

Thirty-five Years Ago.

December 7, 1882.—John J. Arney, of near this place, lost three large hogs and four shoats by the hog disease.

A musical convention will be held in the Evangelical church at Rebersburg, commencing Christmas eve, and closing with concerts Friday and Saturday evenings, under the direction of Prof. P. H. Meyer.

A big haul of deer.—A hunting party of seven, under the leadership of Grenning & Co., of Coburn, John Horner and son, of near Centre Hall, Mr. Lucas and Mr. Schreckengast, of Nittany, went to the Greens woods of Clearfield and returned last Saturday with seventeen fine deer as their reward. The Horners got five for their share; the Grennings got ten and the Nittany boys got two. The party was out thirteen day, and on the last day out they killed five deer.

Linden Hall

Frank McFarlane, while watering a horse on Tuesday evening, was kicked on the back and sustained severe injuries which have kept him in the house ever since.

Vernon Gest, Miss Maud Miller and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wieland and daughter Mildred motored to Bloomsburg Sunday morning and returned that evening.

Mrs. William McClintic and children spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Treseker, at Centre Hall.

Edmond Sellers went to Sunbury Monday where he will manage a foundry.

James Swabb is able to be out after being confined to the house for over a week.

After-the-War Camp at Mt. Getz.

Plans for a model after-the-war camp at Mount Getz for Pennsylvania National Guard are under discussion. These plans take into account the increased productive capacity and general beautification of the fifteen hundred acres of timberland included in the State's two thousand acres military reservation.

A preliminary inspection of the ground has been made, and it is proposed to start operations in a few weeks. The first work will be of an experimental nature, and will probably be confined to the reinforcing of existing growth near springs for the purpose of conserving the camp's water supply. Between 5,000 and 10,000 trees will be set out this fall.

Plans for future planting seasons call for the establishment of evergreen borders along the main thoroughfares and paths of the reservation, and the reforestation of large areas on which almost every tree has been killed by chestnut blight. These operations will require over a million trees, which will be raised in the nurseries of the Department of Forestry.

Large quantities of cordwood and lumber are used every year at the camp and a considerable direct saving of money will result if the material can be raised on the ground.

Cow Breaks Butter Record.

The world's record for butter production has been broken by Aggie Aome, a Holstein cow owned by A. W. Morris & Sons, of Woodland, California, in a test conducted under the supervision of the University of California.

The cow yielded 1331.41 pounds of butter in 365 days; 1167.41 pounds in 305 days and 2428.51 pounds in two years.

In each instance the records displace those established by Keystone Beauty Plum Johanna, a Holstein owned by Stevens & Sons, of Pennsylvania, it is contended.

Aggie Aome's milk production in 305 days was 22,092.5 pounds.

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Hundreds of acres of buckwheat which was injured by frost early in September remain uncut in Sullivan county.

The Bureau of Markets has marketed thousands of bushels of cider apples for growers in the apple belt.

Many farmers reported potatoes still in the ground on November 1 and lack of labor to dig them.

Much corn in some sections of the State will remain uncut owing to the wet weather and lack of farm help. Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton is urging farmers to save double the usual amount of seed corn this year.

Northern tier counties show an increased acreage in wheat and this grain crop will be tried in some sections where it has never been attempted.

The average price of peaches in the State was ninety-two cents a half-bushel basket. This price was made high by the lack of crops in the northern section, the average in the peach belt running about fifty-five cents.

FOUND.—Motorcycle license tag, No. 22329.—Can be had at this office.

LUTHER'S REFORMS

400th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebrated Oct. 31.

BLOWS ON CHURCH DOOR

They Have Echoed Down the Ages From the Castle Church at Wittenberg—Economic but Effective Work Done by the Lutheran Church Throughout the World.

The Great Reformation of four centuries ago, as the name implies, was a movement to bring the church back in faith and in practice to Christ and the Apostles. That this was done is proved by the rapid spread, like true leaven, of the influences of Luther and the other Reformers.

The hammer blows struck on the door of the old Castle Church in Wittenberg, Oct. 31, 1517, echoed into every section of the civilized world and have re-echoed down the ages to these days of the Quadracentennial of that historic nailing of the famous Luther Theses.

The Protestant Reformation movement was by no means a German movement. In Switzerland, France and later in England similar activities



Bartholomew Ziegenbalg, The First Foreign Missionary.

occurred. It was an evangelical movement intended to reach men of all tongues; hence one of Luther's first acts was to stop the reading of masses in Latin and to give to his German brethren the Gospel in their own language. The idea caught fire and spread rapidly. Begun in 1517 in Germany, the evangelical principle of Protestantism was planted in Sweden by 1525; Denmark and Norway, 1537; Iceland, 1551; Livonia, Estonia and Russia, 1520, its triumph in Courland, Russia, being complete by 1530. It spread to Hungary in 1600, Bohemia and Moravia, 1600. It had a strong hold in Austria in 1528. Its influence was strong in England—so strong, in fact, that King Henry VIII in 1522 wrote against the teachings of the Monk of Wittenberg. In Scotland the parliament legislated to keep out the Lutheran influence. In both France and Spain there were many followers of Luther as early as 1523. Already in 1519 Luther's books were in great demand even in Italy. Lutherans were martyred in Antwerp, Holland, as early as 1523. The Augsburg Confession was found in Constantinople in 1550.

Thus the faith of Luther rapidly spread practically throughout all Europe, which, being at that time the continent of highest civilization and intelligence, the Lutheran faith soon became the champion of intellectual development and missionary endeavor.

The First Foreign Missionaries.

