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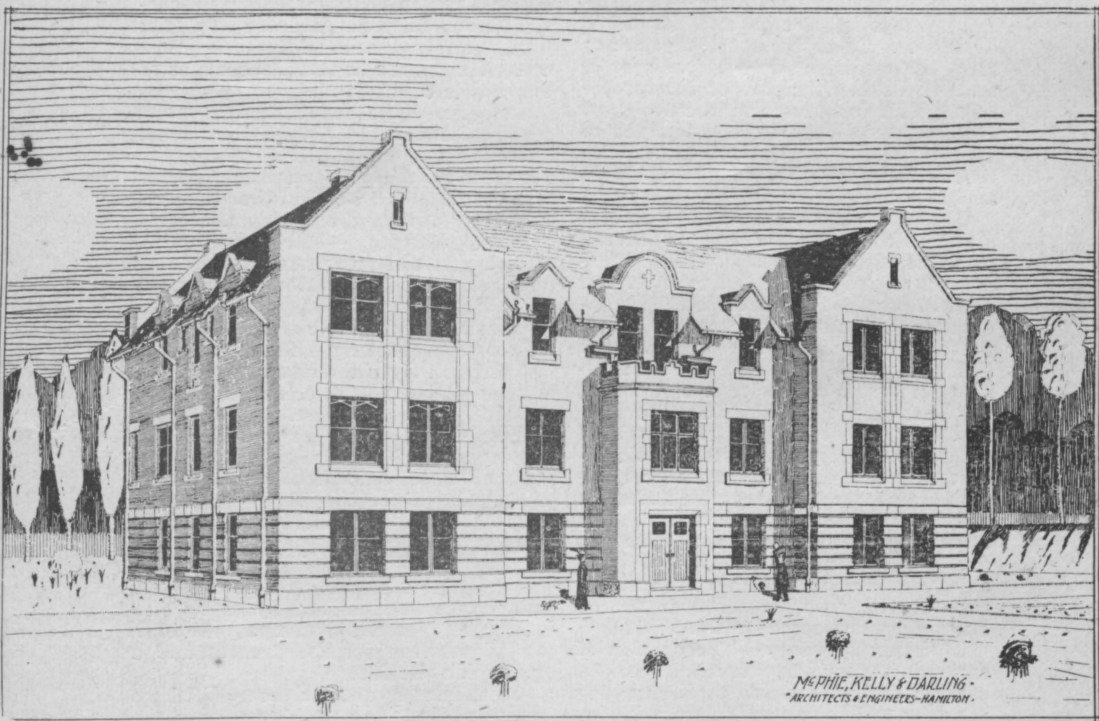
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By Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D.

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Such a course of study ought to appeal to every young man of Canada. It ought to enlist the hearty support of parents, and encourage the patrons of the College and Seminary at Waterloo. With proper training at our institutions and adequate support, Waterloo is destined to become the educational centre of the Lutheran Church of Canada.

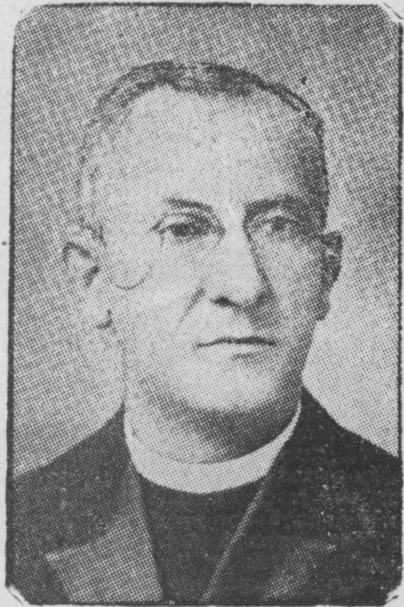
OUR SEMINARY.

The Beauty and Necessity of Its Work.

By Rev. E. E. Hoffman, D.D.

This is my answer upon the Editor's request for a contribution for the September number of the "Canada Lutheran," which he was anxious to make a Seminary number. Although his request came to hand just when I was getting ready to leave on a two weeks vacation trip, I dared not to deny it. I have never refused to speak or to write or to act, if the interest of the Seminary required it. I could not. My conscience would not permit; neither would my love for the cause. Yes, I love our Seminary and the work it is entrusted with; being very cool and sober-minded generally, I have occasionally surprised myself aglow with enthusiasm, when called upon to assert the cause, the needs, the promotion of our Seminary. It is no wonder. I am a Seminary-made man myself. With a grateful heart I recall my Seminary days, because they opened for me the door into the ministry of the Lutheran Church. It is almost thirty years now, since by the grace of God I was permitted to pass through this door. If to-day I were asked to recapitulate these thirty years spent in the service of the Lord and His Church, with a whole heart and unreservedly, I would join in with St. Paul: "This is a true saying: if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." Every year in His service has deepened the experience of the glory of the office of the New Testament, with its blessed message in Christ's stead: "Be ye reconciled to God"; every year has confirmed the conviction that a faithful ministry besides the extraordinary opportunities of bearing abiding fruit it offers, proves to be the road towards true temporal happiness as well. Thus being a happy pastor myself, I cannot but bless the Seminary, where he who enters through its gates, to be made a pastor, and assure him, that a busy and laborious but nevertheless

happy life is awaiting him. I am delighted at the prospect of a handsome addition to our student body, when the Seminary re-opens for work in the fall. But I could almost deplore the fact, that it will take three to six years to prepare and qualify them for service, because every one of them could be placed to-day at some important field in our Canadian Lutheran Church: I am the President of the German Home Mission Board of the General Council. The Canadian North-west is the Board's territory. It is at the present time confronted with a most distressing lack of men, which threatens to cripple our whole



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missionary activities. Heretofore the Seminary at Kropp in Germany, supplied our men for the North-west. The war has closed the doors of this institution for us, thereby depriving us of the only means of supplementing the rank and file of our missionaries. The American institutions of the General Council do not seem to be able to furnish them. The effect is obviously most deplorable. We have at least half a dozen shepherdless flocks and not a single man at our disposition, and not a single man in view. It is true these vacant parishes are not altogether uncared for. Our faithful

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EDITORIAL.

REUNIONS.

