

# The Parish Record.

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With this number The Parish Record bids its readers adieu, in the anticipation of a speedy dissolution, with the Parish which it has so faithfully strived to serve. Let us hope that it, "being dead, yet speaketh."

The Reunions of the Catechumens of five years, held last September were very interesting and impressive occasions. While many could not attend, we gladly noted that some went to inconvenience to do so. Still others had no desire to be present. The average per cent. of attendance was almost 60. In numbers, St. John's 50; Simeon's, 35; Salem's, 16; Zion's, 16; St. Jacob's, 9; total, 126.

Monday, January 14, 1895, 9:30 a. m. the joint Church Councils will meet in annual session in Salem's church at Elizabethville. The St. John's Council is requested to meet with them in order to settle up the accounts to date.

## MISSION FESTIVAL.

August 4, 1894, was the time of the third annual mission festival of our people. We were again visited by representative men of our church, who come to us but rarely. They were this time Rev. G. Ph. Mueller, Superintendent of our Orphans' Home at Germantown, and Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, English Home Missionary Superintendent of our Synod, also of Germantown, who spoke to the great profit and edification of the people. Besides the pastor, Revs. W. F. Bond of Tower City, W. H. Dale of Williamstown and J. N. Wetzler of Uniontown were also in attendance and delivered short addresses. To the co-operation of the several con-

gregations, the speakers, the bands of music and the weather, are largely due the very pleasant recollections of the day.

## CHARGE DIVISION.

Paul and Barnabas were both noble men and servants of God, yet at one time they were at variance to such an extent that they could no longer travel together, but must part, Acts 15:39. We therefore need not be greatly surprised to see history repeat itself in the church militant. The division of our charge is an illustration.

Discord, variance, misunderstandings had crept in amongst us, and it was painfully evident that the congregations could not prosper thus. A joint meeting of the Councils was called, Nov. 10, '94, for the purpose of making a final effort to attain to a mutual better understanding of one another, or to "follow after the things that make for peace," Rom. 14:19. More favorable action being rendered impossible by the failure of the one side to represent itself, the following action was reluctantly taken:

## RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS the Lykens Valley Charge is too laborious to be served acceptably by one pastor, and Conference has recommended a division "as soon as possible", and

WHEREAS the congregations confess their ability to support two pastors, and

WHEREAS there has of late been wanting between the congregations that spirit of harmony and co-operation so necessary in christian work, therefore,

RESOLVED, First: That the Lykens Valley Charge be dissolved, and that Simeon's, Salem's, Zion's and St. Jacob's congregations hereafter constitute one Parish.

RESOLVED, Second: That this division go into effect Jan. 1, 1895, subject to the approval of Conference.

RESOLVED, Third: That the trustees of the five congregations be charged with the duty of advertising the parsonage property, and selling the same to the highest bidder, at public sale, as soon as possible, distribution to be made in proportion to the shares held by the several congregations, at once after payment is made, and possession to be given Apr. 1, 1895.

Organization of the new Charge was deferred until Dec. 3rd, in the hope that after all there might be a change of sentiment by that time. But on that day the four congregations received and accepted the pastor's resignation, organized themselves under the name of the former Charge, viz. The Lykens Valley Charge. With Mr. John H. Bonawitz in the chair, Mr. Isaac Swab was elected Secretary, and Mr. John Snyder, Treasurer. The preaching appointments in each of the congregations were fixed, the pastor's salary decided on and apportioned to the congregations, and steps were taken towards securing a pastor.

Thus ends the last chapter of the history of the Lykens Valley Charge as it was constituted for many years. There is a peculiar sense of regret and pain with all who are involved, but partings often bring pain. Let all differences now be eternally buried in oblivion let us be brothers indeed, and pray that the Great Head of the church may overrule what seems evil now for ultimate good.

#### RESIGNATION.

In order that the action of the Joint Councils could be carried out,

your pastor tendered his resignation Dec. 3, going into effect Jan. 1, 1895. The fact that circumstances required it, did not obviate the pang of separation any more than the necessity of application of the surgeon's knife allays the pain. The pastoral relation is a very tender one, and when it is mutually as cordial as it should be, a separation must bring with it regrets and heart-aches.

