformed Church at York, Pa. His pastorate there began in 1910 and ended with his death. During his pastorate, First Trinity Church erected an educational building in 1928.

On the morning of December 19, 1930, Mr. Stein left York to bring his daughter home from Hood College for the Christmas Holidays. Later in the day his body was found in his wrecked automobile on the highway, about half-way between Gettysburg and Emmitsburg. It is thought that Mr. Stein was siezed with a heart attack while driving, with a tragic result. At the time of his death Mr. Stein was fifty-nine years old.

Funeral services on December 22 in First Trinity Church were in charge of Rev. H. H. Apple, assisted by Revs. H. L. G. Kieffer,

J. H. Apple and E. O. Keen. He was interred in the Community Mausoleum in Prospect Hill Cemetery at York. He was survived by his widow, one son and one daughter; also by a brother, Rev. J. Rauch Stein.

During his ministerial career Mr. Stein served as President of West Susquehanna, Carlisle and Zion's Classes. In 1913 he was elected President of the Synod of the Potomac. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Hoffman Orphanage and its Treasurer from 1912 until 1930; a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and Chairman of the Frederick Missionary Conference.

From the time of his coming to York in 1910, he was Chaplain of the York Fire Department. From 1914 until his death, he was Chaplain of the Pennsylvania Firemen's Association. In June, 1933, the Association erected and unveiled a monument at the spot where Mr. Stein met his death. In October, 1924, he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. He contributed five articles to the Messenger, of which two were poems.

On June 15, 1905, Mr. Stein was married to Miss Marian Ellen Brenner, daughter of Elder Samuel S. Brenner of Mechanicsburg. The ceremony was performed in St. Paul's Church at Mechanicsburg. During the summer of 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Stein travelled in Europe. Mrs. Stein is still living in Harrisburg. In 1923 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Stein the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; December 25, 1930. July 13, 1933
October 9, 1902. October 26, 1916

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REV. CHRISTIAN WAGONER SUMMEY

C. W. Summey, son of Samuel and Catherine Summey, was born at Knobsville, Fulton County, Pa., on April 29, 1850. After he had completed the work of the public school in his home community, he became teacher in the same school in which he had acquired his own elementary education; spending seven years in that occupation.

Mr. Summey entered Mercersburg College in 1875, during the presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee, graduating in 1879, a member of the last Class to graduate before the College was permanently closed. He then became a student at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1882. He was licensed by Virginia Classis on May 19, 1882, during its annual sessions at Middlebrook.

On July 10, 1883, Mr. Summey was ordained by Virginia Classis during a special meeting. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Timberville, Va., Charge, which he served until 1885. He was then pastor of the Greenfield Charge, Claysburg, Pa., from 1885 until 1891. In 1891 he became pastor of the Pine Run Charge near Apollo, Pa. (residing at North Washington). In 1894 the Salina, Pa., Congregation was added to his field, and he continued to serve the Pine Run - Salina Charge until 1900. He served the Salem Charge, Muff (Eddyville), Pa., from 1900 until 1904; the Friend's Cove Charge, Loysburg, Pa., from 1904 until 1908; and then returned to the Pine Run Charge for a second pastorate, extending from 1908 until 1916.

Mr. Summey then retired from the active ministry and moved to Edinburg, Va., to reside with a sister. He lived here for the remainder of his life. After the death of his wife, and later after the death of his sister, he lived alone in Edinburg.

Mr. Summey died, after a brief illness, at his home in Edinburg on December 22, 1930, at the age of eighty. Funeral services on

December 23 in St. Paul's Reformed Church at Edinburg were in charge of Rev. J. P. Harner, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. O. B. Michael, W. H. Bowers and C. E. Robb assisted in the services.

Further services in the First Reformed Church at Apollo, Pa., on December 24 were in charge of Rev. V. A. Ruth, assisted by Revs. W. S. Fisher, W. C. Sykes, J. L. Yearick and H. A. Croyle. Rev. A. J. Knoll preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the cemetery at South Bend, Pa.

On October 14, 1886, Mr. Summey was married to Miss Sue C. Crum of South Bend, Pa. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents by her brother, Rev. Robert E. Crum, assisted by Rev. D. N. Harnish. Mrs. Summey died at Edinburg, Va., on January 11, 1923, and was buried in the cemetery at South Bend. There were no survivors.

References: Messenger; January 1, 1931

January 8, 1931

January 22, 1931

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1931 REV. WILSON DIETRICH DONAT

W. D. Donat, son of Aaron and Mary M. (Dietrich) Donat, was born near Wanamakers (Steinville), Lehigh County, Pa., on April 22, 1851. He was baptized in infancy, and in 1866 was confirmed in Jacob's Church, Jacksonville. He was a student at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown and at Palatinate College at Myerstown. As a very young man he was a school-teacher for a time. In 1879 he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1882. He was licensed by Lehigh Classis in May, 1882. On November 30, 1882, he was ordained by a committee of East Susquehanna Classis, consisting of Revs. T. J. Hacker and O. R. Strunck.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Briar Creek Charge, Berwick, Pa., serving here until May, 1885. From May, 1885, until October, 1890, he was pastor of Trinity Church, Shenandoah, Pa. During his pastorate at Shenandoah he preached also, at the request of his Classis, at Frackville, where a congregation was later organized.

From October, 1890, until November, 1895, he was pastor of the Wapwallopen Charge in Luzerne County, Pa.. At the time of the beginning of his pastorate, the Charge consisted of four congregations. While in this Charge he organized two other congregations and added them to his Charge, involving, also, the erection of two churches. A third church was re-modeled and a fourth was in process of being re-built when his pastorate came to an end. He also began to preach at Nescopeck where afterwards a substantial congregation was organized.

In November, 1895, he became pastor of the Swatara Charge, Jonestown, Pa., which he served until February, 1907. While he was in this Charge a new church was erected and another re-modeled. Mr. Donat served the Aaronsburg, Pa., Charge from February, 1907, until

July, 1920, and the Strawberry Ridge, Pa., Charge from July, 1920, until July 1, 1924. He then retired from the active ministry and returned to his home community at Wanamakers to make his home with a brother, Lewis J. Donat. In 1929 he became a guest at the Phoebe Old Folks' Home at Allentown, where he resided until the end of his life.

For two months before his death, Mr. Donat was a patient in the Allentown Hospital. He died at the Hospital on January 22, 1931, at the age of seventy-nine.

Funeral services on January 27 from the home of his brother in Wanamakers were held in the Jacksonville Church in charge of Rev. P. A. DeLong, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. C. R. Rahn, F. H. Moyer, E. S. Bromer and T. F. Herman assisted in the services. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining Jacob's Church, Jacksonville.

Mr. Donat's pastoral activities included the organization of four congregations, the erection of four new churches, and the re-modeling of seven other churches. He was Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis from 1901 until 1907, and of West Susquehanna Classis from 1908 until 1915. He served as President of Wyoming, Lehigh and West Susquehanna Classes.

On April 24, 1883, Mr. Donat was married to Miss Emma Amelia Meckley of Lancaster, by Rev. T. J. Hacker. Mrs. Donat died at Jonestown on April 1, 1901. On May 12, 1904, he was married a second time to Miss Sarah Amelia Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Miller of Jonestown. The officiating minister was Rev. T. J. Hacker. Mrs. Donat died on May 29, 1919. He was survived by one son, Rev. N. H. Donat, who was a minister of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; February 5, 1931. March 5, 1931

Seminary Register. Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. BECHTOLD RUF (RUEF)

Bechtold Ruf (Spelled "Ruef" for a number of years after he came to America), son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ruef, was born in Switzerland, on May 14, 1857. He was married in Switzerland in 1880 to Miss Marianne Hodel. In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Ruef came to America, and he evidently immediately entered Heidelberg College. He was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1887. After having been licensed and ordained, he was installed in 1887 as pastor of the Base Line Charge, Carrothers, Ohio, near Bucyrus. He served here until 1889, and then became pastor of the Auburn, Indiana, Charge, which he served until 1894. From 1894 until 1899 he was pastor of the Cross Charge, Berne, Indiana.

In 1899 he was elected Superintendent of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home. He served in this office until 1913, being assisted during the last few years by his son, Rev. F. B. Ruf. In 1913 he resigned his position at the Orphans' Home and became pastor of the First Reformed Church at Bay City, Michigan. In 1918 he was called to Toledo, Ohio, to establish an Orphans' Home in that City. He performed this service and then served as the first Superintendent of the new Home until 1921. In the meantime the Home was moved from Toledo and re-located at Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

While he was at Upper Sandusky, in March 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Ruf were returning from church one evening after a tornado had temporarily interrupted the electric lighting service. As they walked along the dark street, both were struck by an automobile and severely injured. Months after the accident it was found that Mr. Ruf's neck had been broken, much to the surprise of his physician that he was still alive after such an injury. He was immediately put into a cast and after six months he was pronounced cured, although for the remainder of his life Mr. Ruf had difficulty in using his lower limbs.

In 1921 he retired from the superintendency of the Orphans' Home at Upper Sandusky and moved back to Berne, Indiana, where he resided until the end of his life. He died at his home in Berne on February 2, 1931, at the age of seventy-three.

Private funeral services were held in the home on February 4. Further services at the church at Berne were in charge of Rev. J.L. Conrad who also preached the funeral sermon in German, following with a short address in English. Rev. F. H. Rupnow also delivered an address. He was buried in the cemetery at Berne. The members of Fort Wayne Classis, which was in session at Berne, attended the funeral services in a body.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruf celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage in 1905, and the fiftieth in 1930. He was survived by his widow and five children. One son, Rev. Frank B. Ruf, is a minister of the Reformed Church. Two daughters, Mrs. L. C. Hessert and Mrs. George Longaker, were married to ministers.

In addition to being an efficient minister of the Gospel, Mr. Ruf was also a skilled artist. When the new church was built at Berne, Mr. Ruf elaborately carved the sand-stone trimming of the building. During his years of retirement he passed much time in making and carving furniture and bric-a-brac.

References: Messenger; February 12, 1931

Christian World; February 14, 1931

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. ELMER RHODES HOKE, Ph. D.

E. R. Hoke was the son of Edward J. and Margaret Rhodes Hoke, and was born at Ada, Ohio, on September 16, 1892. His mother was a native of York County, Pa., a sister of Rev. E. T. Rhodes, a minister of the Reformed Church. The parents moved to Lancaster in 1900, where the son received his elementary education in the public schools. He was graduated from the Lancaster High School and entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1909, graduating in 1913. After graduation from college, he taught for one year. In 1914 he became a student at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1917. He was licensed by West Susquehanna Classis on June 7, 1917, and was ordained by Westmoreland Classis on October 5 of that same year.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of Faith Church, Trafford, Pa., where he served until 1918. From 1918 until 1920 he was pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md. (Woodberry), at the same time doing post-graduate work in Education at Johns Hopkins University in that City.

From 1920 until 1922 he was Professor of Education, Psychology and Sociology at Hood College, Frederick, Md. From 1922 until 1924 he taught the same subjects at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa. During the year 1924 he was also supply-pastor of the Richland, Pa. congregation (Tulpehocken Church).

On August 7, 1924, Mr. Hoke was elected President of Catawba College, at the age of thirty-one. Catawba College at the time was closed, looking forward to a re-organization and the placing of the Institution upon a better financial foundation. Mr. Hoke spent the next year after his election in planning and carrying out, with the aid of a corps of able and willing assistants, the increase of the College's endowment by the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars.

One purpose of this financial canvass was to have the Institution operate hereafter as a Standard Grade College. In 1923 the Board of Trustees had purchased the building of the Salisbury (N. C.) Normal and Industrial Institute. In connection with the task of the direction of the campaign for the Endowment Fund, Mr. Hoke was charged with the responsibility of the removal of Catawba College from Newton to Salisbury and the erection of several new buildings to supplement in equipment the main building recently purchased. After the successful campaign for funds and the erection of the necessary new buildings, Catawba College was formally re-opened as a Standard College, at Salisbury, North Carolina, on September 15, 1925.

On October 1, 1925, Mr. Hoke was formally inaugurated as President of the College, and successfully administered the affairs of the Institution until his death. During his brief term as President (less than six years) Catawba College made tremendous progress in personnel of its faculty, buildings, importance and usefulness. Even before his death it was regarded as one of the best-known and highly-respected educational institutions of the South.

In the early part of 1931 Mr. Hoke suffered from an attack of influenza, from which developed an infection in the blood stream. He died in the President's House at Catawba College on March 25, 1931, at the age of thirty-eight.

Funeral services in the College Auditorium on March 27 were in charge of Rev. J. C. Leonard, who also delivered an address. Revs. B. J. Peeler, M. H. Milne, J. H. Keller, L. O. Carbaugh, Milton Whitener, L. A. Peeler and A. K. Faust assisted in the services. Thirty-seven ministers of the Reformed Church and of other denominations were in attendance.

Further services on March 28 in Trinity Reformed Church, Gettys-

burg, Pa., were in charge of the pastor, Rev. H. S. Fox, assisted by Revs. J. H. Apple, M. Whitener and A. K. Faust. Rev. G. W. Richards preached the funeral sermon. Many other ministers attended the services. He was buried in the cemetery at Gettysburg.

In 1916 Mr. Hoke was married to Miss Mary Virginia Heller of Biglerville, Pa. He was survived by his widow and four sons, also by his parents, one sister and one brother, Rev. Dr. Roy E. Hoke, Professor in Emory and Henry College at Emory, Va.

In 1922 Johns Hopkins University conferred upon Mr. Hoke the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

References: Messenger; April 2, 1931

April 16, 1931

Christian World; April 11, 1931

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History of the Southern Synod (Leonard)

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. FRANCIS XAVIER AIGNER

F. X. Aigner was born at Passau, Bavaria, Germany, on November 20, 1862. His parents were members of the Roman Catholic Church, and the son was baptized and confirmed in that Faith.

At the age of twenty he came to America, finding employment and a home with a family named Matzinger, near Swanton, Ohio. While living here he became a member of the Reformed Church after having studied the Heidelberg Catechism earnestly. In the fall of 1882 he entered the Mission House, graduating from the College in 1886 and from the Theological Department in 1889.

Mr. Aigner, after having been licensed and ordained, served as pastor of Immanuel Church, Kaukauna, Wisconsin. He was pastor of the Sixth Church, Cleveland, Ohio, from 1902 until 1912.

Then Mr. Aigner spent twelve wearing laborious years (1912 - 1924) as traveling missionary in the Dakotas and neighboring States. From 1924 until 1928 he was pastor of the Loveland, Ohio, Charge. Then, after a brief period of retirement, he took charge of Hope Church, Lodi, California, which he served until the end of his life.

Mr. Aigner died in Lodi on April 8, 1931, at the age of sixty-eight. We have no record of his funeral or place of interment.

He was married to the daughter of Dr. Henry Kurtz, Professor at the Mission House. He was survived by his widow; also by two sisters in Germany.

References: Messenger; April 30, 1931

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. WILLIAM A. McCLELLAN

W. A. McClellan, son of Joseph R. and Elizabeth (Middlesworth) McClellan, was born on a farm between Milroy and Siglersville, Mifflin County, Pa., on May 15, 1860. During his boyhood his parents moved to Potter Township, Center County, Pa., where he attended various schools.

He spent one year at Franklin and Marshall College (1895 - 1896) and then in 1896 entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1899. He was licensed by Juniata Classis in 1899 and ordained by Westmoreland Classis in that same year.

Mr. McClellan served as pastor of the Pleasant Unity, Pa., Charge from 1899 until 1909. During this pastorate he also served the Youngstown, Pa., congregation. He was pastor of the White Deer Charge, West Milton, Pa., from 1909 until 1912, the Conyngham, Pa., Charge from 1912 until 1913, the New Centerville Charge, Rockwood, Pa., from 1913 until 1922, and the Rebersburg, Pa., Charge from 1922 until 1930. He then retired from the active ministry on account of ill health and moved to Rockwood, where he resided until the end of his life.

Mr. McClellan died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Rockwood on April 30, 1931, at the age of seventy. Funeral services in the Union Church at Tusseyville, Pa., on May 3, were in charge of Rev. D. R. Keener, assisted by Revs. R. Thena, A. S. Asendorf, R. H. Dotterer, H. L. Wink and A. J. Miller. Rev. G. A. F. Griesing preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining the church.

In 1906 Mr. McClellan declined a Call to be pastor of the St. Clairsville, Pa., Charge.

In 1885 Mr. McClellan was married to Miss Catharine Maria Runkle, daughter of Hon. J. K. Runkle and his wife, Lucinda Runkle. Mrs.

McClellan was a sister of Rev. J. M. Runkle, a minister of the Reformed Church.. He was survived by his widow, one son and one daughter. Mrs. McClellan died on December 10, 1932.

References: Messenger; May 7, 1931

May 28, 1931

January 19, 1933

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REV. URIAH OLIVER HARTMAN KERSCHNER

U. O. H. Kerschner, son of Peter and Harriet (Reichard) Kerschner, was born near Greenville, in Otter Creek Township, Mercer County, Pa., on February 23, 1860. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. Henry Hartman in the Jerusalem Church of the Shenango Charge; later, in his youth, he was confirmed in the same church. He was a student of Music, serving as organist and choir director in his home church; also Superintendent of the Sunday School.

He attended the public school during his boyhood, and then at the age of sixteen, entered the Edinboro Normal School. He was a teacher for a short time and then entered Thiel College.

From 1886 until 1888 he was a student at Franklin and Marshall College. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1889, graduating in 1892. He was licensed and ordained by St. Paul's Classis on May 17, 1892; also was installed as pastor of Grace Church at Sharpsville, Pa., which he served from 1892 until 1895. He was then, from 1895 until 1905, pastor of the St. Petersburg, Pa., Charge. During his pastorate here he organized a congregation and built a church at Foxville, Pa.

Mr. Kerschner next served St. Peter's Church at Punxsutawney, Pa., for ten years (1905 - 1915). During this pastorate a new parsonage was erected and the membership of the congregation increased five-fold.

His last pastorate was in the Church of the Incarnation at Newport, Pa., which he served from 1915 until the end of his life. From September, 1929, after the death of Rev. J. Thomas Fox, he was also supply-pastor of the New Bloomfield Charge.

Mr. Kerschner died, after an illness of eleven days, at his home in Newport on May 2, 1931, at the age of seventy-one. Funeral services in the Church of the Incarnation at Newport on May 4 were in

charge of Revs. R. E. Leinbach and S. W. Beck. Rev. F. A. Rupley preached the funeral sermon. On May 5 the body was removed to the home of his sister, Mrs. G. A. Snyder, at Greenville. Further services in St. John's Church of the Shenango Charge, near Greenville, on May 6 were in charge of Rev. A. C. Renoll, assisted by Revs. B. H. Holtkamp, R. I. Gass, C. E. Schweikhart, M. N. George and J. E. Scheetz. Sermons were delivered by Revs. A. C. Renoll and E. S. Hay. He was buried in Delaware Cemetery at St. John's Church.

On June 9, 1892, Mr. Kerschner was married to Miss Caroline Snyder, daughter of Jonas and Mary Snyder, in Jerusalem Church of the Shenango Charge, by Rev. J. M. Schick. Mrs. Kerschner died on July 13, 1926.

Mr. Kerschner was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Earl G. Kline, five sisters and two brothers. Miss Carrie Kerschner, for many years connected with the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church, was his sister. One of his brothers, Rev. W. S. Kerschner, is Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; May 7, 1931

May 21, 1931

Christian World; May 16, 1931

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REV. KAKICHI ITO

Mr. Ito was a native of Japan, a graduate of North Japan College at Sendai in the Class of 1895, and of the Tohoku Gakuin (Theological Seminary) in 1898. He was associated with Rev. H. K. Miller in evangelistic work until 1907. In that year he began service as Professor of Biblical Theology in the Tohoku Gakuin, continuing in that position until the end of his life.

In 1913 he came to America, visiting congregations of the Reformed Church and spending two years as a student in the Hartford Theological Seminary. He returned to Japan in 1916 and resumed his duties as Professor of Theology.

Mr. Ito was noted for his extraordinary energy and willingness to serve. It was his custom during the summer vacations to spend his time in evangelistic work among the churches in North Japan.

In January, 1931, Mr. Ito became ill, so that for two months he was not able to carry on his work. On May 10, 1931, he took part in the dedication of the Iwanuma Church at Sendai, of which he was the honorary pastor. Probably overcome by the exertion of preaching two sermons on that day, he died two days later, on May 12, 1931. Funeral services were held on May 14 in the Chapel of North Japan College. He was buried at Sendai. Mr. Ito was survived by his widow and eight children.

References: Messenger; June 4, 1931

August 6, 1931.

REV. GEORGE W. BEAVER

We have no record of the place and date of Mr. Beaver's birth (except that he was born in the Miami Valley) or of his preliminary education. His biographer says that for a time he was a student at Franklin and Marshall College. He was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1898.

After having been licensed and ordained, he was installed as pastor of St. Jacob's Church, near Lisbon, Ohio, where he served until the end of his life.

Mr. Beaver died, after an illness of three months with pneumonia at his home near Lisbon on May 14, 1931. Funeral services on May 17 in St. Jacob's Church were in charge of Rev. L. J. Rohrbaugh, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. J. H. Steele, E. E. Engle, J. Cotton and E. G. Klotz assisted in the services. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining St. Jacob's Church. Rev. C. W. Beaver, a minister of the Reformed Church, was his brother. He was survived by his widow and one son.

References: Messenger; May 21, 1931

June 25, 1931

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. GEORGE A. WHITMORE

Mr. Whitmore came ^{from} what has been called "a priestly family". His four maternal uncles were ministers, and his three brothers - Revs. Andrew, David and Samuel L. were ministers of the Reformed Church.

He was the son of Elder Samuel and Sophia (Evers) Whitmore, and was born near Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, on May 15, 1848. He was baptized by Rev. Daniel Feete in St. Michael's Church near Bridgewater, and confirmed by Rev. J. C. Hensel in Trinity Church, Mt. Crawford.

At the age of eight he went to live with his maternal grandfather, John Evers of Cross-Keys, Rockingham County, Va. He was an eye-witness of the Battle of Cross-Keys on June 8, 1862, which was fought on his grandfather's farm. After his grandfather's death, he returned home.

He attended the "subscription" schools of his home community and then was a student at White Hall, Pleasant Grove and Mt. Crawford Academies. In 1869 he entered the Preparatory Department of Mercersburg College, during the presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee. He was successively graduated from the Academy in 1871, from Mercersburg College in 1875, and from the Theological Department in 1878. He was examined and licensed by a committee of Virginia Classis, consisting of Revs. J. C. Bowman and J. A. Hoffheins, during the annual meeting of the Classis in St. Michael's Church near Bridgewater, on June 2, 1878.

After being licensed, Mr. Whitmore was commissioned by Virginia Classis to visit those counties in West Virginia, and Page and Shenandoah Counties in Virginia in which there had been congregations of the Reformed Church before the Civil War. His report a year later was to the effect that the membership of those congregations, which had disbanded, had been absorbed into other denominations.

Mr. Whitmore was ordained in St. Mark's Church, Eddyville, Pa., on June 10, 1879 by a committee of Clarion Classis, consisting of Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, A. R. Kline and T. R. Dietz. At the same time he was installed as pastor of St. John's Charge in Armstrong County, Pa., consisting of three congregations. He served here, residing at Eddyville, until 1883.

In 1883 he returned to Virginia to take charge of the Mill Creek Charge, Mt. Jackson, consisting of several rural congregations. During his pastorate he organized Emanuel Congregation (now disbanded) in the village of Mt. Jackson, also a house in the village to be used as a parsonage was purchased.

On January 1, 1889, Mr. Whitmore began a pastorate in the Mechanicstown (Thurmont), Md., Charge, which continued until January 1, 1906. This was one of the most laborious Charges in Maryland Classis, consisting of four congregations, three of them rural and situated along bad roads; also, two of the churches were union. During his stay here, the church at Thurmont was re-built and the parsonage repaired.

In January, 1906, Mr. Whitmore became pastor of Zion's Church, Millersville, Pa., serving there until 1918. During this pastorate the church and parsonage were re-modeled. He retired from the active ministry in 1918 and moved to Lancaster to make his home with his daughter.

From the time of his retirement until the end of his life, Mr. Whitmore was in bad health, at times suffering extreme pain. He died after an immediate illness of four weeks at his home in Lancaster on May 22, 1931, at the age of eighty-three.

Funeral services in the home of his daughter on May 24 were in charge of Rev. W. T. Brundick, assisted by Revs. F. W. Teske, G. P. Seibel and J. F. Frantz. Mr. Whitmore was buried in the cemetery at

Woodstock Va., on May 25, the burial service being in charge of Revs. W. H. Bowers and C. E. Robb.

On October 20, 1880, Mr. Whitmore was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Lichliter of Woodstock, Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. F. Lichliter, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. G. H. Martin. He was survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter. Mrs. Whitmore died in Lancaster in March, 1934.

In 1892 Mr. Whitmore was a delegate to the Convention of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, held at Toronto, Canada. He is the author of "The History of the Thurmont Charge", and also devised an improved Record Book for the use of congregations and ministers. This Record Book found a large sale among the congregations of the Reformed Church. In 1893 he was a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College. In 1885 he was elected President of Virginia Classis.

References: Messenger; June 11, 1931

June 18, 1931

April 5, 1934

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932

History of Virginia Classis (Garrison)

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. HARRY WALTER WISSLER

H. W. Wissler, son of Rev. Henry and Cornelia (Everhart) Wissler, was born at Shepherdstown, W. Va., on May 4, 1869. When he was a boy his father became pastor of the Mechanicstown (Thurmont), Md. Charge. He attended school in Mechanicstown and then was a student in Mercersburg College during the presidency of Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh. In 1887 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, spending one year in that Institution. He then transferred to Heidelberg College at Tiffin, graduating in 1892. He then returned to Lancaster for his theological training, graduating from the Lancaster Seminary in 1895. He was licensed by Maryland Classis on May 18, 1895, during the annual session of the Classis at Adamstown.

On December 19, 1895, he was ordained by a committee of East Pennsylvania Classis, consisting of Revs. C. H. Mutschler and S. F. Hartzel. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Catawissa, Pa., Charge, which he served from 1895 until 1899. From May, 1899, until February, 1903, he was pastor of the Mt. Crawford, Va., Charge. Mr. Wissler then spent about a year at Thurmont, Md., without a pastoral Charge.

In 1904 he became pastor of the Sulphur Spring Charge (now called The Carlisle Rural Charge), near Carlisle, Pa., serving there until April, 1913. He was then a resident of Frederick, Md., without a pastoral Charge for a year. In November, 1914, he became pastor of the Everett, Pa., Charge, serving it for five years (1914 - 1919). From November, 1919, until June, 1920, he resided at Thurmont, without a Charge. In June, 1920, he became pastor of the Mt. Crawford, Va., Charge for a second pastorate of seven years (June, 1920 - December, 1927).

Upon the advice of his physician he then retired from the active ministry and spent two years at San Diego, California, hoping to

regain his health. In 1929 he returned to Thurmont and spent the remainder of his life at the home of his sister.

Mr. Wissler died suddenly of a heart attack, being ill for only a few hours, at his home in Thurmont on June 6, 1931, at the age of sixty-two. Funeral services in the home on June 9 were in charge of Rev. C. D. Shaffer, assisted by Rev. G. E. Williams, E. A. G. Hermann and R. Huebener. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Frederick, Md. He was survived by one brother and three sisters.

On March 19, 1896, Mr. Wissler was married to Miss Nannie Heinlein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Heinlein of Frederick. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home by Rev. George A. Whitmore. Mrs. Wissler died in Thurmont on May 7, 1931, less than a month before the death of her husband.

References: Messenger; June 11, 1931

July 2, 1931

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REV. A. M. MASONHEIMER (MASSENHEIMER), Ph. D.

A. M. Masonheimer was born in North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pa., on October 25, 1853. After passing through the public schools of Lehigh County, he was a student at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown and at Palatinate College at Myerstown. He was graduated from Ursinus College in 1877 and from the Yale Divinity School in 1880. Before being licensed or ordained he served a pastorate of one year in the Congregational Church at Orange, Vermont. He was licensed and ordained by East Susquehanna Classis in November, 1881.

In November, 1881, he was also installed as pastor of Salem Church, Weatherly, Pa., which he served until 1924, a period of forty-three years. During part of his pastorate here, he served as supply for St. John's Church at Rockport and of St. Matthew's in Parker Township. Mr. Masonheimer had organized both of these congregations. During his pastorate new churches were erected at Weatherly and at Rockport. He retired in 1924, but continued to reside in Weatherly until the end of his life.

Mr. Masonheimer was much interested in the welfare of the community in which he lived, serving on important committees and holding various offices of a local nature. In September, 1911, Mr. Masonheimer celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his pastorate at Weatherly.

Mr. Masonheimer died, after an illness of several weeks, at his home in Weatherly on June 12, 1931, at the age of seventy-seven. Funeral services were held in Salem Church at Weatherly on June 16. Rev. S. E. Stofflett preached the funeral sermon and Rev. C. T. Moyer delivered an address.

On March 20, 1882, Mr. Masonheimer was married to Miss Kate Ritter of Egypt, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. A. Leinbacher of Egypt, Pa.

at his residence in Coplay, Pa.. He was survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Masonheimer received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Allegheny College, but I do not know in what year the degree was conferred.

References: Messenger; June 25, 1931

July 2, 1931

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. JACOB HAUSER

Jacob Hauser, son of Jacob and Anna Mary Hauser, was born at Aldingen, Oberant Spaichingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany, on April 1, 1845. At the age of seven, he came with his mother and four sisters to America, to join his father who had emigrated four years before and had settled at Cincinnati.

Soon afterwards his father died, and then the son assumed the responsibility of helping to support the family, a condition which made the acquisition of an education a difficult matter for him. He worked in factories, and then in youth he learned the printing trade, becoming an expert type-setter and lithographer.

However, in spite of these impediments, he was able to prepare himself for college, so that he entered the Mission House at Plymouth, Wisconsin, graduating from the Theological Department in 1873. In that same year he was licensed and ordained.

Mr. Hauser's ambition was to be a foreign missionary, but inasmuch as the Reformed Church was not at that time engaged directly in foreign mission work, he was commissioned by the German Evangelical Missionary Society as a missionary to India. He accepted the appointment, spending three years in India, working under great difficulties and with extreme personal discomfort.

In 1876 he returned to Wisconsin to be pastor of the Reformed congregation at Town Mosel, where he served for two years (1876 - 1878). In that year he was commissioned by Sheboygan Classis to begin missionary work among the Winnebago Indians, the first Christian minister of any denomination ever to preach the Gospel to the people of that tribe. Mr. Hauser described, in a series of articles published in the Messenger, the difficulties which he had to overcome to make his missionary efforts efficient; the first of which was to gain the confidence of the people. He tells of what devices

he contrived to use in order to bring them out of their hiding-places whenever he appeared in their villages. Bye and bye, however, he was able to make friendly contact with them, and in time, established a school, made converts, and laid the foundation for the organization of a Christian congregation, which project was accomplished by his successor, Rev. Jacob Stucki. After he had learned the difficult Winnebago Language, he reduced it to writing, compiled a dictionary of fifteen hundred words, and began the preparation of a grammar.

In 1885 Mr. Hauser relinquished his work among the Winnebago Indians in favor of Rev. Jacob Stucki who had been his assistant for more than a year. He then re-entered the active pastorate, serving the following pastoral Charges: Rising Sun, Indiana, 1885 - 1889; Archbold, Ohio, 1889 - 1899; St. Paul, Minnesota, 1899 - 1906; Melbourne, Iowa, 1906 - 1915. He then retired from the active ministry but continued to live in own house in Melbourne until the end of his life.

Mr. Hauser died at his home in Melbourne on June 27, 1931, at the age of eighty-six. Funeral services were held in St. John's Church at Melbourne on June 30 in charge of Rev. J. Neuenschwander. Funeral sermons were delivered by Revs. William Landseider and D. Bosna. He was buried at Melbourne.

Mr. Hauser was married and widowed three times. One son, Paul Hauser, was killed in World War I. He was survived by his widow (his fourth wife) and five children. One son, Rev. Caleb Hauser, is a minister of the Reformed Church, now living retired at Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

References: Messenger; July 30, 1931

Christian World; July 25, 1931

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. JAMES S. KEPPELL

J. S. Keppell, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Shaul) Keppell, was born at Salem, Illinois, on November 26, 1865. Not long after his birth his parents moved to Tiffin, Ohio, where the son attended the public school, and then was a student at the Heidelberg Academy. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1887, and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1891

The following is a record of Mr. Keppell's residence from the time of his licensure and ordination, but I am not able to identify some of the pastoral Charges served by him: Swander's Crossing, Ohio, 1891 - 1893; Athens, Michigan, 1893 - 1894; Fremont, Ohio, 1894 - 1898; Fostoria, Ohio, 1898 - 1899; North Lima, Ohio, 1899 - 1904; Plymouth, Indiana, 1904 - 1906; Athens, Michigan, 1906 - 1907; Sulphur Springs, Ohio, 1907 - 1909; Bettsville, Ohio, 1909 - 1912; Alliance, Ohio, 1912 - 1926. In 1826 Mr. Keppell retired from the active ministry and went into business with his son at Tiffin, under the firm name of "Keppell Floral Company".

Mr. Keppell died, after a long period of failing health, at his home in Tiffin on July 8, 1931, at the age of sixty-five. Funeral services on July 11 in the home were in charge of Rev. D. W. Loucks. He was buried at Tiffin.

On September 1, 1891, Mr. Keppell was married to Miss Lillian M. Grendon. He was survived by his widow and one son.

References: Messenger; July 16, 1931

July 30, 1931

Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. WILLIAM B. WERNER

W. B. Werner, son of Jonas and Abigail (Bauscher) Werner, was born in Albany Township, Berks County, Pa., on December 7, 1861. After he had passed through the public school, he entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, graduating in 1883. Mr. Werner was then a school teacher for three years. In the fall of 1886 he entered the Sophomore Class of Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1889. He then spent another year in teaching. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1890, graduating in 1893. On May 7, 1893, Mr. Werner was licensed by Lehigh Classis. He was ordained on September 17 of that same year and by the same Classis.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Schwenkville, Pa., Charge, serving it until 1908. He was then pastor of the Union-Millersburg, Indiana, Charge from 1908 until 1912. From October, 1912, until January 1, 1916, he served the Concord, North Carolina, Charge, consisting of two congregations; Trinity at Concord, and a congregation at New Gilead.. On January 1, 1916, Mr. Werner became pastor of the First Reformed Church at Brunswick, Md., serving here until May, 1917.

On June 1, 1917, he became Superintendent of the Nazareth Orphans' Home at Crescent, N. C., serving in this position until 1922. He was then pastor of the Burkittsville, Md., Charge from September, 1922, until May, 1931.

Mr. Werner, on account of approaching age and failing health, was looking forward to retirement from the active ministry; also he desired during his years of retirement to live in a home of his own. Accordingly, he purchased a property at Licksville, Md. (Tuscarora post-office), consisting of a house and a store in which the Tuscarora Post-office was located. He made improvements to the property

and moved to Licksville in 1930, thus becoming a merchant and postmaster. He, however, continued his pastorate at Burkittsville (about twenty miles from Licksville) until the end of his life.

Mr. Werner died at his home in Licksville, Md., on July 22, 1931, after an illness of six months with nephritis. Funeral services on July 25 in the home were in charge of Rev. Atvill Conner, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. H. S. Shue, R. F. Main, J. S. Adam, G. P. Bready and G. K. Ely also assisted in the services. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Frederick, Md.

On March 27, 1894, Mr. Werner was married to Miss Sarah I. Fahrenbach, daughter of George D. and Mary E. Fahrenbach of Reading, Pa. He was survived by his widow and two daughters.

References: Messenger; August 6, 1931

September 3, 1931

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History of the Southern Synod (Leonard)

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. FREEMAN WARE

Freeman Ware, son of Elias and Charlotte (Smith) Ware, was born near Colon, St. Joseph County, Michigan, on December 5, 1861. He attended the public school of his home community, and in 1880 entered the Preparatory Department of Heidelberg College. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1886, and then was licensed and ordained without theological training. His pastorates to the year 1897 follow: Neriah, Michigan, Charge, June, 1886 - 1887; First Reformed Church, Three Rivers, Michigan, 1887 - 1894; Athens, Michigan, Mission Congregation, 1894 - 1897.

Mr. Ware then interrupted his pastoral career by entering the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, spending two years there and graduating in 1899. He then resumed his pastorate at Athens, serving there until 1901. In that year he became pastor at Shelby, although the record is not clear as to whether he was at Shelby, Ohio, or at Shelby, Illinois. His biographer says that he resigned this Charge in 1903 to return to Athens, but from 1903 until 1919 Mr. Ware was pastor of the White Pigeon, Michigan, Charge. While at White Pigeon, he was a member of the School Board for some years. He resigned the White Pigeon Charge in 1919, but continued to reside there until 1924. In 1914 he was appointed Post-master of White Pigeon by President Wilson, continuing in that position until 1923.

In 1924 Mr. Ware went back to his boyhood home near Colon, Michigan, and served the Colon Charge as supply-pastor until the end of his life. Mr. Ware died at his home near Colon on August 21, 1931, at the age of sixty-nine. Funeral services were held on August 24 in the South Colon Church. He was buried in the Eberhard Cemetery at Colon. On August 9, 1883, Mr. Ware was married to Miss Sarah H. Chamberlain of Colon. He was survived by his widow.

References: Messenger; September 10, 1931
Reformed Church Almanac, 1932.

REV. SAMUEL REED BRIDENBAUGH, D. D. *

S. R. Bridenbaugh, son of Henry H. and Susan Breidenbaugh, was born on a farm near Sinking Valley, Blair County, Pa., on January 28, 1849 (Other biographers give the date of his birth as January 28, 1850, and January 26, 1849).

After attending the public school he prepared for college at the Juniata Institute, Martinsburg, Pa. (1865), at Mercersburg College (one term) and at Franklin and Marshall Academy (six months). In 1868 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1872. After spending the summer of 1872 in teaching at the Juniata Institute, he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in the fall of 1872, graduating in 1875.

At an adjourned meeting of Mercersburg Classis at Claysburg, Pa., on May 14, 1875, Mr. Bridenbaugh was examined and licensed, the examining committee consisting of Revs. P. S. Davis, E. E. Higbee, and W. M. Deatruck. In the evening of the same day he was ordained by Mercersburg Classis, the committee on ordination consisting of Revs. A. C. Whitmer, A. C. Geary, and the officers of the Classis.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Greenfield Charge, Claysburg, Pa., consisting of four congregations. He served here for one year. During this pastorate a new church was built at Claysburg. In 1876 he was elected President of the Juniata Institute and served in that capacity for one year. In 1877 he returned to

* References in the Messenger to Mr. Bridenbaugh in the early part of his ministry spell the name "Breidenbaugh".

the active ministry as pastor of the Berlin, Pa., Charge, which he served until 1885. During his pastorate the new Trinity Church at Berlin was erected and dedicated.

Mr. Bridenbaugh was pastor of the Bloomsburg, Pa., Charge from 1885 until February, 1887, serving also the Heller's congregation in the same vicinity. In February, 1887, he became pastor of the Church of the Ascension at Norristown, Pa., serving there until May, 1892. During his term here, he organized a Mission Sunday School in West Norristown, which in time became Christ Church.

From May, 1892, until 1911 he was pastor of the Second Reformed Church at Reading, Pa.. During his pastorate a new Second Church was built and dedicated in 1905. From 1911 until 1921 he was pastor of the Oak Lane Reformed Church, Philadelphia. Mr. Bridenbaugh retired in 1921 and moved to Sinking Spring, Pa., to make his home with his son.

In August, 1931, he went to Greenville, Pa., to visit a sister. While at his sister's home he was stricken with apoplexy and died on August 23, 1931, at the age of eighty-two.

Funeral services at the home of his son at Sinking Spring on August 27 were in charge of Rev. D. B. Clark, assisted by Revs. A. R. Bartholomew and T. H. Leinbach. Rev. L. M. Erdman preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the Charles Evans Cemetery at Reading.

During his pastorate at Reading, Mr. Bridenbaugh organized Faith Congregation in Reading in 1892, and built a church for the congregation. In 1893 he organized St. James Church in West Reading. From 1897 he was a member of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, and for a number of years, a member of General Synod's Board of Home Missions. He was Stated Clerk of Reading Classis from 1901 until 1911. For a year, from 1884, he was a Synodical Editor of the Reformed Church

Messenger, representing the Pittsburgh Synod.

On January 19, 1876, Mr. Bridenbaugh was married in Zion's Reformed Church at Chambersburg, Pa., to Miss Lydia Ann Bowman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Bowman, brother of the bride. Mrs. Bridenbaugh died in December, 1923. Mr. Bridenbaugh was survived by one son. Another son, Lic. Paul S. Bridenbaugh, died on August 31, 1904.

In 1896 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Bridenbaugh the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was the author of fourteen articles published in the Messenger, and three in the Reformed Church Review.

References: Messenger; December 14, 1905

December 27, 1923

September 3, 1931

September 24, 1931

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REV. THOMAS HENRY KRICK

T. H. Krick, son of Adam B. and Lucy R. (Reber) Krick, was born in the Krick Homestead near Sinking Spring, Spring Township, Berks County, Pa., on January 14, 1868. He attended the public school of his native community and was later a student at the Charter Oak Academy. He was graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown in 1887. He was successively graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1892 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1895. When in college he played on the foot-ball team. This was the first team ever to represent Franklin and Marshall College and was coached by Dr. W. M. Irvine. He was licensed by Lebanon Classis on May 22, 1895.

On June 7, 1895, he was ordained by East Pennsylvania Classis at Jacob's Church, Weissport, Pa., and installed as pastor of the Weissport Charge, which he served from 1895 until August, 1901. He then became pastor of the Coplay, Pa., Charge, consisting of Trinity Church at Coplay, St. John's Church at Meckley's, and St. John's Church at Fullerton. During his pastorate a new church was built at Fullerton.

Mr. Krick served the Coplay Charge from 1901 until September, 1930, when he retired from the active ministry on account of ill health. He then returned to his boyhood home near Sinking Spring, residing there until the end of his life. Mr. Krick was much interested in local history, especially the history of his own family. He collected the data and prepared an historical sketch of the Krick Family.

Mr. Krick died at his home near Sinking Spring on September 21, 1931, at the age of sixty-three. After a brief funeral service in the home on September 24, further services were held in St. John's Church, Sinking Spring, in charge of Revs. P. S. Leinbach and T. W.

Rhoads. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining the church.

On November 21, 1895, Mr. Krick was married to Miss Jennie Hain of Wernersville, Pa. The officiating clergymen were Revs. W. J. Kerschner, W. D. Happel and G. W. Gerhard. Mr. Krick was survived by his widow.

References: Messenger; September 24, 1931

October 8, 1931

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REV. CHARLES W. E. SIEGEL

C. W. E. Siegel was born near Bethlehem, Pa., on March 31, 1846. It appears that during his childhood, the family moved to a home in the southern part of Lancaster County, Pa. At the age of sixteen he was confirmed in the Union Church near Quarryville, Pa.

Mr. Siegel in early manhood learned the trade of a stone-cutter. Some time after the Civil War he had an opportunity to visit Switzerland, where he remained for about a year, spending most of the time in study at Basle. Upon his return to the United States he resumed work at his trade in Philadelphia, also worked for a time at the Orphans' Home at Bridesburg (before its removal to Womelsdorf).

Mr. Siegel entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1870, graduating in 1874. In 1877 he was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. On May 9, 1877, he was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis, and later in that same month and year, he was ordained by the same Classis.