The past month brought to our notice many family reunions. Personal invitations have no doubt reached many of our readers as well as the Editor of the Canada Lutheran, who was the first president of one of the largest families in E. Pa., viz., The Kresge Reunion, the reunion and family on the mother's side. A monument was erected at Gilberts, Monroe Co., Pa., in honor of Philip Kresge, the old pioneer and his many descendants, Thursday, August 19, 1915, and was appropriately unveiled and dedicated.

The many Lutheran Summer Assemblies, Pastor's Retreats, such as Muhlenberg College, Summer Schools, at Tielh College, Gettysburg College, Pa., Chicago Seminary and others, in the South, the North, the West and wherever it was deemed feasible this year brings to our consideration the greatest family reunions, the union and reunion of God's people, the members of the Christian Church, our S. S., our Luther Leagues, Missionary Societies, Conventions, Conferences and the great General Council to be held at Rock Island, Ill., beginning Thursday, Sept. 9, 1915. May this be a mighty reunion and an epoch-making assembly.

This brings us to a reunion that is very much in season this time of the

year. Our public schools, high schools, normal schools, colleges, Universities and seminaries are opening their doors, and bidding old and new pupils, scholars and teachers welcome. This is indeed a delightful and an anxious season.

For the English Synod of Central Canada of our General Council Lutheran Church, Wednesday, September 29th, 1915, will undoubtedly be a happy day, a **red letter day** at Waterloo when the faculty, students, board, and the many friends will assemble for the re-opening of our new and larger Seminary, with better accommodations, with a larger number of students, with Dr. Laury and his family on the grounds, with more money and donations on hand, to cheer the Board, the earnest and devoted faculty and the student body. Let every pulpit in our Synod preach this message, every S. S., and every Luther League throughout the Dominion know this, talk about it, talk for it, and bring and send the students and the money and the good things needed for the boarding house. Surely this will be a blessed reunion for our young and worthy Canadian School of the Prophets and her many friends and supporters. Let us labor and pray for her.

The "Lutheran" quotes a summary of statistics with comparisons which makes helpful reading for any church paper. Some of our congregations at one time belonged to the New York and New England Synod, hence this should prove interesting to our congregations. Thirty-four pastors and congregations composed the charter membership list fourteen years ago. To-day there are sixty-six congregations and sixty-three pastors. These congregations, though largely composed of missions, number a communicant membership of 18,480; have in Bible Schools 14, 396 pupils, have church property valued at \$2,119,774.12, and contributed last year for parish and synodical work \$311,802.76.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

A new impetus to all forms of missionary work is expected to be the result of the great National Missionary Campaign of 1915 and 1916, which is being organized by the inter-denominational Laymen's Missionary Movement. The most important feature of the campaign will be a series of seventy-five great conventions to

be held in cities in all parts of the U. S., from October next to April, 1916, and the campaign will reach its climax in a national missionary congress in Washington, D.C., April 26 to 30, 1916.

This should be productive of great power for Home and Foreign Missions and we trust echoes will bound and rebound across the line and give Canada a large measure of the Spiritual uplift and church power.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF FAITH AND ORDER.

The great slaughter on European soil, the unhappy Mexican conditions, the general unrest and uncertainty and the confusion caused by the European war, has not checked the ardor of the Christian Church and her interest in the East in the promotion of Christian unity by this World Conference which is steadily on the increase. From Russia, from Finland and from Germany publications were issued concerning this Faith and Order Movement.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand has passed a vote of sympathy and interest in the conference. The Committee on Co-operation and Unity of the National Missionary Council of India has asked for literature and to be kept in touch with the movement. The Nippon Seikokwai of Japan has appointed a commission to investigate and study the great Church Order. Great interest is manifested and will no doubt be a world awakening.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

With only one dissenting voice, the Pittsburg Conference of the Pittsburg Synod, General Council, adopted the following: "We firmly stand on the Biblical teaching of temperance in all things. We are unalterably opposed to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, and condemn the legalization of the iniquitous traffic as practised in the licensing of manufacturing, hotels, saloons, club rooms, and other places."

The Quarterly Bulletin of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Galt, Ont., reached us at this writing and is indeed very encouraging. The motto "Forward" is well applied.

Promptness means much in business life, in the work shop, on the farm, to the traveller, to the merchant, the banker, the railroad company, and to all who hope to succeed. School hours vouch for the same truth. The same holds true with our meetings and services in the Lord's work. Begin a service promptly and you can end it promptly. Send your parish notes promptly and early to Mr. E. H. Beckman and he can forward them early and promptly to the Editor. The same is true with the miscellaneous notes and articles to be given to Rev. Knauff. Do not wait until the 15th and then begin to think as to what you are going to write. That is the time to have your contribution in the Editor's hands. Your publication committee is anxious to have the copy ready for the mailing list on or before the first of the month. Help us and we can really accomplish the prompt work.

The Ontario S. S. Leader tells us of the great Golden Jubilee to be conducted in Toronto by the Ontario S. S. Association, October 26-29. Earnest efforts are being put forth to make this anniversary and convention an unparalleled success.

The Rev. Canon Howitt, of Hamilton, Ont., will lead the three periods of devotional Bible study at Massey Hall, Toronto, Oct. 27-29.

Gen. Secretary Marion Lawrence, of Chicago, Ill., who is well-known as the International S. S. Association Secretary, and an able leader and lecturer, will be at the Golden Jubilee the last two days.

Galt is the place for Sept. 6th, 1915, the attractions are the S. S. and Luther League conventions, all in one day, everything well arranged by Messrs. Otterbein, Boyer and Westcott, and the live wire at Galt, Mr. E. H. Beckman. The climax will come at the evening session when the Buffalo cyclone will strike the convention, in the person of the Rev. F. E. Jensen, M.A., of Flying Squadron fame. No delegate nor any member of Galt Lutheran Church should miss this treat. Come prepared to help and to be helped and surely all will return, greatly benefited.

The Adult Bible Class work needs our earnest and prayerful consideration. Every S. S. should be blessed with such a class. The Adult Bible Class enrolment in North America averages 2,000 net gain per week.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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NOTE.

We must remind our pastors and correspondents that their news should appear in these columns every month, but in order to appear here they must be in the hands of the News Editor not later than the 15th of the month preceding date of publication. We are trying to publish our paper promptly, but we can only do it with your co-operation.

Berlin.

