

Meulen, who remained with them until August, 1870, when he was followed by the Rev. A. Zwemer in November of that year. Mr. Zwemer remained about three years. His successor was the Rev. R. Duiker, who entered upon his pastorate in April, 1874, and removed to Danforth, Ill., in 1877. Since January, 1878, the present pastor, the Rev. Wm. Moerdyk, has filled the place of pastor to the congregation. During Mr. Zwemer's incumbency the present parsonage was constructed; and, the necessity for a still larger church being seen, during the period of Mr. Duiker's pastorate the present church edifice was erected on the corner of Harmon and Tenth streets. Through the instrumentality of Mr. Moerdyk the church has been relieved of a debt of some \$3,400, which previously had proved a grievous burden. The present officary of the Church is: Pastor, Wm. Moerdyk; Elders, E. Janssen, A. Hesselink, H. J. Mentink, G. H. Hengeveld; Deacons, Wm. Anvelink, S. Ter Horst, J. B. Hyink, John Geerlings. The Church Society numbers about ninety families, and 190 members in full communion, and has a Sunday-school with an average attendance of 200 scholars. The Church property is valued at about \$10,000.

REV. WILLIAM MOERDYK, Pastor of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, in America, was born January 27, 1843, in Biervliet, Province of Zeeland, United Kingdom of the Netherlands. He came with his parents to the United States in 1849 and settled in Ottawa County, Michigan; was educated at Hope College, Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, graduating in 1866. He completed his theological course at the Seminary in the same place, graduating in 1869. He was ordained for the ministry June 17, 1869. On the 18th of June, 1869, he was married to Miss Jennie Kroes of Holland, Michigan. They have had five children, three of whom are living. From the Spring of 1872 to December, 1877, he was pastor of the Reformed Church at Zeeland, Michigan. His first charge was at Drenthe, Ottawa County, Michigan, where he served nearly three years. Since January 21, 1878, he has been pastor of his present charge. He is a member of the Council of Hope College—his *Alma Mater*. He preaches the Holland language, but the Sabbath-school is mainly English in its instruction; occasional sermons are in English. Himself and congregation are thoroughly in accord with the principles of the Reformation.

THE LUTHERAN REFORMED CHURCH,

Now located at No. 460 Fourth street, was organized in 1852 by Rev. Asmus Diederichsen, who has continued in charge of the society to the present date. The officers of the Board of Trustees are: Hans Gusch, Vice President; Frederick Holle, Secretary; Christian Meier, Treasurer. There was a membership of 100 families at its organization, but it now includes only fifty families. Seventy to eighty attend Holy Communion, and fifty to sixty deaths occur annually. About 100 children are baptized and forty to fifty are instructed and confirmed. The congregation own no church property but worship in the second story of his house where he has held service continuously since 1852.

REV. ASMUS DIEDERICHSEN, Pastor of the Lutheran Reformed Church, was born in April, 1807, in Gunnebye Parish, Ulsnisensis, in Anglia Slesvicensi. He was educated at the Gymnasium in Schleswig, then styled the "Damschule," and graduated at the University of Kiel, in Holstein. After passing examination successfully in theology he was tutor in the home of Baron Krondorf of Eckenfoerde. Afterward he was professor in the institute at Wesselburen, Norderditmarschen, where he also served as substitute for the aged pastor Gatzert in the neighboring circuit of Buehein. The pupils in the Gymnasium, Schleswig Holstein, were in demand as teachers to accompany emigrants to America. In the Summer of 1847 he came to the United States, and on the 8th of October of that year he located in Milwaukee, which has since been his home. He was assigned to the pastorate of the Lutheran congregation, in Cedarburg, but preached every two weeks in Milwaukee. During the Winter he taught the older children of his Cedarburg congregation, and the next season confirmed them. In January, 1848, he accepted the pastorate of the Reformed Lutheran Congregation in Milwaukee, which charge he has retained to the present time, 1881. He also has charge of a