In May, 1877, Mr. Siegel was installed as pastor of the Hamilton Charge, Sciota, Monroe County, Pa., which he served until 1880. His pastoral record from 1880 follows: Aaronsburg, Pa., Charge, 1880 - 1882; Houtzdale, Pa., Mission Charge, 1882 - 1886; Orbisonia, Pa., Charge, 1886 - 1890; Fishersville, Pa., Charge, April, 1890 - July, 1892; Plymouth, Pa., Charge, July, 1892 - 1899. Mr. Siegel then retired from the active ministry and moved to York, Pa., where he resided until the end of his life.

Mr. Siegel died of a heart condition, following an illness of seven weeks, at his home in York on September 25, 1931, at the age of eighty-five. Funeral services in the home on September 28 were in charge of Rev. W. S. Kerschner, assisted by several members of Zion's Classis. He was interred in the Community Mausoleum in Prospect Hill Cemetery at York.

On May 24, 1877, Mr. Siegel was married to Miss Annie E. Falrig of Lancaster, Pa. The ceremony was performed in the First Reformed Church at Lancaster by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Kremer. He was survived by his widow, two daughters and a sister. Mrs. Siegel died in September, 1935.

Mr. Siegel enjoyed a richly deserved reputation as a poet. As early as 1875 he published a volume of poems, "A Hundred Years Ago". His first poem to be published in the Messenger appeared in the issue of December 14, 1899, entitled "Advent". The last one was published on September 17, 1931. Altogether, ninety-two poems from his pen were published in the Messenger from 1899 until 1931. Mr. Siegel's poems were of high literary merit and with a rich spiritual tone. He published many poems in many periodicals.

References: Messenger; October 1, 1931

November 19, 1931

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REV. SILAS M. HENCH, D. D.

S. M. Hench was born on November 1, 1851, but I do not know the place of his birth or anything of his early life previous to his entering college. There is evidence to believe that he was a native of Blair County, Pa., and that he was a resident of York, Pa., before entering the ministry. Mr. Hench entered Ursinus College in 1873, graduating in 1877. He was duly graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1879. He was licensed in 1897 by Zion's Classis.

Mr. Hench was received as a licentiate by Maryland Classis at a special meeting in the Glade Church near Walkersville, Md., on November 18, 1879. Mr. Hench was ordained and installed by Maryland Classis on that same day. In 1879 the Glade Charge consisted of four congregations; Glade near Walkersville, St. John's at Woodsboro, St. Paul's at Utica, and Bethel. Mr. Hench served these congregations until February, 1892, when a division and re-construction of Charges took place. St. Paul's at Utica, Zion at Charlesville (the successor of the Bethel congregation), and Grace at Pleasant Hill just outside Frederick were formed into the new Utica Charge. The Glade and Woodsboro congregations continued as the Glade Charge.

At the annual meeting of Maryland Classis in 1892, Mr. Hench resigned the pastorate of the combined Charge and was unanimously elected pastor of the newly-constituted Utica Charge, which he served until May, 1908. After 1892 Mr. Hench resided in Frederick. The Utica Charge did not own a parsonage for a good many years afterwards. From May, 1908, until October, 1909, Mr. Hench did not serve a pastoral Charge. In October, 1909, he became pastor of the Cavetown, Md., Charge, serving there until his retirement from the active ministry in October, 1916. Mr. Hench's entire pastoral service was given in Maryland Classis and in rural Charges.

In 1916 Mr. Hench moved to Trappe, Pa., and resided there until the end of his life. For more than a year before his death he was ill, and was helpless during the last six months. He died at his home in Trappe on September 27, 1931, at the age of seventy-nine. Mrs. Hench died suddenly on September 24, 1931, at the age of seventy-six.

On September 28 a double funeral service for Mr. and Mrs. Hench was held in St. Luke's Church at Trappe in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. C. Ohl, who also preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. C. D. Yost and H. T. Spangler. Revs. H. H. Hartman, W. A. Kline, J. G. Kerschner and E. Cassady assisted in the services. Mr. and Mrs. Hench were buried in the Augustus Cemetery at Trappe. In 1899 Mr. Hench celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his ordination, and the twenty-fifth in 1904.

On January 22, 1880, Mr. Hench was married to Miss Martha Beaver of Trappe. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. B. Smith, assisted by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger. As above stated, Mrs. Hench's death occurred only three days before her husband's. There were no survivors.

In 1929 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Hench the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; October 1, 1931

October 15, 1931

December 24, 1931

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REV. CHARLES BAUMAN SCHNEIDER, D. D.

C. B. Schneider was the son of Baltzer and Elizabeth Schneider who lived to celebrate their sixty-third wedding anniversary. He was born at Bowmanstown in Lancaster County, Pa., on January 5, 1861. He was baptized in infancy and in youth was confirmed in St. John's, Center, Church of the Reamstown Charge. He attended the public school of his home community and was then a student for one year at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He also attended Franklin and Marshall Academy, entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1881, ~~and~~ graduating in 1885. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1888. He was licensed by Lancaster Classis on May 25, 1888.

On July 15, 1888, Mr. Schneider was ordained by a committee of Schuylkill Classis, consisting of Revs. O. R. Strunck, W. Donat and A. R. Bartholomew. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Pine Grove, Pa., Charge, consisting of five congregations. He served here for three years, and then on May 27, 1891, he was installed as pastor of St. John's Church at Shamokin, Pa., which he continued to serve until the end of his life, a period of forty years. During this remarkable pastorate the membership of the congregation increased from ~~4~~30 to 1618, a new church and a new parsonage were erected, two missionary congregations were organized and chapels built for both. In October, 1930, a portrait of Mr. Schneider was unveiled in St. John's Church.

Although Mr. Schneider's first concern was always the welfare of his own congregation, he performed a variety of services for the Church beyond his congregational pastoral activities. From 1889 until 1891 he was the Stated Clerk of Schuylkill Classis. He was elected President of the East Susquehanna Classis in 1896, and in October, 1913, he was elected President of the Eastern Synod. From

1905 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Cedar Crest College, and from 1913, a member of the Board of Home Missions, and for some years Vice-President of the Board. He was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster from 1916 until his death, and President of the Board from 1925. In 1918 - 1919 he delivered the McCauley Memorial Lectures at the Seminary on the topic, "The Minister at His Best".

Mr. Schneder died, following an operation, at the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia on November 1, 1931, at the age of seventy. Brief funeral services were held in the home in Shamokin on November 6. Further services in St. John's Church were in charge of Revs. S. C. Baker, A. L. Zechman, P. S. Leinbach, A. F. Dietz and A. R. Bartholomew. Rev. G. W. Richards preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. C. E. Schaeffer and William E. Fisher. His body was interred in the Mausoleum at the Shamokin Cemetery.

In 1888 Mr. Schneder was married to Miss Elizabeth Renninger of Lancaster County. Mrs. Schneder died on March 13, 1890, leaving an infant son, W. A. Schneder, who became Attorney-General of the State of Pennsylvania.

On June 9, 1891, Mr. Schneder was married a second time to Miss Ivy Ellen Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hughes of Pine Grove; the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. F. Moyer, assisted by Rev. David Scheirer, Jr.

In 1909 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Schneder the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; November 5, 1931. November 12, 1931

November 19, 1931. November 26, 1931

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REV. ABRAM B. STONER

A. B. Stoner was born in Ashland County, Ohio, in 1848. He was graduated from the Savannah Academy, the Ohio Wesleyan University, and from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1877. He was licensed by Philadelphia Classis in June, 1877, and on December 23 of that same year he was ordained by a committee of Philadelphia Classis, consisting of Revs. J. H. A. Bomberger, Daniel Feete and J. H. Sechler. At the same time he was installed as pastor of Trinity Church, Norristown, Pa., which he served from December, 1877, until 1882. From December, 1882, until May, 1885, he was pastor of the Mechanics-town (Thurmont), Md., Charge.

When Mr. Stoner began his pastorate the Charge consisted of six congregations; Trinity at Thurmont, Apple's near Thurmont, Mt. Tabor at Rocky Ridge, St. John's at Creagerstown, St. John's at Sabillasville and Jacob's at Fountaindale, Pa. In 1886 the two last-named congregations were detached to form the Sabillasville Charge, but Mr. Stoner was instructed to supply them until a pastor could be secured. He served the six congregations until June, 1887.

In May, 1888, Mr. Stoner became pastor of the Landisburg, Pa., Charge, serving there until September, 1891. He was then pastor of the Kalamazoo Charge, Fulton, Michigan, from September, 1891, until 1895, and of the Sulphur Springs, Ohio, Charge from 1895 until July, 1897.

Mr. Stoner then retired from the active ministry and moved to Collegeville, Pa.. From 1920 his residence was at Drexel Hill, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. For a number of years Mr. Stoner was engaged in selling religious books.

Mr. Stoner died, after an illness of two months, at his home in Drexel Hill on November 18, 1931, at the age of eighty-three. At the funeral services in Trinity Church, Norristown, on November 21,

addresses were delivered by Revs. H. E. Bodder, Z. M. Gibson, C. B. Alspach and E. N. Faye. Rev. A. G. Peters had charge of the burial service at the Norris Hill Cemetery in Norristown.

In 1897 Mr. Stoner was married to Miss Anna Helfenstein, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Helfenstein of Norristown. He was survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Stoner died in August, 1935.

References: Messenger; November 26, 1931

December 10, 1931

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REV. JOHN FREDERICK JUNGEBLUT

J. F. Jungeblut was born at Brakelsiek in Lippe - Detmold, Germany, on November 9, 1859. He was the son of F. W. H. and Emma (Deppe) Jungeblut, both pious members of the Reformed Church.

His mother died when he was yet a child, and then he and his father came to America, settling at Bay, Missouri, where they joined the German Presbyterian Church. He prepared for the Ministry in a Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, and at Princeton, N. J. He was ordained into the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church, serving pastorates at Milwaukee, Alexander, Nebraska, and at Accadia, Iowa.

In 1903 he was received into the ministry of the Reformed Church and installed as pastor of the Eureka, South Dakota, Charge, which he served from 1903 until 1910. He then served Hope Church, an independent Reformed congregation at Lodi, California, from 1910 until his death.

Mr. Jungeblut died of pneumonia at his home in Lodi on December 19, 1931, at the age of seventy-two. Funeral services at Zion's Church at Lodi on December 22 were in charge of Revs. G. J. Zenk and W. P. Thiel. He was buried at Lodi.

On May 27, 1890, Mr. Jungeblut was married to Miss Anna Stark, sister of Rev. Jacob Stark. Mrs. Jungeblut died in August, 1913. In 1929 he was married a second time to Mrs. Louise Barrett. He was survived by his widow and four children.

References: Messenger; January 7, 1932

January 16, 1932

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REV. LLOYD MONROE KNOLL

L. M. Knoll was born in Reading, Pa., in 1876. He was graduated from Ursinus College in 1901, and from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1904. The inference is that he was licensed in that year, although there is no record of it, nor are we sure in just what activities he was engaged before 1910.

Mr. Knoll was always interested in Physics, especially that part of the Science which has to do with wireless electricity. He did post-graduate work in the University of Pennsylvania, and for a time taught Physics in Villa Nova College.

In 1910 he became Professor of Physics in the Central High School of Philadelphia, and in that same year began to serve St. Peter's Church at Pikeland, Pa., in a pastoral capacity. On April 15, 1911, he was ordained and regularly installed as pastor of St. Peter's Church by a committee of Philadelphia Classis, consisting of Revs. J. I. Good, J. D. Hicks and E. C. Sult, retaining, however, his teaching position in the Central High School. He continued as pastor of St. Peter's Church until 1930, and as teacher until his death.

With Thomas Appley, Mr. Knoll invented the radio compass. He also developed condensed wireless receiving sets. During World War I he detected a German wireless station at Sayville, Long Island. For this patriotic service he was commended by the United States Government and given special permission to have and operate his own wireless station at a time when private stations were forbidden. He was also commissioned by the Navy Department to continue his investigations in ~~the~~ seeking for enemy installations in this country.

Mr. Knoll died at the Osteopathic Hospital in Philadelphia on January 4, 1932, at the age of fifty-five. Funeral services in the Sechler and Maguire Funeral Parlors in Philadelphia on January 7 were in charge of Revs. G. H. Maeder and H. W. Kochenderfer. He was

buried in the Ivy Hill Cemetery at Philadelphia.

On October 20, 1916, Mr. Knoll was married to Miss Rosa L. Ebert of Philadelphia, in Trinity Reformed Church, Philadelphia, by Rev. J. I. Good, assisted by Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg. He was survived by his widow.

References: Messenger; January 7, 1932

February 11, 1932

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REV. HENRY ANDREAS

Henry Andreas was born at Highland Park, Illinois, on October 12, 1857. His parents had emigrated from Germany just a few years before his birth. He was educated in the public school of his native community, and at schools at Waukegan and Chicago. In 1875 he entered the Mission House, graduating from the college in 1879, and from the Theological Department in 1882. He was licensed and ordained in that same year.

Mr. Andreas was pastor of Waukegan, Illinois, from the latter part of 1882 until the early part of 1883 - a period of six months. He then served St. John's Church at La Crosse, Wisconsin, from 1883 until 1890. In 1890 he became pastor of Trinity Church at Mormon Coulee, Wisconsin, near La Crosse, continuing in that pastorate for more than forty years, and until his retirement in November, 1931, on account of old age and ill health. Mr. Andreas' pastorate here was ideal, serving an affectionate and appreciative people who gave full loyalty of service to their pastor, friend and teacher.

Mr. Andreas died at Mormon Coulee on January 19, 1932, at the age of seventy-four. Funeral services in Trinity Church at Mormon Coulee on January 22 were in charge of Revs. K. Koepke and G. H. Marschal. Rev. F. E. Stucki delivered an address. He was buried at Mormon Coulee.

References: Messenger; April 21, 1932

Christian World; February 20, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. JOHANNES B. BRAUN

J. B. Braun was born at Gengenheim, Baden, Germany, on November 21, 1842. Both his parents died when he was fourteen years of age and he was thrown upon his own resources. He secured a higher education by working his way through the schools which he attended. As a very young man he was an instructor at the St. Chrischona Mission House near Basle, Switzerland. He was graduated from a theological school at Geneva, Switzerland, and served as the pastor of a Reformed Church in that City.

It was his desire to go to Africa as a missionary, but since there was no opening in that field, he came to America instead, arriving in 1870. He was received by the Reformed Church in the United States and ordained as pastor of the Reformed Church at Prairie du Chien, Iowa.

From 1870 until 1887 I am not able to trace his pastoral career. During that period, however, he served pastorates (besides Prairie du Chien) in Ohio and California. In 1887 he became pastor of a Mission congregation at Albany, Oregon, where he served for two years. In 1889 he became pastor of the Gruetli - Duncan Charge, near Columbus, Nebraska, which he served until 1923, a period of thirty-four years. Mr. Braun then retired from the active ministry and lived in retirement at Columbus (Neb.) until the end of his life. For a period of twenty-five years he was President of Nebraska Classis.

Mr. Braun died at his home in Columbus on February 11, 1932, at the age of eighty-nine. Funeral services in the Evangelical Church at Columbus were in charge of Rev. R. Birk, assisted by Revs. J. H. Steger and C. W. Deglow (February 14). He was buried at Columbus.

While living at Geneva Mr. Braun became acquainted with Miss Renee Nicolle of that City, and they were engaged to be married.

The arrangement was that Mr. Braun was to go first to America, and then as soon as he was settled, she should follow. She left Geneva on the last train from Geneva to Paris before the border between France and Switzerland was closed during the Franco-Prussian War. As soon as she arrived in Prairie du Chien, she and Mr. Braun were married in the latter part of 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Braun were naturalized as American citizens a few years later. In 1920 they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Braun was survived by his widow and two sons.

References: Messenger; March 3, 1932

April 28, 1932

Christian World; March 12, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. DANIEL FRANKLIN BOOMERSHINE

D. F. Boomershine was born near Farmersville, Montgomery County, Ohio, on January 14, 1866. He was reared on a farm and acquired his early education in a rural school. He was a student at Heidelberg University at Tiffin for one year, then spent three years in teaching school. He then returned to Heidelberg, graduating in 1891. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in the fall of 1891, graduating in 1894. He was licensed by Lancaster Classis on May 19, 1894.

Upon his graduation from the Theological Seminary, Mr. Boomershine was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to organize or re-organize a congregation at Maquoketa, Iowa (I think a congregation had been organized some years before in the town or in the immediate vicinity). Accordingly, he arrived in Maquoketa in June, 1894, and immediately set about doing the work that he had been sent to do. He was ordained by Iowa Classis on July 1, 1894.

Mr. Boomershine's efforts were successful in that a congregation was organized, the corner-stone of a new church building was laid on May 20, 1900, and the new church was dedicated on November 11 of that year.

At about this time he organized a congregation at Lost Nation, Iowa, about fifteen miles south of Maquoketa, which he also served as pastor. Also he was invited to serve a group of people at Massilon, Iowa, south of Lost Nation. He accepted the invitation, organized a congregation and served it for a few years, but was compelled to relinquish the pastorate of this congregation on account of the distance from Maquoketa.

Mr. Boomershine was pastor at Maquoketa from 1894 until the end of his life, a period of nearly thirty-eight years.

The relation between pastor and people through all these years

was ideal. It was a period of financial and spiritual prosperity for the congregation, and of peace and good-will toward the pastor. Although there were opportunities for him to serve larger and more prosperous congregations, he was never tempted to leave this, his first and only Charge.

Mr. Boomershine died, after an illness of ten months, at his home in Maquoketa on February 20, 1932, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services on February 23 in the First Reformed Church at Maquoketa were in charge of Rev. E. L. Mohr, assisted by Rev. J. M. Newgard. Mr. Mohr was a native of Maquoketa and had been catechized and confirmed by Mr. Boomershine. He was buried at Maquoketa.

On January 1, 1895, he was married to Miss Jessie Gregg of Tiffin. He was survived by his widow, two brothers and three sisters. A brother, Rev. J. E. Boomershine, a minister of the Reformed Church, died in 1919.

References: Messenger; March 3, 1932

March 10, 1932

May 5, 1932

Christian World; March 12, 1932

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REV. EDWARD F. WIEST, D. D.

E. F. Wiest was born on February 3, 1863, but I do not know the place of his birth, or anything about his parentage and preliminary and preparatory education, until his graduation from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1893. He was licensed and ordained by Philadelphia Classis in May, 1893.

In May, 1893, Mr. Wiest was installed as pastor of the East Vincent and Pikeland Congregations in Chester County, Pa., serving here for a short time. He was then pastor of the Woodcock Valley Charge, James Creek, Pa., until June, 1898. From 1898 until January 1, 1910. he was pastor of the First Reformed (Race St.) Church in Philadelphia. While in Philadelphia, Mr. Wiest was instrumental in organizing Mission congregations in that City.

He then served Heidelberg Church, York, Pa., from January 1, 1910. until August, 1915. He then became pastor of Trinity Church, Norristown, Pa. On January 1, 1918, he resigned his pastorate at Norristown, then re-considered his resignation, and continued his pastorate until August of that year. He then served St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., from August, 1918, until July, 1922. From July, 1922, until January, 1932, Mr. Wiest was pastor of Grace Church at Columbiana, Ohio.

In January, 1932, he retired from the active ministry on account of ill health, and went to Ivyland, Pa., to make his home with his son. He died at his son's home in Ivyland on February 21, 1932, at the age of sixty-nine.

Funeral services in the First Reformed Church at Philadelphia on February 24 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. G. H. Gebhardt, assisted by Rev. C. B. Alspach. He was buried at Norristown.

Mr. Wiest enjoyed the reputation of being a good pastor and a strong, vigorous preacher. His style of preaching was of the evan-

gelistic type, so that he was much in demand as an evangelist. He was the author of fifty-eight articles published in the Messenger. In 1923 he celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination. He was survived by his widow and four children.

In 1910 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Wiest the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; March 3, 1932

March 24, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. HARVEY L. HART

H. L. Hart was born near Union City, Indiana, on August 12, 1858. The inference is that his parents were members of the United Brethren Church, and that their son was reared in that Faith. He was graduated from the Bonebrake Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, in 1884, and was ordained into the Ministry of the United Brethren Church in that same year.

After one brief pastorate as a United Brethren minister, he was received into the Reformed Church by being re-ordained by the Synod of Ohio in October, 1885. His approximate pastoral record in the Reformed Church follows: Orangeville, Illinois, 1885 - 1887; West Alexandria, Ohio, 1887 - 1891; Greenville, Ohio, 1891 - 1894; Reedsburg, Ohio, 1894 - 1895; Valley Charge, near Dayton, Ohio, 1895 - 1907; Hillsboro, Ohio, 1907 - 1908; St. Paris, Ohio, 1908 - 1914; Gerry, New York, 1914 - 1915; Conewango Valley, New York, 1915 - 1918; Hudson, Indiana, 1918 - 1919; Lisbon, Ohio, 1919 - 1922; Hudson, Indiana, 1922 - 1923; Spencerville, Ohio, 1923 - 1927; Greenville, Ohio, 1927 - 1931; Sugar Grove, Ohio, 1931 until the end of his life.

Mr. Hart was found dead in his bed in his home at Sugar Grove on March 10, 1932. Inasmuch as Mrs. Hart had been away for several days on a visit to a daughter-in-law in Toledo, and Mr. Hart was alone in the house during that time, it was thought that, on account of the condition of the body, his death had probably occurred on March 8. His age was seventy-four.

Funeral services were held in the home on March 11. He was buried at St. Paris, Ohio.

On September 11, 1911, Mr. Hart was married to Mrs. Blanche K. Walborn. He was survived by his widow, three sons and a step-son.

References: Messenger; March 31, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1923.

REV. BENJAMIN METTING MEYER

B. M. Meyer, son of Henry and Wilhelmina Meyer, was born near Rohrerstown, Pa., on February 25, 1859. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1890 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1893. He was licensed by Lancaster Classis in St. Paul's Church at Lancaster on May 12, 1893.

On August 20, 1893, Mr. Meyer was ordained by a committee of Lancaster Classis, consisting of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, F. A. Gast and G. F. Mull. At the same time he was installed as pastor of Christ Reformed Church at Elizabethtown, Pa.

This was Mr. Meyer's only pastoral Charge. A reference says that he resigned in May, 1918, but if so, the resignation must have been withdrawn, for he served this congregation until January 1, 1925.

Mr. Meyer then retired from the active Ministry and moved to Lancaster where he resided until the end of his life. During his years of retirement, he continued pastoral service by making regular visits to both hospitals in that City.

Mr. Meyer died of pneumonia at his home in Lancaster on March 18, 1932, at the age of seventy-three. Brief funeral services were held on March 21 at the home of his brother in Rohrerstown. Further services in Salem Reformed Church at Rohrerstown were in charge of the pastor, Rev. B. A. Behrens, assisted by Revs. G. W. Richards and C. D. Spotts. Addresses were delivered by Revs. L. C. T. Miller and D. G. Glass. He was buried in the Rohrerstown Cemetery. The ministers of the Reformed Churches in Lancaster City and County attended the funeral services in a body.

On May 1, 1895, Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Elizabeth Davis of Rohrerstown. He was survived by two brothers.

References: Messenger; March 31, 1932. April 7, 1932

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REV. JOHN P. JANETT

J. P. Janett, son of Rev. John J. Janett, was born at Clay City, Indiana, on November 23, 1874. After graduating from the Freeport, Illinois, High School, he entered the Mission House, graduating from the Theological Department in 1898. His studies were interrupted by a short term of army service in the Spanish-American War.

After having been licensed and ordained, he was installed as pastor of a congregation at Evansville, Indiana, which has since been disbanded. Mr. Janett, after having been in the pastorate for only a few years, was compelled to retire from the active ministry on account of voice trouble. He then became Religious Editor of the "Milwaukee Sentinel", a position in which he continued during the remainder of his life.

He died at his home in Milwaukee on March 12, 1932, at the age of fifty-seven. He was buried in the Wildwood Cemetery at Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Mr. Janett was married to Miss Lydia Reese of Milwaukee (date not given) who survived him with one son and two daughters.

Reference: Christian World; April 2, 1932.

REV. CHARLES H. SLINGHOFF

C. H. Slinghoff, son of Milton and Rebecca (Blum) Slinghoff, was born at Littlestown, Pa., on July 19, 1866. He was educated in the public school and at the Edgevale Academy, under the principalship of Rev. W. E. Krebs. After teaching school for two years, he entered Ursinus College in 1886, graduating in 1890. He was graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1893. He was licensed by Lancaster Classis in 1893 and ordained by a committee of Lancaster Classis in Zion's Reformed Church at Marietta, Pa., in July of that same year.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of Zion's Church at Marietta, serving there until January, 1895. From 1895 until 1902 he was pastor of the McConnellstown, Pa., Charge. During his pastorate here, a new church was built at McConnellstown. Mr. Slinghoff

then served Brownback's Charge, Slonaker, Chester County, Pa., until 1914. From August, 1914, until April, 1925, he was pastor of Trinity Church, Tower City, and Christ Church, Lykens, Pa.

In 1925 he became pastor of Grace Church, Richland, Pa., serving there until the end of his life. During his pastoral career, Mr. Slinghoff built parsonages in three of the Charges which he served.

On January 1, 1932, Mr. Slinghoff fell, injuring his knee. After that date he was incapacitated for further pastoral service. Complications followed, and he died at his home in Richland on March 23, 1932, at the age of sixty-five.

After brief funeral services in the home on March 28, further services in Grace Church, Richland, were in charge of Revs. H. J. Miller and R. E. Starr, assisted by Revs. P. E. Swope and J. L. Fluck. Rev. I. C. Fisher preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the cemetery at Richland. Altogether, twenty-four ministers attended the funeral services.

Mr. Slinghoff was married to Miss Sarah Tyson (date and place not given) who survived him with two sons and two daughters. Rev. Paul T. Slinghoff, President of Reading Synod, residing at Sinking Spring, is his son.

References: Messenger; March 31, 1932

April 7, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. MILTON F. FRANK

M. F. Frank was born at Uniontown, Ohio, on January 23, 1851. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1875 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1877. He was licensed in 1877 (but I do not know by what Classis).

He was ordained in January, 1878, at Farmersville, Ohio, by a committee of Miami Classis, consisting of Revs. H. M. Herman and I. H. Reiter. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Farmersville, Ohio, Charge, which he served until April, 1884. He was then pastor of the Highland Avenue (Zion's) Reformed Church, East End, Pittsburgh, and of Trinity Reformed Church at Wilkinsburg, Pa., from April, 1884, until January, 1886.

Then, on account of throat trouble, Mr. Frank retired from the active pastorate and did not again during his life serve a pastoral Charge. It is presumed that he moved to Canton, Ohio, and engaged in a secular occupation. However, we have no further record of him until the report of his death at Canton on March 30, 1932, at the age of eighty-one.

Mr. Frank was married twice. He was survived by his widow and one son.

References: Messenger; July 14, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. IRWIN M. BACHMAN, Ph. D.

I. M. Bachman, the son of Walter S. and Catherine (Follweiler) Bachman, was born in Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pa., on November 10, 1865. His father died before the son's birth. He was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church at the Lynnville Church of the Jacksonville Charge in 1882.

After having passed through the public school, he conducted winter and summer schools in his home community, although at the time he was himself yet a boy. Being naturally of a studious nature and excelling in Mathematics, Mr. Bachman seems to have been self-educated during his preparation for college. He entered the Sophomore Class of Franklin and Marshall College in 1889, transferred to Ursinus College after one year, entering the Junior Class in that Institution in 1890, and graduating in 1892. In 1894 he was graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology. He was licensed by Philadelphia Classis on May 17, 1894.

He was ordained by East Pennsylvania Classis in the latter part of May or the early part of June, 1894, and installed as pastor of First Reformed Church at East Mauch Chunk, Pa., which he served until February, 1902.

From February, 1902, until March, 1913, Mr. Bachman was pastor of the Numidia Charge, Catawissa, Pa., including the congregation at Millgrove. From March, 1913, he was pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Northampton, Pa., until the end of his life.

Mr. Bachman died at his home in Northampton on May 2, 1932, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services in St. Paul's Church on May 6 were in charge of Rev. J. G. Rupp, who also preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. G. E. Kopenhaver, T. H. Bachman and A. S. Deibert. The ministerial members of East Pennsyl-

vania Classis attended the services in a body. He was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at East Mauch Chunk.

In December, 1930, Mr. Bachman underwent a serious surgical operation, but was able later to resume his pastoral activities, although he was not in good health. He was known as a skilled musician, especially as a performer on the cello.

On December 11, 1895, Mr. Bachman was married to Miss Emily S. Mumme, daughter of Milton A. Mumme of East Mauch Chunk. The ceremony was performed in the First Reformed Church at East Mauch Chunk by Rev. N. F. Peters. Mr. Bachman was survived by his widow and four children; also by his aged mother.

In 1915 Potomac University at Washington, D. C., conferred upon Mr. Bachman the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

References: Messenger; May 12, 1932

May 19, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. ADOLPH R. FLEDDERJOHANN

A. R. Fledderjohann was born near New Knoxville, Ohio, on August 19, 1895. He was baptized and confirmed in the church at New Knoxville by the pastor, Rev. Noll. He was graduated from the Mission House College in 1917 and from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1920.

After being licensed and ordained he was installed as pastor of the Linton, Indiana, Charge, which he served from 1920 until June, 1925. He then became pastor of Zion Church, Decatur, Indiana, serving there until the end of his life.

On May 12, 1932, Mr. Fledderjohann, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Rev. R. B. Meckstroth, was returning from a meeting of the Mid-West Synod at Freeport, Illinois. At Hamlet, Indiana, his automobile was struck by a New York Central Railroad freight train at a crossing. Mr. Fledderjohann was fatally injured and died on the same day, four hours after the accident, in the hospital at La Porte, Indiana. Mr. Meckstroth was not seriously injured and soon recovered. At the time of his death, Mr. Fledderjohann was thirty-six years old.

After the body had lain in state in the Reformed Church at Decatur, funeral services were held there on May 16 in charge of Rev. F. H. Rupnow. Further services in the Reformed Church at New Knoxville were in charge of Rev. L. H. Kunst, who also preached a funeral sermon in German; Rev. C. W. H. Sauerwein preached in English. He was buried in the "Pilger Ruhe" Cemetery near Knoxville. At the time of his death, Mr. Fledderjohann was President of Fort Wayne Classis. In 1920 he was married to Miss Matilda Meckstroth. He was survived by his widow, three children, his mother, three brothers and two sisters.

References: Messenger; May 26, 1932. June 23, 1932
Christian World; May 28, 1932. Reformed Church Almanac, 1933,

REV. PAUL SOMMERLATTE

Paul Sommerlatte, son of Louis and Rosalie Sommerlatte, was born at Leipzig, Saxony, Germany, on May 20, 1854. He was educated in the public school and at the Real Gymnasium at Leipzig. He was confirmed on April 8, 1868, in St. Nicolai Church, Leipzig, by the Arch-Deacon Grafe. Mr. Sommerlatte served in the German Regular Army as a volunteer for one year (April, 1874 - April, 1875) in the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, at Chemnitz, Saxony. Upon his discharge from the Army it was his desire to study for the Christian Ministry. However, on account of poverty he was not able to continue his studies but was compelled to accept a position as book-keeper to earn a living.

In 1885 Mr. Sommerlatte came to America, landing in New York City, where he was employed for several years. He joined the Reformed Church and devoted some of his time to Y. M. C. A. work.

In 1891 he was appointed by New York Classis to the position of Harbor Missionary, with headquarters at Ellis Island in New York Harbor. On January 10, 1923 he was licensed by New York Classis, and ordained in June of that year by the same Classis. At the same time he was installed as pastor of a congregation of the Reformed Church (which, I think, was the First Reformed Church of Bridgeport, Connecticut).

Mr. Sommerlatte continued to serve as Harbor Missionary, in connection with his pastorate until July, 1905, but evidently retained his pastorate until October, 1906.

While in New York, Mr. Sommerlatte was the Recording Secretary of the Evangelical Ministerial Association of New York, and Secretary of the Evangelical "Bund". He took an active part in the establishment of the Ottilie Orphanage on Long Island and was Secretary of its Board of Trustees for some years. He was also President of the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Home for the Aged at Lawn-

dale, Philadelphia.

In October, 1906, he became pastor of St. Paul's German (Fifth) Reformed Church of Baltimore, Md., serving there until April, 1921. During part of this period, his son, Rev. John Sommerlatte, was pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, also in Baltimore.

In April, 1921, Mr. Sommerlatte began service as Traveling Missionary and Superintendent of Missions of the Reformed Church in Canada, under the auspices of the Tri-Synodic (German) Board of Home Missions. His headquarters were at Edmonton in Alberta and at Vegreville; later at Wolseley, Saskatchewan. In April, 1927, he retired from active service and spent the remainder of his life in the home of his son, Rev. John Sommerlatte, at Lakewood, Ohio.

Mr. Sommerlatte died at Lakewood on June 6, 1932, at the age of seventy-eight. Funeral services were held in the church at Lakewood on June 9, and he was buried at Cleveland.

Mr. Sommerlatte was married to Miss Hedwig Aurelia Arnold (date and place not given), who was also a native of Saxony and came to America in 1885. Mrs. Sommerlatte died at the home of her daughter at Gloucester, N. J., on October 17, 1924. Both of Mr. Sommerlatte's sons, Rev. John and Rev. Ewald, were ministers of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; June 16, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. JOHN G. STEINERT

J. G. Steinert, son of Peter Steinert, was born at Aberngeis, Hersfeld, Germany, on November 11, 1855. He came to America in 1869 with a friend, landing in New York City in August, 1869. He proceeded to Hamburg, Pa., to make his home with his uncles. He learned the barber trade and operated a barber-shop in Hamburg for some years.

Mr. Steinert was graduated from the Theological Department of the Mission House in 1882. He was licensed, ordained, and installed in May, 1882, at Centerport, Indiana, where he served as pastor until 1884. From 1884 until 1888, he was pastor at Prairie, Nebraska, with congregations, also, at Dry Branch, Four Mile, and Rattlesnake. (If there are congregations at this time at those locations, the names have all been changed). From 1888 until 1898, he was pastor at Indianapolis, Indiana; from 1898 until 1906, at Detroit; and from 1906 until 1913, at Blue Anchor, New Jersey.

In 1913 he retired from the active ministry. He and Mrs. Steinert moved to Mrs. Steinert's home community at Breinigsville, Pa. After the death of his wife in 1922, he lived with his brother-in-law at Breinigsville to the end of his life.

He died at Breinigsville, after an illness of two weeks, on June 7, 1932, at the age of seventy-six. Funeral services in the home and in the Reformed Church at Trexlertown were in charge of the pastor, Rev. M. H. Brensinger. He was buried in the adjoining cemetery at Trexlertown. Mr. Steinert was survived by two sisters in Germany.

References: Messenger; June 16, 1932

July 7, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. JOHN J. JANETT, D. D.

J. J. Janett was born in Switzerland on November 24, 1839. He was educated in the "Kantonschule" and in the Teachers' College. He came to America in 1867 and immediately began to prepare for the Christian Ministry by attending a small private theological seminary in Illinois. He completed his theological training privately under the direction of Rev. John Rettig, who was a pastor at that time in Iowa.

He was licensed and ordained by Iowa Classis in 1869 and then with the encouragement of the Board of Home Missions, but without any financial support or definite field, began to do missionary work in the State of Iowa.

For two years Mr. Janett labored in the vicinity of Fort Dodge, Iowa. From 1875 or 1876 he resided at Hausertown, Owens County, Indiana, working as a missionary, and striving to gather groups of people into organized congregations.

His first regular pastorate was at Clay City, Indiana, the Charge consisting of two congregations. He served here from November, 1875, until September, 1881. He was then pastor of the Freeport, Illinois, Charge for two years (1881 - 1891). From 1891 until 1906, he was pastor of Zion's Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He retired from the active ministry in 1906, but continued to reside at Sheboygan until the end of his life.

Mr. Janett died at his home in Sheboygan on June 15, 1932, at the age of ninety-two. Funeral services on June 17 in the home were in charge of Rev. J. Friedli. Further services in Zion's Church were in charge of the pastor, Rev. E. H. Wessler, assisted by Revs. E. Opperman, J. H. Horstmeier and J. Friedli. Rev. Paul Grossheusch preached in German; Rev. E. H. Wessler preached an English sermon. He was buried at Wildwood Cemetery in Sheboygan. Altogether, twenty-

three ministers were in attendance at the services.

In 1870 Mr. Janett was married to Miss Ursula Buol of Monticello, Iowa. Mrs. Janett died in 1903, leaving one son and two daughters. In 1905 Mr. Janett was married a second time to Miss Elizabeth Ambuehl, also of Monticello, Iowa, who died in 1916.

Mr. Janett was well-known for his weekly sermons published in the Reformirte Kirchenzeitung. He held the degree of Doctor of Divinity, but I do not know by what Institution or in what year it was conferred. His son, Rev. John P. Janett died on March 12, 1932.

References: Messenger; July 21, 1932

Christian World; July 9, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. MOSES AUGUSTUS KIEFFER

M. A. Kieffer, son of Jonas and Elmina (Brandt) Kieffer, was born at Upton, near Mercersburg, Pa., on December 31, 1869. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. S. P. Brown, and confirmed in Trinity Church, Mercersburg, by Rev. Z. A. Yearick.

Mr. Kieffer attended Mercersburg College, during the presidency of Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, entering in 1890 and graduating in 1893, a member of the last Class to be graduated before the beginning of the administration of Dr. W. M. Irvine. In the ~~fall~~^{fall} of 1893 he entered the Sophomore Class in Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1896. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1899. He was licensed by Mercersburg Classis in Zion's Reformed Church at Chambersburg on May 18, 1899.

On June 24, 1899, Mr. Kieffer was ordained by a committee of Reading Classis, consisting of Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, H. Y. Stoner and Henry Mosser, and installed as pastor of Olivet Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., serving there until October, 1900. He was pastor of the Timberville, Va., Charge from 1900 until 1908; of the Mt. Crawford, Va., Charge from 1908 until 1910; of the Everett, Pa., Charge from 1910 until October, 1914; of St. John's Reformed Church at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., from 1914 until August, 1921; of the Mifflinburg, Pa., Charge from 1921 until January, 1926; of the Alexandria, Pa., Charge from 1926 until September, 1930.

In 1930 he became pastor of the Wilhelm Charge, near Myersdale, Pa., serving there until the end of his life..

Mr. Kieffer died, after an illness of six weeks, in the parsonage of the Wilhelm Charge on June 26, 1932, at the age of sixty-two.

Funeral services in St. Paul's Church of the Wilhelm Charge on June 28 were in charge of the officers of Somerset Classis. Rev. B. A. Black preached the funeral sermon, and Rev. D. S. Sigler de-

livered an address. On the next day (June 29) further services were held in Trinity Reformed Church at Mercersburg in charge of Rev. H. Lerch, Jr. and Rev. O. H. Sensenig. Rev. J. A. Eyler preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the cemetery at Mercersburg.

On June 29, 1899, Mr. Kieffer was married in St. Paul's Reformed Church at Williamson, Pa., to Miss Elizabeth Hagerman of Williamson. He was survived by his widow, two daughters and a son.

References: Messenger; June 30, 1932

July 28, 1932

Seminary Register

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REV. NERI FRANKLIN PETERS, D. D.

N. F. Peters, the son of Neri and Serena (Scheirer) Peters, was born near Schneckville, Pa., on May 19, 1857. At a very ^{tender} age the young boy went to work, being deprived in his youth of advanced educational advantages. His elementary education was acquired in the Deibert Valley and Unionville Schools.

His first employment was as a boat-hand on the Lehigh Canal. He was then apprenticed to S. H. Schneck to learn the cabinet-making trade. At the age of twenty he began to teach at the Rockdale School.

In 1878 he went to Great Bend, Kansas, to work as a cabinet-maker. During his stay in Kansas, he was Deputy Treasurer of Barton County, at the same time engaged in the study of Law. He entered the Law School of the Iowa State University, graduating on June 21, 1881, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

There is no evidence that Mr. Peters ever practiced Law as a profession, for in 1881 he entered Heidelberg Theological Seminary, graduating in 1884. He was licensed on May 31, 1884, by Tiffin Classis.

On November 6, 1884, he was ordained by Juniata Classis and installed as pastor of the Orbisonia, Pa., Charge, which he served until May, 1886.

In May, 1886, the Frieden's Charge in Lehigh Classis was divided. St. John's Church, Slatington, Pa., was constituted a pastoral Charge. Rev. W. J. Peters, who had been pastor of the Frieden's Charge before the division, resigned and was immediately elected pastor of the re-constructed Frieden's Charge, consisting of Frieden's Congregation near Slatington, Holy Trinity Congregation at Slatedale, and Neff's Union Congregation.

At the same time, Rev. N. F. Peters was called to be the pastor of St. John's Church at Slatington, which he served from 1886 until

June, 1929, a period of forty-three years. At the time of his resignation, he was elected Pastor-Emeritus. Mr. and Mrs. Peters resided at Slatington until 1921, and then went to live with a married daughter at Reading, Pa.

In May, 1932, while Mr. and Mrs. Peters were visiting another daughter in Allentown, he was stricken with apoplexy and was removed to the Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, where after four weeks he died on June 26, 1932, at the age of seventy-five.

Funeral services in the home of his daughter in Allentown on July 1 were in charge of Rev. L. M. Erdman. Further services in St. John's Church at Slatington were in charge of Rev. R. M. Paine, assisted by Rev. T. H. Bachman. Rev. L. M. Erdman preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the Union Cemetery at Slatington.

On September 17, 1885, Mr. Peters was married to Miss Serena J. Kunst, who survived with three children.

In 1909, Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Peters the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; July 7, 1832

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. SOLOMON REAM

Solomon Ream was born on a farm near Sugar Grove, Ohio, on July 2, 1848. He spent one year in the Heidelberg Academy, then entered Heidelberg College, graduating in 1872. He was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1874. In that same year he was licensed and ordained.

Mr. Ream's ministerial career was distinguished by short pastorates and frequent changes of location. His pastoral record follows: Heidelberg Charge, Findlay, Ohio, 1874 - 1878; Fulton, Michigan, Charge, 1878 - October, 1879; New Madison Charge, Arcanum, Ohio, 1879 - July, 1882; Tremont City, Ohio, Charge, 1882 - 1886; Uniontown Charge, Lake, Ohio, 1886 - 1888; Liscomb, Iowa, Charge, 1888 - 1895; Lone Tree, Iowa, Charge, 1895 - 1898; Wilton Junction, Iowa, Charge, 1898 - March, 1902; Mill Creek Charge, Anna, Illinois, 1902 - June, 1905; Stonington, Illinois, Charge, 1905 - December, 1908; Kingston, Ohio, Charge, 1908 - 1912; Hartville, Ohio, Charge, 1912 - 1914; Manchester Charge, Clinton, Ohio, 1914 - 1917; Canal Winchester, Ohio, Charge, 1917 - 1918; Zion Charge, Lithopolis, Ohio, Charge, 1918 - 1920. These last two may have been the same Charge.

In 1920 Mr. Ream moved to Lancaster, Ohio, to live in retirement. However, he served the Rushville and Colfax Congregations as supply for two years.

Mr. Ream died, after a brief illness, at his home in Lancaster, Ohio, on August 15, 1932, at the age of eighty-four. Funeral services in Grace Church at Lancaster on August 17 were in charge of Rev. C. G. Beaver, assisted by Revs. D. A. Winter and F. E. Shults. He was buried in the Ream Family Private Cemetery at Horn's Mill, near Sugar Grove.

