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**THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CON-
VENTION OF THE LUTHER
LEAGUE OF CANADA,
OTTAWA.**

The Lutherans "owned" Ottawa on May 25th, when all incoming morning trains and autos with black, red, white, blue and gold streamers, and filled with Luther Leaguers were met at the stations and at St. Peter's Church on Lyon and Nepean streets, by smiling and courteous reception committees. Soon all felt at home, tagged with the white ribbon bearing the inscription "Seventh Annual Convention of the Canada Luther League, at Ottawa, Monday, May 25th, 1914." The fine new church, recently consecrated, was "exceedingly inviting outside; and the inside with its fine furniture and beautiful chancel and electric appointments, invited entrance and gave a refreshing welcome. At 9.30 President of the Synod, the Rev. J. Maurer opened the matin service and Miss Mary Roeske presided at the fine new organ. The Canada League President, Mr. G. Boyer, of Hamilton, called the convention to order and introduced the Pastor of the Church, the Rev. J. J. Clemens, who extended a royal welcome to the convention and made all feel at home. The Rev. O. Klachn, of Stratford, President of the German Canada Luther League, brought happy greetings from his large organization in a happy manner, and Rev. M. J. Bieber, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Canada League, responded to these greetings by calling attention to "seven" benefits which the League derived during its history since its organization in Galt, April 23, 1914.

The Secretary, Mr. A. J. Loa, of Ottawa, read the minutes and called the roll, to which the Leagues respond by quoting a verse or sentiment, or stating an interesting motto or fact.

President Boyer presented a successful report in which he called special attention to the Luther League

revenue and other League literature.

The treasurer's report showed a neat balance of \$275.08 in the treasury. The secretary reported for Mr. J. E. Hessler, Chairman of the Credentials and Extension Committee and stated that 56 delegates and visitors were present from the various Leagues from all parts of Central Canada. The committee presented the application of the Luther League of St. Matthias' Luther Church, of Welland, Ont., organized with thirteen members, on May 4, 1914, and the "Baby League" was unanimously admitted and welcomed into the Canada League. The organization of the Eastern and Western District Leagues was also voted by the convention. It was decided to pay from the general treasury whatever money was lacking to meet the \$84.00 proportioned by the Luther League of America to our League for the bi-annum or \$42 per year. This is at the rate of 6c. per member, and some of the Leagues failed to meet this apportionment. This resolution gives the Canada League a clear sheet at the convention of the Luther League of America, in Baltimore, Md., on Sept. 22-24, 1914. It was decided to apportion each member in the individual leagues ten cents per year and abolish the \$2.00 annual dues of each league to the America League. This ten cents includes the six cents per member due to the Lutheran League of America. It is believed that each league will see to it that its dues are met each year. The invitation of the Toronto League to meet in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, on May 24, 1915, was thankfully accepted by the convention. Mr. Lon was appointed the local Press Committee and Rev. Bieber reporter to the religious press. The Nominating and Constitution committees were appointed by the President at the forenoon session. During the noon and tea hours the convention was bountifully entertained by the ladies of the congregation in the spacious basement of the church, and nothing was omitted that could minister to the comfort and pleasure of the guests.

At 2 p.m. Rev. M. J. Bieber led the convention in the devotional service, after which Pastor Clemens intro-

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Report of the Board of English Home Missions to the Synod of Central Canada.

Dear Brethren:—

The Field Missionary, Rev. M. J. Bieber, besides assisting in the general work of the Synod, has been giving special attention to the congregation at Welland, Ontario. By resolution of the Board he is to complete that work not later than October 1st and attend to the long delayed work at Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia. Whilst we regret that the Ontario field will be left without a Field Missionary, we are convinced that the principal cities of Nova Scotia, to which our people have been going and in which they have been lost to us for years, dare not be neglected any longer.

Whilst the General Board transferred the Ottawa mission to the self-sustaining list when the \$4,000 non-interest bearing loan was in their possession, it has voted a special allowance of \$100 to St. Peter's congregation as soon as the money borrowed from the general fund shall have been returned and arrearages in salary paid and sufficient pledges shall have been secured to meet the annual expenses.