It is due the Danish Lutherans to say that they started evangelical foreign missions by sending out the two Lutheran missionaries, Ziegenbalg and Plutschau, who began their work in Tranquebar in 1706, almost a century before William Carey, by some spoken of as the pioneer of Foreign Missions, arrived in India, where the real pioneers had already finished a life work and rested from their labors in India graves.

While the work of the Lutheran Church has been done on a most economical basis, it has been none the less effective. Lutherans have missions in the following countries: Africa, South, East and West; China, India, Greenland, Arabia, Turkey, Persia, Papuanland, South Australia, Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Dutch Indies, New Guinea, Togoland, Madagascar, Japan, Burma, the Sudan, the Congo, Lapland and Turkistan. There are no less than thirty-five European and fourteen American Boards, or societies, engaged in this Foreign Mission work, having 27,000 American and European missionaries and about 25,000 native missionaries. The latest available statistics indicate an annual expense of over \$4,000,000 in maintaining these missions, into which have been gathered about a million and a half of native Christians. The church preaches the Gospel in fifty languages.

The War Interrupts.

Prior to the beginning of the great World War correspondence had begun between the churches in various countries in Europe and the churches in America, all of which are marking the year 1917 as the year of Quadracentennial jubilation. The General Conference which already embraces Lutherans of various languages and countries in four continents promises to embrace, ultimately, the representatives of this great polyglot body of nearly half of the Protestant world in one gigantic religious federation.

THE FIGHTING MUHLENBERGS

Monument to the Lutheran Patriarch. His Son Peter Left the Pulpit for the Battle Line—Lutheran Bodies in Unification Movements.

When Christopher Columbus discovered America a miner's son in Germany was singing for bread that he might pursue his education, which was to fit him for developing the seeds of liberty which were destined to find root and largest growth in the Western Hemisphere, a love of liberty which promises today to prove the dominating force to liberalize the governments of the world and insure world freedom and world peace.

Lutherans very early had their representatives in America. In point of fact a Lutheran minister and a company of Danish Lutheran sailors came to America the year before the Pilgrim Fathers landed on Plymouth Rock.

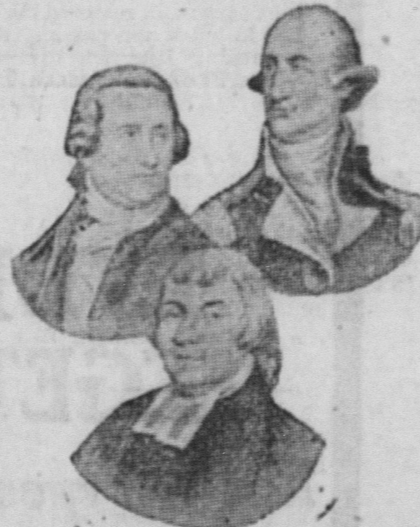
First Settlers

Holland Lutherans were among the first settlers in what is now Greater New York, while Swedish Lutherans were on the Delaware to greet and shake the hand of William Penn when he arrived to establish Pennsylvania. German Lutherans, too, came quite early in the history of the country. They were here in large numbers before the Revolution and furnished some of the stalwart troops who fought the battles for American liberty. Most notable among these were the Muhlenbergs, whose father, the Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, organized the first Lutheran synod in America as early as 1748.

The Lutheran Patriarch, a monument to whom as the founder of Lutheranism in America is to be unveiled on the grounds of the Philadelphia Seminary at Mount Airy in October, had three sons whose careers illustrate the spirit of the early Lutherans in helping to make America. Peter was the famous General who threw off his preacher's robe, stepped down from the pulpit, enrolled nearly all his men as members of the colonial army and became one of Washington's chief aids. His brother Frederick was the first speaker of the House of Representatives, while the third brother, also a Lutheran clergyman, was the most eminent botanist in America in his day.

Growth.

From these humble beginnings, auspicious because of the typical Americanism of the leaders in Colonial Lutheranism, there has been a constant growth, at first slow, but gradually in-



Hon. Frederick Muhlenberg, Major General Peter Muhlenberg, Dr. Henry Muhlenberg.

creasing until for a generation past Lutherans have been the most rapidly growing Protestant body in America. The latest available statistics give

twenty-six synods, 8,851 ministers, 15,000 congregations, 3,774,774 baptized members. Their church property in this country is worth in round numbers \$125,000,000.

Typically American.

Lutherans in America today are typically American in this that they count their adherents as America does her citizens, from many lands and of many tongues, preaching at the present time to citizens of this country in no less than seventeen different tongues.

This fact discounts the notion that some have that Lutherans are a German or a Scandinavian church. They are truly American in constituency and in spirit.

In faith Lutherans are ONE. In organization, which to the Lutheran is secondary, they have been separated, but through the Joint Celebration of the blessings of 400 years of Protestantism they have drawn very close together, with the result that several of the most important bodies now have under consideration a constitution for the proposed United Lutheran Church of America. This will mean when fully consummated that the church which stands unitedly and unequivocally for the Christ as the God-Man, the Saviour of the world, and for the inspiration of the entire Bible and for its great confessions, unaltered and subscribed to by about half of the Protestant world, will, as the third Protestant body in point of numbers in America, be one of the dominating religious forces for the making of the religious spirit and the development of the Christian consciousness of America.

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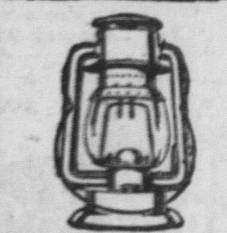
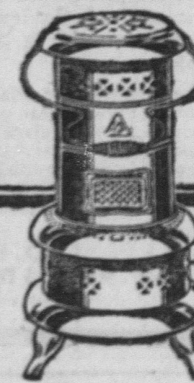
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