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To our Readers and Friends:—

The Publication Committee of The Canada Lutheran appreciate heartily the whole-souled support they have received during the past few months. New subscribers have been added to our lists and old subscribers have renewed their subscriptions in a way that is most gratifying. Our editors have been literally flooded with printer's copy, so that their files of "held-over" articles are getting fuller every month. Words of appreciation have come unsolicited from many quarters.

Dear friends, we thank you. Honor bright, are you not really feeling that The Canada Lutheran is a friend that you would not do without? A friend will entertain and instruct, extend sympathy and give encouragement, speak edifying words and feed the soul with bread of life. The Canada Lutheran tries to do this for you, dear readers, in its own humble way. Its aim is to help you, and in helping you help our beloved Lutheran Church in Canada and wherever else our pages may go. We want to be on confidential terms with you. You have not yet received the best we hope to give you. We have had many difficulties. Our number of subscribers is yet too small to give us the financial play room we need. Some of our contributors, in the goodness of their intentions, have written longer articles than it was possible for us to publish and even the editorial staff has had to feel its way. Let me remind you all. 1. That we earnestly want to meet your spiritual needs. 2. That we want your continued, whole-hearted, all-round support. 3. That we need monthly financial returns. 4. That we need monthly articles for publication on all features of church and social activity, but that these articles **must be brief** and submitted early in the month so our associate editors can report to the editor not later than the 15th day of the month. The Canada Lutheran is your paper, your special friend in Canada, endeavoring to supplement in a peculiar way the excellent work done by our Lutheran papers published in the United States. Believe us, our intentions are good. When we fail or come short please be considerate and patient. Send us your suggestions and your criticisms and help us place "The Canada Lutheran in every home." Very cordially, N. WILLI-SON, General Manager and Treas.

NOVA SCOTIA NOTES.

By Milton J. Bieber.

1. Rev. D. K. Fetterly, Treasurer of the Synod, after a two months' vacation, has returned to his (Rose Bay) parish.

2. President Geo. B. Pifer, Bridgewater, after a month's visit to the United States, including his duties at the General Council convention as delegate; a visit to his home, Dubois, Pa.; and a short moose hunt in Nova Scotia, has resumed his active duties as pastor of the Conqueroll parish.

3. The Rev. W. K. Hauser, Selinsgrove, Pa., has accepted the call to the Lunenburg parish and will enter upon his duties during the first week in November. The congregation considers itself fortunate in having had the efficient services of Student S. W. Hirtle during the summer and only a month's interim before the pastor arrives.

4. The Bridgewater parish, the only vacancy in the Synod, hopes to have a pastor soon. It rejoiced in the able sermons of Student A. A. Zinch during the summer.

5. Messrs. Zinch and Hirtle on Sept. 28th left Halifax for Waterloo, where they are acting in the double capacity of students and teachers.

Congregations.

Field Missionary Bieber, at the invitation of the Synod and of the individual pastors, has canvassed the Bridgewater parish (vacant); Conqueroll parish, Rev. Pifer, pastor; Northfield parish, E. V. Wanamaker, pastor; Lunenburg parish, Rev. Hauser, pastor-elect. He will canvass the Newhome Bay parish during the week of October 18th. He has been cordially received by pastors and congregations, who kindly contributed to the Building Fund of the Halifax Lutheran Church.

Halifax.

On Sept. 26th, eight new members were added to the Church of the Resurrection, and on October 3rd, one more, which brings the roll membership to eighty after four were released owing to their removal from the city.

The Sunday School numbers 64. It renders a monthly missionary programme at which session it devotes its offerings to missions. It observed Rally Day on Oct. 3rd, when the congregation celebrated its first Harvest Festival. It will render the G. C. Home Mission programme at the evening service on October 31st, and is getting ready for its Christmas

service. It has contributed \$100 to the Building Fund. The Cradle Roll numbers 23 and the Home Department 18. The Luther League, after pruning the roll numbers 32. It has an active flower and sick committee, it gave \$20.00 to the Building Fund and will decorate the hall with the League colors, emblems, and the national flag and colors on Oct. 31st.

