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### LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The eighth annual convention of the Luther League of Canada was held in First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, Ont., on Monday, May 24, 1915. The convention opened at 9.30 a.m., Rev. H. J. Behrens, Pastor of the Convention Church, conducted the opening matin service after which Mr. G. Boyer, Pres., of the Canada Luther League, called the convention to order. Rev. Behrens gave the address of welcome on behalf of the local league to which President Boyer responded. Business was then proceeded with and continued throughout the morning. The Credential Committee reported that 18 leagues were represented by 50 delegates and over a hundred visitors. The Extension Committee reported that two new leagues had made application for membership into this body. They were unanimously received and heartily welcomed. The Treasurer's report showed the finances of the organization to be in a very healthy condition. The report of the delegates to the International Luther League convention at Baltimore last Fall was read and received. The president appointed the following committees: Nominating—Rev. H. A. Kunkle and Messrs. Schultz and Bechman; Resolutions—Rev. N. Willison, Mr. Glaser, and Misses Vollmer and C. Paulsen; Extension and Credentials—Mr. Tennyson, Mr. Cooper and Miss Kern; Press—Rev. J. J. Clemens and E. Beckman; Auditing—Rev. W. H. Knauff and Mr. Bornhold. The offering was then taken after which the first session was adjourned.

#### Second Session.

The afternoon session opened at 2.30 p.m. Rev. J. J. Clemens conducted the opening service. Business was then resumed and among other things it was decided to have the Luther League take over the conducting of the Student Aid Fund and to promote it more in future than has been done in the past. It was also decided to have Canadian patriotic topics published in the "Canada Lutheran" whenever patriotic events occur; also to have other topics prepared to take the place of American patriotic topics when these are published in our Luther League Literature. The following officers were nominated and elected for the coming year:—President, E. B. Westcott, Hamilton; Vice-President, K. C. Bornhold, Berlin; Re-

cording Secretary, Miss G. C. Kern, Berlin; Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. Vollmer; Treasurer, J. O. Neeb, Waterloo; Literature Secretary, C. Sorensen, Waterloo; Trustees, G. Boyer, Hamilton; J. A. Lóa, Ottawa, and H. Shennett, Morrisburg. The reports of the auditors and of the corresponding secretary were heard and adopted. Mrs. H. J. Behrens rendered a very pleasing solo after which three addresses on "Loyalty" were heard. Miss L. Vollmer, of Galt, spoke on "Loyalty to the Luther League," Mr. E. B. Westcott spoke on "Loyalty to Missions," and Student Ernie H. Beckman, of Waterloo Seminary, spoke on "Loyalty to the Seminary." These papers were discussed by the convention. The roll of the convention was called, to which each league responded with a short report. The president was given the power to appoint a delegation to the convention of the Canada Jugend Bund to be held in the Fall. An invitation from the Toronto Luther League to hold the next convention there was received and accepted. An offering was taken and Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury conducted the closing service.

#### Closing Session.

At the evening service, Rev. E. N. Fry, of Sherwood, conducted the opening service. Rev. N. Willison spoke most excellently on "Loyalty to the Bible." Rev. Prof. Laury also spoke in his usual eloquent manner on "Step by Step." Miss G. C. Kern and Mr. Hefford, of Berlin, each sang very pleasing solos at this session. An offering was taken after which the report of the Resolution Committee was heard and adopted item by item, as follows: Be it resolved (1) That a vote of thanks be given to the pastor, president of the Luther League and members of First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, for their cordial and hospitable reception and entertainment of the visiting delegates to this convention. (2) That a message of congratulation be sent by the secretary to our former vice-president and field missionary, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, on his appointment to the post of eastern district superintendent of the Board of English Home Missions and at the same time to express our regret at his removal from our midst as English Field Missionary. (3) That a vote of thanks be extended to the Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, M.A., S.T.B., for his most inspiring address this

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**Report of the Seminary Board.**

To the Honourable Synod of Central Canada:—

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

The Board held four regular meetings during the year, viz., June 30th, September 10th, December 29th, 1914, and April 7th, 1915.

At its meeting on June 30th, 1914, the Board unanimously elected and called the Rev. Preston A. Laury, S.T.B., of Perhasie, Pa., English Professor and President of the Seminary. Prof. Laury accepted our call and assumed the duties of his position on Sept. 1, 1914. On Sept. 30th, 1914, the day of the Seminary opening, he was installed as President of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada at Waterloo, by the Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., President, and the Rev. H. J. Behrens, English Secretary of the Board, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo, the Rev. E. Bockelman, pastor. The Rev. M. Voelker preached the German sermon, and the Rev. H. J. Behrens preached the English sermon. Prof. Laury also spoke and made an eloquent appeal for the hearty co-operation of the Board and members of our congregations in the work of the Seminary. Finally our prayers were answered and the Seminary had a man at its head as president for which we owe heartfelt thanks to God.