The Board has made the following appropriations:

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| Unionville and Buttonville | \$600 |
| Dunbar | 300 |
| Brantford | 600 |
| Field Missionary | 1500 |
| and necessary expenses. | |

MISSION STATISTICS.

| City | Mission | Pastor | Organized | Members 1913 | Members 1914 | Paid during year |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Buttonville... | St. John | N. Willison... | 1792 | 15 | 15 | \$ 75 00 |
| Unionville.... | Bethesda..... | " .. | 1794 | 42 | 42 | 75 00 |
| Dunbar..... | St. Luke | Vacant..... | 1878 | | 20 | 35 00 |
| Brantford.... | St. Matthew.. | " | 1903 | | 42 | |
| Welland..... | St. Matthew.. | M. J. Bieber. | 1913 | | 36 | |
| | | | | 57 | 155 | \$ 185 00 |

SUMMARY.

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| Missionaries' salaries, as above..... | \$ 185 00 |
| Amount paid to congregation who have be- come self-sustaining | 233 32 |
| Salary of Field Missionary | 1,312 50 |
| Expenses of Field Missionary | 42 92 |
| Supplies | 149 96 |
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| | \$1,923 70 |
| Received from the Synod during the year.. | \$ 698 72 |

On April 14th, 1914, the General Superintendent met the Synodical Home Mission Board at the invitation of President Maurer and held a profitable conference in discussing the mission situation. The question when a Field Missionary should give up the work to a successor cannot be measured by time but by conditions, and these involve a consideration not only of the mission to be handed over to a successor but also the cries from the field for the organization of new missions. It is another form of the loaf of bread and eating it. He cannot remain at the old field and also establish the new mission.

1. We would acknowledge with thanks the uniform courtesy extended to us and the kind co-operation on the part of the officers of Synod and the conferences, of the conference mission committees and the Synodical Board, in the conduct of the work. All have been careful to avoid infringing upon the prerogatives of their fellow workers, and have had the good sense not to quibble over slight technicalities which have been sometimes unintentionally overlooked. As we attain to a better understanding of our various functions, friction gives way to harmonious co-operation.

2. We are again confronted with a deficit in the apportionment and by an inability to do justice to the work of English Home Missions. We therefore submit the following:

"Whereas, The report of the Treasurer of the Board submitted May 13, 1914, shows that the Synods, with the exception of the Chicago Synod, have failed to meet their English Home Mission apportionment asked by the General Council; the deficit being \$22,720.55 and

Whereas, The full apportionment is the minimum which the Board requires to adequately cultivate the great fields in the United States and Canada, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the mission congregations under the care of the Board be urged to discharge their obligation of apportionment to all the causes of the Synod and General Council.

Resolved that we call the attention of the congregations to the resolution found on page 189 of the (1913) Minutes of the General Council, Section 2:

"Resolved, That the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America endorses and recommends for adoption by Synods, Conferences, and Congregations, the sound business principle, that all apportionments regularly adopted by the General Council and its Synods should be considered a business, moral and Christian obligation, and be duly met in full.

And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the General Council mail a copy of these resolutions to the several Synods of the General Council, with the request that the same be transmitted to each congregation."

3. In order to enlist as fully as possible the interest and co-operation of the entire membership of our congregations in the local and general work of the Church we ask the Synod to commend the every member canvass to be undertaken during the present fiscal year in each of its congregations.

We are convinced that this could be successfully done by entrusting the work to the Synodical Home Mission Board, the Conference Mission Committees and the committees of the congregations.

A. C. ALBRECHT,
Secretary.

Report of Delegates to the General Council.

To the Synod of Central Canada,—

The delegates representing your honorable body at the 1913 convention of the General Council beg to submit the following report:—

The 34th convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, the Rev. G. A. Bierdemann, D.D., Pastor, on Sept. 11th to 15th, 1913. Toledo has 22 Lutheran churches, 7 of which belong to the General Council.

Your Synod was represented by the Rev. M. J. Bieber, the alternate, the Synod's President, the Rev. J. Maurer, being unable to attend on account of illness, and by Mr. E. A. Bartmann. The 13 synods were represented by 175 delegates—110 clerical and 65 lay. Besides there were 65 G. C. clergymen in attendance, among them the Rev. H. J. Behrens, of our Synod. Our Synod only had a full delegation. There were official representatives from the Iowa Synod, the General Synod, and the United Synod of the South.