The Missionary Society numbers 25 members, has 27 subscribers to the Mission Worker, studies the Monthly Topics and is active in the parish work of the church.

The congregation has secured title to its \$3,800 corner property, centrally located, and hopes soon to begin building operations.

TRUST.

Ps. 125: 1.—“They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.”

The entire theme and work of the blessed Reformation is deeply rooted in that unparalleled “trust” which the prayerful and devout Dr. Martin Luther had in God and not in traditions and fables. In this day, when the whole Lutheran Church is aglow with the beautiful and inspiring Reformation spirit, and the unbounded trust she displayed in a true and protecting, loving, heavenly Father, we can see why we have the privilege of singing:

“A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon.”

This honest servant of God realized that humility comes first and then the exaltation. He was willing to give up all and hide himself with God. He felt the force of Prov. 3: 5.—“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” The courageous and fearless little Paul was indeed a marvel and Luther was a close follower of Paul. The unflinching Apostle wrote (Rom. 1: 16): “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (17) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” This was a great comfort to Luther in his great spiritual and soul conflict. Paul could put his trust in it; Luther was consoled and uplifted by it, and sure-

ly both these men of God were as the text informs us, “as Mount Zion,” veritable towers of courage, faith, strength and prayer. We need no longer guess or experiment. All doubts have been removed for the devout soul and he goes back rejoicing, knowing that the refreshing fountain and the cruise of oil never fail, but Mount Zion like, cannot be moved nor removed, but will certainly abide with us forever.

Our trust in God, our faith in the inspired Word, our hope in an Almighty Protector, in these perilous days, when life in the trenches, life on the battlefield, life on the battleship, and life in the air, all make us think and think and think, is put severely to the test. We trust in great guns, great armies, great fleets and great generals, and forget the great Captain of the mighty hosts of heaven Who is able to turn them all into confusion and route them as He did the armies of old. Prov. 30: 5.—“He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.” The prayerful David learned the truth of the matter and now tells us (Ps. 118: 8): “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.” (9) “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.”

We then of the true Reformeth faith should make every effort to hold fast to the “faith once delivered to the saints,” and be earnest and steadfast, real beacon lights for those who look to us for steadfastness, for example of real trust, for piety and a clean and righteous life.

Gerhard, in his “Sacred Meditations,” writes: “Thou, O God, hast created me; and how can the work of Thy hands perish? Thou hast delivered me from all my enemies, how then can death alone prevail against me? Thou art my righteousness, O Lord Jesus; my sins shall not prevail against Thee. Thou hast given me the earnest of Thy Spirit (1 Cor. 1: 22); in this do I glory, in this do I triumph; and most firmly do I believe, doubting nothing, that I shall by and by be admitted to the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19: 7).”

This should be the beautiful lesson of trust in our Lord and Master of all Christians, especially those of the true Reformation faith.

Luke 12: 32: “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Amen.—
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EDITORIAL.

REFORMATION DAY.

About the time the November issue of the Canada Lutheran will reach the homes of our readers "Reformation Day" is history for 1915. This is the only special Church festival of the month of October, which occurs on the 31st. This falls on Sunday, the last day and the last Sunday of the month. It is indeed a fitting close for the month and for the day, since all of our churches will surely recognize this important day and event by a suitable service and Reformation festival. How much this means to the Lutheran Church and to Protestantism, no one but a well informed and indoctrinated Lutheran can understand and appreciate. This important day is observed in the Lutheran Church as the day of the beginning of the great work of the Reformation in the 16th century, of which Dr. Luther, under God, was the greatest factor. It deserves to be observed more generally by all the Protestants in commemoration of the great benefits which resulted from the work begun Oct. 31, 1517, when Luther nailed his famous 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, opposing the iniquitous system of indulgences and upholding true repentance as being necessary to the

forgiveness of sins. The observance of this day affords the opportunity for the review of the principles which the Reformation asserted rather than for the glorification of the Lutheran Church as it now is, and severe denunciation of its opponents. It should be utilized to lead the Church back to its historical foundations. Its preaching should ever be a preaching of repentance. In this memorable observance we have a fitting prelude to the month of November and the birthday of the devout Reformer. One needs but to scan the November page of the Lutheran Church Almanac to see the array of important facts and dates, beginning with the Expulsion of 30,000 Lutherans from Salzburg, 1731, to the death of John Knox, reformer of Scotland, born November 30, 1505, and died Nov. 30, 1572. Let it be a true Reformation to all in heart and home.

