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CONGREGATIONAL ITEMS.

Zeltenreich.

At the last meeting of the Building Committee it was concluded to borrow one thousand dollars in order to pay all the remaining bill. The note was given for six months and is endorsed by most of the members of the two committees. It is hoped that by the end of the six months the whole of the indebtedness can be paid. If all the windows can be sold, and if those members and friends who have not yet contributed their portion will do so in the meantime there will not be much of a deficit at the end of the six months. A few have already given contributions in addition to their original subscriptions and others have expressed their willingness to do so if necessary.

The question of having the congregation incorporated came before the committee; but it was deemed to be a matter for the congregation itself to determine whether this should be done. The Building and Finance Committee will soon be in condition to make their reports to the congregation and the usual congregational meeting in connection with the preparatory service before the fall communion will probably be the time chosen for the making of these reports. The communion will be held at 10 A. M., November 8, and the preparatory service at 2 P. M., Saturday, November 7.

The attendance at the services in the new church has been commendable so far, but there is plenty of room for more.

The class in the catechism is constantly growing larger, and it is to be hoped that the limit has not yet been reached. The class always meets an hour before the service on the Sundays on which services are held, and at 2 P. M. on the Saturdays preceding the Sundays on which there is no service.

The heaters are now being placed in the cellar of the church by Mr. A. M. Rodgers, Intercourse, to whom the contract was awarded by the committee. These heaters are to be thor-

oughly tested and proved to be satisfactory before they are accepted.

There have been three funeral services in the new church since the dedication. The first, that of an infant child of Constable and Mrs. Summers, of New Holland; the second, that of Mrs. Ellen F. Seldomridge, aged 71 years, 11 months and 17 days, and who for a number of years was a member of St. Stephens' church, New Holland; and the third that of John T. Bair, New Holland, who died of apoplexy, at the age of 59 years, 6 months and 19 days. The Zeltenreich cemetery is certain to be, in the future, as it has been in the past, a desirable place of burial. The ancestors of many families in this community are buried in this sacred God's acre. This cemetery is "beautiful for situation," and to put it into such condition that its appearance may measure up to its situation is the next important work confronting the congregation.

St. Stephens.

The cemetery of this congregation in New Holland is also admirably located. But while all the lots are kept in good shape and everything looks neat and trim, there should be a considerable amount of work done in completing the central driveway and in grading the ground to the right of it. A number of lots can be sold if this is done. Perhaps a congregational meeting is needed to take up this matter.

The mid-week services have been very well attended during September, unusually so. But where are the men?

The Sunday School room is adorned with the framed certificate of honor awarded by the Sunday School Board and the Permanent Sunday School Committee of the Eastern Synod to the school of St. Stephen. This certificate was awarded to those schools who increased their attendance ten per cent, their missionary contributions fifteen per cent, and added some new books on missions to their libraries during the past year. St. Stephen's school has been one of the comparatively few who have been awarded a certificate for having attained the three requirements.

St. Paul.

Mrs. John M. Good had a slight attack of paralysis a few weeks ago, but is able to be about again, and was in her usual place in the church at the last service.

The harvest thanksgiving service will be held in this church at 10 A. M., October 18. This is unusually late for this service, but, after all, it is only about the end of the harvest, the "full ingathering" of the Old Testament.

THE GLEANINGS.

This copy of *The Gleanings*, the first number of the second year, appears late. This has been due to various causes. It is to be hoped that the following numbers of the year will appear on time. We need more subscribers to assure the permanent success of this enterprise, especially if the present subscription price is to be continued. If those who are subscribers will do a little missionary work, the subscription list will look better.

MONUMENTS ERECTED.

Two large and finely finished monuments have recently been erected, one by S. M. Seldomridge in Zeltenreich cemetery, the other by Henry J. Besore and Henry M. Storb in St. Stephen, New Holland. Both monuments are the work of T. M. Storb & Sons, New Holland.

SOME PROVERBS OF THE NATIONS.

Bees that have honey in their mouths have stings in their tails.—Scottish.

What is the use of running when we are on the wrong road?—German.

If lies were Latin, there would be many learned men.—Danish.

Three can hold their peace if two be away.—Irish.

One has only to die to be praised.—German.

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THE PASTOR'S VACATION.

In connection with his presence at the anniversary at Westminster, the pastor took advantage of a short vacation among his former parishioners in Carroll county, Md. He, together with his daughter, was the guest for a few days of his former yoke-fellow and congenial friend, Mr. Henry Wirt Shriver, at Union Mills. Those who have ever been guests at "The Mills" know of the delightful hospitality of the Shriver family. We also had the pleasure, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Shriver, to take supper at the parsonage, at Silver Run, and to welcome the new pastor of St. Mary's, the Rev. S. Charles Hoover, recently from Baltimore. Mr. Hoover has taken the place of Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, formerly pastor of the New Holland charge, and now the pastor of the Woodstock charge, in Virginia. It was pleasant to sit once more in the large, beautiful St. Mary's church and to stroll in the garden and lawn of the parsonage, the scene of many labors in the past. How the trees have grown! It was sad, too, to walk through the cemetery and to see the names of many dear friends inscribed there, whose bodily presence in the land of the living formerly afforded us much comfort as fellow burden bearers.

