HISTORY
OF THE
ORANGEVILLE REFORMED CHARGE.

PRIMITIVE PERIOD, 1815–1865.

[CONCLUDED.]

THE ZION REFORMED CONGREGATION.

The first regular Reformed service in this neighborhood was held in 1842 by Rev. D. S. Tobias in the old Stucker school house located where the Zion graveyard is in Fishingcreek township. Previous to this time the few Reformed families in this locality worshipped either at the old McHenry log church located a short distance west of Orangeville, or at the old log church at New Columbus. In the winter of 1843, or about that time, Mr. Tobias was assisted by one Rev. Loader in holding a protracted meeting. There being good sleighing, the people came from near and far in great sled loads. As the school house was too small, they obtained permission to hold their service in the old church at Stillwater. After occupying this church one week, they were denied further privilege, and they were obliged to return to the school house. During this revival a number made a profession of religion who virtually became subsequently the founders of the Zion congregation. This Stucker school house continued from 1842 to 1857 as a preaching point, and the congregation, without church organization, was served by Revs. D. S. Tobias, H. Funk and W. Goodrich. On the 17th of February, 1857, the Zion church was dedicated, and on the following Saturday the Zion congregation was organized with thirty members. These were principally from Orangeville and the St. James congregation. Rev. Goodrich, in whose time the Zion church was built, continued to serve this congregation till 1865. During his pastorate of this congregation he baptized 37 and confirmed 30. During his brief pastorate, of less than two years, Rev. E. B. Wilson baptized 4 and confirmed 8; and Rev. A. Houtz to present time baptized 24 and confirmed 30. This congregation in the way of baptisms and confirmations, has made equal progress with the other congregations of the charge, but it has sustained more losses by death than they. Death has laid its relentless grasp upon a number of its members and depleted its ranks. This congregation, however, has not been retrograding, but has been making progress slowly. The attendance is good and there exists a harmonious feeling among the members. It is surrounded by considerable counter influence which seems to retard its progress somewhat. There has not been enough self independence maintained in the congregation and Sabbath school. Without fear or favor, the Lord's Prayer, the ten commandments, catechism and Apostle's Creed should be used. Rather than sacrifice the doctrinal expressions of our faith to the caprice of a few persons who in faith and religious culture differ from us, we had rather sacrifice the favor and attendance of those who would make disturbance.

There is a number of young persons in this neighborhood who are not regularly connected with any religious denomination. Having attended various kinds of religious service, they are much unsettled in theirreligion so pinions, and going from one church to another, have become vascilating and trifling. Attempting to be everything they are nothing. Their energies are scattered and feeble; without a church name and without a church home. Far better would it be if they would identify themselves with a church of their choice and fill their places in that vineyard. We want more concentration of church life and energy in this congregation. A free and unreserved display of our creed, doctrine and faith, and a bold advocacy of and adhesion to the same. As a congregation who enjoys a charter furnished by the General Synod, we should obey that charter as our constitution. To be less compromising and more independent as a church, is the best attitude we can assume.

About the year 1830, Aunt Savilla Pealer started a Bible class in the old Stucker school house, which was kept up for years, and finally developed into the present Zion Sabbath school. She may therefore, be regarded as the founder of the Zion Sabbath school, and perhaps in a certain sense, the founder of the Reformed church in that neighborhood, as the Sabbath school gave rise to the preaching point. The Sabbath school during the last few years has made considerable progress in the number of its attendants, but number is not the highest end. Its main object should be to prepare for the church if it is the nursery of the church. In so far as this object is not reached, the Sabbath school is a failure. The Sabbath school, at all events, should be under the direction of the church.

The planting of shade trees was woefully neglected when this church was built. Had this been attended to at the time, the church would now be surrounded by a beautiful grove. We recommend that a rod of additional ground be leased or purchased on the south side and that there be suitable trees planted around the church.

In the winter of 1889-81, the Zion church was greatly improved in the interior by a new gallery, pulpit, carpets, matting, painting, kalcimining of the walls and an organ; also by a new chandelier and bracket lamps.

[Lest the reader should think my criticisms severe, I simply recommend them as suggestions.]

THE ORANGEVILLE REFORMED CONGREGATION.

