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At Last.

Mr. G. T. Berg, architect, has completed the drawings, and Mr. J. C. Bell has taken the contract for our church in this city.

Home Missions.

We endorse every word "Interested" says about the necessity of employing a travelling missionary. Only we should have every Synod sending forth an Evangelist to proclaim the glad tidings.

New Publications.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER'S CHURCH POSTIL SERMONS ON THE EPISTLES, comprising a Sermon on the Epistles for the different Sundays and festivals in the year.

promised Brother Caughman, that they would send us a donation; if they forget, we hope our kind brother will go down before long and stir them up.

A Letter Worth Reading.

BLOUNTVILLE, Tenn. Sept. 28th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Rude: Some time ago I wrote you, and told you that by the blessings of God the work was going steadily on in this part of God's moral vineyard.

He is now entrusted, by our Synod, with the enterprise and agency for establishing a Female Institute at this place.

Each chapter contains three parts. The German exercises offer a progressive course of the most important words and sentences.

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aid the sellers, to replace the gospel on the altar and in the pulpit, to remove every obstacle from the road that leads to Christ.

The Church Postil is published in numbers. Eighteen monthly numbers, in double columns, large octavo, containing each 32 pages.

We are exceedingly anxious that the work should be introduced into every Lutheran family in our General Synod, and propose, in order to assist in this good work, to offer as a premium to every one who sends us five subscribers.

The first number is out. We are pleased with it. It contains one sermon entire and part of another, the sermons for the first and second Sunday in Advent.

MANUAL OF THE GERMAN LANGUAGE. By W. Grauert, A. M. New York. E. Steiger, 1869.

The author of this "Manual of the German Language" has endeavored to avoid the defects of both the synthetic and the purely analytic methods.

ALIX'S GERMAN HANDWRITING. New York. E. Steiger, 1869.

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Our Churches.

The Tenth Convention of the Potomac Conference

Convened, according to appointment, in St. Peter's Church, (in Rev. L. Keller's charge), at Tun's Brook, Shenandoah County, Va., on Tuesday evening, Sep. 14th, 1869.

Wednesday Morning—Conference assembled this morning at 9 o'clock, and in the absence of both the President and Secretary of the former Convention, a temporary organization was effected by the calling of Rev. P. Miller to the chair as President.

Minutes present.—Revs. J. F. Campbell, T. W. Dosh, W. Eichelberger, L. Keller, G. A. Long, P. Miller, J. A. Snyder and J. Summers.

The lay-delegates in attendance were Samuel Kronk and Maj. Elijah Pifer.

An election for the Permanent officers of this Convention of Conference, resulted in the choice of Rev. J. F. Campbell, President; Rev. W. Eichelberger, Secretary; and Rev. L. Keller, Treasurer.

Remarks on the state of religion were made by Revs. T. W. Dosh and L. Keller; when the hour of adjournment having arrived, Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. Thos. Miller, to meet again at 2 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon—Conference opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon with singing, and with prayer by Rev. W. S. Bowman.

Remarks on the state of religion in the different charges were resumed, and continued by Revs. W. S. McClanahan, P. Miller, J. A. Snyder and J. Summers.

Conference adjourned to meet on Thursday at 9 A. M.; prayer by Rev. T. W. Dosh.

Thursday Morning—There was a prayer meeting held this morning at 8 o'clock, which was conducted by Rev. T. W. Dosh.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference assembled, that brethren failing to be present at our regular meetings, should be constrained by considerations of both duty and courtesy, to send severally an excuse for their absence.

A resolution was passed, that it will hereafter be expected and required that brethren shall come to Conference prepared to remain until its adjournment.

It was received and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. T. W. Dosh and J. A. Snyder.

Rev. G. A. Long, who was absent yesterday when the "reports on the state of religion" were made, made his report on that subject.

The President also at this time made some remarks, commenting on the course he pursued during the twenty-five years of his ministerial experience, with reference to receiving persons into the church.

The following question for discussion was submitted by Rev. T. W. Dosh: "Is a man that is able to meet his pecuniary obligations, and yet fails to do so, any more worthy of the full communion of the church than one that is guilty of drunkenness, or any other immorality?"

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The Holston Synod now numbers fourteen ordained ministers, nine of whom were present. Three of the others were prevented from attending by decrepitude and bodily indisposition.

One of these, Rev. A. Fleener, has been so greatly afflicted during the past spring and summer as to be unable to preach.

Another, Rev. J. E. Bell, is in his eighty-fourth year, and weighed down by the accumulated infirmities of advanced years, is wholly unfit for the active duties of the ministry.

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direction of one of our ministers. He is a man of fine intellect, a regular graduate of Roanoke College, Va., and bids fair to become a valuable addition to the ministry.

One beneficiary was taken under the care of the Synod, and steps taken to raise means to support him in the prosecution of his literary course. This was a move in the right direction.

Propositions were received from the Tennessee Synod for our Synod to unite with it and another Synod, which it is proposed to form out of that part of the Tennessee Synod lying in Virginia.

All our brethren approve the object, and would promptly and cheerfully accede to the proposition if our conspectus with our General Synod presented no barrier, about which there is at least a doubt.

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