

GERMAN ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

This church edifice is on the corner of Seventh and Weidman Streets. It has English services Sunday evenings, Sunday-school at 1.30 P.M., prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening, and teachers' meeting on Friday evenings. Rev. J. M. Deitzler, now of Annaville, has been its pastor for many years.

THE MORAVIAN CHURCH.

For the early history of the Moravian Church in Lebanon our readers are referred to the sketch of old Hebron Church, under the head of South Lebanon township. What follows is simply a continuation of that history: The successive pastors of the Moravian Church in this vicinity were John H. Herzur, Adolph Meyer, Anton Wagner, Henry Beck, Godfried Engle, George Meiser, Melchior Schmidt, John Jorde, Johann Richard Utley, John Philip Menser, Franz Boehler, Andrew Langardt, John Michael Zahm, Rev. Hepner, Christian Bader, John N. Michler, Lorentz Bage, Gottlieb Senseman, John Rothe, Philip Jacob Rizenbach, Christopher Peter, John Molther, John Frederick Fritz, who went to Bethlehem in 1801; 1801, Nathaniel Braun; 1803, Charles Gottlieb Blech; 1804, Lewis Hulbener; 1813, Theodore Shulz; 1816, Abraham Reinke; 1819, Charles Gottlieb Blech; 1827, G. F. Troeger; 1836, Lewis F. Lambert; 1837, Henry Simon. In 1844 there was no resident minister, but from 1845 the church was served occasionally in preaching and the administration of sacraments by Rev. Peter Wolle, during which period many Moravian families came to this neighborhood, and the necessity was felt of removing the place of worship to Lebanon borough, a distance of one mile and a quarter from the one at Hebron. A request was sent to the Synod at Bethlehem in 1847 that it might again send a resident preacher here, and Rev. William Leonard was appointed to preach at Hebron, Heidelberg, and at Witmer's school-house, on the Horse-Shoe turnpike. On Dec. 19, 1847, the congregation was reorganized, and on June 4, 1848, the corner-stone of a new church edifice laid on the corner of Mulberry Street and Spring Alley, Revs. Samuel Reinke and Julius Beckler officiating. On Dec. 16 and 17, 1848, it was consecrated. At the close of this year the congregation had thirty communicant members. The succeeding pastors were: 1849, Christian Lichtenhaeler; 1851, Edmund de Schweinitz; 1853, Theophilus Wunderling; 1860, William Leonard; 1866, Edmund Oerter; 1870, E. P. Greider; 1873, J. Max Hark; 1876, Walter Jordan; 1880, L. P. Clewell, the present incumbent. He was born in 1843 at Nazareth, in Northampton County; has been in the ministry sixteen years, of which seven (from 1878 to 1880) was at Graceham Church, Frederick County, Md., the oldest Moravian Church in that State. The parsonage was built in 1852 and 1853, and occupied June 2d of latter year.

The church was destroyed by fire on the 29th of July, 1858, and in October following the corner-stone of the second (built in borough) church edifice laid. It was consecrated June 5, 1859, by Bishops Samuel Reinke, Goepp, and Edmund de Schweinitz, and Rev. Hogen, at which time the Litiz choir of Lancaster were present. On Monday following sixty-seven communicants participated in the services.

In May, 1860, a new organ was purchased. In 1866 the preaching-places at Heidelberg and Bethel were abandoned, and services thereafter held only in Lebanon and at Horse-Shoe pike. The old stone church at Hebron was abandoned in 1848, when the new one was completed in the borough of Lebanon. The former is now used as a barn. It was built over a century ago, and in its sacred walls preaching was regularly maintained for three-quarters of a century.

THE LEBANON ACADEMY,

although in operation years prior thereto, was incorporated by act of the Legislature Feb. 8, 1816, with an appropriation of two thousand dollars. Its first trustees were the Rev. William Hiester, Rev. William Hendel, Rev. William G. Ernst, Rev. Philip Gloninger, John Andrew Shulze, Peter Shindel, Samuel Light, John Harrison, Edward Godwin, Dr. George Reidenaur, Dr. Duncan King, Philip Greenawalt, Philip Wolfersberger, Jr., Peter Lineaweaver, Abraham Doebler, John Batdorf, and Jacob B. Weidman. The building was erected by contract for two thousand eight hundred and forty dollars. Rev. Mr. Todd, of Harrisburg, was the first teacher, commencing Oct. 1, 1826. The terms for the first session were: for primary scholars, two dollars per quarter, besides the cost of wood in cold weather and six cents for contingent expenses; for the classics, eight dollars per quarter. Mr. Todd was succeeded in 1828 by Joseph N. Chipman, of Vermont, and the latter by C. G. Ridgely in 1829. On his resignation, in 1830, Rev. William G. Ernst took charge, assisted by Eugene McGiveney. In 1834, John C. McKinney was elected, and taught two years. The school was not flourishing, and Rev. Mr. Ernst was induced again to take charge, assisted by his son, John Ernst. The school continued in their hands until 1839. In the mean time another select school for boys had been organized in Lebanon, taught at this time by J. H. Kluge. In 1841 a union of the two schools was effected. Mr. Kluge took charge of the academy and held it until 1852, when the building was leased to the board of public schools and it became Lebanon High School,—one of the conditions being that the classics should be taught,—and Mr. Kluge was retained as principal at a salary of four hundred dollars. He was elected county superintendent in 1854, and was succeeded by J. M. Titzel. After him Dr. Robert McCormick, Samuel B. Light, and Cyrus Boyer taught successively until 1863, when the present principal, W. J. Burnside, was elected.