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Christ in Gethsemane



Go to dark Gethsemane,
 Ye that feel the tempter's power:
 Your Redeemer's conflict see;
 Watch with Him one bitter hour;
 Turn not from his griefs away;
 Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

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 LL.D.**

(An Appreciation.)

In the death (January 6, 1915) of Dr. Weidner, his "Child of Faith"—the Chicago Seminary has lost its father; the Lutheran Church, one of its most inspiring teachers and the Church at large, a strong defender of the faith.

The tribute of appreciation should not be limited to flowers and resolutions. Dr. Weidner was a many-sided man. Like the faces of the diamond, each side exhibited the greatness of the man.

He was a man of GREAT FAITH. He trusted where others doubted. The Chicago Seminary is the monument to his faith. If its foundation had depended upon the leaders of the Church, there would be no Chicago Seminary to-day.

He was a man of STEADFAST HOPE, what he sowed in faith, he expected to reap in due season. Though he did not realize all, his hopes were realized in large measure.

He was a MAN OF LOVE. His soul full to overflowing, was felt in the hearty hand-grasp, in his beaming countenance and his friendly words. God's love in him was shed abroad in all his actions.

He was a man with a WIDE OUTLOOK. The future of the Lutheran Church in America, especially in the West and North-west was, as it were, a present reality with him. Accordingly, the great and important task was to begin a school of the prophets where men might be trained to go as messengers of peace and good will to thousands of the scattered members of the household of faith.

He was a TRUE FRIEND. In every possible way he advised, directed and admonished those who came under his influence. In any perplexity, no one ever went to him without relief.

Such a many-sided man could not fail to inspire. His former students in the east and west, in the north and south; in Philadelphia and Allentown, in Rock Island and in Chicago rise up as one man to call him blessed. The majority owe whatever success

they may have in their ministerial and professional career to the self-sacrificing labors of this man of God.

While the important monument in the form of the Chicago Seminary is altogether fitting and appropriate, while his many text-books are living expressions of his scholarship, still as he himself expressed it in his farewell remarks to his students, the most appropriate tribute to Dr. Weidner's memory is the dedication and consecration of his students to the Master's cause.—PRESTON A. LAURY.

Post-mortem eulogies are usually overdrawn. Many panegyrics are ludicrous. Praise is often purchased for a paltry consideration. Talk is cheap. It is customary to laud people when they are dead. Hence, the difficulty of rightly estimating a man's true worth upon the basis of obituary addresses and editorials.

Too much, however, cannot be said in praise of the sainted Dr. Weidner. The editor of this paper would never have been in the ministry had it not been for the influence of Dr. Weidner upon him. To know him was to love him. He was the embodiment of what he taught. He has gone to his reward. His works do follow him. He lived not in vain. The fire of his enthusiasm, the firmness of his faith, the nobility of his spirit of self-sacrifice have entered into the bones and the marrow of his adoring pupils. The seeds which he planted will continue to bear fruit for all ages, unto eternity.—JOHN J. CLEMENS.

A LAYMAN'S SERMON TO LAYMEN.

Three hundred and ninety-seven years ago the Church and the world passed through a crisis. God had to take the Church and the world to task, bring them to His feet again, and direct them to the right path from which they had strayed. To-day we hear of wars and rumors of wars. People are putting the Church and Christianity on trial again, only perhaps in a different sense. In their minds it is a question as to whether the Church is holding its own. In our minds we know that in the end God's Church will be triumphant. But, what are we doing NOW to keep Christianity to the fore? Something is missing. The Christian lives that Jesus would like to see, are missing in places where they should be. In the task of bringing Christ to the

lives of all, the burden falls heavily on the shoulders of our men. We must show more love one to another. Follow Christ's example. The whole life of Christ overflowed with love. There never was a time in His thirty-three years on earth when He did not see the cross. In His eyes when a child was the shadow of Golgatha. The way of the cross certainly seemed to lead from the stable door in Bethlehem. There is the missing link, so to speak. Men have crowded the great love of Christ out of their lives and hearts and allowed worldly things to take its place. No wonder that we have not been able to make the progress we should have made. Satan has blindfolded us too long. Away with the shackles of Satan and back to the love of Christ! Until we do this we cannot do the work we have planned to do. We are proud of our dear Church and of the fact that she teaches the Bible; but, of what does this avail when we will not take heed of our pastors' callings and warnings and not live according to the teachings of our Church? We can do a lot of good unconsciously by simply going about from day to day living the life our Church teaches, thus reflecting Christ.

According to tradition, on the second day of February, if the bear comes out of his resting place and the sun is shining so as to throw his shadow on the ground, he quietly crawls back and goes to sleep again. Do you not think that we could be compared to the lazy bear? Occasionally we come out of our resting places to see how things are going. We look out and see the shadow, the pastor and his faithful few working hard, and think: "Oh, everything is going all right," and the great majority of us crawl back and go to sleep again, some forever. Let us take a lesson from this and wake up soon. Never mind the shadow. Do not let a few do all the work. Get into harness yourself. Put some force behind your work, and with the help of God you will accomplish things heretofore thought impossible.

We say: "How can we help?" There are many things that we can do to be our pastors' helpers. They are too numerous to mention here. Aside from the spiritual side see that the financial part is looked after and relieve your pastor of that worry. An Irishman was once asked his aim in life. He said: "To always live within my income, even if I have to borrow money to do it." How true of many

of our churches. It is true that they are living within their incomes; but it is mostly borrowed money that keeps them moving. Brethren, this should not be. We should lift this extra burden from our pastors' shoulders, so that they may be free to attend to our spiritual welfare. They are giving their lives to the Master's cause and we should help. One man cannot possibly do it all, and do it right. It is imperative that we now make an aim and an effort to help.

At the present time, throughout the length and breadth of our country, we hear the call to arms. Men by the thousands are bravely enlisting in the service of their country. All good and well. But, we can tell you of a higher and nobler call that we should hear. It is the call to service of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Service to Him means love, and love to my mind consists of: patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness and sincerity. The call to service also means living accordingly. Practise these things. What makes a man a good mechanic?—PRACTISE. What makes a man a good musician?—PRACTISE. What makes a man a good living man?—PRACTISE, nothing else.

A pastor likes to see his men develop, spiritually. In order to help him, organize your Men's Bible classes and have him teach you from the Bible. Advocate daily reading of the Bible for all men. You will find it will help you to be a better man. Your conscience will reply quicker to a wrong. Wherein lies the strength of a nation? In its vast armies and navies and military organizations? NO. It lies in the spiritual and moral welfare of the people,—in the Bible, in the Church and in the home. We want men who are honest in their work and business, men who do not leave their conscience at home when they go to work, men with noble characters and uplifting qualities, men to whom we can point with pride and say: "Behold a living example of the teachings of our Church."

