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FOREWORD.

The parents of the writer were admitted to membership in the Lafayette Reformed Church by letters from the First Presbyterian Church of Newark, New Jersey, November 30th, 1867, and two or three years later I became a member of the infant class of the Sunday School.

I can therefore recall to memory practically all the officers and members of the Church since 1869 or 1870.

The following historical sketch, prepared from the records of the Church, which are remarkably correct, supplemented by personal knowledge of nearly all of the important events, may be considered as quite accurate. It is the hope of the writer that the compilation may prove instructive and of interest to those not familiar with the early history of the Church, and that the evidence of faith and good works may inspire the present membership to press forward in the accomplishment of a great work which lies before them.

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ANY HISTORY of Jersey City would be incomplete without a chapter on Lafayette and Communipaw, because in that section of the city many of the pioneers of the County made their homes.

The Dutch settled on the Communipaw Shores at an early date, and while there are no remains of windmills to prove the assertion, the names of those early settlers furnish the evidence without any special landmarks or traditional history. The names Communipaw and Lafayette are synonymous to those familiar with the territory, and are more significant than the name of the city which eventually absorbed these settlements.

In the early days Lafayette was a most attractive place, by many persons considered the choice part of the entire section destined to be called Jersey City. Pacific avenue, then known as Washington avenue, was lined on both sides with beautiful shade trees, regularly grouped, back of which were private residences surrounded by lawns and trees, the favorite playgrounds for the children.

Then there were the immense farms where celery and other vegetables were raised in large quantities. The population was small and the number of buildings few and scattered.

In 1860 the people in the community were largely of Dutch descent, with a few persons who claimed English, Scotch or Welsh ancestors. It was natural that a large proportion of these people should identify themselves with the Bergen Reformed Church, and not at all strange that they should desire a Church in the midst of their own settlement. For two centuries families living on or adjacent to Communipaw Shore had gone to worship Sunday after Sunday at the Dutch Church on the Hill. So at this early period, in a very small community, church services were held on Sunday afternoons, which resulted in the organization of the Lafayette Reformed Church. Hence the community and the church grew up together. The proud bird on the top of the church spire, who in the sixties sniffed the odor of celery beds and salt air, maintained his perch until the railroads and factories wafted smoke in his face, then he gave up his work as a "weather-vane guide," and on a windy night dropped to the street. His remains are now in the cellar of the church, and while his place has been
taken by a new bird of larger dimensions and brighter plumage, the bird in the cellar, could he speak, would be able to tell all about Lafayette. From his perch he was an eye-witness to all that went on below, and received conspicuous attention.

The history of the Dutch Church in America is exceedingly interesting, and the following extract from an article prepared by Rev. T. J. Kommers, the second Pastor of our Church, is instructive at this time:

"In the year 1628 the Rev. Jonas Michaelius arrived in this country from Holland, and in the summer of that year formally organized a Church which has had continuous existence to this day, and is with reason supposed to be the oldest protestant Church on this Continent.

"Thus the Reformed Church was established in America; and in 1772 became independent of the Church in Holland, upon whose care and guidance she had hitherto relied."

In a few years the Reformed Church of America will celebrate its 300th Anniversary, and we should be proud to know that we are part of an organization with such a history; an organization whose influence has extended to all parts of the world.

The Lafayette Reformed Church at this time claims an existence of only fifty years, a mere child, but in marking the event, a sign post of one half century is set up which we believe is a positive fore-runner of a history that some day will mark its progress by centuries and not by years, thus following in the footsteps of the parent Church whose motto is always "Forward."

From records presented to the Church (and still in our possession) by Rev. B. C. Taylor, D. D., Pastor of the Bergen Reformed Church, we find the following:

"October 27th, 1861, first Sabbath afternoon service in Communipaw District School House No. 8. Dr. Taylor preached from 1. Cor. 1:23, 'But we Preach Christ Crucified.' Dr. Van Cleef assisted in the services. November 3rd, 1861, opened a new Sunday School, 2 P. M., with 37 children and 21 teachers. Superintendent and Secretary chosen (names not given). Dr. Taylor and Mr. H. Linsley made addresses and Dr. Van Cleef preached. A collection of $24.00 taken for the school. An encouraging opening. After this Dr. Taylor preached in the school house nearly every other Sabbath afternoon, until the Reformed Church of Lafayette was organized.'"

From an article prepared by Rev. Jasper S. Hogan, the third pastor of the Church, the following will be of interest:

"The Lafayette Reformed Church was organized on the third of May, 1863. * * * There was no Church of any kind, and the worshippers from this part of the city used to go to the Old Bergen Church on Bergen avenue.