During the past month Rev. Behrens and family have been "holidaying" with relatives and friends in Ohio, but they returned home on Wednesday, August 11, looking fine and happy. The parishioners and friends rejoiced to welcome them back home.

During Pastor Behren's absence, Rev. Dr. Laury conducted the services and supplied the pulpit. His services and sermons were greatly appreciated and much enjoyed by the congregation.

The various organizations continue to make progress. The Sewing Circle, met, during the month, at the home of Mrs. Rudy. The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Klinck. The Luther League met at the home of Miss Alberta Merner. The League continues to add new members to its roll. Miss Plackmeier, Miss E. Laury, Mr. H. Laury, B.A., and Mr. H. Zinkann were welcomed into the League at its last meeting. Plans were made for a League picnic to be held on Wednesday, August 25th at Victoria Park. The League also decided to purchase a piano for Sunday School and League use. A committee was also appointed to arrange for a play to be given by the League in a few months.

The annual Sunday School and congregational picnic is to be held in Victoria Park on August 18th.

Galt.

In some way, which we cannot understand, an error crept into our columns last month in the report of the "Whirlwind Campaign." Galt was credited with only \$120, but our good people here are more loyal to our Canadian Lutheran Seminary than that would imply. Though it is the first time in the history of this con-

gregation that such a ready response was forthcoming, our members came forward very nobly indeed and subscribed, not \$120 but \$300 for this great cause, and the other \$100 will be raised and paid as soon as possible, so that Galt will make up her apportionment of \$400 to this fund.

The attendances and offerings continue to keep up exceptionally well throughout the hot season and we hope to see a marked increase as soon as it begins to get cooler. On Sunday, Aug. 8, a special memorial service was held in the evening, for Private George Barnes, one of our young men members who was killed at the front. The "Quarterly Bulletin" of the congregation has again made its appearance and shows that the congregation's property is worth \$83.57 more to-day than it was three months ago, the liabilities having been decreased to that extent. Not only is this congregation doing its duty at home, but is also regularly and systematically meeting its apportionment for the general work of the Church. At an informal congregational meeting on August 15th, the members unanimously expressed their approval of the progress being made.

On July 31 the annual Sunday School and congregational picnic was held in Victoria Park. There was a good turn out of members and friends and all seemed to enjoy themselves. There was a good programme of games and sports in charge of Supt. H. Seyffert and his committee. The boys of the Junior Luther League challenged the married men to a game of baseball in which the Juniors came off victorious. An excellent supper was served by Mrs. W. H. Bernhardt and her committee.

The Juniors are still active and enthusiastic. On July 22 they gave a Lawn Social on the lawn of their Supt., Mrs. J. U. Clemens, which, despite the rain, proved to be the most successful lawn social in the congregation's history. The proceeds amounted to over \$50. At their quarterly meeting on August 7, the Juniors elected the following officers: President, Willow Christie; Vice-President, Esther Schoenfeld; Secretary, Arthur Leutwein, and Treasurer, Sherman Erison. The Senior League held a very enjoyable business and

social meeting, during the month, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Seyffert. One new member was received, Miss Smith.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society visited the Women's Missionary Society of St. Peter's, Preston, on July 28. It was the regular meeting of the Preston women and owing to the rain, could not be held at Idylwilde as had been planned, but was held in the church basement. Prof. Linke and wife and Mrs. R. Herbert and children, Ernest and Grace, all of Hamilton, who were visiting in Galt, joined our ladies on this little excursion. After the regular business had been transacted, the Preston women rendered the Missionary programme for the month in a most commendable way. This ended, Mrs. Stahlschmidt and her good ladies served a genuine picnic supper after which the women of both societies got better acquainted with each other. Mr. Beckman extended the thanks of the Galt ladies and expressed a wish that this would only be the first of many similar joint meetings with Rev. Voelker's good women. At the last meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, it was decided to give a "towel shower" next month for Waterloo Seminary. It was also decided to invite the Women's Missionary Society of Preston to a picnic in Jackson Park on Sept. 15th.

The eighth anniversary of St. Paul's congregation will be celebrated on Aug. 22, when Rev. Dr. Laury will preach both morning and evening and administer Holy Communion at the morning service. The anniversary celebration will be continued, in a social way, the following evening, when the ladies will give a Birthday Social in St. Patrick's Hall. An excellent programme is being prepared for this occasion. The Rev. A. Fiebelkorn of Hespeler, will be the main speaker.

Preparations are under way for the entertainment of the Sunday school, Luther League and Conference conventions which will be held here on Sept. 6-7.

Guelph.

The services here as everywhere show a somewhat decreased attendance during the hot months. The average is about 45. The Sunday School, too, shows a decrease owing to many of the scholars being away on their vacations with friends in the country. The average now is about

40, but after school re-opens next month we hope to see the attendance go up to its former average of about 60. Plans have been made for the organization of a Junior Luther League in this congregation. The Luther League picnic, owing to so many members being away, had to be postponed until later. The leaguers are looking ahead to the Convention at Galt, on Labor Day, for which the delegates have been appointed. On July 29 another of our members, Mrs. Nieghorn, mother of Mrs. Berner, was called home to be with Jesus. The sympathy of the congregation goes out to our sister in her trouble.

Trinity Notes, Hamilton.

The pastor and family have returned from a three weeks' trip to Stroudsburg, Pa., where parents and friends were visited. A pleasant and refreshing time was enjoyed. Crops were good and most of the rye and wheat harvested. Early potatoes sold at 40c. per bushel. God's grace is abundant.

The pastor, the church council and the congregation are duly grateful to Mr. Otterbein for his efficient services rendered in Trinity during the vacation and to the Luther League through President G. Boyer for the special evening service. Mr. E. B. Westcott kindly and ably officiated at Brantford in Mr. Otterbein's place. The united effort carried on the work. Let us remain united and thus become strong in the Lord and the duties in His vineyard.

Another liberal donor goes on record. The beautiful and comfortable robe, worn by the pastor since Good Friday, has now become the property of the congregation, by the charity and good will of Mr. E. A. Bartman. The thanks of the congregation is due to Mr. Bartman for this generous gift.

We have the promise of a lecturn by a member of the Church Council. We need a church seal. To whom may this honor fall?

The church book question is taking root. We hope we soon may see our homes supplied with a Lutheran Church and those with music wherever possible. Let us learn to sing.

