



REV. JACOB J. GANSS.

REV. JACOB J. GANSS was born in the city of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Aug. 3rd, 1859. Before entering the ministry he studied medicine three and a half years, after which he studied theology in Germany and Switzerland. He came to this country in 1881, and took a position in Hoboken, N. J., as a teacher of mathematics and languages, in the Martha Institute, for one year.

On the first Sunday in Advent, in 1882, Mr. Ganss preached his first sermon in Kreischerville, and his zeal for the welfare of the congregation attracted the attention at once of the officers of St. Peter's Church, and pointed him out as a fit successor to the Rev. Dr. Mohn, the first pastor of the Kreischerville church.

After having passed a most satisfactory examination, he was, by recommendation of the Honorable Classis, of New York, ordained as minister of the Gospel, June 13th, 1883, and duly installed as minister of the German Evangelical Church — St. Peter's — of Kreischerville. The church has steadily grown in members, influence and good works under Mr. Ganss' ministrations, until now it is one of the most prosperous in Westfield.