The Lutheran Synods of Canada, yea the General Council, should rejoice and offer prayers over the auspicious opening of our Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo, with 22 students. This influx, the new building, the new instructors, all should be an incentive for our Lutheran boys and for many others who desire a sound and well guarded and well balanced education.

Capital University, Bexley, Ohio, has enrolled two Chinamen among its students.

Miss Minnie Saeboe, Belgrade, Minnesota, will go to China to serve as a missionary.

St. Paul's, Toledo, Ohio, is assisting six young men through school, into the ministry.

Luther's works are being placed into the library of Waverly, Iowa, by St. Paul's S. S.

Circulation of S. S. helps, published by the General Council, reached over 4,000,000 copies during the past year.

A fully equipped Lutheran hospital was erected in the City of Hampton, Ind., costing \$50,000, and was dedicated Sept. 12th, 1915.

At the Passavant Memorial Home for Epileptics, Rochester, Pa., a new cottage for men, erected at a cost of \$25,000, was recently dedicated, free of all encumbrances.

Home Mission Sunday and Home Mission Offering go hand in hand with the Reformation idea. The Annual Calendar as given on the last page of the Synodical Minutes calls our attention to this fact, and also reminds us that November 28th, Advent Sunday, is not far distant when the Porto Rico call comes with the annual call for our prayers and gifts. Let us combine with this the special appeal and the obligation placed before us in behalf of our earnest Slovak Lutherans and that our prayers, our gifts and personal service be offered wherever and whenever possible. The poor Slav Lutheran has not received the proper care and attention on the American soil. We make great sacrifices, gather funds, do all kinds of work so necessary for the poor soldiers in the great European conflict. It is noble and loyal.

Trinity has numerous and varied gifts to her credit for the war cause, and again responded to the special appeal, Sunday, October 17th, for the France Hospital Fund.

It is well for us to remember that we have brave, noble, loyal and earnest soldiers of Christ in our mission fields and that hospital funds are needed for the poor, the wounded and the dying there. Let us not put Christ last and least.

The Golden Jubilee, Massey Hall, Toronto, October 26-29, will be history by the time this issue comes to our readers. Surely a great convention, on so great a scale and for so great a cause, will bring equally great results. The next number will bring some echoes.

When the great Lutheran re-union took place at Wentzel's Lake, near Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, this fall, the 63rd Regiment band led the singing, and the first song on the programme was "God Save the King"; which does not look as though Lutherans were disloyal.

A Lutheran vacation Bible School in Pittsburg, Pa., proved a great success. Twenty-two sessions were conducted, a total of 2,465 attended the various sessions. Many from other Protestant denominations, some who had no church affiliations, and 42 Roman Catholics. This ought to be an inspiration to our work in the Synod of Central Canada and our

proposed work for next summer at Waterloo.

At the convention of the General Synod of the Anglican Church, at Toronto, a motion was made to exclude from the hymnal the second stanza of the British national anthem, the reason being that it smacked of the spirit of hate. After a stormy debate the motion was carried by a vote of 89 to 72. The House of Bishops later reversed this action, restoring the stanza.

The impostors and false prophets are hard at work. The war scourge and the restless spirit of the day, gives those robbers and proselyters a golden opportunity. Now is their time to blindfold our weak-kneed Church people and make them believe that the Jews are now going to reap the golden harvest, and Joseph Smith is the prophet through whom the revelation came; Mormonism the true teaching and they are the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh. The Hamilton impostor has the audacity to call himself a Gospel minister and a number of our people are ignorant enough to deny the true faith and follow such awful heresy.