In 1878 Mr. Ream was married to Miss Ida A. Lusk, who died in 1928. He was survived by two daughters. Mr. Ream was the author

of "Curiosities of the English Language", a bound volume, and
"A Chronological History of the Ream Family".

References: Messenger; September 1, 1932

September 22, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1933.

REV. WILLIAM ARTHUR ARPKE

W. A. Arpke, son of Frederick C. and Sophia (Aphof) Arpke, was born at Franklin, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, on January 27, 1866. His parents had emigrated from Lippe-Detmold in Germany. He attended the public school in his home community, a school at Howard's Grove, also was a student in the Mission House Academy for a year. He was graduated from the Mission House College in 1887, and from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1891. During the year of 1891 - 1892, he was a post-graduate student at the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. After having been licensed he was ordained by Sheboygan Classis in July, 1892, and installed as pastor of Ebenezer Church, Chilton, Wisconsin, which he served from the day of his ordination until his death, a period of forty years and two months.

Mr. Arpke died suddenly at his home in Chilton on September 22, 1932. We have no record of his funeral and burial. In July, 1932, he celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his ordination and pastorate at Chilton.

He was married to Miss Eliza Sircher (place and date not given), who died on May 28, 1899. On November 20, 1901, he was married a second time to Miss Emilie Bosshard of Chilton. He was survived by his widow, three brothers and a sister.

Reference: Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. GOTTFRIED BADERTSCHER, M. D.

Gottfried Badertscher was born at Berne, Switzerland, on February 10, 1860. After having graduated from Berne University, he came to America in 1884 and continued his studies at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Bloomfield, New Jersey, being graduated from this Institution in 1886. He was ordained in that same year. Mr. Badertscher served pastorates in the Presbyterian Church at Coonstown, N. Y., Evansville, Indiana, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Bumstadt, Kentucky.

He then entered the Southwestern Homeopathic Medical College, graduating in 1902. From that time on, Mr. Badertscher practiced Medicine in Louisville, Ky., until the end of his life.

The inference is that he was received into the Reformed Church when he settled at Louisville in 1902. He served as supply-pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church at Jeffersonville, Indiana, in connection with his medical practice at Louisville, but I do not know how many years he served the Jeffersonville congregation. This was the only pastoral service that Mr. Badertscher rendered in the Reformed Church.

He died at his home in Louisville on October 4, 1932, at the age of seventy-two. Funeral services were held in the home on October 7, and he was buried at Coonstown, N. Y. He was survived by his widow and one daughter.

References: Messenger; December 1, 1932

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. ISAIAH S. HAWN, Ph. D.

I. S. Hahn was born at St. Paris, Ohio, on April 6, 1853. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1877, and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1880.

The record regarding Mr. Hawn's pastoral career is wanting in many details. I give his places of residence from year to year. but I am not sure that all these places and dates represent pastoral service in congregations or Charges. His residential record follows: Louisville, Ohio, 1880 - 1881; Nimissila, Summit County, Ohio, 1881 - 1884; Carrollton, Ohio, 1884 - 1891; Goshen, Indiana, 1891 - 1892; Canal Fulton, Ohio, 1892 - 1896; Not Listed in 1897; Canal Fulton, Ohio, 1898.

From 1898 until 1913, Mr. Hawn's name disappears from the roll of ministers of the Reformed Church. The inference is that in 1898 he had been dismissed to another denomination. His name re-appears in the list for 1913 - 1914, residing at Irondale, Ohio; Reedsburg, Ohio, 1915; Glenmont, Ohio, 1916 - 1921; Wilkinsburg, Pa., 1921 - 1924.

In 1924 Mr. Hawn became pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Pittsburgh, serving there until his retirement in 1931. However, after his final retirement, he served Christ Church, Pittsburgh, as supply-pastor.

In the first part of October, 1932. Mr. Hawn was found unconscious on the highway. It was believed that he had been beaten and robbed, his most serious injury being a skull fracture. He was taken to the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, and died there a few days later, on October 7, 1932, at the age of seventy-nine.

Funeral services in Pittsburgh on October 8 were in charge of Rev. A. J. Herman, who also preached the funeral sermon. He was assisted by Revs. K. A. Stein, J. G. Walter, F. L. Kerr and E. R.

Cornman. Further services were held in the Reformed Church at St. Paris, Ohio, on October 9. He was buried at St. Paris.

Mr. Hawn was married (date not given) to Miss Mary Alice Ringle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ringle of Minerva, Ohio. Mrs. Hawn died on March 1, 1925. He was survived by one son and two daughters.

Mr. Hawn received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy some time between 1891 and 1913, but I do not know the exact year or what educational Institution conferred the degree.

References: Messenger; October 13, 1932

November 11, 1932

Christian World; October 22, 1932

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

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REV. EDWARD CHRISTIAN BURKHARDT

E. C. Burkhardt, son of Christian F. and Eva Burkhardt, was born at Terre Haute, Indiana, on July 23, 1881. He was baptized by a Lutheran minister, but was confirmed in Zion Reformed Church, Terre Haute, by Rev. F. R. Schwedes.

He was educated at the Mission House, spending two years in the Academy, was graduated from the Mission House College in 1902, and from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1905. He was ordained by Minnesota Classis at Waukon, Iowa, in 1905.

Mr. Burkhardt was commissioned to do missionary work in Burnett County, Wisconsin. After serving in this connection for a short time, he became the first pastor of Evangelical Reformed Church at Oakley, a suburb of Cincinnati, serving here until 1908. He was pastor of Saron Church, Linton, Indiana, from 1908 until 1913; of the Waldo, Ohio, Charge, from 1913 until 1917; of the First Reformed Church, Bellaire, Ohio, from 1917 until 1920; of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Wheeling, W. Va., from 1920 until 1927; and of Trinity Reformed Church, Thornville, Ohio, from 1927 until June, 1932. Mr. Burkhardt then became supply-pastor of David's Church at Canal Winchester, Ohio, serving there for a short time, to the end of his life.

Mr. Burkhardt died suddenly at Columbus, Ohio, on November 17, 1932, at the age of fifty-one. Funeral services and burial were made at Canal Winchester on November 20.

On June 27, 1906, Mr. Burkhardt was married to Miss Wohla Steinert, who survived with two children.

Reference: Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. URIAH HENRY HEILMAN, D. D.

U. H. Heilman, son of Elder John and Catharine (Heilman) Heilman, and brother of Rev. C. U. Heilman, a minister of the Reformed Church, was born at Heilmandale, Lebanon County, Pa., on March 2, 1838. On June 14, 1839, he was baptized by Rev. Henry Wagner. He was confirmed by Rev. F. W. Kennedy at the old Hill Church, near Heilmandale, on October 6, 1855.

His early life was spent on the farm, also employed in his father's saw and lath mills. After passing through the public school, he attended the Annville Academy, Mercersburg Collegiate Institute, and the Cumberland Valley Institute. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1856, graduating in 1860. He was then a student at the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, graduating in 1862. He was licensed by Lebanon Classis in the First Reformed Church at Lebanon on August 29, 1862, and was ordained by the same Classis at Hamburg, Pa., on April 9, 1863.

On that date he was also installed as pastor of the First Reformed Church at Hamburg, Pa., called the English Church, which he served for more than a year, 1863 - 1864. Next, he was pastor of the Swatara Charge, Jonestown, Pa., for four years (1864 - 1868). He served the Doylestown, Pa., Mission Congregation for a short period (only a few months until January, 1869), and then was pastor of the Lewisburg, Pa., Charge until April, 1873.

Then for several years Mr. Heilman was without a pastoral Charge, probably residing at Heilmandale. In July, 1876, he became pastor of the Duncannon, Pa., Charge, serving it until 1881. From 1881 until 1886, he was pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Mechanicsburg, Pa.. From 1886 until October, 1892, Mr. Heilman was pastor of the Church of the Incarnation at Emmitsburg, Md. During 1891 and until the end of his pastorate at Emmitsburg, he was Treasurer of

Maryland Classis.

In October, 1892, Mr. Heilman retired from the active ministry and moved to Jonestown, Pa.. In 1893 he became a Teller in the Jonestown Bank, and later, Assistant-Cashier. He retired from his service at the bank in 1908, and in 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Heilman moved to Lebanon, Pa., where he resided until the end of his life.

In May, 1932, Mr. Heilman met with an accident. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon, where he died on December 4, 1932, at the age of ninety-four.

Funeral services in the First Reformed Church at Lebanon on December 6 were in charge of Rev. W. D. Happel, assisted by Rev. C. B. Marsteller. Rev. G. W. Richards preached the funeral sermon; an address was delivered by Rev. I. C. Fisher. He was buried in the cemetery of the Hill Church near Lebanon.

For some years previous to his death, Mr. Heilman was the oldest living alumnus of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster and one of its most generous supporters. In 1923 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. For more than sixty years, Mr. Heilman was a minister of the Reformed Church. He was the author of six articles published in the Messenger.

On November 27 (Thanksgiving Day), 1867, Mr. Heilman was married to Miss Emma Meily of Jonestown. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by Rev. T. S. Johnston. Mrs. Heilman died on May 15, 1931.

References: Messenger; May 28, 1931.

January 5, 1933

Seminary Register.

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History of Maryland Classis.

REV. SOLOMON U. SNYDER

S. U. Snyder was born at New Portage, Summit County, Ohio, on July 23, 1859. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1883 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1885.

In June, 1885, he was licensed, ordained, and installed by Philadelphia Classis as pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Philadelphia, where he served until 1892. While he was in this pastorate, the Grace congregation built a new church.

In May, 1892, he became pastor of the Bluffton, Indiana, Charge, but served there only until August of that same year, a period of three months. From August, 1892, until August, 1895, he was pastor of the Fourth Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio; from 1895 until 1899, he was pastor of Heidelberg Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana; from 1899 until 1901, of Bethel Church, Springboro, Ohio; from 1901 until 1908, of Heidelberg Church, Stoutsville, Ohio; from 1908 until 1914, of Ohmer Park Church, Dayton, Ohio; from 1914 until 1919, of the Union Charge, Springfield (North Hampton)^{Ohio}; from 1919 until 1924, of the Zion Charge, Greenville, Ohio; and in 1924, the Marshallville, Ohio, Charge. Mr. Snyder also engaged for some time in evangelistic work. Shortly before his death he served as supply-pastor of Hope Reformed Church in East Liberty, Ohio.

Mr. Snyder died at Barberton, Ohio, on December 4, 1932, at the age of seventy-three. Funeral services in the Federated Church at Barberton were in charge of Rev. O. W. Haulman, assisted by Revs. E. M. Beck, E. E. Zechiel and W. E. Troup. I do not know the place of his burial.

In June, 1886, Mr. Snyder was married to Miss Cordelia E. Darling. Mrs. Snyder died in July, 1933.

References: Messenger; December 15, 1932. December 29, 1932.

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REV. HENRY DAVID DARBAKER, D. D.

H. D. Darbaker, son of John and Maria Darbaker, was born near Kelley's Station, Armstrong County, Pa., on April 25, 1847. His parents were originally members of the Reformed Church, but having moved to a community in which there was no church of that denomination, they both joined the Lutheran Church in which their son was baptized.

In 1860, after the death of both his parents, he went to live with his grandfather, David Snyder, who lived in the vicinity of Greensburg, Pa. In 1862, although still a boy, he ran away from home and enlisted in the Sixty-Seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving in the ranks for two and a half years, and for nine months as Second Lieutenant. He was wounded twice and was for a time a prisoner of war in Libby Prison at Richmond. At the end of the War, he returned to his grandfather's home, a veteran and officer of the Army, with a record of more than three years of service, and yet just barely eighteen years of age. Mr. Darbaker was catechized and confirmed as a member of the Second Reformed Church at Greensburg by Rev. G. H. Johnson in 1866.

He prepared for college at Westmoreland College and at Belmont Academy. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1868, graduating in 1872. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1874. He was licensed by Westmoreland Classis in 1874 and ordained by West Susquehanna Classis in that same year.

Mr. Darbaker was pastor of the Nittany Valley Charge, Walker, Pa., from 1874 until 1876. During this short pastorate two new churches were built and dedicated. From 1876 until 1879, he was pastor of Zion Church, East Pittsburgh (East Liberty), Pa. He was then with a Charge for a short time, residing at Delmont, Pa. In 1880 he became Principal of the Harmony Collegiate Institute, serving in that

position for two and a half years (1880 - 1882).

In 1882 Mr. Darbaker was commissioned by the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod to explore the McKeesport, Braddock and Turtle Creek Areas, looking to the organization of congregations. Mr. Darbaker moved to McKeesport and on October 16, 1882, organized a congregation there, also served as its pastor for twelve years. Soon afterwards he organized a congregation at Braddock, serving as its pastor for one year. He also organized a congregation at Turtle Creek and served it for six years. When he resigned in 1894, he had organized three congregations and built three churches.

He was pastor of the Emlenton, Pa., Charge from 1894 until December, 1907, and from the beginning of 1908 until 1914 he was pastor of Christ Church, Pittsburgh.

In 1904 he retired from the active pastorate and moved to Emlenton, where he resided until the end of his life. However, during these latter years he did a great deal of supply work in and around Pittsburgh.

Mr. Darbaker died, after a brief illness, at his home in Emlenton on December 12, 1932, at the age of eighty five. Funeral services in St. John's Church, Emlenton, on December 14 were in charge of Rev. W. F. Ginder, assisted by Revs. J. B. Edwards and J. V. Koontz. He was buried with full military honors in the Emlenton Cemetery.

Mr. Darbaker was President of Allegheny and Clarion Classes. In October, 1903, he was elected President of Pittsburgh Synod. He established "The Gleaner", the weekly paper of Clarion Classis, and served as its editor for some years. In 1917 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On the same day of his graduation from the Theological Seminary, Mr. Darbaker was married to Miss Agnes Jane Kline of Delmont, Pa., who survived with one son.

References: Messenger; February 9, 1933

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Mr. Cox, a native of Guilford County, N. C., was born in 1874. His parents were Quakers. In childhood and youth his educational opportunities were limited, due somewhat to disorders in the South, following the Civil War. He was able to attend school only about three months during the winter in a one-room log school-house. However, in spite of these disadvantages, he acquired a fair education. At the age of twenty he was attending a private school at Oak Hill, owned by his sister. He was next a student in the New Garden High School (later, Guilford College) for five months.

Mr. Cox became a full member of the Quaker Church as a young man. He was active, also, in the affairs of the congregations of which he was a member. For twenty years he was Clerk of a "Preparatory Meeting", also Clerk of the quarterly and monthly meetings of the Church. In the age of twenty-one he became Superintendent of the Sunday School in the Quaker Church, and also Superintendent of a Methodist Sunday School which met on Sunday afternoons.

He was given the "gift of the Ministry" in the Quaker Church in May, 1898, at the Spring Meeting-house in Guilford County. He was not a full-fledged minister, but, of course, continued farming. In 1900 he left his farm and moved to Concord, working for three years as a salesman. In 1901, he moved with his family to Archdale in Guilford County. Here he purchased, farmed, operated a grocery-store and served as post-master.

Mr. Cox was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church by the North Carolina Synod at Durham, N. C., at the beginning of the year 1911. Mr. Cox was called to the pastorate of the United Church near Mount Airy, N. C., in 1912. He has since served churches in Guilford and other counties, and served the Church for nearly one

REV. DOUGAN C. COX

D. C. Cox, son of Isham and Lavina (Brown) Cox, was born in Chatham County, North Carolina, on October 24, 1854. His parents were Quakers. In childhood and youth his educational opportunities were limited, due somewhat to disordered conditions in the South, following the Civil War. He was able to attend school only about three months during the winter in a one-room log school-house. However, in spite of these disadvantages, he acquired a fair education. At the age of twenty he was attending a private school at Ore Hill, taught by his sister. He was next a student in the New Gordon High School (later, Guilford College) for five months.

Mr. Cox became a full member of the Quaker Church as a young man. He was active, also, in the affairs of the congregation of which he was a member. For twenty years he was Clerk of a "Preparatory Meeting", also Clerk of the quarterly and monthly meetings of the Church. At the age of twenty-one he became Superintendent of the Sunday School in the Quaker Church, and also Superintendent of a Methodist Sunday School which met on Sunday afternoons.

He was given the "Gift of the Ministry" in the Quaker Church in July, 1896, at the Spring Meeting-House in Alamance County. He was then a full-fledged minister, but, of course, continued farming. In 1898 he left his farm and moved to Concord, working for three years as a salesman. In 1901, he moved with his family to Archdale in Randolph County. Here he preached, farmed, operated a grocery-store and served as post-master.

Mr. Cox was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church by North Carolina Classis on December 2, 1910. At the beginning of the year 1911, Mr. Cox assumed the pastorate of the Gilead Charge near Concord, N. C., consisting of New Gilead (Coldwater), Keller's and possibly other congregations. He served this Charge for exactly one

year, and then for two years (1912 - 1914), was pastor of the Guilford Charge (Mt. Hope, Brick Church and others). From March, 1914, until December, 1915, he was pastor of the First Reformed Church at Burlington, N. C. From the beginning of 1916 until January, 1925, he served the Emanuel Charge in Davidson County, N. C. (Emanuel's, Zion's and Calvary Congregations). During this pastorate, Calvary Church was re-built. After his resignation, he continued as supply-pastor of Zion's Church to the end of 1925, and Calvary until the end of 1926. Mr. Cox seems then to have retired from the active ministry, residing at Thomasville until the end of his life.

Mr. Cox died at his home in Thomasville on December 27, 1932, at the age of seventy-eight. Funeral services in Calvary Church, Thomasville on December 28 were in charge of Revs. J. C. Leonard, who also preached the funeral sermon, and J. A. Palmer. Revs. J. D. Andrew, A. O. Leonard and M. Whitener assisted in the services. He was buried at Thomasville.

On January 24, 1878, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Troy of Randolph County. Mrs. Cox died on June 1, 1926. Mr. Cox was survived by two sons and six daughters. In 1918 - 1919, Mr. Cox served as President of North Carolina Classis.

References: Messenger; January 5, 1933

January 12, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934

History of the Southern Synod (J. C. Leonard).

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REV. HENRY FRECH

Henry Frech was born at Minfeld, Palatinate, Germany, on April 5, 1859.

In 1879 he was married to Miss Pauline Martinet, and then brought his bride to America. I have no record of his preparation for the Christian Ministry, but his pastoral service was given in the Presbyterian Church until 1893, serving at Atlantic City, N. J., and at Christ Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn.

In 1893 at the solicitation of Rev. Wenzel Walenta, the Presbytery dismissed Mr. Frech and his congregation to the Reformed Church. A merger of the former Christ Presbyterian Church and a congregation of the Reformed Church in Brooklyn was effected, under the name, "Christ Reformed Church of Brooklyn", the congregation occupying the church building of the former Christ Presbyterian Church, with Mr. Frech as pastor.

He served this congregation until 1907. From 1907 until 1910 he was pastor of the Evangelical Protestant People's Church (now St. Mark's Reformed Church) at Brooklyn. From 1910 until 1912 he was pastor of St. Andrew's Reformed Church at Holyoke, Massachusetts. He served as pastor of Bethlehem Reformed Church, Philadelphia, from 1915 until 1917. His biographer says that he retired in 1917 and continued to reside in the vicinity of Philadelphia. A reference in the Messenger, however, says that he was pastor of Zion's Reformed Church in Philadelphia in December, 1920.

In 1928 Mr. Frech underwent a surgical operation, when it was discovered that he was suffering from diabetes. He then went back to Germany, hoping to regain his health, and continued to live there until the end of his life. In December, 1932, he contracted pneumonia which was the immediate cause of his death at Bath Mergentheim,

Wuerttemberg, Germany, on January 6, 1933, at the age of seventy-three. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Adolph Risch at the Cemetery Chapel at Landau. Mrs. Frech died in Germany on January 5, 1932.

References: Messenger; February 23, 1893

February 9, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. CHARLES EDGAR RUPP

C. E. Rupp, son of Rev. and Mrs. William Rupp, was born at Manchester, Md., on August 18, 1879. His elementary education was acquired in the public schools of Manchester and Myersdale, Pa., to which place the family moved in 1889. When Dr. Rupp came to Lancaster in 1893 as Professor in the Theological Seminary, Charles was ready to enter the Lancaster High School, where he was graduated in 1897. He then spent one year in Franklin and Marshall Academy, and was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1902.

Not being sure what life career he wanted to follow, Mr. Rupp studied Law in the office of Coyle and Keller at Lancaster for about a year. He was then a traveling salesman for a year.

By 1904 Mr. Rupp had decided that he wanted to enter the Christian Ministry and in the ^{fa}ll of that year entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1907. He was licensed at Steelton by Lancaster Classis in May of that year.

On September 1, 1907, he was ordained by Juniata Classis and installed as pastor of the Friend's Cove Charge in Bedford County, Pa. He served here until October 1, 1908, and then was pastor of the St. Clair, Pa., Charge (which had been his father's first field of pastoral labor), serving it until November, 1911. He was then pastor of St. John's Reformed Church at Catawissa, Pa., from 1911 until February, 1916. Mr. Rupp then entered upon the longest and most productive pastorate of his ministerial career at Trinity Church, Shenandoah, Pa. During his pastorate here, which continued until July, 1924, a new parsonage was built and the parish-house was renovated. At his resignation in 1924 on account of ill-health, he moved to Lancaster and was without a pastoral Charge for just less than a year. In June, 1925, being somewhat improved, he accepted a Call to be pastor of the Dallas-town, Pa., Charge, which he served until August, 1930.

On January 20, 1930, Mr. Rupp suffered a paralytic stroke at a Union Evangelistic Service in the United Brethren Church at Dallas-town. He resigned in July of that year and returned to Lancaster, where he resided as an invalid for the remainder of his life. Other strokes followed from time to time, and finally, after being bed-fast for two weeks, he died at his home in Lancaster on January 11, 1933, at the age of fifty-three.

Funeral services on January 14 in the home were in charge of Revs. J. E. Wagner and O. S. Hartman. He was buried in Greenmount Cemetery at Lancaster.

On August 18, 1907, Mr. Rupp was married to Miss Dora Boyd Sams of Mann's Choice, Pa. He was survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter. Besides his father, two of Mr. Rupp's brothers were ministers of the Reformed Church; Revs. H. H. and Paul Rupp. Also, his three sisters, Mrs. E. S. Lamar, Mrs. J. L. Barnhart and Mrs. D. E. Master were wives of ministers of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; January 19, 1933

February 9, 1933

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REV. HENRY MILLER

Henry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Miller, was born at Eureka, South Dakota, on February 23, 1895. He attended the public school of his home community and received his higher education at the Mission House College and Theological Seminary; also at the Princeton Theological Seminary. He was licensed by Indianapolis Classis in 1921.

After being ordained and installed, Mr. Miller served Bethany Mission Congregation at Terre Haute, Indiana, from August, 1921, until October, 1922. He was then pastor of Peace Church, Buffalo, N. Y., until October, 1930. From 1930 until the latter part of 1932 he was pastor of St. Andrew's Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa.. In the latter part of October, 1932, he became supply-pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, Marietta, Pa., serving there until the end of his life.

After an illness of five days, Mr. Miller died at the Lancaster General Hospital on January 30, 1933, at the age of thirty-seven.

Funeral services in Lancaster on January 31 were in charge of Revs. J. O. H. Meyer and D. G. Glass. Further services on February 2 in Grace Church, Buffalo, were in charge of Rev. W. Neville, assisted by Rev. J. M. Peck. Rev. A. Muessling preached the funeral sermon. He was buried at Buffalo.

On June 22, 1921, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Emily Theodora Tappe of Buffalo. He was survived by his widow and one son; also by his parents.

References: Messenger; February 2, 1933

March 2, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. AMOS CASSELMAN

Amos Casselman was born at Oneida, Ohio, on September 14, 1849. He was baptized by Rev. C. H. Reiter and confirmed by Rev. Thomas Winter in Swamp Church of the Carrollton, Ohio, Charge. After spending some years as a farmer and school-teacher, Mr. Casselman entered the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, graduating in 1876.

On May 7, 1876, Mr. Casselman was ordained and installed as pastor of the Fostoria, Ohio, Charge (in Olivet Chapel). In that same year he organized a congregation (Faith Church) in the City of Fostoria and built a church. He served here until 1883, and then for two years was pastor of the Thornville, Ohio, Charge (until July, 1885). From 1885 until 1887 he served the Fairfield, Ohio, Charge.

Mr. Casselman then entered upon a Missionary career in the Middle West, serving Mission congregations in Kansas and Iowa. From 1887 until September, 1894, he was pastor of the Lyons, Kansas, Mission; at Cheney and Whitewater, Kansas, from September, 1894, until January, 1896; at Fairview, Kansas, from 1896 until December, 1897; again at Lyons, Kansas, from 1898 until 1900.

From 1900 until 1903, Mr. Casselman was in Ohio, two years at Beloit and one year at Alliance, but whether as pastor of congregations or residing in those places without a Charge, I do not know. In 1903 he returned to Cheney, Kansas, for another pastorate of three years. From 1906 until 1914, he was employed by the Leydich County Sunday School Association, with headquarters at Wichita, Kansas. From 1914 until 1916 he was pastor at Abilene, Kansas; from 1916 until 1918, at Lisbon, Iowa; and from 1918 until June, 1921, at Wilton Junction, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Casselman were then with their son, Rev. A. V. Casselman, at Reading, Pa., for about a year. In 1922 they moved into a new bungalow dwelling, the gift of their sons, where they resided

until Mrs. Casselman's death. Mr. Casselman then spent the remainder of his life in the home of another son at Tiffin.

Mr. Casselman died at his home in Tiffin on February 7, 1933, at the age of eighty-three. Funeral services in Trinity Church, Tiffin, on February 9 were in charge of Revs. C. E. Miller, H. L. Beam, D. Loucks, and O. W. Haulman. He was buried in Pleasant Union Cemetery at Old Fort, Ohio.

On March 16, 1871, Mr. Casselman was married to Miss Louisa C. Leyde, who died on February 9, 1929. For many years Mrs. Casselman was afflicted with deafness, so that it was said she never heard any of her sons preach. In March, 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Casselman celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and in March, 1928, the fifty-seventh. Their three sons, Revs. A. V., F. R. and H. H. Casselman are all ministers of the Reformed Church and are all living.

References: Messenger; February 16, 1933

February 23, 1933

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. ABNER STAUFFER DECHANT, D. D.

A. S. Dechant, son of Rev. Augustus and Amanda (Stauffer) Dechant, was born in Frederick Township, Montgomery County, Pa., on August 17, 1865. He attended the public school, then was a student at the Perkiomen Seminary at Pennsburg. After teaching school for a short time he entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1883. He was graduated from college, ^{1887,} and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1890. He was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis and ordained by Kansas Classis in that same year.

Mr. Dechant served as pastor of Grace Mission at Abilene, Kansas, from 1890 until 1895. Then for six months he was supply-pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Waynesboro, Pa.

In 1896 Mr. Dechant was appointed Superintendent of Western Missions, with his residence at Forreston, Illinois. In 1900 he became Superintendent of Missions in the Synod of the Interior, serving in that office until the end of the year 1902. On January 1, 1903, he became pastor of the Oak Lane Reformed Church, Philadelphia, which had been organized only a few years before. During his pastorate a new church was built in 1905 - 1906. He served at Oak Lane until 1910, and then became pastor of Emmanuel Reformed Church at Hanover, Pa., which he served until 1927. At his resignation he was elected Pastor-Emeritus.

Mr. Dechant then retired from the active ministry. He and Mrs. Dechant moved to their log cabin in the Pigeon Hills, north-east of Hanover, where he resided until the end of his life.

Mr. Dechant died at his home near Hanover, after an illness of three days with pneumonia, on February 19, 1933, at the age of sixty-seven. After his body had lain in state in Emmanuel Church, funeral services were held in the church on February 21 in charge of Revs. E. F. Hoffmeier, G. W. Richards and C. W. Dechant. He was buried

Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hanover. The ministerial members of Gettysburg Classis attended the funeral services in a body.

Mr. Dechant was a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg Academy, also of the Board of Trustees of Hood College. He was President of the Board of Managers of the Hoffman Orphanage. He served for one year as President of the Synod of the Potomac, and was Chaplain of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. In May, 1907, he declined a Call to be President of the Allentown College for Women.

On April 15, 1891, Mr. Dechant was married to Miss Emma Alline Mayer, daughter of Rev. L. J. Mayer. The ceremony was performed at Saegerstown, Pa., by the father of the bride, assisted by Rev. D.H. Leader. Two of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dechant, Revs. C. W. and John Dechant, were ministers of the Reformed Church. A daughter, Miss Alleine Dechant was for several years a missionary teacher in Japan. In 1918 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Dechant the honorary degree of Doctor of ~~Philosophy~~ ^{Divinity}.

References: Messenger; February 23, 1933

March 9, 1933

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Mary Dechant married ^{Rev.} Wilmer H. Long, May 13, 1927.

REV. COLMAN KOVACHY

Colman Kovachy was born at Nagyleta, Bihar County, Hungary, on April 7, 1873. He attended the elementary school at Kongar, then a high school at Debrecen. He was graduated from the Gymnasium and entered a Theological Seminary. Later he became a student at the Theological Seminary at Buda-Pest.

Before final graduation he was invited to be Superintendent of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He came to America in 1901, finishing his theological studies at the Seminary at Winnipeg. He also served Hungarian Reformed congregations in the neighborhood of Beaver and Fort Peace.

He came to the United States in 1916 and spent a short time as assistant-pastor of the State Street Hungarian (Reformed) Church at Bridgeport, Connecticut, and then from April 15, 1917, he was pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church at Phoenixville, Pa., until the end of his life.

Mr. Kovachy died at his home in Phoenixville on March 21, 1933, at the age of fifty-nine. Funeral services were held on March 25, and he was buried at Phoenixville.

References: Messenger; April 6, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. STEPHEN BUNTZ

S. A. Buntz was born at Tamaqua, Pa., on October 23, 1854. As a young he worked in the mines at Ashland, became a member of the Evangelical Association (now the Evangelical Church) and was Superintendent of the Sunday School.

He was licensed by the Evangelical Association in 1885, ordained Deacon, and later fully ordained Elder at Allentown. Mr. Buntz served pastorates in the Evangelical Church at Ringtown, Frackville, Birdsboro, Myerstown, Kutztown, Berryburg, Akron, Newmanstown, Friedensburg and Hamburg, all in Pennsylvania. At the time of his retirement he was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church as a member of Reading Classis, but he never served as a pastor in the Reformed Church.

Mr. Buntz died at his home in Hamburg, Pa., on March 26, 1933, at the age of seventy-eight.

References: Messenger; April 6, 1933

April 13, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. NEWTON JOHN MILLER

N. J. Miller was born near Allentown, Pa., on January 24, 1856. After passing through the public school he was a student at the Allentown Seminary and then entered Muhlenberg College, graduating in 1875. In 1878 he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1881. He was licensed by Lehigh Classis in June, 1881, and ordained by Philadelphia Classis in July of that same year.

Mr. Miller was pastor of the Reformed Church at Wyoming, Delaware, from July, 1881, until July, 1883. He served in the Rebersburg, Pa., Charge from September, 1883, until December, 1885. During the year 1886 he was pastor of the Steelton, Pa., Mission congregation. He resided at Lancaster, Pa., from 1886 until 1888, without a pastoral Charge. During part of this time he was Superintendent of the Helvetia Leather Company in Lancaster.

In July, 1889, he became pastor of the Manchester, Md., Charge, serving there until December, 1892. Mr. Miller then retired from the active ministry on account of failing eye-sight, a condition which later resulted in total blindness.

That was the end of Mr. Miller's pastoral career, except that soon after coming to Lancaster he served, as long as his approaching blindness permitted, as supply-pastor at New Holland, Marietta, Maytown and Willow Street.

In 1931 he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. Mr. Miller died suddenly of angina pectoris at the home of his daughter, near Marietta, on April 4, 1933, at the age of seventy-seven. Funeral services in the Reformed Church at Maytown on April 6 were in charge of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, and J. W. Zehring. Rev. D. G. Glass preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Lancaster.

Mr. Miller was married in 1881 (place, date and name of bride

not given). Mrs. Miller died on January 31, 1922. He was survived by a daughter (perhaps by other children).

References: Messenger; May 4, 1933

Seminary Register

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. DAVID BEAN CLARK

D. B. Clark, son of David M. and Anna Elizabeth (Bean) Clark, was born in the Clark Homestead, Willow Brook Farm, between Quakertown and Richlandtown, in Bucks County, Pa., on December 22, 1876. As a youth he was a very active Sunday School worker, being teacher of an adult Bible Class at the age of sixteen. He attended the public school, the Quakertown High School, and was graduated from the Bethlehem Preparatory School in 1897. He then entered Lehigh University, graduating in 1901. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary in 1904, and was licensed by Tohickon Classis in May of that same year.

On May 29, 1904 he was ordained and installed as pastor of the First Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., serving there for twenty years (1904 - 1924). Mr. Clark was then pastor of the Bausman Memorial Church at Wyomissing, near Reading, Pa., until the end of his life. During this pastorate he also served as Chaplain of the Berks County Prison. In May, 1929, he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

Mr. Clark died at his home in Wyomissing, after an illness of a few weeks, on April 12, 1933, at the age of fifty-six. Funeral services on April 15 in the Bausman Memorial Church were in charge of Rev. C. E. Creitz, who also preached the funeral sermon. He was assisted in the services by Revs. L. M. Erdman, G. R. Poetter, and J. M. Mengel. He was buried in Schaeffer's Cemetery, near Hellertown, Pa.

On June 16, 1904, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Lilly Susan Clouser of Bingen, Pa., by Rev. J. C. Bowman. He was survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters. Rev. W. R. Clark, a minister of the Reformed Church, is a brother.

References: Messenger; April 20, 1933. April 27, 1933.

Seminary Register.

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. HERMAN W. J. SCHULZ

H. W. J. Schulz was born in Germany on July 28, 1878. He came with his parents to America in 1881, the family settling at Rosedale, Long Island. At the age of seventeen he entered the German Presbyterian College at Bloomfield, N. J., graduating in 1900. In 1903 he was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Bloomfield.

He was pastor of the German Presbyterian Church at Rahway, N. Y., from 1903 until 1905. He served the Dutch Reformed congregation at Bayonne, N. J., from 1905 until 1908, and the Ward St. Presbyterian Church at Patterson, N. J., from 1908 until 1922.

In 1922 he was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church as pastor of Christ Reformed Church, Brooklyn, serving here until the end of his life.

After having been ill for some time with a disease of the kidneys, Mr. Schulz entered the Lutheran Hospital in Brooklyn, where he died on June 3, 1933, at the age of fifty-four. Funeral services were held on June 5 in Christ Reformed Church, Brooklyn, and he was buried on June 6 in the Cedar-Lawn Cemetery at Patterson.

In 1905 Mr. Schulz was married to Miss Marie E. E. Krennrich of Bloomfield, N. J. He was survived by his widow and one daughter.

References: Messenger; June 15, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. CLARENCE MARION AREY

C. M. Arey, son of A. Harry and Cora Arey, was born near Bridgewater, Va., on February 15, 1897. He was graduated from Catawba College in 1920, and then spent part of a year in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster (1920 - 1921) He was then a teacher in the Mt. Sydney, Va., High School (1922 - 1923). He was licensed by Virginia Classis on May 17, 1923. On June 3, 1923 he was ordained and installed as pastor by Virginia Classis of the Edinburg, Va., Charge, which he served until October, 1924.

From 1925 until 1927 he was Principal of the High School at Centerville, Va. In connection with his teaching career he was at times a Student at Bridgewater College and at Lincoln-Jefferson University. From 1927 until 1929 he was supply-pastor of the Timberville, Va., Charge, also teaching at the same time. In 1929 he became pastor of the Mt. Crawford, Va., Charge, serving there until the end of his life. From 1924 Mr. Arey was a teacher every year and always resided in his own house in Bridgewater. During his career he taught in High Schools at Mt. Sydney, Centerville, Weyer's Cave, and North River. He was Assistant-Principal of the North River High school at the time of his death.

Mr. Arey died of complications, following an attack of influenza, in the Rockingham Memorial Hospital at Harrisonburg, Va., on June 16, 1933, at the age of thirty-six. A brief funeral service was held at the home of his invalid father on June 18 in charge of Rev. H. R. Laquear. Further services were held in St. Michael's Church at Bridgewater in charge of Rev. H. R. Laquear, assisted by Revs. C. E. Robb, J. S. Garrison and S. L. Flickinger. He was buried in the Cemetery of St. Michael's Church.

On April 1, 1920, Mr. Arey was married to Miss Blanche Lee Huffman, daughter of B. L. Huffman of Bridgewater. He was survived

by his widow, one son, his parents, four brothers and one sister. A nine year-old son was ~~drowned~~^{owned} in the Shenandoah River at Bridgewater on May 15, 1933. Mr. Arey was President of Virginia Classis in 1932.

References: Messenger; July 13, 1933

July 20, 1933

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Reformed Church Almanac, 1934

History of Virginia Classis (Garrison).

REV. EDWARD M. BECK, D. D.

E. M. Beck was born at Springboro, Ohio, in 1858. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1880 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1882. During his last year in the Seminary, he served as student-supply in the Marshallville, Ohio, Charge.

He was ordained at Wadsworth, Ohio, on June 1, 1882, by a committee, consisting of Revs. J. M. Kendig, E. R. Herbruck and E. D. Wet-tach. Later he was installed as pastor of the Marshallville Charge, which he served until 1887. From 1887 until 1889 he was pastor of the Germantown, Ohio, Charge, and from 1889 until 1898 he served the Wooster, Ohio, Charge.

From 1898 until 1901 he was pastor of the Hickory Bottom Charge, residing at Martinsburg, Pa. He served the Watsonstown, Pa., Charge from February, 1901, until March, 1906, and then returned to Ohio as pastor of the Bloomville Charge, serving it until January, 1915. From 1915 until January, 1918, he was pastor of the Farmersville, Ohio, Charge. He was pastor of Zion's Church, North Canton, Ohio, from 1918 until October, 1929. Mr. Beck then retired from the active ministry, was elected Pastor-Emeritus, and was succeeded in the pastorate of Zion's Church by his son, Rev. M. E. Beck. He continued to reside in North Canton at the home of his son until the end of his life.

In December, 1932, Mr. Beck underwent an operation in a Cleveland hospital. He returned home after the operation and died at his home in North Canton on June 17, 1933, at the age of seventy-five. Funeral services were held in Zion's Church on June 19. He was buried at Wooster, Ohio.

Mr. Beck served for thirty years as a Trustee of the Heidelberg and the Central Theological Seminaries. At the time of his death he was Stated Clerk of the East Ohio Classis.

Mr. Beck was married to Miss Florence Evaline Miller of Springboro, Ohio (date and place not given). Mrs. Beck died on February 24, 1928. In 1925 Heidelberg College conferred upon Mr. Beck the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; June 29, 1933

July 17, 1933

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. CHRISTIAN GUMBERT

Christian Gumbert was born in Armstrong County, Pa., in 1851. He attended Mercersburg College, during the presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee, graduating in 1876. He was graduated from the Theological Department of Mercersburg College in 1879. In June of that same year he was licensed by Westmoreland Classis.

On September 13, 1879 he was ordained by a committee of Allegheny Classis, consisting of Revs. W. B. Sandoe and T. F. Stauffer. At the same time he was installed as pastor of St. Paul's Church (Sugar Creek Charge), Adams, Pa., where he served until January, 1884. He was pastor of the New Centerville, Pa., Charge from 1884 until October, 1885; of the Middlebrook, Va., Charge from December, 1885, until August, 1887; of the South Bend, Pa., Charge from October, 1887, until October, 1897; of the Fort Loudon, Pa., Charge from 1897 until September, 1903; of the Yellow Creek Charge, Loysburg, Pa., from 1903 until May, 1908; and of the Schellsburg, Pa., Charge from 1908 until June, 1915. Mr. Gumbert then retired from the active ministry but continued to reside in Schellsburg until the end of his life.

He died, after an illness of six weeks, at his home in Schellsburg on July 10, 1933, at the age of eighty-two. Funeral services in the church at Schellsburg on July 12 were in charge of Rev. J. A. Eyler, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. J. M. Runkle, J. E. Scheetz and F. D. Eyster assisted in the services. He was buried in the cemetery at Schellsburg.

We have no record of Mr. Gumbert's marriage or of the maiden name of his wife. However, Mr. and Mrs. Gumbert celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage in September, 1929. He was survived by his widow and three sons.

References: Messenger; July 27, 1933. August 3, 1933.
Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. ROY JOSEPH FREEMAN

R. J. Freeman, son of Rev. J. E. Freeman, and brother of Rev. C. E. Freeman, both ministers of the Reformed Church, was born at Weissport, Pa., on February 6, 1877. We have no record of his preparatory education. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1903, graduating in 1906. He was licensed by Lancaster Classis and ordained by East Susquehanna Classis in that same year.

In June, 1906, Mr. Freeman was installed as pastor of the Deep Creek Charge, Hegins, Pa., which he served for more than a year (1906 - 1907). He then served the Tatamy, Pa., Charge, succeeding his classmate in the Seminary, Rev. David B. Kline. In 1908 he became pastor of the First Reformed Church at Pottsville, Pa., serving there from 1908 until 1913. From 1913 until 1920 he was pastor of the East Mauch Chunk, Pa., Charge.

In January, 1920, Mr. Freeman became pastor of the Manchester, Md., Charge. This pastorate ended in November, 1923, and then he was installed as pastor of the Weissport, Pa., Charge, of which his father had been pastor nearly fifty years before. In 1929 he became pastor of the Uniontown Charge, Pillow, Pa.. In September, 1932, Mr. Freeman resigned his pastorate on account of ill health and moved to Reading, Pa., to live there in retirement until the end of his life.

Mr. Freeman died at his home in Reading on July 17, 1933, at the age of fifty-six. Funeral services were held in the home on July 20, with further services in St. Jacob's Church, Weissport, in charge of Rev. C. E. Creitz, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. R. Mayer, A. F. Dietz, C. A. Huyette and J. C. Brumbach assisted in the services. He was buried at Lehighton. In June, 1931, Mr. Freeman celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

He was married on September 12, 1903, to Miss Mary E. Anderson of Myerstown, Pa. He was survived by his widow, one son, his father, two brothers and a sister.

References: Messenger; July 27, 1933

August 17, 1933

Seminary Register

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. JAMES M. MULLAN, D. D.

J. M. Mullan was born at Fort Loudon, Pa., on January 19, 1869. After passing through the public schools he was a student at the Millersville, Pa., State Normal School, graduating in 1891. He then taught school for three years. In 1894 he became a student at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1897. In that same year he was licensed by Mercersburg Classis.

Mr. Mullan was ordained on June 16, 1897, in the Church of the Incarnation at Newport, Pa., by a committee of Carlisle Classis, consisting of Revs. M. O. Noll, W. R. H. Deatruck and J. D. Miller. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Newport Charge, consisting of two congregations: Church of the Incarnation at Newport and St. John's Church at Markelsville.

In April, 1900, Mr. Mullan was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to take charge of a prospective congregation in North-East Baltimore (Md.), which had been operating as a Sunday School for about two years. Mr. Mullan's service in Baltimore began in April, 1900, and on May 29 of that same year the congregation was formally organized with the name "St. Mark's Reformed Church of Baltimore". At the time of its organization the congregation was using a building which had been a dwelling-house. In 1907 the congregation dedicated a spacious new St. Mark's Church on the same site.