The confessional service, followed by the morning service, and the convention sermon by the President, the Rev. T. E. Schmank, D.D., LL.D., on the theme, "Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life," text John 14: 6, was followed by the administration of Holy Communion to the delegates and visiting brethren.

The President in his able report called attention to the Inter-denominational Commission on Faith and Order; the International or World Conference of Lutherans, then meeting in Nuremberg, Germany; the Commission of Co-operation and Arbitration between the General Synod and General Council in Home Mission work; the establishing of an arbitration tribunal between the various Lutheran Bodies and Synods in North America; the quadri-centennial in 1917; and many other important activities in the Council.

Later a committee was appointed to co-operate with committees from the other Lutheran Bodies in North America in the arrangements for a proper celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation.

The G. C. Treasurer, Chas. A. Smith, reported receipts, \$5,199.16; previous balance, \$2,449.11; disbursements, \$3,390.09; balance in treasury, \$4,258.18. Of this amount our Synod paid \$4.00.

The Porto Rico report showed that there are 9 congregations, 6 mission stations, 423 communicant members, an increase of 112, 14 Sunday schools, 3 Luther Leagues, 2 Parochial schools, 1 seminary, 5 American missionaries and 7 native workers. The receipts during the bi-annum were \$27,177.23, of which our Synod paid \$94.74, though it was apportioned only \$72.00. However in the previous bi-annum our Synod contributed \$129. We are again apportioned \$36.00. May we again eclipse it!

The Foreign Mission report stated that there are 21 G. C. missionaries in India—12 men, 9 women and in addition 8 wives of missionaries, and many more missionaries are needed. The Council contributed \$144,689.22 during the past two years, of which our Synod gave \$432.45. It is apportioned \$600 for the next two years. 148 boy scholarships at \$30 per year, and 164 girl scholarships at \$15. per year, and 225 native workers are supported by congregations, societies or individuals in the Council. The total membership is 19,377, a net gain of 2,797 in the past two years. There are 314 congregations and 411 native workers. In the hospital 1,567 patients were treated from its opening, July, 1911, to April, 1913. 100 persons visit the dispensaries each day receiving bodily and soul treatment. A joint Lutheran theological seminary is being established. The Indian Mission has a mission in Burmin in charge of a native catechist. There are 238 members.

The General Council labors in Japan in conjunction with the United Synod of the South and the American Danish Missionary Society and supports two missionaries. There are in all nine ordained American missionaries, and eight congregations supported by these three synods. A number of schools are conducted, a college and a theological seminary.

The Home Mission report showed receipts of \$120,718.24 in the bi-annum, of which our Synod contributed \$1,133.58, a shortage of \$466.42 on the \$1,600 apportioned (though our Synod met its apportionment in full last year and no doubt will continue to do so each year). The Board supports 128 missions, of which 20 are new, and in addition 26 became self-supporting. There are 10 field missionaries, and many more are needed.

The Church Extension Society received \$45,117.91 in the last two years, of which our Synod contributed \$493.13. The Society loaned \$27,000 to our Synod's churches—(now \$30,000) of which \$5,000 has been returned.

The Slovak Mission Board received \$25,825.77 in the two years, of which amount our Synod contributed \$47.00, and is now apportioned \$100 per annum. There are 35 established congregations and in addition 50 preaching points all over North America, visited by the Rev. Dr. Ramer, Superintendent.

The Council decided that the Canada synods be requested to carry on immigrant mission work among the immigrants at the Canadian ports.

The Committee on Deaconess Work reported that there are 358 sisters, against 320 two years ago, an increase of 38 in the nine mother houses, four of which mother houses belong to the General Council. A great many more deaconesses are needed.

The Jewish Mission Board received during the bi-annum \$2,072.78, though \$6,000 had been apportioned. Our Synod was apportioned \$30 and it paid \$10. It is apportioned \$50 for the bi-annum. The work was prosecuted under the Rev. John Legum at Pittsburg. There were 1,300 seekers and 150 became pupils. Several are in training for the Christian ministry. \$8,000 is appropriated for the next bi-annum and the work is to be extended to an additional city.