THE SOLDIER'S WIFE.

He offered himself for the land he loved,

But what shall we say of her?

He gave to his country a soldier's life;
'Twas dearer by far to the soldier's wife

All honor to-day to her!

He went to the war while his blood was hot,

But what shall we say of her?

He saw for himself through the battle's flame

A hero's reward on the scroll of fame;
What honor is due to her?

He offered himself, but his wife did more.

All honor to-day to her!

For dearer than life was the gift she gave

In giving the life she would die to save;

What honor is due to her?

He gave up his life at his country's call,

But what shall we say of her?

He offered himself as a sacrifice,
But she is the one who pays the price;

All honor we owe to her.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Edited by Ernie H. Beckman, Waterloo, Ontario.

Brantford.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 19th, the Rev. H. A. Kunkle, M.A., of Hamilton, occupied the pulpit of St. Matthew's here while Mr. Otterbein supplied St. Paul's, Galt. The Sunday School continues to make progress and specialwork along missionary lines is being contemplated.

A special Reformation service will be held on November 7th. Arrangements are being made to have one or two good speakers assist on this occasion and it is hoped to make the service one of the rousing, real old fashioned kind.

It is hoped that Mr. Webb, of whose illness we regret to hear, will soon be as well as ever.

Sunday, Oct. 10th, was another Red Letter Day in the history of the work here. The church was beautifully decorated in honor of the annual harvest home and Thanksgiving service. Rev. H. A. Kunkle was in charge and handled the service in his usual fine style. The offering was very good. The ladies, who had charge of the decorations, are to be congratulated.

The congregation together with the acting pastor thoroughly appreciate the services that Rev. Kunkle has rendered the work here in more ways than one and they heartily thank him for the interest he has manifested.

The young people are arranging for a social in the near future to which they hope to invite the Leagues of some of the neighboring congregations.

Berlin.

The Luther League of First English Lutheran Church here entertained the leagues of Preston and Galt to a social evening on Oct. 4th. A short programme of choice selections was rendered after which the evening was spent in games and refreshments.

During the month Rev. Behrens was called home to Lancaster, Ohio, to the funeral of his father who was called up higher by his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Pastor Behrens in his sad hour of bereavement.

During the absence of Rev. Behrens on Oct. 10th, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. P. A. Laury, D.D., in the

morning and Student E. Huehnergard in the evening.

It is planned to hold a big joint Reformation service in St. Matthew's Church, here, on Sunday evening, Oct. 31st. All the Lutheran churches of the "twin-cities" of Berlin and Waterloo have been invited to take part.

Galt.

The Church Council very kindly granted the acting pastor a vacation during the last two weeks of Sept. just prior to the re-opening of the Seminary. This time was spent in Hamilton and Toronto. On Sept 26 the acting pastor assisted with the morning services and preached in the evening to a large congregation in Hamilton. On this Sunday Mr. Otterbein supplied very acceptably in Galt for which all were very grateful.

On Oct. 10, Harvest Home and Thanksgiving services were held morning and evening. Both services were unusually well-attended. The church was a veritable bower of fruits, vegetables and flowers, thanks to the kind ladies who contributed their time, talents and materials for this end.

The services have been especially brightened of late by the beautiful music rendered by the choir which has certainly made noticeable improvements under the able and untiring leadership of Director Bernhardt.

The Sunday School continues to pick up. Supt. Scyffert is wide awake and always on the job and his progressive spirit is showing signs of contagion not only among his able staff of teachers and officers but also among the scholars. He is ever planning improvements and more efficient methods and putting them into practice.

The Adult Bible Class met during the month at the home of Mrs. Caldwell and decided to organize according to "New Movement Working Class Plans." The organization will take place at the home of Miss Dalglish on Oct. 22nd. Then a campaign for new members will be inaugurated.