There are many other things that we can do. It is not for me to stand here and dictate to you what you should do. The problems are many. Go to your president, your officers and pastor. Co-operate with them. They will find the right kind of work for you to do and give you all the information you desire.

Oh, men! look what a chance there is for you to lift this sin-stricken world from the mire and to put it on a higher level! You will have your trials, temptations and discouragements; and sometimes it may seem that you are always fighting with your back to the wall. In the face of all this are we discouraged? NO! Are we discontented? NO! Are we downhearted? NO! We are in the fight to win, and with the help of God we will win.

Mark Twain used to tell the story of the Mississippi river captain who prided himself on the fine loud whistle his boat possessed. Every chance he got to blow the whistle he would do it. But, the trouble was every time the captain blew the whistle the engineer had to shut off the engine. It took all the steam to blow the whistle. Let us not consume all our energy by talking, and then stop, but save some steam to use in our home church for work.

In doing this work we are not seeking any glory or honor for ourselves; we are prompted solely by the spirit of love to our Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us put away all our petty jealousies, criticisms and envies. Break away from the shackles of the world. Humble ourselves, as Christ did, and remember:

There comes a time in the future new,
 When this life has passed away,
 When these needy ones shall stand with
 me
 In the light of a Judgment Day.
 When the Angel reads from the Book
 of Life
 My deeds for that great review;
 If these should speak and accuse me
 there,
 I wonder what I should do.

Then the Son of Man, with His Angels
 fair,
 Will sit on the great white Throne,
 And out from the millions gathered
 there
 He will know and claim His own.
 If He saith to me those words I've read,
 In that Book so old and true,
 "Inasmuch as ye did it not—to these,"
 I wonder what I should do.

(The above address was to have been delivered by Mr. F. W. Otterbein, of Hamilton, at the laymen's convention at Waterloo, but was omitted owing to lack of time.)

NEWS AND NOTES.

Eastern Conference.

OTTAWA.

A marriage which aroused international interest was performed at the parsonage of St. Peter's Church, by Pastor Clemens, on Jan. 12th. The contracting parties were Mr. Michael Coscia and Miss Virginia Nathalie Shannon. The bridegroom is the best known orchestra leader in Ottawa, and the bride is the only daughter of one of the wealthiest capitalists in the capitol. After a week's trip to New York city, where Mr. Coscia is well known, having conducted orchestras at Atlantic City, the happy couple returned to Ottawa, where they expect to continue their residence.

Harold Olaf and Hans Theodor, twin children of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kihl, were baptized in St. Peter's Church at the morning service on Dec. 27th. Mr. Kihl is a civil engineer, connected with the Deolatic Survey of Canada, and also a member of St. Peter's Church.

The annual Christmas S. S. festival on Christmas night, in the opinion of many people, was the best ever held here. All participants in the programme acquitted themselves with credit. Besides the candy, given to all members of the S. S., and the oranges, given to all present, five Bibles were presented, one to each of the following: Gudrun Franzen, Charlie Brown, Carl Everson, Alice Clemens, and Gilborg Franzen, as rewards of merit for faithful attendance during the year. A Bible and a purse of money were presented to our faithful organist, Miss Mary Roeske. The Christmas tree was presented by Mr. Rider Franzen, who cut and brought it from the Quebec side of the river, and was assisted in putting it up by Mr. C. M. Sternberg. To Mr. and Mrs. B. Harvey we were again indebted for their lights, ornaments and decorations of the church, which in the new church looked more beautiful than ever. The royal flags recently received by the congregation were also used in the decoration of the church.

Mr. Finn Koren, Montreal, the Royal Norwegian Consul for Canada, at a special meeting held for the purpose in St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 16th, officially presented the Norwegian flag given to the congregation by King Haaken. Consul Koren said that the assembly was the largest gathering of Norwegians that he had attended since coming to Canada, nearly three years ago. The gift of the flag by his gracious King, he said, was unique, as he had never before heard of

the King presenting the gift of a flag to a congregation. Mr. C. H. Sternberg, M. A., thanked for the gift on behalf of the congregation. Pastor Clemens sang Ole Bull's famous song, "The Chalet Girl's Sunday" in Norwegian. Mr. J. A. Loa presided at the organ, and the programme concluded by singing the Norwegian National song, "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet," and "God Save the King." Refreshments were served by the ladies, after all present had been introduced to Consul Korén, whose congenial manner won for himself many friends in Ottawa.

A birthday party was given to Mrs. C. M. Sternberg at her home, on Jan. 18th, at which she was presented with an electric lamp. The Luther League gave an enjoyable sliding party at Rockcliffe on Jan. 29th.

On Jan. 21st the faithful financial secretary of St. Peter's Church, Mr. Victor Buschmann, left Ottawa for the States, whither his wife and child had gone before. He will be missed.

MORRISBURG—RIVERSIDE.

Baptisms in St. Paul's congregation:—

Cora Kathleen Elizabeth, daughter of Harry and Catherine Starck Clark, born Aug. 27, 1914, baptized Dec. 6, 1914.

Hebert Charles, son of John B. and Nellie Fetterly Holmes, born Oct. 4, 1914, baptized Dec. 25, 1914.

Audrey Arabella, daughter of Frank and Eva Casselman, born Nov. 9, baptized Dec. 29, 1914.

In St. John's congregation:

Kenneth Raymond, son of Nathan and Amanda Tupper, born Dec. 6, 1914, baptized Jan. 12, 1915.

Confirmation of the sick:—

Mrs. William Wells, nee Ephemia Marcellus, confirmed in St. John's congregation, Jan. 11, 1915.

The annual congregational meeting of St. John's, Riverside, was held Jan. 8, 1915. In connection with this meeting a sermon was preached by the pastor, officers were elected, reports from the various societies and treasurers were received, and the general work of the congregation during the past year reviewed.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's congregation, Morrisburg, was held after service on Sunday evening, Jan. 10. Besides the election of officers and receiving of reports, the weekly envelope system in use since October, received thorough discussion and was formally adopted.

The Epiphany Festival was observed in St. Paul's congregation, Morrisburg, with full service and sermon by the pastor, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6, 1915.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Luther League was held at the parsonage on the evening of Jan. 13. New officers were elected as follows:

President—J. M. Whittaker.

Vice-President—Graham Casselman.

Secretary—Miss Maud MacMartin.

Asst. Sec'y—Miss Eloise Casselman.

Treasurer—Ralph Fetterly.

Mr. Henry Shenette, the efficient president of the League since its organization, received evidence of the League's grateful appreciation of his long and faithful service in being elected Honorary President of St. Paul's Luther League.

