

## REV. MR. LOCKE'S PASTORATE.

William E. Locke was a native of New York City. He was baptised by Rev. Dr. Cone in 1831. He was licensed by the Sandy Ridge Baptist church, N. J., in 1833. He was ordained at Moscow, New York, in 1836. He had also been settled at Gouveneur, Trumansburg and Sing Sing, N. Y. He accepted a call to this church and removed to Scotch Plains, May 2d, 1844.

Mr. Locke found the church in the peculiar circumstances resulting from the defection of the former pastor. The labor to be performed was of that kind which needed much adroitness and cool judgment. If Mr. Locke had possessed and exhibited these qualifications it would have been far better for the church. But the course he pursued and the measures he adopted only alienated the membership and increased the friction which already existed. The ingatherings which had marked former pastorates, did not occur. But four persons were added by baptism during Mr. Locke's administration.

On the 8th of August, 1847, the church held a centennial service, commemorating with gratitude the way in which the Head of the church had led them during the first one hundred years of their history. Mr. Locke, preached a centennial discourse on the occasion, which was printed and is in possession of many members of the church, and is held by them in high esteem.

At its organization the church had united with the Philadelphia Association, and in 1792, it had withdrawn and united with the then organized New York Association, and now in 1844, it united