The Luther League held a very successful meeting at the home of Mr and Mrs. Clemens on Oct. 12th. A Student Aid Committee was appointed to push this work in St. Paul's

congregation. Another committee was appointed to interest our members in our Luther League literature. The League also gave a shower of table linen for our Seminary and decided to hold a Hallowe'en Party on Friday, Oct. 29th. On Oct. 4th the League from here together with the Preston League visited the Berlin League at a social evening given in that city. All reported having had a right good time.

The Junior Luther League subscribed for ten copies of "Tidings," a Lutheran monthly for Juniors, also decided to have a party in the near future, to take steps towards the beginning of a congregational library and to make a donation of some kind to our Seminary. The sum in the "Sacrifice Bank" for our Nova Scotia Orphanage also continues to grow.

The Ladies' Aid held a very successful Baking Sale on Sept. 25th, at the home of Mrs. Reinhart. At their regular monthly business meeting they also transacted some very important business.

We rejoice that we can report a catechetical class of thirteen interested members. Two have been confirmed but are glad to come again to learn a little more. Three intend taking a two years course and eight are candidates for confirmation next Easter. It is a joy to meet these young people, to witness their diligence and to satisfy their eagerness for a knowledge of the way of salvation as revealed in the Divine Word.

The Church Council has provided a number of copies of Gerberding's "Way of Salvation" for use in Adult Catechetical work.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17th, the acting pastor, who has been elected a member of the executive committee of the local branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society, spoke in the interests of the work of this Society at Dickie Settlement, four miles from here. This is the first time in the history of our congregation here that the Lutheran Church has been identified with and recognized in the work of this worthy organization.

A special Reformation service, as outlined by the Home Mission Board, will be rendered by the Sunday School and congregation on Oct. 31st. Then it will be time to begin thinking about Christmas. So the time flies.

Hamilton.

During the month the Laymen's Society here was re-organized and the

following officers were elected:—President, Dr. C. J. Johannes; vice-president, Geo. Guenther; secretary, Wm. G. Ebert, and treasurer, Jacob Riehl. Committees on Membership and Constitution were also appointed and the second Wednesday of each month set as the evening for meeting.

Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday, October 3rd, when six new members were received. They are:—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reise, Mr. and Mrs. Severn Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Anderson.

The choirs are slowly coming back to normal which is a source of gratification. The Sunday School Orchestra is doing much to brighten the meetings of the school, the Luther League, the Men's Society and special services. These devoted brethren have purchased a lot of good, expensive music and donated it as well as their talent for the sake of the Church.

The Luther League membership contest has been very successful. At one meeting no less than 17 members were received or reinstated. Captains Boyer and Westcott, with their assistants have surely been hard at work.

A Catechetical class of 12 is a source of great joy to the pastor. It is hoped that more will join. A knowledge of the Bible, the Church Book and the Catechism is essential to good Lutheranism and the Catechetical Class is the place where such knowledge can be obtained.

The Sunday School library has been given a new start. Twelve new books were purchased and two more were donated by Mrs. Franks. May others follow this fine example.

The Teacher Training Class has assumed definite shape and meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the homes of the members.

A Reformation programme will be rendered Sunday evening, Oct. 31st, by the Sunday School and Church. Another fine and useful donation was received from Mrs. Perter Jacobs in the form of a church seal for which the pastor, Church Council and congregation feel heartily grateful.

Messrs. Guenther, Ebert, Gibb, Kiehl and Hass deserve mention and thanks for the much needed painting and repair work done to the doors and seats of the church.

Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 1915, at 4.30 p.m., the infant daughter of Reuben W. Bartmann and wife Hattie (Hagey) was received into the Christian Church by Holy Baptism, in Trinity

Church. Sponsors were the parents and Miss Emma B. Bartmann. Dear little Esther Barbara was born at Lynedoch, Ont., July 28th, 1915. The grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends witnessed the ceremony. Rev. H. A. Kunkle, M.A., officiated.