The first regular Reformed service was held in the old Union log church, located at the McHenry graveyard, two or three miles west of Orangeville. This church was jointly owned by the Lutherans and Reformed. It had a gallery on three sides, and an old-fashioned pulpit. Rev. Jacob Deiffenbach preached here during his ministry in this county, (1815-1824.) It is quite probable that each denomination worshipping here during that period, did not have service more than once in a month. Rev. Larose became Rev. J. Deiffenbach's successor and served this congregation a few years. Tradition says he was a fine speaker, very gentlemanly in his appearance and had a very agreeable and attractive wife. Death soon ended his useful career and for years his remains have been peacefully slumbering in the old graveyard at Bloomsburg. His congenial companion soon followed him to the spirit world. As co-workers in the earthly vineyard of their blessed Master, they now cease from their labors and have possessed their heavenly inheritance.

About the year 1828 or 29 the congregation moved their place of worship to a building in Orangeville. This house was located where the fine residence of Col. H. R. Kline now stands on Mill street, and is said to have been built for the double purpose of day school and worship. Here they continued to worship till about the year 1840 when they moved to the Union church, their present place of worship.

The Rev. Isaac Shelhammer became the immediate successor of Rev. Larose at the old Union log church and contin

ued to serve the Reformed interest here till it moved to Orangeville. His survivors tell us that he traveled on foot to his various appointments; that he was humble in spirit and faithful in the performance of duty. His piety was greater than his education it is true, but nevertheless he was a true spiritual shepherd and his paternal spirit secured for him the well merited title of Father Shelhammer.

In the year 1829 Rev. Daniel S. Tobias became pastor of this congregation, now located in the town, and continued to serve it till 1851. In the meantime a growing want for English service necessitated the employment of a pastor in this language. Accordingly in the year 1844, the Rev. Henry Funk became the colleague of Rev. D. S. Tobias, the former serving in the English and the latter in the German. This double arrangement continued till the close of Rev. Tobias' pastorate of this congregation, when the transition from the German language to the English language was completed. Rev. Funk remained the sole pastor during the following three years and then declining health necessitated his resignation.

His successors in regular order were Revs. W. Goodrich, E. B. Wilson and A. Houtz. This congregation at one time was the largest in the neighborhood, but by removals and deaths its ranks have become very much depleted. Within the last ten years however, its membership has been doubled. Since 1840 it has been worshipping together with the Presbyterian and the Lutheran congregations in the Union church. During all this time, with very rare exceptions, there has been maintained a spirit of unity and fellowship between these congregations. Being of one faith, one baptism, and of one Lord, they all generally attend when there is divine service, and especially when the Lord's Supper is administered. In this church has often been felt by many a devout worshipper the sentiment of that beautiful and fraternal hymn:

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HIDLEY REFORMED CONGREGATION.

Previous to 1838 the Presbyterian brethren worshipped in a log church located where the present Union church now stands. The Reformed at that time had no organization there, but worshipped at the upper Briarcreek church. The old log church becoming dilapidated, it became necessary to build a new one. The Presbyterian brethren made overtures to the Lutherans and Reformed in the neighborhood to unite with them in building a new Union church. The agreement was entered into and the present Union church was built in 1838 and rebuilt in 1872.

With the building of this church began the organization of the Hidley Reformed congregation. It was organized mostly of members from the upper Briarcreek congregation. This congregation was served by the following pastors: Revs. Isaac Stiely, Henry Hoffman, John W. Lescher, A. R. Hottenstein and A. Houtz. From the time of its organization till 1871, this congregation belonged to the North Susquehanna charge. At the annual meeting of classis held at Shamokin in 1871, it was transferred to the Orangeville charge.

