Local Intelligence.

SPECIAL MEETING OF LANCASTER CLASSIS OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.—A special meeting of this body was held in the First Reformed Church, (Rev. A. H. Kremer's,) in this city, on Tuesday, in accordance with a regular call, the following being the items:

1. For the purpose of hearing and deciding upon an appeal from the action of the consistory of the First German Reformed Church, Lancaster, upon the Liturgical question.

2. To make arrangements to provide the Petersburg congregation with regular preaching, if possible.

Classis was called to order at 1.20 P. M., Rev. W. T. Gerhard, the President, in the chair.

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. Dr. Nevin invoked the Divine blessing.

The roll was then called by the Secretary, Rev. W. A. Gring.

The Chairman read the call, and announced Classis ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Dr. Gerhart, it was ordered that the second item be taken up for consideration first, and the first be referred to a Special Committee to prepare it for the consideration of the Classis. The Committee consisted of Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Revs. J. G. Fritchey and Snyder, and Elder C. J. Snavely.

In order to bring the Petersburg matter before Classis, Prof. Appel moved that the Petersburg Congregation be disconnected from the Millersville charge, and added to the Bethany charge.

It appears that influences over which the pastor of the Millersville charge had no control, induced the Petersburg Congregation to send him an insulting note, which the Reverend gentleman read as evidence that some one else should be appointed to minister to their spiritual wants.

After an animated debate, the subject was laid on the table until the regular meeting of Classis.

The Committee to whom had been referred the first item in the call, reported in it in order, subject to certain regulations respecting the time to be occupied by repellant and respondent, &c. The report was accepted.

In explanation of this item, we will make a brief statement: At a meeting of the consistory (or corporation) of the German Reformed Church, of this city, held on Monday evening, February 17th, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Great dissatisfaction exists among the members in regard to the use of the Liturgy in the Church, therefore be it

Resolved, That the use of it by the Pastor during service be dispensed with.

From this action an appeal was made to the next annual meeting of the Classis, upon the general ground that the Consistory (or corporation) have no jurisdiction in the premises.

Mr. E. J. Zahm represented the appellants, in a carefully prepared argument. He reviewed the whole subject matter in controversy. He gave a brief sketch of the rise and progress of the movement which resulted in the determination of the German Reformed Church in this country to go back to the customs of its founders, and to adopt a Liturgical form of worship.—According to the showing of Mr. Zahm, (and in this view he was sustained by a seemingly unbroken chain of authorities,) there is an obligation resting on all the ministers of the German Reformed Church to introduce the Liturgy adopted by the General Synod, in order that it may be fully presented to the consideration of the members. The authorities quoted by Mr. Zahm showed that this matter was fully committed to the supervision and discretion of the different pastors, and several decisions were cited to show that the Consistory of a Church had no control in this matter, they being, in the policy of that ecclesiastical body, entrusted with the management of certain spiritual powers, but that in the *point in question* they had no jurisdiction.—Mr. Zahm contented himself by bringing forward a formidable array of authorities to sustain the action of the pastor of the church, and closed with a very slight allusion to the facts involved in the particular controversy which had produced the present difficulties.

Dr. Samuel Welchens answered for the respondents to the appeal. He evidently seemed to feel that the action of the Church authorities were against him, but he insisted strongly upon the individual rights of the membership. He took the position that until this question of the adoption of a Liturgy by the General Synod, and its ratification by the vote of two-thirds of the Classis of the country, as is the case in all canons or constitutional provisions, that the question of the adoption or rejection of the Liturgy was left to the different congregations to settle, by a vote of the Consistory. The Dr. went into the merits of the present controversy, and asserted that there was much dissatisfaction with the form in which the Liturgy was used, though it appeared afterwards that this was principally confined to the German portion of the congregation, who have separate services conducted in their own language and without the use of the Liturgy.

After Dr. Welchens was through, Mr. Zahm responded, devoting his time to meeting the objections of the Dr. with more authorities. Mr. Zahm touched upon the statements made by Dr. Welchens, and gave some proof that they were not in all respects correct.

The afternoon having been consumed by the arguments between the representatives of the two parties, an adjournment was had until 7½ o'clock.

On the reassembling of the Classis, Mr. Zahm made a short statement, (quoting another authority to show that the Consistory had not the power to decide on the adoption or rejection of the Liturgy.

The discussion then became general among the members of the Classis and was participated in by Rev. Dr. Nevin, Rev. John Wolf, and others who sustained the appellants, and by Rev. J. G. Fritchey and others who espoused the side of the respondents. Dr. Nevin fully sustained the position taken by Mr. Zahm, and explained at length the origin of the present form of Liturgy, and the design of the General synod in the course directed tobe pursued by that body. He claimed that the German Reformed Church had been a Liturgical Church from the beginning, and that it was made such in America by the action of the General Synod. The Dr. is among authorities seemed to be of a character calculated to settle the controversy, if it can be settled by authorities. He concluded by appealing to the church members to lay aside all their differences about the matter, and to go to work heartily in the great work which was set before the church.