The League voted to alternate a social and educational meeting each month. The subject for study adopted was the Teacher Training Quarterly and will be presented by the pastor.

The League will again support a girl in India.

The annual meeting of St. John's League is yet to be held. Both St. Paul's and St. John's Leagues gave \$10 each to the needy students' Fund of the Waterloo seminary.

Christmas trees and appropriate Christmas services were held in St. John's on Christmas eve, and in St. Paul's on Christmas night. These services were heartily engaged in by the children and the choirs and greatly enjoyed. The offerings, amounting to some \$16, were sent to the Bethany Orphans' Home through the Synodical Treasury.

Christmas services were held on Christmas day at St. Paul's in the morning and St. John's in the afternoon, with sermons by the pastor.

The pastor has been very busy concluding his round of visiting in both congregations and in administering to the sick.

HALIFAX.

Rev. Bieber reports that as the result of his labors in Halifax a congregation was organized on Jan. 10th, with 46 charter members. A junior catechetical class is under training and a senior class will be organized shortly. The calling of a permanent pastor and the securing of a church property will now engage the attention of the congregation, the prospects for steady growth are propitious.

Western Conference.

(All Western Conference news should be sent to Ernie H. Beckman, Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo, Ont., not later than the 15th of each month.)

BERLIN.

Do our people in Berlin want and need an English Lutheran Church? This was a question a few years ago; but it is one no longer. It has been answered, and that most emphatically, and the answer is in the affirmative. Our work here is going ahead, by leaps and bounds, and a growing interest is felt throughout the various activities of the congregation.

The pastor, Rev. H. J. Behrens, has been giving a series of sermons at the evening services, on the Ten Commandments. The attendance continued to grow at these services each Sunday, until now the church is filled every Sunday evening.

Christmas service was held on Christmas morning, which was well attended, and the Christmas tree service by the Sunday School on the Monday evening after Christmas. At this service the church was filled to its capacity and standing room was at a premium. Everyone was delighted with it. It went off without a hitch having been well rehearsed beforehand. One of the pleasing numbers on the programme was a quartette rendering of "Lead Kindly Light," during which a half dozen of the girls and young ladies of the school posed while various colored lights were thrown on them with the pastor's steropticon. The offerings of the evening amounted to well over \$15.00.

The Luther League is also continuing in its activity. A business and social meeting was held on the evening of Jan. 4, which was very well attended. The topic meetings continue to grow in interest as the Seminary students advance in their series of missionary addresses. The Leaguers, just now, are busy selling tickets and rehearsing for their play, "Topsy Turvy," to be given in Concordia Hall on Jan. 28.

The Men's Club and Bible Class also continues to make steady progress. On Monday evening, Jan. 18, a very interesting men's meeting was held at which Student E. Beckman presented an address entitled "A Personal Talk to our Men."

Sunday, Jan. 17, was a red letter day in the history of the congregation. At the morning service on that day, after conducting preparatory service and

preaching a Communion sermon, the pastor received the following persons into the membership of the church, by card: Mrs. John Lantz, Herman E. Wellein, M. R. Oswald, W. J. Sass, Mrs. W. J. Sass, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Heuter, Miss Emma Baetz, Mrs. Herbert Klem, Mr. Herbert Klem, Miss Cora Huehnergard, Addison J. Grosz, Clara Hulme, Gertrude Hulme, Mrs. William Hulme, William Hulme, Margaret Plackmeier, Mrs. Gordon Raymond, John H. Heimbecker, Mrs. Frank W. Roberts, Mrs. Wesley Tunk, and John Lantz; by confirmation, Melvin Sievenpiper, Mrs. Herman E. Wellein and Annie Elizabeth Guppell, making 25 accessions in all. In addition to these, cards were also received, too late to be announced, from Miss Martha Huether, Carl Huether, and Jacob Huether.

This brings the total membership of this congregation up to 210, of which number 196 are on the list of regular contributors. Surely there was, and is, need for this young church in Berlin, despite what some of its opponents (who are now silenced by facts) said about it a few years ago.

St. Matthew's German congregation of Berlin, the Rev. C. R. Tappert, pastor, expect to dedicate and enter their beautiful new church home on or about the first Sunday in March. This will be, beyond a doubt, the finest Lutheran Church edifice in the Dominion, and we will be able to point to it with pride as an example of Lutheran Church architecture. The building, when complete, will cost, we are told, in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

GUELPH.

President Maurer met with the Church Council of St. Paul's congregation on Dec. 31st. It was decided to let the president of Synod look for some young man to fill the pulpit at once.

It is reported that one of the prominent young ladies of St. Paul's Church, Miss Edna Weber, was married on Jan. 19th, to Mr. G. Altendoerfer.—The Editor.

BRANTFORD.

Mr. F. W. Otterbein writes of Brantford as follows: We are still holding the "Faithful Few" together and it seems this is about all we can expect to do during the winter. A few months ago we were receiving some outside support, but since the war is in full swing, this seems to have been withdrawn. The Lutheran Church has been, we might say, unjustly criticized here.

We feel it has done us some harm, but are working to overcome it.

We regret to report the loss of two of our most faithful members and workers, namely, Miss Dr. C. Stinson and Miss A. Gateman. Dr. Stinson has acted as our efficient organist for nearly a year, and also taught in the Sunday school. Miss Gateman also taught in our Primary Department and took an active interest in all church work. We sorely miss these two faithful ones and pray God's blessing upon them in their new fields of labor.

The Sunday school meets each Lord's Day at 11 a.m., with an average attendance of 24. The Ladies' Aid is also holding meetings monthly.

Business is stagnant in Brantford and the factories are nearly all operating on very short time. This, of course, affects our Church as well. Our attendance is fair, but finances are not so good.

Mr. Otterbein also tells us that our good people in Brantford had a very nice Christmas service, with a tree and all that goes with it, on Wednesday evening preceding Christmas. On this occasion the congregation showed their appreciation of Mr. Otterbein's services by making him the recipient of a cash present.

GALT.

That our good people of Galt are going ahead under the leadership of their beloved pastor, Rev. P. C. Wike, is evident from their offerings for the month of December. Despite the hard times that are everywhere prevalent just at this time, these good people's offerings for the last month of the old year, including the congregation, Ladies' Aid, Sunday school, Luther League and Lutheran Laymen's Club, amounted to something over \$200.00. This, we understand, was all "free will" offering and is probably the result of the "Tithing System" which Pastor Wike advocates.

During the month, Pastor Wike officiated at two infant baptisms; the infants being the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell and of Mr. and Mrs. Therman, respectively.