Picnics and bon-fires are still the order of the day. Aug. 19th for the Ladies' Aid at Dundurn Park, and Aug. 20th, evening, for Luther League at Hamilton Beach, Station 26.

S. S. and L. L. Conventions, Sept. 6th, at Galt. Let us all rally and make it a success. Catechetical Class

to be organized after the Fall Communion, Oct. 3rd, 1915.

Mrs. Lemon and Mrs. Kiehl, who were inmates of our city hospitals, are doing nicely and are on the road to health and happiness. The patients there now are Dorothy Cosgrove, daughter of the late Edward Cosgrove, who gave his life for his country, and Miss Higenell. We hope and pray for their speedy recovery.

The seven teams appointed for the Whirlwind Campaign to solicit funds for our beloved Seminary at Waterloo, have not reached the \$500 mark. This is a low mark for Trinity. We should go above that instead of falling below. Count but 100 members at \$5 each and the coveted goal is reached. We surely have many who can and will cheerfully go more than \$5 for the noble and necessary work. Where then are the rest of you. Every communicant member, if at all possible, should have some share in that building and that school.

The Men's Society has taken things somewhat easy. A thorough and earnest reorganization is necessary and should take place soon.

The Ladies' Aid and Mission Study Class are keeping up a good record regardless of weather or season. They are also doing knitting and sewing and have aided the Red Cross otherwise. This should be an incentive for all the other organizations. Activity and earnest application counts. Let us all get ready for a good Harvest Home Service. Date to be announced later.

Ministerial Acts.

James Eldon, son of John H., and Clara (Pfeffer) Redwood, of 7 Alendale Ave., born June 22, 1914, was brought into the Kingdom of Grace through Holy Baptism, Aug. 9, 1915. Sponsors, the mother and Mrs. Hugh Carney.

Doris Anna Marie, daughter of Frederick Wm. Otterbein and wife Alberta Catherine (Miller), born June 26th, 1915, 101 Sanford Ave. N., baptized Sunday morning, Aug. 17th, in Church. Sponsors, the parents and Miss Adeline Marie Otterbein.

New members. We are happy to report the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Knos, of No. 64 Arthur Ave. N. In this family there are three children, thus adding five souls to Trinity's flock. Welcome, dear friends. God bless you richly in Trinity's fold.

Glad to welcome home Mr. Lewis Paulsen and to see him in church, L. L. and S. S., keep it up.

Humberstone.

Holy Trinity Church is showing forth its usual activities. The merit system has been introduced in the Sunday School with the object of stimulating the attendance. Each scholar has a yearly card which will be punched whenever the child is absent. Corresponding gifts will be given at Christmas time as a reward.

The annual Sunday School picnic and congregational outing was held in Lakeview Grove, the beautiful sandy beach of Pt. Colborne, on Wednesday, Aug. 11th. The weather was ideal and we thank God for giving us the most beautiful day of the summer for this our annual event. The children were conveyed to the park at nine o'clock in the morning by means of a wagon suitably arranged for the occasion. And a happy lot those children were. The day was spent in games, bathing and various contests and races, for which suitable prizes were awarded. The attendance was good. The Sunday School teachers and officers conducted a refreshment booth. All reported an enjoyable time in the Lord's beautiful Temple of Nature.

Our campaign for the building fund of the Seminary is now in progress. Sorry it has lagged a little through the illness of the pastor, but we expect to report good results from here.

The pastor has been on the verge of serious illness, but God in His mercy has stayed the affliction and the prospects are for speedy recovery to health and strength. Great things bordering on the miraculous almost can be accomplished with a praying congregation behind their leader.

The Ladies' Aid Society devoted its usual monthly afternoon gathering to a quilting in the church annex, and when the day and evening were done, two quilts, beautifully and carefully worked were the reward.

Two new subscribers to the "Canada Lutheran" have been gained during the past month. We hope and pray for more. Read your church paper with even greater interest than you read the secular papers!

Ottawa.

St. Peter's congregation rejoices over the continued progress and bright prospects for the future. The attendance as well as the enthusiasm is on the increase in every department of the work. New faces are seen in the congregation continually and when they appear once, they almost invariably appear again. On the first

of August when the President of Synod, the Rev. J. Maurer, came to the Capital to administer Holy Communion, he was greeted by a large and enthusiastic congregation. The attendance was larger than it had been for a long time and many partook of the precious Body and Blood of our blessed Lord and Saviour in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar on that day. Rev. Maurer expressed his gratification over the marked progress and thanked the congregation for the good will, and interest it is showing in the work. Rev. Maurer also officiated at two baptisms while he was in the city, when Norman Johansen and Hildur Christensen were adopted into Christ's Kingdom on earth. The Cradle Roll is growing, a little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen during the month.

On Aug. 2nd the congregation held its second picnic this year. Mr. Holtz had very kindly invited all to come and spend an enjoyable day at the beautiful and picturesque Experimental Farm. The weather was ideal for a picnic, a large crowd turned out and all united to make the day a success. Our worthy President, Rev. Maurer, enjoyed the day with the rest and closed with a few fitting remarks. After singing the National Anthem all returned to their homes in the city rejoicing over the splendid success of the day.

The Luther League held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Stato and great interest and willingness to go forward with the work was shown as always, where the proper spirit exists. Considerable business was transacted in the course of the evening and in addition to other things, it was unanimously decided to hold a birthday party on August 31st. The next meeting of the League will be held at the home of Mr. Loa.

Much interest was also shown at the meeting of the Sunday School teachers and officers and considerable important business was transacted. The teachers all felt the importance of the work of the Sunday School and felt that it should receive its due consideration and earnest support. The school is, at present, in a most flourishing condition. The Cradle Roll was resurrected and will now be properly conducted.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society met in regular monthly business session on August 12th. Great interest was shown in our Seminary and the money collected for the build-

ing fund of that worthy institution was forwarded. A sewing circle has been organized to give relief wherever possible. Mrs. L. M. McCreery and daughter, Miss Gertrude, and sister, of Dunbar, have been visiting friends in Ottawa and were welcome guests at the last meeting of the ladies. The treasurer reports receipts amounting to \$8.18 for the month for all purposes.

Preston.