"About this time a Land Association was formed which purchased a tract of farm land and laid it out in building lots. The Association recognizing the necessity of a Church, offered three lots on the corner on which our Church now stands, to any church that would form an organization and occupy the ground. Prayer meetings had been held for some time and a Sunday School had been established in the small school house which then sufficed for the needs of the district."
After a number of meetings the following petition was presented to the South Classis of Bergen, within whose jurisdiction the proposed Church would be:

"To the Rev. South Classis of Bergen of the Reformed Church in North America:

'Dear Brethren—We, the undersigned, heads of families and members in full communion of the Reformed Dutch Church of Bergen and other Reformed Dutch Churches and of Churches of like Christian faith, residing in Lafayette and Communipaw and vicinity, respectfully represent our desire to be organized as a Reformed Dutch Church under your ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

'We are induced to this application from the rapid growth of population around us and the urgent demand for stated sanctuary privileges in our neighborhood.

'For more than a year past we have had stated Sabbath afternoon services in the School House in this District, gratuitously furnished by the Rev. Drs. Taylor and Wells. These services have been well attended and we trust with profit to ourselves and those worshipping with us. We have a flourishing Sabbath School of eighty children and have maintained a weekly prayer meeting which has been well attended.

'We have also met together and consulted upon the matter, and have good encouragement in the matter of erecting a Church, having had offered to us as a gift three valuable lots of land on which to build a Church and obtained subscriptions in money for that purpose amounting to four thousand dollars.

'We do therefore request you at your stated session on the third Tuesday of the month to take the necessary measures to constitute us, and those who may be disposed to unite with us, a Reformed Dutch Church, to be known and distinguished as the Reformed Dutch Church of.............

'And your petitioners as in duty bound will pray that our efforts in this good work may prove successful and result in the enlargement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

'April 21st, 1863.'

(Signed by)


The petition was granted by Classis as shown by the following extract from their minutes:

Copy from the Minutes of the South Classis of Bergen, April 21st and 22d, 1863.

"A communication from certain members of the Church of Bergen and of other churches residing at Lafayette and Communipaw, asking for
the organization of a new Church at Lafayette was received, and the petition was granted."

In reference to the organization of a Church at Lafayette:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to organize a Church at Lafayette in accordance with a petition from certain heads of families of communicants residing at Lafayette, Communipaw and vicinity, and that said Church be organized on condition that it shall be incorporated under the State law enacted for the incorporation of Reformed Dutch Churches.

Resolved, That Rev. B. C. Taylor, Rev. P. D. Van Cleef and Elder Nicholas S. Vreeland be appointed said Committee.

On May 3d, 1863, the Committee met with the applicants for organization, when twenty-eight persons were received by the Committee, of whom twenty-six were received by certificate, viz.: 17 from the Reformed Dutch Church of Bergen; 4 from the First Dutch Church of Van Vorst, Jersey City; 5 from the First Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, and 2 on confession of faith. The male members then duly elected two Elders and two Deacons. On May 17th, 1863, the following Elders and Deacons, whose names had been published for three successive Sabbaths by a Committee from Classis, were ordained: Elders Abraham Brittain and Justus Slater. Deacons John Van Horne, Jr., and John A. Bouker. The Committee then declared the Church duly constituted as the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Lafayette, N. J.

Articles of incorporation were subsequently executed June 1st, 1863, and filed in the Court House June 3rd, 1863.

The lots on which the Church stands were accepted with thanks, from the Land Association. A lot to the rear of these was purchased November 25th, 1863, and a lecture room build thereon, completed in 1863 or 1864.

The Church building was begun in 1864, but not completed until the latter part of 1866, being dedicated November 25th, 1866.

The first preparatory service was held July 10, 1863, and the first Communion service on July 12th, 1863.

On February 4th, 1864, the Consistory extended a call to Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., the salary being $800, which call was not accepted.

On June 30th, 1864, Consistory prepared a call to the Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, D. D., with the approval of Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, Moderator of Classis, the same to be effective August 1st, 1864.

Mr. Justus Slater, whose grandson, Mr. C. Howard Slater, still lives in Jersey City, was appointed to deliver the call. Dr. Duryee was installed July 31st, 1864, and one of his first duties, and an unpleasant one, was to execute a mortgage for five thousand dollars on behalf of the Church for the purpose of completing the Church building.

The mortgage was paid off July 19th, 1872.

For two or three years the organization had a struggle to collect enough money to erect the buildings, and Dr. Duryee stated in one of his anniversary addresses that he carried a subscription book in his pocket for a long time. The main building was in course of erection for several years, and during one winter the side walls were blown down during a heavy storm.
The faith, courage and persistency of the early members of the Church have been demonstrated many times, and to this day the same spirit exists. This spirit has been the factor which has enabled the Church to reach its Fiftieth Anniversary, free of debt and with a legacy of good work faithfully performed.

