

THE SYNOD SPLITS,

But Doesn't Quite Sever, on the Question of a Mere Form.

COMMON SERVICE, OR OLD ONE!

What is the Question That Agitated the Lutheran Brethren.

A PLACID EVENING SERVICE, HOWEVER

After the opening of yesterday's lively session of the Lutheran Synod at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. S. A. Holmes, secretary of the Board of Publication, read the biennial report of the board. It shows the net assets to be \$8,200,16, and the dues \$63,394 for the year ending June 1. The aggregate amount of the annual contributions for the two years was about \$4,000 per cent. Rev. Mr. Leveringhaus complained of the lack of consideration given to the education of German ministers during the past two years.

Dr. Baum claimed that the board was not wholly responsible by the failure to give to other printers. Then there was a squabble. Dr. Wolff said that he was not to blame that New York printers secured the contract for printing the "History of the Lutheran Church." The board could have had it if they had worked for it. The board recommended the appropriation of one-half of the profits of the printing to the church, but the printer refused to do so. Then the Board of Home Mission, \$2,000; Board of Foreign Missions, \$1,500; foreign missions, \$600; Board of Church Extension, \$2,000; Parent Educational Society, \$1,000; Historical Society, \$500; Board of Education, \$1,000; a total of \$8,500.

THEN IT WAS LIVELY.

The afternoon session was almost entirely given over to a controversy on the question as to which service should be accepted as the authorized one for general use in churches throughout the country—the common service or the old one. Each seemed to have his own corps of supporters with a slight majority in favor of the common, or new service, although many clergymen advocate the authorizing of both, as the matter was largely individual in opinion. Dr. E. Ernest Allen claimed that the church could accept a service that was in any part of it direct reverence. He

President Conrad, of Philadelphia, publisher of the *Lutheran Standard*, who had been invited to speak, did not rise but out of the speaker he appealed to the audience; and on the matter being put to a vote, he was allowed to speak. The doctor's speech was a denial of much that Allen had said, and he was allowed to speak again, and he denied that Allen was in jeopardy of his life. District Attorney Porter closed the case, court adjourning until this morning, when Judge Stowe will charge the jury.

MISS ROSENTHAL GOT IT.

The Annual Gold Medal Piano Contest at Curry University.

A large audience gathered at Curry University last evening to witness the annual contest in piano playing, participated in by advanced pupils in piano classics, the prize being a handsome gold medal, this contest having for years been a feature of the university.

The piano has been used to have all the contestants perform the same composition, thereby giving a better opportunity to decide on relative merit. The names of the seven young ladies and the one young gentleman were not given, the system being adopted to keep the names of the contestants a secret. The list of participants was as follows: No. 1, Miss Lizzie Rosenthal; No. 2, Miss Anna Pritchard; No. 3, Miss Anna Fitch; No. 4, Miss Annie Pritchard; No. 5, Miss Ella Belle Ralph; No. 6, Miss Olive Day; No. 7, Miss Anna McKee; and No. 8, Miss Carrie Terrant sang several numbers.

CLOSE OF A MURDER TRIAL.

In the Allen Case Judge Stowe Will Charge the Jury To-Day.

One of the principal defense trials which opened in the courtroom, or infamously, "Yellow Dog," came up again yesterday in the resumption of the case of the Commonwealth against Charles E. Allen for the murder of Steven, alias "Bud" Lee, before Judge Stowe. The witness sworn at the morning session were Captain Mercer, Inspector McAlister, Detective Condon and General W. H. Muller. The testimony was heavily against Allen, showing that he (Allen) acknowledged that he shot Lee because he had been shot by him. Coulson and Inspector McAlister, John Headcorn and W. R. Miller.

WILLIAM HATFIELD yesterday sued the Pittsburgh Steel Casting Company for \$10,000, because while in their employ, he stepped on a broken plate which turned and threw him against a wheel of a wagon, crushing and removing his right foot.

J. K. KAERCHER, of Federal street, H. J. MCGRIBBLE, Federal and Ohio streets, FRED H. EGERS, 172 Ohio street, F. H. EGERS & SON, Ohio and Chestnut streets, THOMAS MCLELLAN, Western Avenue, R. G. HUGHES, Pennsylvania and Beaver streets, PERRY M. GLEIM, Rebeccas and Allegheny street.

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DETECTIVE ROBINSON heard a pistol shot around the Germans Bank building Monday night. On investigating he found the watchman asleep, but after he awoke claimed his revolver had gone off accidentally.

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