

**ORGAN CONSECRATION.**—A new pipe organ of large proportions and superlative tone has just been erected in St. Michael's Lutheran church, corner of Ninth and Turner streets, and on Sabbath next it is to be consecrated with appropriate services morning, afternoon and evening to be participated in by Rev. G. F. Spieker, Rev. I. W. Bieber, of Bethlehem, and Rev. M. H. Richards. The instrument is from the factory of Mr. Samuel Bohler, in Reading, and is a very fine one, having all the latest improvements known to organ construction. It is imposing in appearance, as well as powerful and elegant in tone. The design of the case is in architectural harmony with the interior of the church. It is of solid walnut, and finished in a workmanlike manner in gothic style, the front pipes, which are speaking pipes, being ornamented in gold and colors. All the large flue pipes are of zinc, others of tin and lead, and some of wood. The bellows and bellows feeders are of the most modern invention, and of the amplest capacity for supplying the largest demand. The playing desk faces the audience. The instrument is of a height of 21 feet, 14 feet in width, and 12 feet in depth. Altogether it has 26 stops and 1100 pipes, from the size of an ordinary house chimney down to that of an ordinary penholder. In the great organ there are the following stops and combinations: Open diapason, viol d'Gamba, dulciana, melodia, principal, flute harmonic, twelfth, fifteenth, flageolet, trumpet. In the swell organ, aeolina, soliconel, bourlon, violin diapason, clarabella, violin principal, flautina, oboe. Pedal, 16-foot bourdon, 8-foot violoncello. Mechanical, swell to great, great to pedal, swell to pedal, tremulant, pedal check. Combination pedals, great organ, great mezzo, great piano, great forte, tremulant, swell organ, swell mezzo, and balance swell. The instrument will be operated by a water motor. The cost of it was \$2500, and its appearance reflects great credit upon Mr. Bohler's skill and good workmanship, and we are quite sure that on the dedicatory occasion no one will listen to the power, grandeur and solemnity of its tones without admitting that the organ alone is the most fitted of all instruments to swell the note of praise in the House of God. Mr. Bohler's instruments have a wide spread fame, and he has in his time built great numbers of them—five in all for Allentown. St. Michael's Church has long felt the need of a large pipe organ, and with this want now filled the church will be complete in every particular. Church music is everywhere beginning to elicit increased attention. There are but few churches now that have not their organs, the grand pealings of which beyond dispute form the most impressive of musical sounds. Hallowed by its connection with the sacred, the music which soft and plaintive emanates from the church organ thrills the soul with a sensation peculiar and indescribable; it lifts the churchly-minded up towards that loftier existence where it is, in its highest significance, the soul's language.

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