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CONGREGATIONAL ITEMS.

Zeltenreich.

Elder Cyrus Sheaffer and the pastor, of the Committee of Finance, have made some effort, of late, to raise the thousand dollars debt on the church. They have been reasonably successful. If all are willing to do their share there will be no trouble to raise the amount in full.

The firm in Philadelphia is delaying the completion of the inscriptions for the windows. We are getting another lesson in patience.

The members and friends of Zeltenreich will please not forget to give themselves and their offerings to the Lord at the annual harvest thanksgiving service at 10 A. M., September 12. While some of the products of the fields are not as abundant as in former years, we have many things which afford occasion for thanksgiving and praise. Things might easily be much worse than they are. The Christian ought never to look on the dark side of things. The prophet, Habakkuk, teaches us an important lesson in this respect when he writes at the close of his book: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." That condition of things would be deemed the fitting occasion for loud lamentation on the part of many Christians in our day, rather than of rejoicing. But the prophet rejoices in the fact that God is what He is to him, rather than in what He withholds.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen cemetery—the new part of it—has been recently put into as good shape as was possible in this unusually dry season. Of course there was no sodding done nor sowing of grass seed. This part of the work as well as the completing of the driveway will be done later.

The trustees are again indebted to Burgess J. Frank Brubaker for gratuitous work in laying out the lots in this new part of the cemetery. Lots are

now for sale.

Samuel and John Mentzer, with their sturdy teams, were again in evidence, as well as others, who did faithful work either in person or by proxy.

Mrs. Fannie Geigley has been taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia. A successful operation furnishes the hope that she may return, after a few weeks, in better health.

Elder Edwin C. Mentzer has improved sufficiently to permit him to be out of the house in fine weather.

Mrs. M. Darius Good, who has been quite ill at times since the birth of a daughter some weeks ago, is also improving.

The editor is thankful for the appearance in this number of the GLEANINGS of an article written by Elias Groff, Esq., the superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Groff is the only member of the charge who has come to the aid of the editor in this way during the two years.

ST. PAUL'S.

Elder E. H. Burkholder and wife are gradually moving their furniture into the Snader property, New Holland lately purchased by them. They expect to complete their transit from Farmersville to New Holland within the next ten days.

There is urgent need of an organist in this congregation. The pastor understands that one or two of the young ladies attending the services can fill this position acceptably, but that their modesty keeps them from doing so. The pastor hopes that this modesty, admirable as it is in every way, may not hinder their use of a talent so much needed in the service of the Lord.

BETHANY DAY.

August 26 was Bethany Day—the anniversary of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. This anniversary always brings a vast multitude to this celebrated home for orphans. Each congregation of the New Holland charge was represented among the many who were present from Lancaster county. It is a favorite place of meeting for old friends. No other event in this part of Pennsylvania equals it in this respect. The people present were estimated to number about fifteen thousand. The pastor

was glad to meet many friends, new and old, on this occasion, and among them two of his college class-mates, Dr. S. P. Heilman, of Heilmansdale, and Hon. J. S. Hess, of Hellertown.

DEATHS.

LeRoy S., son of John R. and M. Elizabeth Weinhold, was born June 6, 1909, and died July 31, 1909. Services were conducted at the house by the pastor, and at Salem church, Heller's, by Rev. H. J. Hillegass. Interment at Heller's.

Sarah Margaret, daughter of Rev. W. Stuart and Margaret White Cramer, Lancaster, was born August 10, 1909, and died August 11, 1909, and was buried beside the body of her grandmother, the late Mrs. Sarah W. Snader, in St. Stephen's cemetery, New Holland.

The lifetime on earth of these two babes was brief, indeed, but they live forever, nevertheless. Birth and death are terms which have new meanings hereafter to these parents, who, in such brief time, had experienced of alternate joy and sorrow.

BAPTISMS.

At the home of the parents, Raymond Winters, son of John A. and Leah J. Renninger, born October 30, 1908, and baptized August 2, 1909.

At the residence of the grandparents, Harry and Viola E. Diller, Diller Earl, son of S. Irvin and Elsie I. Weaver, born December 26, 1908, and baptized August 6, 1909.

REQUEST NOT GRANTED.

At the meeting of the Joint Consistory, referred to elsewhere, the request of the Lancaster Classis that the New Holland charge should pay \$30 towards a building fund during the coming year, in addition to the regular apportionment, was not granted. The regular apportionment being unusually large this year it was deemed unwise to assume additional obligations.

The tale of Divine Pity was never yet believed from lips that were not felt to be moved by human pity.—Elliot.

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THE GLEANINGS.

When the publication of this little periodical was undertaken two years ago the principal justification for the venture was furnished by the erection of the new Zeltenreich Church. It furnished a good medium for general information as to the progress of the work, and at the same time became a record of historic value for the future. The question had arisen whether its further publication is expedient. And this question is chiefly a financial one. It is recognized that such a paper can be, and ought to be, of interest and benefit to the members and friends of the Reformed Church in this community. But at the same time it is deemed unwise to continue its publication at a financial loss to those who have it in charge. During the two years the principal income was from advertisements. Most of the advertisers who have so generously aided the paper in the past feel disinclined to continue their support in the future. The limited subscription list—about one hundred—does not furnish enough income, after paying postage, to pay for the publication of more than two or three numbers during the year.