The report of the Committee on Religious Work in Colleges and Universities was stimulating and it was recommended that all synods having university centres co-operate and that the work be unified under the direction of one committee. Our Synod is apportioned \$25 for this work.

A half day of the convention was given over to an interesting conference by the laymen.

The next convention will be held at Rock Island, Ill., in Sept., 1915; the 1917 convention in New York City and the 1919 convention on the Pacific coast.

Official delegates were appointed to the General Synod, the Iowa Synod, the United Synod of the South and the Icelandic Synod.

Mission services were held on the evenings of Thursday, Sept. 11th, and Monday, Sept. 15th. In the former your Synod was represented by its clerical delegate. On Friday evening, Sept. 12th, there was a Laymen's mass meeting, and on Sunday afternoon a convention in Memorial Hall, in charge of President Schmauk, attended by 2,000 people, and addressed by six able speakers. The music was led by the massed Lutheran choirs.

During the convention your Synod was represented on the Committee on Synodical Minutes and Abstracts and is represented on the following standing Committees: Inner Mission Work; Press; Church Extension Charter; English Conferences.

The following are the officers of the Council:—President, T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.; Vice-President, the Presidents of the various G. C. Synods; Recording Secretaries: English, Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.; German, Rev. G. C. Berkemeyer, D.D.;

Swedish, Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., K.N.O.; Corresponding Secretaries: Rev. F. A. Köhler, D.D.; Rev. Prof. H. Offermann, D.D.; Rev. A. Appel; Treasurer, Mr. A. G. Anderson, R.V.O.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. BIEBER,

E. A. BARTMAN,

Delegates.

Report of Committee on Immigrant Work and Montreal Hospice.

To the Synod of Central Canada:—

Your Committee on Immigrant Work and the Lutheran Home or Hospice in Montreal (in particular) begs to report:—

1. The pamphlet, "Why a Lutheran Hospice in Montreal," prepared by the Rev. J. J. Clemens, a member of the committee, was printed for distribution and during the year received wide circulation among the Lutheran ministers in Canada and the United States irrespective of synodical connections.

2. It is greatly to be deplored that owing to the removal from the bounds of our Synod of the Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, pastor of our church at Montreal, and a member of this committee the prosecution of the contemplated beginning of an Employment Bureau and the founding of a Lutheran Home or Hospice in Montreal has not yet been undertaken. It is sincerely hoped however, that with the advent of the Rev. E. L. T. Engers as Pastor in Montreal the beginnings of this important Inner Mission work may assume definite shape during the year.

3. A suggestion from Mr. Scott, the Dominion Government Superintendent of Immigration, to a member of this committee deserves our earnest consideration. The government issues manifestos containing the names, destination, religious profession, etc., of all immigrants landing in this country. These manifestos are placed at the disposal of all representatives of the various denominations located at Quebec or at any Canadian port of entry and are later filed at Ottawa, where they can be consulted. This work could be done in Ottawa where the manifestos could be frequently scanned, and the pastors located at the destination of the immigrant any where in North America be given their names and time of arrival. Close touch could thus be kept by the Church with these incoming brethren of the faith from the time of their landing till they reach their intended destination.

The committee would therefore recommend: (a) That the co-operative efforts, prayers and contributions for the Montreal Hospice, as acted upon at the last convention (see minutes, page

44) be earnestly continued; (b) That the sphere in immigrant work be extended to Ottawa also, and to other cities if deemed necessary; (c) That a committee with similar powers as heretofore be again appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee,

M. J. BIEBER,

J. J. CLEMENS.

Seminary Board Report.

To the Synod of Central Canada,—

Brethren,—

As English Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary at Waterloo, I beg to submit the following report:

The Board met at the Seminary in four regular sessions during the year: viz., on June 3rd, Sept. 23rd, Dec. 30th, 1913, and April 14th, 1914. It also held one special session on Nov. 19th and 20th in Berlin.

