

Reformed Church Gleanings

A Monthly Journal Devoted to the Interests of the New Holland Charge, New Holland, Lancaster County, Pa.

Vol. I.

NEW HOLLAND, PA., JANUARY, 1908.

No. 4.

CONGREGATIONAL ITEMS.

Zeltenreich.

The Building Committee held an important meeting at the parsonage on Saturday afternoon, December 21. By special notice the members of the Finance Committee and of the consistory were also invited to be present. A majority of these were present. After a full discussion of the situation it was unanimously concluded that it would be best for the interests of the congregation to discontinue the work on the church until spring.

The treasurer, Mr. John Flickinger, made the following report of his account to the date of the meeting: Whole amount subscribed, \$5,270.33; paid on subscriptions, \$3,574.23; bills paid for labor and materials, \$3,068.83; balance of cash on hand, \$505.40; amount of subscriptions not yet paid \$1,696.10. The treasurer was instructed to notify the subscribers whose obligations are due, and the Finance Committee was requested to secure subscriptions from the members and friends of the congregation who have not yet given them. If those who have not yet given will do according to their ability what the others have done there should be no debt at the close of the building operations. This would, indeed, be a commendable thing to accomplish.

There were not quite slate enough to cover the whole roof, a few layers being wanting near the comub. But as this is covered with sheathing and roofing paper, no damage is likely to follow.

The bricklayers discontinued the work on the tower, when nearly completed, on account of the freezing weather. Some damage has already been done by frost on part of the tower wall, but this can be remedied later on.

Some members of the committee closed the openings for the windows with boards and canvas on the day before Christmas, and attended to the drainage around the building.

It has been said that we could have built cheaper and better if the work had been done six years ago, and that we would be in better shape if we had

allowed the old church to remain until the new one was completed. But it is vain to speculate now as to what might have been done. The situation is as it is, and that is the thing to be dealt with. The committee has conscientiously done what it could, and always had in view the best interests of the congregation. There have been many vexing delays and disappointments, but all is well that ends well, and we must exercise patience until that end which is so ardently hoped for is attained. And it is to be hoped that every member and friend of the congregation may realize that none have felt or do feel the great burden so much as the members of the committee. Let us not be so thoughtless as to find fault with what the committee has done or has not done. That can do no good, and may do harm.

If only the members of Zeltenreich would attend the services in New Holland better. The pastor has no fear that the membership will be weaned from their allegiance to this historic congregation, but it would be well if their fealty to their Lord and to their faith could be manifested by assembling themselves in larger numbers within the gates of St. Stephen's, which are always wide open for their entrance, whenever there is a public service.

Any of the young people who wish to attend instructions in the Catechism during the winter are also earnestly urged to attend the class which meets in the Sunday School room of St. Stephen's at 6 P. M. every Sunday. As we shall not have the use of the new church before next summer it would be well if parents and the unconfirmed in this congregation should consider this suggestion.

St. Stephen's.

The editor has at last succeeded in getting help in the editorial work of the *Gleanings*. In this issue appears an article from the pen of Elder Elias Groff, the faithful superintendent of St. Stephen's Sunday School. He wrote this before the service of the Sunday School on Christmas evening. Hence he says nothing about the pres-

entations that took place on that occasion. After the offerings were received Mr. Le Roy Groff, in a very neat and appropriate address, presented to the superintendent a silk umbrella in the name of the school. A similar present was also given to the faithful librarian, Mr. George Keyser. With manifest feeling Mr. Groff responded to the presentation in grateful and appreciative terms. Mr. Keyser was too modest to respond verbally, but his face showed his appreciation.

At the same service Rev. George B. Raezer, of Penbrook, Pa., a former member of the Sunday School and congregation, delivered a short address, which was well received by the large congregation present. There were present at the same service Rev. and Mrs. W. Stuart Cramer, of Lancaster, who lately returned from an extensive sojourn at Oxford, England.

St. Paul's.

Elder Ezra H. Burkholder was a juror in the U. S. Circuit Court of Eastern Pennsylvania for about ten days during the December term.

It was agreed by the consistory that the afternoon service shall be omitted during the winter in case of inclement weather at the time of the appointment.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride's parents, New Holland, December 18, Harry L. Overley, of Gap, Pa., to Miss Edna L., the only daughter of Elder George W. and Laura J. Bair.

At the parsonage, New Holland, December 21, William W. Sprecher, of New Holland, to Miss Louisa L. Zell, of Terre Hill.

Talking is like playing the harp. There is as much in laying the hand on the strings to stop their vibrations as in twanging them to bring out the music.—Holmes.