The Seminary began its fourth scholastic year Sept. 30th, 1914. Rev. Prof. Laury had charge of the opening exercises which were held at 10 a.m. in the large lecture room. After addressing the students, members of the Board and pastors, he called upon Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., Rev. H. J. Behrens, Rev. Prof. O. Lincke, Rev. Prof. P. C. Wike and Rev. E. Bockelman for brief addresses. Five new students were enrolled, making a total of twelve. The Seminary closed for Christmas holidays, Dec. 18th, 1914, and re-opened January 5th, 1915. The Easter holidays began on March 26th and ended April 6th. The final written examinations were held in the week of May 17th to 21st. The final oral examination was held on May 25th. The Pro-Seminary promotion exercises were held on Friday evening, May 21st in the Seminary chapel. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Prof. O. Lincke, Student H. Wahl and Student J. O. Neeb. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. Laury, Sunday evening, May 23rd, in the First English Lutheran Church. The Seminary graduation exercises were held in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berlin, the Rev. C. R. Tappert, pastor, in connection with the meeting of the German Canada Synod on Friday evening, May 28th. The Rev. M. Arendt made the German address and the Rev. H. A. Kunkle made the English address. Diplomas were awarded to Students C. F. Christiansen and R. Kasdorff, Ph.D. Thus the Seminary closed its fourth successful year. The health of the students has on the whole been good, there being but one or two cases of illness during the year. The students have all made good progress in their studies during the year. The students were of great service to the Church during the year, many vacant pulpits

having been supplied by them in a very efficient way. A number of the students are supplying our vacant churches during the summer vacation. We have therefore reason to give thanks to God for all His benefits during this year.

Seminary Day, October 12th, was a Red Letter Day in the history of the Seminary. People came from far and near to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the new dormitory. The Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., made the German address, and the Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury made the English address. The clerical members of the Board, Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., President, and Rev. H. J. Behrens, English Secretary, performed the act of laying the corner-stone in the presence of a large concourse of people. In the evening the annual Seminary rally was held in St. John's Church, Waterloo. The Rev. M. Voelker spoke in German, and the Rev. N. Willison, the first graduate of our Seminary, spoke in English.

The building operations were brought to a standstill with the laying of the corner-stone to be continued in the early spring. About April 15th, 1915, the masons began work again and the building is now almost ready for the roof. If nothing unforeseen occurs, the dormitory should be completed and ready for the students when the school opens in the fall.

The dormitory will cost about \$30,000. The Board aimed at raising at least \$10,000 in cash contributions in the congregations of the two synods. It has authorized the sale of \$20,000 worth of Seminary bonds in \$10 denominations, bearing 5 per cent. interest per annum. Up to the present time between \$5,000 and \$6,000 worth of these bonds have been sold. It is hoped our people will come forward and purchase these bonds in the next few weeks, as it is the only means the Board has of securing the necessary funds for the financing of the building of the dormitory. The bonds are a good investment, being amply secured by a first mortgage on the Seminary property which will be worth \$40,000 when the dormitory is completed.

During the past year Prof. O. Linke has lived in a house in Waterloo, rented for him by the Board. This house is too small for his family, and in view of the fact that the interest on money borrowed to erect a professor's residence would amount to less than the rent that is being paid, it was decided to build a professor residence on the Seminary grounds.

On October 27th the Rev. F. Schaefer, one of the General Council's foreign missionaries in India, visited the Seminary and addressed the student body.

There are two students' organizations in the Seminary. The Ministers in Training and Cossman's Hayunga Missionary Society. The latter holds a weekly meeting at which various phases of mission work is studied. The students have shown great interest in the work of this Society. The Cossman-Hayunga Missionary Society sent Student E. Huehnergard as its representative to the Lutheran Students' Missionary Conference of North America held at St. Peter, Minn., in Gustovas Adolphus College, April 8th to 11th, 1915.



At its meeting on April 7th the Board approved a course of studies for the collegiate department prepared by Prof. Laury, and authorized him to carry it into effect as far as possible in the ensuing year by using students who are qualified to teach Collegiate branches as instructors.

A very fine catalogue for the year 1915-1916 has just left the press and is ready for distribution.

The Faculty during the past scholastic year consisted of Prof. P. A. Laury, S.T.B., President and Dean; Prof. O. Linke, German Professor; Prof. P. C. Wike, the Revs. C. R. Tappert, M. Voelker and H. J. Behrens. Prof. P. C. Wike severed his connection with the Seminary about the middle of March by removing to Oak Park, Ill.

The present members of the Board are:—From the Canada Synod, the Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., the Rev. F. Veit and the Rev. E. Bockelman, Mr. A. L. Bitzer, Esq. and Mr. L. Peine; from the Synod of Central Canada, the Rev. J. Maurer, the Rev. H. J. Behrens, and the Rev. N. Willison, Mr. C. H. Stiver and Mr. E. A. Bartman. The officers are:—President, Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D.; English Secretary, the Rev. H. J. Behrens; German Secretary, Mr. L. Peine; Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bitzer, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. BEHRENS,

English Secretary.

### Report of Committee on Immigrant Work and Montreal Hospice.

Your Committee on Immigrant Work and the Lutheran Hospice in Montreal begs to report:—

Owing to conditions in Canada consequent to the war and the financial depression resulting therefrom, practically nothing was accomplished in the shape of constructive work along the line of a Lutheran Hospice in Montreal. Appeals were sent out to the various women's societies by the chair-lady of the Inner Mission Committee, calling for donations of cash for the Hospice but with little or no response.

The hope is cherished by your Committee that the need of a Hospice in Montreal may be kept before the Synodical constituency constantly, and that the time may not be far distant when our hope becomes a reality in the shape of a Lutheran Hospice for young Lutheran girls of whatever nationality.