In thankfulness to Almighty God the Board is happy to report a blessed, prosperous Seminary year. The ten students remained well and acquitted themselves creditably under the watchful care of the House Father and the efficient training and discipline of the Faculty. It is a matter of congratulation and much rejoicing that the Seminary graduated its first student, Mr. N. Willison, at its first commencement held in St. John's Church, Waterloo, on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 8 p.m., in the presence of a large congregation. Addresses were made by the Rev. P. H. L. Henkel, Brant, and the Rev. J. S. Herold, Toronto. The diploma was awarded by the President of the Seminary Board, the Rev. J. A. Miller, and graduate Willison made the concluding address. The service was in charge of the Pastor of the church, the Rev. E. Bocklemaun. Special music was rendered by Mrs. J. Conrad and the Seminary quartette. Mr. Willison acted as tutor at the Seminary during his entire course and supplied St. Matthew's congregation, Brantford. He has applied for ordination at this convention of our Synod and has accepted a call to the Unionville-Buttonville parish.

At the 1913 closing service of the Seminary, in St. John's Church, on Tuesday, June 3rd, the students, Faculty and Board attended in a body. The Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., and the Rev. J. Maurer, presidents of their respective synods, and students N. Willison and H. Rembe made addresses.

The recent scholastic year began on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1913. The students and visitors in the presence of the Faculty, were addressed by the President of the Board, the Rev. J. A. Miller, by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. O. Linke and by the English Secretary of the Board, Rev. M. J. Bieber. Rev. E. Bockleman and P. C. Wike had charge of the devotional services. The usual Christmas and Easter holidays were observed.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, organized last year, has proved itself a valuable aid to the Seminary in its financial, social, and moral support. It has instituted visiting days for the various congregations in the synods which have been very pleasing and influential functions.

The next scholastic year begins on Wednesday, September 30th, when a number of new students are expected to enter the institution. The Seminary Library, which consists of between 1,100 and 1,200 volumes, received gifts of books during the year from Revs. H. Weigand, R. R. Durst and Prof. O. Linki; also the Father Crossman library from his daughter, Mrs. Bowers, Nova Scotia. The leading Lutheran official organs reach the reading room. The G. C. Publishing Board offered to donate all the books published by it exclusively, and all on which royalty is paid, provided the Board pays the royalty which it offered to do.

500 catalogues (1913-1914) were issued at a cost of \$39.00. 300 were distributed among the Canada Synod congregations and 200 throughout the Synod of Central Canada. The 1914-1915 Catalogue was also ordered to be issued which will set forth the extended course and other new features. A seal has been ordered.

The Board appointed Thanksgiving Day as the permanent annual "Rally Day" of the Seminary and the Sunday before as "Seminary Day" in all the congregations of both Synods. On the latter day attention shall be called to the need of men for the ministry and the needs and importance of the Seminary shall be set forth.

The Rally Day was held on Thanksgiving Day, October 20th, in afternoon and evening sessions. Revs. E. Hoffman, D.D., H. J. Behrens and R. Mosig spoke in the afternoon, and C. R. Tappert and H. Brezing, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., in the evening. Pastor E. Bocklemann presided and Prof. Linki and M. J. Bieber conducted the devotional services.

The Board granted the students permission to supply vacant pulpits under the supervision of the Faculty and to wear the robe while they are officiating.

The German students have organized a German Club; and all the students have formed themselves into a body known as "The Ministers in Training"; both organizations were begun and are developed under the supervision of the Faculty.

A tennis court has been instituted for the benefit of the students.

Through the excellent management of the house committee and the co-operation of the Ladies' Auxiliary, as well as through the efficient and economical management of the stewardess, Miss Blunk, and the kind donations by individuals and the congregations of both synods, the cost of each student to the Seminary has been but \$100 during the scholastic year.

After mature deliberation and in justice to all students the Board decided no longer to remit the contingent fee of \$20 per annum to minister's sons, and therefore the future cost of each

student is \$120 per year for tuition, room and board. This low cost is a cause for sincere congratulations and thankfulness to Almighty God.

The Students' Aid Fund, which was begun and is augmented by contributions, donations and gifts from Luther Leagues, Missionary societies, congregations, and individuals for the assistance of needy students, is deserving of generous support. The Board authorized its treasurer to keep a separate account of the monies in this fund. It is under the control of the Finance Committee, which is composed of the officers of the Board.

The Faculty during the past scholastic year consisted of Prof. O. Linki, German Professor, Dean and House Father, salary \$1,000 and house; Prof. P. C. Wike, Galt, salary \$300. The Revs. C. L. Tappert, H. J. Behrens, Berlin, and H. Voelkes, New Hamburg, \$25 per hour during the scholastic year. All are also pastors of congregations. Mr. N. Willison, instructor in the academic branches, received \$20 per month during the scholastic year. Too much commendation cannot be given to these instructors for their self-sacrificing labor.