The members of this congregation are generally well-to-do farmers. The community is known as tasty in dress and somewhat worldly in their pursuits. And while the latter is still quite prominent, we are happy to say the people are inclined to be somewhat more spiritually minded, and more liberal in their contributions to benevolent objects. That this congregation is behind the others in some particulars cannot be denied, but its former associations have done much to shape its character. It was at one time under the control of a minister who belonged to the Independent Synod. This spirit is occasionally seen yet, but is fast dying out. It once belonged to a charge having eight or ten congregations, and was not accustomed to do much for the pastor. And it has just made the transition from the German to the English language. Brother Hottenstine was the last pastor who preached in the German language and A. Houtz the first regular English pastor. Within the last few years, the Hidley church and graveyard have been greatly improved, which has awakened a church pride in the people. The Sabbath school is well patronized and ably conducted. The relation of the three denominations is harmonious and peaceful. The prospect of the Reformed congregation here is good. It has taken a higher stand in the sphere of morals and christian obligation. The atmosphere, however, effects not only the barometer in this place but we are sorry to say also the attendance upon divine worship, but not so much so much so the attendance at the Fair or election. A more regular and better attendance, especially in the afternoon, would be a better manifestation of the christian life and zeal. The singing in this church is not so good as it might be. As each denomination is too weak to have a good choir of its own, and as there is ample material in the three denominations to form a good choir, why not organize a union choir like that at Orangeville? Wake up brethren and move in the line of progress.

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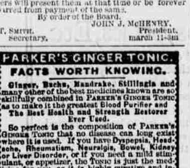

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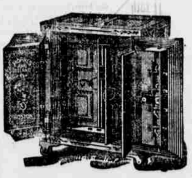

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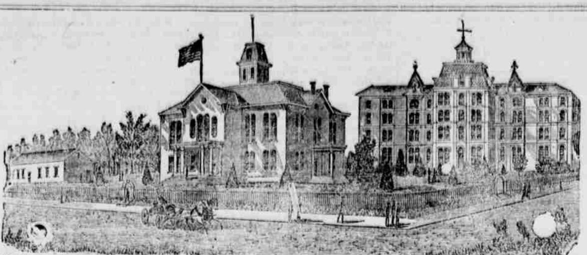

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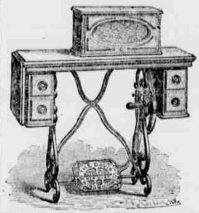

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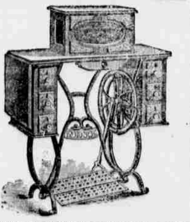

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RAIL ROAD TIME TABLES

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY

WINTER TIME TABLE.

On and after Sunday, Nov, 7, 1880, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

Erie Mail leaves Philadelphia	11 55 p m
" " Harrisburg	4 25 a m
" " Williamsport	8 40 a m
" " Jersey Shore	9 09 a m
" " Lock Haven	9 40 a m
" " Renovo	11 05 a m
" arrive at Erie	7 45 p m
Niagara Express leaves Philadelphia	9 00 a m
" " Harrisburg	12 15 p m
" arr. at Williamsport	3 15 p m
" " Lock Haven	4 20 p m
" " Renovo	5 40 p m
Fast Line leaves Philadelphia	12 20 p m
" " Harrisburg	4 00 p m
" arrive at Williamsport	7 55 p m
" " Lock Haven	9 10 p m

EASTWARD.

Pacific Express leaves Lock Haven	7 05 a m
" " Jersey Shore	7 57 a m
" " Williamsport	8 20 a m
" arrive at Harrisburg	12 05 p m
" " Philadelphia	3 45 p m
Day Express leaves Renovo	10 05 a m
" " Lock Haven	11 25 a m
" " Williamsport	12 25 p m
" arrive at Harrisburg	3 40 p m
" " Philadelphia	6 35 p m
Erie Mail leaves Renovo	9 00 p m
" " Lock Haven	10 10 p m
" " Williamsport	11 20 p m
" arrives at Harrisburg	3 00 a m
" " Philadelphia	7 05 a m
Fast Line leaves Williamsport	12 15 a m
" arrives at Harrisburg	3 15 a m
" " Philadelphia	7 05 a m

Erie Mail west and Day Express East make close connections at Northumberland with L. & B. R. R trains for Wilkesbarre and Scranton.

Erie Mail West, Niagara Express West and Fas Line West make close connection at Williamspor with N. C. R. W. trains north.

Niagara Express West and Day Express East make close connection at Lock Haven with B. E. V. R. R. trains.

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WM. A. BALDWIN,
General Supt.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

On and after November 29th, 1873, trains will leave Sunbury as follows:

NORTHWARD.