During the early years of struggle the Church received some support from the Board of Domestic Missions, but that loan has been repaid many times over.

In 1868 the first pipe organ was purchased, at a cost of $1,650. The instrument was used continuously until November 11th, 1898, when the present large organ, one of the finest in the city, was installed with appropriate ceremonies.

In 1877 a new bell was hung in the spire to replace the original which was cracked July 4, 1876, as the result of too much patriotic fervor during the Centennial celebrations.

In the latter part of 1877, Consistory accepted from Mr. Jacob Van Horne the generous gift of two lots of land on Pacific avenue, upon which a very commodious church parsonage was erected, the same being completed during the year 1879.

The building was paid for in part by subscriptions, the balance being provided for by the execution of a mortgage for $3,500, which mortgage was paid July 7th, 1904, and subsequently cancelled of record.

From this date the organization has been entirely free from debt of any description.

The year 1881 records a large appropriation for improvements. The old organ was repaired at a cost of $250, and $1,800 were spent for decorations and other interior work.

On the third of May, 1888, the Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with appropriate services.

On April 7th, 1891, Dr. Duryee resigned his pastorate to accept a chair in Rutgers College. The congregation protested against his leaving but having given twenty-seven years of active service in the community, Dr. Duryee was insistent upon retiring.

He was a staunch theologian, a man of scholarly and literary attainments and the author of several poems of great merit.

Dr. Duryee was a Trustee of Rutgers College, and in 1883 held the Presidency of the Synod of the Reformed Church in America. At the time of his death, January 20th, 1897, he occupied the chair in Rutgers College designated as “Professorship of Ethics, Evidence of Christianity and the English Bible.” On November 11th, 1897, a beautiful tablet erected to the memory of Dr. Duryee was unveiled in the Church with appropriate services.

Dr. Duryee's long pastorate recalls the activities of his family in every department of the Church. He was particularly interested in foreign missions, and was a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church of America. His three daughters entered the foreign mission field for active service. Mrs. Duryee at the time of her death was Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and the Charlotte W. Duryee School for Women in connection with the Amoy Mission perpet-
uates her memory in that particular work. Mrs. Duryee organized the Woman's Missionary Society in the Lafayette Reformed Church, October 21st, 1875, and was the presiding officer until her death, March 9th, 1885. The splendid work of the Society has been continuously maintained.

An appropriate tablet to the memory of Mrs. Duryee was placed in the Chapel by the women of the Church.

Dr. Duryee's only son was obliged to leave his family in New Brunswick on account of ill health and finally made his residence at Lake Placid, New York, becoming prominent in the public affairs of the town, where he died during the year 1912.

The Rev. Joseph R. Duryee, D. D., pastor of the Grace Reformed Church of New York City, one of the brothers of our first pastor, was present at the first service of our Church organization, which was held at the home of Justice Slater; and also witnessed the first services in the lecture room and Church. He has accepted an invitation to address the congregation at the Sunday Morning Service to be held May eighteenth, and his reference to the earlier events in the Church history will be instructive and very appropriate.

A call was extended to Rev. T. J. Kommers during the summer of 1891, the same to be effective September 1st, 1891. Mr. Kommers accepted and was installed September 29th.

He labored zealously until his health gave out, then the Church granted him a leave of absence for six months. He went to National City, California, and there remained until his death, April 2nd, 1904. In the meantime the Church had received and accepted his formal resignation, which was dated March 9th, 1903. Mr. Kommers was born in Holland, received his early education there and completed his studies in America.

With a constitution not over vigorous he possessed character of great strength and courage. During his illness he sent a letter to the congregation which was read from the pulpit and will always be remembered by those who heard it as a message full of faith, courage and hope.

Mr. Kommers was a great lover of music and one particularly touching incident occurred, known to only a few persons, which may be mentioned with propriety as illustrative of his courage.

A few hours prior to the last Evening Service which he conducted in the Lafayette Reformed Church, he requested the organist to play as a prelude "Guilmant's Funeral March." This masterpiece was a favorite with Mr. Kommers, but it is very lengthy, and being asked by the organist whether some of it should be eliminated he replied, "Play every note." Needless to say the request was granted, but it required some fortitude on the part of the organist to do so.

On July 6th, 1903, a call was extended to Rev. Jasper S. Hogan, which was accepted, and he was installed September 23d, 1903.

Mr. Hogan continued the thorough work of his predecessors, was held in high esteem by members of the Church and his many acquaintances in the city.