The Board has not yet been able to secure an English professor or president but hopes soon to announce the selection of such a needed addition to the Faculty and the institution.

The General Council's Missionary and Educational Convention was held at Rock Island, Ill., on April 14th to 17th. Our Seminary, on invitation, was ably represented by Prof. Wike, delegate from the Faculty, and Mr. N. Willison, representing the students.

The expenses of the former are to be paid by both synods and of the latter by the Seminary Board.

At the urgent request of the Faculty the Board is considering the advisability of making immediate provision towards giving our students the full classical or academic course as outlined in the catalogue of the Seminary.

On April 20th the Seminary was honored and edified by a visit and address from the Rev. Dr. G. W. Sandt, Editor of "The Lutheran."

In accordance with the request of your honorable Body at its last convention the Seminary Board has secured plans and specifications for the erection of a dormitory upon the Seminary grounds for the purpose of housing its present and future students. This building is an absolute necessity and it is hoped to begin building operations in the very near future. The members of the Synod are cordially invited to inspect the drawings and plans on exhibition at this convention as well as the adopted plans of the grounds. According to the plans the building is of brick with stone facings, containing a basement for a dining room, furnace, cellar, etc., the ground floor containing recitation rooms, chapels, etc. The top floor accommodates 22 students, each pair of students to have a suite of three rooms—a study, a dressing room with a clothes closet for each student, a sleeping porch or room; with all the necessary washing and toilet appointments. The estimated cost of the building is \$25,000.

The Building Committee consists of the Revs. J. A. Miller, E. Bockleman, A. L. Bitzer and L. Peine with Mr. M. Stroh, of Waterloo, as an advisory member.

The Canada Synod according to the articles of agreement bears three-fourths of all financial obligations and our Synod one-fourth. The Seminary earnestly prays this honorable Body that its pastors and congregations use their utmost endeavors in meeting their full obligations that the Seminary may perform its God ordained work in the Dominion.

The present members of the Seminary Board are: From the Canada Synod, the Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., the Rev. F. Veit and the Rev. E. Bockleman, Mr. A. L. Bitzer, Esq., and Mr. L. Peine. From the Synod of Central Canada, the Rev. J. A. Miller, the Rev. J. Maurer, and the Rev. M. J. Bieber, Mr. C. H. Stiver and Mr. E. A. Bartman. The officers are: President, Rev. J. A. Miller; German Secretary, the Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D.; English Secretary, Rev. M. J. Bieber; Treasurer, A. L. Bitzer, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. BIEBER,
English Secretary.

**Report of the Committee on Moral and Social Reform to the
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, Berlin,
Ontario, June 21st, 1914.**

Dear Brethren:—

Your Committee on Moral and Social Reform would respectfully report that,—

1st. Through the chairman of your Committee on Moral and Social Reform our Synod was represented at the first Social Service Congress of Canada, held in Ottawa, March 3-5, 1914. The object of this Congress was to arouse interest and enlist all Canadians in behalf of social righteousness with a purpose of improving social, economic and ethical conditions in Canada. The Congress was planned under the direction of the Social Service Council of Canada, (formerly the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada), in which the following bodies are federated: the Church of England in Canada, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Congregational Church in Canada, the Methodist Church in Canada, the Baptist Church in Canada, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the Salvation Army, the Dominion Grange and Farmers' Association, the Canadian Purity Education Association, the Evangelical Association of Canada. The following is the programme of the Social Service Council: It believes that righteousness can be realized in the complex conditions of modern life only through the application to all human affairs the principles of the Kingdom of God. It declares for the application of Christian principles to the operations of industrial associations whether of capital or of labor. For a more equitable distribution of wealth. For the abolition of poverty. For the protection of childhood. For the safe-guarding of the physical and moral health of women in industrial life. For the adequate protection of working people in case of industrial accidents and occupation and diseases. For the Sunday rest for every worker. For conciliation and arbitration in industrial disputes. For

proper housing. For the adequate care of dependent and defective persons. For the reclamation of criminals. For wholesome recreation. For the protection of society against contagious diseases. For international peace.