Wednesday evening, Oct. 13, saw the new officers of the Laymen's Society formally installed by the pastor. Two good addresses were delivered by Messrs. E. B. Westcott and F. W. Otterbein and several splendid numbers were contributed by the orchestra.

The Mission Study Class met at the parsonage on Oct. 7th, at 3 p.m. The attendance was good and the programme very interesting.

Humberstone

The annual Harvest Home Festival in Holy Trinity Church was held Sept. 26th, with a morning service. The church was richly and tastily decorated with the season's fruits, vegetables and flowers, and all other arrangements were previously made for a "galla day," but the inclemency of the elements interfered. It will be remembered that this 26th of Sept. was the day of the equinoctial storm. However a fair congregation assembled and the service was inspiring and helpful. One of the worshippers in our church at this service was a young man in "khaki," who has seen service in the trenches in France, was thrice wounded on Hill 60, and was sent home in May last to recuperate. He has again enlisted and left the same week in which we met him for "somewhere on the firing line." The reason we mention him and his sacrifice is because he is a Lutheran of the community. He was therefore doubly welcomed to our service, and a falk of his experience at the front proved most interesting to the Sunday school, whose session he attended. He left the House of God that day with a "Good-speed" from many members.

Sept. 17th, a reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. G. Hesler, in honor of their son, Frank H., and his bride Ella (nee) Ottman, of Wellesley, Waterloo Co. Only the immediate relatives, together with Pastor and Mrs. Knauff, were present. Two large tables were spread and the guests to the number of about 30 sat down to a beautiful dinner. Speeches were made, toasts proposed, music given and enjoyed, and an offering for "needy students," proposed by Mr. Geo. Lang, taken. This has been

turned over to the Students' Aid Fund. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hesler are comfortably settled in Mr. F. C. Hesler's new residence in Humberstone. The congratulations of many friends follow these young people, for Mr. Hesler is an active worker in choir, Luther League, and Sunday School.

Sunday, Oct. 10th, Student G. C. Weidenhammer, of the Waterloo Seminary, acting pastor of St. Paul's, Guelph, exchanged pulpits with Pastor Knauff. Mr. Weidenhammer's visit to our congregation was well enjoyed by the members, and he preached a very able sermon.

The Church Council at its last monthly meeting decided to arrange for two services on festive occasions with the help of a student.

Mrs. C. D. Boneberg, whose illness we reported in last issue, has recovered and is again permitted to attend the services.

Morrisburg.

St. Paul's Church here, as well as the entire community sustained a severe loss in the death of Dr. Percival Chapman Casselman, who died in Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on Sept. 30th, in his 43rd year. Dr. Casselman, by his upright life, his kindly nature and his skill as a physician, gained the esteem and affections of the people of Morrisburg and vicinity in an unusually high degree. This was evidenced by the attendance at his funeral—the largest in the history of the present pastorate. His thoughtfulness for his church is seen in his leaving \$25 a year to St. Paul's congregation until his two children, now five and six years of age, become of age. Thus he being dead, yet speaketh and his works do follow him. The funeral occurred on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Little, preached from the text, Luke 5: 31, 32. The sympathies of the whole community go out to the orphaned children and bereaved parents.

Married, at the Lutheran parsonage, Morrisburg, on Sept. 15th, Thomas M. Garlough and Myrtle Watson, both of Morrisburg. The Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., officiated.

Toronto.

The "Rally Day" and "Installation" services were held on the first Sunday in October. Both were well attended. The speaker at the latter service, the Rev. N. Willison, gave the congregation much food for thought and also gave the Lutheran

Church her proper setting in this city of much undue misapprehension. The sermon was well reported in the "Evening Telegram" the day following. Some necessary changes have been made in the chancel of the church. A door has been cut into the basement giving a direct entrance from the street and the whole basement beautifully decorated in shades of white and cream. The pastor has organized his class preparatory for confirmation. Wednesday evening services have been inaugurated which are in the nature of an open conference for the treatment of doctrinal questions. Large attendances and much interest; good spirit and animated discussions is the order of these evenings. The Men's Club is one of the active organizations of the church, which is planning much effective work for the winter under its new set of officers.