The Women's Missionary Society entertained the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of Galt during the past month an dan invitation has been extended to the Women's Society of Hespeler to picnic with this Society at Idylwilde on the 25th of August. Plans are also being made for a big joint Lutheran Home Mission service to be held in St. Peter's Church some time this fall. It is the intention to invite all the Lutheran churches of the vicinity to participate in this event and to have some leading speaker address the meeting.

Waterloo.

Each day sees the new Administration Building and Dormitory of our beloved Seminary in Waterloo nearer completion. Each day also sees the vacation drawing nearer to a close. Which will arrive first, the completion of our new "School of the Prophets" or opening day? By the looks of things at present, the latter will be first in the race. What does that mean? Our School will again open its scholastic year, the fifth of its history, handicapped for proper accommodation. But we hope, yes we pray, that it will not be for long. Our people, as shown by the report of the Whirlwind Campaign have done nobly. They do not want our institution to be handicapped. Their subscriptions are being paid, and, if everything turns out as present indications promise, our Synod, on Oct. 1st, will be able to lay down almost all of its share of the Building Fund. When they have paid for it, they also want the building. Our work has been handicapped long enough and it is hoped that the proper officials will put forth every effort and leave no stone unturned to have our new Seminary building completed just as soon as possible.

The vacation was welcome and, after a winter of hard study, we were all happy to get away. But Sept. 29, when our Seminary's doors are again thrown open, will be none the less

welcome, and before another number of our "Canada Lutheran" appears that day will be history. We have all been busy throughout our vacation and have gained experience that will be of inestimable value in after life and we will return to our books better able to profit by the theory after having grappled with the practical problems that confront a pastor.

As we look forward to that day, Sept. 29, when we shall be reunited with our associates of last year, and when we shall also meet a number of new associates, there is a feeling of sympathy and love and loyalty for our dear institution that cannot be put into words. Oh that all our people had that love and that interest for our Seminary that its students have! Then we would be handicapped for nothing. Then our Seminary would be richly endowed as it ought to be, but alas, we students haven't the means to do for our beloved Alma Mater what we would like to do, and those who have the means do not like to do what they could.

And now just a word to any prospective student that may read this. Dear brother, I can talk to you as a student. Have you thought of entering our Seminary? If you have, there's a warm welcome awaiting you—a welcome from the faculty—a welcome from the students. So come, by all means. We have, on the hill in Waterloo, overlooking the town, surrounded by a large and beautiful campus, an institution that we can feel proud of. We have a faculty that needs no apology. The student body to a man is proud of our honored Dean, and you would have to go a long way to find such true loyalty as the students at Waterloo manifest for the Head of our school. Prof. Lincke is also loved and respected by all of us. His kindly, fatherly attitude has won all our hearts to him and he is a dear friend to every one of us. And then there are the other members of our faculty always ready with a helping hand, always ready with a word of advice, always ready to give us the benefit of their years of experience, yes, we have a faculty that needs no apology.

Welland.

St. Matthew's Church here, under the leadership of Pastor Knauff, is progressing favorably. One service is held every Sunday. This is vacation time and, while many members are away visiting, the attendance at the services is not so good. But we

hold our own and have prospects for new members as soon as we can find time to gather them in and arrange the necessary details. On July 18th Mr. Kiehl, a valued member of our sister church in Hamilton, who with his family, has been visiting his parents in Humberstone, accompanied Rev. Knauff to Welland and attended the evening service there. We appreciate the interest this brother shows in the congregations of the Synod.

On Thursday evening, July 9th, the Luther League very hospitably entertained Holy Trinity Luther League of Humberstone to a lawn party, held on the church lawn. The Humberstone League showed how much they appreciated the invitation in that they came down 25 strong, some by electric car, others by means of motor boats. The grounds were prettily decorated with flags, bunting, pennants, and a string of electric lights and Japanese lanterns. The evening was spent enjoyably in games, victrola music, singing and speeches. The ladies of the local League served cake, ice cream and lemonade. A splendid time was spent. We got to know each other better and hope soon again to have a joint gathering.

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 8th, Pastor Knauff baptized the twin children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Church—Ruth Louise, and Ruby Hester. Mr. and Mrs. Church are new arrivals in Welland. Mrs. Church, nee Klopp, is a Lutheran from Zurich and has a brother in our Waterloo Seminary. We hope soon to enroll them as members of St. Matthew's.

Grandmother Ott has been missed from the services and Ladies' Aid meetings of late, being confined to her house through illness. May the mercies of the Lord soon restore her to health and strength, that she may again be permitted to go up with the multitudes into the House of the Lord.

OUR SEMINARY.

(Continued from page 3).

and untiring Superintendent as well as neighboring pastors—by the way "neighboring" in some instances means one, two or three hundred miles away—minister to them according to the best of their abilities. But is just an occasional opportunity to gather in the house of the Lord to be strengthened by His Word all that our Lutheran Church can give them? Is it enough to their salvation, sufficient to keep them faithful to their

Lutheran Church? The field is very important with its thousands and tens of thousands of our brethren of the household of our faith; and the field is ripe for harvest too, after having been worked for pretty nearly thirty years. Although presently our Seminary is not in the position to help our Mission Board pass through the menacing crisis, should not its interest be directed to this most insufficiently manned part of our Lord's vineyard? Should not our students be made acquainted with it and qualified for service in it? and be told that it concerns them just as well as the Church in general: "If any provide not for his own and specially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel?" Of course it requires more than the ordinary measure of the spirit of self-denial, to spend the best part of one's life in permanent battle with the many hardships and privations of pioneer service. But even in this age, that looks for dollars and not for ideals, those are not lacking, whose "spiritus regens" is the constraining love of Christ. To develop this spirit, which according to the conversation between Christ and Peter at the Sea of Galilee above any other accomplishment qualified for the service of the Master, must ever be the predominant aim of our Seminary work. God grant that the time may not be far off, when our boys from Waterloo come forth, placing themselves at the disposition of our Board like the prophet of old: "Here am I, send me."

HELP, LADIES!

There are four women who constitute the Women's Auxiliary of our Seminary. These four women never seem to get tired. They are always interested, always planning, always working for the welfare of our institution. Their President is Mrs. Stahlschmidt of Preston, a truly wonderful woman in many ways. Her whole heart and soul seems centred in our "School of the Prophets" in Waterloo.