Following the action of Synod relative to the report on a "Bureau of Industry" to be conducted by the Protestant churches of Montreal (see Minutes of 1914, pages 36, 37) your Committee begs to report that such a movement has been launched and is in progress of operation on a small scale now. A promise of a \$2,000 grant from the Canadian Government has been secured. A house has been rented and is occupied by a gentleman and wife who are looking after the welfare of the few girls in the

home. The Rev. John Chisholm, Immigrant Commissioner, is the moving spirit, and is aiming to interest all non-Catholic churches in the movement. The main object is to look after the young girls who come to our shores, chiefly under the direction of employment agencies, take them to this home, and give them a short course of training in the customs of our country, when needed; seek employment for them in Protestant homes, without expense to the girls; keep the various denominations informed of such girls as are members of these respective denominational churches, in order that such church may look after its own girls; and above all, to keep these young innocent girls from falling a prey to dens of iniquity and houses of ill-fame, into which they are innocently decoyed by those who would debauch purity for ill-gotten gains. A large percentage of such young girls coming to this country are from Scandinavian families, and invariably belong to the Lutheran Church. Does it not become the duty of every Lutheran in Canada to become interested in such a movement and do all that is possible by way of co-operation in this work, which means so much to our own Lutheran girls and which may be of great service to our Canadian Lutheran Church in the permanent establishment of the much desired Lutheran Hospice in Montreal.

In view of the foregoing and in consequence of the action taken by the Synod at its last convention your Committee would recommend:

1. That the cause of the Lutheran Hospice in Montreal be kept before the various congregations of Synod and its importance urged by the pastors of these congregations at least once during the year.
2. That formal recognition be made of the movement in Montreal relative to the "Employment Bureau" conducted by the non-Catholic churches of said city.
3. That Synod appoint a representative of the Lutheran Church in Montreal to act on the Board of the above named Bureau.
4. That financial support be given to said movement with an amount not to exceed \$50 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KEEHLEY,

J. C. CASSELMAN,

JOHN J. CLEMENS,

Committee.

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#### Report of the Canada Lutheran Publication Committee.

To the Synod of Central Canada:—

Your Publication Committee of the Canada Lutheran would report that after the last convention of Synod it organized for work with the following staff:—Editor-in-Chief, the Rev. J. J. Clemens, B.D.; Associate Editor, the Rev. H. J. Behrens; Circu-

lation Manager and Treasurer, the Rev. J. S. Herold. In March the Rev. J. S. Herold resigned his position and the Rev. N. Willison was appointed to fill his place. In April the Rev. J. J. Clemens, B.D., resigned as Editor-in-Chief and his duties were taken over by the Associate Editor.

The Committee has published an issue of the paper every month. With assistance from the Canada Luther League and Woman's Missionary Societies of the Synod the financial obligations of the Committee have been met without draft on the Synodical treasury. With present prospects, however, further financial assistance will be required, but your Committee believes that the interest of the Canada Lutheran should be energetically promoted in every possible way. The reasons for publishing a Synodical paper for the Lutheran Church in Ontario were never stronger than at the present time and your Committee would recommend:

1. That the publication of the Canada Lutheran be continued.
2. That its financial integrity be guaranteed by the Synod of Central Canada.
3. That all pastors and friends be requested to do all in their power to place "The Canada Lutheran" in every home.

Respectfully submitted,

N. WILLISON,  
H. J. BEHRENS.

### Treasurer's Report of The Canada Lutheran.

To the Synod of Central Canada:—

For the information of your honourable body the Treasurer of The Canada Lutheran presents the following report:—

Unionville, May 16th, 1915.

#### Receipts.

Subscriptions . . . . .	\$ 125 10
Woman's Missionary Societies . . . . .	27 00
Canada Luther League . . . . .	50 00
Advertising . . . . .	12 00
	—————\$ 214 00

#### Disbursements.

Printing Canada Lutheran . . . . .	\$ 169 20
Printing subscription notices . . . . .	2 00
Express, postage, etc. . . . .	13 30
Balance on hand . . . . .	29 60
	—————\$ 214 00

Respectfully submitted,

N. WILLISON, Treasurer.

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evening, to Rev. N. Willison for his excellent address, to the speakers at this afternoon's session for their able and very helpful discourses and also to those who sang to us so beautifully and effectively. Rev. E. N. Fry conducted the closing service. Thus the eighth annual and most successful convention of the Canada Luther League passed into history. May the resolutions passed at it be put into practical effect during the coming year.

Submitted on behalf of the Press Committee—ERNIE H. BECKMAN.

### THE CANADA LUTHERAN.

Friends of The Canada Lutheran are responding to our appeal for assistance in placing "The Canada Lutheran in every home." We want our circulation doubled within the next month and it could be done if our motto were carried into effect. Readers, let us co-operate in this very necessary work. Business enterprises find it profitable to advertise. Evangelical Lutheranism in Canada needs, more than ever before, such "advertising" as is furnished by our representative, The Canada Lutheran. Do not delay sending your subscription to the Circulation Manager and Treasurer, the Rev. N. Willison, Unionville, Ont.

### 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.)*

#### Waterloo.

The Seminary is the scene of great activity at this writing. Inside the students are busy on their examinations, the faculty is busy examining their papers and arranging for the commencement and closing exercises. Outside the masons are busily engaged raising the walls of the new administration building to the tune of their hammers and trowels as predicted in our last report. Each day sees these walls rising a little higher. Each day sees our new building a little nearer completion. Each day brings us a little closer to the time when we shall rejoice in a greater institution at Waterloo. We need it. You need it and, perhaps, your need is greater than ours. Hence it is your duty not only to pray, but also to pay that this time which every loyal Can-

adian Lutheran should be looking with anxious anticipation, may not be delayed.

On Wednesday, May 12, the "Seminary family" was invited to supper at the home of Mrs. Hagen, of Berlin. A most excellent repast was served by the hostess and friends and both Prof. Laury and the students joined in extending to Mrs. Hagen their most heartfelt thanks for her kindness which was greatly appreciated by all. Thus, from time to time, though we must be away from home, our student life is brightened with a ray of kind hospitality by some valued friend of our beloved institution.