Very reluctantly his resignation was accepted April 10th, 1912, to en-
able him to accept a call in New Brunswick. Mr. Hogan received his education in Rutgers College and the New Brunswick Seminary, and he could not resist the opportunity to return to the town of his Alma Mater. He had endeared himself to the people in the church and the city, and like his predecessors he took with him the good-will of his congregation and friends for success in his new charge.

During the summer of 1905 memorial windows were installed, being completed about October first, adding much to the comfort and appearance of the church.

One window was presented by the Sunday School in memory of former superintendents. Another was donated by the Christian Endeavor Society, and a third was in memory of Rev. T. J. Kommers, given by the members of the church, while the others were given by a few persons in memory of members of their families who had faithfully served the church.

The names are recorded on the windows but they deserve a place in this review, and are as follows:

John Anderson Bouker.
Eliza C. Denniston.
Rev. Tunis John Kommers.
Susan Henry McKnight.
Sarah Van Horne Post.
Thorne P. Sherwood and Sarah C. Sherwood.
Jacob Van Horne.
Y. P. S. C. E.


On April 5th, 1906, the Church accepted from the late Harry Louderbough a number of shares of stock in the Lafayette Building and Loan Association, the proceeds of which, when they mature, will be added to the present endowment fund, amounting to $10,000, given by the same good friend of the Church.

The Lafayette Reformed Church should have an endowment fund of $100,000.00 to enable it to carry out plans for work on a broad scale. The Church knows the need of the community and is doing its best, not only to preach the gospel but to extend the influence of the Church to the homes of the people. Sociological work is demanded of Churches in crowded cities; the Lafayette Church recognizes a splendid opportunity for usefulness in this direction and is meeting it boldly. A substantial income for this special work is imperative, and it is hoped that the endowment fund may be augmented by liberal contributions. The fund is held in trust by the Lincoln Trust Company of Jersey City.

Too much cannot be said of the societies and organizations within the Church which have contributed to its spiritual and material welfare.

Among the societies which have reorganized or retired should be mentioned:

The King’s Daughters.
Duryee Missionary Society.
Ladies' Friendly League of Church Workers.
Boys' Brigade.
The Memorial Mission Band.
Industrial School.
Reference is made briefly to several organizations active at this time.
The Sunday School and Choir are integral parts of a church organiza-
tion, and it is usually assumed that they are always active.
The history of these two departments of service in the Lafayette Re-
formed Church is unique and worthy of review.

Sunday School.
The Sunday School was organized a year or two before the church
and has always been a very active organization, with a loyal corps of offi-
cers and teachers.

During the past few years the growth has been very rapid and to-day
it is difficult to accommodate all the classes. The enrollment is 440, with
an average attendance of 330. The school has been fortunate in the selec-
tion of officers, having chosen men of executive ability and good disciplin-
arians who were devoted to the work.

SUPERINTENDENTS.
John Van Horne, Jr. ..................... 1861—1865
John W. Atwood ........................ 1866—1873
Richard Van Dien ..................... 1879—1884
Thorne P. Sherwood ................. 1885—1893
Harry Louderbough .................. 1894—1909
Rev. Jasper S. Hogan ................ 1910—1912
Robert L. Stevens ................... 1913 (In office)

Both Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Louderbough died during active service
as superintendents.

In the Sunday School, as in the Church, there are notable examples
of long service. Mrs. John A. Bouker, who has always taken a deep inter-
est in the departments of the Church, is not only a charter member of the
Church but was one of the teachers present at the first session of the Sun-
day School.

The record for the longest continuous service in the Sunday School
probably could be claimed by Mrs. G. V. H. Brinkerhoff, who was superin-
tendent of the Primary Department for about twenty-nine years. Mrs.
G. Lehbach also held the position for many years and to both the School is
indebted for such loyal service.

The School has been self-supporting for many years, and in addition
has made liberal contributions to the general and special church funds. It
has not only maintained efficient and effective class work on Sundays but
has done much for the entertainment of its scholars. For many years an
evening of music, gifts and sociability has been enjoyed by the scholars
during the Christmas season. A trip to the sea shore, up the Sound or
North River is usually provided for in the early summer.
In contrast to these forms of entertainment many of us recall the
days when the School joined with other Sunday Schools in a parade, and
after the march each scholar received a paper bag containing an orange, a
stick of candy and perhaps some cake or peanuts.
The 50th anniversary of the Sunday School was celebrated October
19-22, 1911.

Choir.

The Choir was organized by my father during the year 1873, and has
had an unbroken record of harmonious work. My father and mother were
both identified with the Choir from the start and until their death, and it
was during my father's leadership that I began preliminary work as or-
ganist.