Unionville.

Harvest Home services were held in the Unionville Church on Sunday, Oct. 10th. The congregation in the morning numbered 106 and in the evening 80. The church was beautifully decorated. Special music was rendered by the choir. Miss Way, of Toronto, sang two beautiful solos and Mrs. Winkler, of Markham, and Miss Irene Pringle rendered a duet in their usual effective manner.

On Sunday Oct. 3rd, the pastor installed the Rev. John Keehley in St. Paul's Church, Toronto. Four auto loads from Unionville attended the services. The Buttonville Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Scott on the 14th of October.

Waterloo.

Were we happy to be back at our dear old Alma Mater on Sept 28th? If you, dear reader, could have seen our smiling faces that day you surely would have known. We came back and met disappointments, but we were happy nevertheless. To be sure the new building was quite a ways from completion, we had to find rooms with private families and are consequently greatly handicapped and inconvenienced, but despite it all, we rejoice to be together again, to get back to our books for another year's work, to meet new faces and to recount our summer's experiences.

When the doors of our institution were thrown open on Sept. 29th for our fifth scholastic year all ten of last year's students returned and

twelve new ones joined us, thus making our enrolment this year, twenty-two, as follows:—

Seniors:—E. Huehnergard, St. Jacobs, Ont.; A Goos, Saskatoon, Sask.; G. Weidenhammer, Spruce Grove, Alta., and H. Rembe, Hamilton, Ont.

Middlers:—C. Sorensen, Randers, Denmark, and E. Beckman, Hamilton, Ont.

Juniors:—H. Wahl, O. Neeb, and H. Laury, B.A., all of Waterloo, Ont.; A. Zinck, B.A., Halifax, N.S., and S. Hirtle, B.A., Mahone Bay, N.S.

Collegians:—L. Klopp and F. Howald, both of Zurich, Ont.; H. Monck, Elmwood; L. Irschick, Guelph; S. Gartung, E. Huehnergard, R. Geelhaar and E. Maeder, of Berlin, and F. Lincke, A. Jacobi and J. E. Laury, of Waterloo.

The Seminary was opened for the year with devotional exercises and addresses. Rev. Prof. Laury, D.D., Dean of the institution, presided and made the opening remarks. Revs. H. J. Behrens and E. Holm, assistant professors, made the addresses and Rev. E. Brackebush, who was present on the occasion, also made a few remarks of encouragement.

The faculty for this year consists of the Dean, Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., Rev. Prof. O. Lincke, Assistant Professors, Rev. H. J. Behrens, Rev. M. Voelker and Rev. E. Holm and Collegiate Instructors, W. H. Laury, B.A., A. Zinck, B.A., and S. W. Hirtle, B.A.

The various classes are hard at work again in their studies. The "Ministers-in-Training" meets regularly as usual. The Cossman Hayunga Missionary Society has planned a good winter's work including monthly mission studies and a series of missionary service in the churches of the community. A Literary Society has been organized in connection with the English work of the Collegiate Department. A Glee Club is to be organized. The Athletic Committee is planning to lay out a fine recreation ground, and, last, but far from least, the Student Boarding Club despite the inconveniences and handicaps is in full running order. Everything is going along smoothly and harmoniously and all are happy and well pleased.

The students again, in addition to their work at the Seminary, are taking an active part in the work of the Sunday schools and Luther Leagues,

as well as in the supplying of vacant pulpits in the community.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Bockelmann, of St. John's, Waterloo, on their return from a five weeks' vacation spent with friends in the United States, were tendered a reception by the congregation and made the recipients of a handsome purse of gold. Mr. C. Huehn made the presentation and addresses were delivered by Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., and Rev. Prof. O. Lincke, and others, after which light refreshments were served.

During Pastor Bockelmann's absence the interior of the church was greatly improved by the installation of handsome new pews and the elevation of the floor at the rear. After these improvements had been completed the pulpit was supplied by students and professors of the Seminary and pastors of neighboring congregations.