The faithful pastor stands by his flock in joy and sorrow. He enters the homes at happy family reunions as well as at the ringing of the Marriage Bells, and surrounds the festal board with them. He likewise visits them in sickness, offers prayers from their bedsides, and speaks comfort at the bier and the grave. He introduces the little lambs into the covenant of grace by Holy Baptism, and after instructing them, receives them in solemn Confirmation by laying on of hands and the extending of the right hand of fellowship. He dispenses from Sunday to Sunday the bread of life and the Holy Sacrament.

The burdens of his holy calling are sweetened and lightened by words of appreciation, and yet more by deeds of kindness and gifts of love. This largely has been the happy relation between us and the members of these five congregations whom we have tried to serve with faithfulness to the Master for the past five years and one-half. This is the relation that is now to be severed. But true love never dies, and although the relation of pastor must be severed with many of you, our love need not grow cold. As true children of God, we continue forever one in the Lord, and it is our prayer that our common Lord may raise up other pastors to minister to all his people according to his own good pleasure.

## SUMMARIES.

July 1, 1889 to Jan. 1, 1895.



Statistics are of more than trivial or temporary interest, hence at the close of this pastorate we desire to record the following facts. The pastorate continued for a period of five and a half years, and during it your pastor brought 295 infants to Christ in Holy Baptism, after instruction in the Word of God and the doctrines of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, he received by Adult Baptism and the Rite of Confirmation 211 young persons into communion with our congregations, comforted the bereaved at 151 funerals, solemnized 69 weddings, preached 807 sermons, besides numerous addresses, dispensed the Holy Supper to 5984 guests, made 1458 visits to the aged, sick and others, and in order to meet all these appointments traveled by private conveyance upwards of 11135 miles. Appended is the distribution among the congregations of baptisms, confirmations and funerals:

	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Funerals.
ST. JOHN'S,	93	67	45
SIMEON'S,	87	49	36
SALEM'S,	53	48	24
ZION'S,	23	22	8
ST. JACOB'S,	39	25	17
OUTSIDE OF CHARGE,			21
	295	211	151

### BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

#### RECEIPTS.

	89-'90	'90-'91	'91-'92	'92-'93	'93-'94	'94*	TOTALS.
St. John's,	\$151 94	\$73 23	\$ 165 75	\$ 175 91	\$ 117 58	\$ 88 73	\$ 773 14
Simeon's,	104 73	45 24	96 00	70 54	73 25	57 17	446 93
Salem's,	45 51	36 24	61 69	70 72	56 04	37 67	307 87
Zion's,	24 20	45 08	32 53	37 09	31 05	20 52	190 47
St. Jacob's,	18 42	60 31	32 03	30 55	19 74	17 75	178 80
Mission Festivals,					57 61	42 46	100 07
Per. Contributions,				25 00			25 00
Totals,	344 80	260 10	388 00	409 81	355 27	264 30	2022 28

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Gen. Synod'l Fund,	110 00	108 65	189 00	189 00	189 00	169 30	954 95
G. C. H. Missions,	74 16	00	70 00	70 00	80 00	80 00	429 16
Theolo'l Seminary,	123 90	96 45		15 00	5 00		240 35
Muhlenb'g College,			94 00	111 81	44 19		250 00
Orphans' Home,	6 74			24 00	10 00	15 00	55 74
Miscellaneous,	30 00		35 00		27 08		92 08
Totals,	344 80	260 10	388 00	409 81	355 27	264 30	2022 28

\* This column covers the six months, July 1, '94 to Jan. 1, '95.

BAPTISMS.

