

new consistory was elected, constituted as follows: Elders—Francis Van Driele and Wm. Bommelje. Deacons—H. W. Hofs and Justus C. Hertstein.

Deprived of a house of worship they met for a time in an old grocery store on Coldbrook street, between Ottawa and Ionia streets. Ministers of the city and of the classis conducting the services; and when these could not be obtained, sermons were read by the elders.

As soon as matters had assumed definite shape, and order had been restored after the confusion incident to the secession just now described, a pastor was called, and Rev. Peter De Pree was installed November 16, 1882. He threw himself into this work of rebuilding from the bottom with enthusiasm, and the faithful few rallied around him right loyally. In a little while the "store" became too small, and with the generous help of other Reformed Churches in the city and elsewhere, a temporary building was erected on the present site, 539 North Ionia street.

But so strongly did the resuscitated Fourth Church grow, that a permanent home soon became an imperative necessity, and with the help of the Board of Domestic Missions the present suitable house of worship was erected at a cost of \$7,000. It has a seating capacity of 500, and in a basement there are convenient accommodations for the Sunday school and social meetings of the church.

To this a parsonage was afterwards added which in 1904 was moved at a little greater distance from the church, giving a much better appearance to the property, whose present valuation is about \$15,000. Rev. P. De Bree labored faithfully and successfully for eight years, when he was compelled by impaired health to resign in April, 1891.

The church was now well established, had a good property, large audiences, and active organizations, offering an attractive field to a successor.

The succession of pastors since that time has been as follows: Rev. P. J. A. Bouma assumed charge in 1891 and served the church very acceptably until 1894, when he was succeeded by Rev. J. W. Warushius, who labored enthusiastically and successfully until 1900, when he was succeeded in turn by Rev. J. Van Houte, who was an able preacher and genial man, but who