On Wednesday evening preceding Christmas our pretty little church in Galt was filled, the occasion being the Christmas service of Emmanuel Schmauk. A beautifully decorated tree was in evidence, and after rendering the service, the children of the Sunday school received their usual Christmas treat. The Galt "Reporter" stated that this was the best Christmas service ever held by the Lutheran Church in Galt.

On January 14, the Lutheran Lay-

men's Club held its third enthusiastic monthly meeting and adopted its Constitution and By-laws item by item, after which they discussed points of practical interest to the men of the congregation. This club promises to become one of the strongest factors in the life of this congregation, if it continues to go on as it has begun.

But now we come to the sad part of our report concerning this congregation. On Sunday, January 17, the pastor, Rev. P. C. Wike, tendered his resignation, to take effect about the middle of March, in order to accept the very urgent call of the mission congregation at Oak Park, Chicago. This mission is not far from Chicago Seminary and Dr. Gerberding, of that institution, and his family are members of it. At present it is being served by the son of Dr. Gerberding, who is a senior student in our Chicago seminary.

Not only our congregation at Galt, but the student body, Faculty and Board of Directors of our seminary and also the brethren of our Synod will regret to see Pastor Wike leave Canada and will certainly feel his loss when he is gone. We hope that our people at Galt will refuse to accept this resignation and do all they can to hold such an efficient man, as Pastor Wike has certainly proved himself to be, in the work in Canada. No doubt the members of Oak Park Mission need Rev. Wike, but we also need him here and we hope to be able to report next month that after reconsidering the matter again Rev. Wike will have decided to remain with us.

(Rev. Wike has accepted the call to Oak Park.—Editor.)

HAMILTON.

Together with Student Sorenson, the writer spent his Christmas vacation in his home city, Hamilton, and among the good people of his home congregation. To say that we were given a most hearty welcome would be putting it altogether too mildly. We were used like kings.

We found the congregation at Hamilton still alive, working and enthusiastic, shepherdless, to be sure, but not without efficient leaders. Every organization and even the congregation itself have leaders who lead, and the work goes on just as harmoniously and, almost as successfully as if a pastor was in the field, leading them on.

These people are very grateful to our seminary at Waterloo for the regular supplies they have received from there. Though vacant three months, they have never missed a service, thanks to our Faculty and Student Body at Waterloo.

We had the pleasure of conducting the services and supplying the pulpit here on Sunday, Dec. 27. On Sunday, Jan. 3, Rev. W. H. Knauff, of Port Colborne and Humberston, conducted the services, and, in addition to supplying the pulpit, administered Holy Communion to 38 persons in connection with the morning service, and, after the evening service conducted the special congregational meeting to vote on Rev. H. W. Fitting, of Oley, Pa., as pastor. The result was that Rev. Fitting was elected and, at their meeting the following evening, the Church Council drew up and forwarded to him a call to become pastor of Trinity, Hamilton. We sincerely hope that Pastor Fitting may consider this call favorably, so that this congregation may again soon have a faithful and efficient shepherd to lead them onward and upward.

(From "The Lutheran" we learn that Rev. Fitting has declined the call to Hamilton.—Editor.)

On Sunday, Jan. 10, Student Weidenhammer supplied the pulpit and conducted the services most acceptably. His sermons were greatly appreciated.

One of the strong points of this congregation is its very active Sunday school. At the annual meeting of its teachers and officers, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Supt., Mr. E. B. Westcott; secretary, Mr. G. Boyer; librarian, Miss Alice Pierce; treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Westcott; organist, Mr. D. Goldhang; assistant organist, Miss Adeline Otterbein; supt. of Primary Dept., Miss E. B. Bartmann; supt. of Cradle Roll, Mrs. R. Herbert; supt. of Home Dept., Mrs. Loucks.

The secretary's report showed the following figures: Total attendance for the year, 6,337; average per Sunday 122. Total offerings for the year, \$276.07; average per Sunday, \$5.31, or an average offering per Sunday, for each scholar, of over 4c. Highest attendance on any one Sunday, 187; lowest, 68. Highest offering on any one Sunday, \$7.48; lowest, \$2.86. Number of new scholars added during the year, 82. Considering the hard times in Hamilton (the leading manufacturing city of the Dominion) at the present time and the number of people who have left the city on that account, this is certainly a most excellent report. This S. S. has also started to hold missionary talks on the first Sunday of each month. Missionary offerings are also taken on those Sundays. During the winter the teachers and officers of

the school have also done considerable inner mission work in the way of helping the needy families financially and otherwise.

We were able to be present at the School's Christmas service on Christmas night. Rev. H. A. Kunkle of Wellingland, presided and made the Christmas address. The programme was excellent, of a Lutheran and Christian nature, without any Santa Claus foolery. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and lighted with electric lights. The children received their candies, nuts and fruit, as usual, over 250 boxes being distributed.

We are sorry to hear that two of the active members of this school are ill. Supt. Westcott is confined to his bed with an attack of grip, and Mrs. Jacobs, a teacher, has just undergone an operation in the city hospital. Both are on a fair way to recovery.

At the Luther League Topic meeting on Sunday evening, Dec. 27, Student C. Sorensen made a most excellent address on the "Patriarch Muhlenberg," which was greatly enjoyed by all. Mr. Sorensen is a native of Denmark and was the first student, from this Luther League, to enter our seminary.

On New Year's eve we were present at a Watch Night service given in the church by the Luther League. On this occasion, the first of its kind in this congregation, Student Sorensen spoke on "The Past Year," and the writer spoke on "Resolutions." The Leaguers spent the time, as the old year passed out and the new year came in, in silent prayer.

On New Year's night we attended a sleighing party of the Luther League. The young people met at the church, went to Dundas (five miles west of the city) and back for their ride and then to the home of Mr. Ed. Catchpole where parlor games, music and refreshments were indulged in, after which the happy league of young people dispersed to their respective homes declaring that "this was the happiest beginning of a New Year yet."

On coming to Hamilton we rejoiced to meet Messrs. L. Paulsen and N. Peterson, two of our former faithful young men. They have spent a year or more in the bush-land of New Ontario. They were two of the original members of our Young Men's Brotherhood. Hence, on meeting them again we decided to hold a real Brotherhood reunion in memory of our camp of the summer of 1913. This reunion was accordingly held on Saturday, Jan. 2, at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. R. Herbert, on Hamilton Mountain. The writer, who had been camp cook, again acted in that capacity, and served a real old camp supper. The young men and their friends who were present, fully enjoyed the event.

The laymen of the congregation still hold monthly literary meetings and weekly Bible class before the morning service each Sunday. These men are active and enthusiastic and are busily canvassing the congregation in the interests of our seminary and also in the interests of the "Canada Lutheran."

