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CONGREGATIONAL ITEMS.

Zeltenreich.

The fine weather brought a large congregation to the communion service on Sunday, April 25. Over one hundred communed and yet quite a number of the members failed to be present. It was the largest communion of this congregation during the present pastorate. The offerings on the occasion, which go towards the payment of the apportionment, amounted to nearly \$24. This is a laudable increase over the past, but it does not yet fully represent the ability of the congregation in this respect. Christian benevolence is a fairly good thermometer to measure the heart temperature of a congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemcn R. Boyer, Sr., were received into full communion with this congregation on Saturday, April 24, by letter, from St. John's Reformed church, Center, Rev. J. A. Wickert, pastor. Mrs. Boyer had expected to come to the service in the church, but was prevented by a temporary lapse in her convalescence from her protracted illness. The pastor gave her private communion.

The Sunday School is to be organized on May 2 at 9 A. M., for the coming season. It is hoped that all who can will take part in this work. The new Sunday School room is very attractive in appearance.

Mrs. Cyrus Sheaffer, Bareville, has generously donated her Mason and Hamlin reed organ to the congregation for the use of the school. This is all the more appreciated by the fact that she is not a member of the congregation.

A few contributions have lately been received towards the payment of the remaining debt on the church. There are still some members and friends of the congregation who have not yet experienced the comfortable feeling arising from the consciousness of having done their part in this good work. A few windows in the Sunday School room are yet to be had.

There are now 183 members on the

roll of this congregation, 129 of whom communed during the year. This is probably the largest number of members in the history of this congregation. There is good reason for believing that this number can be largely increased during the coming years. But our hope is in Him who giveth the increase.

St. Stephen.

The Easter communion in this congregation was also the largest in the present pastorate, and perhaps in the history of St. Stephen. But there is plenty of room for still better and greater growth.

On Good Friday evening Weidler R. Bair and Anna Amelia Diller were received into full membership of the congregation by confirmation and Mrs. Emma K. Lundy, Mrs. Barbara Ellsworth, Elizabeth Ellsworth, Mrs. Eertha M. Hoover and William Snader, Sr., by letters from other Reformed churches.

There are now 148 members on the roll of this congregation, 99 of whom communed during the year.

At the congregational meeting on Saturday afternoon, April 17, Henry J. Besore and Frank Raezer were elected elders; F. E. Williamson and Chas. F. Bair, deacons, and Elias Groff, trustee. On Sunday morning, April 18, the newly-elected officers were installed. The results of this election and that of a year ago have made quite a change in the membership of the consistory. Perhaps it is well to put new and younger men into positions of authority and responsibility in the church, to take the place of those who are passing away. David F. Besore was in office as deacon or elder for about twenty-five years. B. Frank Alderfer was in office as deacon continually for twenty years, and the faithful secretary of the consistory for the last sixteen years. As by the constitution only members of the consistory can be elected to the positions of secretary and treasurer, another secretary will have to be elected at the coming monthly meeting of the consistory.

Miss Josephine Stauffer, a well-known member of this congregation,

new living in Lancaster, handed the pastor, at Easter, a check for \$100, the interest of which is to be used toward keeping the cemetery in good condition. This is a noble and thoughtful donation. It is better, too, whenever possible, that persons should give such donations during life than by will, and that for manifest reasons.

The pastor handed this check to the treasurer of the trustees, Elias Groff, who has already invested it.

St. Paul.

While the other congregations of the charge have grown numerically during the classical year, this congregation has lost a few members by removal and dismission, and has gained none. This faithful little flock deserves credit for its steadfastness in the faith under trying circumstances.

Miss Rachel Myers, who has been the organist of this congregation for some time, has notified the pastor that she shall be unable in the future to serve in this capacity. Not being a member of the congregation her faithful services in the past have all the more been appreciated by the members. We shall miss her presence and help at the services, and hope that sooner or later she may again resume the position she now vacates.

MARRIED.

