

the events transpiring and a number felt aggrieved. The congregation, the membership and the influence of the Pastor, all declined. A number left the church by letter, and only two baptisms occurred during the six years of Mr. Luke's administration. It was at this period too that the church at Westfield was organized, and nearly twenty members asked for and received letters to unite with that organization—all these concurrent circumstances reduced the membership to one hundred and five.

Mr. Luke resigned January 1st, 1867, having been called to Greenport, L. I. Here he labored with much success, but ill-health compelled him to resign the pastorate; and he died at Wappinger Falls, N. Y., in the triumphs of faith, and the hope of the Gospel he had so faithfully preached, on May 16, 1869.

PASTORATE OF DR. BUCHANAN.

Joseph C. Buchanan was born in Ringoes, N. J., in 1841. He entered the sophomore class of Madison University in October, 1863, taking the degree of A. M., in course, three years later. He accepted a call to this church in 1867, and was ordained here, Oct. 1st of that year. Rev. D. J. Yerkes, D. D., of Plainfield, preached on the occasion, and Rev. J. D. Morell delivered the charge to the candidate, and Rev. L. O. Grenell to the church. He remained here until September 1st, 1878, when he resigned this his first pastorate, to accept the call of the Pemberton Baptist Church, where he still remains. During his pastorate at Pemberton, Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pa., conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.