We attended another interesting service while in Hamilton, the Christmas tree service of the Swedish mission, which worships in St. Paul's German Church. It was very interesting to see and hear these little ones get up and sing and recite in their own Swedish language.

HUMBERSTONE.

From Hamilton we went to Humberstone, where we supplied on Sunday Jan. 3. Pastor Knauff's good people entertained us most royally. We were interested to learn that one of the young ladies of this congregation expects to enter one of our Deaconess Mother-houses next fall. We were also very pleased to meet Mr. Herbert Kramer, a young man of this congregation who is attending Welland High School. This young man is very talented, and surely ought to make one of our leading Canadian Lutheran pastors of the future. He is very seriously thinking of entering our seminary next fall, and we sincerely hope to welcome him as a new fellow-student on Sept. 29 next.

We thank Pastor Knauff for the newspaper article and programme of the 10th anniversary of his congregation. This anniversary was celebrated Dec. 20 and 21. Rev. Knauff conducted the services morning and evening. At the morning service, Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, M.A., S.T.B., preached the anniversary sermon, and in the evening Rev. H. A. Kunkle, M.A., of Welland, occupied the pulpit. Special music was rendered at both services by the excellent choir of Holy Trinity Church under the very able leadership of Mr. O. C. N. Kanold.

On Monday evening an Anniversary Social was held in Guild Hall, Port Colborne. A fine programme was rendered and Rev. Walter Krumwiede, B. A., B.D., Supt. of our Buffalo Inner Mission work, made the address of the evening. After the conclusion of the programme the Ladies' Aid members served refreshments.

In connection with the anniversary, the Ladies' Aid presented the congregation with a beautiful lectern to match the chancel furnishings. The "Trinity Girls" brought their gift in the form of the pulpit edition of the Church Book. The Ladies' Aid and Luther League were responsible for the floral decorations during these special services. The Souvenir Booklet and Programme of the occasion is, in its neat and tasty appearance, characteristic of its compiler, Rev. Knauff.

The congregation was organized Jan. 1st, 1903.

Present church building dedicated Dec. 18th, 1904.

Congregation has had but two pastors, Rev. T. J. A. Huegli, April 19, 1903, to March, 1908, and the present pastor, Rev. W. H. Knauff since Dec. 6th, 1908. Holy Trinity has enjoyed a steady, sure growth and has a good future before it.

From Pastor Knauff comes the following report:

In connection with the anniversary services, Pastor Knauff gave some interesting figures which showed the steady growth of the congregation, viz.: In the 10 years the congregation has grown from 59 communicant members and 100 souls in 1904, to 173 communicants and 229 souls in 1914.

By the grace of God we were permitted to spend a happy and blessed festive season. Children's service was held on Christmas night before a crowded church. A large Christmas tree, richly decorated and illuminated with dozens of miniature colored electric lights, stood in the chancel. The various numbers by the Sunday School, consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues, solos and duets, and anthems by the choir, assisted by Miss Beata Deterling, soloist, and Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, were well received. The Sunday School orchestra of four pieces gave valued assistance. Each child received a package of "sweetmeats" and a gift from the Sunday school. Pastor Knauff and Organist Kanold each received a well filled envelope, the gift of the members of the congregation. If these presentations are to be considered an expression of appreciation, it is beyond a doubt a source of much satisfaction to the pastor to think he acted wisely in refusing to consider several tempting offers made him by other congregations.

Student Beckman supplied in Holy Trinity Church, Humberston, on Sun-

day, Jan. 3rd, to the satisfaction of all, and gave proofs of developing into an able preacher not long hence.

Mr. Fred. C. Hesler had the misfortune on New Year's eve to badly burn both his hands, which had to be dressed and bandaged. While Mr. Hesler is entirely helpless, his burns are healing nicely.

Mr. Fred White, who was received into communicant membership with our Church last Easter, is seriously ill with pulmonary trouble. We earnestly pray the Lord's blessing upon him in his affliction.

LONDON.

Sunday, Dec. 20, found the writer in London. Here he conducted services and supplied the pulpit of St. Peter's congregation; German in the morning and English in the evening. We found a band of faithful people here, shepherdless and crying for an earnest, godly leader. The people of London, judging from our experience, certainly know how to entertain hospitably. This congregation has had no pastor for several months, but has held together nobly. The students have been supplying it since the seminary opened last fall.

Student Goos supplied Dec. 27, and also conducted the Christmas tree service on Monday evening, Dec. 28, when he was made the recipient of a handsome remembrance by some of the members.

Rev. J. Maurer, President of Synod, visited this congregation and supplied the pulpit on Jan. 3. We are told that he was well impressed with the work there, and the London members were greatly pleased with his service.

On January 10 the students started to give those people in London a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. On that date Student Goos preached on the First Commandment. On Jan. 17 Student Weidenhammer preached on the Second. Student Beckman will preach on the Third Commandment on Jan. 24, and Student Huehnergard on the Fourth on Jan. 31.

This congregation has called the Rev. Carl Storek, of Glasford, Ill., to become its pastor. Rev. Storek took his preparatory studies in Germany, after which he came to America and took the full Theological course in the Iowa Synod seminary in Dubuque, Ia., from which he graduated in 1911. He was then called to a mission field near Toledo, O., where he did successful work for a year, when he was called to his

present charge at Glasford, Ill., not far from Peoria, which is a stronghold of our Lutheran Church, especially of the Iowa Synod. During the past year Pastor Storek has been doing post-graduate work with our Chicago seminary.

We trust that Rev. Storek will favorably consider London's call and soon become pastor of this flock which needs a shepherd so badly.

TORONTO.

From St. Paul's, Toronto, comes the following:

The year 1914 will stand out pre-eminently in the history of St. Paul's. It is the year in which the churchly new building was completed and dedicated to the service of God. It is the year in which the excellent new pipe-organ was added to the church equipment. The members were impressed with this thought as they gathered in annual session to review the work of the past year. The reports of the officers gave evidence of renewed activities. Almost \$1,900.00 has passed through the hands of the treasurer for current expenses, and the various auxiliary organizations and individual donors had done much in the way of special donations and contributions toward the building fund. Messrs. Chapman, Ludolph, Fierheller and Wurham were elected members of the Church Council. A building fund committee, consisting of two members of the Council and one member from each auxiliary organization, was appointed. This committee will devise ways and means to raise the money needed from time to time to pay the interest and principal as it becomes due.

On the first Sunday in the New Year seven new members were received into church fellowship. During the past year 46 new members were enrolled and most of these have become active workers in the varied activities of congregational life.