At various times salaries have been paid to a few persons, but since
December, 1900, the services of the members have been entirely gratuitous.

Prior to 1873 the musical part of the service was probably very sim-
ple. On January 6th, 1865, Mr. John W. Atwood was engaged to play the
melodeon and lead the singing for the sum of $80.00 per annum. On July
1st, 1867, Mr. B. Westervelt accepted an appointment to play the melodeon
at an annual salary of $40.00. This amount was increased to $80.00 one year
later, and in 1869, after the completion of the pipe organ, the salary was
fixed at $200.00.

Since 1873 the amount annually appropriated for the position has been
$250.00. The present organist has received salary since February, 1882, but
gave his services for a year or two previously without salary.

So for over thirty years your organist has enjoyed the friendship and
co-operation of men, women and children in this department, which now in-
cludes two choirs.

Effort has always been made to subordinate the music to the service,
and programmes, however elaborate, were planned to aid in the worship,
and not alone for musical effects.

A complete enrollment of the Choirs would probably include over 260
names.

A history of the Lafayette Reformed Church would be incomplete did
it not refer to the faithful work, the regular attendance and devoted ser-
vice of the members of the Choirs.

In addition to the Church work the Choirs have given many entertain-
ments and concerts, not only in Jersey City but elsewhere.

As your organist is about to retire from active service in this depart-
ment, it is not inappropriate at this time for him to say that this long as-
sociation is full of tender recollections of relatives and friends, through
whom by their faithful services and untiring work, efficient results have
been achieved.

Among the other organizations the Ladies' Aid Society and Woman's
Missionary Society have been particularly active.
Woman's Missionary Society.

The motto of the Missionary Society is to give rather than receive, hence no one is able to measure by visible evidence the good accomplished. The first meeting was held at the parsonage October 21st, 1875. Mrs. Wm. R. Duryee was elected President, retaining the office until her death. Her successor, Mrs. Thorne P. Sherwood, was elected January 20th, 1886, and held office until her death, January 16th, 1890. The succeeding Presidents were in the following order: Mrs. G. V. H. Brinkerhoff, Mrs. W. D. Edwards, Mrs. J. S. Hogan and Mrs. W. H. Owens.

Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society has confined its usefulness to the home Church. It has done much to make attractive and comfortable the interior of the buildings and has always given freely toward the support of the Church.

The early records of the Society can not be located, but the minutes of Consistory state that the Society contributed $1,000 to the Church in the year 1873, and probably the organization dates prior to that time.

One of the members of the Church informed me by letter that Mrs. W. R. Duryee was the first President of the Society, being succeeded by my mother, Mrs. Thorne P. Sherwood, and inquiries from various sources have failed to produce the names of other officers prior to 1892.

On October 31, 1892, the "Bee Society" was organized, with Mrs. William Booth as President, presumably a re-organization of the original Society.

On November 7, 1892, the name was changed to The Ladies' Friendly League of Church Workers, and on November 22, 1896, the present name was again adopted. Following the election of Mrs. Booth in 1892, the other Presidents of the Society in the order of their election were as follows: Mrs. Harry McBride, Mrs. T. J. Rommers, Mrs. P. M. W. West, Mrs. J. B. Doremus, Mrs. John A. Bouker, Mrs. J. B. Doremus, Mrs. John A. Bouker, Mrs. R. W. Moore, Mrs. Sarah J. Armstrong, Mrs. E. W. Alpaugh.

Consistory is fully cognizant of the fact that the women of the Church could always be depended upon to help in every important financial and social undertaking.

The Society is to be congratulated for its splendid service, for having given substantial aid for so many years and for the evidence of its continued activities and helpfulness.

Y. P. S. C. E.

The Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor has faithfully conducted a work which neither Church nor Sunday School could assume. It has fitted young men and women for greater usefulness in Christian service, of which the Church has the evidence.
Men's Club.

The Men's Club, a department of more recent date, finds a large field for usefulness not apparent years ago.

Its progress has been steady, and as a Christian force in the community it has established the necessity for work of this character. The Church has need of men, and all men need the Church.

This reciprocal relation will become an important feature in the future activities of the Lafayette Reformed Church.

The records show that long service has been characteristic of an unusually large number of the Church members.

Among those who signed the original petition for an organization, Mrs. John A. Bouker and Mrs. James Stevens, are both living. Mrs. G. V. H. Brinkerhoff, now residing in New York State, was among those admitted to membership at the organization meeting May 3, 1863.