Erie Mail 5.20 a. m., arrive Elmira.......... 11 .5
" Canandaigua... 3.35 p. m
Rochester...... 5.15 "
Niagara......... 9 40 "

Renovo accommodation 11.10 a. m. arrive Williamsport 12.55 p. m.

Elmira Mail 4.15 a. m., arrive Elmira 10.20 a. m.
Buffalo Express 7.15 a. m. arrive Buffalo 8.50 a. m

SOUTHWARD.

Buffalo Express 2.50 a. m. arrive Harrisburg
" Baltimore 8.40
Elmira Mail 11.15 a. m., arrive Harrisburg 1.50
" Washington 10.30
" Baltimore 6.30
" Washington

Harrisburg accommodation
burg 10.50 p. m.
arrive Baltimore
" Washington 6.13
Erie Mail 12.55 a. m. arrive Harrisburg 3.05 a. m.
" Baltimore 8.40 "
" Washington 10.35 "

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For New York, Philadelphia, Reading, Pottsville Tamaqua, &c., 11,45 a. m

For Catawissa, 11,45 a. m. 7,21 and 7,35 p. m.

For Williamsport, 6,28 9,05 a. m. and 4,06 p. m.

TRAINS FOR RUPERT LEAVE AS FOLLOWS, (SUNDAY EXCEPTED.)

Leave New York, 8,45 a. m.

Leave Philadelphia, 9,45 a. m.

Leave Reading, 11,55 a. m., Pottsville, 12,30 p. m and Tamaqua, 1,35 p. m.

Leave Catawissa, 6,20 8,50 a. m. and 4,00 p. m.

Leave Williamsport, 9,45 a.m, 2,15 p. m. and 4,50 p. m

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J. E. WOOTTEN,
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C. G. HANCOCK,
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Jan. 14, 1876—tf.

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BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

Time-Table No. 39, Takes effect at 4:30 A. M MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1878.

NORTH.			STATIONS.	SOUTH.		
p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.	p.m
9 30	4 12	9 46	......Scranton......	9 35	2 10	6 15
9 23			........Bellevue.......		2 16	6 20
9 17		9 37	......Taylorville....	9 45	2 22	6 25
9 08		9 30	...Lackawanna.....		2 30	6 33
8 58	3 51	9 24	.... Pittston	9 58	2 38	6 40
8 51	3 46	9 19	..West Pittston...		2 44	6 45
8 46	3 41	9 14	......Wyoming......	10 07	2 49	6 50
	12 41		.........Maltby......		2 53	6 55
	12 26		........Bennett........		57	6 59
8 33	3 30	9 04	.....Kingston.......	10 18	3 05	7 10
8 13	3 10	8 44	.......Kingston.......	10 23	3 15	7 18
			..Plymouth Junc..		3 10	7 18
8 23	3 20	8 55	....Plymouth.....	10 29	3 15	7 25
			........Avondale		3 21	7 35
8 12	3 12	8 47	...... Nanticoke......	10 34	3 26	7 42
8 04	3 04	8 39	.Hunlock's Creek.	10 42	3 35	8 04
7 51	2 51	8 28	....Shickshinny.....	10 55	3 50	8 25
7 28	2 39	8 17	....Hick's Ferry....	11 07	4 03	8 45
7 32	2 34	8 12	....Beach Haven...	11 13	4 10	8 55
7 25	2 28	8 06	........Berwick	11 20	4 18	9 05
7 18			.....Briar Creek.....		4 25	7 15
7 14			...Willow Grove....		4 29	7 23
7 10			.....Lime Ridge.....		4 33	7 30
7 02	2 04	7 44	...........Espy..........	11 39	4 42	7 44
6 56	1 57	7 38	...Bloomsburg.....	11 45	4 49	8 00
6 50	1 51	7 33	.........Rupert........	11 51	4 55	8 32
6 45	1 46	7 29	Catawissa Bridge.	11 57	5 00	8 50
6 27	1 27	7 11	.....Danville........	12 18	5 18	8 21
			.....Chulasky.......		9 18	9 51
6 15			.....Cameron		5 30	9
6 00	1 00	6 45	.Northumberland.	12 45	5 45	9
p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		p.m.	p.m.	a.m

W. F. HALSTEAD, Supt.
Superintendent's Office, Scranton, June 10, 1878.

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