In St. Stephen Reformed church, New Holland, April 14, by the pastor, assisted by his son, Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., Elder Ezra H. Burkholder, of Farmersville, to Emma, the only daughter of Rev. J. G. and Isabel Noss, of New Holland.

MEETING OF THE JOINT CONSISTORY.

The annual meeting of the joint consistory was held in St. Stephen church, New Holland, at 2 P. M., Saturday, April 17. Besides the pastor, the following elders and deacons were present. Elders, George W. Bair, David F. Besore, Edwin C. Mentzer, William M. Stauffer and Ezra H. Burkholder; reacons, Andrew F. Shrom, Isaac P. Mull and Charles E. Seldomridge. The pastor was re-elected president

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of this body for the coming year and Elder E. H. Burkholder, secretary and treasurer. The publisher of the Gleanings, Elder William M. Stauffer, reported a small increase in the subscription list over the number a year ago, and that the income from advertisements and subscriptions would probably be sufficient to pay necessary expenses to the end of the year.

Elder Ezra H. Burkholder was elected delegate primarius and Elder George W. Bair, secundus, to the annual meeting of the Classis of Lancaster, which meets in Faith Reformed church, Lancaster, May 3, 1909; and Elder Ezra H. Burkholder was elected delegate primarius and Elder David F. Besore, secundus, to the Eastern Synod which meets this year in general convention in the First Reformed church, Easton, Pa., October 20. Meeting "in general convention" means that every ordained minister is a delegate by virtue of his office and that every pastoral charge can elect a delegate to the Synod as to the Classis. Usually every classis elects the delegates to the Eastern Synod in the ratio of one out of six of its members.

SOME EPITAPHS.

"Who plucked that flower?" cried the gardener, as he walked through the garden. His fellow-servants answered: "The Master;" and the gardener held his peace.—In an old English churchyard.

Underneath is buried Sir Christopher Wren, builder of this church and city, who lived about ninety years, not to himself, but to the public good. Reader, if thou seekest his monument, look round.—On Sir Christopher Wren, in St. Paul's, London.

The modest front of this small floor, Believe me, reader, can say more Than many a braver marble can,— "Here lies a truly honest man."

—On Ashton.

An epitaph on a tombstone in Newmarket, England, on one of two wives of Tom Sexton, reads: Here lies the body of Sarah Sexton, She was a wife that never vexed one, I can't say so much for the one at the next stone.

RECORD OF BAPTISMS IN ZELTEN. REICH REFORMED CHURCH.

John Adams, son of Matthias Alt (Shoemaker) and wife, Veronica; born, September 26, 1766; baptized October 26, 1766; sponsors, John Adam Miller and wife.

John George, son of Henry Merckley (master saddler, New Holland), and Maria Barbara, his wife; born, December 21, 1766; baptized, December 21, 1766; sponsors, George Stahley (tavern keeper in New Holland) and his wife, Anna Dorothea.

Catharina, daughter of Peter Becker, Jr., and his wife, Christina; born, February 16, 1767; baptized, March 8, 1767; sponsors, Maria Magdalena, wife of Philip Adam Diller

Anna Eva, daughter of Henry Schnabely and wife, Catharine; born, December 3, 1766; baptized, April 12, 1767; sponsor, Eva Schnabely, the child's grandmother.

John George, son of Conrad Meixel and his wife, Maria Barbara; born, December 29, 1766; baptized, April 12, 1767; sponsor, Ludwig Bentz.

Maria Appolonia, daughter of Peter Ecker and his wife, Catharine; born, February 12, 1767; baptized, April 12, 1767; sponsor, Anna Maria, wife of Peter Schaffer.

Jacob, son of John Diefendorfer and his wife, Eva Elizabeth; born, February 22, 1767; baptized, April 20, 1767; sponsor, John Leonhard Stein, deacon.

John George, son of John Wendel Fackler and his wife, Christina; born, April 5, 1767; baptized, April 20, 1767; sponsor, John George Ranck.