Rev. Mr. Snyder said the ground had been so thoroughly reviewed by other and abler gentlemen, and he was so well satisfied that the Classis would sustain the appeal, that he would not detain them with a repetition of the argument.

Several other gentlemen made brief remarks, (when Prof. Appel arose and moved that the appeal be sustained.

The yeas and nays were taken, with the following result: Yeas, 14; nays, 4; so the appeal was sustained.

Dr. Gerhart offered the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draw up a paper, setting forth the import of the present action sustaining the appeal.

The resolution was adopted, and the following Committee appointed: Rev. Dr. Gerhard, Prof. Appel and Elder Gross.

After the singing of the Doxology and prayer, the Classis adjourned.

AMENDMENTS TO THE FISH LAW.—An act amending the fish law has recently been passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Geary which is of decided importance to owners of fish baskets, and parties who engage in seining, along the Susquehanna river. It will effect some of our readers. The following clause of the act will show which are its provisions and penalties:

Be it enacted, etc., That the fifth section to the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read: Section fifth. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to build, extend, or place any fish basket, or fish trap, across or at any place in the Susquehanna river, or other streams designed or embraced in this act, or shall any person fish with or in with any seine, or any other system of entrapping in numbers, within two hundred yards of any sluice, or other device, erected for the passage of fish, as described in this act, or more than one-third the dam in or upon which such sluice shall have been erected, or to draw any seine or net in any of the said rivers or streams within one-half mile below any of said sluices, or to use any device or means to frighten the fish or spawn, or rip, or otherwise to prevent their free passage up or down the said streams, or passage ways, at any distance whatever from said dams, and any person offending against the provisions of this section, their aiders or abettors shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned, at the discretion of the court, for a period of not more than twelve nor less than one-half of the time above mentioned to be paid to the informer, or complainant; information may be laid as in any other case of misdemeanor by any citizen before any justice of the peace in the district in which the offence shall be committed; and it shall be the duty of all constables, in their townships, wards, or districts, to keep special watch and make return of any violation of this law to each and every court of quarter sessions in the county, or counties, in and for which they may be constable, or constables, as in the case of other misdemeanors coming within the line of the duty of said constables as guardians of the peace and of which they are bound to take notice and make return.

LAW OF ESTRAYS.—The following exhibit of the law relative to stray cattle, may prove useful to some of our readers:

Persons having stray cattle or horses in their possession are liable in the sum of five dollars, and will receive no compensation for damages done, if they fail to report the fact to the town clerk within four days, and it is his duty to make record of the same, subject to the same punishment in default thereof. If the owner of the estray presents himself to the clerk within ten days, he is entitled to receive his property on payment of charges. If after the expiration of that time, no owner is found, the person possessing the estray is required to advertise it; and if within sixty days thereafter, no owner appears, the person taking up the same shall apply to a Justice of the Peace in the township, who is required to issue his warrant to a constable, who, after giving ten days' notice, is required to sell the same—the money for which is to be paid into the hands of the Justice of the Peace, who is to pay all reasonable charges for the cost of keeping, registering, advertising, selling, &c., and the balance, if there be any, to be paid into the county treasury.

MANHEIM AND PINE GROVE RAILROAD.—We are informed that the parties who are interested in making a new Railroad from Manheim on the Columbia and Reading road to Pine Grove in Schuylkill county, intend to commence work as soon as practicable. Our informant states that the route of the proposed road has already been fixed upon and the right of way in nearly every case secured; we are not sure that such is the case, but we hope that the statement of our informant is correct. The advantages resulting from the construction of such a railway are at once apparent when the amount of trade which would be created and resources developed by it are considered. The distance from Manheim to Pine Grove is, as nearly as we can ascertain by reference to a map, about thirty-five miles; this then would probably be very nearly the length of the projected railroad. It would connect Manheim on the Columbia and Reading road with the Lebanon Valley road at Lebanon, the county seat of Lebanon county, and pursuing a northern course connect both these railroads with the Schuylkill and Susquehanna road at its terminus—Pine Grove. The completion of such a railroad would add very much to the population and wealth of Manheim and Columbia, the latter place probably becoming the greatest point for the transhipment of coal on the Susquehanna river. Coal lands would be reached along the route of this road, which have hitherto remained undeveloped, for want of a suitable outlet to the markets of the great commercial and manufacturing cities of the seaboard; and the iron ore of Cornwall would be brought within easy reach of the Furnaces which would be built at all its prominent stations. The further development of the inexhaustible and valuable beds of iron ore on the line of this railroad must ultimately alone pay for its construction, without taking into consideration its coal trade or its local trade in agricultural products, which on a road passing through fertile and populous sections of Lancaster and Lebanon counties must be very considerable and constantly increasing.