At a meeting of the Joint Consistory held in St. Stephen Church, New Holland, August 22, the situation was considered and there was an almost unanimous sentiment against the further publication of the GLEANINGS under the present circumstances. At the same time a committee was appointed, consisting of Elders E. H. Burkholder and Wm. M. Stauffer, and Deacon LeRoy W. Groff, to ascertain whether ways and means can be found to justify its publication in the future. For the present this number, being the last for the second year, will also be the last published unless arrangements can be made to resume its publication later on. If its publication is resumed, the next number will probably appear in January of the coming year. In the meantime the members of the above named committee, as well as the editor, should be pleased to learn the opinions of the subscribers in reference to this

whole matter.

There are three possible ways in which the paper could be supported without income from advertisements: By considerably increasing the subscription list and by distributing the copies to subscribers through clubs wherever possible, thus saving postage; by raising the price of subscription, or by a few friends guaranteeing to meet the annual deficit arising from its publication.

Whatever the outcome may be, the pastor wishes to give expression to his feeling of gratitude for the opportunity to give his time and labor in this cause during the past two years, as well as for the words of appreciation which have come to him from some of the readers of the GLEANINGS.

ST. STEPHEN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Do all the members of the congregation know that the Sunday School meets in regular session every Sunday morning at 8:45 during the summer season? The first twenty minutes are given to the opening service from the scholars' quarterly. In every opening service the Gloria in Excelsis, Gloria Patri and the Apostles' Creed find their place, as well as the Ten Commandments once a month. Rather primitive for some of our modern Sunday Schools, but they will not wear out under the present management, judging in the way all join therein. From thirty to thirty-five minutes are given to the lesson study. The remaining fifteen minutes are given to the secretary's report and closing service, always including the Lord's Prayer. The secretary reports the attendance of each class, and also their contributions, which, by the way, are nearly double to what they were a few years ago. Though our school is not large in numbers, yet the attendance of scholars is very good. At the beginning of the year Little's Cross and Crown System was introduced, giving each regular attendant a button to wear, beginning with a low priced one for the first quarter, a higher priced one for the second quarter, until the end of the year, when a high priced button is given to keep. At the end of the second quarter we gave twenty-four buttons to scholars for regular attendance. Our scholars are well behaved and are keen learners; as during the past six months, not only as superintendent, but as assistant teacher in the respective classes of the school we were obliged to teach, so as not to send our boys and girls home discouraged for want of a teacher. We find that the teachers of the respective classes have

control of their scholars and the scholars, in turn, honor them as their teachers. Some time ago it was our privilege to teach a certain class in the school. Before beginning the lesson we asked if one of the boys would give the lesson outline in his own language. The whole class was ready, but, of course, only one could proceed, which was done very nicely.

Our Bible Class is fairly well attended, but there is still room for more. The question is, why is it that not more of our church members associate themselves with the Sunday School, in some way or other. There is always room for more, and it would certainly keep our boys and girls in the Sunday School if the parents would encourage it with their presence.

At a teachers' meeting held in July it was decided to add more books to our library, and it is always a difficult matter to determine as to what should be placed before the young to read. We have a committee at work that will report in the future. It was also decided to procure additional hymnals for the Sunday School, which will be done in due time. And now let us suggest that our young people of the school will please bear in mind that to select hymns suitable to be sung every Sunday the year round is no easy matter, unless there is a variety to select from, and to practice new hymns, as the hymnals contain quite a variety.

The attendance in the primary room is unusually good and is very encouraging to the school. We seem to have the right persons in charge of the department, Miss Elizabeth Wenger, as superintendent, and Miss Florence Bair, as organist. These teachers are found in their places every Sunday morning to greet their scholars, and more, will even go to the homes of the parents and accompany the little ones to Sunday School.

The picnic at Rocky Springs was well attended by our school; all seemed pleased with the day's outing.

RECORD OF BAPTISMS IN ZELTEN-REICH REFORMED CHURCH.

Sarah, daughter of Emig and Christina Schneyder, was born November 3, 1774, baptized April 23, 1775; sponsors, John Dieffendoerffer and his wife, Eva Elizabeth.

Eva Elizabeth, daughter of Peter and Christina Becker, was born March 22, 1775, baptized April 23, 1775; sponsors, John Dieffendoerffer and his wife, Eva Elizabeth.

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Catharine, daughter of John and Maria Elizabeth Strill, was born June 24, 1775, baptized July 31, 1775. The parents were the sponsors.

Anna Maria, daughter of Valentine and Catharine Myer, was born April 4, 1775, baptized August 12, 1775. The parents were the sponsors.

Elizabeth, daughter of David and Margaretha Penter, was born July 6, 1775, baptized August 12, 1775. Sponsors, John Adam Mueller and his wife, Anna Maria.

Henry, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Schnaebli, was born October 21, 1775, baptized March 10, 1776; sponsors, David Penter and his wife, Margaretha.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

The services for September are as follows:

Zeltenreich.

Sunday, 12th., 10 a. m., Harvest Thanksgiving.
Sunday, 26th., 2 p. m.
Catechism after each service.
Sunday School one hour before each service, and at 9 a. m. on other Sundays.

St. Stephen.

Sunday, 5th, 10 a. m.
Sunday, 12th. 7:30 p. m.
Sunday, 19th., 7:30 p. m.
Sunday, 26th, 10 a. m., Harvest Thanksgiving.
Sunday School, 8:45 a. m. every Sunday.

St. Paul.

Sunday, 5th., 2 p. m.
Sunday, 19th., 10 a. m., Harvest Thanksgiving.
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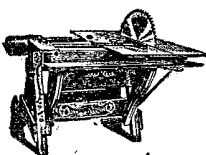
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