### Canada Synod.

Our sister synod is making remarkable forward strides. Two months ago we reported the dedication of the new St. Matthew's Church in Berlin. Last month we published the picture of the handsome edifice and this month it is our pleasure to report still further advances within the bounds of our German sister synod.

On Sunday, May 9th, St. James' congregation, of Elmira, the Rev. J. Stremper, pastor, rejoiced to dedicate their beautiful new church to the services of Almighty God. The regular service for consecration of churches was followed. The act of consecration was performed by the pastor, Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., of Toronto, and E. Bockelmann, of Waterloo, preached the dedicatory sermons. The choirs of the Lutheran churches of Waterloo and Elmira furnished the music. In the afternoon Rev. H. Hansen, of Conestogo, was the speaker and the choir of Waterloo and men's chorus of New Hamburg furnished the music. In the evening Rev. H. J. Reble, of Linwood, preached the German and Rev. Kennerly, of Alliance, O., the English sermon, while Rev. Hansen conducted an over-flow service in the basement. On Monday evening Rev. F. Schorten, of Listowel, preached the German and Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Berlin, the English sermon. The choir and quartette of the Elmira church furnished the music. On Tuesday evening Rev. E. Schuelke, of Heidelberg, addressed the Ladies' Aid; Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, M.A., S.T.B., of Waterloo, addressed the choir; Rev. Prof. O. Lincke, of Waterloo, addressed the Young People's League, and Rev. Kennerly gave the closing address. Music was furnished by the choirs of St. Matthew's and First English Lutheran churches of Berlin



and of our churches in St. Jacobs and Elmira.

At the same time that the good people of Elmira were holding these special services the members and friends of St. James' Church, of Hespeler, were holding special services of a similar nature. The church, which had been closed for some time while being enlarged and renovated, during which time also a fine new pipe organ was installed by the young people, was re-opened for services on Sunday, May 9th, when the organ was dedicated and the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Fiebelkorn, of Los Angeles, Cal., took charge and preached his first sermon. The church was filled at the morning service. Miss Liersch, organist of the congregation, played the opening hymn on the old organ after which the new organ was dedicated by the pastor, who also preached the German sermon on "Watch and Pray." In the evening he preached in English on "The Saviour's Love and a Mother's Love." Prof. Smith, of Berlin, presided at the new organ at both services. At the evening service Messrs. Charles Stager and Joseph Darwen very ably assisted the choir with violin and cornet accompaniments. Mr. Frank Carpenter, of Galt, sang "Just Beyond," and Miss Maine, of Preston, sang "Let Us Have Peace." On Monday evening an organ recital was given on the new organ. There was another large attendance on this occasion. Every seat was occupied and many were turned away, unable to gain admittance. Rev. Fiebelkorn presided. Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, M.A., S.T.B., of Waterloo Seminary, was the speaker and, as usual, held his audience spell-bound until he was through. The programme was varied and lengthy and was carried out very pleasingly. Mrs. Logan, of Guelph, presided at the organ very ably indeed. The choir of the St. Peter's, Preston, assisted in their usual able manner.

#### Welland.

Rev. W. H. Knauff reports the following:

Since the beginning of May, Pastor Knauff, of Holy Trinity Church, Humberstone, has taken over the work of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of this place, in connection with the work in his own parish. One service each Sunday is being conducted morning and evening alternately. The choir has been revived and is rendering valuable service each

Sunday. Miss Dairy has been secured as organist, since the resignation of Miss Lizzie Reichel, who has faithfully served in this capacity for some years, and who, because of the removal of the family to Port Colborne, found it necessary to retire from this sphere of love and service.

The congregation closed its first year since the re-organization effected by Field Missionary Bieber. The annual congregation meeting was held May 16th. All the organizations of the church reported, as follows:—Mr. J. Kattmeier, president of the Church Council, gave a survey of the work of the congregation during the past year; Mr. R. Schultz, superintendent of the Sunday school, reported an enrollment of 38, and receipts of \$65.05. The report of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was given by the secretary, Mrs. Bielke. The Society has 14 members and gave \$29.44 for benevolences from June, 1914 to May, 1915, besides doing local charity work for the hospital, etc. The Luther League reported through Miss Pearl Minnes an enrollment of 20 and total receipts of \$68.81 during the year, improvements made in the church by this Society costing \$40.16. Miss Flossie Cronmiller, secretary-treasurer of the choir, reported receipts of \$19.71 through their own offerings taken at the services. The choir secured its own music. "The Volunteer Choir." The financial secretary of the congregation, Mr. Schultz, reported receipts for the year thus:—plate offerings, \$129.09; by envelope subscriptions, \$548.34, of which \$62.75 was received for benevolences, the total receipts being \$777.43. The following deacons, whose terms of office have expired, were re-elected for a term of three years: Mr. J. Kottmeier, Mr. F. Livingstone, and Mr. W. Minnes. Also the following brethren were elected to fill the vacancies in the Church Council by the removal of Mr. E. Hurst to Hamilton and Mr. N. Reicheldt to Port Colborne, Mr. H. Buhmann and Mr. Guy. The delegate to the meeting of Synod is Mr. J. Kottmeier, with Mr. R. Schultz as alternate.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. M. Vandeburg; Vice-President, Mrs. Weaver; Secretary, Mrs. Bielke; Treasurer, Miss Carrie Cronmiller. The Luther League at the annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. M. Vandeburg, elected the

following officers:—President, Mr. R. Schultz; Vice-President, Mr. Elwood Cronmiller; Rec. Secretary, Miss Clara Horton; Cor. Secretary, Miss Florence Ott; Treasurer, Miss F. Cronmiller.