A pleasant social gathering was held at the parsonage on the Monday before Christmas. To the surprise of pastor and family, a large number of the congregation came with Christmas greetings on their lips, Christmas cheer in their hearts, and a Christmas gift in their hands. It is always a pleasant experience to be "pursed" but at the present time when everyone feels the financial stringency, it is an especially pleasant experience. The well filled purse and the hearty greetings spoke eloquently of mutual love and appreciation.

UNIONVILLE—BUTTONVILLE.

Christmas tree and children's Christmas services were held at Unionville on Christmas eve. "The Consolation of Israel," with supplements, including a pantomime and cross-exercise, was rendered by the school and choir in a manner most pleasing and edifying. The pastor spoke on the Christmas message. The attendance numbered 150. On January 3rd, special Christmas services were held in Buttonville and the Bethesda choir attended in a body and furnished the music. The attendance on that occasion numbered 110. On January 8 our Luther League held a social meeting at the parsonage. We have planned to hold our anniversary services on Sunday, January 17, when the Rev. Prof. Preston A. Laury will preach morning and evening. On Monday evening, the 18th, a recital will be given on our organ by a prominent Toronto organist. We are glad to say that Mrs. Wm. Pingle is steadily recovering strength after her long and serious illness. Our subscription list to the Canada Lutheran is steadily growing, and we hope Canadian Lutheranism everywhere will put forth its best efforts to develop a Canadian Church literature. Rally around the Canada Lutheran, brethren. It is our representative in Canada.

WATERLOO.

Vacation time has come and gone and both the students and faculty of our seminary are hard at work again. The vacation was good, but we were all glad to get back to the seminary. "There is no place like home," and, for the present, at least, the seminary is our home.

During the vacation the Board of Directors met and considered the affairs of the institution and acted on them as they thought best. These men have a great responsibility resting upon them and they realize it. The whole Church in Canada should realize it and help our Board bear some of the burdens which she lays upon her members. Let us all, therefore, stand together and work together for this, OUR INSTITUTION, and make the work of our Board as light as possible.

The "ministers-in-training" held their semi-annual meeting and elected the following officers to serve the remainder of this school year: Honorary presidents, Revs. Profs. P. A. Laury, and O. Lincke; president, A. Goos; vice-president, E. Huehnegard; secretary, G. Weidenhammer; treasurer, H. Wahl; German reporter, R. Kasdorff; English reporter, E. Beckman. An athletic

committee was also elected consisting of Students Weidenhammer, Goos and Wahl.

The "Cossman-Hayunga Missionary Society" is still active. A meeting was held on Jan. 14 at which Student Beckman presented a paper on "Eddyism." This subject is to be continued at its next meeting on Jan. 26.

A student quartette has also been organized consisting of students Weidenhammer, Goos, Wahl and Beckman. This is to be known as the "Sine-quanon Quartette."

An appeal was made, two months ago by Rev. Behrens, 47 Irwin street, Berlin, on behalf of our Students' Aid Fund. All Luther Leagues were requested to donate ten dollars to this fund, five dollars at once, and the other five before Easter. Up to date only one League has complied with this appeal. All our Leagues should do what they can in this matter as soon as possible.

Rev. Dr. Snider, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., who is supplying our congregation at Guelph, has very kindly offered financial aid to one of our students. Are there not others who can do likewise? Who will be the first one to establish a scholarship in our seminary?

On Friday, January 8, the very sad news reached us of the death of Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D., Dean and President of Chicago Theological Seminary. It was decided that our institution should certainly be represented at the funeral in the person of Rev. Prof. Laury, Dean and President of our seminary, who was a second cousin of the deceased.

Dr. Weidner continued to lecture at Chicago seminary, after its re-opening last fall, up until a short time before Christmas, when, owing to his ill-health, he went to Florida to recuperate, but to no avail, and the Lord called him to his reward on the 6th of January.

His body was brought to Chicago and the funeral was held from the seminary on Monday, Jan. 11. The speakers on that sad occasion were Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D., of Ft. Wayne, Ind., President of the Chicago Seminary Board; Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., of Greenville, Pa., Treasurer of the Board; Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Professor of Practical Theology at the Seminary; Rev. A. Ramsey, D.D., Professor of Historical Theology; Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D., President of Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D., President of the Swedish Augustana College and Semi-

nary, Rock Island, Ill.; Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., President of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.; Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., President of Wittenberg Seminary, Springfield, O.; Rev. P. A. Laury, M.A., S.T.B., President of Waterloo Seminary, Canada; Rev. Dr. Reiss, of the Garret Bible School, and others.

The body of the deceased was laid in a vault from where it will be interred later.

An article of appreciation of the late Dr. Weidner, written by Rev. Prof. Laury, by request, will be found in another part of this paper.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, (the largest in the Dominion belonging to the General Council) the Rev. E. Bockelmann, pastor, held one of the most encouraging annual meetings of its history on Sunday, Jan. 10. This congregation holds English services every alternate Sunday evening, the rest are German. It is very much interested in our seminary. The men of the congregation have decided to make a house-to-house canvass of the entire town of Waterloo in the interests of our seminary. In addition to this, every wage-earner of the congregation is requested, by resolution of the annual meeting, to contribute one day's wages to the seminary before March 1st. The congregation also supports a student at this institution.

This congregation has two Sunday schools—the German meets Sunday mornings, and the English on Sunday afternoons. At their joint Christmas tree service on Christmas night, the large church was filled to overflowing. Both the German and English Sunday schools of this congregation enjoyed the largest attendances of their history during January. The English S. S. has been lately reorganized and the seminary students, who are interested in it, promise to make it a model English Lutheran Sunday School in a short time, using the General Council graded system and literature. The teachers are studying Hunt's S. S. Hand-book" together with the "Teacher Training Quarterly."

The Luther League of this congregation, which belongs to the Canada Luther League, numbers nearly 150 members. The officers, elected at the recently held annual meeting, to serve for 1915, are: President, E. Huehnergard; Vice-President, B. Knauff; Secretary, Miss Ida Strebel; Assistant Secretary, Miss Hildegard Knauff; Treasurer, H. Schauss; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Al-

ma Kaufmann; Auditors, B. Knauff and H. Lincke.

This League holds monthly business meetings and weekly Topic meetings at which the students of our seminary make addresses on topics of historical and practical interest. It also supports a student in addition to the one supported by the congregation.

WELLAND.

Monday noon, Jan. 4th, saw the writer at the home of Rev. H. A. Kunkle, M.A., at Welland, enjoying the hospitality of this "brother" and his good wife. We were happy to thus get into closer touch with another of our pastors and we feel that we shall never regret this closer acquaintance with Pastor and Mrs. Kunkle and son Howard. We also saw the work in Welland at a closer range than before and were impressed accordingly.