As certain perfumes drive away noxious insects, so does pure love embalm the heart and drive away its baser instincts.

Reformed Church Gleanings.

Reformed Church Gleanings

Rev. John G. Noss, Editor.
Wm. M. Stauffer, Publisher.

Terms: 25 cents a year in advance.
All subscriptions should be sent to the publisher.

JANUARY, 1908.

NEW YEAR.

The Romans were the first to fix upon the first day of January as the beginning of the year. Other nations had various dates on which the year began. The Jews began their civil year with the autumnal and their sacred with the vernal equinox. It was only during the Middle Ages that most of the European countries adopted January 1 as the beginning of the year.

The beginning of the year is a time, if not the time, for serious thoughts as to the use we have made of the year that is past. Time, like everything else that God gives us, is to be used in the service of Him who gives it to us. Misspent time, like a talent hid in a napkin, is a sinful use of a precious gift. Business men generally take this season to examine the accounts of the past year; the outlay, the increase and the stock on hand. In this way they can determine accurately whether the transactions of the year were profitable, or otherwise. This is a wise thing to do. It would be foolish and perilous not to do it, for in this way only can they discover the strong and the weak points, the profitable and the unprofitable features in their business. How much more important, however, it is to take account, at this time, of the transactions in our spiritual life during the year that is now gone, and gone forever. What things have we done that were spiritually profitable to ourselves and to those with whom we have been in contact during these 365 days, and what have had only loss, ruinous loss, to both ourselves and them as the result of our conduct and neglect? If we never ask ourselves these questions it is evident that we are wholly indifferent to our best interests in this world of time and equally thoughtless of the outcome of our conduct in that day and hour when we "shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead." It is well to pause and to consider at this time as to the direction in which our past and present spiritual life has been tending.

The hope of better things in the coming year depends largely on our serious meditations upon these things now. Only we must not forget that our assurance of better things does not rest in the strength of merely human resolutions, for these are never stronger than the man is, but that Christ alone is the strength of every heart that trusts in Him—strength both to reject the evil and to choose and follow after the good.

But to the Church New Year is more than the beginning of another year. It is the festival of the circumcision of Jesus. Circumcision was the seal of the covenant God made with Abraham and His descendants, the sacrament which insured the promised blessings of God to the circumcised and obligated the circumcised to the keeping of His commandments, just as baptism now confers the blessings of Christ upon the baptized and obligates the baptized to keep His commandments. Every law of God was made to be fulfilled. Those to whom both the ceremonial and moral laws were given could not fulfill them, because of their infirmities. Hence Christ came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. He was "made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that is, to deliver them from the curse, or condemnation, of the law which they could not keep. The law of God is perfect, and only the Perfect One was able to fulfill every demand of it. His circumcision formally placed Him under the obligation to fulfill every "jot and tittle" of it. Purity of life in thought, word and deed, and that in the sight of His Father, was demanded of Him by this sacrament of circumcision. Would He be able to measure up to its demands? If not, He would prove Himself to be but man, and could not help His fellowmen in misery, but if He did then He would prove Himself to be God as well as man.

It is well to meditate upon these things at this time so as to quicken our appreciation of the wonderful things God hath wrought in our behalf who are the happy recipients of all the benefits of God in Christ which He has so freely and abundantly conferred upon us. It is in this sense that the **Reformed Church Gleanings** wishes every reader a Happy New Year.

DONATION.

The pastor and his wife were surprised by the visit of a number of the members of St. Stephen's congregation on Wednesday evening, December

18. They brought with them baskets filled with groceries, vegetables, fruits, etc., as well as a few envelopes containing money. These gifts were afterwards followed by donations from members of the other congregations. Altogether, especially with the addition of a check, handed the pastor on Christmas morning, the monetary value was so large that the pastor hesitates to name the amount lest there might be a movement set on foot to reduce his salary. But all concerned may rest assured of the gratitude of the recipients for the warm hearts of the givers more than for the amounts given. The things of the heart abide, the things given by the hand perish with the using.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

By Elias Groff, Superintendent.

Much credit is due to the members and friends of the Sunday School in the way in which the recent Christmas service was rendered, and especially to Mr. Edwin Getz and Mr. John Flickinger, who so ably assisted with cornet and violin. These services are intended as services of praise and not as entertainments, and are always uplifting and inspiring to those who participate in them, and especially to those who have been in the Sunday School work a long time. It is an inspiration to hear the voices of little children singing the glad Christmas hymns and carols, and also recite verses their patient teachers helped them to commit. Surely a service of this kind is very beneficial to the school. It helps to bind it together as one family, and in all instances should keep the school united in the work for the future.