Thus closed a successful year's work in the Lord's kingdom.

#### Humberstone--Pt. Colborne.

The following comes from Rev. W. H. Knauff:

With the advent of Spring when nature comes forth in all its freshness and beauty, improvements are also being made to the church property. The carpet, reported in last issue to be purchased by the Ladies' Aid Society for the church auditorium, has not yet been selected. They are waiting for belated samples, but hope to make the selection at a meeting on May 20th. The lawn about the parsonage, which had been filled in the past winter by our members, has now been levelled and seeded down, and we hope soon to have the lawn-mover at work. Mr. Hansen, one of our faithful members is employed after working hours in building a cupboard for the Ladies' Aid Society to be placed in the church annex. The useful article is of cypress throughout and promises to be very beautiful.

The congregation is having but one service each Sunday, morning and evening alternately, as Pastor Knauff is serving also in Welland. While this new arrangement is causing the regular twice-a-Sunday churchgoer to feel that he is being deprived of a great privilege and blessed custom, yet we are comforted in the fact that we are rendering others a service and making a sacrifice that others might also have the bread of life broken unto them. The Sunday school is being held regularly every Sunday, supervised by its faithful superintendent, Mr. Fred C. Hesler.

The Luther League has decided to send three delegates, including the pastor, to the Luther League convention in Berlin, on May 24th. The delegates are Miss Beata Deterling and Miss Lorena Mehlenbacher.

The Circulation manager will be pleased at any time to answer any enquiries relating to the circulation, or business management in general, of "The Canada Lutheran." If mistakes occur in his department let him know and he will endeavor to rectify them.

#### Zion, Sherwood.

It is rare that anything is heard from this place, yet that does not signify that the work of the Master is not being done. The Luther League is moving forward. The pastor is busy gathering in the sheep. The catechetical work is progressing. He hopes to confirm those who have been receiving the catechetical instruction in the near future. Much interest is being manifested for the Seminary at Waterloo.

#### First English Lutheran.

The First English Lutheran Church held its annual congregational meeting after the evening service last night. The reports showed that the congregation and all the organizations of the church have had a prosperous year.

The pastor reported that the health of the congregation had been good, there were only a few cases of serious illness during the year. There were seven deaths, of whom three were adults and four infants.

The pastor reported having performed the following ministerial acts: Twenty-five infants and one adult were baptized; 14 persons were confirmed and 36 persons were received into membership by card, a total of 50 accessions for the year. The communicant membership of the congregation is now 201.

The congregation will celebrate the first anniversary of the dedication of its house of worship and the third anniversary of the first service held in Concordia Hall on Sunday, June 13.

Mr. W. T. Sass, Mr. Herman Wellein and Mr. J. H. Barkley were elected to serve on the Church Council for a term of three years. Mr. C. A. Kern was appointed delegate and Mr. W. T. Sass alternate to the Convention of Synod of Central Canada at Morrisburg, Ont., June 6-9, 1915.

Mr. J. Knorr, the treasurer of the congregation reported that the receipts for all congregational purposes were \$2,717.94, and expenditures \$2,641.21, having a balance of \$76.73.

The total receipts for missions and benevolent purposes were \$850.93. The Sunday School has grown rapidly during the past year. The enrollment is now 170 scholars and teachers. The Luther League added 19 persons to its membership, the total now being 50. The total receipts of The Luther League were \$245.08 of which \$178.75 was paid to the Church Building Fund, \$10 to Students' Aid Fund,

\$11.15 to Seminary at Waterloo and \$40.18 to Berlin Relief Association.

The Woman's Missionary Society has done good work during the past year. The total income was \$64.75.

The Ladies' Aid Society which was organized only a year ago is the largest organization in the congregation. Its total income for the year was \$279.75.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year. Church Council:—The Pastor, Rev. H. J. Behrens, chairman, Messrs. J. G. Cress, J. H. Barkley, W. T. Sass, J. Rosenburger, J. Knorr, A. J. Bock, Chas. Lossing, S. Burkholder, and H. Wellein. Trustees: Messrs. Jonas Rudy, Chas. Hohmeier, and J. B. Cress.

Officers of the Sunday School are superintendent, the pastor, secretary, Mr. A. Huehnergard, treasurer, Mr. J. Rosenburger, librarian, Mr. Chas. Lossing.

Officers of the Luther League:—President, Mr. H. Glasser; secretary, Miss Gussie Kern; corresponding secretary, Mr. Stanley Gartung; treasurer, Mr. Clayton Bock.

Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society are president, Mrs. S. Burkholder; vice-president, Mrs. O. Klinck; secretary, Mr. A. J. Bock; treasurer, Mrs. J. Bock; treasurer, Mrs. J. Rosenburger.

Officers of the Ladies' Aid: Pres., Mrs. H. J. Behrens; secretary, Mrs. R. Dean; treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Strome.

With a prosperous year behind it the congregation looks forward with the optimism of faith in God to even greater work for the coming year.