Mr. Mullan served here until in 1916 he was appointed Missionary Superintendent of the East, by the Board of Home Missions, to have supervision of all Home Mission congregations in the territory of the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods. He accepted the appointment and served in that capacity until the end of his life. In 1920 when the Social Service Department of the Board of Home Missions was organized, Mr. Mullan was appointed Executive Secretary of that Department also. In 1923 he organized the Rural Church Department

and supervised its activities under the care of Mr. Ralph Adams who was employed as its operating Secretary. These two in 1924 were merged into the Department of Social Service and Rural Work. Mr. Mullan was a member of the Social Service Commission of the Federal Council of Churches; also Chairman of the Committee of Comity of the Pennsylvania Federation of Churches.

Mr. Mullan became ill in July, 1933, while serving as Teacher and Counsellor at some of the Summer Missionary Conferences in the Middle West. He came home to rest and to consult his physician who discovered that he was suffering from a serious heart condition.

He died at his home in Upper Darby, Philadelphia, on August 21, 1933, at the age of sixty-four. Funeral services in the home on August 23 were in charge of Rev. C. E. Schaeffer. Further services on August 24 at Fort Loudon were in charge of Revs. E. H. Laubach, C. W. Levan, J. L. Barnhart and C. E. Schaeffer. He was buried at Fort Loudon.

Mr. Mullan was married on September 23, 1897, to Miss Annie Elizabeth Ault in St. Peter's Church, Fort Loudon, by Rev. E. S. Hassler. Mrs. Mullan was the daughter of Rev. John Ault, and the sister of Mrs. W. E. Hoy and Mrs. Paul L. Gerhard. He was survived by his widow and three children.

In 1912 Mr. Mullan declined a Call to be pastor of Christ Reformed Church at Martinsburg, W. Va. He was the author of twenty-eight articles published in the Messenger, and of four published in the Reformed Church Review. From 1913 until 1916 he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. In 1929 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; August 24, 1933. August 31, 1933

Seminary Register. History of Maryland Classis.
Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. GEORGE S. SORBER, D. D.

G. S. Sorber, son of Rev. William and Sarah (Shriver) Sorber, was born at Springfield, Center County, Pa., on June 1, 1856. After passing through the public school, he attended the Oakdale Academy and the Ivy Institute, both at Pughtown, Pa. He entered Ursinus College at the age of sixteen, graduating in 1876. He was graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1878 and was licensed by Philadelphia Classis on June 4 of that same year.

Mr. Sorber was ordained on October 12, 1878, and installed as assistant-pastor of the Brownback's Charge in Chester County, Pa., of which his father was the senior pastor. When his father died shortly afterwards (December, 1878), Mr. Sorber was elected pastor as his father's successor. He continued to serve here until November, 1885, and then was pastor of the Paradise Charge, McEwensville, Pa., until 1888. He next served the Watsonstown, Pa., Charge from 1888 until November, 1900.

In November, 1900, Mr. Sorber was called to take charge of Bethany Church, York, Pa., a small Mission congregation in the western part of the City. Here he served a successful pastorate until the end of his life, a period of thirty-three years. The little Mission, which had a membership of sixty-two in 1900, grew under his pastoral care to be a fine self-supporting church of more than five hundred members. In 1903 the original church building was extensively repaired. In 1916 the congregation dedicated a new Sunday School building and re-dedicated the main auditorium which had been re-built and enlarged. He celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his pastorate at Bethany Church in December, 1930, and the fiftieth of his ordination in May, 1928.

Mr. Sorber was President of Philadelphia Classis in 1884 - 1885, also served as President of Wyoming and Zion's Classes. In 1919 he

was elected President of the Synod of the Potomac. He was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster from 1916 until 1920.

Mr. Sorber died at the hospital in York, after an operation for an intestinal disorder, on August 22, 1933, at the age of seventy-seven. Funeral services were held on August 25, first in the home and then at Bethany Church, in charge of Rev. I. A. Raubenhold, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. R. Thena, C. Heller, W. S. Kerschner, J. K. McKee and J. W. Meminger assisted in the services. He was buried in Greenmount Cemetery at York. Thirty-five ministers attended the funeral services. He was survived by two sisters.

On January 1, 1891, Mr. Sorber was married to Miss Ella May Frey of Lancaster, Pa., the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. A. Gast, assisted by Rev. J. W. Meminger. Mrs. Sorber died on October 30, 1924.

In 1912 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Sorber the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; August 31, 1933

September 14, 1933

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. GEORGE ALFRED BEAR (BAER)

G. A. Bear, son of John and Meda (Freeman) Bear, was born at Catasauqua, Pa., on May 25, 1892. He was baptized and confirmed in Salem Reformed Church at Catasauqua. After acquiring a preparatory education he entered Ursinus College in 1909, graduating in 1913. He was graduated from the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, in 1916. He was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis on May 16, 1916.

In that same year he was ordained by Juniata Classis and installed as pastor of the Saxton, Pa., Charge, which he served until 1921. From January, 1921, until January, 1924, he was pastor of the Second Reformed Church at Scranton, Pa.; and from January, 1924, until January, 1928, of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Bethlehem, Pa. He served a short pastorate in the Mt. Bethel Charge, Stone Church, Pa., (1928 - 1930), and then returned to the Second Church at Scranton, for a second pastorate which continued until the end of his life. During his residence at Bethlehem, he also taught in the Lehigh High School in that City.

Mr. Bear died at his home in Scranton on September 7, 1933, at the age of forty-one. Funeral services were held in the Brickel Funeral Home at Bethlehem on September 11. He was buried in the Fairview Cemetery at West Catasauqua. In 1916 Mr. Bear was married to Miss Helen Schmoyer.

References: Messenger; September 14, 1933

October 12, 1933

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. WILLIAM L. MECKSTROTH

W. L. Meckstroth, son of Herman H. and Mary (Bierbaum) Meckstroth, was born near New Knoxville, Ohio, on February 24, 1878. After graduating from the St. Mary's, Ohio, High School, he entered the Mission House College in 1896, graduating in 1900. He then spent three years in the Ursinus School of Theology, graduating in 1903. In that same year he was licensed by Heidelberg Classis.

On June 28, 1903, he was ordained by Toledo Classis and installed as pastor of the Zion's Charge, Swanton, Ohio, which he served for more than a year (June, 1903 - September, 1904). He was then the first pastor of the West Bay City, Michigan, Mission congregation, serving from 1904 until 1907 (although a reference in the Messenger says that he accepted a Call to be pastor of the Marshallville, Ohio, Charge in July, 1906).

In 1907 Mr. Meckstroth became pastor of the Ziegel's Charge in Lehigh Classis, residing near Mertztown, Pa. He served here until the end of his life. In November, 1909, he declined a Call to be pastor of the First Reformed Church at Lebanon, Pa.

Mr. Meckstroth, while attending a session of Lehigh Classis at Lenhartsville, was suddenly stricken with a heart attack and died almost instantly on October 3, 1933, at the age of fifty-five.

Brief funeral services were held in the home near Mertztown on October 7. Further services in the Longswamp Church were in charge of Revs. G. B. Smith and M. F. Klingaman. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining the Longswamp Church.

Mr. Meckstroth was married to Miss Katherine Eshelman (place and date not given). He was survived by his widow and two sons. In 1915

Mr. Meckstroth was elected President of Lehigh Classis.

References: Messenger; October 12, 1933. November 3, 1933,

Alumni Register, Central Seminary
Reformed Church Almanac, 1934.

REV. HENRY EDWIN JONES, D. D.

We have no record of the place and date of Mr. Jones' birth, or of his parentage and early education. He was graduated from Ursinus College in 1891 and from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1893. He was licensed by Schuylkill Classis in June of that same year.

On June 11, 1893, he was ordained by a committee of Juniata Classis, consisting of Revs. C. U. Heilman, T. C. Strock and W. C. Schaeffer. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the McConnells-town, Pa., Charge, which had been lately constituted from congregations of the Huntingdon and Woodcock Valley Charges. Mr. Jones served here for more than a year, and then from October, 1894, until July, 1898, he was the Financial Agent of Ursinus College.

Mr. Jones was then pastor of the Hamilton, Ohio, Charge until August, 1899. In July of that year he was elected pastor of the Lewisburg, Pa., Charge, but declined the election to accept a Call to be pastor of Palatinate Reformed Church, Philadelphia, which he served from September, 1899, until June, 1905. For less than a year he was pastor of Bethel (Sechler Memorial, now St. Andrew's) Reformed Church at Philadelphia (June, 1905 - March, 1906).

Mr. Jones then entered the Presbyterian Church and served pastorates in that denomination until the end of his life. During the summer of 1933 he had been critically ill, but was sufficiently recovered to attend to some of his pastoral duties. He died suddenly (presumably in Philadelphia) on October 8, 1933. Brief funeral services were held at a funeral parlor in Philadelphia on October 11 in charge of Revs. J. R. Stein and C. B. Alspach. Further services were held on October 12 in the Presbyterian Church at Mt. Pleasant, N. J. I do not know the place of his burial. Mr. Jones was survived by his widow, one son and one daughter. In 1914 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Jones the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Reference: Messenger; November 2, 1933.

REV. WILLIAM URSINUS HELFFRICH, D. D.

W. U. Helffrich was one of a long succession of ministers of the Reformed Church in the Helffrich Family. The first of the family line in the Ministry was Rev. Johannes Heinrich Helffrich who was pastor of the Reformed Church at Mosebach, Germany, in ¹⁷⁵¹1651. W. U. Helffrich was the son of Rev. William A. and Amanda H (Fogel) Helffrich, the grandson of Rev. John Helffrich, and the great-grandson of Rev. John Henry Helffrich, who landed in America in 1771. He was born at Fogelsville, Lehigh County, Pa., on January 4, 1872.

After having been tutored by his father, he entered Ursinus College in 1889, graduating in 1893. It is said that while he was a student at Ursinus College, he read all the books in the College Library. He was a student in the Ursinus School of Theology for three years, graduating in 1896, and was licensed by Lehigh Classis in June of that same year.

Mr. Helffrich was ordained by Zion's Classis in June, 1896, and installed as pastor of the Dillsburg, Pa., Charge, serving here until 1898. On May 30, 1898, he was installed as pastor of Christ Reformed Church at Bath, Pa., serving this congregation until the end of his life, a period of thirty five years. He declined a Call to be pastor of the Watsontown, Pa., Charge in 1906, and a Call to be pastor of the Freeland, Pa., Charge in 1914. In 1918 he celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate at Bath; the twenty-fifth in 1923; and the thirty-second in 1931.

Mr. Helffrich published many articles in the Messenger and in other Church papers. For some years he contributed a series of weekly articles in the Messenger, entitled "Parables of Peto the Penman".

Mr. Helffrich died, after an illness of five weeks, in the Allentown Hospital on October 13, 1933, at the age of sixty-one. Funeral services on October 18 in the home were in charge of President G. L.

Wake of Ursinus College and Rev. T. W. Rhoads. Further services in Christ Church at Bath were in charge of Revs. W. A. Kline, H. J. Ehret, A. S. Leinbach and C. B. Felton. Rev. E. W. Lentz preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery at Bath. The members of East Pennsylvania Classis attended the funeral services in a body.

In March, 1896, Mr. Helffrich was married to Miss Nora Helene Schuler of Trappe, Pa. He was survived by his widow (who is still living at Collegeville), four sons and two brothers. Rev. Reginald Helffrich and Donald Helffrich, Vice-President of Ursinus College, are his sons. Mr. Helffrich was a brother of Rev. Nevin Helffrich, pastor of Ziegel's Charge for some years.

In 1921 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Helffrich the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; October 19, 1933

October 26, 1933

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1934

Life of W. A. Helffrich (G. W. Richards, 1954).

REV. REMT JOACHIM KIRCHHEFER

R. J. Kirchhefer was born at Emden, East Friesland, Germany, on September 4, 1858. He came to America with his parents during his youth. We have no further record of him until he was graduated from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1882, and was ordained in that same year.

His pastoral record follows: Loran, Illinois, 1882 - 1885; Bay City, Michigan, 1885 - 1886; Prairie City, Missouri, 1886 - 1889; Mormon Coulee, near La Crosse, Wisconsin, 1889 - 1890; Horn Lake, near Baxter, Iowa, 1890 - 1901; Menno, South Dakota, 1901 - 1907; Garner, Iowa, 1907 - 1914; Herreid, South Dakota, 1914 - 1915; Hope Independent Reformed Church, Sutton, Nebraska, 1915 - 1932. He retired from the active ministry in 1932, continuing to reside at Sutton until the end of his life.

Mr. Kirchhefer died at his home in Sutton on October 29, 1933, at the age of seventy-five. We have no record of his marriage or funeral.

References: Messenger; November 16, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. JOSEPH CHRISTIAN SMITH

J. C. Smith, son of Moses and Rebecca (Glick) Smith, was born near Mulberry, Indiana, on May 28, 1863. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1888 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1890. He was ordained at Waynesburg, Ohio, in that same year.

Mr. Smith, during his ministerial career, served the following pastorates, but I am not able to assign dates or length of service in each: Waynesburg, Ohio; Mt. Eaton, Ohio; Apple Creek, Ohio; Fulton, Michigan (was there in 1912); Plymouth, Indiana; Canal Fulton, Ohio (resigned, September, 1923); Fremont, Ohio; Salamonia, Indiana; and Bethel Church, Sugar Grove, Ohio. Mr. Smith retired from the active ministry in 1929, and the inference is that he returned to his boyhood home near Mulberry and died there. He died on November 3, 1933, at the age of seventy.

Funeral services were held in Trinity Church, Mulberry, on November 5. He was buried in the Fairhaven Cemetery near Mulberry.

In 1890 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Jennie Roth (place and date not given).

References: Messenger; November 23, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary.

REV. JOHN FREDERICK HAWK

J. F. Hawk was born near Akron, Ohio, on August 13, 1877. He was graduated from Heidelberg University in 1902, and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1905. His ordination probably took place in 1906.

He was pastor of the Beaver Creek Charge, West Unity, Ohio, from 1906 until 1908; of the Lone Tree, Iowa, Mission from 1908 until 1915; of the First Church, Omaha, Nebraska, from 1915 until 1923; of the First Church, Goshen, Indiana, from 1923 until 1928; and of Salem Church, Lafayette, Indiana, from 1928 until 1933.

After an illness of two weeks, Mr. Hawk was taken to the Lafayette Home Hospital to be operated on for the removal of a kidney stone. However, before the operation could be performed, Mr. Hawk died suddenly at the Hospital on November 7, 1933, at the age of fifty-six. Funeral services were held in Salem Church at Lafayette on November 10. He was buried in the Springvale Cemetery at Lafayette.

For a number of years, and until his death, Mr. Hawk was President of the Board of Directors of the Home for the Aged at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. I have no record of Mr. Hawk's marriage or the maiden name of his wife (except that her first name was Pearl and that she is still living at Lafayette); but he was survived by his widow, one son, one daughter, a brother and two sisters.

References: Messenger; November 16, 1933

Christian World; November 18, 1933

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. SAMUEL LEWIS WHITMORE, D. D.

S. L. Whitmore, son of Elder Samuel and Sophia (Evers) Whitmore, was born on a farm at the head of Naked Creek in Augusta County, Virginia, on September 30, 1851. Elder Whitmore's sons all entered the Ministry of the Reformed Church: David M., Andrew J., George A. and Samuel L. Whitmore. During the Civil War (1863) Elder Whitmore moved with his family to a farm on Cook's Creek near Mt. Crawford in Rockingham County.

S. L. Whitmore attended the public school at Mt. Crawford and was a student at the Pleasant Grove Academy. For one year (1870 - 1871) he taught school at White Hall. Continuing his education, he came to Mercersburg College during the Presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee, spending one year in the Preparatory Department, four years in the College (graduating in 1876), and three years in the Theological Department, graduating in 1879. He was examined, licensed, and ordained on June 1, 1879, by Virginia Classis, during its annual sessions at Smithfield, W. Va.

Mr. Whitmore was then installed as pastor of the Middlebrook, Va., Charge, succeeding his brother, A. J. Whitmore, in the pastorate in that Charge. In 1879 the Charge consisted of four congregations, but in 1882 a division took place whereby two congregations were detached to form the "St. John's Charge". Mr. Whitmore continued to serve the other two congregations, Grace and St. Paul's, until December, 1884.

He then became pastor of the Centenary Church at Winchester, Va., together with the associated congregations. During his pastorate here a new parsonage was built. Also, he was able to secure from the United States Government the payment of a claim for the use of the Church during the Civil War, the church building being used first as a hospital and later as a stable, involving the destruction of the floors and most of the church furniture. The amount paid by the Government

was more than Seventeen Hundred Dollars.

Mr. Whitmore served the Winchester Charge from December, 1884, until September, 1887. He then became pastor of the Manor Charge in Frederick County, Maryland, residing at Adamstown. The Charge consisted of three congregations: Trinity at Adamstown; St. Matthew's, three miles from Adamstown; and St. John's at Buckeystown.

Note: Mr. Whitmore was pastor of my home congregation when I was a boy. To me, he was distinguished by his calm and dignified manner, his musical ability, his faithfulness as a pastor, and his long, long sermons. Editor. End of note.

In July, 1892, Mr. Whitmore resigned the Manor Charge and became pastor of the Mifflinburg, Pa., Charge, which he served until 1899. During his pastorate here the Charge was divided and a new parsonage was erected. He was next pastor of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Pa. (1899 - 1907), and of Grace (English) Church at Chicago, Illinois (1907 - 1910).

In 1910 he became Dean of the Faculty of the Bunker Hill, Illinois, Academy, serving in that position until 1914. He was then pastor of the Forreston, Illinois, Charge from 1914 until 1927. He then retired from the active ministry and continued to reside at Forreston until the end of his life.

Mr. Whitmore died, after a long illness, at his home in Forreston on November 9, 1933, at the age of eighty-two. Funeral services in the home on November 11 were in charge of Revs. J. Elmer, G. S. Engelmann, A. J. Michael and J. N. Naly. He was buried in the White Oak Cemetery at Forreston.

In 1896 Mr. Whitmore was a delegate, representing the Reformed Church at the Convention of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, held at Glasgow, Scotland. In that same year a Presbyterian College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On September 10, 1879, Mr. Whitmore was married, at the home of the bride near Sharpsburg, Md., to Miss Mayme Stonebraker, sister of Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, a minister of the Reformed Church; also a sister of Mrs. M. Estella Whitmore, founder and the first Editor of "The Woman's Journal". The ceremony was performed by Revs. David M. Whitmore and A. C. Geary. Mrs. Whitmore died at Forreston on November 23, 1931. He was survived by two sons and two daughters.

References: Messenger; November 23, 1933

December 7, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935

History of Virginia Classis (Garrison)

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. DANIEL KLINE LAUDENSLAGER

D. K. Laudenslager, son of Charles K. and Eliza Laudenslager, was born at Milford Square, Bucks County, Pa., on January 13, 1873. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, and confirmed at the age of thirteen in the Reformed Church at Quakertown by Rev. F. J. Mohr.. After passing through the public school, he studied for one term at the West Chester Normal School, and then taught school for two years. He then entered the Perkioment Seminary at Pennsburg, graduating in 1894. He was a student at Bucknell University for two years, then transferred to Franklin and Marshall College and graduated in 1898. He was duly graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1901. Later he did post-graduate work in the University of Pennsylvania and in Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Mr. Laudenslager was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis at Amityville on May 14, 1901, and ordained by Lebanon Classis in the first part of June in that same year.

In June, 1901, he was installed as pastor of the Campbelltown Charge, residing at Palmyra; the Charge consisting of ^{two} ~~two~~ congregations.

During his pastorate here the church at Palmyra was re-located and a new church built on another site; also a long-standing debt against Salem congregation at Campbelltown was paid.

In November, 1903, Mr. Laudenslager became pastor of Wentz's Church, Worcester, Pa. The visible results of his labors here were the complete re-modelling of Wentz's Church at a cost of Ten Thousand Dollars, the organization of a congregation at Mainland, and the erection of a church for the new congregation.

In 1910 he became pastor of the Womelsdorf, Pa., Charge, consisting of four congregations, with another one added later. Continuing his building program, a new church and parsonage at Womelsdorf were erected during his pastorate, and the other church buildings of the

Charge were extensively improved. He served here until 1919, and then for ten years (1919 - 1929) he served the Schwenkville, Pa., Charge, consisting of two congregations: Heidelberg at Schwenkville and St. James at Limerick. During his service in this Charge, the Heidelberg congregation built a new Parish Hall and improved the church and parsonage; at St. James the church was remodelled and a janitor's house erected.

From 1929 until 1933 Mr. Laudenslager was pastor of Trinity Church, Shenandoah, Pa. When he came into this field the congregation was discouraged and it was a time of financial depression. Nevertheless, under Mr. Laudenslager's inspiration and guidance, the congregation built a fine new church and paid for it.

After being in poor health for two years, Mr. Laudenslager died suddenly of heart trouble at his home in Shenandoah on November 15, 1933, at the age of sixty. Funeral services on November 18 in Trinity Church at Shenandoah were in charge of Rev. A. E. Schellhase, R. A. Bausch and E. G. Leinbach. Revs. H. I. Stahr and W. F. DeLong delivered addresses. He was buried at Hershey, Pa.

On September 27, 1904, Mr. Laudenslager was married to Miss Sarah Loose of Palmyra, Pa. He was survived by his widow and one son. In October, 1926, Mr. Laudenslager celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

References: Messenger; November 23, 1933

November 30, 1933

Christian World; December 9, 1933

Seminary Register

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. SEFELLEN ELLSWORTH STOFFLETT, D. D.

S. E. Stofflett, son of Joseph and Susanna (Heberling) Stofflett, was born at Bath, Pa., on May 5, 1862. His father was a pharmacist, operating drug stores, during the son's childhood and youth, successively at Catasauqua, Allentown and Northampton.

S. E. Stofflett attended the public schools in these communities, and then was a student in the Weaversville Academy. He taught school for three years in the vicinity of Allentown, at the same time, continuing his preparation for college. He spent some time at the Muhlenberg College Preparatory Department, under Dr. A. R. Horne. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1882, graduating in 1886. He was then a student at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1889. In May of that same year he was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis at Tamaqua.

On June 28, 1889, he was ordained by a committee of Schuylkill Classis, consisting of Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, H. Mosser, C. B. Schneder and O. R. Strunck. At the same time he was installed as assistant-pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Pottsville, Pa., of which congregation Rev. A. R. Bartholomew was the senior pastor. During his service here he revived a disbanded congregation at St. Clair, Pa.

In 1890 Mr. Stofflett became pastor of St. Paul's Charge, Waynesboro, Pa. During his pastorate in this Charge, the new Harbaugh Memorial Church at Midvale, near Pen-Mar Park, was built and dedicated. Mr. Stofflett served at Waynesboro until 1895, and then became pastor of Emmanuel's Reformed Church at Hazleton, Pa., where he served until his retirement in 1929, a period of thirty-five years. At the time of his resignation, he was elected Pastor-Emeritus, residing at Hazleton until the end of his life. During his pastorate at Hazleton a new Sunday School Building was erected. During the years of his

retirement, he served for at least part of the time as supply-pastor of the congregation at Milnesville, near Hazleton.

For four years before his retirement, Mr. Stofflett was in poor health, on account of diabetes. In 1929 his right leg was amputated in an effort to halt the progress of the disease. He died at the Hazleton Hospital, following an operation, on November 16, 1933, at the age of seventy-one.

Funeral services on November 19 in Emmanuel's Church at Hazleton were in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. N. Garner. Addresses were delivered by Revs. William Toennes and E. F. Faust. Further services on November 20 at the home of his brother-in-law, H. C. Colvin, at Schellsburg, Pa., were in charge of Rev. D. J. Ely and Rev. J. H. Mickley. He was buried in the cemetery at Schellsburg.

Mr. Stofflett was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hazleton State Hospital; also served as Treasurer of Schuylkill Classis. From 1926 until 1930 he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

On August 15, 1893, he was married to Miss Blanche Colvin, daughter of C. W. Colvin of Schellsburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home by Rev. S. E. Furst. He was survived by his widow and one brother.

In 1925 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Stofflett the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; November 23, 1933

December 7, 1933

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REV. FRANCIS S. LINDAMAN, D. D.

F. S. Lindaman, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rinker) Lindaman, was born in North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pa., on November 10, 1845. His early education was acquired chiefly in the public school at Egypt, Pa., where he began the study of Latin under the direction of Prof. Eli Swartz. He was a student in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown in 1864, after which he was granted a certificate to teach. He was elected teacher of a school in Lower Whitehall Township, beginning his work as a teacher after attending a select school for six weeks under the direction of the County Superintendent of Schools. After teaching for nine months, he returned to the Normal School in the spring of 1865 for the summer term. In the fall of 1865 he began teaching in the Kutztown Elementary School. After one year in this position, he returned again to the Normal School, serving as janitor also teaching some classes there. In 1867 he entered Palatinate College where he spent a year and a half, meanwhile taking lessons in Theology under the direction of Rev. George Wolff. In the fall of 1869 he entered the Ursinus School of Theology (its first year), graduating in 1872. In May of that same year, he was licensed by Philadelphia Classis.

On June 16, 1872, Mr. Lindaman was ordained by a committee of Zion's Classis, consisting of Revs. A. Wanner, John Ault and James Crawford. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Blain, Pa., Charge, also, to supply a congregation at Eschol, eighteen miles from Blain. He soon discontinued this supply-service and then organized a congregation at Sandy Hill, midway between Blain and Ickesburg. The Blain Charge was now composed of four congregations which Mr. Lindaman continued to serve until 1886. During his service in this Charge, he built two new churches and repaired two others. Also, he influenced ten young men from the community to enter the

Christian Ministry.

In the spring of 1886 Mr. Lindaman was elected pastor of Christ Charge, consisting of three rural congregations in the vicinity of Littlestown, Pa. The Joint Consistory of the Blain Charge refused to accept his resignation, whereupon, he declined the Call for the time being. However, later in the summer, a committee from the Christ Charge visited him and convinced him that he ought to accept their Call. Therefore, on August 1, 1886, Mr. Lindaman became pastor of Christ's Charge and served it for forty years. In 1896 Rev. W. A. Kline was called as assistant-pastor and served in that capacity for some years.

In 1916 the St. James and St. Luke's Congregations were detached from Christ's Charge. Another congregation, St Mark's, near Gettysburg, was added to these two and the St. James Charge constituted by Gettysburg Classis. From 1916 Mr. Lindaman served the Christ Congregation alone until the time of his final retirement.

In 1926 Mr. Lindaman was stricken with nervous prostration. He then resigned and was elected Pastor-Emeritus, after a service of forty years in that Charge. He continued his residence at Littlestown until the end of his life. During the fifty four years of his ministry he baptized 2105 infants and adults, married 572 couples, and officiated at 1010 funerals.

Mr. Lindaman died at his home in Littlestown on November 19, 1933, at the age of eighty-eight. After a brief funeral service in the home on November 22, further services in Christ Church were in charge of the pastor, Rev. H. H. Hartman, assisted by Revs. A. O. Bartholomew, E. M. Sando, D. W. Bicksler, J. W. Meminger, H. S. Shue and F. F. Bahner. Revs. M. J. Roth and H. H. Hartman delivered addresses. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining Christ Church.

Mr. Lindaman was a member of the Board of Directors of the Hoff-

man Orphanage from its organization until 1926. In 1910 Ursinus College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On November 10 he was married by Rev. George Wolff to Miss Amelia J. Rice of Loysburg, Pa. Mrs. Lindaman died on April 3, 1896. On July 27, 1901 he was married a second time to Miss Mary W. S. Snyder of Norristown, Pa. His second wife died on June 11, 1932. There were no survivors. He was a brother of Rev. J. O. Lindaman, who died some years before.

References: Messenger; November 23, 1933

December 28, 1933

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

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REV. ALLEN REVALLIN BARTHOLOMEW

(Doctor of Divinity, Franklin and Marshall College, 1898; Doctor of Theology, Berne, Switzerland, University, 1926; Doctor of Laws, Ursinus College, 1927).

A. R. Bartholomew was born at Dannersville, Northampton County, Pa., on September 16, 1855. After acquiring an elementary education, he was a student at the Leighton, Pa., Academy, and then entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1874, graduating in 1877. On May 26, 1877, he was licensed by Lancaster Classis. Soon afterwards he was ordained by the same Classis and installed as pastor of the Hummelstown, Pa., Charge, consisting of one congregation. After serving here for one year he became pastor in 1878 of the Swatara Charge, Jonestown, Pa., continuing there until 1882. From 1882 until 1889 he was pastor of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Pa., and then served Salem Church, Allentown, Pa., from 1889 until 1902. During his pastorate Salem congregation was the largest in membership in the entire denomination.

It is evidently not generally known, for I have never seen the statement in print, except in the Messenger, that in July, 1887, Mr. Bartholomew was elected Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. Without relinquishing his pastorate at Pottsville, Mr. Bartholomew served in that office for more than three years, resigning in October, 1890. During this time he began his "Foreign Mission Notes" which appeared almost weekly in the Messenger for three years.

On January 1, 1902, he was elected again as temporary Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and in March of that year he was elected Premanent Secretary, serving in that office until the end of his life. He resigned as pastor of Salem Church in June, 1902.

During his ministerial career, Dr. Bartholomew held many offices and served the Church in many capacities in addition to those already mentioned. He was President of Lebanon, Schuylkill and Lehigh Classes, President of Eastern Synod, and in 1926 he was elected President of General Synod, serving a three-year term.

He was a member of the Commission on Closer Relations and Church Union, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Conference of North America, a delegate to the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1910, President of the Executive Committee of General Synod, several times a delegate to the Convention of the Reformed Church Alliance, a member of the American Commission for European Relief, a member of the Commission on International Good-will and Justice, a member of the Pennsylvania-German Society, and Chaplain of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. During his term as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, he visited all the Foreign Mission Stations under the control of the Reformed Church. He celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his secretaryship in March, 1922, and the twenty-fifth in November, 1926. He celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination in November, 1927.

Dr. Bartholomew was the author of the following published volumes: "Won by Prayer", 1890; "Brief History of Salem Reformed Church of Allentown" 1901; "The Apostle of Ryo-U", 1917; and "The Martyr of Huping", 1925. In addition, he ^{was} ~~was~~ the author of one hundred and fifty-one articles published in the Messenger, and of one in the Reformed Church Review.

Dr. Bartholomew died after a brief illness at his home in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, on November 27, 1933, at the age of seventy-eight. Funeral services were held in Christ Church, Philadelphia on November 29 in charge of Rev. A. V. Casselman, assisted by Revs. G. W. Richards, H. I. Stahr and C. E. Schaeffer. Rev. C. E. Creitz preached

the funeral sermon. Rev. W. I. Chamberlain delivered an address. He was buried in the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery at Lebanon, Pa.

On September 9, 1878, Mr. Bartholomew was married to Miss Maria S. Karch, daughter of Joseph Karch of Lebanon, at the home of the bride, by Rev. F. W. Kremer. Mrs. Bartholomew died on April 4, 1906, leaving four children. On February 12, 1908, he was married a second time to Miss Julia Hall of Bedford, Pa.. The ceremony was performed in St. John's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, by Rev. C. J. Musser, assisted by Revs. A. S. Bromer and T. L. Bickel. He was survived by his widow and four children.

Dr. Bartholomew was the brother of Rev. Abraham Bartholomew, and the uncle of Revs. C. E. and A. O. Bartholomew.

References: Messenger; November 30, 1933

December 21, 1933

Christian World; December 9, 1933

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REV. ADOLPH WILLIAM KRAMPE, D. D.

A. W. Krampe, son of William and Fredericka Krampe, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 15, 1867. He was baptized and confirmed in Salem Church, Cincinnati. After having graduated from the Woodward High School, he entered Mission House College, graduating in 1888. He was graduated from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1891, and was licensed by Cincinnati ^{Classis} in that same year.

On September 24, 1891, he was ordained by the same Classis and installed as pastor of the Millville, Ohio, Charge, which he served until 1893. From 1893 until 1900 he was pastor of the Rising Sun, Indiana, Charge. In 1900 he took charge of the newly-organized St. John's Mission congregation at Buffalo, N. Y., serving it until 1908. He was then pastor of the Fourth Reformed Church at Cleveland from 1908 until 1920. During his pastorate the congregation built and dedicated a new church in 1910.

In 1919 Mr. Krampe was elected to the Professorship of Practical Theology in the Mission House Theological Seminary. He was inaugurated on May 20, 1920, and served in that capacity until the end of his life. He spent several summers in foreign travel, and on one occasion visited the Holy Land.

Mr. Krampe died at his home at the Mission House, Plymouth, Wisconsin, on December 11, 1933, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services on December 14 in Immanuel's Church near the Mission House were in charge of the pastor, Rev. John Gaterman, assisted by Revs. W. H. Lahr and J. W. Grossheusch. Rev. L. C. Hessert preached a German sermon; Rev. J. Friedli preached in English. Rev. W. C. Beckmann and A. Grether delivered addresses. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining Immanuel's Church. The funeral services were attended by thirty-five ministers.

In 1893 Mr. Krampe was married to Miss Louise J. Blatt of Millville, Ohio. Mrs. Krampe died in March, 1924. He was survived by one son and one daughter.

In 1912 the Mission House College conferred upon Mr. Krampe the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; December 21, 1933

January 4, 1934

Christian World; December 30, 1933

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. JACOB S. KOSOWER

J. S. Kosower was born in Austria on January 2, 1870. At the age of fourteen he came to America with his parents, the family settling at Cleveland, Ohio. He was graduated from Calvin College in 1891, spent one year at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and then was a student for one year at the Ursinus School of Theology, graduating in 1893. In that same year he was licensed and ordained.

Mr. Kosower was pastor of the Stone Creek, Ohio, Charge from 1893 until 1896. He then went to Cleveland to organize the congregation of the Tenth Reformed Church in that City, serving there until December, 1902. During his pastorate a new church and parsonage were erected. From January 1, 1903, until December, 1907, he was pastor of Immanuel (German) Reformed Church of Baltimore, Md.

In December, 1907, he returned to Cleveland as pastor of the Fourth Reformed Church. He was, however, Superintendent of the Fairview Park German Hospital in Cleveland, but whether in connection with his pastorate at the Fourth Church, I do not know. In 1908 - 1909, a new building for the Hospital was erected. It may be that the Hospital was established under the auspices of the Fourth Church and that Mr. Kosower served as pastor and Superintendent of the Hospital at the same time.

In July, 1913, he became pastor or supply of the Woodlawn Mission on Long Island, serving it from July until September. In January, 1915 he returned to Baltimore for a second pastorate at Immanuel Church, his pastorate extending to March, 1921. In the year 1920 he spent some time as financial agent for the Mission House.. From April, 1921, until October of the same year, he served the Jewish Mission in Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1922 he was in Cleveland, but in what capacity, I do not know. From 1923 until 1930, he was pastor of St. John's Reformed Church at Buffalo, N. Y. He retired in 1930

on account of ill health, moved to Cleveland, and resided there until the end of his life.

Mr. Kosower died at his home in Cleveland on December 16, 1933, at the age of sixty-three. Funeral services were held in the Fourth Reformed Church, Cleveland, on December 19. He was buried in the Monroe St. Cemetery in that City. In October, 1918, Mr. Kosower celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

Mr. Kosower was married (date and place not given) to the daughter of Rev. J. H. Stepler. Mrs. Kosower died on May 14, 1910. He was married a second time on April 3, 1913, by Rev. T. F. Herman at the Statler Hotel in Philadelphia to Miss J. S. Closse. He was survived by his widow and two sons.

References: Messenger; January 4, 1934

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REV. CHARLES A. WARNER

C. A. Warner was born at Hunterstown, Indiana, on August 12, 1888. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1916, and from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1922.

Mr. Warner was ordained in 1922, but was never in the active pastorate. Practically his whole career was spent in Y. M. C. A. work. From 1916 until 1929 (with the exception of the time spent at the Union Seminary, he was General Secretary of the Austin Branch of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. From September, 1929, until the end of his life he was Program Director and Religious Work Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Dayton, Ohio.

On December 25, 1933, at the age of forty-five, Mr. Warner was killed in an automobile accident, in which his wife, also, was severely injured. Funeral services in the Central Reformed Church at Dayton on December 27 were in charge of Rev. W. W. Rowe, who also preached the funeral sermon. An address was delivered by Mr. Henry Dickson of the Y. M. C. A. Rev. H. G. Shoffner assisted in the services.

Further services in the Reformed Church at Hunterstown on December 28 were in charge of Revs. B. E. Reemshyder and R. A. Worthman. Mr. Rowe and Mr. Dickson delivered addresses. He was buried in the adjoining cemetery.

Mr. Warner was married (place and date not given) to Miss Ethel Shults, daughter of Rev. W. H. Shultz and sister of Rev. F. E. Shults. He was survived by his widow, two children, his parents and one brother.

References: Messenger; January 11, 1934

January 25, 1934

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1934 REV. CHARLES A. BUSHONG

C. A. Bushong, son of Isaac and Sarah A. Bushong, was born at Tom's Brook, Va., on October 25, 1863 (The Reformed Church Almanac says that he was born on October 21, 1864). His parents were members of St. John's Reformed Church at Harrisville, in which church he was baptized. Later his parents moved to Frederick County, Va., in the vicinity of Winchester, where he acquired most of his elementary education. As a very young man he went to Baltimore, Md., where he was employed for some time. He was confirmed as a member of St. Paul's (English) Reformed Church of Baltimore.

He was a student at Mercersburg College during the administration of Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, graduating in 1891. In the fall of that year he entered the Sophomore Class in Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1894. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1897.

Mr. Bushong was licensed on May 14, 1897, by Virginia Classis, during its annual sessions in Christ Reformed Church at Shepherds-town, W. Va. Later in that same year he was ordained by West Susquehanna Classis and installed as pastor of the Penn's Valley Charge, Laurelton, Union County, Pa., where he ^{se} served for one year. In 1898 he was supply-pastor of the Abilene, Kansas, Mission. In 1899 he returned to Virginia to become a teacher in the Strasburg and Bruce-town Schools.

In May, 1903, he returned to the active ministry as pastor of the Sabillasville, Md., Charge, which he served until December, 1905. From January 1, 1906, until April, 1913, he was pastor of the Watson Run Charge, Meadville, Pa.. Then he served as pastor of Grace Church, Lancaster, Ohio, from 1913 until 1916; of Emanuel's Church at Export, Pa., from 1916 until 1920, and of First Church, Pitcairn, Pa., from 1920 until 1926. From March, 1926, until October 31, 1933, he was

pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Baltimore (Woodberry), Md. Mr. Bushong then retired from the active ministry and resided until the end of his life in Baltimore.

He died at his home in Baltimore on January 15, 1934, at the age of seventy. Funeral services in the home and in Trinity Church were in charge of Rev. L. E. Coblentz, assisted by Revs. A. S. Weber, J. R. Bergey and M. H. Way. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Frederick, Md.

On October 30, 1912, Mr. Bushong was married to Miss Drusilla Ramsburgh of Frederick, by Rev. H. L. G. Kieffer. He was survived by his widow.

References: Messenger; January 25, 1934

March 1, 1934

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History of Virginia Classis (Garrison)

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. HARVEY A. M. HOLSHOUSER, Ph. D.

H. A. M. Holshouser, son of Alexander and Lovina (Fisher) Holshouser, was born near Rockwell, North Carolina, on June 2, 1867. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. J. C. Denny, and confirmed in the Lower Stone Church by Rev. C. B. Heller.

His elementary education was acquired at Peeler's School-house. In 1886 he entered the Preparatory Department of Catawba College, graduating from Catawba College in May, 1894. Upon his graduation from College, in view of a Call for him to be pastor of the Catawba Charge, North Carolina Classis licensed him on April 27, 1894, at the New Gilead Church, before he had begun theological training. On May 13, 1894, he was ordained by a committee of North Carolina Classis, consisting of Revs. J. C. Clapp, A. H. Smith and J. A. Foil, and installed as pastor of the Catawba Charge, consisting of two congregations: St. John's, which formerly had used a union church, and Trinity congregation in the town of Conover, N. C. However, in order that he might have the benefit of regular theological instruction, Classis appointed Revs. J. L. Murphy, A. H. Smith and J. A. Foil as a committee to supervise his theological studies.

Mr. Holshouser served the Catawba Charge from 1894 until May, 1897. During his pastorate a parsonage was purchased, and the new Trinity Church at Conover, begun in 1892, was dedicated by Mr. Holshouser on April 4, 1897.

In May, 1897, he became pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge, consisting of three congregations: Pilgrim's (Leonard's), one of the oldest congregations of the Reformed Church in North Carolina, the oldest congregations of the Reformed Church in North Carolina, Bethany, and Hebron (Pleasant Retreat). During his pastorate in this Charge, the Bethany Congregation built a new church (Dedicated on November 15, 1903). The Hebron Congregation also built a new church, and Pilgrim's Church was re-modelled. While he was pastor here, Mr.

Holshouser in 1899 declined a Call to be pastor of the East Rowan Charge in North Carolina Classis.

In November, 1903, Mr. Holshouser became pastor of Trinity Church, Concord, N. C., which he served until 1905. In 1905 he was dismissed to the Presbyterian Church and became pastor of a congregation in that denomination at Dwight, Kansas. In 1906 he declined a Call to be pastor of the Guilford Charge in North Carolina.

In 1915 Mr. Holshouser returned to the Reformed Church and to North Carolina as pastor of the Memorial Mission Congregation at Winston-Salem, serving here until July 1, 1917. During his short pastorate here the new Memorial Church at Winston-Salem was built. From July 1, 1917, until April, 1922, Mr. Holshouser was without a pastoral Charge, but I do not know in what activities he was engaged during that interlude or where he resided.

In 1922 he became pastor of Ursinus Church at Rockwell, N. C., the community in which he was born. During this pastorate, also, a new church was built at Rockwell and dedicated on May 31, 1926. In September, 1929, Mr. Holshouser resigned and retired from the active ministry. He moved to Salisbury, N. C., and resided there until the end of his life.

Mr. Holshouser died at his home in Salisbury on January 26, 1934, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services on January 28 in the First Reformed Church at Salisbury were in charge of Rev. G. T. Fitz. Rev. J. C. Leonard preached the funeral sermon. Revs. W. H. McNairy and C. B. Heller delivered addresses. He was buried in the East View Cemetery at Newton, N. C.

On May 9, 1895, Mr. Holshouser was married by Rev. J. L. Murphy to Miss Lucy E. Deal of Newton, N. C. He was survived by his widow and four children.

While Mr. Holshouser was in the West, between 1905 and 1915, the University of Chicago conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

References: Messenger; February 8, 1934

February 15, 1934

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History of the Southern Synod (Leonard).

REV. CHARLES D. LERCH

C. D. Lerch, son of Nathaniel P. and Margaret (Follmer) Lerch, was born at Paradise, near Turbotsville, Pa., on November 17, 1869. His early education was received in the Lewis Township public school, at the McEwensville Academy, and at the Watsonstown High School. He was graduated from Ursinus College in 1896, and from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1898. On June 3, 1898 he was licensed by Wyoming Classis at McEwensville.

Mr. Lerch was pastor of the Mausdale, Pa., Charge from 1899 until 1909; of the Rockingham Charge, Mt. Crawford, Va., from December, 1909, until September, 1913; of the Ringtown Charge (Pa.) from 1913 until the end of his life.

On account of ill health, Mr. Lerch had come to his boyhood home to visit his sister. He died here suddenly, of a heart condition, on January 27, 1934, at the age of sixty-four. Funeral services in his sister's home on June 30 were in charge of Revs. W. R. Clark and E. S. Noll. Further services in Trinity Church, Turbotsville, were in charge of Rev. W. R. Clark, who also preached the funeral sermon. Rev. C. P. Wehr delivered an address. Revs. Clark Heller and P. A. DeLong assisted in the services. He was buried in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Danville, Pa. The burial service was in charge of Revs. C. A. Huyette, R. E. Correll and A. F. Dietz.

