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CONGREGATIONAL ITEMS.

Zeltenreich.

Notwithstanding the day was inclement, the Children's Day service, June 13, was well attended. Those who were present seemed to be well pleased with the service. Prof. Christopher Noss, of Lancaster, was present and delivered an acceptable address.

The class in the catechism has been growing. There is still room for more.

The mid-summer communion will be held at 10 A. M. Sunday, July 18th. The preparatory service will be held at 2 P. M. on Saturday preceding. The offerings, as usual, will be devoted to benevolence.

Arrangements are being made to have put in the spaces designed for them. This the names of the donors of windows given since the dedication of the church is making extra labor for those charged with the work. But a little patience on the part of all concerned will see the end desired, it is hoped, before very long.

As it will soon be a year since the church was dedicated it is about time that efforts should be made to raise the thousand dollars which the committee had to borrow to be able to pay all the bills. Quite a number of the members and friends have expressed a willingness to contribute towards paying this debt. This amount ought to be raised during August, the anniversary of the dedication.

The transcript from the old Zelteneich record appearing in the *Gleanings*, it is hoped, may interest the present members of this congregation, especially those who are descendants of those whose names appear in this baptismal record of over a century ago. This record shows that many more children were baptized then than now, although the membership was probably not as large, and it shows, too, that the parents had their children baptized when they were still babes. The present generation ought to take the lesson taught by this practice of their ancestors to heart. These pioneer Christians in the wilderness had fewer earthly possessions and

comforts for themselves and their children, but they evidently manifested a deeper and more active interest in the spiritual inheritance of both than do many of their descendants of the present day.

The pastor always gives the family names as they appear on the record. These names sometimes vary a little in the spelling, and some of them vary very considerably from the present manner of spelling them. For instance, the Boeshaar of the record is Besore now. Such changes are numerous and are still being made by many. In many cases the English form of Christian names is given instead of the original German; for instance, John for Johannes.

St. Stephen.

At the last meeting of the consistory Elder William W. Stauffer was given the contract for cleaning the church with his electrical machine. The work has been done very satisfactorily. The auditorium has not been so clean since the remodeling as it is now.

The Mite Society has furnished the money for a new stair carpet in the auditorium. The Trustees, by instruction of the Consistory, have had the parlor and hall of the parsonage repapered and repainted. It has made quite a change in the appearance of the interior of this part of the building.

The mid-summer communion will be held in this church at 10 A. M., Sunday, July 11. The preparatory service at 2 P. M. on the preceding Saturday.

There will be no mid-week service during July and August. Prof. Christopher Noss, of Lancaster, assisted the pastor at the last service in June.

There were thirty present in the primary department of the Sunday School on the last Sunday in June. This is hopeful for the future of the congregation.

St. Paul.

The midsummer communion will be held at 10 A. M., Sunday, July 25. Preparatory service, at 9:30 A. M. on the same day.

A small class in the catechism has

been organized. It meets at present after each service. St. Paul has the coolest church in hot weather.

GRADUATE NURSE.

Miss Ella M. Swope, a member of St. Stephen Reformed Church, New Holland, was one of the graduates of the Training School of the General Hospital, Lancaster, last month. The pastor wishes her, in common with her many friends, a long and useful life, either in her chosen profession or as the wife of some good man; for the trained nurses seem to manifest a tendency toward matrimony not long after graduation. Miss Swope is the last of three members of St. Stephen who have graduated as trained nurses during the last few years. This is a commendable record.

DEATH.

Ellwood Louis, the son of Deacon and Mrs. Louis C. Leberman, of Zelteneich church, died at his late residence, 446 W. Lemon St., Lancaster, June 16, 1909, aged 31 years, 6 months and 19 days. His body was interred in Zelteneich cemetery on the Wednesday after his death. The deceased was born in New Holland, where his parents then lived, November 17, 1877. He was baptized and confirmed by Rev. Frederick A. Rupley in Zelteneich church, January 13, 1894, and was married by the pastor to Miss Carrie G. Lutz, of Vogansville, March 24, 1903. Having no children the parents and widow alone remain to mourn the early death of Ellwood. He was afflicted for a number of years with asthma, and only during the past year did it become evident that tuberculosis had fastened its relentless grasp upon him. After his marriage he made his home in Lancaster, working at the trade of cigar making, and was thus occupied until about six weeks before his death.

Although the day of his funeral was very inclement a large number of friends were present in the church, where the services were held, thus giving testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held in the community. May the Father, who alone can truly comfort His afflicted children, draw the hearts of the bereaved more closely to Himself in this season of sorrow.

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LICENTIATE WM. S. GERHARD.

William Seibert, the second son of the late Darius W. Gerhard, D. D., graduated from the Theological Seminary at its late commencement, and was subsequently licensed to preach the Gospel by the Classis of Lancaster. He has been called to the pastorate of the Orangeville charge, Wyoming Classis, and expects to enter upon his work in September. By request of the pastor Mr. Gerhard has consented to preach in Zeltenreich church at 10 A. M., July 18, and in St. Stephen at 7:30 P. M., on the same day. As his father was pastor of the New Holland charge for eighteen years, and the son has been well-known by most of the members since his childhood years, in New Holland, his presence and service ought to be of unusual interest to all.

THE FLOWERS AND THE STARS.

When Eve had led her lord away,
And Cain had killed his brother,
The stars and flowers, the poets say,
Agreed with one another.

To cheat the cunning tempter's art,
And teach the race its duty,
By keeping on its wicked heart
Their eyes of light and beauty.

A million sleepless lids, they say,
Will be at least a warning;
And so the flowers would watch by day,
The stars from eve to morning.

On hill and prairie, field and lawn,
Their dewy eyes upturning;
The flowers still watched from redd'ning dawn
Till western skies are burning.