#### Unionville and Buttonville.

In our last monthly report the name of Miss Rhea Scott, of Buttonville, was inadvertently omitted from the list of persons confirmed at our Easter services. The May meeting of the Buttonville Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Quaretz. The May meeting of Unionville Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Frank Frisby. Our Luther League meetings are being continued with good attendances. A Woman's Missionary Society has been organized at Unionville with the following officers: President, Mrs. F. L. Stiver; vice-president, Mrs. N. Willison; secretary, Mrs. R. Elliott; treasurer, Miss Irene Pingle; literature chairman, Mrs. Frank Frisby. Application for membership in the Synodical body will be made at the next meeting in

Morrisburg on June 10th. On Sunday, April 18th Pastor Willison supplied in the Church of the Redeemer, Montreal. His reception by the good and faithful members of Pastor Keehley's congregation was most cordial. Student E. Huehnergard, of Waterloo Seminary, preached in the churches of this parish on that day and acquitted himself with credit to himself and our institution. He will find a warm welcome here at any future time.—N. Willison.

#### Trinity, Hamilton.

Rev. Kunkle writes as follows:

Another month is history. We read with interest the May number of the Canada Lutheran—when we were reminded of the fact that more notes were due. We may not have ten pages this time, but a few articles of importance may find room we trust. The first we may note, is our installation, Wednesday evening, April 21st, 1915, when the Rev. W. H. Knauff, of Humberstone, officiated and preached the sermon. The senior choir furnished special music. The next was a L. L. sociable in the parlor and lecture rooms of the church. A week later the election of officers:—Pres., Gordon Boyer; Vice-Pres., Mr. Hitzroth; Rec. Sec., Miss E. Schultz; Cor. Sec., Mr. Catchpole; Treas., Miss Pearce; Librarian, Miss L. Dodson; organist, Miss A. Otterbein. The annual was encouraging. The every-member-cavass for the reclaiming of lapsed members and the ingathering of new members has been a success. Some very encouraging reports have been received. The eight teams deem it a pleasure and are willing to continue. Seven new members have been enrolled, besides the class confirmed and good prospects for more.

Ascension Day services were conducted at 8 p.m. This was new in Trinity, but we hope it may increase in interest and attendance from year to year.

The Ladies' Aid held their annual election after the service:—Pres., Mrs. L. Hagey; Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. B. Westcott; Sec., Mrs. L. Johnson; Treas., Mrs. I. B. Miller. With much regret the Society accepted the declination of Mrs. A. L. Lay for reelection as president. She served in that capacity for six years. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Lay for faithful and efficient service during the past years.

The Society has arranged to celebrate the 6th anniversary on Thursday, May 20th, at 8 p.m., when the

May topic, "When the Children of the World are Sick," is to be rendered at a public meeting, together with special music, an address by the pastor, followed by a social hour. This is their first public celebration.

Holy communion, confirmation and reception of new members to be conducted at the morning service on Pentecost.

Sunday evening, May 16th, Pastor Kunkle conducted a communion service at Brantford for our mission there and Mr. F. W. Otterbein supplied Trinity pulpit at Hamilton. The work at Brantford looks very hopeful.

Our Trinity L. L. had the honor and pleasure of having Mr. J. A. Loa, of Ottawa, in our midst Sunday, May 17th and hear a good speech from him at that meeting.

#### Galt.

It is now two months since the writer took charge of the work in St. Paul's, Galt, and the Lord has blessed our work beyond all expectations. From the first Sunday the attendance at services, both morning and evening, began to increase. At first we thought it might be because theological students are sometimes considered to be somewhat of a curiosity but the services are still growing in interest as well as in attendance. During our Easter vacation we were able to visit almost every family and received a warm welcome everywhere. At present a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments is being preached at the evening services. During the month Rev. Behrens canvassed the congregation in the interests of the Seminary with good results. We regret to report that Mr. and Mrs. Altemann and daughter, Gertrude, have left Galt to live in Berlin. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new home. The Church Council has had the church notice again inserted in the local paper and also issued the first number of a "Quarterly Bulletin" of the congregation. During the month a History of the Lutheran Church in general and of St. Paul's congregation in particular was published in the "Galt Reporter" at its request. The annual congregational meeting will be held May 19th.

The Sunday School is running two contests, one for new members, the other for regular attendance. Both are proving very successful. Fifteen new scholars have been enrolled during the past month. The teachers and officers have also decided to re-or-

ganize the school according to the General Council Graded System. A new constitution is also being prepared and a blackboard has been secured. A library will also soon be started. At the annual meeting on May 6th the following officers were elected:—Supt., H. Seyffert; Sec., Hilda Jones; Treas., Percy Kay; Organist, Edna Leutwein and Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Geo. Fletcher.

The Luther League is also alive. The devotional meetings have been changed from Monday to Sunday evenings with an increase of attendance of 500 per cent. The business meetings are also held now at the homes of the members, with social features connected, instead of at the church. Eight new members have been received at the last two meetings. The League gave a very successful musicale in the church on April 30th. Every number was good. There was no applause, but many numbers were encored. A free-will offering was taken. During the evening a presentation was made on behalf of the choir to Miss G. Alteman, retiring organist of the congregation. Miss Laura Vollmer made the presentation while the acting pastor read the address. At the annual meeting of the League on May 3rd, at the home of Mrs. C. Vanevery, the following officers were elected:—Pres., Mr. G. Fletcher; Vice-Pres., R. Schoenfeldt; Rec. Sec., Miss L. Vollmer; Cor. Sec., Miss C. Kleber; Treasurer and Organist, Miss E. Leutwein. The following committees were also appointed:—Membership, Misses L. Vollmer, E. Martz, E. Leutwein, and H. Jones; Social, Mrs. Wilford and Misses Vollmer, Martz and Kent; Programme, Miss Dalgleish, Mrs. Clemens and Miss Leutwein. Delegates and their alternates were also elected to attend the Luther League convention in Berlin. A committee was also appointed to organize a Junior Luther League.