CHILD'S NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BAPTISM.
<b>ST. JOHN'S.</b>			
Joseph William.	Jno. F. and I. Grace Stover.	June, 3, '94.	July 1, '94.
Lawrence Vincent.	H. Thos. and Minnie U. Herman.	June, 4, '94.	July 22, '94.
Ralph Allen,	Allen F. and Agnes S. Koppenheffer.	Feb. 8, '94	Aug. 5, '94.
Homer Allen,	Geo. W. and Katie A. Erdman.	Jan. 16, '94.	Oct. 13, '94.
Annie Elizabeth,	Cornelius N. and Katie Miller.	Sept. 27, '94.	Oct. 29, '94.
Harry Milton,	Grant M. and M. Amelia Hartman.	Apr. 28, '94.	Nov. 24, '94.
Harry Cornelius.	Elmer E. and Sallie A. Hartman.	Nov. 26, '94.	Dec. 6, '94.
<b>SIMEON'S.</b>			
Claud Elsworth,	Jas. M. and Jennie A. Kissinger.	Apr. 17, '94.	July 31, '94.
Elda Luella,	Chas. M. and Lizzie Bleiler.	Mar. 1, '94.	Aug. 5, '94.
Ralph Ezra,	Milton and Louisa Daniel.	July 25, '94.	Sept. 16, '94.
Clayton John,	John F. and Jennie C. Good.	Sept. 26, '94.	Oct. 14, '94.
Flossie Elmira,	Jacob and Catharine Williard.	Oct. 30, '94.	Dec. 23, '94.
<b>SALEM'S.</b>			
Sadie May,	Geo. M. and Annie S. Kerstetter.	July 11, '94.	July 13, '94.
Susan Anna,	Jas. M. and Laura A. Messersmith.	July 17, '94.	Oct. 30, '94.
Ralph Homer,	Henry E. and Harriet A. Zaring.	Oct. 18, '94.	Nov. 6, '94.
Ralph Luther,	Harvey A. and Sarah Lehman.	Aug. 27, '94.	Nov. 18, '94.
Howard LeRoy,	Harry H. and Josephine Weaver.	May 30, '94.	Dec. 26, '94.
<b>ZION'S.</b>			
Maud May,	Isaac and Caroline Row.	May 11, '94.	Aug. 3, '94.
Minnie Irene,	Ephraim E. and Nora C. Jury.	May 10, '94.	Aug. 11, '94.
<b>ST. JACOB'S.</b>			
Susan Grace,	Jesse W. and Carrie A. McNeal.	Mar. 17, '94.	July 1, '94.
Charles Stephen,	Theodore and Ida A. Shartzter.	Mar. 10, '93.	July 29, '94.
Annie Elmira,	Simon and Elmira Snyder.	July 31, '93.	Aug. 1, '94.

CONFIRMATIONS.

St. Jacob's, Nov. 18, '94.  
 Edwin E. Bender,  
 Ammon L. Miller,  
 Edwin W. Miller,  
 Eddie L. Miller,  
 Elmer F. Warfel,  
 Ira C. Warfel,  
 ADULT BAPTISM,—Theodore Shartzter.

MARRIAGES.

<b>JULY 28, '94.</b> Franklin B. Novinger, Rife, Pa. Annie M. Lenker, Rife, Pa.	<b>SEPT. 8, '94.</b> Edward E. Harner, Elizabethville, Pa. Clara E. Romberger, Berrysburg, Pa.
<b>AUG. 4, '94.</b> Milton A. Hartman, Gratz, Pa. Sallie J. Riegler, " "	<b>NOV. 13, '94.</b> William H. Schoffstall, Berrysburg, Pa. Miranda Zerfing, Sunbury, Pa.
<b>AUG. 11, '94.</b> John E. Matter, Berrysburg, Pa. Annie Nora Jury, Curtin, Pa.	<b>NOV. 18, '94.</b> Geo. W. Hoffman, Gratz, Pa. Jennie M. Ritzman, Gratz, Pa.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

