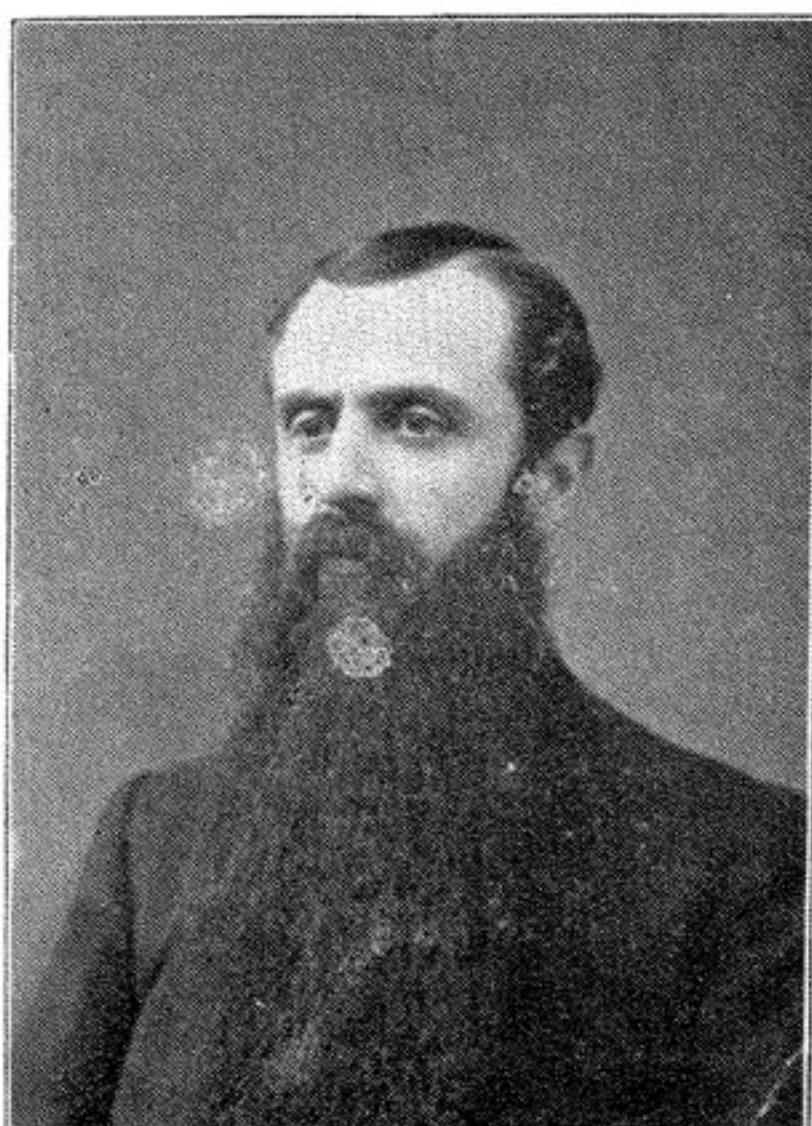


There has been some controversy at times, but usually the relations between the Lutheran and the other churches of Boone County have been very cordial, and friendly in every way. During the pastorate of the writer, there were many changes in most of the pulpits about him; but for eight years Rev. W. H. Davis was pastor of the neighboring Presbyterian churches and the relation with him and his people was ever very pleasant and mutually honorable. He was a man of marked scholarship and great consecration to his work. He had a few strong sermons on the subject of "Scriptural Baptism" and at one



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time when there was a series of meetings in progress at Hopeful Church, he had promised to come and preach on that subject. The affair was advertised, and on the appointed evening there was a very large crowd present. Among others who were attracted was Rev. G. W. Watkins, who believed that immersion and immersion only was true baptism. Brother Davis not putting in an appearance, the pastor was somewhat embarrassed, as he had made no preparation himself, and in his extremity he appealed to Brother Watkins to preach. He consented, but asked, with a twinkle in his eye, whether he should preach on the subject of baptism. He preached a most excellent discourse and ever held a warm place in the affection and esteem of the congregation.