Mrs. Bouker continues her activities to this day. They are to be congratulated by the Church, and their anticipated presence at the Fiftieth Anniversary Services will add much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Our senior Elder, Mr. William Booth, who, with Mrs. Booth, became identified with the Church over forty years ago, was elected an officer in 1882. He has been a member of the Consistory almost continuously since that date, and both Mr. and Mrs. Booth have always taken a very deep interest in the spiritual and material development of the organization.

Mr. John Van Horne, a charter member, was elected Deacon May 3rd, 1863, was Church Treasurer for about five years, taught in the Sunday School, and was an Elder at the time of his death, having held that office, with few intermissions, since 1867. He and his family faithfully rendered lasting service in the various branches of the work.

Mr. John A. Bouker, another charter member, was elected Deacon in 1863, was the first Treasurer, became an Elder in 1872, retaining the office, except for a few terms, until his death in 1904. A tablet, erected in the Church by his family, recalls to strangers his activities, but his conscientious work will always be remembered by those associated with him.

Mr. Jacob Van Horne, also a charter member, was elected an Elder in 1864 and held the office almost continuously until his death in 1904. He and his family took a vital interest in the Church from its inception, and it is impossible to refer to important events in the life of the organization without associating his name with them. His grandson, Mr. J. W. Hardenbergh, held the office of Deacon for several years, and is a member of the present Finance Committee.

My father, Thorne P. Sherwood, was elected Deacon in 1869, subsequently becoming an Elder, and always serving in one or more departments of Church activity until his death in 1893.

He was Treasurer from June 14th, 1876, until his death, at which time he was Superintendent of the Sunday School and in charge of the Choir, which he had organized in 1873. My mother was no less active, being identified with every department in the Church and Sunday School. Our home was a common meeting place for the Woman's Missionary Soci-
ety, Ladies’ Aid Society, Sunday School, Choir and Consistory, and there
many meetings and social affairs were held for the benefit of the Church.
Mr. Harry Louderbough served as Deacon or Elder for many terms,
was Superintendent of the Sunday School from 1894 until his death, in 1910,
and prior to 1894 filled other offices in the Sunday School. For many years
he was a member of the Choir, and throughout his long service he was a
staunch friend to every department of Church work.

The names of James P. Zabriskie, James Stevens, John C. Westervelt,
Valentine Havens, Paul M. Drake, William W. Edwards, John W.
Atwood, Robert A. McKnight, Richard Van Dien, Jr., Alex. F. Denniston,
Samuel D. Tompkins, R. A. Coykendall and Anderson McKnight are con-
spicuous among those who rendered long and faithful service.

The Church has had five Treasurers and twenty clerks of Consistory,
whose names appear on another page.

The long term of service in all departments is noticeable, also, among
the Sextons. Particular mention is made of Mr. George L. Dayton, who
held the position for about twenty-eight years. Since Mr. Dayton's death,
in 1910, Mr. James Lockwood has been custodian of the Church property,
being ably assisted by Mrs. Lockwood.

The relations of the Lafayette Reformed Church with the Church
Boards has always been most cordial, and several Elders from the Church
have been delegates to General Synod.

The records are silent as to the number of young men who have
entered the ministry through the influence of our Church, but I recall the
name of one, and think there were several others. The Rev. William
Stockton Cranmer, D. D., Pastor of the First Reformed Church of Som-
merville, N. J., who will address the Congregation on May thirteenth, was
admitted to membership in the Lafayette Reformed Church, March 7, 1870.
Evidently his desire to preach the Gospel was encouraged by Dr. Duryee,
as I recently discovered among the Church papers a letter from
Dr. Cranmer to Dr. Duryee, in which the highest tribute is paid our first
pastor for his fatherly counsel to the young clergyman.

The social side of the Church work has been productive of great good
in creating a spirit of unity. Concerted action through all the channels of
activity for a period of fifty years has produced an organization well
equipped for the work that lies before it.

An account of the fairs, suppers, sociables, recitals, banquets for
men and entertainments would fill a scrap book.

A few in the congregation will recall the meetings held in the Chapel
about twenty-five years ago under the auspices of Mrs. Ermimie A. Smith,
when the people of Jersey City were invited freely to enjoy recitations,
songs, lectures and instrumental solos by famous artists of this country and
Europe. The entertainments were free and of an educational character.

On October 9th, 1912, the Church extended a call to the Rev. Charles
Herge, who began his work November 1st, the installation services being
held November 16th and his first sermon delivered on November 17th.

He came to a Church which for fifty years has steadily maintained a
work the result of which no man can measure.
Probably over 5,000 Church services have been held, and there must have been 2,500 sessions of the Sunday School and as many weekly meetings.

