Charles Becker was born at Laubus Eschbach, Groshergogthum, Nass-au, Germany, on June 13, 1819. He came to America in 1848 and soon there­after entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, graduating in 1852. He was licensed in 1852 by New York Classis, and on June 22 of that same year was ordained in Zion's Reformed Church at Buffalo by the same Classis and installed as pastor of the Reformed Church at Detroit, Mich.

He served at Detroit until 1855 and was then pastor of the Second Church at Dayton, Ohio, for two years (1855 – 1857). In 1857 he accepted a Call to the congregation at Terre Haute, Indiana, but before the end of that year he resigned and was dismissed to the Dutch Re­formed Church. In that denomination he served pastorates at North Bergen and the Third Church at Hackensack, N. J., from 1857 until 1860; and at Naumsburg and New Bremen, Ohio, from 1860 until 1869.

In 1869 he was received back into the Reformed Church in the United States and installed as pastor of the Glassboro, N. J., Charge, which he served for ten years (1869 – 1879). We are not able to account for his pastoral activities from 1879 until 1881. During this interim of two years, he may have lived in retirement or may have been ill. How­ever, from 1881 until 1892 he was pastor of the Florence, Ind., Charge; then from 1892 until 1904 he served German churches in Cin­cinnati and Westwood, Ohio.

In 1904 he retired, having been in the active ministry for a period of fifty-two years. His residence from 1904 until his death was at Cheviot, Ohio. He died at Cheviot on March 27, 1908, at the age of eighty-eight.

On September 23, 1852, he was married to Miss Helena Dahlemann, sister of Rev. Jacob Dahlemann. He was married a second time on March 2, 1870, to Miss Veronika Bachman, sister of Dr. Marcus Bachman. His
widow and five children survived him.

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The time covered by Volume VIII is from January 1, 1901, to December 31, 1910. It includes the names of one hundred and eighty-eight ministers and licentiates whose deaths occurred between the dates indicated.

Every effort has been made to include every minister and licentiate whose biography ought to be presented in this volume. We have included those who had left the Reformed Church for any reason, if the fact of their death within the decade could be established.

Every available source has been used to give as full a factual biography as possible: The Seminary Register (including the Supplement), The Franklin and Marshall College Obituary Record, Deceased Ministers of the Reformed Church, by Packenthal, Eastern and Western Almanacs of the Reformed Church, Histories of Classes, and, of course, the Reformed Church Messenger (with the Index), which was the most reliable and most nearly complete source of information.

The general plan of Volume VII has been followed, except that each biography begins at the top of a new page, a device which we believe will be of benefit to the reader in locating any name from the volume index. The purpose is to present a factual account of the careers of our deceased ministers, with as few comments of our own as possible.

The names are presented in strict chronological order, except a few names placed at the end of the volume because the information concerning them has been secured only recently. It is the hope of the editor that the information presented here will be useful in re-claiming some of the facts, at least, of ministers who lived and labored in the Church, many without recognition or fame, and some of whom have been forgotten by those of our generation, if not by their own.
The work of gathering, compiling and typing the material has not been a labor, but a privilege and a pleasure. It is likewise the editor's hope and intention of compiling as many further volumes as possible.

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