RESIGNATION.—Mr. John Keller, for several years past, the able and efficient Supervisor of Division No. 3 on the Pennsylvania Railroad, from Coatesville to Columbia, has resigned, to take effect from the 1st instant.

Mr. Keller for many years engaged in railroading, took charge of this important position in the Spring of 1861, as successor to Col. H. A. Hambright, who resigned to accept a commission in the Union army. Mr. K. left last evening for the far West on a prospecting tour, designing to be absent about two months, and will probably extend his observation along the line of the Pacific Railroad, where doubtless his high testimonials as an efficient officer will secure for him a responsible position should it be desired.

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ROBBERY IN SALISBURY TOWNSHIP.—The house of Charles Shaw, in Salisbury township, near Umbla Town, was forcibly entered by three ruffians on Wednesday night, the 8th of April. They reached the bed-room where him and his wife were sleeping before they heard them. Immediately upon waking, they presented a pistol at the head of Mr. Shaw, and ordered him to tell where his treasure was secreted.—They tied his hands, and then took from a chest $200 in gold, $50 in silver and $120 in bank notes. The robbers have not been arrested.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT CITIZEN.—Christopher Hager, Esq., one of the most esteemed and prominent citizens of this place, died Wednesday evening at his residence at Abbeville, near this city. The deceased was for many years engaged in the Dry Goods business; and has been President of the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster ever since it was organized under the new National System and for several years previous to that event. He also held at one time the position of Treasurer of Lancaster county. In all the relations of life, whether as a public officer or private citizen, Mr. Hager won for himself the esteem of his fellow-citizens, consequently his death will be a great loss to this community, and will be much regretted by every one. The deceased was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of this city, and was about 68 years of age.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between Frank F. Landis and Ezra Landis, doing business in the name of Landis & Bro., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The accounts of the firm will be settled up by Landis & Co., in the office of the new firm at the Keystone Foundry and Machine Shop, East Chestnut street, opposite the Depot, Lancaster city. FRANK F. LANDIS, April 1, 1868. EZRA F. LANDIS.

NEW FIRM—THE UNDERSIGNED have this day entered into co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on the manufacture of all kinds of Machinery, Steam Engines, Mill Gearing, Shafting, &c. Also, Agricultural Implements, and especially a new and improved Grain Thresher and Separator of their own invention. The business will be carried on where Landis & Bro., have been. The only change being an additional co-partner. The new firm will do business in the name of Landis & Bro. FRANK F. LANDIS, JACOB S. LANDIS, ap 3 tfdaw April 1, 1868. EZRA F. LANDIS.

Legal Notices.

ESTATE OF JOHN GEORGE SAEGER, late of Lancaster city, Lancaster co., dec'd. Letters Testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto, are requested to make immediate settlement, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said city. FREDERICK KLEISS Executor. ap 13 1t da5tw

ESTATE OF GEORGE HILTON, LATE of Salisbury township, deceased. The undersigned Auditor, appointed to distribute the balance remaining in the hands of Hugh Ramsey, administrator of said deceased to and among those legally entitled to the same, will attend for that purpose on FRIDAY, THE 24th DAY of APRIL, 1868, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Library Room of the Court House, in the City of Lancaster, where all persons interested in said distribution may attend. H. B. SWARR, Auditor. ap 1 4tw 13

ESTATE OF JAMES GIBSON, LATE OF Martic township, deceased.—Letters Testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate settlement, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said township. JAMES GIBSON, SAMUEL GIBSON, March 31, 1868. Executors. apr 1 6tw 13

ESTATE OF MARY BHEA, LATE OF Little Britain township, deceased.—Letters testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said township. JAMES PATTERSON, ap 8 6tw 14 Executor.

ESTATE OF PATRICK GLACKEN, late of Drumore township, dec'd.—Letters Testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto, are requested to make immediate settlement, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said township. DANIEL GLACKEN, MARTHA ANN GLACKEN, Executors. ap 8 6tw 14

ESTATE OF JOHN McELREE, LATE OF Lancaster county, Eden township, dec'd. Letters Testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate settlement, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said township. DANIEL D. HESS, Executor. ap 8 6tw 14

BANKRUPT NOTICE. In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Penna. In Bankruptcy. At Lancaster, the 13th day of APRIL, A. D. 1868. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of John S. Landis, of the township of Manor, in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said district. D. G. ESHLEMAN, Assignee, ap 15 3t 15] No. 36 North Duke st., Lancaster.

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