Who can determine the spiritual help given to the worshippers in the Church and who can measure the character building produced in the Sunday School and Church.

While the spiritual work of the Church is of paramount importance and should be emphasized above all other activities it is referred to briefly in this article because appropriate addresses during the week of the celebration will embrace the subject.

The aim of this sketch has been to accurately record the organization features.

If errors have crept in, or if names or important events have been inadvertently omitted, the writer offers apology, hoping that due regard will be given the fact that the compilation of the data was not an easy task.

In the search for dates, resolutions and data concerning the early history of the Church important features of the present work may have been overlooked.

In that event perhaps the historian for the 100th anniversary of the Church may record the facts more faithfully.

May our prayer be that the grace of God, which has sustained the Lafayette Reformed Church for fifty years and given us devoted men and women of strong Christian character, may continuously lead the Church in paths of great usefulness through the leadership and co-operation of men and women consecrated to active Christian service.

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Church Treasurers

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John Van Horne, Jr.—June 1, 1863, to June 14, 1876.
Thorne P. Sherwood—June 14, 1876, to August 2, 1893.
Louis Sherwood—September 13, 1893, to complete term of
Thorne P. Sherwood, deceased.
Alex. F. Denniston—February 12, 1894, to October 20, 1901.
Louis Sherwood—October 20, 1901 (in office).

Organists

John W. Atwood—January 6, 1866, to July 1, 1867.
Bernard Westervelt—July 1, 1867, to October 14, 1873.
George W. Morrow—October 14, 1873, to April 1, 1874.
Bernard Westervelt—May 5, 1875, to February 5, 1882.
† Louis Sherwood—February 5, 1882.

Assistant Organists

Miss J. B. Boltwood—February 1, 1909, to July 1, 1912.
† Miss Ethel M. Stevens—July 1, 1912.

Treasurers of Deacons' Fund

John McIlroy .................................. June 6th, 1867
Morris S. Roe .................................. June 18th, 1868
Thorne P. Sherwood .......................... June 10th, 1869
Louis Sherwood ............................... Sept. 13th, 1893
Alex. F. Denniston .......................... Feb. 12th, 1894
†Louis Sherwood ............................... Oct. 26th, 1901

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Assistant Treasurers

†Frederick W. Ritter....................................January 16th, 1908
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Clerks of Consistory

John A. Bouker........................................May 21st, 1863
Russell W. Woodward................................June 18th, 1868
Valentine Havens......................................June 16th, 1869
Thorne P. Sherwood..................................May 25th, 1870
Morris S. Roe..........................................June 24th, 1873
Richard Van Dien, Jr................................June 14th, 1876
David Henesey.........................................Jan. 19th, 1880
Richard Van Dien, Jr................................Jan. 17th, 1881
Charles V. Drake......................................Jan. 29th, 1884
Alex. F. Denniston..................................Jan. 31st, 1887
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Charles S. Ditto.......................................Feb. 6th, 1913

Sextons

1. E. Warren..........................................November 1st, 1864
2. Christopher De Graaf..............................December 6th, 1866
3. John Vile...........................................March 6th, 1867
4. George M. Day......................................
5. Charles Cowper.....................................July 2nd, 1868
6. John Alker..........................................October 13th, 1874
7. George L. Dayton..................................April, 1880
8. John Quick..........................................January 1st, 1894
9. John Flemming.....................................May 1st, 1895
10. G. L. Dayton.......................................June 1st, 1896
11. †James Lockwood.................................May 1st, 1910
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HALF CENTURY CALENDAR.

1861.
October 27th. First afternoon service held in Communipaw District School House No 8.
November 3rd. Sunday School, first session, 2 P. M. 37 children; 21 teachers present. Collection, $24.00 for school.

1862.
November 2nd First Anniversary of Sunday School.

1863.
March 25th, Abraham Brittin, John Van Horne, Jr., Committee to prepare petition to Classis for organization.
March 25th. Jacob Van Horne, Peter Vreeland, William Keeney, Committee to canvas for subscriptions for church edifice,
May 3rd. First election of Elders and Deacons.
July 10th. First Preparatory Service.
July 12th. First Communion Service (50 partook).
August 1st. Deed of land for Church; 1 lot, Pine street, 25x100, $500. Lot 28, Block 2, Rec. 3-7-64.
August 19th. Consistory made request through Classis to Board of Domestic Missions for $500 per year for settlement of Pastor.
November 25th. Deed for 3 lots on Communipaw avenue and Pine street, 25x100 each. Lots 29-30-31, Block 2. $2,000.
December 9th. Congregational meeting recommending call to Rev. J. B. Hardenbergh, D.D.
December 30th. Applied again to Board of Domestic Missions for aid.