Juliana, daughter of John Philip Diezler and his wife, Elizabeth; born, November 25, 1766; baptized, May 24, 1767; sponsors, Daniel Dieft (?) and his wife, Juliana.

Christina, daughter of Daniel Boshhaar and his wife, Mary Catharine; born, April 22, 1767; baptized, June 21, 1767; sponsors, Christina Lang and Peter Boshhaar, both unmarried.

Maria Sophia, daughter of Michael Schneder and his wife, Eleonora; born, July 30, 1767; baptized, September 27, 1767; sponsors, Leonhard Muller and his wife, Sophia.

John, son of John Ritter and his wife, Martha; born, July 1, 1767; baptized, October 25, 1767; sponsor, Conrad Ritter.

Peter, son of Adam Muller and his wife, Anna Maria; born, November, 22, 1767; baptized, December 20, 1767; sponsors, Peter Becker, Jr., and his wife, Christina.

Anna Maria, daughter of Valentine Ranck and his wife, Anna Maria; born, October 8, 1767; baptized, February 14, 1768; sponsor, Anna Maria, wife of Leonhard Stein.

John, son of John Bender and his wife, Anna Maria; born February 16, 1768; baptized, March 13, 1768; sponsors, Michael Diefendorfer and Christina, his wife, of Lancaster.

John George, son of John Krauss and his wife, Anna Maria; born March 31, 1768; baptized, May 11, 1768; sponsors, George Seltenreich and his wife, Cunigunda.

Andreas, son of Andreas Behr and his wife, Christina; born, March 9, 1768; baptized, June 12, 1768; sponsors, Henry Schnabely and his wife, Catharine

Conrad, son of Joseph Eberts (Lutheran) and his wife, Margaretha; born, June 1, 1768; baptized, June 26, 1768; sponsors, Henry Ritter and his wife, Elizabeth.

John Michael, son of John Nicholas Dietrich, and his wife, Anna Margaretha; born, July 9, 1768; baptized, August 7, 1768; sponsors, Michael Dietrich and Sara Bernhard, unmarried.

Elizabeth, daughter of George Jacob Bergmann and his wife, Anna Margaretha; born, May 3, 1768, on the high sea; baptized, September 4, 1768; sponsors, Jacob Ludwig and his wife, Anna Elizabeth.

John Peter, son of Daniel Barry and his wife, Eva; born, September 7, 1768; baptized, September 18, 1768; sponsors, Peter Becker and his wife, Christina.

John Christian, son of John Michael Schnader and his wife, Eleonora; born, November 30, 1768; baptized, January 8, 1769; sponsors, Yost Stein and Sophia Muller.

Mathias, son of Mathias Alt and his wife, Veronica; born, October 19, 1768; baptized, January 8, 1769; sponsors, Adam Muller and his wife, Anna Maria.

George Michael, son of George Michael Wolff and his wife, Christina; born, December 19, 1768; baptized, March 5, 1769; sponsors, Jacob Schnabely and Catharine Ludwig, both unmarried.

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Susanna, daughter of Peter Becker, Jr., and his wife, Christina; born, May 23, 1769; baptized, June 11, 1769; sponsors, Peter Becker, elder in the church, and his wife, Veronica.

Catharina, daughter of Jacob Beck and his wife, Maria; born, March 15, 1769; baptized, August 6, 1769; sponsors, Adam Leidner (?) and Catharine Ludwig, unmarried.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

The services for May are as follows:

Zeltenreich.

Sunday, 9th., 2 p. m.
Sunday, 23rd., 10 a. m.
Catechism after each service.

St. Stephn.

Sunday, 9th., 10 a. m.
Sunday, 16th., 10 a. m.
Sunday, 23rd., 7:30 p. m.
Sunday, 30th., 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School, 8:45 a. m. every Sunday.

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

St. Paul.

Sunday, 16th., 2 p. m.
Sunday, 30th., 10 a. m.



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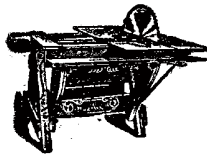
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