We received the following report from Rev. Kunkle, pastor of St. Matthew's, Welland:

Surely a word of praise and congratulations are in order from the Welland end of the Synod on the splendid edition of the Canada Lutheran, the excellent material, the many cheering notes from the various congregations, the neatness of dress and appearance of the beautiful picture of our King George V. This one edition alone is well worth half of the subscription price and should inspire every loyal and earnest Christian Canadian Lutheran to subscribe for the excellent paper and help to procure other subscribers. Let us hope and pray that St. Matthew's, Welland, will be among the most loyal supporters. God bless the noble and earnest work.

Since our last edition a few more landmarks have been recorded for St. Matthew's. The first English S. S. 'Xmas programme ever held in this church was rendered Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, 1914, at 8 p.m., to an audience of ninety-one people. The children did splendid and the choir kept up to the standard, rendering two appropriate 'Xmas anthems, Miss Anna Stickels, soloist, and Mrs. H. A. Kunkle officiating at the organ. The 'Xmas tree was beautiful and the committee and all who contributed towards it in gifts and labor, deserve much credit and the thanks of the school. The exercises were taken from sample copies given by the Pastor and the music taken from our excellent S. S. hymnal, hence not a cent of extra outlay money for this.

The exercises were all of a high and Christian order, setting forth the Christ Child and not Santa Claus. The offering also was liberal and cheering. May this be the beginning of many more and better services of this nature.

'Xmas morning at 10 a.m. the church was open again for those who desired to commemorate the great birthday of the King of Kings and God of Gods. A fair audience was present.

Saturday, Dec. 26th, Rev. and Mrs. Knauff and son Karl, of Humberstone, were the welcome guests at 66 Maple Ave., when business and pleasure were combined.

Sunday, Dec. 27th, an old year service was conducted at 11 a.m. and a New Year service at 7 p.m.—music, lessons and sermons accordingly.

The local Y.M.C.A. also had an old year or watch night service in the parlors of the Y.M.C.A., when Pastor Kunkle gave the address of the evening.

The Epiphany service (Jan. 6) was poorly attended on account of the very inclement weather. Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday morning, Jan. 10th, when 28 members communed.

The Church Council held a special meeting Sunday evening, Jan. 10th, when they decided to conduct an every member canvass before the expiration of Jan., 1915, and voted to reimburse the treasury of the Laymen's Movement with the \$3 called for.

The Luther League held the December meeting at the home of the secretary, Miss Pearl Minnis, Helms Ave. and Welland St., and the January meeting at the home of Miss Evelyn Toyn, 73 Maple Ave. Interesting, devotional and helpful proful programmes were conducted. A committee was appointed to arrange for a special programme and a public meeting in the near future.

The S. S. Teachers' Association meets twice a month. The first meeting is business and literary, and the second literary and devotional. "The Teacher Training Quarterly" of the General Council is used.

The G. C. English Almanac for 1915 is a real storehouse of facts and information and should be in the home of every Lutheran family, and even others might be enlightened by it. The small sum of 15 cents will buy it. Try it and find out.

St. Matthew's Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society is still on the

move and is watching the needs of the Church. They were in evidence on the night of the S. S. 'Xmas programme, when they handed an envelope, containing \$25, to the organist, Miss Elizabeth Reicheld, and one containing \$10 to the janitor, Mr. Fred Ott. They have recently combined the bi-monthly meetings and conduct the Ladies' Aid business meeting and the Missionary Society and Mission Study in one afternoon, meeting in the church. The other meeting they desire to convert into a sewing circle to raise money for the Church at home and abroad. By Feb. 21st, this organization on the missionary side will be one year old. They are now planning for the anniversary celebration. We trust we can report a good programme of this for the next issue. The study topics and the missionary literature is circulated and read and explained. A canvass for new members is also to be inaugurated. They send greetings to the other societies of the Synod for 1915. Pres., Mrs. H. A. Kunkle; Sec., Mrs. J. Bielke; Treas., Mrs. J. Kottmeier.

ZURICH.

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Zurich Herald," of recent date, containing the annual report of the Lutheran congregation of that village, the Rev. W. C. Miller, B.A., Pastor. A few of the items worthy of mention are given below.

During the year the Ladies' Aid raised over \$310, contributing \$100 for educational purposes, \$50 for the furnishing of a room in our Seminary, and \$25 for local improvements. The Society, which has about 40 members, meets monthly.

The Laymen's Missionary Society is active. At Christmas its members presented a cash gift of over \$100 to the pastor, which they had collected. This made the pastor's income for the year over \$1,000 in addition to free parsonage. This Society meets weekly and studies topics on missions, history, doctrine, sociology, etc. It has over 30 members.

The youngest society in the congregation is the Luther League, which will probably join our Dominion League in May. It has 31 members and meets every Friday evening to study the L. L. topics.

The S. S. has doubled its membership during Rev. Miller's pastorate, and its offerings have been increased by almost \$200 per year. The General Council graded system is used

in German and English. This school has an English Bible Class of 50 members, which contributed \$70 for missions and other purposes during the year. Seventy-five babies are enrolled in the Cradle Roll Dept. and 185 scholars in the S. S. proper. The aim of the school is to raise its enrolment to 300 by the end of this year.

The church membership has also grown and two of the young men of the congregation have this year enrolled in our Seminary, the first since the organization of the congregation over fifty years ago. For all purposes the congregation subscribed and paid, during the past year, \$2,094, making a total with all societies of the church of \$2,684.

It is perhaps remarkable that not a member, during the past year, failed to meet his financial pledges regularly. Would that we had more such congregations not only in our German, but in our English Synod as well.

MY DUTIES TO THE CHURCH OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER.

DUTY III.

Love and Pray for Your Church.

Not in any spirit of bigotry and exclusiveness do I urge upon you love for the Church of which you are a member. We should love the denomination, the particular local community to which we belong, for a far nobler purpose than its mere name, or anything that may distinguish it from other members of the body of Christ. All true believers are founded on the same Rock, and adore and trust in the same Saviour. It is only Christ-like to love and esteem all the followers of the Master. But in this there is no reason why we should not especially love our own fold, as a man especially loves his own home and household.

Such love will give you stimulus, it will inflame your zeal, it will encourage in you the spirit of self-denial, and make all your toil and sacrifice a source of refreshment and joy. Love your Church for Christ's sake, because He is in it, and is being honored and represented by it. Love it, because there He meets you, and opens to your comfort and help the gates of Heaven. Love it, because there His Word is preached and His ordinances are administered. Love it, because it is your spiritual home, and some type

of that upper and brighter "sweet home" for which you are being prepared.

