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133d Annual Meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

**Monday Afternoon.**—Rev. G. F. Spicker, of Kutztown, conducted the opening exercises, announcing the German hymn—O Heil' ger Geist, kehr' bei uns ein.

The minutes of the morning session were approved after correction.

The tellers reported that Rev. Dr. W. J. Mann had been elected president of the synod for the ensuing year, by 109 votes out of 112. Dr. Mann was cordially congratulated by Dr. Schaeffer, the retiring president, and in turn thanked his predecessor for the hearty reception accorded him, and the synod for the trust reposed in him in his election.

Rev. H. Grahn, of Philadelphia, was called to the chair as president pro tem., while Dr. Mann retired to make up his committee.

The order for the afternoon sessions, namely, the constitutions for synod, conferences, and congregations, was then taken up for discussion and to be adopted as far as possible.

Rev. Dr. Schaeffer thought the synod's committee had not fully finished its work, namely, the publishing of the result of their conference in the matter of constitution so that it could be inspected and used by members of synod.

Rev. J. B. Rath inquired if the last general council had not made some progress in the work.

Dr. Schaeffer replied that the general council had done little or nothing. He thought the constitution ought to be thoroughly revised and amended, and asked ten minutes time to explain the position of the synod in providing government for itself since its establishment. He thought synod could not settle the matter or complete the work now, but it was ready to examine the underlying principles. Synod must labor jointly with the general council in preparing its constitution.

Rev. W. K. Frick raised the point of order that most of the subject brought to the notice of synod could not be discussed, because it had been passed upon legally by previous synods, and no amendments had been offered in form to bring it up.

Dr. Schaeffer held that synod had acted as far as it could go and legally, but its work had never been completed, and came up regularly for further consideration.

Mr. Frick insisted upon his point of order, and said that his stand was taken to save a sea of discussion, but he was not sustained.

Dr. Mann having returned to the floor of synod, assumed the chair. His committees, announced to the synod, are as follows:

**On President's Report**—Rev. C. P. Krahn, D. D.; Revs. T. T. Jaeger, R. H. L. Grahn, J. J. Knuehl, and Messrs. W. F. Hauff and J. W. Hubley.

**On Reception of Congregations**—Rev. C. F. Weddel, F. Waltz, A. J. Weddel, L. Groh, R. E. Knuehl, and Messrs. J. C. File and E. Armstrong.

**On Excuses**—Rev. J. W. Hasser, J. W. Early, J. F. Wampole, and Messrs. Henry Lehman and H. M. Ellis.

**On Systematic Benevolence**—Rev. F. J. Schanz, E. S. Bihle, W. K. Frick, H. N. Fogel, B. F. Apple, G. H. Trabert, A. Pfleiderer, and Messrs. D. Wissler, P. L. Gross, J. K. Heil and C. R. Baer.

**Orphans Home at Germantown**—Rev. F. P. Mayer, J. M. Ansaldi, C. Koerner, and Messrs. R. Mueller and J. Fogel.

**On Parochial Reports**—Rev. J. B. Rath, S. S. Henry, D. K. Kaepner, F. K. Huntington, H. B. Strode, and Messrs. C. Diez and C. S. Kopitsch.

**On Discipline**—Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., J. D. Laizette, D. D., E. Greenwald, D. D., and Messrs. W. H. Stake and J. A. Wiedersheim.

**On the Minutes of Other Synods**—Rev. C. J. Cooper, O. P. Smith, M. Schimpff, G. H. Rhoades, A. Richter, W. J. Andres and Messrs. T. Diehl, B. F. Beater and J. Born.

**On Ministerial Business**—Rev. A. Speth, D. D., B. Sadler, D. D., and W. Rath.

**On President's Account**—Rev. F. Breckmeyer, J. R. Groff and M. C. Horne.

On motion the constitution for the conference was taken up at the 97th section, which divides the synod into five conference districts, such as the synod shall from time to time shall decree.

The word "ministers" was substituted for "pastors" in the 28th section; which refers to members of the conference.

Section 101, on meetings of the conference, was changed to read: "If a minister absent himself from more than one meeting of the conference without having presented a sufficient excuse, he shall be subject to discipline by the conference," instead of "If a minister absent himself from three successive meetings, etc."

Under the head of duties of officers, section 105, which gives the president of a conference added powers, such as installation, corner-stone laying, visitation, etc., an animated debate was entered upon as to whether these powers should not be given entirely into the hands of the president of the synod.

Dr. Frick opposed the relegation of the power of the president to conferences. Rev. Trabert favored it and also Rev. Schanz, and Dr. Speth. Dr. Schaeffer favored the rule as it stands.

Rev. J. W. Early, suggested that the article be amended so as to include the installation of ministers who had gone from this synod into another, and returned again, without being received regularly into the synod.

Rev. J. B. Rath favored an enlargement rather than a contraction of the powers of the president.

By request of B. F. Saylor, the synod agreed on Wednesday, at 8 a. m., as the time to be photographed.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. J. Kohler.

**Educational and Missionary.**

The service in the interest of education and missions was held in Zion's German church on Vine street, Rev. F. P. Mayer, pastor, last evening.

After the singing of a hymn and prayer and the Scripture reading, Pastor H. Grahn presented the needs and hopes of the church in the mission work. After another hymn Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, of Germantown, editor of the *Foreign Missionary*, made a missionary address in English.

**Knight Templar Convocation.**

The annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania will assemble at Williamsport, this evening. Past Grand Commander C. M. Howell and Grand Captain General B. Frank Breneman and Sir Knight George K. Reed, left Lancaster last evening to attend the convocation.

**A Columbia Vagrant.**

The mayor of Harrisburg has committed for thirty days a girl, bright and intelligent, who gives her name as Anna Henry, and says she is 20 years of age. She says she ran away from a good home in Columbia, led a dissolute life in Carlisle and a shameless career in the saloons around Steelton, whence the Harrisburg authorities committed her.

**The Fulton Hall Squatters.**

When the Republican judges met at Fulton hall this afternoon neither their president nor the returns were present. A committee was sent after both. Jack Fry could not be found. The returns were received.

The report was discussed by members of the synod, item by item, and as a whole.

with several slight amendments, adopted. An election was had for five ministerial and five lay directors of the theological seminary.

The presence was unbound of Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., of the Pittsburgh synod, and Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., of the synod of Maryland.

The treasurer's report was audited and found correct.

Synod adjourned to give place to private ministerial session, Rev. J. A. Fritz, of York, leading the devotional exercises.

**The Celebration To Night.**

This evening, in Trinity church, will be held the seventh semi-centennial anniversary of the delivery of the Augsburg Confession, and the third centenary of the publication of the Book of Concord.

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., of Gettysburg, and Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., will deliver addresses.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.**

**Natives of Lancaster County.**

W. H. Eggle has been publishing in the Harrisburg Telegraph some sketches of former citizens of Dauphin county of which the following have a local interest for people of Lancaster county:

**Haldeman, Jacob M.**—The second son of John Haldeman and Mary Brymer, was born in Donegal town, Lancaster county, March 4, 1781. His grandfather, Jacob Haldeman, a native of German Switzerland, emigrated at an early period.

The former received a good English and German education, and, about 1806, purchased the water power and forge at the mouth of Yellow Breeches creek, Cumberland county, established himself in the iron business. He added a rolling and slitting mill, and by his energy and industry soon became one of the foremost iron manufacturers in the state. His superior iron found a steady market, and upon the establishment of the arsenal at Harper's Ferry, he supplied the government with a fine fire-proofing material.

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