On September 29, 1909, Mr. Lerch was married to Miss Minnie A. James of Danville, Pa. On October 19, 1915, the automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. Lerch were riding plunged down a steep hill, overturned and caught fire. Mrs. Lerch was burned to death, and Mr. Lerch was severely injured.

References: Messenger; February 1, 1934. March 15, 1934

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REV. DANIEL NEFF HARNISH

D. N. Harnish, son of Abram and Ann Eliza Harnish, was born near Alexandria, Pa., on June 4, 1856. He was graduated from Mercersburg College, during the presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee in 1879. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1880, graduating in 1883. He was licensed by Mercersburg Classis in May of that same year.

On September 26, 1883, he was ordained by a committee of Clarion Classis, consisting of Revs. A. K. Kline and D. H. Leader in the Reformed Church at South Bend, Pa., and installed as pastor of the South Bend Charge, residing at Claysburg, Pa., serving there from 1883 until November, 1886. From 1886 until 1914 he was pastor of St. Paul's Church, Butler, Pa. During his pastorate here, a new church and parsonage were built and the membership of the congregation increased from seventy to four hundred and thirty-five.

In 1914 Mr. Harnish, with his family, and accompanied by his father-in-law, Rev. P. C. Prugh, moved to San Gabriel, California, and made his home there until the end of his life. In 1915 Mr. Harnish was received into the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church. but never served a pastorate in that denomination.

He died, after being bed-fast for several years, at his home in San Gabriel on February 5, 1934, at the age of seventy-seven. Funeral services on February 7 were in charge of Rev. N. K. Tulley, assisted by Rev. E. F. Evemeyer. Rev. J. A. Leuzinger delivered an address. He was buried in the San Gabriel Cemetery.

Mr. Harnish was during his active ministry a member of the Board of Home Missions, and served for twenty-seven years as the Stated Clerk of Allegheny Classis. In November, 1908, he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

On June 4, 1891, Mr. Harnish was married to Miss Mary E. Prugh, daughter of Rev. P. C. Prugh of Butler, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Prugh, brother of the bride. Mr. Harnish was survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

References: Messenger; February 15, 1934

March 8, 1934

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REV. GOTTLOB BENJAMIN SCHICK

G. B. Schick was born in Germany on May 27, 1846. He prepared for Foreign Missionary Service at the St. Chrischona Mission House, near Basle, Switzerland, and was sent as a foreign missionary to Togoland in Africa in 1872. He came to America in 1875 and was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church, serving as pastor of the Milltown, N. J., Charge from 1875 until 1881.

In 1881 Mr. Schick became a minister in the Evangelical Synod of North America and served pastorates in that Church until the end of his life.

He died on February 7, 1934. He was married to Miss Caroline Knausenberger of Milltown (date not given). Mrs. Schick died on March 17, 1913. Mr. Schick was survived by five children.

Reference: Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. CHARLES PENNYPACKER KEHL

C. P. Kehl, son of William H. and Elizabeth Kehl, was born at East Greenville, Pa., on July 21, 1868. He was graduated from Ursinus College in 1890, and then spent two years in the Yale Divinity School. In the fall of 1892 he entered the Senior Class of the Ursinus School of Theology, graduating in 1893.

On December 6, 1893, Mr. Kehl was ordained by a committee of Wyoming Classis, consisting of Revs. G. S. Sorber and F. K. Levan. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Overton Charge, Dushore, Pa., serving there until January, 1895. From 1895 until 1900 he was pastor of the Red Lion, Pa., Charge; from 1900 until 1904, of the Dillsburg, Pa., Charge; from 1904 until April, 1906, of the Fort Loudon, Pa., Charge; from 1906 until January, 1909, of the Rimersburg, Pa., Charge; from 1909 until April, 1913, of the Ringtown, Pa., Charge; from May, 1913, until June, 1914, of the Mt. Moriah Charge, Keedysville, Md.; and from 1914 until May, 1924, of the Carlisle Rural Charge, residing at Carlisle, Pa. Mr. Kehl then retired from the active ministry and lived in Carlisle until the end of his life.

Mr. Kehl died, after an illness of less than a week, at his home in Carlisle on February 8, 18⁹34, at the age of sixty-five. Funeral services on February 12 in the First Reformed Church at Carlisle were in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. E. Leinbach, who also preached the funeral sermon. Rev. I. C. Fisher delivered an address. Revs. J. W. Meminger and C. W. Levan assisted in the services.

On February 13 further services were held in the New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church at East Greenville in charge of Revs. R. E. Leinbach and C. M. DeLong. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining that church.

In 1893 Mr. Kehl was married to Miss Ada Elizabeth Schwenk of East Greenville. Mrs. Kehl died on August 23, 1901. In 1903 he was

married a second time to Miss Minnie May Bowman. He was survived by his widow and three children. His two sons, Revs. George P. and William S. Kehl are ministers of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; February 15, 1934

March 8, 1934

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REV. SAMUEL AUSTIN STAMM

S. A. Stamm was born in Franklin Township, Beaver County, Pa., on September 14, 1854. He was baptized in infancy and later was confirmed in Grace Reformed Church, Harmony, Pa., by Rev. L. C. Edmonds.

While yet a student in the public school he was engaged to teach in the same school which he was then attending as a pupil. He taught in that school for ~~ten~~ years, and during vacation intervals was a student in the Slippery Rock State Normal School from which he was graduated in 1893.

From 1893 until 1895 He was Supervising Principal of the Zelienople, Pa., Schools. In 1895 he entered the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, graduating in 1898. In May of that year he was licensed by Allegheny Classis.

Mr. Stamm was pastor of the Shiloh Charge, Freeport, Stimson County, Illinois, from 1898 until 1903; of the West Salem, Ohio, Charge, consisting of four congregations, from 1903 until 1908; of the Ellwood City, Pa., Charge from 1908 until 1914; of the Fairview Charge, Chicora, Pa., from 1914 until 1921.

Mr. Stamm then retired from the active ministry and moved to a home which he had purchased six miles south of New Castle, Pa. He died at his home, after an illness of one year, on March 3, 1934, at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services were held in the home on March 5 in charge of Rev. J. H. String. He was buried at New Bedford, Pa.

Mr. Stamm was married to Miss Cora Ida Fomwell (date not given) of Harmony, Pa. He was survived by his widow, two brothers and a sister.

References: Messenger; March 15, 1934

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

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REV. JACOB F. SNYDER

J. F. Snyder, one of the few ministers of any denomination to live beyond the century mark, was born on a farm near New Salem, Westmoreland County, Pa., on March 24, 1834. His early education was acquired in the elementary schools and academies of his time. In 1860 he entered the Senior Class at Heidelberg College, graduating in 1861. He then spent one year in the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and two years in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, graduating in 1864 (although the Alumni Register of the Central Seminary says that he was graduated from Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1864). He was licensed by the Synod on October 21, 1864.

In the latter part of 1864 Mr. Snyder began pastoral service in the Rural Valley Charge, Kittanning, Pa. He was formally ordained and installed as pastor of this Charge by a committee of Clarion Classis, consisting of Revs. J. G. Shoemaker, M. H. Hockman, J. H. Apple, Sr., and J. S. Shade. on May 27, 1865. Mr. Snyder was pastor here from 1864 until 1867. While in this pastorate he organized St. Mark's Congregation in Mahoning Township, Armstrong County, and added it to his Charge.

In 1867 Mr. Snyder became pastor of the Salem Crossroads Charge in the vicinity of Export, Pa. In 1873 a division of the Charge took place, Mr. Snyder retaining the pastorate of Emanuel's congregation near Export and of the Olive Congregation at Murrysville. The pastor continued to reside at Export. He served here until 1903, and then from 1903 until 1912 he was pastor of the Salina, Pa., Charge. In 1912 Mr. Snyder retired from the active ministry and moved to New Kensington, Pa., where he resided until the end of his life.

Mr. Snyder celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday in 1930, his

ninety-seventh in 1931, his ninety-ninth in 1933. On March 24, 1934, his one-hundredth birthday was observed with a special service in Emanuel's Church at Export. Although Mr. Snyder was not able to be present, he sent greetings and was able to read the special printed program, containing letters of congratulation from many sources.

He died just eight days afterwards in New Kensington on April 1, 1934, at the age of one hundred years and eight days. I have no record of the funeral services or place of interment. In March, 1935, a memorial tablet in his honor was unveiled in Emanuel's Church at Export. Mr. Snyder served as a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster from 1885 until 1888, and from 1900 until 1903.

He was married to Miss Anna Mary Kline (place and date not given). Mrs. Snyder died on January 24, 1917.

References: Messenger; April 5, 1934

April 12, 1934

Seminary Register

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

LIC. JOHN FRANKLIN DECHANT

J. F. Dechant, son of Rev. Augustus and Amanda (Stauffer) Dechant, and brother of Rev. A. S. Dechant, was born at Pennsburg, Pa., on December 29, 1869. He attended Palatinate College at Myerstown, Pa., and was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1896. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1899. In May of that same year he was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis.

Mr. Dechant in 1899 became Business Manager of the Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church, with headquarters in Philadelphia, serving in that office until 1904. He then connected himself with the Sheldon School of Business at Chicago, continuing with this corporation, ^{for 25 years,} first as employee and later as Vice-President, with headquarters chiefly in Philadelphia. He spent four years in Boston, Mass., as head of the Burdett Business College. During part of this time he did post-graduate work in Harvard University. From 1929 until 1934 he was head of the Banks' Business College in Philadelphia, residing at Haddonfield, N. J.

In 1933 Mr. Dechant bought an abandoned farm near South Danbury, New Hampshire, intending to reside there during his years of retirement. While on a visit to the farm he became ill, was rushed to the New London, N. H., Hospital and underwent an emergency operation for peritonitis. He died in the Hospital on April 9, 1934, at the age of sixty-four. At his own request his body was cremated. A memorial service in the Oak Lane Church, Philadelphia, in charge of Rev. C. W. Dechant was held on April 14.

On May 11, 1898, Mr. Dechant was married to Miss Edith Gladwin of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was survived by his widow and one daughter; also by one brother and four sisters.

References: Messenger; May 3, 1934.

August 23, 1934

Seminary Register.

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. FREDERICK WILLIAM SCHACHT

F. W. Schacht was born in Prussia, Germany, on February 16, 1868. He was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical (union of Reformed and Lutheran) Church of Germany.

In 1881 he came with his parents to America, the family settling at Plymouth, Pa. He worked in the coal mines near Wilkesbarre, also, for some time worked in a general merchandise store. He was active in church work, serving as Superintendent of the Sunday School, also as Deacon and Elder in the congregation. After moving to Wilkesbarre, he joined the First Reformed Church in that City, and continued his interest and service in that congregation. When the St. Luke's Church at Wilkesbarre was without a pastor, he served as Sunday School Superintendent and supplied the pulpit.

Although now in middle age, Mr. Schacht decided to study for the Ministry, making some preparation at the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago. He was licensed and ordained by Wyoming Classis in 1922, and installed as pastor of the Overton Charge, Dushore, Pa., which he served from 1922 until 1924. From 1924 until 1928 he was pastor of the Glade Charge in Somerset Classis, near Berlin, Pa.. He served the Sugar Creek Charge, Chicora, Pa., from July 1, 1928, until 1934.

Mr. Schacht died suddenly of a heart attack while working in his garden at Chicora on April 16, 1934, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services in the home on April 19 were in charge of Revs. R. Johnson and F. H. Daubenspeck. Further services in St. Paul's Church at Chicora were in charge of Rev. F. Hiack, assisted by Revs. J. F. Bair, J. H. String, M. A. May, G. A. Teske, C. L. Noss, H. T. Goodling, F. H. Daubenspeck, J. A. Borger and D. J. Wolf. Rev. R. V. Hartman preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the cemetery at Chicora.

Mr. Schacht was married to Miss Edith M. Siegel (date and place

not given), daughter of Rev. C. W. E. Siegel. He was survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters.

References: Messenger; April 26, 1934

May 10, 1934

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. WILLIAM CHARLES SYKES, D. D.

W. C. Sykes was born at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., on February 12, 1868. He was the son of Rev. John H. Sykes, who was born at Bransley in England in 1834, served pastorates in Pennsylvania, was Principal of the Easton, Pa., High School, and died at Allentown in 1880.

W. C. Sykes was graduated from the Allentown High School, entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1886 and was graduated in 1890. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1893 and was licensed by Lehigh Classis on May 17 of that same year.

Mr. Sykes was ordained on July 16, 1893, by a committee of Maryland Classis, consisting of Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, A. Conner, H. F. Dittmar and H. W. Hoffmeier. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Burkittsville, Md., Charge, serving there until July, 1901. From 1901 until 1912 he was pastor of the Berlin, Pa., Charge; then returned to Maryland to serve a brief pastorate of a year and a half in the Jefferson Charge in Frederick County (February, 1912 - December, 1913). Mr. Sykes then became pastor of the Third Reformed Church at Greensburg, Pa., serving there from December, 1913, until February, 1934. During his pastorate here, the congregation built a new church and parsonage.

He resigned and retired in February, 1934, on account of ill health. He died at his home in Greensburg on April 18, 1934, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services in the Third Church at Greensburg on April 20 were in charge of the ministers of Westmoreland Classis. He was buried in Greensburg.

On October 16, 1894, Mr. Sykes was married to Miss Clara Hammond Krauskop, daughter of Frey Krauskop of Lancaster, Pa. The ceremony was performed in the Chapel of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, assisted by Rev. C. L. Oswald of the Evangelical Church. He was survived by his widow and one daughter.

Mr. Sykes served the Reformed Church as a member of the Board of Ministerial Relief, President of Pittsburgh Synod, and as Treasurer of Westmoreland Classis. In 1926 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; April 26, 1934

May 3, 1934

Seminary Register

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. OLIVER PERRY FOUST

O. P. Foust, son of William and Marietta Foust, was born near St. Petersburg, Clarion County, Pa., on November 22, 1865. He was graduated from the St. Petersburg High School and then taught school for two years. He was graduated from the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg in 1889, and then entered Heidelberg College where he spent two years. In 1891 he transferred to Wooster, Ohio, College, graduating in 1893.

From 1893 until 1895 he was Superintendent of Schools at Orrville, Ohio, and then taught Mathematics in the Akron, Ohio, High School for two years (1895 - 1897). He was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1899, and was licensed on May 2 of that same year.

During the two years Mr. Foust was a student in the Theological Seminary, he served the Carrothers, Ohio, congregation as student-supply. During his second year in the Seminary, he served the Massillon, Ohio, congregation also.

He was ordained and installed in 1899 as pastor of the First Reformed Church at Massilon, Ohio, which he served until 1916. During his pastorate here the congregation became self-supporting. He was for some years a member of the Board of Education at Massilon.

In September, 1916, at the request of the Board of Home Missions, Mr. Foust came to Canton, Ohio, for the purpose of organizing a new congregation of the Reformed Church in that City. He organized the Lowell Reformed Congregation of Canton on October 29, 1916. A new church was dedicated in April, 1925, and on January 1, 1934, the congregation reached self-support.

Mr. Foust died at his home in Canton on June 10, 1934, at the age of sixty-eight. Funeral services in the Lowell Church on June 14 were in charge of Rev. R. W. Blemker, assisted by Revs. E. G. Klotz

and F. W. Kissel. Rev. M. E. Beck preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. H. N. Kerst, E. P. Herbruck and W. L. Nauman. He was buried in the cemetery at Massilon. The funeral services were attended by fifty-seven ministers.

On July 17, 1893, Mr. Foust was married to Miss Eliza A. Covert of Ashland County, Ohio. He was survived by his widow and four sons. He was a brother of Rev. W. W. Foust, a minister of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; June 14, 1934

July 5, 1934

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. CHARLES BENTON ALSPACH, D. D.

C. B. Alspach, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Alspach, and brother of Rev. W. A. Alspach, was born on a farm near Thornville, Ohio, on August 20, 1861. His early education was acquired with difficulty, due to poverty and the scarceness of good schools in his home community. He attended the public school for several months during each year, and was for three months a student in a high school. In 1882, he entered Heidelberg College, graduating in 1886. Then for two years he was Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Steubenville, Ohio. He entered the Ursinus School of Theology in 1888 at Collegeville, Pa., graduating in 1890. He was licensed by Philadelphia Classis in May of that same year.

On June 9, 1890, Mr. Alspach was ordained by a committee of Philadelphia Classis, consisting of Revs. J. H. Sechler, F. C. Yost and G. W. Stibitz. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Pleasantville, Pa., Charge, which he served until 1892. Then for one year he was Principal of the Preparatory Department of Ursinus College.

In 1893 he became pastor of Shiloh Reformed Church at Danville, Pa., serving there until 1896. From January, 1896, until 1906 he was pastor of Messiah Congregation at Philadelphia. During this pastorate the new Messiah Reformed Church was erected.

In November, 1906, he took charge of a newly-organized (organized on July 8, 1906) congregation in the northern part of Philadelphia, with the name, "Mt. Hermon Reformed Church". In 1908 a new church building was dedicated, and in 1915 a Sunday School Building was added, and the church auditorium was re-modelled and enlarged. The re-dedication date was November 21, 1915.

Mr. Alspach served Mt. Hermon congregation until 1929, and then on account of failing eye-sight, he resigned with the intention of

retiring from active service. However, just at this time, the Berger Home for the Aged at Wyncote, a suburb of Philadelphia, was opened and Mr. Alspach was elected as its first Superintendent. He accepted this position and so continued until the end of his life.

Mr. Alspach died at the Berger Home, Wyncote, near Jenkintown, Pa., on June 15, 1934, at the age of seventy-two. Funeral services were held at the Mt. Hermon Church on June 19 in charge of Rev. B. S. Stern and Elder J. S. Sechler. Rev. Maurice Sampson preached the funeral sermon; Rev. J. R. Stein delivered an address. His body was interred in the Mausoleum of the Ivy Hill Cemetery at Philadelphia.

During his pastoral career Mr. Alspach did a great deal of evangelistic work for other ministers. He was a member of the Board of Home Missions, and in 1924 was elected President of the Eastern Synod. For twenty-five years he was Stated Clerk, and for nine years, Treasurer of Philadelphia Classis.

In 1889 Mr. Alspach was married to Miss Elizabeth Varwig. He was survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters. In 1914 Ursinus College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; June 21, 1934

August 9, 1934

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. ABRAM EMIL DAHLMAN, D. D.

A. E. Dahlman, brother of Rev. Jacob Dahlman and son of Rev. Abraham Dahlman, was born at Lancaster, N. Y., on April 25, 1853. His father at the time of his birth was pastor of the German Reformed Church at Lancaster.

His preparatory education was acquired at the Freeland Seminary (later, Ursinus College). He was graduated from Ursinus College in 1873, and from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1876. He was licensed by Philadelphia Classis on May 19, 1876.

After having been ordained in 1876 he was commissioned as a Home Missionary to work in Brooklyn, N. Y. He organized the Graham Avenue Congregation in Brooklyn (now, Emanuel's Church, Woodhaven, Long Island) and in 1878 the congregation bought a church building in Brooklyn from another denomination. He served this church until January, 1881, and then became pastor of St. John's (German) Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa.. In February, 1883, he became pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Philadelphia, where he served until April, 1889. From 1889 until 1893 he was pastor of Emanuel's Reformed Church of Philadelphia, and from 1893 until 1911, of Zion's Reformed Church at Buffalo, N. Y.

In September, 1905, Mr. Dahlman was elected to a professorship in the Mission House Theological Seminary, and again in September, 1908. He declined both these Calls. However, when he was elected a third time, he accepted the professorship of Systematic Theology in the Mission House Seminary and served in that position from 1911 until 1925. From 1911 until 1923 he was also President of the Seminary. In 1925 he became Superintendent of the Evangelical Home for the Aged, near Philadelphia, serving there until 1927.

In 1927 Mr. Dahlman retired from active service and moved to Springville, N. Y., where he resided until the end of his life. How-

ever, during the years of his retirement, he was supply-pastor for part of the time of Hope Church in Philadelphia; also, of Salem, Jerusalem and St. John's Churches of Buffalo.

Mr. Dahlman was one of the founders of the German Synod of the East and served as its President and Stated Clerk. After the death of his brother, Rev. Jacob Dahlman, he was German Stated Clerk of the General Synod for a number of years (until 1905). In 1905 he was unanimously elected President of General Synod at Allentown, serving until 1908. He was a member of the Sunday School Board for twenty-eight years, represented the Reformed Church in the Federal Council of Churches, and was a member of the Commission on the Union with the Evangelical Synod of North America. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Mission House College, and of the Board of Visitors of the Mission House Theological Seminary. He was the founder of St. Paul's and St. John's Churches at Buffalo; also, one of the founders of the Deaconess Home, Hospital and Old Folks' Home in Buffalo. Mr. Dahlman was a prolific writer for the German papers of the Church.

Mr. Dahlman was seized with a stroke of paralysis on February 21, 1934, followed by a second stroke in May, after which he was helpless. He died at his home in Springville on June 15, 1934, at the age of eighty-one.

Funeral services in the home on June 18 were in charge of Revs. H. Snitker and J. Kochner. Further services in Zion's Reformed Church, Buffalo, were in charge of Rev. H. E. Schnatz, who also preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. C. A. Hauser and F. F. Bahner. Revs. G. Gaerllner, A. Meussling and J. Storrer assisted in the services. He was buried in Zion's Pine Hill Cemetery at Cheekowaga, N. Y.

On November 13, 1877, Mr. Dahlman was married to Miss Bertha

Elise Eulner, daughter of Rev. Louis Eulner of Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlman celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage in November, 1902, and the fiftieth in November, 1927. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom two sons were drowned in Lake Erie on July 12, 1907. Mrs. Dahlman died on November 3, 1937. Four sons and five daughters survived. In 1897 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Dahlman the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; June 21, 1934

July 5, 1934

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. ALBERT KLINGER

Albert Klinger, son of Henry and Maria Klinger, was born near West Alexandria, Ohio, on April 7, 1863. At the age of fifteen he was a teacher in the Bradford, Ohio, Presbyterian Sunday School. He was graduated from the Bradford High School in 1884.

At the age of twenty-five, Mr. Klinger began preaching in a small church near Shelby, Ohio, at the same time studying for the Ministry under the direction of Rev. G. E. Ludwig of Greenville, Ohio (for two and one-half years). He organized a congregation at Oran, Ohio, and built a church.

Mr. Klinger was ordained by Miami Classis on July 8, 1891, and installed as pastor of the New Pittsburgh, Indiana, Charge, composed of congregations at New Pittsburgh, Boundary and Salamonia. He built a new church at Boundary in 1891. Mr. Klinger served here until October, 1892, and then became pastor of the Springboro, Ohio, Charge which he served until May, 1899. From 1899 until June, 1903, he was pastor of the Pulaski, Ohio, Charge, consisting of congregations at Pulaski, Bunker Hill and Beaver Creek. He next served the Navarre, Ohio, Charge from 1903 until 1906, building a parsonage at Navarre.

From 1906 until 1908 Mr. Klinger was without a pastoral Charge on account of illness. From October, 1908, until 1912 he was pastor of the Ada, Ohio, Charge. He then went to Foreman, Arkansas, and served a Presbyterian congregation at that place until 1915. From May, 1916, until 1922 he was pastor of the Guilford, N. C., Charge, and from 1922 until 1929 of the Mt. Moriah Charge, Keedysville, Md.

He served the Pymatuning Charge, New Hamburg, Pa., from 1929 until 1932, and the Saegerstown, Pa., Charge from 1932 until the end of his life.

Mr. Klinger died, after an illness of two months, at New Hamburg on June 20, 1934, at the age of seventy-one. Funeral services in St. Mark's Reformed Church at New Hamburg on June 22 were in charge of Rev. W. M. Dieffenderfer, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. A. M. Keifer, P. J. Dundore, W. H. Kerschner, V. J. Tingler, W. O. Miller, V. A. Ruth, R. I. Gass and H. R. Ash assisted in the services. He was buried at Bradford, Ohio, on June 23.

On September 6, 1885, Mr. Klinger was married to Miss Mary Olive Myers of Bradford. She died at Springboro between 1892 and 1899. On June 8, 1899, he was married a second time to Miss Laura E. Mann who survived him with five children.

References: Messenger; July 19, 1934

August 16, 1934

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935

History of Maryland Classis.

REV. ANDREW URBAN

Andrew Urban was born at Zaheny, Hungary, on March 6, 1883. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Buda-Pest, and was then Professor of Religious Education in the Academy at Munkacs, Hungary. I do not know when he came to America or when he began pastoral service in the Reformed Church in the United States. He served a pastorate at Kearsarge, Michigan, and then in 1918 became pastor of the First Hungarian Reformed Church at Buffalo, N. Y., serving there until 1926.

He then organized a Hungarian congregation in the West Side of Buffalo (date of organization, March, 1926). In the same year a church and parsonage were erected. He continued to serve this congregation as its pastor until the end of his life.

Mr. Urban died of heart failure at his home in Buffalo on July 3, 1934, at the age of fifty-one. Funeral services were held in the West Side Hungarian Reformed Church on July 6. Rev. A. Toth preached in the Hungarian language; Rev. C. E. Schaeffer preached in English. Revs. A. Kalassay, F. Ujlaky and A. Bernath assisted in the services. He was buried at Buffalo.

Mr. Urban was never married. He was survived by a brother and a sister in Hungary.

References: Messenger; July 12, 1934

July 26, 1934

August 23, 1934

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. WILLIAM ELIAS HARR

W. E. Harr, son of William and Eliza (Cope) Harr, was born at Benjamin (South Perkasio), Bucks County, Pa., on November 2, 1874. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1898, and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1901. In May of that same year he was licensed by Tohickon Classis.

Mr. Harr was ordained on October 6, 1901, by a committee of Reading Classis, consisting of Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, H. Y. Stoner and J. R. Brown. At the same time he was installed as pastor of Faith and St. James congregations in Reading, serving both congregations until 1908. From 1908 until 1910 he was pastor of Faith Church only.

In April, 1910, Mr. Harr became pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church at Lock Haven, Pa., serving there until the end of his life, a period of twenty-four years.

In the early summer of 1934 Mr. Harr entered the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia for a sinus operation. It was thought that he returned to his home too soon after the operation, with the consequence that meningitis developed. Mr. Harr died at his home in Lock Haven on July 3, 1934, at the age of fifty-eight.

Funeral services in St. Luke's Church on July 6 were in charge of the officers of West Susquehanna Classis. Rev. A. S. Asendorf preached the funeral sermon. Revs. J. R. Stein, H. H. Rupp and W. C. Rittenhouse assisted in the services. Further services in St. Paul's Church, Sellersville, were in charge of Rev. W. F. Curtis. He was buried at Sellersville. A memorial service was held in St. Luke's Church at Lock Haven on July 12.

Mr. Harr was never married. He was survived by three brothers and one sister. In June, 1930, he celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate at Lock Haven.

References: Messenger; July 12, 1934. August 2, 1934
Seminary Register. Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. ALBERT ELI TRUXAL, D. D.

A. E. Truxal, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Truxal, was born near Greensburg, Pa., on October 30, 1844. He was baptized, confirmed and examined for licensure by Rev. N. P. Hacke. As a youth he was influenced by Rev. F. K. Levan and Rev. J. A. Peters to study for the Christian Ministry. His preliminary education was acquired in the public school, at an academy in Westmoreland County, and at Westmoreland College at Mt. Pleasant, Pa. He entered the Sophomore Class at Franklin and Marshall College in 1866, graduating in 1869, taking second honor and delivering the Franklin Oration. He entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in 1869, spending two years at Mercersburg, and his Senior Year at Lancaster after the removal of the Seminary in 1871, graduating in 1872. During the school year of 1871 - 1872, he had charge of Freshman classes in Greek and History at Franklin and Marshall College. He also, during his college and Seminary years, taught school in summer vacations, for two summers being ⁱⁿ charge of the Penn Hall Academy in Center County.

On August 13, 1872, Mr. Truxal was ordained by Somerset Classis and installed as pastor of the New Centerville, Pa., Charge, which he served from 1872 until 1880. During his pastorate a new church was erected at New Centerville. He organized a congregation at Rockwood in 1879 and built a church, acting as solicitor for funds, supervisor of construction, and paymaster during the building operations.

In 1880 Mr. Truxal became pastor of the Irwin, Pa., Charge, serving there until 1887. While in this pastorate he organized a congregation at Larimer, Pa., and built a church for the use of the congregation. From 1887 until 1894 Mr. Truxal was pastor of the Brush Creek Charge, Manor Station, Pa. Here, also, he built churches at Manor Station (1887), Denmark Manor, and at Harrison City.

In 1894 Mr. Truxal entered upon his last pastorate, at Amity

Reformed Church, Myersdale, Pa., which continued until his retirement in 1921, after having served continuously in the pastorate for forty-nine years. While he ^{was} at Myersdale, a new parsonage was erected and the church re-modelled and enlarged. In 1921 he moved to Somerset, Pa., where he resided until the end of his life. During his pastoral career he dedicated seven new church buildings: at New Centerville, Rockwood, Larimre, Manor Station, Denmark Manor, Harrison City and Myersdale. He also assisted in the dedication of twenty-one other churches.

Mr. Truxal served as President of Somerset Classis and as President of Pittsburgh Synod. From 1881 until 1897 he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. In 1886 he declined a Call to be pastor of the Bellefonte, Pa., Charge.

Especially during his later years, Mr. Truxal contributed many articles to the Church periodicals. Twenty-six articles from his pen were published in the Reformed Church Review; and one hundred and seventy-seven in the Messenger. In 1928 (May to November) he published a series of twenty-three articles in the Messenger on the general subject, "My Faith and My Hope"; and in 1928 - 1929, a series of six articles on "A Study of the Constitution of the Reformed Church". Most of his writing for publication was done after he was seventy years old.

Mr. Truxal died at his home in Somerset, Pa., on July 21, 1934, at the age of eighty-nine. At the time of his death he was the oldest alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College.

Funeral services on July 23 in the home were in charge of Rev. G. L. Roth, pastor of Amity Church. He was buried at Somerset.

On September 12, 1876 Mr. Truxal was married to Miss Eva Kooser of Somerset. He was survived by his widow and four children. Mr. and Mrs. Truxal celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their

marriage in September, 1901, and the fiftieth in September, 1926. In 1892 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Truxal the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; July 26, 1934

August 30, 1934

Seminary Register

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. ROBERT O'BOYLE

Robert O'Boyle was born at Kutztown, Pa., on July 28, 1860. He received his preliminary education in the public school and at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, graduating in 1881. He then entered the Sophomore Class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1884. He was duly graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1887, and was licensed by Lancaster Classis on May 21 of that same year.

He was ordained by Somerset Classis in the latter part of May, 1887, and installed as pastor of the New Centerville, Pa., Charge, which he served until November, 1888. From November, 1888, until June, 1891, he was pastor of the Yellow Creek Charge (also called Pattonville Charge), Loysburg. He served the Shenandoah, Pa., Charge from 1891 until 1898, and the Paradise Charge, Sunbury, Pa., from 1898 until 1915.

He was then called to be pastor of St. John's Reformed Church in West Philadelphia. This was the most laborious and disheartening pastorate of his ministerial career, involving a struggle to maintain and increase the efficiency of a congregation located in a part of the City which was rapidly filling with an undesirable element of population. During his later years he was not in good health, his activities being frequently interrupted by periods of illness.

Mr. O'Boyle died suddenly of heart failure at his home in West Philadelphia on September 1, 1934, at the age of seventy-four. Funeral services on September 4 in St. John's Church were in charge of Revs. E. H. Romig, J. R. Stein and C. A. Hauser. At his own request there was neither sermon nor address. The interment took place at Sunbury on September 5, the burial service in charge of Revs. C. W. Walck, E. H. Romig and C. A. Hauser. Mr. O'Boyle was a member of the American Huguenot Society and had served as President of the Eastern

Synod.

On June 14, 1887, he was married to Miss Flora J. Bitner of Center Hall, Pa. The ceremony was performed at the home of relatives of the bride in Harrisburg by Rev. G. A. Schwedes. Mrs. O'Boyle died on May 1, 1890.

On June 27, 1895, Mr. O'Boyle was married a second time by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew to Mrs. Hannah R. Reese of Shenandoah. He was survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter. In September, 1924, he declined a Call to be pastor of St. John's Church at Riegelsville, Pa.

References: Messenger; September 6, 1934

September 20, 1934

Seminary Register

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. HENRY THOMAS SPANGLER, D. D., LL. D.

H. T. Spangler was born at Myerstown, Pa., on November 14, 1853. He was a student at Palatinate College, and then at the opening of Ursinus College in 1870, entered the Sophomore Class in that Institution, graduating in 1873, a member of the first Class to be graduated by Ursinus College, and as Valedictorian of his Class. He was then a student of the Ursinus School of Theology (then located at Collegeville), graduating in 1875. He was licensed by Lebanon Classis on June 5 of that same year.

Mr. Spangler served as Assistant-Editor of the Christian World, at that time published in Cincinnati, from 1875 until the end of 1876. Having accepted a Call to be pastor of the Lancaster, Ohio, Charge, Mr. Spangler severed his connection with the Christian World and entered upon his first pastoral relationship, being ordained and installed in the latter part of 1876 or the early part of 1877.

Mr. Spangler was pastor of the Lancaster, Ohio, Charge, and of the Columbiana, Ohio, Charge before September, 1880, but I am not able to assign a date to the end of his first pastorate or the beginning of the second. In September, 1880, he became pastor of the Landisburg, Pa., Charge, serving there until 1884.

In 1884 when Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger resigned the pastorate of St. Luke's Church at Trappe, Pa., in order to devote all his time to the Presidency of Ursinus College, Mr. Spangler became his successor, serving the congregation at Trappe until 1891. In 1891 he accepted the Professorship of Psychology at Ursinus College and served in that position until 1893.

On July 6, 1893, Mr. Spangler was elected President of Ursinus College. He was inaugurated in September of that year and continued as the head of the Institution until March, 1904.

After 1904 I am not able to present a detailed account of Mr. Spangler's career. Vague references say that he engaged in a variety of activities, but whether ecclesiastical or secular, I am not able to say. In 1928 he was living in retirement in Collegeville.

Mr. Spangler died at his home in Collegeville on September 5, 1934, at the age of eighty. Funeral services on September 8 in St. Luke's Church at Trappe were in charge of Revs. John Lentz, A. C. Ohl, J. H. A. Bomberger (a nephew) and President G. L. Omwake of Ursinus College. He was buried at Trappe.

On June 22, 1876, in connection with the Commencement exercises and as a part of the Commencement Program, Mr. Spangler was married to Miss Marion E. Bomberger, daughter of President J. H. A. Bomberger, the ceremony being performed by the bride's father. In June, 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Spangler celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Spangler died on February 14, 1915. Mr. Spangler was survived by two sons and a daughter.

In 1894 Heidelberg College conferred upon Mr. Spangler the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1928 he received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Ursinus College.

References: Messenger; September 13, 1934

September 27, 1934

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. IRVIN SAMUEL DITZLER

I. S. Ditzler, son of Daniel H. and Mary (Ruff) Ditzler, brother of Rev. John A. Ditzler and nephew of Rev. Henry Ditzler, was born near New Oxford, Pa., on August 16, 1879. He attended the public school and then was a student at the York Collegiate Institute, from which he was graduated in 1903. He was graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology (at Philadelphia) in 1906. On May 19 of that same year he was licensed by Gettysburg Classis.

On June 9, 1906, Mr. Ditzler was ~~was~~ ordained in Faith Church, York, Pa., by a committee of Zion's Classis, consisting of Revs. O. P. Schellhamer, ^{and} J. J. Stauffer. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Quickel's Charge, consisting of Faith congregation in York and the Quickel's congregation at Emigsville in York County. He served here from June, 1906, until May, 1907. The record of Mr. Ditzler's subsequent pastorates follows: Thomasville, N. C., Charge, May, 1907 - June, 1908; McConnellsville^{town}, Pa., Charge, June, 1908 - December, 1910; New Berlin, Pa., Charge, December, 1910 - November, 1913; Lischey's Charge near Spring Grove, Pa., November, 1913 - November, 1915; East Berlin, Pa., Charge, November, 1915 - May, 1919; Jefferson Charge, Codorus, Pa., May, 1919 - May, 1920; McConnellstown, Pa., Charge (second pastorate), May, 1920 - June, 1923; East Berlin, Pa., Charge (second pastorate), June, 1923 - June, 1925; Carlisle Rural Charge, Carlisle Springs, Pa., June, 1925 - April, 1926; New Berlin, Pa., Charge (second pastorate), April, 1926 - June, 1928; White Deer Charge, West Milton, Pa., June, 1928 - September, 1934. Mr. Ditzler thus served three "repeat" pastorates: at McConnellstown, at New Berlin, and at East Berlin.

He died of heart trouble at his home in West Milton on September 10, 1934, at the age of fifty-five. Funeral services in St. Paul's Reformed Church at West Milton on September 12 were in charge of Rev.

H. H. Rupp, who also preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. E. L. Botteiger and T. L. Coyle. Revs. A. S. Asendorf and H. L. Wink assisted in the services.

Further services on September 13 in Emmanuel's Reformed Church at Hanover, Pa., were in charge of the pastor, Rev. E. F. Hoffmeier; Rev. M. J. Roth preaching the sermon. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Hanover.

Mr. Ditzler served as President of Gettysburg Classis (1916 - 1917) and of West Susquehanna Classis (1930 - 1931). A new church was built at New Berlin during his first pastorate there. A new Sunday School building was erected at West Milton in 1931; also the White Deer Charge, which had been a Mission for a number of years, became self-supporting during his pastorate.

On June 14, 1906, Mr. Ditzler was married to Miss Anna Gertrude Miller, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Miller of Phoenixville, Pa. Mrs. Ditzler died on September 3, 1907, at Thomasville, N. C., leaving an infant son (Harold E.).

On December 2, 1909, Mr. Ditzler was married a second time to Miss Mary B. Heffner of McConnellstown, Pa. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of Trinity Reformed Church, Philadelphia, by Rev. J. S. Heffner, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. J. M. Isenberg. He was survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter. One son, Rev. H. E. Ditzler, is a minister of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; September 20, 1934

October 4, 1934

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.

REV. JACOB STEWART HARTMAN

J. S. Hartman, son of George W. and Elizabeth (Durboraw) Hartman, was born on a farm near Littlestown, Pa., on January 7, 1865. He was a student in the public school, the Preparatory Department of Gettysburg College, and was graduated from Gettysburg College in 1885. He then attended the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1888. On May 25 of that same year he was licensed by Lancaster Classis.

On July 15, 1888, Mr. Hartman was ordained in St. Stephen's Reformed Church at New Holland, Pa., by a committee of Lancaster Classis, consisting of Revs. J. S. Stahr, E. V. Gerhart and N. J. Miller. At the same time he was installed ^{pastor} of the New Holland Charge, consisting of three congregations: New Holland, Zeltenreich and Wogansville.

He served here until 1891 and then became pastor of the Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., his pastorate here extending from 1891 until 1899. While at Harrisburg, Mr. Hartman organized the St. John's Sunday School, which later developed into St. John's Congregation at Harrisburg.

On October 1, 1899, he became pastor of St. Mary's Reformed Church at Silver Run, Md., which he served until May, 1908. From 1908 until 1910 he was pastor of the Woodstock, Va., Charge.

In 1910 he was called to be the first Superintendent of the Hoffman Orphanage, located between Littlestown and Gettysburg. The Orphanage was opened on February 1, 1911, in a modest way in one cottage which had been erected the year before. Also, the buildings on the farm, given by Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman, were used in the administration of the Orphanage. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, as Superintendent and Matron, respectively, spent seven laborious years in establishing and carrying on the work of the Orphanage until 1917, when Mr. Hartman became pastor of the Cavetown, Md., Charge, with

congregations at Cavetown, Leitersburg and Wolfsville. He continued in this pastorate until the end of his life.

On October 12, 1934, Mr. Hartman was stricken while driving alone in his automobile at Detour, Md. He was taken to the home of relatives nearby, where three hours afterwards he died without regaining consciousness.

Funeral services in Christ Reformed Church at Cavetown on October 15 were in charge of Rev. S. R. Wagner, assisted by Revs. H. A. Fesperman and J. S. Hollenbach. Forty ministers attended the funeral services. He was buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Littlestown.

On June 7, 1888, Mr. Hartman was married in Redeemer's Reformed Church at Littlestown by Rev. D. N. Dittmar to Miss Ella Flickinger of Littlestown. Mrs. Hartman died on June 30, 1925, after an illness of six months. On September 22, 1926, he was married a second time at the home of his son in Philadelphia by Rev. U. C. Gutelius to Miss Emma Wolfinger of Leitersburg, Md. He was survived by his widow, four sons and three daughters. One son, Rev. R. E. Hartman, is a minister of the Reformed Church. A second son, Lic. G. N. Hartman (deceased) was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work to the end of his life. A brother, Dr. G. W. Hartman, is a prominent layman of the Church, engaged in many of its activities.

References: Messenger; October 18, 1934

November 15, 1934

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REV. EUGENE BOROS

Eugene Boros was born in Hungary on November 15, 1874. He was educated in the University of Saropatak, Hungary, graduating in 1894. Then for some years he was engaged in teaching and tutoring in his native country.

He came to America in 1904, was graduated from the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, ordained and installed as pastor of the Hungarian Church at Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Boros served this congregation from 1908 (began service as student-supply in 1907, before graduation) until 1917. He went to Gary, Indiana, in 1917, organized a Hungarian congregation in that City and served as its pastor until 1922. From 1902 until the end of his life he was pastor of the Burnside Hungarian Church at Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Boros served for several years as President of the Western Hungarian Classis. He was decorated with the "Crux Rubra Hungarica" by Admiral Horthy for outstanding work among the Hungarians in America.

Mr. Boros died at his home in Chicago on October 24, 1934, at the age of fifty-nine.

References: Messenger; November 1, 1934

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. JULIUS VOLLPRECHT

Julius Vollprecht was born in Labrador, Canada, on December 24, 1859. He spent his early life in a Moravian community and was educated under Moravian auspices at the "Herrnhut" in Labrador.

He came to the United States in early manhood and engaged in business for some years; then entered the Mission House, graduating from the Theological Department in 1891. He was ordained in that same year and served several pastorates in Ohio and Nebraska.

In 1928 he retired from the active ministry, entered the German Protestant Home for the Aged at Philadelphia; also served as Chaplain of the Home to the end of his life. He died at the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia on October 24, 1934, at the age of seventy-four.

In 1895 Mr. Vollprecht was married to Miss Clara K. Horlacher, a deaconess. Mrs. Vollprecht died a few years after her marriage.

References: Messenger; November 15, 1934

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. J. DUDLEY MAEDER

J. D. Maeder, son of Captain Elias and Gertrude (Shrum) Maeder, was born at Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada, on June 17, 1859. He was descended on his father's side from a long line of sea-captains and ministers.

He acquired his education in Canada, graduating in 1882 from the Theological Seminary of Mt. Allison University at Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, and licensed as a minister of the Methodist Church on June 20, 1898. Later he ^{was} transferred to Bermuda where he did missionary work for some years.

Mr. Maeder came to the United States (date not known) and entered Drew Theological Seminary. After graduation he served several brief pastorates in the Methodist Church in the States of New York and Vermont.

In 1923 he was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church by East Pennsylvania Classis. In that same year he was dismissed to North Carolina Classis to be pastor of the Gilead Charge in North Carolina, which he served from 1923 until July 20, 1925. Mr. Maeder then retired from the active ministry, and moved to Salisbury, N. C., where he resided until the end of his life.

He died at his home in Salisbury on November 5, 1934, at the age of seventy-five. Funeral services on November 7 in the home were in charge of Rev. G. T. Fitz. He was buried in the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Salisbury.

On October 5, 1880, Mr. Maeder was married to Miss Mina A. Hirtle. He was survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter. Mr. Maeder was the author of the volume "Christ and the Chosen People".

References: Messenger; November 15, 1934.

January 3, 1935.

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. LUTHER P. GROSS

The information concerning Mr. Gross' life and pastoral career is very deficient. We know nothing of his birth, parentage or early education. He was ordained by the Synod of Ohio in July, 1885, and installed as pastor of the Kentland, Indiana, Charge which he served for two years. He was at Brooks, Indiana, for one year, 1887 - 1888, at Canaan, Ohio, from 1888 until 1891, and at Marion, Ohio, from 1891 until 1895.

From 1895 his residence was at Tiffin, Ohio, until the end of his life, but whether or not he retired from the active ministry in 1895, I do not know. A reference in the Messenger says that he resigned the Marion Charge, ^{in 1892} but if so, he resided at Marion for three years longer.

Mr. Gross died at his home in Tiffin on November 16, 1934, at the age of more than ninety. He ~~was~~ survived by three sons and one daughter.

References: Messenger; November 29, 1934

Christian World; November 24, 1934.

REV. LADISLAUS TEGZE

Ladislau Tegze, regarded as the Nestor of Hungarian pastors of the Reformed Church in the United States, was born at Fertosalmas, Hungary, on May 19, 1856. He was graduated from the Gymnasium in 1874, studied at Maramarossziget, and then entered the Theological Seminary at Debrecen. He was ordained in 1880 and served three pastorates in Hungary.

Mr. Tegze came to America in 1905 and served pastorates at Delray, Michigan, and Passaic, New Jersey.

After an illness of six years, Mr. Tegze died at his home in Passaic on December 5, 1934, at the age of seventy-eight. Funeral services were held in the Hungarian Reformed Church at Passaic on December 8. Rev. Geza Takaro preached the funeral sermon; Rev. Alexander Toth delivered an address at the grave. He was buried in the cemetery at Passaic.

References: Messenger; December 27, 1934

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. EDWARD HERBRUCK, Ph. D., D. D.

Edward Herbruck, son of Rev. and Mrs. Peter Herbruck, was born at Canton, Ohio, on May 11, 1849. He attended the public schools at Canton and then entered Heidelberg College, graduating in 1868. During his Junior and Senior years at college, he studied Theology, so that he was able to graduate from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary one year later (1869) at the age of twenty.

The references to Mr. Herbruck's pastoral career are indefinite and incomplete. He was pastor at Trinity Church, Canton (his home church, ^{was First Church Canton} of which his father was pastor for almost half a century) and then at Akron, Ohio.

In 1881 he was elected Editor of the Christian World by the Synod of Ohio, whereupon he moved to Dayton (where the Christian World was published at that time), residing there until 1896. In that year he was elected Professor of Church History and Archeology in the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, residing at Tiffin until the merger of Heidelberg Seminary with the Ursinus School of Theology in 1907 to form the Central Theological Seminary, whereupon he moved back to Dayton.

Mr. Herbruck resigned his professorship in 1919 and was elected Professor-Emeritus. From 1919 until the end of his life he resided in a home which he had built just to the west of Dayton. In 1933 his home was destroyed by fire, but was immediately re-built.

In the late fall of 1934, while on a visit to the home of his daughter in Cleveland, Mr. Herbruck became ill, and after being confined to bed for more than a month, died in Cleveland on December 8, 1934, at the age of eighty-five.

Funeral services on December 10 in the Central Reformed Church at Dayton were in charge of of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Rowe, assisted by Revs. B. M. Herbster, G. W. Stibitz and L. W. Stolte. Addresses

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were delivered by Revs. A. S. Zerbe, H. J. Christman and W. W. Rowe. He was buried at Dayton.

In 1889 Mr. Herbruck made a tour of the Holy Land. He later wrote and published a book, "Under Eastern Skies", in which he described his experiences on that trip.

He was married (exact date not given, 1884 - 1886) to Miss Clara Burroughs of Fairfield, Ohio. He was survived by one son, two daughters and two brothers. One of his brothers, Rev. Emil Herbruck, was a minister of the Reformed Church.

In 1883 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Herbruck the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In 1895 Heidelberg College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; December 13, 1934

December 20, 1934

Christian World; December 29, 1934

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936

Alumni Register, Central Seminary.

REV. MAXIMILIAN F. DUMSTREY

M. F. Dumstrey was born in Berlin, Germany, on June 5, 1854. He came to America in 1872, entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1876, graduating in 1879, was licensed and ordained by Western Pennsylvania Classis (?) in that same year.

Mr. Dumstrey served as pastor of St. Paul's (German) Reformed Church at Pittsburgh from May, 1879, until July, 1887. He was the pastor of St. John's Reformed Church at Zelienople, Pa., from July, 1887, until November, 1891.

He then became pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church at Philadelphia, serving there until June, 1923, when he resigned and retired, being elected Pastor-Emeritus.. During his years of retirement, Mr. Dumstrey resided at Fort Washington. During a vacancy in St. Luke's Church, he served as temporary-pastor from December, 1927, until June, 1928.

Mr. Dumstrey died at his home in Fort Washington on December 15, 1934, at the age of eighty. Funeral services were held in St. Luke's Church on December 18, and he was buried in the West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia. After his death St. Luke's Church installed a set of chimes in his memory.

Mr. Dumstrey served twice as President of the German Synod of the East. For thirty-seven years, 1892 - 1929, he was Stated Clerk of the German Philadelphia Classis.

On August 14, 1879, Mr. Dumstrey was married to Miss Annie Thoma at the residence of the bride's parents in East Liberty, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. F. Fritze, assisted by Rev. G. B. Massolsky. Mrs. Dumstrey died in Philadelphia on November 11, 1913. He was married a second time (date not given) to Miss Wilhelmina

Drehman of Philadelphia. He was survived by his widow, one daughter and one son, Chaplain Herbert Dumstrey of the United States Navy (retired).

References: Messenger; December 20, 1934

March 7, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. MARTIN VITZ, D. D., Sc. D.

Martin Vitz, one of five brothers to enter the Ministry of the Reformed Church, and son of Rev. and Mrs. Peter Vitz, was born in Preble Township, Adams County, near Decatur, Indiana, on August 15, 1857. In 1861 the family moved to Huntingdon, Indiana, and in 1871 to Lafayette, Indiana. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Huntingdon and Lafayette, also at the Rural Home Institute at Lafayette.

In 1874 he entered the Mission House Academy, spending three years there. In 1877 he entered the Sophomore Class in Heidelberg College, graduating in 1880. He then returned to the Mission House for his theological studies, graduating from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1882. While he was a theological student he assisted his father in the pastoral work of the Vera Cruz, Indiana, Charge. He was licensed in 1882.

During the summer of 1882 he was ordained by Zion's Classis of the Synod of the North-West and installed as pastor of a Mission congregation at St. Paul, Minnesota, which he served from 1882 until 1888. From 1888 until 1895 he was pastor of Zion Church, New Bremen, Ohio, where, during his pastorate, a new parsonage was built and preparations made for building a new church. From 1895 until 1897 Mr. Vitz was pastor of the Fourth Reformed Church at Cleveland.

From 1897 until 1907 Mr. Vitz was employed in the Editorial Department of the Central Publishing House at Cleveland. A reference in the Messenger says that he resigned the Euclid, Ohio, Charge in 1907, leaving the inference that he was serving a pastorate while employed at the Central Publishing House.

In 1907 Mr. Vitz was elected Professor of Natural Science in the Mission House College. He served in this position until 1921, when he retired on account of ill-health and moved to St. Bernard, a sub-

urb of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he resided until the end of his life. During his retirement Mr. Vitz spent some time in Cuba where his health was greatly improved.

Mr. Vitz died at his home in St. Bernard on December 16, 1934, at the age of seventy-seven. I have not been able to find any record of his funeral and burial.

Mr. Vitz was a member and Secretary of the Western (German) Board of Home Missions. He was Stated Clerk of Minnesota Classis from 1883 until 1888, and of Heidelberg Classis from 1890 until 1895.

Mr. Vitz is well-known for his literary work. He translated, wrote and edited many books. He was one of the editors of "Lehrerbibel" the German Teachers' Bible; also the author of "A Booklet for Catechumens", "Bible Stories" and "A Dictionary of the Proper Names of the Bible". He was an accomplished musician.

On February 26, 1882, Mr. Vitz was married to Miss Mary Ellen Engler of Vera Cruz, Indiana. Mrs. Vitz died on February 22, 1901. On November 24, 1908, he was married a second time to Miss Minnie Boll of St. Louis, Missouri. He was survived by his widow and six children.

Mr. Vitz held degrees of Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Science but I do not know in what years or by what Institutions they were conferred.

References: Messenger; January 3, 1935

February 14, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. JOHN WILLIAM GILDS

J. W. Gilds was born near Lewistown, Frederick County, Md., on August 3, 1871. He was baptized by Rev. A. R. Kremer and confirmed by Rev. S. M. Hench. He entered Ursinus College in 1894, graduating in 1898. He was duly graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1900, and was licensed by Maryland Classis on May 19, 1900, at its annual meeting at Manchester.

Mr. Gilds was ordained on July 30, 1900, by a committee of East Pennsylvania Classis, consisting of Revs. S. P. Mauger, W. H. Wotring and T. O. Stem. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Memorial Reformed Church at Easton, Pa., a Mission congregation. He served here from 1900 until 1908 and then became pastor of the Tinicum, Pa., Charge, consisting of the Upper Tinicum and Lower Tinicum Congregations. In 1924 the Ferndale Congregation was added, after which the Charge was designated the "Nockamixon - Tinicum Charge". After 1923 Mr. Gilds resided at Riegelsville.

He served this Charge from 1908 until the end of his life. Mr. Gilds died at his home in Riegelsville on December 20, 1934, at the age of sixty-two. Funeral services in St. Luke's Church at Ferndale on December 24 were in charge of Rev. S. J. Kirk, assisted by Revs. C. B. Weaver, C. Mogul and A. S. Fisher. He was buried at Easton.

On June 23, 1898, Mr. Gilds was married to Miss Sarah Steinmetz. He was survived by his widow and three sons.

References: Messenger; December 27, 1934

January 17, 1935

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REV. FRANKLIN F. BAHNER, D. D.

F. F. Bahner, son of John and Catharine Bahner, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., on September 1, 1849. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. R. Duenger and confirmed at the age of fourteen by Rev. W. C. Cremer on May 16, 1864, in St. John's Reformed Church, Snyder-town, Pa.

After attending the public schools of his native community, the Elysville Academy, and the Washington Hall Collegiate Institute at Trappe, Pa., under the direction of Rev. H. H. W. Hibschan, he entered Ursinus College, graduating in 1873, a member of the first Class to be graduated by that Institution. He studied Theology during his college course, and was, therefore, licensed by Philadelphia Classis at Shenkel's Church in Chester County on June 5, 1873. He was ordained on December 27, 1873, by a Committee of East Susquehanna Classis of which Rev. J. W. Steinmetz was the Chairman.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of St. John's Reformed Church at Milton, Pa., which he served from 1873 until 1877. In November of that year he became pastor of the Waynesboro, Pa., Charge, consisting of Trinity Church, Waynesboro, Salem Congregation, west of Waynesboro, and the Harbaugh Congregation near the mountains to the East. Mr. Bahner served this Charge until 1920, a period of forty-two and a half years. Upon his resignation, he was elected Pastor-Emeritus. He continued to reside at Waynesboro until the end of his life, doing supply work in three Charges over a period of six years.

During his pastoral career Mr. Bahner served as President of Mercersburg Classis several times. He was for many years a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg Academy. Besides publishing thirteen articles in the Messenger, Mr. Bahner was the author of "A Supplemental Catechetical Book", and "Hand-book of the Heidelberg League", an organization which he had originated for young people of

the Reformed Church. His most important literary work was the "Bomberger Memorial Discourse", a biography of Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, including an exhaustive interpretation of Dr. Bomberger's theological position, especially with reference to his part in the Liturgical Controversy.

Mr Bahner seems to have enjoyed anniversaries. He celebrated the twenty-fifth of his ordination in October, 1898, the fortieth in October, 1913, the forty-third in 1916, and the fiftieth in 1923. Mr. Bahner was an ordained minister of the Reformed Church for a period of sixty-one years. He celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate at Waynesboro in November, 1902, the thirtieth in 1907, the thirty-sixth in 1913, and the fortieth in 1917.

On May 19, 1874, Mr. Bahner was married to Miss Mary Ellen Carpenter, daughter of B. S. Carpenter, Esq., of Elmira, N. Y. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. T. K. Beecher, a brother of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher of New York. Mrs. Bahner died at Waynesboro on July 14, 1933, leaving one son and one daughter.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Bahner made his home with his married daughter at Erie, Pa. He died at Erie, after an illness of one day, on December 29, 1934, at the age of eighty-five. (He had preached on Christmas Day, 1934). Funeral services in Trinity Church, Waynesboro, on January 1, 1935, were in charge of the pastor, Rev. S. E. Lobach, assisted by Revs. V. H. Jones, E. W. Brindle, I. W. Hendricks, J. W. Meminger and J. H. Mickley. Addresses were delivered by Judge W. R. Davidson and Rev. H. C. Erdman. He was buried in the Green Hill Cemetery at Waynesboro.

References: Messenger; January 3, 1935.

February 7, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY MADER

W. H. Mader was born at Union Deposit, Pa., on July 15, 1858. After acquiring an elementary education he taught in the public schools for two years, also taught music. He was graduated from Palatinate College in 1882, then again taught school for several years, and was employed as an organist and choir-master. In the course of his career he became acquainted with Rev. R. W. Miller when he was pastor at Hummelstown, who persuaded him to study for the Ministry. He studied Theology privately for two years, and then in 1894 entered the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1895. In June of that same year he was licensed by Lancaster Classis.

On June 23, 1895, he was ordained by East Pennsylvania Classis and installed as pastor of St. Peter's Church at South Easton, Pa., where he served from 1895 until 1920.

This was Mr. Mader's only pastoral Charge. He retired in 1920, after the death of his wife, and moved to Pasadena, California, where he resided until the end of his life.

Mr. Mader died at his home in Pasadena, after an extended illness, on December 31, 1934, at the age of seventy-six. Funeral services on January 2, 1935, were in charge of Rev. E. F. Evemeyer. He was buried at Easton, Pa.

On December 3, 1883, Mr. Mader was married to Miss Ella C. Longenecker, who died in January, 1920. In 1923 he was married a second time to Miss Nellie Shaffer. He was survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters.

References: Messenger; January 17, 1935

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Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. CHRISTOPHER NOSS, D. D.

Christopher Noss, son of Rev. and Mrs. John G. Noss, was born at Huntingdon, Indiana, on September 23, 1869. His elementary education was acquired in the public schools at Westminster and Silver Run, Md. He was then a student in the Preparatory Department of Western Maryland College at Westminster. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1884, graduating with first honor in 1888.

After his graduation from college, Mr. Noss taught Physics and Botany at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown from 1888 until 1891, during the principalship of Dr. N. C. Schaeffer. During the latter part of his term at Kutztown, he also taught Latin and Greek.

In 1891 he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. After one year, he transferred to the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, spending one year there. For the school year of 1893 - 1894, Mr. Noss returned to the Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1894. During the summer of 1893 he did missionary work at Stroudsburg, Pa. In his first year at the Seminary, he was Dr. Gerhart's Secretary, giving three hours of service each day in exchange for room and board at Dr. Gerhart's home. He was licensed by Maryland Classis on May 19, 1894, at Silver Run.

In 1894 Mr. Noss was appointed Missionary to Japan. In order that he might be the better prepared for this work, he spent one year in the University of Berlin in Germany, studying under Profs. Harnack and Paulson.

Before leaving for service as a Foreign Missionary, Mr. Noss was ordained during an evening session of the Synod of the Potomac in the Evangelical Reformed Church at Frederick, Md., but he was not ordained by the Synod as is usually supposed. On October 23, 1895, Maryland Classis held a special meeting at Frederick, confirmed Mr.

Noss' Commission by the Board of Foreign Missions, and appointed a committee on ordination, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. T. Rossiter and C. S. Slagle. The Classis also invited the candidate's father, who before December, 1894, had been a pastor in the Classis, to participate in the service of Ordination. On that same evening, December 23, 1895, Mr. Noss was ordained by this committee, appointed by Maryland Classis, and not by a committee of the Synod of the Potomac.

Before leaving for Japan Mr. Noss was married to Miss Lura Boyer of Aquashicola, Pa., on November 27, 1895. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John G. Noss at the parsonage of the Reformed Church in New Holland, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Noss left almost immediately for Japan, arriving in Sendai on January 1, 1896.

He was Professor of Ethics and Apologetics in North Japan College from 1896 until 1903. In the meantime Mrs. Noss had developed a serious disease of the lungs so that it was necessary for the Noss family to return to America. It was soon decided that Mrs. Noss could not return to Japan.

After the death of Dr. E. V. Gerhart in May, 1904, the Synods unanimously elected Mr. Noss to the Chair of Systematic Theology in the Seminary at Lancaster. He assumed the professorship on January 1, 1905, and served in the Seminary until 1909. From 1905 until 1909 he was also the Seminary Librarian. Mrs. Noss died of tuberculosis in 1907.

In 1909 Mr. Noss was urgently challenged by the Board of Foreign Missions to return to Japan. He, himself, greatly desired to go. Accordingly, he resigned his professorship and sailed for Japan in the latter part of 1909 for another term of Foreign Missionary service, this time, however, to Wakamatsu to do evangelistic work.

Before leaving for Japan in 1909, Mr. Noss was married on July 14 of that year to Miss Carolyn Day, a teacher in the Shippen School

fessor in Berea College, Berea, Kentucky; Frederick B., pastor of a Congregational Church at Andover, Massachusetts; Christopher, pastor of St. Mary's Reformed Church, Silver Run, Md. (once served by his grandfather, Rev. John G. Noss); and David B., Professor in Heidelberg College. Mr. Noss' only brother, Rev. Charles L. Noss, who died only recently, was also a minister of the Reformed Church.

During his ministerial career Mr. Noss contributed many articles, chiefly on missionary topics, to the Messenger. In addition, he was the author of "A Text-Book on Colloquial Japanese", used extensively in America and Europe (published in 1903); and "Tohoku, the Scotland of Japan". In 1907 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Noss the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; January 3, 1935

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History of the Theological Seminary (Richards):

Biography of Rev. Christopher Noss, prepared by

his son, Dr. John B. Noss.

REV. DAVID JOHN WOLF

D. J. Wolf, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Baker) Wolf, was born at Carlisle Springs, Pa., on December 31, 1866. He attended the public schools of Cumberland County, and at the age of eighteen began to teach in the Middletown Township School of his native county. After teaching three years he entered the Shippensburg Normal School, and then spent two years at Mercersburg College during the presidency of Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh. In 1890 he entered the Sophomore Class of Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1893. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1896. While in college and Seminary he was a member of the College Foot-Ball Team when Dr. W. M. Irvine was the foot-ball coach. During the spring and summer of 1894 he taught in a select school at Zion in Center County. In the summer of 1895 he was Dr. Wolf's assistant at the Spring Mills Academy, also organized a Sunday School at Vicksburg, Pa.

Mr. Wolf was licensed by Carlisle Classis on May 16, 1896. On September 20 of that same year he was ordained by a committee of Westmoreland Classis, consisting of Revs. W. H. Tussing and E. D. Meixell. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Ruffsdale, Pa., Charge, which he served from 1896 until 1898. From November, 1898, until November, 1904, he was pastor of the Glade Charge, Walkersville, Md. During his pastorate here, the Charge built a new parsonage beside the new Glade Church, which had been erected in Walkersville only two years before.

From November, 1904, until March, 1915, Mr. Wolf was pastor of the Taneytown, Md., Charge. Here, also, he built a new parsonage in Taneytown. Mr. Wolf was next pastor of the Apollo, Pa., Mission Congregation, which he served from 1915 until 1921. While at Apollo he taught in the public school.

From 1921 he served the Homestead, Pa., Mission until the end of

his life. He built a new parsonage at Homestead.

Mr. Wolf, who had not been in good health for several years, made his last appearance in the pulpit at Grace Church, Taneytown, where he preached to a tremendous audience on the occasion of the re-dedication program on November 14, 1934. He returned home on the next day and was taken with an illness which resulted in his death at his home at Homestead on December 31, 1934, on his sixty-eighth birthday.

Mr. Wolf was President of Maryland Classis in 1909 - 1910, also served as President of Clarion Classis and of Pittsburgh Synod. He was Stated Clerk of Allegheny Classis for five years.

On June 2, 1897, Mr. Wolf was married to Miss Jessie Durst of Potter's Mills, Center County, Pa. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home by Rev. S. H. Dietzel, assisted by Rev. Fouse. He was survived by his widow and two sons.

In May, 1905 Mr. Wolf was elected pastor of the Youngwood, Pa., Charge, and in 1925 of the Alexandria, Pa., Charge; both of which Calls he declined.

References: Messenger; January 10, 1935

April 11, 1935

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History of Maryland Classis.

REV. A. J. BURKETT

Our information concerning Mr. Burkett begins with his reception into the Ministry of the Reformed Church from the United Brethren Church in 1899. His pastoral record from 1899, from our few available sources, appears to be the following: Sulphur Springs, Ohio, January, 1899 - 1906; New Washington, Ohio, 1906 - 1915; Near Shelby, Ohio, 1915 - 1919; Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1919 - 1925; Toledo, Ohio, 1925 - to the end of his life. He died between September, 1934, and September, 1935.

References: Scattered References in Messenger and Reformed Church Almanac.

REV. W. E. LUDWICK

W. E. Ludwick was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1883 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1885. He was ordained in that same year and installed as pastor of the Three Rivers, Michigan, Charge, which he served until 1887. He was then pastor of the Greenville, Ohio, Charge which, according to the Messenger, he resigned in 1898, but his residence was at Greenville until 1906. From 1906 until 1910 he was pastor at Lincoln, Nebraska, and from 1910 until 1912, at Ulysses, Nebraska.

From 1912 until 1919, he is not listed among the ministers of the Reformed Church. He is recorded as serving again at Lincoln as pastor in 1919 for a short period of only two months. He resided at Lincoln until 1922, and then until 1932 his residence was unknown. From 1932 until 1934, he lived at Diller, Nebraska. He was afterwards reported as serving a Federated Church in Kansas. His death occurred between September, 1934, and September, 1935.

References: Scattered References in Messenger and Reformed Church Almanac.

1935 REV. WILLIAM MARTIN DIEFENDERFER, D. D.

W. M. Diefenderfer, son of Allen Victor and Emma Elizabeth (Muir) Diefenderfer, was born at Emaus, Pa., on November 11, 1881. After passing through the public school of his native community he was a student at the Perkiomen Seminary at Pennsburg. In September, 1900, he entered the Sophomore Class in Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1903. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1906. On May 19 of that same year he was licensed by Lehigh Classis in the Union Church of the Jordan Charge.

On July 22, 1906, he was ordained by a committee of St. Paul's Classis, consisting of Revs. W. J. Muir (his uncle) and H. F. Keller. At the same time he was installed as pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Sharon, Pa., which he served until the end of his life. In the earlier years of his pastorate he also taught in the Sharon High School.

Mr. Diefenderfer was a Director of Hood College and a member of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' and Old Folks' Home at Greenville (for three years he was Secretary of the Board). From 1932 until 1934 he was a member of the Executive Committee of the General Synod. He was president of St. Paul's Classis twice, and in 1922 was elected President of Pittsburgh Synod; also, for some years he served as Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod.

In the latter part of 1934 Mr. Diefenderfer became ill. He was bed-fast from January 6, 1935, and on January 16 was stricken with paralysis. After being unconscious for two days he died at his home in Sharon on January 20, 1935, at the age of fifty-three.

Funeral services in St. Paul's Church on January 24 were in charge of Rev. P. J. Dundore, assisted by Revs. H. R. Ash, V. A. Ruth, O. Person and H. Davis. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Sharon.

In January, 1920, Mr. Diefenderfer was married to Miss Alma A. Warner of Sharon. He was survived by his widow and two sons. In 1933 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Diefenderfer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; January 31, 1935

February 7, 1935

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Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. PAUL LEO TROUTMAN

P. L. Troutman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Troutman, was born at Hebe, Northumberland County, Pa., on November 2, 1906. After studying at Susquehanna University he taught school for two years. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1927, graduating in 1930.

While he was a student at the Seminary he served as student-supply pastor for the Armstrong Valley Charge, residing at Halifax, Pa. After his graduation from the Seminary he was ordained by Lancaster Classis and continued in the Armstrong Valley Charge as regular pastor until 1931. From 1931 until the end of his life he was pastor of Emanuel's Church, Lansford, Pa.

In January, 1935, Mr. Troutman was taken ill with what was thought to be a severe cold. When his condition did not improve he was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from a complication of diseases of long standing. He died suddenly at the hospital at Lansford on January 29, 1935, at the age of twenty-eight.

Funeral services in Emanuel's Church on January 31 were in charge of Rev. J. A. Schaeffer who also preached the funeral sermon. Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. K. Wetzell and T. J. Schneider. Revs. E. W. Kohler, A. C. Thompson and O. S. Frantz assisted in the services. On February 1, further services at Hebe were in charge of Rev. E. S. Noll, assisted by Revs. J. C. Brumbach, G. J. Moyer and A. A. Welsh. Rev. C. W. Walck preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining St. David's Church.

Mr. Troutman was married to Miss Carolyn Louise Malick (date not given). He was survived by his widow and two daughters; also by his parents, six brothers and two sisters.

References: Messenger; February 7, 1935. February 21, 1935.

Seminary Register. Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. JAIRUS POLK MOORE, D. D.

J. P. Moore, son of William and Hannah Moore, was born at Perkasio, Bucks County, Pa., on November 27, 1847. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. N. S. Strassburger in the Tohickon Church. When the young lad was two years old, his father died and the family was separated, all the children being placed in foster-homes.

His lot in childhood was a hard one; a few months of school in winter and an abundance of hard work. He had lived in four different homes before he was sixteen years old. At the age of sixteen he was given a black suit of clothes and "put out" of his last foster-home. From that time on he ~~was~~^{was} compelled to depend upon his own resources. He worked for a while in a cigar factory, and then with some financial help from relatives and friends, he was able to attend the Bucks County Normal and Classical Institute at Quakertown. He was confirmed on Christmas Day, 1865, as a member of the Reformed Church at Quakertown.

Having passed the teachers' examinations, he was a school-master for four years. In 1869 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating with honor in 1873. After graduation from college, he taught for three years in New Jersey and Connecticut (1873 - 1876). In 1876 he entered the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, graduating in 1878. In September, 1877, he was licensed by Tiffin Classis, but that must have been a temporary license to allow him to serve as student-supply in a congregation during his Senior year at the Seminary. On June 17, 1878, he was regularly licensed by Tiffin Classis, and then on July 14, 1878, he was ordained by a committee of Lancaster Classis, consisting of Revs. E. V. Gerhart, J. B. Shumaker and J. S. Stahr. At the same time he was ordained as pastor of the Millersville, Pa., Charge, consisting of congregations at Millersville, Rohrerstown and Conestoga.

In March, 1883, Mr. Moore was appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions as Missionary to Japan, the second Foreign Missionary to be sent by the Reformed Church to that country. Mr. Moore resigned his pastorate at Millersville, sailed for Japan and arrived in Tokyo on October 1, 1883.

Mr. Moore was engaged especially in evangelistic work as a missionary, although he did a great deal of teaching also. His first four years were spent at Tokyo, where he also taught in the "Peer's School", attended by the sons of the nobility. In 1887 he went to Yamagata where he organized a congregation, and also taught English in the Government School at that place. During his career, he served as Principal of the Girls' School at Sendai (later, Miyagi College), as Professor of Practical Theology and Church History at the Theological Seminary at Sendai, and was teacher of English in Sendai College (a Government school, not North Japan College). Mr. Moore's activities in the evangelistic field centered chiefly at Tokyo and in Miyagi Province, including Sendai.

In 1923, after a service of forty years in the mission field in Japan, Mr. Moore retired and returned to America. Before his departure from Japan, upon the occasion of the celebration of his fortieth anniversary as a missionary, he was highly honored by the Governor of Miyagi Province and by the Mayor of Sendai. He was formally retired by the Board of Foreign Missions in 1924. During the years of his retirement he lived at Lansdale, Pa., spending his time in writing and speaking in behalf of the Cause of Missions.

During his missionary career, Mr. Moore visited America on furlough in 1891, 1899, 1909, and 1917.

He died at his home in Lansdale of pneumonia on February 7, 1935, at the age of eighty-seven. Funeral services in St. John's Church at Lansdale on February 11 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. N.

Sayres. Rev. A. V. Casselman preached the funeral sermon. He was buried at Lansdale.

In May, 1873, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Annie Arnold of Lancaster. During her earlier years in Japan, Mrs. Moore was active in missionary work and published a number of articles in the Messenger. She died on December 5, 1910.

On February 8, 1913, he was married a second time in the Union Church at Yamagata to Miss Anna D. F. Thompson, who had been a missionary of the Dutch Reformed Church in Japan. Mrs. Moore died in Japan on December 9, 1922.

On June 9, 1926, he was married a third time in St. John's Reformed Church at Philadelphia to Mrs. Edna Thompson Suydam, who survived him.

In 1892 Heidelberg University conferred upon Mr. Moore the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was the author of a volume, "Forty Years in Japan", published in 1926. Also, he published one article in the Reformed Church Review and one hundred and thirty-two articles in the Messenger, chiefly on the general subject of Missions.

References: Messenger; February 14, 1935

March 7, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. R. FRANKLIN MAIN

R. F. Main, son of George J. and Sarah (Coblentz) Main, was born near Middletown, Md., on April 17, 1868. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1894, and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1897. He was licensed by Maryland Classis at Westminster on May 22, 1897.

On September 26, 1899, Mr. Main was ordained by Somerset Classis and installed as Assistant-Pastor of the Beam Charge, Hollsapple, Pa. He was to have special charge of the Bethel Congregation and to do missionary work at Windber. He served here until 1901, and then became pastor of the Worthville, Pa., Charge, consisting of two congregations. In 1908 he became pastor of the Larimer, Pa., Charge, with congregations at Larimer and Trafford City, serving here until 1919. During his pastorate in this Charge a new church was built at Trafford City. In September, 1919, Mr. Main became pastor of the First Reformed Church, Brunswick, Md., a Mission congregation. He served here until the end of his life.

Mr. Main died suddenly, while at work in the basement of the church at Brunswick, on February 8, 1935, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services in the church at Brunswick were in charge of Rev. J. S. Adam, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. A. Conner, A. S. Peeler, G. K. Ely and H. S. Shue assisted in the services. He was buried in the Cemetery of Christ Reformed Church at Middletown.

Mr. Main was President of Clarion Classis, and in 1930 was elected President of Maryland Classis. In 1930 he made a tour of the Holy Land. Mr. Main was never married, his only survivors being two brothers and two sisters.

References: Messenger; February 14, 1935. March 21, 1935.
Seminary Register. Reformed Church Almanac, 1935.
History of Maryland Classis.

REV. ANDREW HOCKER

Andrew Hocker was born near Galion, Ohio, on April 28, 1862. He attended Calvin College and was graduated from the Mission House College in 1884. He was duly graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1887.

He was ordained in that same year and installed as pastor of the Genoa Bluff Charge, near Marengo, Iowa, where he served from 1887 until 1899. During his pastorate here, two new churches and a parsonage were erected. His subsequent pastoral service was given at Ashland, Ohio, Dundas, Illinois, a Mission Station in Oklahoma, and as pastor of St. Paul's and Peace Churches near Galion, Ohio, but I am not able to state the length of service in each Charge, or dates. From 1920 until the end of his life he lived in retirement in Galion.

Mr. Hocker died at his home in Galion on February 14, 1935, at the age of seventy-two. Funeral services were held in the home on February 16, with interment in the cemetery at Galion.

Mr. Hocker was married (date not given) to Miss Gepke von Borkum, who died in 1923. He was married a second time (date not given) to Mrs. Lena Trecht, who survived him.

Reference: Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. CONRAD CLEVER, D. D.

Conrad Clever, son of George and Isabella (Kelso) Clever, was born at Cleversburg, Franklin County, near Shippensburg, Pa., on February 11, 1848. He entered Gettysburg College in 1866, spending two years there, and then in 1868 entered the Junior Class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1870. He was a student at the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg for one year, coming with the Seminary when it was moved to Lancaster in 1871, and graduating in 1873. In that same year he was licensed and ordained by Lancaster Classis.

In 1873 he was installed as pastor of the Columbia, Pa., Charge, serving there until 1879, and then became pastor of the Third Reformed Church at Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Clever was the successor in the Third Church of Rev. Daniel Gans, who had resigned as pastor of the congregation in May, 1878, after much trouble and dissension in the congregation. Mr. Gans joined the Roman Catholic Church. The trouble had originated, it was alleged in the Sunday School. In the meantime, Maryland Classis had authorized the organization of a congregation in what Gans considered the territory of his own congregation. Gans was so angered by the action of the Classis that he inspired members of the congregation to accuse the Classis publicly of acting "thoughtlessly and recklessly." When Mr. Clever came, the congregation was divided, discouraged and ready to disband. However, by tact, kindness and especially by hard work, Mr. Clever was able to unite the congregation and to develop it into one of the staunchest, strongest churches of the Reformed denomination in Baltimore. He was the beloved pastor of the Third Church for twenty-five years.

In 1904 Mr. Clever became pastor of Christ's Charge, Hagerstown, Md., consisting of Christ's congregation in Hagerstown, and Salem

congregation, four miles north-west of Hagerstown. His pastorate here was likewise successful and blessed in every way.

He continued to serve this large and laborious Charge of nearly a thousand members for many years beyond what might be regarded as the retiring age for a minister. At the time of his retirement in 1930, after having served in Hagerstown for twenty-six years, Mr. Clever was eighty-two years old, and even then the chief cause of his resignation was a serious accident which had injured him physically so that it was impossible for him to perform his pastoral duties.

At his retirement he was elected Pastor-Emeritus, and he then moved to Shippensburg, Pa., close to his birth-place, where he resided until the end of his life. His pastoral career consisted, therefore, of continuous service to the Church for a period of fifty-seven years.

Mr. Clever died suddenly at his home in Shippensburg on February 19, 1935, at the age of eighty-seven. Funeral services in the home on February 22 were in charge of Rev. C. E. Blum. Further services in Grace Church, Shippensburg, were in charge of Revs. C. E. Blum, F. W. Bald, E. S. Lamar and Boyd Edwards. In accordance with his request there was neither sermon nor eulogy. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining the church.

Mr. Clever was President of Maryland Classis (1886 - 1887), President of the Synod of the Potomac, a member of the Board of Home Missions and of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg Academy. From 1893 until 1898 he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. He was active in the Church Extension Society of Baltimore which largely brought about the organization of seven Mission congregations of the Reformed Church in that City. He was also an officer in a number of charitable organizations in

the City. For many years he was the efficient President of the Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church, continuing in the same office when the Sunday School Board became the Board of Christian Education.

Mr. Clever was the author of seventeen articles published in the Reformed Church Review, and of eighty-five published in the Messenger, of which the most important was a series of four articles on the topic, "Why Am I Reformed?" (1891). He was also an occasional contributor to the "Presbyterian" and other church papers and magazines.

He celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his pastorate in the Third Church in 1894, the twentieth in 1899, the twenty-fifth in 1904, the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination in 1923, the fifty-fourth in 1927, and his eightieth birth-day in February, 1928.

On June 6, 1899, Mr. Clever was married to Miss M. Elizabeth Everhart of Baltimore. He was survived by his widow and one daughter; also by one brother and one sister. In 1889 Ursinus College conferred upon Mr. Clever the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; February 28, 1935

March 21, 1935

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REV. WILLIAM D. STOYER

W. D. Stoyer was born in Delaware Township, Mercer County, near New Hamburg, Pa., on December 1, 1869. His early education was acquired in public and private schools, also in the Edinboro State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1890. He spent one year at Franklin and Marshall College, then transferred to Thiel College, graduating in 1895. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1898, and was licensed by St. Paul's Classis in June of that same year.

In the summer of 1898 he was ordained by Schuylkill Classis and installed as pastor of the Tremont, Pa., Charge, which he served until 1901. From 1901 until 1905 he was pastor of the Auburn, Pa., Charge; from 1905 until 1910, of the First Reformed Church at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; and from 1910 until 1921, of the St. John's Charge, St. John's, Pa.

In 1921, on account of increasing deafness, he retired from the active ministry and moved to Philadelphia where he was employed by the Board of Christian Education of the Reformed Church until the end of his life.

Mr. Stoyer died suddenly at his office in the Schaff Building in Philadelphia on March 4, 1935, at the age of sixty-five. Funeral services in Christ Reformed Church at Philadelphia on March 7 were in charge of Rev. P. E. Deitz, assisted by Revs. P. S. Leinbach, J. R. Stein and A. R. Tosh. He was buried on March 8 at Tower City, Pa.

On June 4, 1902, Mr. Stoyer was married by Rev. G. G. Greenawald to Miss Bessie M. Stuck of Pine Grove, Pa. He was survived by his widow and one son.

References: Messenger; March 14, 1935.

March 28, 1935

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REV. JOSEPH MITMAN BEAN

J. M. Bean, son of Joseph and Mary (Mitman) Bean, was born near Quakertown, Bucks County, Pa., on December 10, 1869. He was a student in the Quakertown High School, then spent two years at Ursinus College, and entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1898, graduating in 1902. He was licensed by Tohickon Classis in June of that same year. He was ordained by West Susquehanna Classis at Hublersburg in the fall of 1902 and installed as pastor of the Susquehanna Charge, Montgomery, Pa., where he served until 1906. From 1906 until 1910 he was pastor of the Sugar Creek Charge, Chicora, Pa., and then served as pastor of the Armstrong Valley Charge, Halifax, Pa., from 1910 until the end of 1911.

Mr. Bean then retired from the active ministry and moved back to Montgomery, where he engaged in manufacturing at Montgomery from the beginning of 1912 until 1922. In 1922 he became owner and manager of the Ideal Shirt Company at Sykesville, Pa., continuing in the operation of that enterprise until the end of his life. After moving to Sykesville he and his family affiliated themselves with the Reformed Church at DoBois, of which he was a regular attendant and taught in the Sunday School. In the later years of his life he did a great deal of traveling in connection with his business activities. In 1933, on one of his periodic business trips he was severely injured in an automobile accident near Baltimore, Md., from which he never entirely recovered.

Mr. Bean died suddenly of neuritis and heart failure at his home in Sykesville on March 18, 1935, at the age of sixty-five. Funeral services in the home on March 20 were in charge of Rev. H. L. Logsdon. Further services on March 21 in the Union Reformed and Presbyterian Church at Montgomery were also in charge of Rev. H. L. Logsdon. He was buried in the Fairview Cemetery at Montgomery.

On November 23, 1904, Mr. Bean was married to Miss Mary Decker at the home of the bride at Montgomery. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Havis of the Lutheran Church at Montgomery, assisted by Rev. J. M. Runkle. He was survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

References: Messenger; April 4, 1935

May 2, 1935

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REV. ALVIN SYLVESTER ZERBE, Ph. D., D. D.

A. S. Zerbe was born at Reading, Pa., on October 27, 1847. Not long after his birth his parents moved to the neighborhood of Delaware, Ohio, where he spent his boyhood and acquired his elementary education. He was a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University from 1864 until 1867, and then entered Heidelberg College, graduating with high honors in 1871. He was likewise graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1873. Later he studied at Leipsig, Germany, at Columbia University in New York City, and at the University of Chicago.

After being licensed and ordained, he served as a missionary in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was also Assistant-Editor of the Christian World, which at that time was published at Cincinnati. He continued in this double capacity of pastor and editor until 1875, when he was called to be Adjunct Professor of Mathematics and Ancient Languages at Ursinus College. In 1879 he became Professor of Greek, German and French at Heidelberg College, continuing in that position until 1888.

In 1888, due to Dr. J. H. Good's illness, he was asked to teach some of Dr. Good's classes in the Heidelberg Theological Seminary. Soon after the death of Dr. Good, in that same year, he was elected full-time Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology in the Heidelberg Theological Seminary at a salary of Two Hundred Dollars for the first year, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the second year, and Three Hundred Dollars for the third year and thereafter, as the maximum salary.

Dr. Zerbe continued to serve in this Professorship until the merger of the Heidelberg Theological Seminary with the Ursinus School of Theology in 1907, a merger for which he was largely responsible.

After the merger was completed, Dr. Zerbe continued as Professor in the New Central Theological Seminary, teaching Systematic Theology

as well as Old Testament subjects until 1912.

In that year (1912) a re-adjustment of the Curriculum was made, which relieved him of teaching any subjects except Systematic Theology. This arrangement continued until his retirement from the Professorship in 1922, after having taught in the Theological Seminary for a period of thirty-four years. After 1922 Dr. Zerbe continued to teach minor courses in the Department of Systematic Theology practically to the end of his life. His entire teaching career, therefore, in college and seminary, covered a period of sixty-one years.

Dr. Zerbe became extremely interested in Barthianism, purchasing, reading and studying all books by Karl Barth and on the subject of Barthian Theology (more than one hundred), published in four languages. It is said that he was well versed in no less than fourteen languages. As a result of these studies he wrote and published a number of books, pamphlets and articles on the general subject of Barthianism.

In addition to publishing seven articles in the Reformed Church Review and thirty-seven in the Messenger, besides numerous articles in the Christian World and other church papers and magazines of the Reformed Church, Dr. Zerbe published the following volumes: "The Old Testament for Our Times" (1888); "The Hammurabi Code" (1905); "Antiquity of the Hebrew Language and Literature" (1911); "Is Reconstruction of Christian Doctrine a Present Possibility?" (1914); and his great book on Barthian Theology (1933?).

Dr. Zerbe died at his home in Dayton on March 21, 1935, at the age of eighty-seven. Funeral services were held on March 25 and he was buried at Xenia, Ohio.

In 1894 Dr. Zerbe was married to Miss Sallie Leaman of Xenia. Mrs. Zerbe died on October 29, 1919.

In 1879 Illinois Western University conferred upon Mr. Zerbe the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In 1893 Ursinus College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; March 28, 1935

April 18, 1935

May 2, 1935

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REV. GEORGE F. CHENOT

G. F. Chenot was born on April 20, 1863. We have no record, however, of his parentage, place of birth or preparatory education. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1894 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1897.

After being licensed and ordained, Mr. Chenot served the Barryville, Ohio, Charge from 1897 until 1899. He was pastor of the Marlboro, Ohio, Charge from 1899 until 1902; of the Bunker Hill Charge, West Unity, Ohio, from 1902 until 1905; and of the Paradise Charge, Louisville, Ohio, from 1905 until 1913.

In 1913 Mr. Chenot moved to Tiffin, Ohio, and resided there until the end of his life, but whether to serve a Charge there or to live in retirement, I do not know.

He died at Cleveland, Ohio, while on a visit to relatives, on March 30, 1935, after an illness of three days with pneumonia, at the age of seventy-one.

References: Messenger; April 18, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

Complete biographical sketch of George Frederick Chenot, prepared by his children is in the name file of the Historical Society of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

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REV. PARK HALLOWAY WEAVER

P. H. Weaver, son of Henry B. and Lucena (Halloway) Weaver, was born at Columbiana, Ohio, on February 28, 1871. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1894 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1897.

