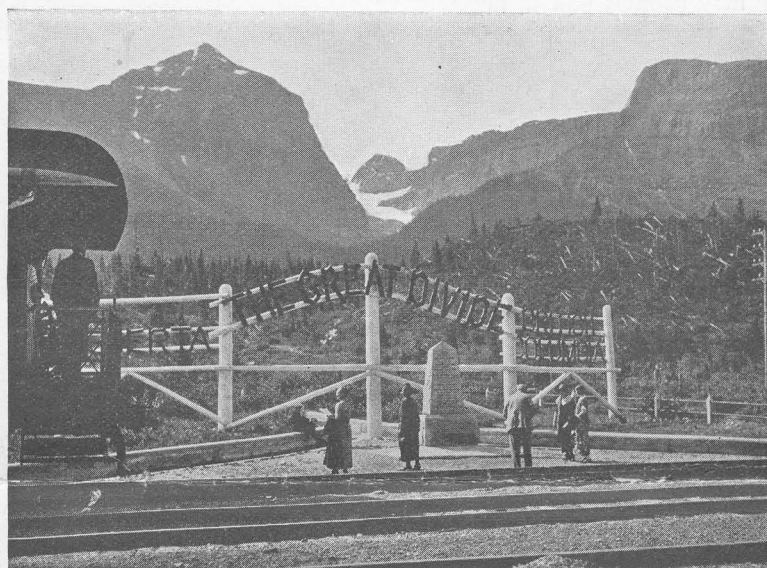


The Call of Waterloo College and Seminary

Waterloo, Canada, October, 1932



The Great Divide

THIS scene that graces our Reformation Season Bulletin was loaned by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. It is one of the many thrilling wonders of nature which God has scattered all through the Canadian Rockies. The Great Divide is intriguing, not only because of that which the eye may behold, but more so on account of the truth it graphically illustrates. Down the rift between the mountain peaks streamlets of water run, which have been released from the cold prison house of ice and snow by the genial sunshine. These streams meet and mingle for a brief rest in a little pool immediately behind the screen seen in this picture. As the pool overflows into a new stream, its waters soon divide, due to the slope of the land. One stream flows westward and eventually comes to rest in the Pacific Ocean. The other rivulet inclines eastward, and after a long and checkered journey finds its goal in the Atlantic Ocean.

Like the Great Divide is the college in which young men and women spend the most formative few years of their maturing lives. The college that forgets or sidesteps the overruling and moulding power of God in creation, in history, in the phenomena of nature, in the events and experiences of the individual, will not inspire a young life to consecrate its powers and talents to unselfish service of fellowmen. If the material side of nature and life be emphasized, only a miracle of conversion will change the emphasis of the investment of life from self-seeking perversion of well-developed intellects. The college that recognizes and emphasizes through its teaching and atmosphere that God is the Master of men and destinies, that no man liveth unto himself, that to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness is man's destiny, will influence and incline lives to the things that are not seen, which are eternal, and in whose search and cultivation God is brought nearer and made more real to men.

What shall it profit a student to know how to make a living but not know how to develop his life for good and God? What shall it profit him to know the heroes, ancient and modern, and not know Him Who died to give salvation to all men? Let Waterloo College be the Great Divide in the lives of the sons and daughters of our Church who are ambitious for a higher education, that they may learn to know more of Jesus and that their lives may be inclined to follow in His train. To this goal your College is dedicated.

Greetings from the new President of the Board

Waterloo College and Seminary are our pride and our joy. The ministers, missionaries and teachers that these institutions have already fitted out are doing splendid work for Christ and His Church. They are the living rewards of our efforts in the past.

Meanwhile, the need of men for the ministry continues. The times demand an even more efficient ministry. Our College and Seminary have responded to this call. The educational standards have been raised. Our students now begin their studies where the students of former years left off. Our Church in Canada is going to reap the benefits and blessings that are bound to flow from this advance.

With these facts to cheer us, we come before our people in this Reformation season. We summon each and every Lutheran Christian to rejoice with us over what God has done and, at their service of celebration on October 30th, to make a generous contribution for the further support of our College and Seminary at Waterloo.

Please accept in advance the thanks and appreciation of the Board of Governors for any gift that your love for Christ and for our Seminary may prompt you to make.

Yours in His service,

JOHN SCHMIEDER,
Pres. of the Board.

To the Pastors and Members of the Churches of the Canada Synod.

Dear Friends:

At its 70th Annual Convention at Waterloo your Synod endorsed another Reformation Appeal for Waterloo College and Seminary. In 1931 you contributed through your special Reformation offerings \$3600.00 for our Institution. It was, indeed, a fine gift and we are still grateful for it, for it really saved the situation in 1931. I ask every pastor and member of each church to again support our Fortress of Lutheranism cheerfully. I truly believe that Waterloo College and Seminary are doing great things for the Lutheran Church in Canada and I cannot think of a future for our Church without men and women in various walks of life that were not trained and educated in a Lutheran College.

Hamilton, Ont.

