NICHOLAS J. MARSELUS.
IN HIS 79TH YEAR.
Born in Mohawk Valley 1792
Died May 31, 1876

Union 1810
X. B. Sec. 1815

Pastorates

E. Greenbrook 1815-1822
M. City 1822-1858
(Greenwich)

D. D. by Rutgers 1844
CLASS of 1810

NICHOLAS J. MARSELUS

In the year 1814 the connection of this church (Reformed Church of East Greenbush, N. Y.) with Wynantskill was dissolved, and a union effected with the newly-organized church of Blooming Grove. The congregations united in a call on Rev. Nicholas J. Maraselus. The call was approved by Classis August 7, 1815; he was ordained and installed over the two churches in September, and dismissed March 26, 1822.

He was born in Mohawk Valley in 1792, graduated at Union College in 1810, and New Brunswick Seminary in 1815. From here he went to New York City (Greenwich) 1822-1858. After 43 years of labor, he retired from the pastoral ministry at the age of sixty-six, and died in 1876, at the age of eighty-four. In 1844 Rutgers College gave him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

His residence while here was at Blooming Grove. His ministry of over six and one-half years was very marked and memorable. About 150 persons were received into membership—nearly all by confession of faith.

"It is quite impossible," says Dr. Corwin, "to err in estimating the personal qualities and distinctive forces which combined in the character of Dr. Maraselus. He was a man of faith and of intense convictions. He had great will power, not in any wise akin to stubbornness or obstinate prejudice, but power to abide in the service of truth and righteousness. This quality he never failed to exhibit all through his much labor and many trials. His solid and firm mind gave shape and purpose to his sermons. He preached to reach a mark. Sermons for him were tools to accomplish results. He believed in the power of God's word. Converts were constantly added to his church, many of whom survive to attest his zeal and fidelity. Over thirty of these converts entered the ministry of grace, and thus extended the influence of the good man of God who had brought them to Christ."

NOTE:—This book has a full page portrait of Dr. Maraselus.

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F. Theo. Fockman
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Rev. Nicholas J. Marselius, D.D.
Union Class 1810

Born at New York City in 1792.
Graduated, New Brunswick Seminary 1815.
1st Pastorate, - Greenwich Reformed Church 1815-1822
2d Pastorate, - Greenwich Reformed Church 1822-1858
New York, New York - Greenwich Reformed Church 1822-1858
Died May 5, 1876
Consultant "Concordia Manual" Reformed Church for 1902.

Published: "Translation of Elijah" 1825
"The Good Old Days" 1830
"The Poor Minister's Return" 1842
"Ministerial Appeal and Complaint" 1850

Rutgers College in 1844 gave him a "D.D."

In 1820 at the Greenwich Church a notable revival occurred, hundreds
were united with the church.

"Marcellus" in College Catalog, and here spelled "Marselius".

It is quite impossible to err in estimating the personal qualities and distinctive forces which combined in the character of Dr. Marcelus. He was a man of faith and of intense convictions. Honesty pervaded his thoughts and gave direction to his life. He had great will-power, not in any wise akin to stubbornness or obstinate prejudice, but power to abide in the service of truth and righteousness. This quality he never failed to exhibit all through his much labor and many trials. His solid and firm mind gave shape and purpose to his sermons. He preached to reach a mark. Sermons for him were tools to accomplish results. No idle eleganties of rhetoric nor facile sweets of sentimental philosophy allured him away from the straight path of evangelical teaching. He sought out acceptable words, but they were ever words deriving their impressive eloquence from their serious meaning and the warm heart which gave them impulse to strike the hearts of hearers. He believed in the power of God’s Word, and preached it with simplicity and sincerity. Few ministers in this or any other city have been more successful in winning souls than was Dr. Marcelus. Converts were constantly added to his church, many of whom survive to attest his zeal and fidelity in their behalf. Over thirty of these converts entered the ministry of grace, and thus extended the influence of the good man of God who had brought them to Christ.


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New York City. D.D. New B.C.


He was a man of unusual will power. He preached with force and under the unction of the Spirit. More than thirty young men entered the ministry under his influence.

Manual, 1902.

In reference to the suit brought by him for the distribution of the property of the Collegiate Church among all the Dutch churches of New York City, see “History of the Various Litigations relating to the lawful title of said church to the property held by them, etc.,” with the arguments pro and con, and the final decision of the Court of Appeals, June, 1867. Published, 1871.
