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EVANGELICAL ASS'NS. MERGE INTO ONE

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12 Years of Negotiation End In Reunion of Two Branches; Meeting Held in Detroit

After 31 years of division and 12 years of negotiations for reunion, the two branches of the denomination fostered by Jacob Albright, 1808, and severally known as the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church, merged again last week in the Mack Ave. church of the Evangelical Association in Detroit, Mich., and will hereafter be known as the Evangelical Church.

In an editorial, the Detroit News of Oct. 17, said among other things the following:—"This reunion is an auspicious sign of healthy religious sentiment and sane religious practice in our time. In their 31 years of division the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical church have toiled faithfully in their several fields. Each has planned evangelical enterprise on a world-wide scale. Each has carried on educational institutions and publication houses. Each has planted mission stations in both the Occident and the Orient. It was the very strength of the two bodies and their manifold affairs which made necessary these 12 years of effort for reunion. The far-reaching work which each branch of Jacob Albright's church has accomplished, is a glowing prophecy of their common future."

Today there is no more an Evangelical Association or a United Evangelical church. Their General Conferences, meeting last week in the Mack Ave. house of worship, were dissolved and merged in the new General Conference of a new body, the Evangelical Church. The event is interest far outside the purely ecclesiastical circles. It brings to the cause of religion, and to the allied causes of philanthropy, social justice and good government, the undivided strength which will be felt in all good causes undertaken by communities, by states, or by the nation."

The new General Conference chose six bishops as the general overseers for the new quadrennium. They are Bishops S. C. Breyfogel, D. O. of Reading, Pa.; L. H. Seager, D. D. of Naperville, Ill.; M. T. Maise, D. D. of Le Mars, Iowa; S. P. Spreng, D. D. of Naperville, Ill.; G. Heinmiller, D. D. of Cleveland, Ohio, and J. F. Dunlap, D. D. of Lewisburg, Pa. It is expected that Bishop Heinmiller will be appointed as the European Bishop, and no doubt he will make his episcopal residence in Switzerland. Bishop Dunlap is expected to move to Cleveland, Ohio; Bishop Maise to Harrisburg, Pa.; Bishop Seager to Le Mars, Iowa, and Bishops Breyfogel and Spreng will remain at Reading and Naperville respectively.

The Evangelical Church has now two publishing houses, one at Cleveland, Ohio, and Harrisburg, Pa. In the Cleveland house the Evangelical Messenger, Christliche Botschafter, and Evangelical Endeavor will be published, while the Harrisburg house will publish the Sunday School literature for the church. Rev. C. Hauser house, J. J. Nungesser was elected publisher of the Harrisburg house.

The editor of the Evangelical Messenger is Rev. Edwin G. Frey, and Rev. A. E. Hagen the Associated editor. Rev. W. E. Peffe is the editor of the Sunday School literature and Rev. W. C. Hallwachs editor of the Evangelical Endeavor, the organ of the young people.

COURT RULING MAY HALT IMPROVEMENTS

Declares Majority of Voters of City Must Vote on Street Paving Plans

Interpretation of a state law by Supreme Justice Cartwright, considered an authority on special assessment matters, sounds what is regarded as a deathknell for future local improvements in cities in instances where there is included public benefit.

Justice Cartwright has just ruled that in cases where a city makes improvements, such as paving, water, sewer, bridges and similar projects, which include a percentage of "public benefit" a majority vote of the entire population of the city is needed. This means that if, the residents of a certain street wanted a pavement, and there was included a certain amount of public benefit, a vote of the entire city would be needed, according to this interpretation.

A LITTLE LESS OF ME

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder,
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more,
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery,
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.
Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be.
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother that is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.

TELLS OF VISIT TO LAND OF HIS BIRTH

William Ralph Writes Interesting Letter Describing Trip Abroad

The following letter from William Ralph describes interestingly his recent visit to England:

After an absence of 50 years I decided to pay a visit to the land of my birth and accompanied by my friend Mr. James Bowden, left Chicago on Sept. 6, by automobile driven by my son, Arthur, we passed through the Alleghany mountains (which took 2 days) and reached New York in four days, and having to wait for the steamer "Manchuria" occupied our time in sightseeing.

We left the land of liberty on Sept. 14 and arrived at Plymouth on the 23rd. My friend having relatives in Plymouth, decided to visit these before going on to London, while I took train for Paddington and arrived at 5:30 in the evening, where I was met by my niece's husband who acted as my guide throughout the visit.

The day following being Sunday, I visited the Westminster Cathedral (R. C.) a very fine building and heard low mass with sermon. The remainder of the time right up to Oct. 17, was spent in sight seeing. It being my first visit to London, having been born at Pluckley, some 54 miles away. Among the places of interest which I visited and looked around were Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's cathedral, British museum which has 1,000 rooms, Victoria and Albert museum, National Portrait gallery, Madame Tussand's wax works, and Chamber of Horrors, Tower of London, Kew Gardens, 288 acres with 24,000 varieties of plants, Hampton Court palace, with ground full of delightful flowers, including a great grape vine planted in 1768, its main branch is 114 feet long and the trunk five feet in diameter.

ter, annual crop 250 bunches of the finest Black Hamburg grapes is produced. The grounds cover 600 acres and Bushey Park adjoining it covers 1100 acres. Other places visited were Chelsea Pensioners Grounds Hospital, Zoological Gardens, 34 acres, over 2500 animals and 1640 birds, Regents Park which surround it covers 472 acres.

I also saw Marlborough House (Queen Alexandria's residence), St. James Palace (Prince of Wales), Clarence House (Duke of Connaught), Buckingham palace (King and Queen), all of which were close together; Queen Victoria's memorial mainly of white marble; it cost £300,000. Took 10 years to finish; Houses of Parliament; Big Ben, the figures on the dial being 2 feet high and the small hand being 6 feet in length; Downing street the official residence of Prime Minister Lloyd George; Nelson's monument in Trafalgar Square; Mansion House (Lord Mayor of London's official residence); Royal Exchange, Royal Mint, Bank of England, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, which adjoin each other, 600 acres in extent.

Abraham's Lincoln's statue faces Westminster Abbey and is a striking likeness. I also saw Brixton Goal where Mayor Sweeney died through hunger strike and last but not least so far as size is concerned, the dry goods store of Gordon Selfridge a native of Chicago.

I was able to stay with my only sister living and enjoyed every moment I had. My friend, James Bowden, came to London Oct. 13, and on the 14 and 16 we joined him in visiting a number of the places mentioned. The weather was delightful, with no London fogs to upset our sight seeing.

Oct. 19 set sail on the SS. Majestic, the largest ship afloat, and arrived in New York on Oct. 25, and Highland Park Oct. 28.

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