Sincerely yours,

J. REBLE, President,
Canada Synod.

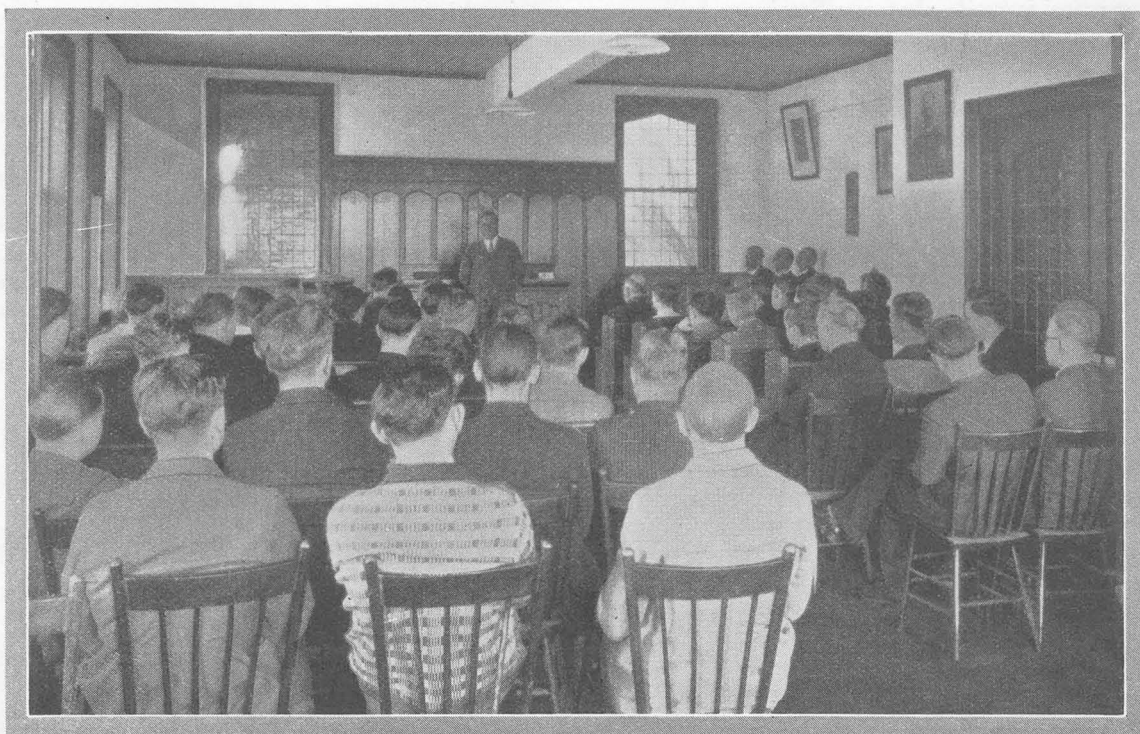
Is It Worthwhile?

Canadians are a practical people. The question may often be asked: Is it worth while to have our own Lutheran College and Seminary? Let us look at the fruits of our Seminary and College. That will be the answer to the question.

WATERLOO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY was founded 1911. In these 21 years it has graduated 60 men. Of this number, 5 have been called to the Church Triumphant, 40 are serving the Lutheran Church in Canada (most of them in our own synod), 2 are missionaries in India, 4 are pastors of Lutheran congregations in the United States, 1 is a professor in Waterloo College. These 60 ministers given to the Lutheran Church by our Seminary are preaching in English, German and Danish. There are 12 students in the Seminary this year. Of this number, 6 will be able to preach in English and German, 1 in English and Hungarian, 3 in English and Finnish, 1 in English, German and Lithuanian. Our Seminary is furnishing the manpower for the Home Mission opportunity of the Lutheran Church in Canada. All of these students, with the exception of two, have been born in Canada or the United States.



WATERLOO COLLEGE was organized in 1915. In 17 years it has graduated 44 students. Of this number 8 are pastors, 6 are in the Seminary preparing for the ministry, 3 are doing post-graduate work in our College and will enter the Seminary next year, 13 are teaching in high



Chapel Scene. An everyday occurrence in your college.

schools, colleges, and universities. Several, who are teaching, will enter the Seminary when they will have saved enough money to support themselves while studying for the ministry. Is it a matter of no concern to us as Lutherans that our children should have as teachers men and women who are loyal members of the Lutheran Church?

The Woman's Auxiliary

The most generous friend of our College and Seminary has been the Woman's Auxiliary. Last year this organization contributed a total of \$900 for special needs and for the general expenses of our educational institution. Mrs. Jacob Conrad, of Waterloo, is the president. The appeal is made herewith again to the women of our congregations to become members of this auxiliary by contributing one dollar a year. An annual meeting is held in Waterloo early in summer.