On Sunday afternoon, May 16th, a meeting of the younger people of the congregation (between the ages of 7 and 15) was held and a Junior Luther League was organized. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected:—Pres., Russel Meyers; Vice-Pres., Clarence Reinhart; secretary, Arthur Leutwein; treasurer, Sherman Erison. The following committees were also elected:—Membership, Esther Schoenfeldt, Henry Miller, Willow Christie and Rosie Kent; Devotional, Arlington Willrich, Fran-



cis Despond, Willow Christie and Esther Schoenfeldt; Social, Sherman Erison, Clarence Reinhart, Willow Christie and Rosie Kent. Devotional meetings are to be held every Sunday afternoon and business meetings on the first Saturday of each month.

The Ladies' Aid also continues to make progress. A very successful home-made baking sale was held on May 15th. The proceeds amounted to well over \$20. The following officers were elected at the annual meeting on May 6th:—Pres., Mrs. C. Van-  
every; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Curtis; Sec., Mrs. G. Fletcher; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Herb. Schoenfeldt, and Treas., Mrs. Amos Rush.

#### Guelph.

During the month the pulpit of St. Paul's, Guelph, has been supplied by the faculty and students of the Seminary.

#### Brantford.

From F. W. Otterbein comes the following:—

Our report this month may be summed up in the words, "holding our own." We are very sorry to report the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Goos and family who have moved to Ingersoll. During their eight months' stay with us they endeared themselves to all and will be sadly missed. They were very faithful in the Sunday School, in the Ladies' Aid and in the congregation proper. With sorrowful hearts we bid them farewell on the 2nd May and our best wishes and prayers go with them to their future home. Almost with the same breath we welcomed back to our church Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nichols and son, Leroy, and Mrs. Nichols' mother, Mrs. Hotel. They were faithful members of our church until a year ago when they moved to Mt. Salem, Ont. We welcome them back with happy hearts and earnestly hope their stay with us will be permanent.

Our attendance remains about the same but our finances are in a slightly better condition than formerly.

On Tuesday evening, May 4th the Ladies Aid held a Birthday Social which was a decided success. Despite the inclement weather the attendance was 103 and the offering amounted to nearly \$30. Quite a number came along from Hamilton to take part in the programme and their services were indeed appreciated. The ladies are to be congratulated on the success of this entertainment. We

beg to thank all who so kindly helped to make this a success.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. E. McLaren, and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. McLaren and the two dear little sons, Ernest and Everett. We believe Mrs. McLaren would have shortly united with our Church, but God has called her home to Him.

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#### POOR NICHOLAS NAMENLOS.

One year ago Nicholas Namenlos was a healthy Christian. His appetite for God's Word was normal, his Christian pulse good, his cheeks fair and ruddy with spiritual health, his step firm, his vision clear, his feet set in the way that leads to eternal life, and Jesus was his best friend.

Alas, to-day it is all so different. He is a spiritual invalid. Faith has fled from his heart, hope from his eye, love from his life. His spiritual pulse is weak, fluctuating. His step is uncertain. He is a spiritual wreck. He has even forgotten his daily prayers, and nothing wearies him so much as the Word of his God.

How did it come about? It was on the first Sunday in Lent. Poor Nicholas had company on that Sunday. The company came early and stayed late. He had made a good beginning on Ash Wednesday by attending Holy Communion, and the Devil was very angry. So the Devil put it into the heart of some "good friends" to visit N. N. just before church time, and poor N. N., for fear of offending his "good friends," stayed home, talked of everything worldly, kept the piano going at a lively pace, took his company out for an auto ride, and ended by accepting an invitation for the third Sunday to his friends' house.

Next Sunday N. N. went to church "as usual," but church was not "as usual"—the service was tedious, the sermon was dry—just something

about the Gospel, and nothing up-to-date,—the minister did not shake hands with him, and he “did not get dinner until one o’clock,” so “the afternoon was spoiled.”

Well, from that time on poor N. N. has been going steadily down hill. His Christian joy is all gone. He is cultivating some doubts about the Bible. He talks about “hypocrites,” meaning other people, not himself. He does not believe in being “over religious.” Not once during Advent was he seen at church. His parents are worried. They said to the pastor, “What has come over our dear son N. N.?” And the pastor replied, “He has a bad attack of worldliness, which is just as fatal, if not promptly checked, as profanity, lust or self-conceit.”—W. K. F. in Lutheran Tidings.

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agent for good; but when its model characters are willful pompous, immoral and impossible withal its effect is deplorably degrading.

#### Why He Was At Church.

There was great rejoicing with the minister, the leaders, and the congregation, when Jeff Parkes, the village butcher and, incidentally, the greatest sinner in the village, made his appearance at church one Sunday morning. Immediately service was over one of the deacons went to Jeff. “Oi’m right glad to see thee at church, Jeff. What guid impulse has prompted thee to come?”

“Well, it’s loike this,” explained Jeff, “Oi fun’ a bad saxpince ‘i th’ till one day last week, but tha needna tell iverybody.”—Tit-Bits.

I learn that you are agitated by many tempests, and that your soul is tossed to and fro by the waves.—The cross of Christ is divided among the world, and each man has his share. You should not, therefore, reject that which has fallen to you. Receive it rather as a holy relic, not in a vessel of silver or of gold, but in what is far better—in a heart of gold,—in a heart full of meekness.—Luther.

#### A Tribute to Christianity.

P. T. Barnum, the great showman, travelled extensively, and was a keen observer. He once delivered this testimony: “Show me a place where there are not any churches, and where preachers are never seen and I will show you a place where old hats are stuffed into windows, where the gates have no hinges, where the women are slipshod, and where maps of the devil’s wild land are printed on men’s shirt bosoms with tobacco juice—that’s what I will show you. Let’s consider what these things have done for us before we lightly esteem them.”