The Ottawa convention was such a great success that it was decided to meet bi-annually hereafter. The full report of this convention has been published in book form and costs \$1.00.

2nd. A number of interesting and instructive reports have been received by your committee, which we would bring to the attention of our people; one on "Temperance" and what the Whitney Government is doing to ensure it, a speech by Hon. W. J. Hanna in reply to a motion of the leader of the opposition to "abolish the bar"; another pamphlet on "Social Problems," and what the Whitney Government is doing to solve them, a speech by Hon. W. J. Hanna, in reply to Mr. Rowell's amendment (to the reply to the speech from the throne) to the effect that present conditions call for the creation of a department to deal with social problems, including labor matters; also the Eighth Report for the year 1913, dealing with the subject of the "Feeble-Minded in Ontario." These three pamphlets may be secured by writing to the Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary of Ontario.

A booklet bearing the title "Living Issues in Moral and Social Reforms," being the annual report of the tenth year of work of the temperance and moral reform department of the Methodist Church in Canada, has also been received and reviewed. It contains many interesting and helpful suggestions and we would recommend to those interested in this subject, to send for it to 43 Wesley Building, Toronto. The Federal Council of the Churches in America has published two booklets, which all social workers should get and read; one entitled "A Plan of Social Work," and another "The Report of the Commission on the Church and Social Service." These can be secured by sending for them to the F. C. of C. C. in America, 1611 Clarendon Building, 215 4th Avenue, New York.

3rd. As Christians we should all be interested in the affairs of state. Our influence should always be cast on the side of justice, righteousness and morality. When questions of great concern arise, questions within the sphere of moral and social reform, we should let our influence as Lutheran members of the Church of Christ be felt. It is cowardly and wrong to keep silent and remain inactive when with our voice or action we could aid the cause of righteousness and morality. While under ordinary circumstances we believe that the Church should not mix in politics, nevertheless, we believe that there are times when the Church should not keep silent and remain inactive. We believe that such a time is now upon us. The present political campaign in Ontario is based principally upon a moral issue; shall the bar be abolished? A definite, bonifide and reliable promise to abolish the bar has been made by one of the political parties, and some of the candidates of the party now in power. We do not believe in coercion against the will of the people in this matter, but we do believe in ascertaining the desire and will of the people with regard to this great moral question. When this has been done, action should be taken accordingly.

In view of the above mentioned facts, we would most heartily recommend:—

1st. That our Synod enter into federation with and become a unit of the Social Service Council of Canada.

2nd. That our congregations, church societies and members be urged to keep in touch with the moral and social reform movements and to co-operate with them in so far as their good judgment and the polity of our Church allows.

3rd. That in the present political provincial campaign, which terminates in the election on June 29th, the members of our churches be asked to exercise their franchise as citizens, and according to their best judgment be guided in voting not so much by party prejudice as by loyalty to principle, and by the consideration of the good that they may be able to do for home, church and country.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. CLEMENS,
Chairman

Canada Lutheran Publication Committee's Report to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada.

Berlin, Ont., June 21st, 1914.

Dear Brethren:—

Your Publication Committee of "The Canada Lutheran" would report that after the last convention of Synod it organized for work by electing the following staff:—Editor-in-Chief, the Rev. J. J. Clemens, B.D.; Associate Editor, the Rev. P. C. Wike; Circulation Manager and Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Loa; Advertising Manager, Mr. A. H. Casselman. The committee has published nine issues of the paper during the year. For three months it was discontinued owing to shortage of funds. At the April meeting of the Executive Committee of Synod it was decided to continue its publication, with the understanding that the Synodical Treasury could be drawn upon for the necessary funds, in case this was necessary. So far the Publication Committee has not found it necessary to take advantage of this offer. According to the report of the Treasurer of the Committee, herewith submitted, we shall be compelled to look to the Treasurer of Synod for the payment of the June issue, containing advance Synodical reports. By the financial aid rendered by Synod at its last convention, and also by the Editor-in-Chief, the paper has been enabled to meet its obligations. Through the good services rendered by Mr. J. A. Loa the books and circulation list have been put in good shape. We hope that the paper has established its right to existence and that during the coming year it may receive even more loyal support than in the past. While some of our pastors and congregations have supported the paper loyally and rendered your Committee valuable assistance, for which we herewith thank them, others might have done better. With the assistance promised by the Luther League of Canada, which resolved at its recent convention, to give \$50.00 towards supporting our paper, if necessary; and with the promised assistance of our Synod, we feel confident that our publication has a bright and promising future before it; and hence would recommend its continuation.