After having been licensed and ordained, he was installed as pastor of the Germano, Ohio, Charge, which he served until 1899. He was then pastor of the Navarre, Ohio, Charge from 1899 until 1902; of the Kingston, Ohio, Charge from 1902 until 1908; of the Bluffton, Indiana, Charge, from 1908 until 1913; and of the Thornville, Ohio, Charge from 1913 until 1916.

He then served a short pastorate of one year at Three Rivers, Michigan, and in 1917 became pastor of one of the congregations of the Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio. In 1920 Mr. Weaver retired from the active ministry and for the remainder of his life was Field Agent and Supervisor of Child Placement in the Ohio State Welfare Department. His residence during this service was at Tiffin.

Mr. Weaver died at his home in Tiffin on April 14, 1935, at the age of sixty-four. Funeral services in the home on April 17 were in charge of Rev. H. B. Roth and Rev. F. R. Casselman. He was buried at Tiffin.

On August 3, 1897, Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Rhoda Herman, who survived him with four children.

References: Messenger; April 25, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. CALVIN BOYD HELLER

C. B. Heller was born in Madison Township, Columbia County, near Bloomsburg, Pa., on December 27, 1853. His ancestors came to America in 1738, landing in Philadelphia. They were the founders of Hellertown, Pa. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. William Goodrich and confirmed by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier. He worked on the farm and attended school about three months in each year.

After acquiring an elementary education he taught school for two years at Washingtonville, then entered the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, graduating in 1877. Mr. Heller then entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1881. He was a student at the Theological Seminary for three years, graduating in 1884. During his Seminary course he was Dr. E. V. Gerhart's private secretary. In his first Seminary year, he taught at Franklin and Marshall Academy; during his second and third years he was a teacher in the Episcopal School for Girls at Lancaster, and also did private tutoring.

Mr. Heller was licensed by Maryland Classis at Clear Spring on June 24, 1884. He was ordained in the Old Stone Church in Rowan County, North Carolina, on June 30, 1884, by a committee of North Carolina Classis, consisting of Revs. G. D. Gurley, Paul Barringer and A. P. Horn. Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, who happened to be present, preached the ordination sermon.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of the East Rowan Charge which he served until the end of 1891. During his pastorate here, he conducted a school especially for the children of the congregations of his own Charge.

In February, 1892, Mr. Heller became pastor of the Mt. Crawford, Va., Charge, consisting of two congregations. He served here until June, 1898, and then from 1898 until October, 1902, he was pastor of the Everett, Pa., Charge. In October, 1902, Mr. Heller returned to

North Carolina as pastor of the Lincoln Charge at Maiden. While in this pastorate he taught in Catawba College during the absence of the President, Rev. G. A. Snyder. He served the Lincoln Charge until 1906, and then became pastor of the Shiloh (Crescent) Charge, Faith, N. C., which he served until 1912.

Mr. Heller was then dismissed to the Presbyterian Church and served pastorates in that denomination at Spencer, N. C., and the Second Presbyterian Church at Salisbury until 1923. He was then pastor of the Cape Fear Group of four congregations, Elizabethtown, N. C., until 1931.

In 1931 he retired from the active ministry and moved to Salisbury where he resided until the end of his life. He died at his home in Salisbury, N. C., on May 19, 1935, at the age of eighty-one. He was buried in the cemetery of the Old Stone Church of the East Rowan Charge.

Mr. Heller was a member of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College for six years; also a member of the Board of Managers of the Nazareth Orphans' Home. He was President of North Carolina ^{Classis} twice, President of Virginia Classis, and in 1907 was elected President of the Synod of the Potomac. In 1901 he declined a Call to be pastor of the Water-street Charge, Alexandria, Pa.

On June 5, 1884, Mr. Heller was married to Miss Medora Ellen Wallace, in the Lutheran Church at Port Royal, Pa. He was survived by two daughters.

References: Messenger; August 15, 1935

September 19, 1935

Seminary Register.

REV. ASHER THEODORE WRIGHT, S. T. D.

A. T. Wright was born at Bushkill Center, Northampton County, Pa., on June 8, 1863. We know nothing about his educational preparation for the Ministry until his graduation from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1898. He was licensed by Philadelphia Classis in May of that same year.

On December 19, 1898, Mr. Wright was ordained by Zion's Classis and commissioned as a Home Missionary to work in the western part of York, Pa. As a result of his efforts Bethany Congregation in York was organized and a new church erected. In 1900 Mr. Wright became pastor of the Rockingham Charge, Mt. Crawford, Va., serving there until 1909. From 1909 until 1911 he was pastor of the Fairfield, Ohio, Charge, and from January, 1911 until 1917, of the Red Lion, Pa. Charge. He served Grace Church, Columbiana, Ohio, from 1917 until 1921, and then was pastor of the Manheim, Pa., Charge.

Mr. Wright ~~then~~ retired from the active ministry in 1926 and then did much traveling. He made two trips abroad; to the World Sunday School Convention at Zurich, Switzerland, and to attend the Convention of the Alliance of Reformed Churches at Aberdeen, Scotland. On both these trips he included a visit to his son who was a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in India. After his return he was much in demand as a lecturer, describing his foreign tours. From 1926 Mr. Wright and his family resided at Red Lion.

Mr. Wright died, after an illness of two weeks, in the York City Hospital, on May 27, 1935, at the age of seventy-two.

Funeral services in St. John's Church at Red Lion on May 31 were in charge of Rev. O. K. Maurer. Rev. J. K. McKee preached the funeral sermon. On the same day, further services at Arndt's Union Church near Easton, Pa., were in charge of Rev. O. K. Maurer (who preached the sermon), assisted by Rev. H. J. Ehret. He was buried in the ceme-

tery adjoining Arndt's Church.

Mr. Wright was married (date not given) to Miss Alice M. Kepler, who died on May 23, 1911. In 1915 he was married a second time to Miss Sallie Brooks who survived him. He was also survived by one son and two daughters.

In 1913 Mr. Wright declined a Call to be pastor of the Burlington, N. C., Charge. In 1916 Temple University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

References: Messenger; June 6, 1935

June 20, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. JACOB IHLE

Jacob Ihle was born in New York City of Swiss parentage on August 5, 1857. In 1868 his mother brought him to Bellevue, Ohio (his father presumably having died before), where he spent the most of his boyhood and where he attended elementary and high school. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1876 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1878. He was ordained in September of that same year.

Mr. Ihle served pastorates at Burr Oak, Michigan, Bristol, Indiana, and the following pastorates in Ohio: Fireside, Mohican, Massillon, Loyal Oak, Barberton, Liberty, Center, St. Jacob's at Tiffin, Swanton and Carrothers, but I am not able to assign dates of length of service in any of these pastorates. He retired from the active ministry (after 1915) and returned to Bellevue where he resided during the remainder of his life.

Mr. Ihle died, after being bed-fast for two weeks, at his home in Bellevue on May 29, 1935, at the age of seventy-seven. Funeral services on May 31 in St. Paul's Church at Bellevue were in charge of the pastor, Rev. G. T. N. Beam, assisted by Revs. C. K. McMeeken, P. Baumann, C. E. Miller, D. W. Loucks and G. H. Souder. He was buried at Bellevue. Mr. Ihle was survived by two daughters.

On June 14, 1883, Mr. Ihle was married to Miss Frances Aigner of Bellevue. Mrs. Ihle died on May 17, 1925.

References: Messenger; June 13, 1935

June 20, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. JOHN LOUIS CHATLOS

J. L. Chatlos was born at Kassau - Hamor, Austria - Hungary, on June 3, 1877. He was brought to America by his parents in 1886, the family settling at Bridgeport, Connecticut, where his father found employment as an iron-moulder. He was confirmed in the Reformed Church at Bridgeport by Rev. C. Brunner, and learned the moulding trade from his father.

Mr. Chatlos entered the Mission House in 1898, spending one year in the Academy, four years in the College and was graduated from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1906. He was licensed and ordained in that same year.

Mr. Chatlos served pastorates at Rising Sun, Indiana, July, 1906 - April, 1911; Wayne, Wisconsin, April, 1911 - November, 1923; and at Stone Creek, Ohio, November, 1923 - June, 1926. He then retired from the active ministry on account of poor health, caused by stomach ulcers. He moved with his family to Willison Park, New York, where he was employed by his brother, a building-contractor. Later he moved to Rockledge, Florida (1928) where he managed an orange grove.

Mr. Chatlos died at his home in Rockledge on June 5, 1935, at the age of fifty-eight. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church at Rockledge on June 8. He was buried at Rockledge.

On October 3, 1906, Mr. Chatlos was married to Miss Hulda Brunner, daughter of Rev. C. Brunner of Bridgeport, Conn. He was survived by his widow, five children, his mother and two brothers. Rev. Rudolph Chatlos, a minister of the Reformed Church, was his brother.

References: Messenger; June 20, 1935

August 15, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. SAMUEL R. BRENNER

S. R. Brenner, son of August and Martha (Diers) Brenner, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 2, 1897. He attended elementary and high school in Cincinnati and then as a very young man engaged in business. He was confirmed as a member of Salem Reformed Church in Cincinnati.

At the age of twenty-two he entered Mission House College in 1919, graduating in 1923. He was graduated from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1926. He was licensed and ordained in that same year.

Mr. Brenner served as pastor of the Rising Sun, Indiana, Charge from 1926 until 1930; St. Paul's Church, Milltown, N. J., from 1930 until 1932, and of Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa., from 1932 until the end of his life.

Mr. Brenner died, after an illness of two months of bacterial endocarditis, at his home in Bethlehem on June 10, 1935, at the age of thirty-seven. Funeral services in Christ Church in Bethlehem on June 12 were in charge of Rev. W. V. Seltzer, who also preached the funeral sermon. Revs. H. I. Crow, H. J. Ehret and C. A. Meilicke assisted in the services. Further services in Salem Church at Cincinnati on June 14 were in charge of Rev. E. A. Katterhenry, who also preached the funeral sermon, Rev. William Miller and Rev. U. Johannsman assisted in the services. He was buried in Vine Street Hill Cemetery at Cincinnati.

In March, 1926, Mr. Brenner was married to Miss Frieda V. E. Buck of Cincinnati, who survived him. Mr. Brenner received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology for Post-Graduate work in the Princeton Theological Seminary.

References: Messenger; June 20, 1935. July 4, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. JOHN FREDERICK WINTER

J. F. Winter, son of Rev. John and Elizabeth Winter, was born ^{at Delaware, Ohio,} ~~(place not given)~~ on May 27, 1860. He was graduated from Calvin College in 1880 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1882.

He was ordained by Zion's Classis of the Synod of the North-West at Defiance, Ohio, on June 4, 1882, and installed as pastor of the Auburn, Indiana, Charge which he served until 1884. In 1884 he became his father's successor as pastor of the Whetstone Charge, near Bucyrus, Ohio, serving there until 1888. He was pastor of the Fourth Reformed Church at Cleveland, Ohio, from 1888 until 1895; of St. Peter's Reformed Church, Huntingdon, Indiana, from 1895 until 1901; and of Zion's Reformed Church at Terre Haute, Indiana, from 1901 until 1908. In that year he became pastor of Zion's (First) Reformed Church at Toledo, Ohio, serving there until 1913.

From 1913 until 1925 Mr. Winter was Superintendent of the Fort Wayne (Indiana) Orphans' Home. He then returned to the active pastorate to serve the Peace - Emanuel Charge near Galion, Ohio, from 1925 until the end of his life.

Mr. Winter died at his summer cottage at Heidelberg Beach, Ohio, on June 19, 1935. Funeral services were held in the church near Galion on June 22. Further services in the Eighth Reformed Church at Cleveland were in charge of Rev. H. S. Gekeler. He was buried in the Ruetenik Lot in the Riverside Cemetery at Cleveland.

Mr. Winter was President of the Synod of the North-West, Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic (German) Board of Home Missions, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home, and Stated Clerk of Central Ohio Classis from 1930 until 1935. Altogether, Mr. Winter was a minister of the Reformed Church for a period of fifty-three years. He celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination in 1932.

On August 29, 1882, Mr. Winter was married to Miss Anna Ruth Ruetenik, daughter of Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, President of Calvin College. He was survived by his widow and two children; also by two brothers and a sister. One son, Theodore, died in Foreign Mission service in China in 1923. Rev. D. A. Winter, a minister of the Reformed Church, was his brother.

References: Messenger; June 27, 1935

July 11, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. FREDERICK MAYER, D. D.

Frederick Mayer, son of Frederick and Frederica Rosina Mayer, was born at Zanesville, Ohio, on November 13, 1856. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. Zurmuchlin of the Lutheran Church of which his parents were members.

In 1860 the family moved to Buffalo, N. Y., and in 1862, to Ebenezer, a small town near Buffalo. Here he grew up, being compelled on account of poverty to help support the family from his eighth year. For this reason he was out of school a great deal, much to his regret. When the family moved to Ebenezer, his parents joined the Reformed Church there, and the son was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church by Rev. Heberle in 1877.

He entered the Mission House College in 1877, graduating in 1881. He also spent one year (1881 - 1882) at Heidelberg College. He was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1884, and was licensed on July 9 of that same year by Tuscarawas Classis.

On July 20, 1884, he was ordained by a committee of Tuscarawas Classis, consisting of Revs. E. M. Beck, J. J. Gruber and E. G. Williams. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Apple Creek, Ohio, Charge, where he served until 1891. During at least part of this period, he served also as supply, the Black Creek Charge.

In October, 1891, Mr. Mayer became pastor of the First Reformed Church at Youngstown, Ohio. The prospect for a successful pastorate was none too happy inasmuch as there was much dissension in the congregation on account of differences among the membership in the matter of language, customs and national backgrounds; also the matter of re-location and the erection of a new church.

Mr. Mayer served in this congregation until July 15, 1932, and then was elected Pastor-Emeritus. After 1932 he lived in retirement at Youngstown, preaching only occasionally and leaving an enviable

pastoral record, as follows: Baptisms, 1185; Reception of Members, 1500; Marriages, 857; and Funerals, 872. He was the prime mover in the organization of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Youngstown, and helped in the organization of two other congregations in that City.

Mr. Mayer died at his home in Youngstown on June 20, 1935, at the age of seventy-eight. Funeral services in the home on June 23 were in charge of Revs. A. D. Wolfinger and E. D. Wettach. On the same day, further services in the First Reformed Church at Youngstown were in charge of Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, assisted by Revs. R. Luhman, O. W. Haulman and N. B. Mathes. Addresses were delivered by Revs. A. D. Wolfinger, D. Hagelskamp, E. S. Kielsmeier, L. J. Rohrbaugh and J. Gieser. He was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Youngstown.

Mr. Mayer served as President of three Classes, was twice President of the Central Synod, President of the Board of Trustees of Calvin College, a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, a Trustee of the Mutual Aid Society of the Reformed Church, and in 1917 was elected Vice-President of the General Synod.

On July 5, 1887, Mr. Mayer was married to Miss Carrie A. Miller, who survived with two sons and three daughters. In 1888 Calvin College conferred upon Mr. Mayer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The same degree was conferred upon him by Heidelberg University in 1905. In April, 1916, Mr. Mayer celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate at Youngstown.

References: Messenger; July 11, 1935

July 18, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. BELA CSONTOS

Bela Csontos was born in Hungary in 1898. He studied at the Theological Seminary in Buda-Pest, graduating in 1925. For some time he was private secretary to Bishop L. Ravasc in Buda-Pest.

Mr. Csontos came to America in 1927, was received into the Ministry of the Reformed Church, and installed as pastor of the Hungarian Mission Congregation at Vintondale, Pa., in that same year. In 1929 he became pastor of the self-supporting Hungarian congregation at Lorain, Ohio, where he served to the end of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Csontos were on their way home, with their two children, on June 29, 1935, from a Convention of the Hungarian Federation held that day at Ligonier, Pa. In an automobile accident, Mr. Csontos was instantly killed, Mrs. Csontos was severely injured and taken to a hospital at Lorain, and one of the children was less seriously hurt.

Funeral services on July 3, in the Hungarian Reformed Church at Lorain were in charge of Rev. T. Toth. Rev. A. Hegyi preached a funeral sermon in the Hungarian Language; Rev. C. E. Schaeffer preached an English sermon. Forty-seven Hungarian ministers attended the funeral services. He was buried at Lorain.

Mr. Csontos was survived by his widow and two children. For several years he served as President of the Central Hungarian Classis.

References: Messenger; July 4, 1935

July 18, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. FREDERICK WILLIAM LEICH, D. D., Hon. D.

F. W. Leich, son of Rev. F. P. and Bertha (Bossard) Leich, was born at Jackson, Wisconsin, on June 13, 1871. He attended Mission House College, Ripon College, and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1893. He was graduated from the McCormick Theological Seminary at Chicago in 1897 and ordained in that same year.

Mr. Leich served as pastor of the New Philadelphia, Ohio, Charge, 1897 - 1901; First Church, Cleveland, 1901 - 1907; First Church, Akron, Ohio, 1907 - 1912; and First Church, Galion, Ohio, 1912 - 1913. From 1913 until 1918 he was Superintendent of the Fairview Park Hospital at Cleveland. In 1918 he returned for a second pastorate in the First Church at Galion, serving there until 1921.

In November, 1921, he was elected Professor of Systematic Theology in the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton. Beginning in January, 1922, he served in that position until 1934. When Central Seminary was merged with the Eden Theological Seminary at Webster Groves, Missouri, in 1934, Mr. Leich continued at Eden Seminary as Professor until the end of his life.

On July 27, 1935, Mr. Leich was seized with a heart attack while at his summer cottage along Lake Erie. He was removed to the home of his daughter at Shelby, Ohio, where a second and fatal attack came, causing Mr. Leich's death on August 7, 1935, at the age of sixty-four. Funeral services in the First Church at Galion on August 10 were in charge of Rev. L. W. Stolte. Addresses were delivered by Revs. C. E. Miller, H. J. Christman and S. D. Press. He was buried at Shelby, Ohio.

Mr. Leich served as Stated Clerk of the Central Synod and later in the same office in Ohio Synod. He was a member of the Forward Movement Commission, a member of the Executive Committee of General Synod, and Assistant Stated Clerk of the General Synod until 1934. He was a

member of the Board of Directors of the Central Publishing House and of the Board of Directors of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home.

Mr. Leich was married (date not given) to Miss Hildegarde A. Wolfrum, who survived him with two children. Mrs. Leich, who was for some years President of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, died at Shelby, Ohio, on August 28, 1948. In 1945 Mrs. Leich was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Heidelberg College, the first woman to be so honored by the College.

In 1921 Heidelberg University conferred upon Mr. Leich the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1931 he was awarded the degree of Honorable Doctor by Saroskatak College in Hungary.

References: Messenger; August 15, 1935

August 29, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. HENRY TREICH

Henry Treich, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Gorssheusch) Treich, was born at Newton, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, on February 17, 1862. He was graduated from the Mission House College in 1882, from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1885, and ordained in the fall of that same year by Minnesota Classis.

He served the following pastorates: Garner, Iowa, September, 1885 - 1896; Scotland, South Dakota, 1896 - 1921; Eureka, S. D., 1921 - 1932; Carthage, S. D., 1932 - 1933 (this may refer to residence in retirement). Mr. Treich resided at Scotland, S. D., in retirement from 1933 until the end of his life.

Mr. Treich was Editor of "Der Waechter" for a period of twenty-eight years. In this connection he was well-known in the United States, Canada, Germany, Holland, Austria, Russia and Switzerland. He was the author of a number of volumes, the best-known being "The Millenium" and "The Book of Ruth". He also compiled all the Psalms into Hymnal form.

Mr. Treich died at his home in Scotland (S. D.) on August 18, 1935, at the age of seventy-three. Funeral services in the Town Hall at Scotland on August 20 were in charge of Revs. J. Bodenman, U. Zogg, and A. Kurtz. He was buried in Rosehill Cemetery at Scotland.

On July 1, 1885, Mr. Treich was married to Miss Wilhelmina Kluge. He was survived by his widow and twelve children.

References: Messenger; September 5, 1935

October 3, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. WILLIAM GREETHER

William Grether was born at New Philadelphia, Ohio, on October 25, 1862. He was the son of Rev. J. M. Grether and his wife, Salome Grether, whose six sons became ministers of the Reformed Church.

William Grether was graduated from the Mission House College in 1883, and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1885. He was licensed and ordained in that same year. He served pastorates in the Church as follows: Auburn, Indiana, 1885 - 1888; Rhine, Wisconsin, 1888 - 1889; Poland, Indiana, 1889 - 1895; Millersburg, Ohio, 1895 - 1897; New Philadelphia, Ohio, 1897 - 1902; Joyce, Ohio, 1902 - 1903; Archbold, Ohio, 1903 - 1907; Sandusky, Ohio, 1907 - 1912; Waldo, Ohio, 1912 - 1914; Loveland, Colorado, 1914 - 1922; Norfolk Charge, belden, Nebraska, 1922 - 1925; New Rockford, Ohio (?), 1925 - 1926; and Freeport, Illinois, 1926 - 1929.

In 1929 Mr. Grether moved to Loveland, Colorado, presumably to live in retirement. He died at Loveland on August 24, 1935, at the age of seventy-two. I have no record of his funeral or place of burial.

On April 7, 1886, Mr. Grether was married to Miss Hermina Schaferkort. He was survived by his widow, three sons and four daughters. Two of his sons, Rev. David Grether and Rev. Marcus Grether became ministers of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; September 12, 1935

September 26, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. F. A. RITTERHAUS

F. A. Ritterhaus was born at Barmen, Germany, on March 29, 1865. He received his literary and theological education in Germany. In 1892, at the solicitation of friends in this country, he came to America, was ordained, and was installed as pastor of the Menno, South Dakota, Charge, which he served from 1892 until 1918. He was pastor of Salem Church at Lodi, California, for one year, and then in 1919 returned to Menno for a second pastorate which extended until 1924. From 1924 until 1930 he was pastor at Streeter, North Dakota; and from 1930 until the end of his life at Artas, South Dakota.

Mr. Ritterhaus had gone to Menno for a visit and to preach in Salem Church. While at Menno he was stricken with illness and died there on August 30, 1935, at the age of seventy. I have no record of his funeral and burial. He was survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter.

Mr. Ritterhaus served a term as President of the Synod of the North-West. For many years he was Editor of "Lehre und Wehre". He raised a great deal of money for the relief and support of persecuted persons in Russia.

References: Messenger; September 12, 1935

October 10, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. STANLEY LEFEVRE KREBS, Ps. D.

S. L. Krebs, son of Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Krebs, was born at Waynesboro, Pa., on February 14, 1864. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1886 and then spent one year in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. During the year, 1887 - 1888, he studied at Chicago, then returned to the Seminary in the fall of 1888 and was graduated in 1890. In that same year he was licensed by Gettysburg Classis and ordained by Schuylkill Classis.

Mr. Krebs was pastor of St. Andrew's Reformed Church at Reading, Pa., from 1890 until 1900, and from 1900 until 1906, of the First Reformed Church at Greensburg, Pa.

He then retired from the active ministry and engaged in lecturing under the auspices of the American University of Trade, Philadelphia (1907 - 1911). He continued his career as lecturer in Chatauqua courses and at Trade Conventions to the end of his life. From 1907 until 1935 he was President of the American Institute of Merchantile Art. In 1927 Mr. Krebs entered the Protestant ^{EPISCOPAL} Church and was ordained either as Deacon or Priest in that denomination.

From 1907 until 1935 his residence was successively at Evanston, Illinois, Swarthmore, Pa., Philadelphia, Chicago and New York City.

Mr. Krebs died at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City on September 26, 1935, at the age of seventy-one. Funeral services were held in the Chapel of St. Luke's Hospital on September 28. Further services at Littlestown, Pa., on September 29 were in charge of Rev. A. O. Bartholomew. He was buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Littlestown.

Mr. Krebs was the author of the following volumes: "Poverty's Factory" (1895); "Twin Demons" (1903); "The Law of Suggestion" (1905); "The Buyer's Art" (1912); "Salesmanship" (1913); "Lifi L" (1923);

"The Cries from the Cross" (1928).

In 1889 the Chicago School of Psychology conferred upon Mr. Krebs the degree of Doctor of Psychology.

References: Messenger; October 3, 1935

Seminary Register.

REV. ADAM SNYDER WEBER, D. D.

A. S. Weber, son of John and Sophia (Snyder) Weber, was born between Bethel and Womelsdorf, near Millersburg in Berks County, Pa., on November 18, 1851. His parents were members of Salem Church, close to their home. The Weber family of that community were descended from Heinrich Weber who came to America in 1709, and of John Henry Weber, a soldier in the Revolution. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. T. H. Leinbach, Sr., in Salem Church.

Adam, who was the oldest of fifteen children, worked on the farm and attended the public school until he was seventeen years old, then was clerk in a general store for two years. On May 9, 1868, he was confirmed as a member of Salem Church by Rev. C. H. Leinbach. In 1870, when after having been a student for a short while in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and having received a teaching certificate, he taught school for five years in his home community (1870 - 1875).

Mr. Weber entered Palatinate College in 1875. After spending three years there, he entered the Junior Class in Franklin and Marshall College in 1878, graduating in 1880. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1883, and was licensed by Lebanon Classis on May 28 of that same year.

Mr. Weber's entire ministerial career, with the exception of one year, was spent in Maryland. He was ordained by Maryland Classis on July 1, 1883, and installed as pastor of the Westminster, Md., Charge, consisting of St. Paul's Congregation in Westminster, and the Kreider's (Benjamin's) Congregation a mile from Westminster. He served here until September, 1887, and then responded to a challenge to become the first President of Wichita University at Wichita, Kansas.

After a service of one year in that Institution, he resigned

and returned to Maryland to be pastor of Faith Mission in Baltimore. This congregation, organized in 1887, was engaged in building a church, so that Mr. Weber's first duty was to dedicate the new building in November, 1888. The building was enlarged and re-dedicated in 1890.

In 1899 Mr. Rufus Woods, formerly of Union Bridge, Md., an intimate friend of Mr. Weber, removed the church building and erected on the lot a fine new stone church at a cost of Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars, and presented it, ready for use, to the congregation. A few years later Mr. Woods built a parsonage on the lot adjoining the church and presented it to Mr. Weber personally.

Mr. Weber continued to serve Faith Church until his retirement in 1923. During his years of retirement he resided in Baltimore, supplying vacant congregations and doing some literary work.

Mr. Weber died at his home in Baltimore, after an illness of one week, on October 1, 1935, at the age of eighty-three. Funeral services in the home on October 4 were in charge of Rev. F. A. Rosenberger, assisted by Revs. J. R. T. Hedeman, A. B. Kinsolving, L. E. Coblentz, A. Conner, J. R. Bergey and J. L. Barnhart. He was buried in Loudon Park Cemetery in Baltimore. On October 27, 1935, a memorial service was held in Faith Church, the program including addresses by Revs. T. F. Herman, L. E. Coblentz and A. B. Kinsolving.

In 1904 Mr. Weber was a delegate to the World Convention of the Alliance of Reformed Churches at Liverpool, England. For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. He was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster from 1920 until 1924, and President of the Board in 1924. He was President of the Synod of the Potomac, and in 1895 was elected President of Maryland Classis; also in 1917.

At the organization of Baltimore-Washington Classis in January, 1926, Mr. Weber was elected its first President. He was the author of seventy-one articles published in the Messenger, and of thirty-three in the Reformed Church Review.

On October 7, 1891, Mr. Weber was married at Cambridge, Ohio, to Miss Lora Jefferson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Jefferson, brother of the bride. He was survived by his widow, one son and two daughters. Mrs. Weber died on May 14, 1950.

In 1901 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Weber the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; October 10, 1935

October 17, 1935

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History of Maryland Classis.

REV. G. S. RICKER, L. H. D., D. D.

G. S. Ricker was born in 1847. He began his career as a minister in the Free Baptist Church, then served as a pastor in the Congregational denomination. He was in Social Service from 1902 until 1918, also serving for many years as Treasurer of Fairmount College at Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Ricker was received into our denomination from the Congregational Church in June, 1922, and served as the pastor of the Brown Memorial Church at Wichita until 1929. He then retired from the active ministry, living in retirement at Wichita, but retained his ministerial status in the Reformed Church until the end of his life.

Mr. Ricker was killed by an automobile in Wichita on October 8, 1935, at the age of eighty-eight. I have no record of his funeral and burial. In 1929, Bates College, his Alma Mater, conferred upon Mr. Ricker the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He also received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Fairmount College, but I do not know in what year the degree was conferred.

References: Messenger; October 17, 1935

October 24, 1935.

REV. ROBERT MILLER KERN

R. M. Kern, son of James and Matilda (Miller) Kern, was born at Neffs, Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pa., on January 21, 1873. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. J. S. Renninger, Lutheran pastor of the ~~Lutheran~~ ^{Union} Church at Neffs, and confirmed at the age of sixteen by Rev. E. J. Fogel, Reformed pastor at Neffs. Also, at the age of sixteen he became teacher of Hoffman's School in Washington Township, Lehigh County. After teaching one term he entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, graduating in 1892. During the school year of 1892 - 1893, he was a teacher in the Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. He then entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1897. In 1900 he ^{was} graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. During the summer of 1899 he was student-supply of the Reformed Church at Hummelstown, Pa. During his student days at the Seminary he was the Seminary Librarian.

On May 16, 1900, Mr. Kern was licensed by Lehigh Classis, and on July of that same year he was ordained by a committee of the same Classis, consisting of Revs. T. J. Hacker, D. E. Schoedler and J. P. Bachman, the ordination ceremony taking place in Zion Church at Allentown.

At the same time he was installed as pastor of St. Andrew's Reformed Church at Allentown, a congregation which he organized on May 25, 1900. He served here as pastor from 1900 until 1930, his entire pastoral career. From the time of the organization of the congregation it used the Academy of Music until it was destroyed by fire in 1901; then the congregation worshipped at the Lyric Theatre until the new St. Andrew's Church was ready for use. The new church was dedicated in 1903. Under Mr. Kern's pastoral care, St. Andrew's Church achieved almost unbelievable success. The membership increased from fifty-four at the time of organization in 1900 to six hundred and

fifty in 1903. In the same the Sunday School enrollemnt had increased from eighty-four to six hundred and fifty.

On November 11, 1929, Mr. Kern suffered a stroke of paralysis, which incapacitated him for further pastoral service. He resigned in September, 1930, and was immediately elected pastor-emeritus. He was bed-fast after April, 1935. After lying in a coma for three days Mr. Kern died at his home in Allentown on October 9, 1935, at the age of sixty-two.

Funeral services in the home on October 13 were in charge of Rev. H. I. Aulenbach. Further services in St. Andrew's Church were in charge of the same minister. Rev. G. W. Richards preached the funeral sermon. The burial service in Grandview Cemetery at Allentown was in charge of Revs. W. D. Mathes, A. O. Reiter, W. F. Curtis and G. W. Richards. Eight ministers served as pall-bearers.

Before beginning his pastorate at Allentown, Mr. Kern had been elected in 1900 as pastor of the Reformed Church at Perkasio, Pa. He served as Treasurer of Lehigh Classis and was for many years Editor of the Adult Sunday School Quarterly. His chief interest, apart from his pastorate, lay in the affairs of the Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folks' Home at Allentown. He was a member of the original Board of Directors, also President and Treasurer of the Board. He was elected Superintendent of the Home in 1913, but declined the appointment at the time. Subsequently, however, he served as Superintendent from April, 1918, until June, 1919, without relinquishing his pastorate at St. Andrew's Church

On February 25, 1906, Mr. Kern was married, during the morning service at St. Andrew's Church, to Miss Mary A. Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Long of Allentown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. A. Leinbach, uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. F. H. Ruloff. Mr. Kern was survived by his widow and two sons.

References: Messenger; October 17, 1935

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Mr. Shultz was born [illegible] on October 30, 1875, after receiving [illegible] at the Juniata Collegiate Institute and [illegible] Seminary. He entered the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1894, graduating in 1897. After having been licensed and ordained he became pastor of the [illegible], Ohio, Charge, serving there until 1899. He was then pastor of the [illegible], Ohio, Charge from 1899 until 1906, and of Grace Mission Church, Springfield, Ohio, from 1906 until 1908. In that year he was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to be the pastor of the [illegible], Illinois, Mission, but went, instead, to the Market Street Mission, Akron, Ohio, where he served for less than a year. He was then pastor of the [illegible], Ohio, Charge from 1907 until 1909. Mr. Shultz was appointed to be Financial Agent for the Central Theological Seminary in 1909, serving in that office until 1914, when he returned to the active ministry as pastor of the [illegible] Church at Dayton, Ohio, which he served for one year. Mr. Shultz then retired from the active ministry, residing at Dayton, but spending his winters at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he was President of the [illegible] "Three Chapters of a Century Club". On October 11, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] arrived in St. Petersburg, after arriving from Dayton, for their usual winter stay. On the next day, however, he was stricken with paralysis and died on October 13, 1935, at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services were held at St. Petersburg on October 14, and at Dayton on October 17. He was buried in the Woodland Cemetery at Dayton. Mr. Shultz was married (date not given) to Miss Minnie Cook. He was survived by his widow and two daughters.

References: Messenger; October 24, 1935
 Seminary Register
 Reformed Church Almanac, 1936.

REV. REUBEN FOUSE SHULTZ

R. F. Shultz was born at Entriken, Pa., on October 30, 1855. After receiving a preparatory education at the Juniata Collegiate Institute and at the Huntingdon (Pa.) State Normal School, he entered the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1884, graduating in 1887.

After having been licensed and ordained he became pastor of the Reedsburg, Ohio, Charge, serving there until 1889. He was then pastor of the Fairfield, Ohio, Charge from 1889 until 1896, and of Grace Mission Church, Springfield, Ohio, from 1896 until 1906. In that year he was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to be the pastor of the Freeport, Illinois, Mission, but went, instead, to the Market Street Mission, Akron, Ohio, where he served for less than a year. He was then pastor of the Germantown, Ohio, Charge from 1907 until 1909.

Mr. Shultz was appointed to be Financial Agent for the Central Theological Seminary in 1909, serving in that office until 1914, when he returned to the active ministry as pastor of the Ohmer Park Church at Dayton, Ohio, which he served for one year. Mr. Shultz then retired from the active ministry, residing at Dayton, but spending his winters at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he was President of the famous "Three Quarters of a Century Club". On October 11, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. arrived in St. Petersburg, after driving from Dayton, for the usual winter stay. On the next day, however, he was stricken with paralysis and died on October 12, 1935, at the age of seventy-nine.

Funeral services were held at St. Petersburg on October 14, and at Dayton on October 17. He was buried in the Woodland Cemetery at Dayton. Mr. Shultz was married (date not given) to Miss Minnie Cook. He was survived by his widow and two daughters.

References: Messenger; October 24, 1935

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. CHARLES J. KRIVULKA

C. J. Krivulka was born in Hungary on May 14, 1895. As a boy he attended a Lutheran school in Hungary, showing special talent in music. At the age of fourteen he was the leader of the school orchestra. After coming to America he studied at the Bloomfield, N. J., Theological Seminary and at the Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, both Presbyterian Institutions. While still a student he served as assistant to Rev. A. Harsanyi, pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church at Homestead, Pa., and as assistant to Rev. Bogar at Toledo.

In 1921 he was ordained at Homestead, and served pastorates at Fleming Park, Fairport Harbor and Ashtabula, all in Ohio. In 1929 he became pastor of the First Hungarian Church at Johnstown, Pa., continuing there until the end of his life.

Mr. Krivulka died at Mercy Hospital in Johnstown, following an operation, on October 17, 1935, at the age of forty. Funeral services on October 21 in the Hungarian Church at Johnstown were in charge of Revs. L. Varga, J. H. Mickley, S. Laky, L. Nanassy and A. Rolik. Rev. C. E. Schaeffer preached the funeral sermon; Rev. B. Dienes delivered an address. He was buried in the Grandview Cemetery at Johnstown.

In 1921, just before he was ordained, Mr. Krivulka was married to Miss Elizabeth Lengyel, a deaconess, who survived him.

References: Messenger; October 24, 1935

November 7, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. VALENTINE RETTIG

Valentine Rettig, son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Trautman) Rettig, was born at Zotzenbach, Hessen, Germany, on May 11, 1865. He came to America in 1882, settling at Buffalo, N. Y. In 1884 he entered the Mission House College, graduating in 1888, and was likewise graduated from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1891. He was licensed and ordained in that same year by West New York Classis.

Mr. Rettig served the West St. Paul, Minnesota, Mission Congregation from September, 1891, until March, 1892. He was then pastor of the Reformed Church at Ebenezer, N. Y., from 1892 until November, 1901. He served as pastor of Salem Reformed Church at Buffalo from November, 1901, until April, 1913, and of St. Stephen's Reformed Church at Juneau, Wisconsin, from 1913 until the end of his life.

Mr. Rettig died at his home in Juneau on October 23, 1935, at the age of seventy. Funeral services in the home on October 26 were in charge of Rev. R. P. Kuentzel. Rev. A. Muehlmeier preached a funeral sermon in German; Rev. F. W. Knatz, Sr., preached in English. The burial service was in charge of Rev. Paul Grosssheusch. He was buried at Juneau. The funeral services were attended by forty ministers of the Reformed Church. Mr. Rettig served as President of the German Synod of the East and of the Synod of the North-West.

On September 3, 1891, Mr. Rettig was married to Miss Isabella Dieckmann, daughter of Rev. J. F. H. Dieckmann. He was survived by his widow and six children. One of his sons, Rev. Richard Rettig, entered the Ministry of the Reformed Church.

References: Messenger; October 31, 1935

November 7, 1935

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. WAYNE TROSTLE HARNER

W. T. Harner, son of William and Christina Harner, was born at Adamstown, Pa., on October 19, 1889. After passing through the public schools of his native community, he was a student for some time at the Millersville (Pa.) State Normal School, after which he taught school for several years. He entered Albright College in 1911, graduating in 1915, then spent two years in the Moravian Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, graduating in 1917.

In the meantime Mr. Harner had been licensed in 1910 by the United Evangelical Church and ordained in 1914. He served pastorates in that denomination at Rexmont, Pa., 1912 - 1915; Freemansburg, Pa., 1915 - 1917; Lansdale, Pa., 1917 - 1918; Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa., 1918 - 1920. During his pastorate here he was a student in the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, graduating in 1919. Mr. Harner then served a pastorate at Zion Evangelical Church at Allentown, Pa., continuing for one year, 1920 - 1921.

He was received into the Ministry of the Reformed and ordained by Lehigh Classis in 1921. He served as a minister of the Reformed Church in the Freeland, Pa., Charge from 1921 until 1927, and then became pastor of Christ Reformed Church at Allentown, Pa., which he served from November, 1927, until the end of his life.

For two years Mr. Harner had suffered with throat trouble. He died after a long illness and after being bed-fast for three months on November 29, 1935, at the age of forty-six. Funeral services on December 3 in Christ Church were in charge of Rev. W. D. Mathias. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Allentown.

On April 5, 1917, Mr. Harner was married at Lansdale, Pa., to Miss Marie Bartholomew of Freemansburg, Pa. He was survived by his widow and one son.

References: Messenger; December 5, 1935. January 23, 1936
Seminary Register. Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. CHARLES ANSELM SANTEE, D. D.

C. A. Santee, son of Rev. J. W. and Barbara Santee, was born at Cavetown, Md., on September 7, 1856. He attended the public school of his native community and then was a student at the famous school conducted by Prof. George C. Pearson in Smithburg, Md., after which Mr. Santee taught school for several years. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1886 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1889. He was licensed on May 25 of that same year by Maryland Classis at Keedysville.

Having accepted a Call to be pastor of St. Paul's Mission Congregation at Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Santee was ordained and installed on June 27, 1889, by a committee of Kansas Classis, consisting of Revs. T. F. Stauffer, A. G. Lohman, F. H. Keller and D. B. Shuey.

When in 1892 Rev. Dr. J. W. Santee resigned the pastorate of the Cavetown (Md.) Charge, after a service there of forty-one years, his son, Charles A. Santee, was elected as his successor. Mr. Santee (C. A.) then became pastor of the Cavetown, Md., Charge, serving there from 1892 until 1896, when he became pastor of the Mercersburg, Pa., Charge, serving at Mercersburg until 1905. He was then pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Fort Washington, Pa., continuing there until his retirement in 1924. Mr. Santee continued to reside at Fort Washington until the end of his life. For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and in 1913 was elected President of Philadelphia Classis.

Mr. Santee died suddenly, with a cerebral hemorrhage, at his home in Fort Washington on December 12, 1935, at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services in St. Paul's Church at Fort Washington on December 15 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. L. Holland, assisted by Revs. C. E. Schaeffer and A. M. Schmidt. He was buried at Sharpsburg, Md.,

on December^{16,} the burial service being in charge of Rev. H. L. G. Kieffer.

On November 6, 1889, Mr. Santee was married to Miss Rebecca Roullette of Sharpsburg, Md., the ceremony being performed by his father, Rev. J. W. Santee, assisted by Rev. B. R. Carnahan.

In 1917 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Santee the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; December 19, 1935

January 9, 1936

Seminary Register

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937

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REV. GEORGE FULMER MULL, Litt. D.

G. F. Mull, son of Aaron and Sarah Ann (Fulmer) Mull, was born at Reading, Pa., on October 7, 1851. His parents having moved to Sinking Springs not long after his birth, he attended the public school in that community, and then received his preparatory education at Palatinate College and Freeland Seminary (later, Ursinus College). In 1868 he entered Mercersburg College during the presidency of Rev. T. G. Apple, graduating in 1872. He was graduated from the Theological Department of Mercersburg College, during the presidency of Dr. E. E. Higbee, in 1876, and then spent one year in study at the University of Leipsig in Germany.

Upon his return in 1877, he was elected to a professorship in Mercersburg College, serving there until the College was closed in 1880. He then became Statistical Clerk in the office of the Pennsylvania State Superintendent of Public Instruction, serving in that office until 1884. From 1884 until 1886 he was Rector of Franklin and Marshall Academy, and then began service as a member of the faculty of Franklin and Marshall College, which ended with his retirement in 1927. During his long service of forty-one years with Franklin and Marshall College, he held the following positions in its Faculty: Adjunct-Professor of English, 1886 - 1890; Adjunct-Professor of English and Latin, 1890 - 1891; Professor of English Literature and Assistant-Professor of Latin, 1891 - 1892; Professor of the Latin Language and Literature, 1892 - 1927; Professor-Emeritus of the Latin Language and Literature, 1927 - 1935. In 1925, at the end of his thirty-ninth year as a member of the Faculty, the Board of Trustees adopted a set of complimentary resolutions, granting him the right to teach as much or as little as he pleased, or to do no teaching at all, with a full professor's salary for the remainder of his life. He finally retired in 1927. From 1894 until his retirement, he served

as Secretary of the Faculty, and as Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees for seventeen years (1910 - 1927). The College celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his Professorship in 1926. Altogether, Dr. Mull was in the teaching profession, serving at Mercersburg and Franklin and Marshall Colleges for a period of fifty years. He was universally regarded by his students in his capacity of a man, a teacher, and a friend as well worthy of their respect, their admiration and their love. He was one of the most popular members of the Faculty ever to serve at Franklin and Marshall College.

Dr. Mull died at the Lancaster General Hospital, following an operation, on December 22, 1935, at the age of eighty-four. Funeral services were held on December 24, and he was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Lancaster.

Dr. Mull was licensed by Mercersburg College on May 24, 1876. He never served the Church in a regular pastorate, but was ordained and installed by Lancaster Classis as assistant-pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Church at Lancaster (the College Church) on June 13, 1889, by Revs. E. E. Higbee, T. G. Apple and W. F. Lichliter.