During year paid $20 for rent of melodeon. Only reference; probably bought one.

Contributions during the year to Domestic and Foreign Missions, Board of Education, Hudson County Bible Society.

1864.
January 6th. Board Domestic Missions consents to request of December 30th, 1863.
April 18th. Working on Lecture Room.
August 1st. Consistory authorize and execute mortgage of $5,000 on property to W. Frost; $5,000 at 7%. Cancelled July 30th, 1869, and new mortgage issued.
1866.
March 8th. Consistory voted to ask Board of Domestic Missions for $400.

November 25th Church dedicated 2 P. M. Sunday afternoon.

1867.
August 12th. Deed for land on Communipaw avenue; one lot to west of original site, 25x100, $1,500. Lot 32, Samuel Birdsall et al. Rec. 1-22-69.

1868.
April 9th. Mr. and Mrs. William Marvin engaged as singers in choir, $200 per annum.

July 16th. Consistory authorized committee to purchase organ, $1,650.

1869.
January 1st. Organ about completed.

June 23rd. Consistory paid $15.00 for organ blowing for 6 months.

July 19th. Mortgage on Church property, in place of one paid off, cancelled July 19th, 1872; 5 lots.

July 30th. Cancelled Force mortgage on Church; refunded.

1872.
July 19th. Cancelled mortgage on Church—Newark Savings Institution.

1873.
June 24th. Thorne P. Sherwood appointed Chairman Music Committee. Organized a Choir June 24th.

1877.
November 13th. Thorne P. Sherwood, John A. Bouker, Jacob Van Horne, committee to build parsonage and raise funds. 2 lots given by Jacob Van Horne and Harriet E. Van Horne.

November 22nd. Deed from Jacob Van Horne for two lots for Parsonage, 50-51 Block 495. $1.00. Rec. 11-24-1877.

1878.
October 7th. Mortgage, $3,500, on Parsonage to Martin Gerdes. (Cancelled July 8-04.)

1879.
November 28th. Parsonage finished. Consistory voted to make December 31st the close of fiscal year.

1881.

June 23rd. Jacob Van Horne, M. S. Roe, R. Van Dien, Jr., standing committee on repairs, had referred to them, June 23rd, decoration of Church. Cost reported later on as $1,808.92.

1885.
1888.
May 3rd. Celebrate 25th Anniversary of Church.

1891.
September 29th. Rev. T. J. Kommers installed.

1892.
Purchased piano.

1893.
December 13th. Petition for Boys’ Brigade. Authority given to organize December 27th, 1893.

1894.

1895.
February 1st. Louis Sherwood, John A. Bouker, J. W. Hardenbergh, appointed committee to raise funds to pay off Parsonage mortgage.
April 15th. Louis Sherwood and A. F. Denniston, committee to purchase Individual Communion Cups.

1897.
November 11th. W. R. Duryee tablet unveiled.

1898.
November 11th. Opening concert and first use of new organ.

1900.
October 9th. Consistory voted to abolish paid choir.

1903.
March 18th. Consistory accepted resignation of Rev. T. J. Kommers. Letter dated March 9th, 1903, National City, Cal.

1904.
April 2nd. Rev. T. J. Kommers died in National City, Cal.
April 14th. Consistory appointed Rev. J. S. Hogan, S. D. Tompkins, Harry Louderbough, committee on memorial windows.
June 29th. Consistory voted to make contract for windows with J. & R. Lamb.
1904.
October 27th. Service in Church; burning mortgage.

1905.
Oct 1st (about). Memorial Windows completed.

1906.
January 10th. Congregational meeting. Voted to accept 35 shares Building and Loan Association from Harry Louderbough and pay dues.
April 5th. Building and Loan shares purchased, consideration $1.00, beginning of Special Endowment Fund.

1910.
March 31st. G. L. Dayton resigns as sexton, effective April 1st.

1911.
April 13th. Wm. Booth, R. A. Coydendall, F. W. Ritter and A. H. Moore, committee appointed by Consistory to arrange for 30th anniversary of Louis Sherwood as organist.
October 19-22. 50th anniversary of Sunday School.

1912.
April 10th. Resignation of Rev. J. S. Hogan read at Congregational meeting.
October 12th. Date of letter of acceptance from Mr. Herge.

1913.
May 11-12-13 50th Anniversary of Church.
Condensed Financial Statement from date of organization to December 31, 1912.

*Does not include Sunday School and Societies.*

**GENERAL ACCOUNT.**

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Total receipts $308,833.90 entered in record of Church Treasurers. Other donations and appropriations from societies and individuals in large amounts not recorded.