Respectfully submitted,

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duced his Worship Mayor McVeity to the convention and for a brief time the convention was treated to a most pleasing "welcome" to the city. The mayor knew the history of the Lutheran Church and spoke very highly of it. The mayor is able, dignified, but withal modest and unassuming. It was a pleasure to be greeted by him. He later graced the convention photo which was taken immediately after his address.

The election resulted in the re-election of the officers, viz.:—President, G. Boyer, Hamilton; Vice-President, Rev. M. J. Bieber, Welland; Recording Secretary, J. A. Loa, Ottawa; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Laura Wollmer, Galt; Treasurer, H. Shenetle, Morrisburg. The Rev. J. J. Clemens reported for the Nominating Committee, and the Rev. J. Maurer for the committee on nominating the delegates to the International Convention at Baltimore, which resulted in the election of the officers and Mrs. M. J. Bieber, J. C. Casselman, F. C. Hessler and Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Clemens. The Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Berlin, was elected the League representative to the next convention of the German Canada League. The re-elected Trustees are:—F. C. Hessler, Humberstone; J. C. Casselman, Montreal; Mrs. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa. The Executive Committee is composed of the Presidents of the individual Leagues and the President and Vice-President of the Canadian League. The Vice-President is chairman of the committee.

The greater part of the time was devoted to the presentation of papers, addresses, and discussions, and an exceedingly profitable time was spent. The motto of the convention was "Service," and all papers and addresses emphasized it.

Mr. E. Huhnsgard, President of St. John's League, Waterloo, made the address on the assigned subject, "What Debt Does the Luther League Owe to Missions?" In his interesting and forceful manner he discussed the need of "self," "prayer," "men," and "means" in missions and impressed all who heard him to become better missionaries. The Williamsburg League continued the discussion.

"How to Conduct a Model Luther League" had been assigned to Mr. F. Otterbein, of Hamilton, but unable to be present, his worthy paper was read by Rev. Bieber and it elicited the

highest commendation. Himself a member of a model League he set forth in an ideal way the qualities that make the League, viz.:—"Christian sincerity"; "truthful service"; "development of talents"; "prayer"; "spirituality"; "education and information"; "socialability"; "business enthusiasm." The Riverside League continued the discussion of this valuable and practical paper. Two other subjects—relating to the "400th anniversary of the Reformation" and to "Our Seminary," respectively, were not presented owing to the unavoidable absence of the persons to whom they were assigned. The "Rally" was held at the evening session when the attendance was again large. At this session Mr. Huhnsgard presented the "Resolutions" which were unanimously adopted. In them attention was called to "the need of using our own L. L. Literature courses, etc.," as outlined by President Boyer. The Leagues were asked to give at least \$2 per member to the Seminary Building Fund during the year to assist in the erection of the dormitory and \$100 was appropriated from the treasury to the Seminary Building Fund; the "Canada Luther" was endorsed and \$50 appropriated to the paper, if necessary. The heartfelt thanks of the convention were extended to the congregation, league, pastor, choir, and for all who helped to make the 1914 convention such an unbounded success.

Rev. M. J. Bieber read an interesting letter from Mr. C. Stoenes, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa., President of the Luther League of America, in which he sent greetings and wholesome advice re changing to The Book and to our Church Literature. Mr. Eugene Hieber, Utica, N.Y., President of the Luther League of New York State, wired greetings and best wishes; also Mr. J. F. Berger, President of the Luther League of Iowa.

The crowning address of the day was delivered by the rally speaker, the Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, of Philadelphia, Pa. A big man himself, with a deep, pleasing voice, he made a forceful address which cannot well be forgotten. He emphasized service, spoke of the service of the Reformers and of our forefathers and of the pioneers, urged the Leaguers to be faithful to their creed, to their conscience and to practice constancy in their work as Leaguers. This address was listened to with marked attention and produced a deep impression.