And do not forget to pray for your Church. All hope of success lies in this duty. The praying Church alone is a Church in the true sense. Without the Holy Spirit we only have an organization. He comes—He abides in the Church in answer to prayer. The Church has trials, much opposition, a great work to do; pray for it. So you will help the brethren, so you will help the pastor, and build yourself up in the most holy faith of the Gospel. God has imposed upon us great obligation here, but He has also conferred upon us great privilege—large and blessed are His promises to His people; but for all these things He will be inquired of by us. When you pray for yourself in the closet, when you pray for others in the devotional meetings, remember the Church. Count it a privilege and a joy to bear it up before the throne upon your arms of faith and prayer, and your own soul will share the blessing Heaven grants.

Let it rest in your love and desire, as did Zion of old burden the heart of the Hebrew captives: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth."—Ps. cxxxvii. 5, 6.

DUTY IV.

Do What You Can to Support the Church.

The Church makes no exorbitant demand. It only asks that we give to its necessity as God has blessed us—not more or less. Such an institution cannot subsist on nothing, and the expense incident to its support should not be imposed upon a few. God has ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Besides, there are other expenses which must and ought to be cheerfully met. It is wrong—it is not the will of God—that the poorest should be denied the privilege and grace of contributing to the support of the Gospel. We pay the merchant, and the grocer, and the butcher; not less is the obligation imposed upon all in the Church to bring their offerings to the altar of God, that the ordinances of His house may be maintained. Obligation often rests lightly here, and the burden is too generally laid upon a few. It is a wrong to the Church, and a wrong to the soul. To neglect this duty be-

cause the amount you can contribute is small, smaller than others give, not large enough perchance to gratify an unworthy pride, is a sin,—a sin that will bring famine to the soul. My giving does not depend upon my giving much—it is a duty which God has imposed upon me, and with such condition as makes obedience entirely possible. As God has prospered you, so give; if little, give little; if much, give more; for in either case "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

May it not be the case that there are those who refuse to contribute to the support of the Church from professed want of ability, but who spend more in smoke and other needless luxuries than would be required of them to sustain the Gospel, the glorious Gospel! in the community.

A man may be very poor, his gifts may be very small; but if Christ really dwells in his heart, that heart must give. The mite of such a man is to God as fragrant incense. I befriend you when I urge upon you this duty. "Every man should give as he is able: according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee."—Deut. xvi. 17.

DUTY V.

It is the Duty of Each Member to Contribute to the Benevolent Boards of the Church.

The local church is a part of the denomination as a whole, and if it be a mission, it is a vine of the whole body's planting. To carry on that work, the Lutheran Church has various Boards, to which all our churches are of right expected to contribute. Chief among these are the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, for the spread of the Gospel in our own and foreign lands; the Board of Church Extension, for the erection of houses of worship in destitute portions, and the Board of Education, to render assistance to poor and worthy young men who seek the Gospel ministry. In these we have the machinery of the Church, and without them the denomination could not long exist. Their excellence commends them to every member; besides, it is our duty to give them our prayers and means. The Church cannot be selfish: it is contrary to her whole spirit and aim. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Honor the Lord with thy substance." A Church that has received, but in turn gives nothing, but keeps all with-

in its own walls, cannot prosper, does not represent Christ, and is displeasing to God. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."—Prov. xi. 24. God loveth a cheerful giver, and such have His blessing. "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."—2 Cor. ix. 6.

You are bought with a price, therefore give; not because you can give much, or little, but because it is a duty, and you can thereby worship and glorify God. The Holy Ghost has even given us the method of our alms-giving. It is not to be left to the impulse of the moment, nor to be a duty performed at long intervals. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."—1 Cor. xvi. 2.

If you would be a growing, happy and useful Christian, give in God's way, and as he has blessed you.

Think, dear friend, of the Infinite Giver; at what cost of agony and blood He purchased your salvation; and then count it not a task, not a hard exaction, that you are required to give, but an ordinance of God, a delightful privilege, like His own giving, full of mercy and of good fruits.

(To be continued.)

A RICH YOUNG MAN WHO GAVE.

By Rev. W. R. Dobyns, D.D.

Some people associate devoted Christian service only with middle or old age, and excusingly denominate youth as the time of wild oats. Once in a great while a youth of wildness turns into an age of faithfulness—but this is the exception—not the rule. Hear the story short, but powerful, of young William Whiting Borden.

Born in Chicago, November 1, 1887, into a rich family he was granted every possible comfort and convenience. In his boyhood he gave his heart to Jesus on definite religious convictions, this largely due to the influence of his mother.

Before entering college he chose a Christian companion and made a tour of inspection of the world—not to see its sights, but to ascertain its needs! He was seventeen when he did this. He had not been on the tour eight weeks till he wrote home that he had determined to devote his life to service among the dark nations—and thus he gave his life to Christ's service.

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Entering Yale in 1905 he became a leader in athletics, in class room work, and most of all in religious work. Maintaining the headship of his class in scholarship he was the leader and promoter of prayer bands, Bible classes, and mission workers. He thus gave his influence for Christ's cause. In his sophomore year he, with others, began praying for the hopeless and the outcast of New Haven, and in 1907 the "Yale Hope Mission" was opened, largely through the personal prayer and generous gifts of Borden.

A distinguished foreigner being asked what he thought the most remarkable thing he had seen in this country replied: "William Borden, the wealthy, cultured university student, kneeling in prayer at the Yale Hope Mission with his arm around one of those hopeless drunken men for whom the mission had been started." He gave his service to the cause of Christ.

Learning that 10,000,000 Chinese Moslems were without a missionary, he offered his life for this work, and was appointed to service in Kusan province, the westernmost of China. While in Cairo, Egypt, preparing for this work, he was taken sick, March 21st, and fell asleep April 9, 1913—and thus gave up his life in Christ's service.

He was rich, and his last will and testament included bequests amounting to \$900,000, and the remainder of his estate is to be divided among the

China Inland Mission and three Presbyterian Boards of Foreign Missions.

He guarded these trusts with the request that they be used to support "teachers and missionaries who are sound in the faith, believing in such fundamentals as the doctrine of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, the doctrine of the Trinity, including the Deity of Jesus Christ, and in the doctrine of the atonement through the substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ."

He thus gave his money to spread Christ's kingdom!

"He being dead, yet speaketh." What will your record say when you are gone?—Lutheran Church Work.

We are indebted and grateful to the Holiness Movement Press, Ottawa, for the cut on the cover of this issue. The picture represents Christ praying in Gethsemane, and should be suggestive of the privileges and the duties which the Lenten season brings to us. Lent begins Feb. 17th. Remember the pyramids and our obligations to the Church Extension Society.

When writing for the Canada Lutheran, please remember the rule of the three B's: Brethren, Be Brief. Several articles forwarded to us had to be omitted and others had to be abbreviated for lack of space. Sorry. Be lenient in your judgments of the Editor.

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