On October 11, 1877, Mr. Mull was married to Miss Anna Frances Higbee, daughter of Dr. E. E. Higbee, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Higbee in Trinity Reformed Church at Mercersburg. Mrs. Mull died on April 1, 1928, while on a visit in the home of her brother, Rev. E. L. Higbee, at Emmitsburg, Md. Dr. and Mrs. Mull were survived by one son and two daughters. In 1910 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Mull the degree of Doctor of Literature.

References: Messenger; December 26, 1935

January 16, 1936

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937

History of Franklin and Marshall College (Klein).

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REV. RAYMOND E. BUTZ, M. D.

R. E. Butz, son of John D. and Maria (Ziegler) Butz, was born at Allentown, Pa., on July 6, 1864. He was graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1887 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1890. In that same year he was licensed by Lehigh Classis and ordained by East Susquehanna Classis.

Mr. Butz was pastor of the Catawissa, Pa., Charge from 1890 until 1895. He then studied Medicine at the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1898. He established a medical practice at York, Pa., where he engaged in this profession to the end of his life. During his residence at York, he was an attendant at the Memorial Reformed Church in that City.

Mr. Butz died at his home in York on January 22, 1936, at the age of seventy-one. Funeral services were held on January 24 and he was buried in the Prospect Hill Cemetery at York.

On February 26, 1891, Mr. Butz was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Steinmetz of Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Butz died in 1931.

References: Seminary Register

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. ERNST TRAEGER

Ernst Traeger was born at Leipsig, Germany, in 1874. He came to America in 1890, the inference being, for good reasons, that until he entered the Ministry he lived at Chicago. He was graduated from the Mission House College in 1895, and from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1898.

After being licensed and ordained he served a pastorate at Van Dyne, Wisconsin, for one year, 1898 - 1899. From 1899 until 1904 he was pastor at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and at Freeport, Illinois, from 1904 until 1917.

In 1917 he was elected Professor of Mathematics in Mission House College. Before entering upon the duties of his professorship he did post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and at Marquette University. He served as Professor at Mission House College from 1917 until the end of his life. During at least part of this time he was pastor or supply of the Mosel, Wisconsin, Charge.

Mr. Traeger died at his home in Plymouth, Wisconsin, after an illness of less than a week on January 31, 1936, at the age of sixty-one. Funeral services in the home and in Immanuel's Church at Town Herman on February 2 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. John Gaterman. Rev. Paul Grosssheusch preached the funeral sermon. Revs. K. J. Ernst, J. Friedli, and L. C. Hesert also assisted in the services. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining Immanuel's Church.

Mr. Traeger was married (date not given) to Miss Emma Boss of Oshkosh. He was survived by his widow and three children. Rev. Paul Traeger, a minister of the Reformed Church, was his brother.

References: Messenger; March 12, 1936

April 9, 1936

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. H. SILL

H. Sill was born on January 11, 1859, but I do not know the place of his birth, nor anything of his parentage or preparatory education. The statement is made that he was ordained in 1890, but if so, he must have served in another denomination, for his name is not listed among the ministers of the Reformed Church until 1908.

From 1908 until 1911 he was at Gregory, South Dakota; from 1911 until 1915, at Herrick (or Herreid), South Dakota; and from 1915 until the end of his life, at Waukon, Iowa. I think, however, that during part of the time he lived at Waukon, he was in retirement and not serving a Charge.

Mr. Sill died in a hospital at La Crosse, Wisconsin, on February 5, 1936, at the age of seventy-seven. Funeral services and burial on February 7 were at Waukon.

References: Messenger; April 2, 1936

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. HIRAM AMANDES FRANTZ

H. A. Frantz (Franz), son of Amandes and Caroline (Smith) Frantz, was born at Ironton, North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pa., on April 10, 1863. He attended the public school of his native township and then taught school in Lehigh and Carbon Counties. He was a student in the Preparatory Department of Muhlenberg College and was graduated from Palatinate College in 1887. From 1887 until 1889 he was a student in the Ursinus School of Theology and was licensed by Lehigh Classis in 1889 at Trexlertown.

He was ordained by Schuylkill Classis in that same year and installed as pastor of St. John's Reformed Church at Tamaqua, Pa., where he served until 1899. From 1900 until 1914 he was pastor of the Kreidersville, Pa., Charge, consisting of a congregation at Indianland and Zion Congregation at Kreidersville.

In 1914 Mr. Frantz temporarily retired from the temporary ministry and went to Florida on account of ill health. Upon his return, with health restored, he was employed for a time by the Bethlehem Steel Company. During World War I he worked for the Traynor Engineering Company in the manufacture of heavy steel parts for warships.

In April, 1921, he returned to the active pastorate as supply-pastor of St. Michael's Reformed Church near Hamburg, Pa. In June of that year he was installed as regular pastor of that congregation, serving it until 1929. From November, 1929, until May, 1930, he was supply-pastor of the Frieden's Charge, and from June, 1930, until November, 1930, of the Palmerton, Pa., Charge. In 1931 he retired and then lived at Allentown for the remainder of his life.

Mr. Frantz died in the Allentown Hospital on February 7, 1936, at the age of seventy-two. Funeral services were held in Trinity Church, Allentown on February 12, with interment in Grandview Cemetery at Allentown.

References: Messenger; April 9, 1936
Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. JOHN FRANCIS DE LONG, D. D.

J. F. DeLong, son of Francis and Esther (Schaeffer) DeLong, was born at the DeLong Homestead, between Bowers and Topton in Berks County, Pa., on November 8, 1847. After passing through the public school of his native community, he continued his preparation for college at the Kingston Seminary and at the Kutztown State Normal School. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1871 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1874. He was licensed by Lancaster Classis in May, 1874, and ordained by West Susquehanna Classis in September of that same year.

Mr. DeLong was pastor of Emmanuel's Charge, Williamsport, Pa., from 1874 until 1879; of St. John's Reformed Church at Bellefonte, Pa., from 1879 until 1886; and of the Lewisburg, Pa., Charge from 1886 until 1890.

Mr. DeLong was then appointed Financial Agent for Franklin and Marshall College, in which position he was employed until 1892. From 1892 he was pastor of the Freemansburg Charge and of Bethany Congregation at Bethlehem, Pa. (which he himself had organized), until 1904. In 1904 he ceased serving the Freemansburg Charge, but continued his pastorate in Bethany Congregation for one year longer. He retired from the active ministry in 1905 and continued to live at Bethlehem until the end of his life. For some years Mr. DeLong served as a member of the Board of Trustees and as Treasurer of Cedar Crest College at Allentown.

He died at his home in Bethlehem on February 14, 1936, at the age of eighty-eight. Funeral services on February 17 in Bethany Church at Bethlehem were in charge of Rev. H. I. Stahr, assisted by Rev. H. I. Crow. He was buried in the Nisky Hill Cemetery at Bethlehem.

Mr. DeLong was married at Stemton, Pa., on April 27, 1882, by Rev. C. J. Becker, assisted by Rev. S. A. Leinbach, to Miss Amanda

E. Laubach. He was survived by his widow and four daughters. He was the father-in-law of Rev. P. S. Leinbach and the uncle of Rev. W. F. DeLong. In 1922 - 1923, he delivered the Swander Lectures at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

In 1898 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. DeLong the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; February 27, 1936

March 19, 1936

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REV. JAMES PHILIP HARNER

J. P. Harner, son of William Mathias and Catherine Anne Harner, was born at McGaheysville, Rockingham County, Virginia, on February 6, 1860. He attended the public school of his native community and then was a student in a private school conducted by Prof. A. C. Kimler. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1890 and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1893. He was licensed by Virginia Classis on June 9, 1893, at its annual meeting at Winchester.

On July 2, 1893, Mr. Harner was ordained in Trinity Church, Timberville, Va., by a committee of Virginia Classis, consisting of Revs. C. B. Heller, Josiah May and A. B. Bauman. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Timberville, Va., Charge, which he served until 1900. His subsequent pastorates were: Glade Charge, Stony Creek, near Berlin, Pa., 1900 - 1902; Cavetown, Md., Charge, 1902 - 1909; Middlebrook, Va., Charge, 1909 - 1914; Mt. Moriah Charge, Keedysville, Md., 1914 - 1919; St. James Church, Lovettsville, Va., 1919 - 1926; Edinburg, Va., Charge, 1926 - 1929.

Mr. Harner then retired from the active ministry, continuing his residence at Edinburg until 1934; then residing at University, near Charlottesville, Va., until the end of his life.

He died at his home in University on February 27, 1936, at the age of seventy-six. Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church at Edinburg on March 2, and he was buried in the Cedar Wood Cemetery at Edinburg.

On December 7, 1899, Mr. Harner was married to Miss Myrtle Dare Cowger of Arbordale, Va. He was survived by his widow (still living at University), one daughter, and one son, Rev. Dr. Nevin C. Harner, Professor in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster (died, 1951).

References: Messenger; March 19, 1936

April 30, 1936

Seminary Register

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History of Virginia Classis (Garrison)

History of Maryland Classis.

W. H. Miller, son of J. H. Miller, was born at Lebanon, Pa., in 1856. His father, a publisher and well-known in Reading, Pa., when his son was a young man. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1883. He was graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1892, being awarded at the same time the degree of Master of Arts by the University of the City of New York for post-graduate work in that institution. In June, 1892, he was licensed by Schuylkill Classis.

Having been appointed in July of that year by the Board of Foreign Missions to serve in Japan, he was ordained by Schuylkill Classis at a farewell service held in St. Paul's Church at Reading on September 7, 1892. He left Reading on September 10, sailed for Yokohama on September 27 and arrived in Japan on October 13, 1892.

Mr. Miller taught in North Japan College at Sendai from 1892 until 1894, also engaging in evangelistic work and founding the Higashi-Mitsubashi Church at Sendai. For one and one-half years he was Acting-Principal of the Miyagi Girls' School (later, Miyagi College) at Sendai.

At his own request Mr. Miller was transferred to the Evangelistic Department of the Japan Mission. From 1898 he was engaged entirely in evangelistic work. From that year until 1911 he was at Yamagata, and from 1911 until the end of his life, at Tokyo. In July, 1918, he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his work as a foreign missionary.

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REV. HENRY KELLER MILLER, D. D.

H. K. Miller, son of Daniel and Sarah (Keller) Miller, was born at Lebanon, Pa., on November 9, 1866. His father, a publisher and well-known in the Reformed Church, moved to Reading, Pa., when his son was a young boy. The son attended the public school in Reading, was graduated from the Reading High School with honor in 1884, and from Franklin and Marshall College in 1888. He was graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1892, being awarded at the same time the degree of Master of Arts by the University of the City of New York for post-graduate work in that Institution. In June, 1892, he was licensed by Schuylkill Classis.

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Mr. Miller died after an illness of several months at his home in Tokyo on February 28, 1936, at the age of sixty-nine. Funeral services were held in the Union Church at Tokyo on March 4. His body

was then cremated and his ashes were buried in Reading, Pa., on July 25, 1936.

On April 12, 1898, Mr. Miller was married in the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral in Tokyo by Bishop McKim, to Miss Sarah Spalding Sprague of Hartford, Connecticut. Miss Sprague at the time of her marriage was engaged in Foreign Missionary work, under the auspices of the Episcopal Church in Japan. Mr. Miller was survived by his widow.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller visited America on furlough in 1900 (returning in August, 1901), 1910, 1922 and in 1931. In 1922 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was the author of five articles published in the Reformed Church Review, and forty in the Messenger.

References: Messenger; March 12, 1936

April 2, 1936

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Mr. Metzger was born in 1857 and became pastor of the Sioux City, Iowa, Mission. Mr. Metzger organized the congregation under the name, "The Rev. Moses Kleffer Memorial Church" (now, Grace Church). In 1890 Mr. Metzger returned to Dakota, Illinois, as pastor of the Dakota Charge, serving until 1893. He then came to Pennsylvania to be pastor of the Stoyestown Charge, serving it from 1893 until 1900. He served the Hebersburg, Pa., Charge from 1900 until 1910, and then returned to the Stoyestown Charge for a second term until 1918, and then returned to the Stoyestown Charge for a second term of ten years (1918 - 1926). From 1920 until 1926 he was pastor of the church at Loyal Oak, Ohio, serving at the same time the Trinity Congregation at Manchester, Ohio, from 1923 until 1926. Mr. Metzger retired from the active ministry in 1926, moved to Akron, Ohio, and resided there until the end of his life. He died at his home in Akron on March 5, 1936, at the age of eighty-three. Funeral services were held at Bellefonte, Pa., on March

REV. FRANKLIN WETZEL

Franklin Wetzel, son of John and Susan (Musser) Wetzel, was born near Snow Shoe, Center County, Pa., on November 13, 1852. Soon after his birth his parents moved to Cedarville, Illinois, but returned in 1859 to make their home at Bellefonte, Pa. Here their son attended the public school and was a student at the Bellefonte Academy. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1876, and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1880.

Mr. Wetzel was licensed and ordained by the Northern Illinois Classis in 1880, and installed as pastor of the Dakota, Illinois, Charge, serving there until 1882. In that year he became President of the College of Northern Illinois at Dakota, an Institution fostered by the Reformed Church in the Middle West. It had a precarious existence for some years, was operated under the name "Interior Academy" for a while, and closed some years ago.

Mr. Wetzel resigned his college presidency in 1887 and became pastor of the Sioux City, Iowa, Mission. Mr. Wetzel organized the congregation under the name, "The Rev. Moses Kieffer Memorial Church" (now, Grace Church). In 1890 Mr. Wetzel returned to Dakota, Illinois, as pastor of the Dakota Charge, serving until 1893. He then came to Pennsylvania to be pastor of the Stoyestown Charge, serving it from 1893 until 1900. He served the Rebersburg, Pa., Charge from 1900 until 1910, and then returned to the Stoyestown Charge for a second pastorate of ten years (1910 - 1920). From 1920 until 1926 he was pastor of the church at Loyal Oak, Ohio, serving at the same time the Trinity Congregation at Manchester, Ohio, from 1923 until 1926. Mr. Wetzel retired from the active ministry in 1926, moved to Akron, Ohio, and resided there until the end of his life.

He died at his home in Akron on March 5, 1936, at the age of eighty-three. Funeral services were held at Bellefonte, Pa., on March

9, with interment in the Wetzel Lot in the Union Cemetery in that City. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. O. W. Haulman, assisted by Revs. G. R. Johnson, H. J. Miller and E. W. Moyer.

On May 18, 1880, Mr. Wetzel was married to Miss Ellen Yearick of Bellefonte. Mrs. Wetzel died on December 18, 1928. Mr. Wetzel was survived by seven children.

References: Messenger; April 30, 1936

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REV. PAUL EBINGER

Paul Ebinger, son of Rev. George and Sophia (Semmler) Ebinger, was born in Zurich, Switzerland, on May 13, 1864. His father was a minister of the Reformed Church who seemed to divide his pastoral services between Switzerland and America, as did, also, his son. His father had come to America from Switzerland to do missionary work in the State of Texas, but in 1861, returned to Switzerland.

Paul Ebinger attended school at Zurich and then was prepared for the Ministry at the St. Chrischona Mission House near Basle. After being ordained he came to America and served congregations at Marengo, Iowa, and at Woodstock, Illinois. Having received a Call to be pastor of a Swiss church, he returned to his native country in 1890. After a few years, he came back to America to be pastor of the Waukon, Iowa, Charge. Again he received a Call to do pastoral work in Switzerland, but this time he remained in America, serving pastoral Charges at Berne, Minnesota; La Crosse, Wisconsin (1900 - 1907); and at Tillamook, Oregon (1907 - 1926), where he built a new church. He retired from the active ministry in 1926 but continued to reside at Tillamook until the end of his life.

Mr. Ebinger died at his home in Tillamook on March 7, 1936, at the age of seventy-one. Funeral services in St. John's Church at Tillamook on March 10 were in charge of Rev. I. G. Nace. Rev. A. F. Lienkaemper preached the funeral sermon and Rev. G. F. Zinn delivered an address. He was buried in the Bay City Cemetery at Tillamook.

On November 4, 1891, Mr. Ebinger was married at St. Louis, Mo., to Miss Marie Maag of Switzerland. He was survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter.

References: Messenger; April 9, 1936

Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. JOSEPH ELI FREEMAN

J. E. Freeman, son of Charles and Lovina (Steckel) Freeman, was born at Egypt, Pa., on February 3, 1847. At the age of nineteen, with encouragement from his pastor, Rev. S. A. Leinbach, he began his preliminary preparation for the Ministry. He attended the Kutztown State Normal School, Palatinate College and Wyoming Seminary, after which he taught school for several years. In 1870 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1874. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1876, and in July of that year he was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis.

On September 21, 1876, Mr. Freeman was ordained by a committee of East Pennsylvania Classis, consisting of Revs. S. A. Leinbach, Abraham Bartholomew and A. T. G. Dubbs. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Weissport, Pa., Charge, consisting of three congregations. During this pastorate he organized a congregation at East Mauch Chunk, also served congregations at Big Creek, Parryville, Bowmanstown and Towamensing. He served here until the end of the year 1887, and then on January 1, 1888, became pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Boyertown, Pa.

In 1903 Mr. Freeman became pastor of the First Reformed Church at East Mauch Chunk, Pa., a congregation which he had organized some years before. He served here until 1908 and then was pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church at Allentown, Pa., from 1908 until 1911. Then for several years he was supply-pastor of congregations in New Jersey, at Oxford Furnace, Washington and Egg Harbor..

In 1918 he became pastor of the Packerton-Dinkey Charge, near Lehighon, Pa., serving here until 1930. In that year Mr. Freeman retired from the active ministry, continuing to live at Lehighon until the end of his life.

Mr. Freeman died in the Allentown Hospital on March 7, 1936, at

the age of eighty-nine. Funeral services on March 11 in Dubbs Memorial Church at Allentown were in charge of Revs. A. O. Reiter and C. E. Roth. Sermons were delivered by Revs. G. G. Greenawald and M. F. Klingaman. He was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery at Allentown. Altogether, Mr. Freeman was a minister of the Reformed Church for a period of sixty years.

On June 21, 1872, Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Eliza Ann Fletcher, formerly of Dublin, Ireland, who had been a school teacher in the neighborhood of Egypt, Pa. They were the parents of six children, of whom two, Revs. Charles F. and Roy J. (both deceased) were ministers of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Freeman died in 1920.

Mr. Freeman was married a second time (date not given) to Mrs. Annie Gombert, who died in 1935.

References: Messenger; March 19, 1936

April 16, 1936

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REV. JAMES HENRY STEELE, D. D.

J. H. Steele, descendant of a family of pioneers in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, was born in the Steele Homestead, the house in which his father and grandfather were born, near Massillon, Ohio, on October 6, 1853. He attended the public school of his native community, entered Heidelberg College in 1872 and was graduated in 1876. He was graduated from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1878 and was licensed by Tuscarawas Classis in June of that same year.

On November 19, 1878, Mr. Steele was ordained by Tuscarawas Classis and ordained as pastor of the Mohican, Ohio, Charge, where he served from 1878 until 1886. During his pastorate here two new churches and a new parsonage were erected by the congregations of the Charge. On the Sunday following his ordination he had the honor of dedicating a new church at McKay, Ohio. From 1886 until the end of 1892, Mr. Steele served the Beaver Charge, near Ada, Ohio. He was then pastor of Grace Church, Tiffin, Ohio, from January 1, 1893, until May, 1909.

At this point the sources of information differ. One says that he was pastor of the Hartville, Ohio, Charge, after leaving Tiffin. I can find no record of his pastoral activities from 1909 until October, 1915, when he became pastor of the North Brewster, Ohio, Mission, which he served until 1920. Then (and not from 1909) he was pastor of the Hartville Charge from 1920 until 1923.

Mr. Steele retired from the active ministry in 1923 and returned to Massillon, not to live at the family homestead, but in the City of Massillon until the end of his life.

He died at his home in Massillon on March 16, 1936, at the age of eighty-two. Funeral services in the First Reformed Church at Massillon on March 18 were in charge of Rev. E. E. Engle, assisted by Revs. A. H. Elshoff, H. S. Stoner and H. N. Kerst. Rev. C. E. Miller preached the funeral sermon. He was buried at Massillon.

On December 25, 1878, Mr. Steele was married to Miss E. Allie Chapman of Navarre, Ohio. He was survived by his widow and one son. Mr. Steele was a member of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg College, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Ohio State Sunday School Association.

In 1896 Heidelberg University conferred upon Mr. Steele the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; April 2, 1936

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REV. JOHN S. CONRAD

J. S. Conrad, son of Lewis and Louise (Scherry) Conrad, was born at Magley, Indiana, on August 22, 1893. His mother died when he was a young boy and he was reared in the family of William Beinecke. He was graduated from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1921.

After having been licensed and ordained, he served a pastorate at Edmonton, Canada, from 1921 until 1923. From 1923 until 1929 he was pastor of a congregation at Portland, Oregon, and then took charge of the Cross Reformed Church at Berne, Indiana.

In November, 1933, on account of illness, he resigned his pastorate and entered the Irene Byron Sanatorium at Fort Wayne. Later, being somewhat improved in health, he was re-elected pastor at Berne in February, 1934, and served the congregation for almost a year. On January 14, 1935, he resigned again, and in November of that year he entered the Sanatorium. He died there on March 28, 1936, at the age of forty-three. The cause of his death was tuberculosis.

Funeral services were held in the Cross Church at Berne on March 30. Revs. F. H. Rupnow and D. Grether delivered funeral sermons. He was buried in the Magley (Indiana) Cemetery.

On April 26, 1922, he was married at Buffalo, N. Y. to Miss Elsie Bautz, who survived him with five children.

References: Messenger; April 9, 1936

May 7, 1936

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REV. JULIUS HANKO

The only information we have been able to secure concerning Mr. Hanko is that he was a missionary under the auspices of the Board of Home Missions, serving Hungarian congregations at Milwaukee and Racine, Wisconsin. We do not know when or where he was born, nor anything concerning his preparatory education.

He died suddenly of heart failure in Florida on April 20, 1936. Funeral services were held in Milwaukee on April 24, and he was buried in a cemetery in that city.

References: Messenger; April 30, 1936

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REV. JOHN SAMUEL ADAM

J. S. Adam, son of John W. and Esther (Heinly) Adam, was born at Virginville, Berks County, Pa., on October 26, 1881. His preliminary education was acquired at the public school and at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, after which he taught school for three years. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1902, graduating in 1906. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1909 and was licensed by Lehigh Classis in May of that same year.

He was ordained in June, 1909, by Zion's Classis and installed as pastor of the Dallastown, Pa., Charge, where he served until 1914. From 1914 until 1919 he was pastor of the Mechanicsburg, Pa., Charge, and of St. Mary's Reformed Church at Silver Run, Md., from January, 1919, until February, 1924. From 1924 he was pastor of Christ Reformed Church at Middletown, Md., until the end of his life.

Mr. Adam died on April 29, 1936 at the age of fifty-four. One biographer says that he died at the Hagerstown, Md., Hospital, following an operation. I do not think that statement is correct. Mr. Adam was stricken at home while working in his garden with a heart attack. I do not recall that he was taken to the Hospital, but if so, there was certainly no operation.

Funeral services in Christ Church at Middletown on May 2 were in charge of Rev. Atvill Conner, assisted by Revs. L. R. Tabor, A. H. Groff, J. S. Hollenbach and N. C. Brown. Rev. O. S. Frantz preached the funeral sermon. He was interred in the Memorial Cloister at Linden Hills, Frederick, Md. On May 3 a memorial service was held in Christ Church, Middletown.

Mr. Adam served as President of Maryland Classis in 1929 - 1930. On November 2, 1910, he was married to Miss Margaretha Harrje of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

ter. In June, 1936, a bronze tablet to Mr. Adam's memory was unveiled in Christ Church.

References: Messenger; May 14, 1936

May 28, 1936

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On August 28, 1889, Mr. Weaver was ordained by East Pennsylvania Classis and installed as pastor of the Hamilton Charge, Solists, Pa., where he served until 1892. In 1891 the Stroudsburg, Pa., Congregation was added to his Charge.

In 1892 Mr. Weaver became pastor of the Hookstown Charge, Fern-dale, Pa., serving here until the Charge was divided in 1900. He continued the pastorate of Solomon's Congregation at Keller's Church near Parkersville until the end of his life. He was, therefore, pastor of Solomon's congregation from 1892 until 1936, a period of forty-four years.

In 1901 Mr. Weaver moved from Bethlehem to Parkersville where he was President of the First National Bank until 1936. He entered into the business and community life of Parkersville, serving as a member of the School Board and President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Weaver was stricken with illness while conducting a church service at Keller's Church. During the winter of 1935 - 1936, he was confined for most of the time to his home. In the spring of 1936 he was able to perform limited pastoral and business service. He died at his home in Parkersville, after an immediate illness of two weeks on May 21, 1936, at the age of seventy-three.

Funeral services at Solomon's, Keller's Church, on May 24 were in charge of Rev. H. Child and I. C. Schell, both of whom delivered

REV. CHARLES BENJAMIN WEAVER

C. B. Weaver, son of Tobias and Louisa (Hess) Weaver, was born in Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Pa., on April 18, 1863. After passing through the public school he was a student at the Hellertown Collegiate Institute, and then entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1884. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1886, graduating in 1889. On June 2 of that same year he was licensed by Tohickon Classis.

On August 18, 1889, Mr. Weaver was ordained by East Pennsylvania Classis and installed as pastor of the Hamilton Charge, Sciota, Pa., where he served until 1892. In 1891 the Stroudsburg, Pa., Congregation was added to his Charge.

In 1892 Mr. Weaver became pastor of the Nockamixon Charge, Fern-dale, Pa., serving here until the Charge was divided in 1920. He continued the pastorate of Solomon's Congregation at Keller's Church near Perkaspie until the end of his life. He was, therefore, pastor of Solomon's congregation from 1892 until 1936, a period of forty-four years.

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Funeral services at Solomon's, Keller's Church, on May 24 were in charge of Revs. H. Obold and I. O. Schell, both of whom delivered

addresses. He was buried in the Lower Sauson Cemetery.

On September 19, 1889, Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Mary Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Pearson of South Bethlehem. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. B. Koplín at the home of the bride's parents. He was survived by his widow and six children.

References: Messenger; June 4, 1936

July 16, 1936

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REV. HENRY A. CLAUSING

H. A. Clausing, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clausing, was born near St. Mary's (near New Knoxville), Ohio, on February 12, 1876. He attended the public schools of his native community, was graduated from the Mission House College in 1899, and from the Mission House Theological Seminary in 1902. He was licensed by Heidelberg Classis in June of that same year. In early youth he was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church at New Knoxville, Ohio.

In January, 1903, Mr. Clausing was ordained in his home church at New Knoxville by a committee of Heidelberg Classis, of which Rev. B. S. Stern was the Chairman. He then went to Mordey, Manitoba, Canada, where he served as a missionary pastor until 1905. From 1905 until 1908 he was pastor of the Findlay, Ohio, Charge, and from 1908 until 1911, of the Garrett, Indiana, Charge.

He served the Shanesville, Ohio, Charge from 1911 until 1920. While he was pastor here a new church and parsonage were erected. During his pastorate at Shanesville he also served the Bakersville and Fiat, Ohio, Congregations.

From 1920 until 1930 he was pastor of St. Matthew's (Sixth) Reformed Church at Cleveland, and from 1930 until the end of his life, he was pastor of Jerusalem Church at Stone Creek Valley and of Zion Church at Stone Creek, Ohio.

Mr. Clausing died of a cerebral hemorrhage in the Union Hospital at Dover, Ohio, on June 4, 1936, at the age of sixty. Funeral services on June 7 at Jerusalem Church were in charge of Rev. A. H. Elshoff. Further services on June 8 in the First Reformed Church at New Knoxville were in charge of Rev. D. R. Raiser. He was buried in the cemetery at New Knoxville.

On September 12, 1903, Mr. Clausing was married at Morden, Manitoba, by the father of the bride, to Miss Talitha Hansen, daughter of Rev.

Hansen, pioneer Missionary of the Reformed Church to Canada. Mrs. Clausing died on September 5, 1932. He was survived by one daughter.

References: Messenger; June 25, 1936

July 23, 1936

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REV. GABRIEL DOKUS, SR.

Gabriel Dokus, Sr., was born at Kovacs-Vagas, Hungary, on September 4, 1861. He was educated at Teachers' College at Sarospatak, and then taught at Kovacs-Vagas and at Fony.

He arrived in America on March 15, 1893, settling at South Norwalk, Connecticut. Almost immediately he set about the organization of a Hungarian congregation in that City. He was licensed by the Hungarian Classis on September 30, 1894, and on December 9 of that same year he was ordained by the Hungarian Classis and installed as pastor of the Hungarian congregation at South Norwalk, which he in the meantime had organized.

He was the pastor of this congregation from 1894 until his retirement in 1932, a period of not quite forty years. At his retirement he was elected Pastor-Emeritus of the congregation. In August, 1920 he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate at South Norwalk. During his pastorate here, he built two churches and a parsonage.

Mr. Dokus died in South Norwalk, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Horvath, on June 6, 1936, at the age of seventy-four. He was buried in Riverside Cemetery at South Norwalk.

Mr. Dokus was the father of Rev. Gabriel Dokus, Jr., and of Rev. Alexander Dokus, both ministers of the Reformed Church; also of Mrs. Samuel Horvath, the widow of a Reformed minister.

References: Messenger; June 25, 1936

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REV. FREDERICK W. KRATZ, PH. D.

F. W. Kratz was born at Essen, Germany. We have no information concerning the date of his birth or of his parentage. As a very young man he came to America and began to prepare for the Ministry. He was graduated from Calvin College in 1894 and from the Ursinus School of Theology in 1895. He was licensed and ordained, presumably by the German Philadelphia Classis, in April, 1895.

Mr. Kratz served a German congregation in Philadelphia from 1895 until 1902, and then he may have been dismissed to another denomination, as his name is ^{not} listed among the ministers of the Reformed Church from 1902 until 1910. In 1910 - 1911, he was at Navarre, Ohio; from 1911 until 1917, at Toledo, Ohio; from 1917 until 1920, at Fort Wayne, Indiana; from 1920 until 1924, at Baltimore, Md. (probably as pastor of the Fifth Reformed Church); and from 1924 until 1928, at Brooklyn, New York. In 1928 he became pastor of St. Paul's (German) Reformed at Philadelphia, serving there until the end of his life.

Mr. Kratz died suddenly of heart disease at his home in Philadelphia on June 19, 1936. Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church on June 23 in charge of Rev. L. H. Kunst, who preached a funeral sermon in German, and Rev. J. O. H. Meyer (Mr. Kratz's son-in-law) who preached in English. He was buried in the Lawnview Cemetery at Philadelphia.

In 1895 Mr. Kratz was married to Miss Sarah Pretzer. He was survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter. In 1901 he received the degree of Master of Arts from Harriman University, and in 1915 the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from North-Western University.

References: Messenger; July 2, 1936. July 16, 1936

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REV. SAMUEL MARSTELLER ROEDER, D. D.

S. M. Roeder, son of Daniel and Catherine Roeder, was born on a farm at Hosenbach, Lehigh County, Pa., on April 27, 1851. He received a public school education, attended Freeland Seminary and Ursinus Academy. He then spent a year in teaching. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1871, graduating in 1875. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1878 and licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis in May of that same year.

On August 25, 1878, Mr. Roeder was ordained by a committee of West Susquehanna Classis, consisting of Revs. J. G. Shoemaker, W. H. Groh and W. M. Landis. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Centre Hall, Pa., Charge which had just been constituted by West Susquehanna Classis, and of which he was the first pastor.

Mr. Roeder served here from 1878 until 1884, and then became pastor of the Elizabethtown, Pa., Charge, his pastorate here continuing until 1893. He then served the Manchester, Md., Charge for thirteen years (until August, 1906). His last pastorate was in the Glen Rock, Pa., Charge, where he served from 1906 until August, 1931.

He then retired from the active ministry and moved to Lancaster, Pa., where he resided until the end of his life. It will be noted that at the time of his retirement, he had spent fifty-three years continuously in the pastorate, and that he was then past his eightieth birthday. Altogether, he was in the Ministry of the Reformed Church for a period of fifty-eight years.

Mr. Roeder died at his home in Lancaster on July 7, 1936, at the age of eighty-five. Funeral services in the First Reformed Church at Lancaster on July 10 were in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Bollman, assisted by Rev. E. O. Keen. He was buried in the cemetery at Glen Rock.

On May 11, 1881, Mr. Roeder was married to Miss Mary R. Groh,

daughter of Rev. W. H. Groh. The ceremony was performed in the Reformed Church at Boalsburg, Pa., by the father of the bride, assisted by Rev. D. M. Wolff. Mr. Roeder was survived by his widow and seven children.

He celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate at Glen Rock in October, 1926, and the fiftieth of his ordination in August, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Roeder celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage in May, 1906, and the fiftieth in May, 1931. In 1926 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Roeder the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; July 23, 1936

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REV. EDWARD D. WETTACH, D. D.

E. D. Wettach was born of Swiss parentage at Uniontown, Ohio, on May 5, 1852. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1875 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1877.

After being licensed and ordained, Mr. Wettach was installed as pastor of the Sulphur Springs, Ohio, Charge, which he served from 1877 until 1879. He was then pastor of the Reedsburg, Ohio, Charge for five years (1879 - 1884). Mr. Wettach then came East to be pastor of the St. Matthew's Charge at Anselma, Pa., where he served until October, 1889. During his pastorate here a new church was dedicated and a new parsonage erected.

In October, 1889, he was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to organize Trinity Mission Congregation at Akron, Ohio, where he was successful in completing the organization and built a church.

From 1895 until 1899 his residence was at Tiffin, and from 1899 until 1900 at Sycamore, Ohio. It was probably at this time that he was engaged as Field Secretary of Heidelberg College.

In 1900 he was sent to Toledo, Ohio, again to organize a Mission congregation. In this project, also, he was successful in establishing the congregation and erecting a church building. He served here from 1900 until 1905, and then the Board of Home Missions called on him yet once again to go to Youngstown, Ohio, to establish a new Mission congregation in that City. The result of his efforts here was the organization of the Third Reformed Church at Youngstown and the erection of a church building. Mr. Wettach served here from 1905 until his retirement in 1929, when he was elected Pastor-Emeritus. While at Youngstown he also served for some time as pastor of St. Paul's Church in the same City.

Mr. Wettach continued to reside at Youngstown until the end of his life. He died at his home on July 30, 1936, at the age of eighty-

four. Funeral services in the Third Church at Youngstown on August 3 were in charge of Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, who also preached the funeral sermon. He was assisted in the services by Revs. N. B. Mathes, G. T. N. Beam, H. N. Kerst and H. C. McAuley. He was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Youngstown.

On November 12, 1879, Mr. Wettach was married to Miss Anna Keller, who died in January, 1929. He was survived by one daughter. ^x

In 1896 Heidelberg University ^{College} conferred upon Mr. Wettach the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

References: Messenger; August 13, 1936

September 10, 1936

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

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x Mrs F. Mabel Wettach, Youngstown, Ohio]

REV. ISRAEL ROTHENBERGER

Israel Rothenberger was born near South Bend, Indiana, on June 23, 1857. He was graduated from Heidelberg College in 1883 and from the Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1885. After being licensed and ordained he spent fifty-one years in the Ministry of the Reformed Church and served pastorates at the following named places, but I do not know the dates or lengths of these pastorates, or even if they are arranged in the correct chronological order: Denver, Indiana; Plymouth, Indiana; South Bend, Indiana; White Pigeon, Michigan; Fort Seneca, Ohio; Galion, Ohio; Carrollton, Ohio; Petersburg, Ohio; Sulphur Springs, Ohio; Lindsey, Ohio (including service in congregations at Hessville and Four Mile House). After he retired he continued to reside at Lindsey until the end of his life.

Mr. Rothenberger died in the Memorial Hospital at Fremont, Ohio, on September 27, 1936, at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services at Lindsey on September 30 were in charge of Revs. L. G. Fitz and G. Gerlach. Further services on October 1 in his home church at Mulberry, Indiana, were in charge of Rev. C. J. Snyder. He was buried in Fair Haven Cemetery at Mulberry.

On September 28, 1886, Mr. Rothenberger was married by Rev. E. W. Henschen to Miss Clara Peters, who survived him, with one son. Mr. and Mrs. Rothenberger had planned to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, but his death occurred on the day before the expected event.

References: Messenger; October 22, 1936

December 24, 1936

Alumni Register, Central Seminary

Reformed Church Almanac, 1938.

REV. EDWIN HARTZELL LAUBACH

E. H. Laubach was born in Williams Township, Northampton County, near Easton, Pa., on November 7, 1871. He was graduated from Lafayette College in 1893, and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1896. He was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis, and ordained by Eastern Ohio Classis in that same year.

Mr. Laubach was pastor of the Warren, Ohio, Charge from 1896 until 1898, and of the Athens, Michigan, Charge from 1898 until 1899. During part of the years 1899 - 1900, he was without a pastoral Charge.

In 1900 he became pastor of the Monroe, Pa., Charge, which he served until 1903. His subsequent pastorates were at Braddock, Pa., 1903 - 1905; Fairview Charge, Chicora, Pa., 1905 - 1906; Niles, Ohio, 1906 - 1907; White Deer Charge, West Milton, Pa., 1907 - 1908; Bethany Church, Bethlehem, Pa., 1908 - 1911; Robertsville, Ohio, 1911 - 1916; Solomon's Church, Macungie, Pa., 1916 - 1918; Scottdale, Pa., 1918 - 1924; Trafford, Pa., 1924 - 1928; Without Charge, 1928 - 1930; Fort Loudon, Pa., 1930 - 1935.

In 1935 he retired from the active ministry and went to Warren, Ohio, to reside; later, moving to Zelienople, Pa.

Mr. Laubach died at his home in Zelienople, after an illness of five months, on October 10, 1936, at the age of sixty-four. Funeral services in the home at Zelienople on October 12 were in charge of Rev. J. H. String, assisted by Revs. J. O. Gilbert, F. Hiack and H. T. Goodling. He was buried on October 13 in the Western Reserve Burial Park at Warren, Ohio, services at the grave being in charge of Rev. J. P. Alden.

Mr. Laubach was married (date not given) to Miss Catherine Schout of Warren, Ohio. He was survived by his widow and one daughter. His son, John Laubach, a Foreign Missionary teacher, died in China in

1923. (*drowning accident*)

References: Messenger; October 29, 1936

November 19, 1936

Seminary Register

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REV. JONAS LEIDY YEARICK

J. L. Yearick, son of Rev. W. R. Yearick and brother of Rev. Z. A. Yearick, was born at Hilltown, Bucks County, Pa., on July 24, 1870. He attended the public school at Jacksonville and a preparatory school at Howard, Pa. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary in 1907 and licensed by Tohickon Classis in May of that same year.

Mr. ^{Yearick} Leidy was ordained in the latter part of July, 1907, by a committee of North Carolina Classis, consisting of Revs. J. A. Foil and Milton Whitener. At the same time he was installed as pastor of the Maiden, N. C., Charge. During his pastorate here the erection of the new St. Matthew's Church near Maiden was begun, although Mr. Yearick left the Charge before the building was completed. However, he laid the corner-stone on Ascension Day, 1908.

In the latter part of 1908 Mr. Yearick became pastor of the East Rowan Charge, Rockwell, N. C., where he served until 1912. He was pastor of the McConnellsburg, Pa., Charge, serving also the Lutheran congregation at McConnellsburg, under a federation agreement, from 1912 until 1918. He served the Jenners Charge, Boswell, Pa., from 1918 until 1920; Emanuel Church, Export, Pa., from 1920 until 1927; the Ruffsdale, Pa., Charge from 1927 until 1928; and the Denmark Manor Charge, Harrison City, Pa., from 1928 until 1933. From 1933 until 1935, he was without a pastoral Charge, residing at Souderton, Pa. From 1935 until the end of his life he was pastor of the Mercy Church at Saegerstown, Pa.

Mr. Yearick died suddenly at his home in Saegerstown on November 3, 1936, at the age of sixty-six. Funeral services in Mercy Church on November 5 were in charge of Rev. V. A. Ruth, assisted by Revs. P. C. Shumaker, V. J. Tingler, W. H. Kerschner and J. L. Bensinger. Rev. P. J. Dundore preached the funeral sermon. Further services were held in Trinity Church at Telford, Pa., on

November 6. He was buried in the cemetery at Telford.

On November 17, 1898, Mr. Yearick was married to Miss Clara V. Swank of Philadelphia. Mrs. Yearick died in 1903. In 1907 he was married a second time to Miss Ida Benner of Souderton, Pa. He was survived by his widow.

References: Messenger; November 19, 1936
 November 26, 1936
 Seminary Register
 Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

Mr. Yearick died, after a long illness, at his home in Charlotte on November 6, 1936, at the age of fifty-eight. Funeral services were held in the First Church at Charlotte on November 8 in charge of Rev. L. I. Peeler. Rev. H. C. Kellermeyer delivered an address. He was buried at Wagonboro, Pa., on November 10, the burial service being in charge of Revs. W. F. DeLong and S. E. Louch.

Mr. Yearick was married (date not given) to Miss Betta Kluge of Wagonboro, Pa. He was survived by his widow.

Messenger; November 19, 1936
 December 24, 1936
 Reformed Church Almanac, 1937.

REV. ALBERT V. VONDERSMITH

A. V. Vondersmith was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1878. We know nothing of his preparatory education or activities of his early life except that he was engaged in Near East Relief Work for three years.

He entered the Ministry of the Reformed Church when he became pastor of the Hough Avenue Reformed Church at Cleveland, which he served from 1925 until 1934. He then became pastor of the First Reformed Church at Charlotte, North Carolina (May, 1934), which he served to the end of his life.

Mr. Vondersmith died, after a long illness, at his home in Charlotte on November 6, 1936, at the age of fifty-eight. Funeral services were held in the First Church at Charlotte on November 8 in charge of Rev. L. A. Peeler. Rev. H. C. Kellermeyer delivered an address. He was buried at Waynesboro, Pa., on November 10, the burial service being in charge of Revs. W. F. DeLong and S. E. Lobach.

Mr. Vondersmith was married (date not given) to Miss Netta Elaine Smith of Waynesboro, Pa. He was survived by his widow.

References: Messenger; November 19, 1936

December 24, 1936

Reformed Church Almanac, 1938.

REV. ELIAS WILLIAM STONEBRAKER

E. W. Stonebraker, son of Samuel and Sarah Rebecca (Kanode) Stonebraker, was born at Cedar Hill, near Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland, on October 9, 1860. He was a student at Mercersburg College and then entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1892. He was licensed by Maryland Classis at Mt. Pleasant on May 17, 1892, and ordained by Juniata Classis later in that same year.

Mr. Stonebraker served the following pastorates: Loysburg, Pa., 1892 - 1903; Fairfield, Pa., 1903 - 1912; Quarryville, Pa., 1912 - 1915; Lovettsville, Va., 1915 - 1918; Chaplain in the United States Army, 1918 - 1920; and from 1920 until 1922 he was without a pastoral Charge.

In 1922 He became pastor of the Wapwallopen, Pa., Charge, serving it until 1929. He then retired from the active ministry, residing at Fairfield from 1929 until 1932, and at Beaver Falls, Pa., after 1932. During his later years he spent some time at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. Stonebraker died at St. Petersburg, Florida, on December 31, 1936, at the age of seventy-six. Funeral services at the home of his daughter in Fairfield, Pa., were in charge of Rev. G. H. Koons, assisted by Rev. D. W. Woods. He was buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

On November 20, 1884, Mr. Stonebraker was married to Miss Susan M. Schnebly of Pleasant Vale, Va. He was survived by two daughters.

References: Messenger; January 14, 1937

March 18, 1937

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