July 1, 1894 to January 1, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

St. John's	Sept. 2, '94.	Harvest Home,	General Fund,	\$ 44.05	
	Oct. 28, '94.	Communion,	" "	25.90	
	Nov. 11, '94.	Children's Day,	G. C. H. Missions,	18.78	\$ 88.73
Simeon's	Aug. 19, '94.	Harvest Home,	General Fund,	35.76	
	Oct. 14, '94.	Communion,	" "	16.41	
	Dec. 25, '94.	S. S. Xmas Offering,	Orphans' Home,	5.00	57.17
Salem's	Aug. 26, '94.	Harvest Home,	General Fund,	15.80	
	Nov. 4, '94.	Children's Day,	G. C. H. Missions,	21.87	37.67
Zion's	Sept. 9, '94.	Harvest Home,	General Fund,	12.28	
	Oct. 7, '94.	Communion,	" "	8.24	20.52
St. Jacob's	Aug. 26, '94.	Harvest Home,	General Fund,	8.55	
	Nov. 18, '94.	Communion,	" "	9.20	17.75
Mis. Fest'l			Missions.		42.46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Synodical Apportionment:		
General Fund, [on account].....	\$ 130 30	169.30
Foreign Missions.....	39 00	
Home Mission Apportionment:		
English Missions.....	55 00	80.00
German Missions.....	25 00	
Orphans' Home,.....	15 00	264.30

## FUNERALS.

## ST. JOHN'S.

SWAB.—Catharine, daughter of Daniel Koppenheffer and his wife Fannie, was born Jan. 26, 1849, in Washington township, Dauphin Co., Pa. Baptized in infancy, she was later in life received by Confirmation as a member of the Evan. Lutheran Church. She was united in Holy Matrimony with Philip C. Swab by Rev. Bressler, and this union was blessed with 5 children, (2 daughters and 3 sons) of whom 2 sons preceded her to eternity. The husband with 2 daughters and 1 son remain to mourn their loss. She died of cancer, after a lingering illness, July 31, 1894, aged 45 yrs. 5mos. 28 das.

LOUDERMICH.—Ellen Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Loudermilch and his wife Lillie C. (Snodgrass), was born Oct. 25, 1885, in Mifflin twp., Dauphin Co., Pa. She was baptized Mar. 14, 1886 by Rev. Jos. Hillpot, the parents appearing as sponsors, and died of Inflammation of the Bowels, Sept. 14, 1894, aged 8yrs. 10mos. 19 das. Burial took place in the cemetery of Fetterhoff's church.

MILLERS.—Hazel Marie, infant daughter of Charles L. Miller and his wife Sallie A. (Metz) was born at Phila. Aug. 3, 1894, was baptized Sept. 26, by Rev. T. L. Crouse, and died at Harrisburg, Sept. 28, 1894, of Anaemia, aged 1 mo. 25 das.

CLARK.—Elizabeth, a daughter of Henry Metz and his wife Anna Maria (Weber), was born Apr. 10, 1840, in Mifflin Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa., and was baptized June 5, 1840 by Rev. J. P. Schindel, the parents appearing as sponsors. On Apr. 27, 1856, she was confirmed by Rev. F. Waltz as a member of St. John's Evan. Lutheran congregation, of which congregation she remained a member to her end. She was married, Dec. 20, 1863, by Rev. David Moyer with Samuel B. Clark who remains to mourn her departure. The fruit of this union was one son who died in infancy. She died very

suddenly of hemorrhage of the lungs, Sept. 29, 1894, aged 54 yrs. 3 mos. 24das.

TSCHOPP.—Anna Margareta, daughter of Frederick Tschopp and his wife Anna Maria (Schneider), was born Mar. 7, 1832, in Lower Mahanoy Twp., Northumberland Co., Pa. She was baptized May, 13 of the same year by Rev. Isaac Gerhart, John Schneider and Miss Lydia Lauer appearing as sponsors, and was confirmed a member of the Stone Valley Reformed congregation July 7, 1849, by Rev. John A. Leisz. She died in the home of Geo. Romberger, where she had lived for more than 20 years, of dropsy, Oct. 17, 1894, aged 62 yrs. 7 mos. 10 das.