We shall be much mistaken if the new pastor of Silver Run will not do very efficient work among this churchly people. He and his genial wife are sure to be taken close to their hearts.

While at Westminster we were the guests of Elder and Mrs. W. H. H. Zepp, warm friends for many years of the pastor and his family. Mrs. Zepp is one of the few remaining charter members of St. Paul's, and the pastor had the pleasure of confirming her husband during the first year of his ministry in Westminster. The kind hospitality of this family is pleasant to recall. The pastor, unfortunately, was disabled for a day or two with rheumatism, thus making additional demands upon their care and solicitude. But as he had a trained nurse

with him, the situation was considerably relieved, so far as the host and hostess were concerned.

Altogether the short vacation in Maryland was enjoyed by the pastor and his daughter, and has left behind it many pleasant memories. Even a short season of respite from "carking care" is welcome to most men, especially so to a septuagenarian who had just passed through a year of much anxiety and labor.

ANNIVERSARY.

On September 20 the pastor attended the fortieth anniversary of the building of St. Paul's Reformed church, Westminster, Md., of which he was the second pastor, serving in this capacity from 1876 to 1872. This congregation was then connected with Silver Run and St. Benjamin's. During his pastorate another congregation was organized in Pleasant Valley, six miles from Westminster. For awhile he served the four congregations. The first division of the charge, which was effected in 1882, constituted Westminster and St. Benjamin's, the Westminster charge and St. Mary's, Silver Run and St. Matthew's, Pleasant Valley, the Silver Run charge. The pastor served this latter charge until 1894 when he became pastor of the New Holland charge. The year before he left Silver Run the second division was effected. St. Benjamin's was detached from Westminster and St. Matthew's from Silver Run and, together with the Jerusalem congregation of the Manchester charge, were constituted the present Carroll charge. Since that Westminster and Silver Run each supports its own pastor. The present pastor of the Westminster congregation Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, D. D., has served in this capacity for twenty years, and the work has been abundantly blessed. The congregation, from a small beginning forty years ago, has grown into a strong and influential factor in the Reformed Church in Maryland. This anniversary was remarkable, in the fact that the four pastors who have served this charge during its history, were present, and delivered addresses. The first pastor was Rev. W. C. Cremer, now of Chambersburg; the second, Rev. J. G. Noss; the third, Rev. A. S. Weber, now of Baltimore, who was succeeded by the present pastor, Dr. Slagle. It is the prayer of the writer that this genial brother may live to go in and out before his people another twenty years.

A reception was held at the par-

sonage on Monday evening following the anniversary services in the church, at which a large number of the members and friends of the congregation were present. It afforded the ex-pastors great pleasure to meet so many old friends as well as to see the many new faces on this memorable occasion. At the same time one could not help recalling the faces of the absent ones, who have passed away during these forty years. Not more than half a dozen of the original members remain.

BAPTISM.

At the home of the parents, Brownstown, September 4, 1908, Mary Catharine, daughter of Henry B. and Catharine M. Raezer.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The New Holland charge has received only ten copies of these minutes. It will be necessary for those who get copies to pass them to others, so that all who desire, may have an opportunity to read them.

If your foot slip, you may recover your balance; but, if your mouth slip, you cannot recall your words.—Telugu.

Love your neighbor, yet pull not down your hedge.—English.

Three can hold their peace if two be away.—Irish.

You cannot rivet a nail in a boiled potato.—Japanese.

Do not judge thy neighbor until thou hast stood in his place.—Hebrew.

When dirt comes to honor, it knows not what to be.—Danish.

Flattery is sweet food for those who can swallow it.—Danish.

Stones and sticks are flung only at fruit-bearing trees.—Persian.

Punishment is a cripple, but he arrives.—Spanish.

Better one's house is too little one day than too big all the year round.—English.

He that labors is tempted by one devil; he that is idle by a thousand.—Italian.

God has made no one to abandon Him.—Spanish.

A pig bought on credit grunts all the year.—Spanish.

One cannot make an omelet without breaking an egg.—French.

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EVIDENCE OF LOVE FOR CHRIST.

Love for Christ is manifested in three ways.

A frequent and indeed a continual thinking of Him "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

The second evidence of a sincere love to Christ is a willingness to leave the world whensoever God shall think fit to send His messenger of death to summon us to a nearer converse with Christ.

A third, and indeed the principal evidence of a sincere love for Christ is a zeal for His honor, and an impatience to hear or see any indignity offered Him—Robert South.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

The services for October are as follows:

Zeltenreich.

Sunday, 11th., 10 a. m., Catechism, 9 a. m.

Saturday, 17th., Catechism, 2 p. m.

Sunday, 25th., 2 p. m., Catechism at 1 p. m.

Saturday, 31st., Catechism, 2 p. m.

St. Stephen.

Sunday, 4th., 10:30 a. m.

Sunday, 11th., 7 p. m.

Sunday, 18th., 7 p. m.

Sunday, 25th., 10:30 a. m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a. m. every Sunday.

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