

Mrs. A. L. Bitzer, wife of the Treasurer of the Seminary.

March 12, Rev. Prof. P. C. Wike, who has been a member of our Seminary Faculty since it was founded four years ago, bade farewell to his classes and exhorted them ever to be true to their Alma Mater, their Church, and their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The students will not only comply with his exhortation but they will ever remember, with a loving spot in their hearts, their departed professor, brother and friend, Rev. P. C. Wike.

The students have decided, with the permission of the Seminary Board, to conduct a Students' Boarding Club next year. Rules have been drafted, a petition has been prepared and a deputation appointed to meet the Board at its Easter meeting.

The students are kept very busy, not only with their studies but also supplying the various vacant congregations. They will welcome the well-earned rest which will be afforded by the Easter vacation which will be observed during Holy Week. It will prepare the students to come back fresh and strong for the "home stretch" and examinations between now and the end of May.

The Student Missionary Society has appointed Student E. Huehnergard to represent our institution at the Lutheran Student Missionary Conference at St. Peter, Minn., April 8 to 11.

WELLAND.

St. Matthew's Church commemorated the 100 years of peace between the United States and Canada, Feb. 14th.

On Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday, the regular Lenten services were opened.

The Luther League met in the church on Monday, March 8th, and conducted a suitable and interesting Lenten programme. The next meeting will be at the home of Miss Flossie Ott, N. Main Street.

The Sunday school has added three new pupils since last report. The S. S. Association is making use of the Teacher Training Quarterly and meets twice a month. They have elected Miss Carrie Cronmiller to succeed Mrs. H. A. Kunkle as teacher in Sunday school, and Mrs. C. J. Bielke to assume the duties of the Cradle Roll Superintendent in place of Mrs. Kunkle.

Sunday, Feb. 21st, 1915, at the morning service, Julia, daughter of Mike and Annie (Streba) Shurek, was baptized and made a child of grace. Sponsors: the father and Geo. Talosi and wife, Julia Megis. Since then an older daughter has become a member of the Sunday school.

Mr. N. Reicheld, a member of the Church Council and head of one of the largest and most helpful families of St. Matthew's, has bought a valuable farm near Humberstone and will move his family there in the near future. Miss Elizabeth Reicheld, oldest daughter of the family, is the organist in church and Sunday school and will be greatly missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cronmiller and two children have taken temporary residence here. They came from Winnipeg.

With this number of the "Canada Lutheran" we conclude our work as pastor and laborer in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Welland, Ont. May God in mercy bless our few feeble deeds and efforts here and grant rich fruit from the few spiritual seeds sown. Our thanks to all who have made our stay comfortable and possible and have done the kind deeds of a Christian, a neighbor, a church worker and a sincere friend.—H. A. K.

DEDICATION OF ST. MATTHEW'S, BERLIN.

(By E. H. Beckman.)

On Sunday, March 7th the finest Lutheran Church in Canada, St. Matthew's, of Berlin, was dedicated to Almighty God.

St. Matthew's congregation swarmed from St. Peter's (General Synod) of Berlin and was organized on Feb. 23rd, 1904. She immediately joined the Canada Synod, the oldest Lutheran body in Canada. On the first Sunday in March of the same year, just eleven years ago, the congregation held its first service in the town hall. A few weeks later, March 18, a church building was purchased from the Methodists on North Queen street and as early as June 22nd, a parsonage was also purchased. On April 4th, a month after the first service the congregation called the president of Synod, the Rev. E. Hoffmann, of Hamilton, to become its pastor. Under his careful guidance, by the grace of God, the congregation in a few years paid all its debts and made various improvements to its property. To the regret of the whole congregation Rev. Dr. Hoffmann resigned from the pastorate in October, 1912, to accept the repeated, urgent call of Trinity, Toronto. In December of the same year the Rev. C. R. Tappert, of Meriden, Conn., was called as his successor. He was installed in January, 1913. As the church had become too small for the rapidly growing congregation it was resolved, about this