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TWO QUESTIONS, simple in form but big with consequences to the Lutheran Church in Canada, should be carefully considered by every loyal Lutheran in Canada:

1. Does the Lutheran Church in Canada need its own College and Seminary?

In thinking this through, consider this: The Roman Catholic, the Anglican, the United Church, the Presbyterian, the Baptist Communions have their own colleges and seminaries. These institutions are large, well-equipped and generously supported. We cannot have our ministers educated in the seminaries of a faith different from our own. Would we want men to enter our seminary educated in colleges of other Churches? Pride forbids that as well as the risk that these men could not be whole-heartedly loyal to the Lutheran Church. The colleges and universities not related to any Church produce very few men who enter the ministry. Our College was founded on the conviction growing out of experience that we cannot be sure of an adequate supply of ministers if we do not have our own College.

2. Can the Lutheran Church in Eastern Canada support its own College and Seminary?

The question is not: Is it costing our synod a lot of money, or, is it hard for us to raise the money needed, but, are we able? Lutheran farmers, business men, laborers and ministers are earning about the same amount of money as their neighbors of different Church affiliations. The question resolves itself into this: WILL the Lutherans support their own schools of higher learning? To say that that which should be done cannot be done is a brief but bold confession of atheism. A person who says it cannot be done does not believe in God Who permits and expects His children to SHARE with Him what He has given to them. In the name of GOD, our Father in Heaven, we ask for a REFORMATION OFFERING for our College and Seminary, of EVERY MEMBER of the Lutheran churches belonging to our synod. "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

It has been many a year since the Seminary has benefited in someone's last WILL and TESTAMENT. Here and now the suggestion is made that our Seminary be remembered in this manner. Among the many deserving agencies for good this school that furnishes the Lutheran Church with the messengers of the gospel is worthy of this attention.

Looking for the Rainbow

When mankind, not many generations removed from Paradise, had completely forgotten God and become altogether corrupt in morals and manners, God destroyed all living creatures, excepting righteous Noah, his immediate family, and pairs of animals, by a great flood. Forty days and nights the heavens were black with clouds. At the end of the 40 days, the clouds began to break and the sun struggled through. God pointed to the rainbow as the sign that the flood was past and that He would never again destroy mankind by a deluge. Thick and tempestuous clouds, such as are supposed in connection with the flood, do not show a rainbow. It is only when the sky is half cloud and half sunshine, or at least partly clear, that the bow appears.

From its beginning unto the present day, thick and heavy clouds of financial needs have hung over Waterloo College and Seminary. A flood of expenses and debts have threatened to swallow and destroy our educational institution. Last year some light broke through the clouds when our churches gave a Reformation Offering for the Seminary amounting to a little less than \$4,000, the largest offering of its kind ever given up to this time. At the Reformation season this year, when another offering has been authorized by synod for our Seminary, may we see the RAINBOW of an OFFERING of \$6,000, which will be the sign that the Lutheran Church wills that its only College and Seminary in all Eastern Canada shall live and not perish. Six thousand dollars are needed to balance the budget and pay off something on a note of \$8,000 borrowed from the bank eight years ago. The bank insists on payment. It has been very patient and lenient. The Luther League of Canada, at its recent convention in Hanover, voted to give its Endowment Fund of \$3,000 to pay off that amount on the note. That leaves \$5,000 still to be paid.

The other leading Church denominations in Canada support their own colleges and seminaries. Shall we say that we cannot do what they can? We can, if EVERY congregation and EVERY MEMBER of every congregation will give as much as possible under present hard conditions. Place your REFORMATION OFFERING in the special envelopes provided and HELP TO PAINT THE RAINBOW of promise for better days for YOUR COLLEGE and SEMINARY.



Dr. Martin Luther

Writes about the Importance of our College and Seminary

From his letter to the Councillors of Cities, etc., 1534

"It is not surprising that the devil opposes our cause and instills the same spirit of opposition into the hearts of evil men. Who will blame him for that? He is the prince of this world. He dare not permit nor encourage the proper training of our young people. He would be a fool, did he help to establish the means whereby he himself is most effectively destroyed. For, if Satan is to suffer defeat, it must be accomplished through the young folks, who grow up in the knowledge of God and who are trained to spread His word and teach it to others."

"No one seems to realize the importance of this. We are afraid of the Turk, of wars, of floods and hard times. With respect to these things we know what is good for us and what is bad. But no one is able to see what the devil has in mind. No one is afraid or seems to care. And yet, for every Gulden that we gave to war against the Turk, we ought to be willing to give a hundred Gulden even if it were possible therewith to educate only one young man that he might be a true Christian."

"Therefore, my dear Sirs and Friends, for the sake of God and our young people, please do not think this a trifling matter as some do. It is of the greatest consequence to Christ and to all the world that we help to educate the young people. In helping them, we help ourselves and everybody else. If we must spend annually so much money for the building of highways, bridges, dams and countless other public works, merely that in town and country we might live our earthly lives in safety and comfort, why should we not be willing to spend a great deal more on our youth in order that we might receive an efficient man or two as teacher or preacher?"

"Herewith I commend you to the grace of God. May He soften your hearts and inspire you to espouse the cause of our young people more earnestly, to the praise and honor of God the Father through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen."