

that "in the judgment of this meeting it is desirable to obtain increased ministerial labor on this circuit, and therefore the meeting determines to request of the Conference at its ensuing session the appointment of an additional preacher."

A bell was purchased for the church in 1860, presumably the same bell that hangs in the tower of the present church.

The Trustees of the church property in Lunenburg in 1860 were George Herman, Peter Herman, John Heckman, Abraham Zinck, Francis Anderson and David Seaboyer, elected at a quarterly meeting held January 19th, 1860, the former Trustees having died with one exception. Joseph H. Bent was elected April 13th, 1861, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Francis Anderson, George Backman was elected at a later meeting of Trustees held May 28, 1861.

A new pulpit was erected in the church during the year 1859-60. In 1861 the old pews were removed and new ones put in, and the interior of the church was painted.

There is no record available of the building of the church at Ritcey's Cove, but in 1861 the trustees were Isaac Ritcey, Ephraim Lohnes, Philip Ritcey, George Romkey, Jacob Ritcey, Samuel Risser and Lemuel Risser. The church must have been built long before that year, as in January 1863, we find a meeting of trustees held to make arrangements for extensive repairs outside and the removal of the old pulpit and the erection of a new one.

The interior of the church at New Germany appears to have been finished during 1861, when the trustees were Edward Morgan, George Young, Nelson Chesley, George Hawkesworth, Isaac DeLong and Jacob DeLong. They decided at a meeting held May 4th, 1861, to sell the pews, against the advice of the superintendent, but subject at his suggestion to a yearly rental or tax of five per cent. of the selling price.

At the fourth quarterly meeting in May of the same year Joseph H. Bent was appointed circuit steward, the other stewards being David Seaboyer, Abraham Zinck, Isaac Ritcey, Simon Risser, William Spindler, Israel Spindler, Isaac Mader and Francis Ham. Samuel B. Martin was unanimously recommended to the District Meeting "as a suitable person to be employed in our ministry."

#### REV. CHARLES STEWART.

At the first quarterly meeting of the year 1861-2, Rev. Charles Stewart presided as the new superintendent of the circuit, J. G. Bigney was present as a recently accepted probationer for the ministry and assistant preacher on the circuit, and the venerable Rev. John Marshall, who had ministered to the people in 1827-8 and again in 1834-5-6, was present as a supernumerary. Mr. Marshall died in 1864, and his body lies in the old burying ground by the side of the cove at the head of the harbor. Mr. Bigney, it seems, boarded at Ritcey's Cove, where he afterwards found a helpmeet. His allowance for occasional