Before me lies a card from this Mrs. Stahlschmidt, the President of this Auxiliary and on it she asks me to put a very urgent appeal in the next "Canada Lutheran" for bedding and table linen for the Seminary. "We need," she says, "blankets, quilts, pillows, spreads, sheets, pillow slips, towels, table cloths, napkins, table silver, large kitchen and cooking utensils and all kinds of vegetables and canned

fruit." And then she adds, "I wonder would it be wise to ask for aprons to sell. With the apron money we buy cooking dishes and we will need a great many new ones." Surely it's wise! Our "Canada Lutheran" is glad to publish your appeal and our women everywhere will be only too glad to respond, of that we feel assured.

Now, you ladies who have expressed your interest in our Seminary, here's your chance. Our men made an excellent showing with the Whirlwind Campaign. This is your opportunity to show that you are also interested in this great work. Get your "Sewing Circles" busy and show our Auxiliary that you're ready to support them. And some of our Luther Leagues and young ladies might help in this work too. The young ladies can sew and the young men can contribute dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, etc.

The aprons mentioned are sold at the Seminary on "Visitors' Days" and the proceeds used as stated. So send along your aprons, and anything else that you may have that can be used or sold for our Seminary at Waterloo.

Address all such goods to
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Waterloo, Ontario.

Care of Women's Auxiliary.

All cash contributions for the Auxiliary should be sent to Mrs. H. A. Hagen, 122 S. Queen St., Berlin, Ont.

JOINT PICNIC.

The Committee that had charge of the Joint Picnic of the Young People's Leagues of Waterloo County at Bridgeport on July 17, has requested that the following financial statement be published:

RECEIPTS.

From Sale of Badges:	
St. John's, Waterloo	\$ 3 40
St. Peter's, Berlin	3 20
St. Matthew's, Berlin	7 50
First English, Berlin	2 50
St. Peter's, Preston	5 00
St. James', Hespeler	5 05
St. Paul's, Galt	4 50
Donation, St. Matthew's, Berlin	1 47
Advertising on programs	15 50
Sale of cakes, etc.	2 37
Total	\$50 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Prizes	\$21 62
Supplies	85
Help	3 00
Badges	6 55
Carting	2 00
Programmes	8 00
Sundry expenses	3 97
Balance	4 50
Total	\$50 49

The balance of \$4.50 was unanimously voted to Waterloo Seminary and has been forwarded to A. L. Bitzer, Esq., Treasurer of the institution.

Signed, ERNIE H. BECKMAN.

MISCELLANEOUS

Edited by Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont.

The compiler of this department requests that all clippings, comments, contributions, etc., be sent to him at the above address. Brethren, be on the lookout for such articles under this heading, make clippings of valuable information for our churches and people and send as above before the 15th of the month.

We would respectfully draw the attention of the readers to the article, "The Word," by Rev. J. Keehley, the first installment of which appeared in the August number of the "Canada Lutheran." This is a paper which was read by its author at the recent convention of Synod at Morrisburg. It is first in its class and we are sure the readers will greatly benefit by this doctrinal subject. Read, study and inwardly digest!

Convention.

An invitation has been received from the Church Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Galt, Mr. E. H. Beckman, Stud. Theol., acting pastor, to hold the 7th annual meeting of the Western Conference of the Synod of Central Canada, in the above church in connection with the Rally Meetings of the S. S. Association and Western District of the Canada Luther League. The sessions of Conference will therefore open on Tuesday morning, Sept. 7th, at 10.30 o'clock with a Communion service for pastors, delegates and visitors. We would like to emphasize the importance of all congregations electing and sending a delegate to this meeting. It is the King's business and pastors **with** the delegates constitute the convention to do the work. An interesting programme has been prepared. The afternoon session begins at 2.30 o'clock. At 3.30 a paper by Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., "The Difference Between the Lutheran and Reformed Conception of the Means of Grace," will be presented, followed by a discussion. The concluding session opens at 7.30 p.m. at which Rev. H. J. Behrens will give an address on "The Relation of the Congregation to Conference and Synod," followed by discussion. It is probable that the Laymen's Association will have a message to deliver. Let us make this an interesting and profitable meeting of Conference.—Rev. W. H. Knauff, Acting President.

An event of interest to many of our readers took place in Buffalo, N.Y., when the Rev. H. Brezing, pastor of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y., was united in marriage to Miss Harriet E. Riehm, of Buffalo, Aug. 11th. Rev. Brezing is well known in Canada, having addressed a Luther League Rally in St. John's, Waterloo, and having lived in Heidelberg, a suburb of Waterloo, where his sainted father was pastor, and a long and valued member of the Canada Synod. The Canada Lutheran extends hearty congratulations.

"I AM READY."

When Paul desired to tell his friends that he was ready, he used the word 'Prothumos.' A zeal, a passion, an ardor prepared for service. So far as Paul was concerned, all his gifts were at the disposal of his Master for the welfare of mankind. If at all possible, he said, I am ready to preach the Gospel at Rome.

But as that was out of the question at that time, he sent a letter which treated of the same subject on which he was ready to preach. The result of his readiness to do something even though he could not go to Rome, is the Epistle to the Romans.

Prothumos was characteristic of Paul's whole missionary life. It may be called Paul's motto. He was ever ready, always prepared to discharge the obligations of a consecrated life.

Prothumos is a good motto for Christian students. The Public school has again thrown open its doors for the thousands of children. The Waterloo College and Seminary again invites the young men to take advantage of their courses where the instruction is under Christian auspices and influences. Who will say—Prothumos?

Isaiah answered God's call: "Here am I." Samuel said: "Speak, Lord"; Paul answered the voice from heaven: "What wilt Thou have me to do?" Practically, all said—"I am ready." How many members in our Canadian churches have this motto? How many will adopt it from now on? I am ready to do my part to my home, to my church, to my country, to missions as well as to education. Prothumos.—P. A. Laury.

TREASURER'S REPORT—RECEIPTS.