Alas! each hour of daylight tells
A tale of shame so crushing,
That some turn white as sea-bleached shells,
And some are always blushing.

But when the patient stars look down
On all their light discovers—
The traitor's smile, the murderer's frown,
The lips of lying lovers.

They try to shut their saddening eyes,
And in their vain endeavor
We see them twinkling in the skies,
And so they wink forever.

The above poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes is fine in conception and form, but is the product, after all, of the imagination. There are real eyes (which the stars and the flowers do not have) which can see by day and by night, and Solomon tells us of them: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. 15:3.

RECORD OF BAPTISMS IN ZELTENREICH REFORMED CHURCH.

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Martha Ritter, born January 18, 1771, baptized October 27; sponsors, Henry Ritter and his wife, Elizabeth.

Elizabeth, daughter of George and Catharine Eckert, was born October 18, 1771, baptized November 24; sponsors, Jacob Ludwig and his wife, Elizabeth.

Catharine, daughter of George and Catharine Sprenger, was born November 3, 1771, and baptized November 24; sponsors, George Michael Ohland and Catharine Sprenger; both single.

Anna Maria, daughter of Baltzer and Maria Bergmann, was born November 24, 1770, baptized December 22, 1771; sponsors, Jacob Ludwig and his wife, Elizabeth.

Daniel, son of Henry and Catharine Benner, was born March 5, 1772, baptized March 25; sponsors, Daniel Boeshaar and his wife, Catharine.

John, son of Jacob and Margaretha Brescher, was born February 23, 1772, baptized April 12; sponsors, Peter Schaefer and his wife, Anna Maria.

John George, son of Nicholas and Anna Maria Berchenhausen, was born February 6, 1772, baptized April 12; sponsors, John George Utz and his wife, Maria.

John, son of Michael and Maria Sarah Diedrich, was born November 7, 1771, baptized April 26, 1772; sponsors, no names given.

Elizabeth, daughter of Adam and Maria Mueller, was born — 15, 1772, baptized June 7; sponsors, George Eckert and his wife, Catharine.

William, son of John and Catharine Griss, was born December 18, 1771, baptized August 2, 1772; sponsors, Isaac (Koschey) and his wife.

Susanna, daughter of Peter and Susanna Hildebrand, was born April 2, 1772, baptized August 30; sponsors, Peter Becker and his wife, Christina.

John, son of Jacob and Eva Diefendoerfer, was born July 27, 1772, baptized September 13; sponsors, John Diefendoerfer, Sr., and his wife, Veronica.

Salome, daughter of John and Eva Elizabeth Diefendoerfer, was born August 6, 1772, baptized October 11; sponsors, Leonhard Stein and his wife, Anna Maria.

Maria Marlena, daughter of Philip and Maria Marlena Demma, was born August 27, 1772, baptized December 2; sponsors, the parents.

John, son of Emig and Christian Schneyder, was born September 20, 1772, baptized December 2; sponsors, John Diefendoerfer and his wife, Veronica.

John, son of Daniel and Catharine Besshor, was born August 28, 1772, baptized December 20; sponsors, Abraham Wogt and his wife Catharine.

Anna Maria, daughter of Philip Adam and Catharine Rang, was born January 16, 1773, baptized March 28; sponsors, Valentine Rang and his wife, Anna Maria.

John, son of Peter and Christina Becker, was born March 8, 1773, baptized April 7; sponsors, John Diefendoerfer and his wife, Eva Elizabeth.

Solomon, son of Henry and Barbara Merckel, was born August 19, 1771, baptized April 7, 1773; the parents were the sponsors.

Susanna, daughter of Joseph and Margaretha Ewets, born September 25, 1771, baptized October 27; sponsors, John Leidner and his wife, Barbara.

Sarah, daughter of Henry and Barbara Merckel, was born March 26, 1773, baptized April 7, 1773; the same parents were the sponsors.

Elizabeth, daughter of George and Catharine Schaefer, was born March 14, 1773, baptized April 11; sponsors, George Eckert and his wife, Catharine.

John George, son of Frantz and Catharine Rauh, was born October 5, 1772, baptized April 11, 1773; sponsors, George Toll and his wife.

John George, son of Nicholas and Barbara Berndt, was born February 14, 1773, baptized April 25; sponsors, George Schaefer and his wife, Catharine.

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John, son of John and Regina Stein, was born June 8, 1773, baptized July 4; sponsors, Leonhard Stein and his wife, Anna Maria.

Maria Barbara, daughter of Frederick and Christina Doerr, born May 22, 1773, baptized July 4; sponsors, Christian Davy and his wife, Maria Barbara.

George, son of Peter and Catharine Eckert, was born February 3, 1773, baptized March 14; sponsors, Peter Schaeffer and his wife, Anna Maria.

George, son of George and Catharine Eckert, was born September 12, 1773, baptized October 3; sponsors, the parents.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

The services for July are as follows:

Zeltenreich.

Sunday, 4th., 2 p. m.
Saturday, 17th., 2 p. m., Preparatory service.
Sunday, 18th., 10 a. m. Holy Communion.
Catechism after each service.
Sunday School one hour before each service, and at 9 a. m. on other Sundays.

St. Stephen.

Sunday, 4th., 10 a. m.
Saturday, 10th., 2 p. m., Preparatory service.
Sunday, 11th., Ho'y Communion
Sunday, 18th., 7:30 p. m.
Sunday, 25th., 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School, 8:45 a. m. every Sunday.

St. Paul.

Sunday, 11th., 2 p. m.
Sunday, 25th., 9:30 a. m., Preparatory service and at 10 a. m. Holy Communion.
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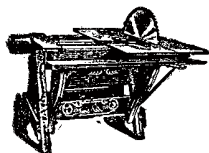
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