fences for the farm and church yard had to be provided and paid for. But when the end is well, all is well, and when the toils and sacrifices of the past pass in review before our vision, they should teach us to work with renewed perseverance and vigor. History invariably points to that as the only true course to successful and worthy accomplishments.

After Rev. Brodahl’s departure, we notice the congregation in a meeting assembled on the 18th of May, 1868, instructed their delegate-elects to the “Synode-möde,” to urge Rev. A. Jacobson to accept the call from this charge. Rev. Jacobson accepted the call, and with his family lived in this parsonage during their entire ten years’ stay in Perry. From the minutes of that same meeting we read the following interesting paragraph: (2) “Prestegaards-bygningen skal males over tre gange med hvid farve, og døre og vindues karmene indvendig med Ege Kolour.”

The buildings were quite badly damaged in the storm of May 23rd, 1878, but were repaired and slightly remodeled from time to time and were used as a parsonage until the present one was erected in 1893. It was further used by Rev. Voldal as a miscellaneous building for six years. Then it was sold to the sexton for two years’ service, who moved it into Daleyville where it is still being used as a dwelling.

CHAPTER X.
Rev. Abraham Jacobson

After Rev. Brodahl moved away the congregation sent a call to Rev. Otteson of Koshkonong to serve them temporarily, with the privilege of sending any of his colleagues to serve in his
absence, but no records are found of any of their visits.

Directly after Rev. Brodahl’s resignation the congregation directed him to communicate with Rev. A. Jacobson, who was then at St. Louis, and who answered rather favorably as early as November 25th, 1867, but it was not until the “Synodemöde” in Chicago the following June, that he promised to come.

Mrs. Rev. Abraham Jacobson, nee Necoline Hegg; married 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have raised a large family. She resides on their homestead near Decorah, Iowa

This was the only call issued, although Rev. Magleson was mentioned as a possible candidate.
Mr. and Mrs. Torje Ormsen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kittleson, Mr. and Mrs. Erick Kjorstad, Mrs. Meri Hammerhagen, Mr. and Mrs. Gulbran Renden, Mr. and Mrs. Peder Bratbakken, Mrs. Annie Thorhauey, Mr. and Mrs. Anders M. Byfugelien.
Rev. Jacobson was installed in Perry on August 2nd, 1868, by Rev. J. N. Fjeld, but the official “Kalda brev” was not signed by the trustees and “medjelpere” from Perry, Blue Mounds, and Springdale until December 10th, 1868. The letter of acceptance was dated the 23rd of the same month.

It is not the purpose of this volume to make any comparison between the good men that have served as ministers, but as they pass before our minds we can not help but remember some of their individual traits which were most prominent. In Rev. Jacobson we had everybody’s friend and a personality as pleas-

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ant as a spring morning, a pastor who carefully looked after the spiritual welfare of his people, and a man of wide experience. For practical observation and knowledge of agricultural, mechanical, scientifical, and political problems Rev. Jacobson’s equals are few.

During his ten years’ ministry in our midst he continuously served the three congregations which had called him, all of whom experienced a healthy and natural growth. Along in the
early seventies people began to realize that the distances which many of the members of the Perry Congregation had to travel in order to get to church was too great. In consequence of this Rev. Jacobson and others accommodated the people in the north-west section of the congregation by preaching quite regularly in the "Brigham" and the "Pokerville" school-houses.

The constitution which had been adopted in 1855 was revised on February 7th, 1872, and after having been elaborately engraved on the new Protocol by teacher Gulbran Jensvold, it was unanimously adopted on March 25th, 1872. The annual meeting, which had been changed in 1866 to the last Monday in November, was again changed to the last Tuesday in November of each year. The last change was made in 1902.

From March 7th to 9th, 1873, the president of the Synod, Rev. H. A. Preus, made a "visitas" in Perry and left a very favorable report.

In 1875 the new Hymn Book was adopted, with the understanding however, that the number of the hymn should also be announced from the old book for some time. The use of the new or Synode book was made exclusive in 1880.

At a special meeting on March 4th, 1878, Rev. Jacobson asked to be relieved from the ministry of this charge, since it was so large that he feared his health could not withstand the strenuous traveling and service. The meeting with regret accepted the resignation with one dissenting vote.

Rev. Jacobson preached his last sermon on July 7th, 1878, after which he moved to his farm near Decorah, Iowa. He died there May 15th, 1910.