CONGREGATION	Bethany Orphanage	Education of Miss Petrich	Home Missions	India Hospital	India Rest House	India Laces	Life Membership	Montreal Hospice	Porto Rico	Waterloo Seminary	Topics	Dues	Canada Lutheran	General Fund	Native Worker in India	Slav Missions	Church Extension	TOTAL
Balance from 1914			5 27	10 00							3 54			40 60				59 41
Morrisburg	5 00		6 15					10 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	2 00		30 00	10 00		110 15
Williamsburg				5 30			10 00					3 00	2 00					25 80
Dunbar			6 20	3 00								3 00	2 00					14 20
Ottawa												3 00	2 00					22 60
Montreal								10 00		10 00	4 50	3 00	2 00					39 50
Humberstone				3 00				3 00		18 00	27 45	3 00	2 00			5 00		32 45
Guelph											27 30	3 00	2 00					29 60
Hamilton											3 30	3 00	2 00					29 30
Berlin								5 00		54 75	1 00	2 00	2 00					64 75
Preston			2 00		5 00						1 20	3 00	2 00		30 00		5 00	46 20
Galt			2 50	1 00						5 00	2 15	3 00	2 00					14 65
Welland			8 44	5 00				5 00		21 00	22 50	3 00	2 00			1 00		46 60
Waterloo	10 00	10 00	6 00	11 00				10 00	5 00		1 00	3 00	2 00			10 00		68 00
Toronto						8 75		5 00		30 00	65 00	3 00	2 00					47 40
Brantford								3 50										3 50
Riverside										23 00			2 00					25 00
Buttontville										23 00		3 00	1 00					27 00
Unionville		4 00								23 00								25 00
Toronto Jr.												1 00						1 00
Toronto Y. L.												2 00						2 00
Sherwood										25 00								25 00
Offerings at Convention														19 45				19 45
Interest in Bank														1 02				1 02
	10 00	15 00	40 56	38 30	5 00	8 75	10 00	51 50	17 00	251 75	21 01	48 00	23 00	61 07	60 00	26 00	5 00	689 94

Total Receipts for year ending May, 1915 \$ 689 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remitted to C. H. Fierheller—
 India Hospital \$38 30
 Home Missions 40 56
 Porto Rico 17 00
 Canada Lutheran 23 00
 India Rest House 5 00
 Life Membership 10 00
 Montreal Hospice 51 50
 Waterloo Seminary 251 75
 India Laces 8 75
 Native Worker in India 60 00
 Education of Miss Petrich 15 00
 Bethany Orphanage 10 00
 Slav Missions 26 00
 Church Extension 5 00
 Printing of Minutes in Canada Lutheran 10 00
 \$ 571 86

Remitted to Miss Fry for Topics 15 17
 Miss Ziebarth, Trav. Expenses 8 85
 Treasurer's Books 1 20
 Convention programmes and 1 postal note 3 03
 Benevolence Blanks 1 75
 Welland Telegraph, printing 16 75
 Mrs. Johnson, postage 66
 Mrs. Wike, postage 1 35
 Receipt book and exchange 29
 Mrs. Clemens, postage 3 0

Total Disbursements \$623 01
 Balance in Bank 65 88
 Balance of \$65.88 made up as follows—
 General Fund \$62 19
 Topics 3 69
 \$ 65 88

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES' PAGE.

THE CANADA LUTHERAN.

(In view of the fact that the Thirty-fifth Convention of the General Council will be held at Rock Island, Ill., beginning Thursday, Sept. 9th, the following article on "The General Council" so well prepared by Field Missionary Bieber, Halifax, N.S., is timely, instructive, and educating.)

THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Rev. Milton J. Bieber.

Composition.

The General Council is one of the four General Bodies of the Lutheran Church in North America. It is the second in size and second in the order of organization. It is the most poliglot, preaching the gospel in almost all the languages spoken in North America. It counts 1,700 ministers, 2,600 congregations, 770,000 baptized, and 505,000 confirmed members. It has a property value of \$35,000,000 and its members gave \$710,000.00 to benevolence during the past year, an average of \$1.41 per confirmed member. It is composed of 13 synods, one of which was the first organized in North America, and one, the last organized in Canada. All the Canadian synods (4) belong to the Council and one of the four (Canada Synod) assisted in its organization. The synods in their geographical order are, Manitoba (1897), Canada (1861), Central Canada (1909), Nova Scotia (1903), New York Ministerium (1773), New York and New England Synod (1902), Pennsylvania Ministerium (1748), Pittsburg Synod (1843), District Synod of Ohio (1857), Chicago (1871), Northwest (1891), Pacific (1901), Augustana (1860). The last named is Swedish and it covers North America, and is the largest of the 13 synods. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania is second in size; and the Synod of Central Canada is the smallest, though it ranks fourth in per capita benevolent contributions (\$1.82), the other three are Chicago (\$2.02), New York and New England (\$1.88), Augustana (\$1.83).

Delegates and Officers.

The General Council is composed of delegates chosen by its synods in the ratio of one ordained minister and one lay delegate to every ten parishes; any remainder over five parishes shall entitle to two additional delegates, but in any case each synod shall be entitled to a clerical and a lay delegate, the President in each synod being one of the clerical delegates of that synod. A majority of the delegates shall form a quorum. The synods

shall provide for the expenses of their delegates. The officers of the Council shall be a president, vice-president, secretaries and treasurer, all except the vice-presidents to be chosen by ballot at each convention. The president shall be a clergyman, the presidents of the synods shall be the vice-presidents, but the synod from whose delegates the president is elected shall not be entitled to a vice-president. There shall be one recording and one corresponding secretary for each language in general use in the convention. The officers constitute the executive committee. They are President, T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.; Recording Secretaries, Revs. W. K. Frick, D.D., G. C. Berkemeyer, D.D., I. G. Abrahamson, D.D.; Cor. Secretaries, Revs. F. A. Kahler, D.D., H. Offerman, D.D., Alfred Appel; Treasurer, Mr. A. G. Anderson, R.V. O. The Council meets every two years. Its coming convention will be held in Rock Island, Ill., Sept. 9-14.

Boards, Committees, L. L.

The Council has appointed six Boards, English, German and Swedish Home Mission; Foreign, Porto Rico, and Publication Boards; Immigrant and Slav Missions; 28 very important committees like Inner Missions, Deaconess, Jewish, Jubilee, Church Book, Sunday Schools, Arbitration, International Lutheran Conference, Education, Statistics, Laymen, University Student Work, L. L. Two very important societies are auxiliary—the Church Extension and the Church Book and Literature Society. The former has loaned without interest \$35,000 to help erect English Lutheran churches in Canada and the latter has contributed Church Books free to every congregation organized in our English Canada Synods since 1904. The organ of the General Council is "The Lutheran," published in Pittsburg, Pa.