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## TONGUES.

By Stuart B. Stone.

Wonderly yawned from the depths of his favorite chair in his favorite corner at the Spectator Club.

"Just been driven from my own home by the gentler sex in executive session with Mrs. Wonderley," he remarked. "Woman's suffrage—home missions—bridge—Browning—something or other. Great day; you ought to have heard the clacking of tongues!"

The gang nodded, from bald, ruddy old Burton, who never spoke to twenty women, to Schelley-Forbes, who had married and divorced three.

"Women are the limit!" declared Canby, the lawyer. "Been gossiping since Eve told on the serpent in the garden, shattering reputations, spreading scandal, dissolving homes, estranging friends—"

There was another general shaking of heads.

"Gossip's the one great archfiend!" declared Wonderley.

"And woman is his prophetess," said Dicky Birmingham, putting the last word on the discussion.

Again the gang nodded and there remaining nothing to be said, the air grew thick with the blue-gray smoke of reflection. After five minutes old Burton ended the silence.

"There goes little Dolly Townsend. They say she and Billy get along like two Kilkenny cats—wouldn't surprise me—"

He was interrupted by three eager-faced, shrill-voiced clubmen.

"Billy's already been to see a lawyer," trembled Schelley-Forbes.

"I understand the petition has been filed," quavered Wonderley.

"They'll both be married again within three months," prophesied Dicky Birmingham.

The others drew their chairs closer. The conversation became general and clamorous, clashing, jarring, losing coherence.

"They do say—"

"They tell me—"

"Reminds me of the Fuller-Hampton case," suggested Jakey Coombs, and he went into a 30-minute narration on alimony, co-respondents, incompatibility, temperament, decrees and care of children.

"But that was due to Hampton's drinking," spoke up old Burton. "Do you know I hear Tom Vanmeter is going straight to the demnition dogs from looking too much on the goblets."

"So's Willie Deane," put in Schelley-Forbes.

"And Charley Thomas."

"And Danby and Carrington."

For five minutes silence reigned again, while the gang smoked fiercely. Then Wonderley spoke.

"I understand they have the dead proof on Willie Woods cheating at bridge."

"There are a lot of others that haven't been caught," volunteered Dicky Birmingham.

"Well, I should say!" confirmed old Burton. "If I told what I saw at the Deering's the other evening—"

"Well, tell it," commanded Wonderley.

"Let her rip!"

Old Burton let her rip. It was good for fifteen minutes more reflective smoking. Then Schelley-Forbes declared that he had heard it intimated that there was considerable talk to the effect that lots of people thought Dicky Shelton was living tremendously beyond his salary and that something was bound to happen. And old Burton narrated the conversation he had heard between the Jimmy Baynses, who lived in the flat next to him. And Wonderley told about Mrs. Allingham and her eleven cooks. By that time it was growing late. Wonderley arose and yawned again.

"I must go," he announced. "I can only hope that bunch of Xantippes up at the house has dispersed without riddling every reputation this side of the golden gate."

"Your hopes are doomed in advance," chuckled old Burton, and the others nodded.

Then Wonderley went home and told Mrs. Wonderley that he had been improving his mental faculties in the club library, and that if she had been doing the same, instead of listening to a lot of magpies besmirching the world and his wife, she would have been infinitely better off.

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It is stated that the Unitarian church is confined almost entirely to New England. More than half the strength of the body is in Massachusetts. The total number of Unitarian churches in this country is only 421. There are 67,749 communicants, and of these 34,610 are in Massachusetts. There are 4,400 in New York, 3,819 in California, and 3,252 in New Hampshire.

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## The Real Value of Higher Education.

At a time when thousands of young men and women are soon to enter upon another school year it is well to consider the true aim and value of learning. The Herald and Presbyterian expresses it thus:

Higher education is intended to help fit one more thoroughly for the active duties of life; to train one to larger usefulness; to help develop a stronger, better character. It is not so much what one learns as what he becomes. It is not so much for the purpose of becoming able to get

money and do business as it is to develop true character and become strong, self-reliant, self-restrained, self-poised, thoughtful and courageous. It is not so much the acquiring of accomplishments as the development of character. The young man or young woman who takes on a clean, religious, elevated, well-disciplined character, is prepared, in the providence of God, for meeting the emergencies that may arise in life, accomplishing its duties, and being, through it all, one who is a force for good and for truth.

## THE CHEERFUL GIVER.

Prose Poem by Walt Mason.

I flash my roll and freely give to help the abject poor to live, and make their lives a song, when I feel sure the Daily Wave will print a list of those who gave to aid the hungry throng. It is a noble thing to hand assistance to the ones who stand and weep in cataracts, to comfort grief, assuage distress—when we are sure the daily press will chronicle the facts. The widow wails, her hands she wrings, I go with healing in my wings and dry her bitter tears; I give her children hats and shoes—when I feel sure that in the News a full account appears. And when the hat is passed to aid some worthy object, I'm arrayed with those who hand out kale; and then how anxiously I wait the evening sheet—it's always late!—to read the stirring tale! Oh Charity, the noblest thing of which the high-brow poets sing, I am your faithful friend! For you I always have a scad—but I must see I get an ad before that scad I spend!

## How the Minister is Treated.

Once upon a time a manager asked George Ade if he had ever been taken for a minister.

"No," replied Ade, "but I have been treated like one."

"How was that?"

"I have been kept waiting for my salary six or seven months."