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THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Historical Society of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be held in the Conference Room of Catawba College Library in Salisbury, North Carolina, at 3:00 P.M. on August 14, 1965. The guest speaker will be Dr. William T. Scott. The Executive Committee will meet on Friday, August 13, at 8:00 P.M. The Southern Chapter of the Society will serve as host to the Annual Meeting. The Rev. Robert Godfrey, Route 1, Box 490, Lexington, N.C. will make arrangements to meet those arriving by plane at Charlotte or Greensboro, N.C.

DELAYED ISSUE

The lateness of this issue of THE REPORTER is due to circumstances beyond our control. The mailing list of the pastors who belonged to the former Evangelical & Reformed Church, which we used in the past, is no longer available. For this issue we are using the mailing list of pastors in the Conferences in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and North Carolina. The list also includes some pastors in other states.

GENERAL SYNOD ESTABLISHED HISTORICAL COMMISSION

At the recent meeting of the General Synod in Chicago, the resolution presented to the Executive Council by the joint Executive Committees of the Congregational Christian Historical Society and the Historical Society of the Evangelical & Reformed Church was adopted. The action was as follows:

The General Synod establishes a Historical Commission to consist of twelve members, four to be elected each biennium to serve for a term of six years, one of whom each biennium shall be nominated by each of the two Historical Societies and two by the Nominating Committee.

The Historical Commission will be the sponsoring agency of the two Historical Societies; recommend an over-all budget to the General Synod; report for the Societies to the General Synod; promote a unified annual membership solicitation for both Societies; and publish joint News Letters and other material for the Societies.

The Historical Commission will continue the archives of The United Church of Christ in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and for the present encourage the continuance of the separate Congregational Christian archives and the Evangelical and Reformed archives in their present locations.

It is our understanding that the Administrative Committee of the General Council will implement this action of the Synod as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The renewal memberships in the Society for 1965 are now due. The membership blank is enclosed with this issue of THE REPORTER, for renewal or new membership. Please return it with one dollar at your earliest convenience. The Society needs your support for its continuing work of collecting and preserving the historical records of our church.

LIBRARY OF DR. CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER RECEIVED

In 1962 Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, who served as the General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U.S. from 1908-1940, gave to the Society a large collection of manuscripts and printed materials dealing with the work of the Board.

Dr. Schaeffer, who is now 97 years old, and continues to preach in churches in the Philadelphia area, has given the Society his personal library and papers. Thirty-five cartons of books and papers and several filing cabinets of manuscripts were recently received.

NEVIN'S MY OWN LIFE PUBLISHED

John W. Nevin's autobiography of his early life, which he wrote for the Reformed Church Messenger in seventeen chapters from March 2 to June 22, 1870, has been published by the Eastern Chapter of the Society in a paper-bound book of 160 pages. Copies may be secured from the Society at \$1.50 each, prepaid.

LAST ISSUE OF THE REPORTER

With this issue THE REPORTER will cease publication and the activities of the Society will be reported in a joint news letter of the two Historical Societies of the United Church of Christ.