Institutions.

The General Council numbers 5 Theological Seminaries, 10 colleges, 6

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Canadian Delegates.

The Nova Scotia Synod elected, Pres. Geo. B. Pifer, delegate; Rev. M. J. Bieber, alternate; Central Canada Pres. J. Maurer, delegate; Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., alternate. Lay, C. H. Stiver; alternate, J. C. Casselman; Canada Synod: Delegate, Rev. Dr. Hoffmann, Rev. Henkel, and Mr. L. Peine; alternates, Rev. Prof. Lincke and Mr. A. L. Bitzer.

Beginnings.

The General Council was organized in Ft. Wayne, Ind., in 1867, 48 years ago. It was a decided protest against an alarming and widespread looseness in Lutheran faith and practice. It was a rallying of the conservative Lutheran forces in North America, and a second attempt to unify the Lutheran synods. It stood for historic Lutheranism which confessed the unaltered Augsburg Confession. The prime mover in this organization was the Pennsylvania Ministerium which in its convention at Reading, Pa., in 1866, appointed a committee to invite the Lutheran synods to form such a General Body. That committee was composed of the ablest men in the Lutheran Church—Doctors Krotel, Krauth, Mann, Schneffer, Siess. "These were giants in those days." This committee drafted "Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity" as a basis of union. Ten synods adopted them and sent delegates to the Ft. Wayne convention, which resulted in the formation of the General Council in the 350th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, (1517). The first president was the Rev. D. Bassler followed by Drs. Schneffer and Krotel, and for ten years the Rev. Dr. Krauth president (the conventions were held annually till 1889). For 18 years the Rev. Dr. Spaeth was president; later Drs. Siess, Swensson, Mohldenke, Ransen. During the past 12 years the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk has safely guided the Council. In 1911 the General Council Womens Missionary Society composed of several Council synodical Womens Missionary societies was formed during the meeting of the Council at Lancaster, Pa., and has since been meeting at the same place

and time as the Council. Its sessions will begin at Rock Island on Sept. 8th.

May God's richest blessings rest upon these conventions.

THE SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Rev. Milton James Bieber.

The Synod of Nova Scotia met in 13th annual convention in St. John's Church, Mahone Bay, the Rev. W. J. Nelson, pastor, on June 25th to 27th. The retiring President, the Rev. W. M. Weaver, preached the synodical sermon and the officers administered the communion. The Halifax congregation and its acting pastor, the Rev. W. J. Nelson; and the Rev. E. B. Smith, Mt. Ainy '15, were received into the Synod, the latter by ordination. There were three resignations during the year, a church corner-stone was laid and a bell consecrated. There was a general increase in membership (Church and Sunday School) and in benevolence during the year. There are 8 parishes, 28 congregations, all supplied during the summer. Three students having the ministry in view hail from the Synod, two of them to enter Waterloo Seminary next fall. The Bethany Orphans' Home at Bridgewater is prospering, so is the Nova Scotia Lutheran with about 800 subscribers, and no deficit. Rev. W. J. Nelson, Mahone Bay, was elected editor and Mr. S. W. Hertle, Lunenburg, business manager, in place of the Rev. W. M. Weaver, who leaves the Synod. Resolutions of sincere regret were expressed on Rev. Weaver's departure after 16 years of faithful service in all the enterprises of the Synod and 14 years as pastor at Lunenburg. A Reformation Jubilee Committee consisting of all the pastors and a lay delegate from each congregation in the Synod was appointed. Rev. Mr. Nelson is chairman of the Executive of this Committee. A mission service was held on Friday evening and a Laymen's Reformation service on Saturday evening. Three services were held on Sunday closing with the ordination service. The sessions and services were all well attended, were inspiring and interesting.

The officers elected were: President, the Rev. Geo. B. Pifer; Sec., Rev. E. V. Nonanals; Treas., Rev. D. K. Fetterly. The President is ex-officio the delegate to the General Council and Rev. M. J. Bieber was elected delegate. Greetings were received the Synod of Central Canada and

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from the Pittsburg Synod, the time and place of the next meeting is left to the Executive Committee.

On June 24th the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society (1912) met in the church and spent a very profitable day. All the benevolences of the General Council as well as the N. S. Orphanage, Medical Student, Miss Petrich, and the Waterloo Seminary are the beneficiaries of this active body. Junior societies are to be organized. Mrs. M. J. Bieber was elected delegate to the Women's Federation at Rock Island. The President is Miss Gladys Conrad, Bridgewater; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Arthur Ernst, Mahone Bay. The ladies of the congregation royally entertained the convention in the Sunday school room. The Society took the half memorial in conjunction with the Synodical Society of Central Canada in honor of Mrs. Julia Vandever Neudoerfer.

THE WORD.

By Rev. John Keehley—Continued

In the Reformed Churches, the Zwinglian and Calvinistic doctrines of Predestination have led their theologians to substitute for the external word as a means of grace the so-called inner Word, through which alone the Spirit works. This also places an unwarranted limitation upon the power of the Word, thus confining it to a limited number, which makes God and not man responsible for all who go down to perdition. As with Rome the sole office of the Word is to point to the way of life, without communicating that whereof it treats.

Zwingli, in his "Ratio Fidei," denies the propriety of the expression "means of grace," upon the ground that the Holy Spirit needs no vehicle or channel," says Dr. Jacobs. To quote him further he says: "In conformity with the above principle, Zwingli taught that, without means, the saving grace of God had been imparted to a number of the renowned Greek and Roman heroes, even including Hercules."

The weakness of such an interpretation of the Word has been the source from whence have arisen mystics and fanatics, against whom our confessions give constant warning in such words as "They condemn the Anabaptists and others, who think that the Holy Ghost cometh to men without the external Word, through their own preparations and works." To all who accept the above conception of the Word, to them the significance of "means of grace" becomes only that of instrumentalities, whereby the regenerate approach God, as is indicated by the enumeration of prayer among such means.

The Roman Church is therefore said to be "the Church of the Sacrament"; the Reformed, "the Church of the Spirit;" and the Lutheran Church, "the Church of the Word." "Nevertheless," says Philippi, "the Lutheran Church ceases not to be the Church of the Spirit and of the Sacrament. For it has the Spirit in the Word and the Sacrament through the Word."

VACANT CHARGE.

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