WERT.—Elizabeth, a daughter of Jno. Herman and his wife Maria (Bordner), was born Dec. 5, 1813, in Mifflin Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa. She was Baptized by Rev. J. P. Schindel, William Bordner appearing as Sponsor, and was Confirmed by the same pastor, in the year 1830, as a member of St. John's Evan. Luth. congregation, of which congregation she was a faithful member till her departure. July 13, 1834, she was married by Rev. J. N. Hemping, with Henry Wert, who preceded her to eternity 13 years ago. The fruit of this union was 3 daughters, of whom 2 preceded their mother to the grave. She survived the birth of 17 grand-children and 8 great-grand-children, and died of heart failure, Oct. 26, 1894, aged 80 yrs. 10 mos. 21 das.

BEISEL.—Franklin, a son of William Beisel and his wife Maria (Brosius), was born Sept. 2, 1856, in Upper Mahanoy Twp., North'd Co., Pa. He was baptized on the 28 of his birth month by Rev. A. Bergner, the parents being the sponsors. He was confirmed a member of St. John's Evan. Lutheran Church, Apr. 26, 1873, by Rev. Thos. Steck, and was united in Holy Marriage with Adaline E. Romberger, May 5, 1877, by Rev. W. G. Engle. The fruit of this union was 3 sons and 4 daughters, all of whom except one daughter remain with their mother to mourn their loss. He died of brain disease, Nov. 4, 1894, aged 38 yrs. 2 mos. 2 das. Burial took place in the cemetery of Hoffman's Reformed Church.

## SIMEON'S.

KISSINGER.—Edna May, infant daughter of John H. Kissinger and his wife Alice C. (Umholtz), was born at Gratz, Pa., Dec. 30, 1893. She was baptized Mar. 11, 1894 by Rev. Jno. J. Stauffer, the mother appearing as sponsor, and died of Cholera Infantum, July 29, 1894, aged 6 mos. 29 das.

HARTMAN.—John, a son of Henry Hartman and his wife Magdaline (Shoffstall), was born in Lykens Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa., Apr. 15, 1819. He was confirmed as a member of the Lutheran Church by Rev. J. P. Schindel, and united in marriage with Mary Ritzman who survives him. This union was blessed with 8 children of whom 4 sons and 1 daughter survive. He died of dropsy Aug. 1, 1894, aged 75 yrs. 3 mos. 16 das.

PHILIPS.—Lydia Ann, a daughter of Jacob Hepler and his wife Hannah, was born Mar. 20, 1843. Baptized in infancy, she afterwards became a member of the Evangelical Church, and remained such to her end. She was married Feb. 14, 1875, with John Philips, who, with one daughter, the fruit of this union, remains to mourn her death. Two sons preceded her to eternity. She died of Typhoid Pneumonia Oct. 13, 1894, aged 51 yrs. 6 mos. 23 das.

WELKER.—Elizabeth, a daughter of Peter Schreffler and wife Elizabeth (Kreitzer), was born May 10, 1835, in Upper Mahantargo Twp., Schuylkill Co., Pa. She was baptized by Rev. J. N. Hemping, July 8, 1835, Michael Paul and his wife Elizabeth appearing as sponsors. Later in life she was received by Confirmation as a member of the Lutheran church. Oct. 26, 1852, she was united in Holy Marriage by Rev. Jno. A. Leisz with William Welker, which union was blessed with 7 sons and 3 daughters of whom a son and a daughter with their father preceded her to eternity. She died of Typhoid Fever, Dec. 18, 1894, aged 59 yrs. 7 mos. 8 das.

## SALEM'S.

WEBNER.—Henry William, a son of John Theodore Webner and his wife

Christina (Heiser), was born Jan. 7, 1820 in Blum Twp., Columbia Co., Pa. He was baptized Mar. 20, 1820, by Rev. Peter Kessler, Henry Heiser appearing as sponsor. He was received by Confirmation, May 12, 1838, as a member of the Lutheran Church at St. John's church, Mifflin Twp., by Rev. J. P. Schindel. Nov. 3, 1840, he was united in marriage by Rev. J. N. Hemping, with Rachael Enterline, who preceded him to eternity in 1865. This union was blessed with nine children, of whom 4 (two sons and two daughters) remain. He survived the birth of twenty-two grand children and three great grand children, and died of the infirmities of old age, July 26, '94, aged 74 yrs. 6 mos. 19 das.