The association of officers and teachers has adopted a new plan for the New Year, in the hope of securing more regular attendance of both teacher and scholar, by using an attendance roll to be hung in a prominent place in the Sunday School room, with names of teachers and scholars in the main room. Opposite the name is a blank square for each Sunday of the first quarter. Each attendant on the roll to have a gilt star stuck on blank square for being on time, a red star for late, and a flag seal when sick. When absent the square remains blank. Let each one try to make a good record for the year just entered.

Now is the time to give your name as a member. Recruits are always needed, and it will do you good to bring them in.

Reformed Church Gleanings.

DIRECTORY.

PASTOR.

Rev. John G. Noss, New Holland.

ZELTENREICH.

Elders.

Jeremiah Sel'domridge, Kinzer R. F. D.
George W. Bair, New Holland.
Cyrus Shaeffer, Bareville.

Deacons.

Harry Diller, New Holland R. F. D.
James W. Brubaker, New Holland R. F. D.
Louis C. Leberman, New Holland R. F. D.
John Flickinger, New Holland R. F. D.
John S. Livers, Gordonville R. F. D.
Frank W. Miller, Gordonville R. F. D.

ST. STEPHEN, NEW HOLLAND

Elders.

Elias Groff, New Holland.
Edwin C. Mentzer, New Holland R. F. D.
David F. Besore, New Holland.
Henry F. Besore, New Holland.

Deacons.

Frank Raezer, New Holland.
B. F. Alderfer, New Holland.
Jonathan H. Weaver, New Holland.
William M. Stauffer, New Holland.

Trustees.

Elias Groff, New Holland.
David F. Besore, New Holland.
Michael R. Good, New Holland.

Sunday School.

Elias Groff, Superintendent.
Clifford Townsley, Secretary.
Jason D. Bair, Treasurer.
George Keyser, Librarian.

ST. PAUL, VOGANVILLE.

Elders.

Ezra H. Burkholder, Farmersville.
A. V. Walter, M. D., Brownstown.

Deacons.

Isaac P. Mull, Voganville.
Andrew F. Shrom, Voganville.
Charles E. Seldomridge, Voganville.

DEATH OF WILLIAM GRIMLEY.

William Grimley, a widely known resident of New Holland, died after a brief illness December 8, and was buried in the family burial lot in St. Stephen's cemetery the following Wednesday. A large number of relatives and friends attended his funeral, the service being held in the St. Stephen's church, of which he was a member for many years. Mr. Grimley was a man of strong character, a manly man who had honestly formed convictions and always had the courage to express them. He was never married, and had his home for a number of years with his only surviving sister, Sarah, who is left desolate indeed. She has the sympathy of many warm friends, who appreciate her unselfish and self-sacrificing character. Mr. Grimley will be missed in every relation in which he stood in this community. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90, 12.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

The services for January are as follows:

St. Stephen.

Sunday Jan. 5th., 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sunday Jan. 12th., 7 p. m.

Sunday Jan. 19th., 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sunday Jan., 26th., 10:30 a. m.
Saturday Feb. 1st., Preparatory service, 2 p. m.

Sunday Feb. 2nd., Holy Communion, union service, 10:30 a. m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a. m. and Catechism at 6 p. m. every Sunday.

Mid-week service at 7:30 p. m., each Wednesday.

St. Paul.

Sunday Jan. 12th., 10 a. m.

Sunday Jan. 26th., 2 p. m.

The three congregations will unite in the Holy Communion in St. Stephen Church, New Holland, at 10:30 a. m. Feb. 2nd.

New Holland
Marble and Granite Works
T. M. STORB & SONS,
New Holland, Pa.

Monuments, Gravestones, Sills, etc., on Hand or Made to Order at Reasonable Prices.

E. H. Burkholder,

Justice of the Peace, Surveyor, Conveyancer,
Real Estate, Insurance and Collection Agent.
Special attention given to all business pertaining to the settlement of decedents' estates, etc.

Farmersville, Pa.

I. B. SPRECHER & SISTERS, Voganville, Pa.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Dry Goods, Groceries Notions, Shoes,
Hardware Queensware, Drugs, Oils, Etc.

JOHN FLICKINGER,

Manufacturer of
Full Roller Flour,
Also dealer in
all kinds of feed and grain.
R. F. D. No. 1.

New Holland, Pa

PROTECTION.

Protect your property, home and lives by using my 1908 continual-ringing electric burglar alarm. I install, also, all kinds of electric door bells and private telephones, and do all kinds of electric wiring.

D. B. FRYMYER,

Groff's Store, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Telephone connection on L-ola exchange.

