

church property. But they had faith in God and in the Church which they loved, and they determined to begin again. A meeting held July nineteenth, 1892, will not soon be forgotten. The Rev. Mr. Haan persisted in denying the loyal few admittance to the church, and a meeting was held on the front steps. The Rev. Cornelius E. Crispell, D. D., the Rev. William H. Vroom, D. D., and the Rev. James Huyssoon, were present as a committee of Classis. Dr. Crispell presided, and opened the meeting with prayer. The congregation then proceeded to the election of a new Consistory. G. J. Busch - Keiser and J. W. Westerhoff were chosen elders. Jacob Van Emaus and H. J. Van Dyk were elected deacons. They were installed by the Rev. James Huyssoon, at Hohokus, August seventh, 1892. The Seceders were in possession of the church building, but the loyal Consistory at once made efforts to regain it. Aided by the Classis and Judge John Hopper, they were enabled to hold worship in their own building November the thirtieth, 1892.

THE REV. FREDERICK G. DEKKER. *

In December, 1892, the services of Mr. Frederick G. Dekker were secured. He was a theological student, and through his efforts the Church at once began to flourish. The scattered fragments were brought together, and a period of new growth ensued. After he had completed his studies in the Seminary at New Brunswick, and was licensed to preach the Gospel, he was called to the pastorate. The call was accepted and he was installed July twenty-first, 1896. He resigned September fourteenth, 1897, having accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Holland Reformed Church of Paterson. His whole ministry was prosperous. Thirty-three members were added on confession, and sixty-five on certificate. In the latter were included twenty-nine of those who had seceded, and the charge to the pastor was given by the pastor of the Christian Reformed Church of Wortendyke.

THE REV. W. LUBACH.

The Rev. W. Lubach was called from Palmyra, N. Y., in 1898, and was installed May the eleventh. The Rev. Frederick G. Dekker presided, read the form and delivered the charge to the people. The Rev. Teunis H. Hoonte, preached the sermon.

* For portrait of Mr. Dekker, see history of First Holland Church of Paterson, p. 432

Mr. Lubach was born at Leewaarden, in the Netherlands, May fourth, 1825. In his earlier life he was engaged in evangelistic work, but later took a theological course at Kampen, graduating in 1874. His first charges were at Edam, in the province of North Holland, and at Zandam. Coming to America in 1882, he was pastor of the Church at Lansing, Illinois, then at Oostburg, Wisconsin, and at Palmyra, New York, previous to 1898.

Mr. Lubach's pastorate at Wortendyke was brief, but blessed in the work of healing old wounds, and restoring the scattered congregation. The death of his beloved wife, in 1896, and the infirmities of advancing age led him to request relief from the active duties of his office, and, in April, 1900, he was declared *emeritus*. At the present time, April, 1901, he resides with his son, John Lubach, at Cedar Grove, Wisconsin.



THE REV. W. LUBACH.

THE REV. D. CORNELIUS RUIGH.

The Rev. D. Cornelius Ruigh was called from Sioux Falls, S. D., in April, 1900, and was installed pastor September nineteenth, of the same year. He is a graduate of Hope College and of the seminary at New Brunswick, having finished his course in the latter place in May, 1899. His pastorate at Wortendyke was inaugurated under favorable conditions. The congregation is united and harmonious, and an excellent Consistory are a great help to the minister in his work. The time has not yet come to write the history of this pastorate. Only a hopeful outlook can be



THE REV. D. C. RUIGH.

recorded. Sabbath services are well attended. Catechetical