HARNER.—Frederick D., a son of Frederick Harner and his wife Mary (Schurr) was born June 19, 1816, in Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Having been baptized in infancy, he was later confirmed a member of the Luth. Church by Rev. Stoever at Gratz, Pa. He was married, Aug. 13, 1840, with Rebecca Hoffman, which union was blessed with eight sons and 4 daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter, together with their mother, preceded him to eternity. He died of Pneumonia and the infirmities of age, Nov. 10, 1894, aged 78 yrs. 4 mos. 21 das. Burial in the cemetery of Matter's U. B. Church.

## KILLINGER.

SCHAEFFER.—Elizabeth, a daughter of Michael Holtzman and his wife Elizabeth (Novinger), was born Nov. 19, 1833, in what was then Mifflin, now Washington, Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa. She was brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism Feb. 9, 1834, administered by Rev. J. P. Schindel, the sponsors being Michael Enterline and Julia Romberger. She was confirmed as a member of Zion's Evan. Lutheran congregation at Rife by Rev. N. Yeager, May 15, 1852, and married, Dec. 25, 1860, by Rev. F. Waltz with J. Geo. Schaeffer, who with 1 son and 2 daughters remains to mourn her departure. One son preceded his parents to eternity. She died suddenly of heart disease, Aug 5, 1894, aged 60 yrs. 8 mos. 16 das.

# CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.



The following are the appointments for services in the respective congregations as adopted at the joint meeting of Councils, Dec 3, 1894.

1895		Simeon's. [Gratz]	Salem's. (E'ville)	Zion's. [Rife]	St. Jacob's. (Centre View)
Jan.	6.	10 A. M. Ger.	6:30 P. M. Eng.		
"	13			2 p. m. Eng.	10 a. m. Ger.
"	20	10 A. M. Eng.	6:30 P. M. Eng.		
"	27		10 A. M. Ger.	2 p. m. Ger.	
Feb.	3	10 A. M. Ger.	6:30 P. M. Eng.		
"	10			10 a. m. Ger.	2 p. m. Ger.
"	17	10 A. M. Ger.	7 P. M. Eng.		
"	24		10 A. M. Eng.		2 p. m. Ger.
Mar.	3	10 A. M. Eng.	7 P. M. Eng.		
"	10			2 p. m. Eng.	10 a. m. Ger.
"	17	10 A. M. Ger.	7 P. M. Eng.		
"	24		10 A. M. Ger.	2 p. m. Ger.	
"	31	10 A. M. Ger.	7 P. M. Eng.		
April	6			2 p. m.	*
"	7			9:30 a.m. Ger†	2:30 p.m. Ger.
"	13	2 P. M.	*		
"	14	10 A. M. Eng.†	7:30 P. M. Eng.		
"	20		7:30 P. M.	*	
"	21		9:30 A. M. Eng.†		2:30 p.m. Ger.
"	28	10 A. M. Ger.	7:30 P. M. Eng.		
May	4				2 p. m.
"	5			2:30 p.m. Eng.	9:30 a.m. Ger†
"	12	10 A. M. Ger.	7:30 P. M. Eng.		
"	19		10 A. M. Ger.	2 p. m. Ger.	
"	26	10 A. M. Eng.	7:30 P. M. Eng.		
June	2			10 a. m. Ger.	2 p. m. Ger.
"	9†	Vacant.	Vacant.		
"	16		10 a. m. Eng.		2 p. m. Ger.
"	23	10 A. M. Ger.	7:30 p.m. Eng.		
"	30			2 p. m. Eng.	10 a. m. Ger.

\* Preparatory Services.

† Communion Services.

‡ Synod will be in session.