YOU SAVE MONEY

if you purchase your jewelry here. Our large stock, fine quality and low prices are winners.

Call and be convinced.

JOHN H. SENSENIC,
New Holland, Pa.

M. W. TAYLOR,

AUCTIONEER.

Solicits Your Patronage.

Enterprise Phone.

Reidenbach's Store, P. O.

C. E. Oehme,

General Blacksmithing.

Special attention given to Horse Shoeing.

Your Patronage Solicited.

New Holland, Pa.

Dr. S. A. ZELL,

DENTIST,

New Holland, Pa.

Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty.

Teeth Extracted without Pain.

At Terre Hill every Wednesday.

J. F. BRUBAKER,

NOTARY PUBLIC, REAL ESTATE
AGENT,

Surveying and Conveyancing,

West Main St., New Holland, Pa.

E. M. RUTTER & CO.,

DEALERS IN

Grain, Coal, Salt, Mill Feed, Baled
Hay and Straw,

Opposite Pennsylvania Railroad Station,

NEW HOLLAND, PA.

R. H. Wright & Bro.,

THE NEW HOLLAND BAKERY

NEW HOLLAND, PENNA.

Reformed Church Gleanings.

J. W. Showalter,

SUNSHINE STOVES,
RANGES AND FURNACES,

Hardware, Kitchen Utensils,
Housefurnishing Goods,
Iron, Building Materials,
Oils, Paints, etc.,

New Holland, Pa.

Groff & Weaver

Manufacturers of Strictly High-grade

Buggies, Jenny Lind Carriages,
Runabouts, Light and Heavy
Spring Wagons Etc.

Make a Specialty of Repairing, Repaint-
ing and Horse Shoeing.

Use only First-Class Material.

New Holland, - - Pa.

The Cash Store

Staple and Fancy **GROCERIES**

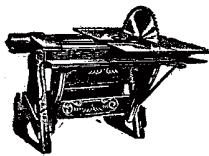
DRY GOODS

And Up-to-Date

NOTIONS

I. M. Groff,

West Main St.,
New Holland, - - Pa.



NEW
HOLLAND
Wood Saws

Three Sizes

With or without Ripping Table.
Notice gauge for ripping boards to
any width.

Write for circulars and prices

New Holland Machine Co.,
New Holland, Pa.

HORSE SUPPLIES

Harness, Collars, Blankets,
Robes, Nets, Whips, Etc.

In fact we have everything
you need for the horse.

Call and examine our stock.

Besore & Bair,

New Holland, Pa.

We Extend

a special invitation to Sunday school super-
intendents and church officers to send in re-
ports of all special events or meetings in all
the churches for publication in

The New Holland Clarion

The leading weekly newspaper
in eastern Lancaster county.

We do all kinds of printing for
churches, Sunday schools and busi-
ness people.

B. F. Alderfer,

Dealer in

Groceries, Fruits,
China and Glassware,
Lamps, etc.,

New Holland.

Restaurant

Oysters, Fish, Cabbage,
Celery, Sweet Potatoes,
Apples, Bananas, Grapes,
Oranges, Lemons, Etc.

Marrow's Famous Ice Cream
Lowney's Candies

J. C. Doerr,

New Holland, Pa.

ELI HESS

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Groceries, Queens-
ware, Clothing, Boots,
Shoes, Hats, Caps,
Notions, Etc.

NEW HOLLAND, PA.

N. C. HENNINGER,

Furniture and

Undertaking,

New Holland, Pa.

HARDWARE

PAINTS, OILS,

GLASS,

BUILDERS HARDWARE

Diller Hardware Co.,

New Holland, Pa.

YOUR WINTER NEEDS

will cost you less at our store than
if purchased elsewhere, quality con-
sidered. We know we have pur-
chased right; compare our prices
with others and you will know we
are pricing right. We always carry
in stock a large assortment of
Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing,
Shoes, Notions, Etc.,

H. E. RUTTER & BRO.,
New Holland, - - Pa.

M. S. GRAYBILL,

DEALER IN

Grain, Feed, Coal, Lumber,
Building Material, Etc.

Note especially the Molasses
Milk Feed and the Flax Flakes
adapted to produce milk during
the winter months.

Bareville, - Pa.

Ephrata

Planing Mill Co.,

Ephrata, Penna.

Manufacturers of

All Kinds of

Mill Work.

Estimates Promptly Given.

E. C. Diller & Sons

General Merchandise,

Dry Goods, Notions,

Hats and Caps, Shoes,

Ready-Made Clothing,

Gents' Furnishings.

New Holland, Pa.