An Adult Bible Class of about 40 members has been organized in connection with the English Sunday School of this congregation. Student A Zinck, B.A., is its teacher. It is hoped to double the enrolment in the near future.

Welland.

St. Matthew's Church here, under the care of Pastor Knauff, of Humberstone, is thriving. During the month the Shurek family has been admitted to membership. Mr. and Mrs. Shurek are Lutheran Slavs, they have three children, two of which are of Sunday School age and attend, and the oldest will join the Catechetical Class to be organized shortly.

Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, the annual Harvest Home Festival was held. The ladies had daintily arranged the fruits, vegetables and flowers brought by the members, the choir contributed largely to the beauty of the service and a large congregation assembled after the storm of the day had abated with the approach of evening.

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 19th, Miss Carrie Cronmiller entertained the members of the Sunday School to a lawn party at the Cronmiller residence on East Main St. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and did justice to a splendid supper served by the hostess. All retired to their homes at even-fall feeling that they had had a right good time.

At the October meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, October 7th, the

Society voted \$5.00 to the Red Cross Fund, and \$5.00 to the congregation. The Thanksgiving topic for November was discussed with profit.

Sunday, October 10th, Student Weidenhammer had charge of the evening service, during the absence of Rev. Knauff, who was on a visit to the congregation at Guelph. St. Matthew's congregation thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Weidenhammer's stay with them.

Williamsburg.

The annual Harvest Home and Thanksgiving service was held here on the morning of Sunday, Oct. 10th. The church was prettily decorated with fruits and vegetables. A special Thank-offering was taken as well as an offering for Cornwall Hospital. In the evening there was no service as Rev. Maurer preached at St. Paul's, Morrisburg. He also supplied at St. Luke's, Dunbar, in the afternoon of this day.

The congregational meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 20th.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School was held Sunday morning, Oct. 10th. The treasurer's report gave the following totals:—Balance last year, \$111.84; receipts for the year, \$298.91; expenditures for the year, \$273.37; leaving a balance of \$137.38. Of this sum \$100 was voted to the church. The following are the officers elected:—Supt., Mr. E. C. Merkley; Asst. Supt., Mr. Levi Whitteker; Sec., Mr. Walter Whitteker; Asst. Sec., Mr. Garnet Casselman; Treas., Mr. Jason Whitteker, and organist, Miss Sarah A. Whitteker.

The Luther League held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 6th. The officers elected are:—Pres., Mrs. O. P. Becker; Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. C. Merkley; Sec., Miss Eva Beckstead; Treas., Mr. Frank Merkley; organist, Mrs. Frank Merkley; and assistant organist, Miss Christie Loucks.

Programme Committee—Mrs. Chas. Phifer, Mrs. Willus McIntosh and Mrs. Lydia Merkley.

Membership Committee. — Miss Alice Eastwood, Miss May Merkley and Mrs. Lydia Merkley.

Quite a number from this League attended the Convention of the Eastern District of the Canada League, held at Riverside on Sept. 21-22.

On Friday evening, Sept. 24th, the members of the League gathered at the home of Mrs. Charles Phifer,

where a social evening was given in honor of Miss Florence Garlough, prior to her marriage. A very pleasant evening was spent with games, music and refreshments. A pleasing feature was an address by the pastor, accompanied with the presentation of two Rattan rockers, to Miss Garlough, who was a charter member of the League. The evening closed with a vote of thanks to the kind hostess and singing Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

On Sept. 28th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Barkley, their niece, Miss Florence J. Garlough, became the wife of Mr. Simon P. Whitteker, by the bonds of Holy Matrimony. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. J. Maurer in the presence of a few close friends, after which the happy young couple motored to Finch where they will reside.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 22nd, the marriage took place at the parsonage, of Miss Bertie Saddelmire to Mr. Hugh McHaffie. The Rev. J. Maurer officiated.

During the month Mr. Carl Maurer spent a few days at his home here.

Mr. Linden Shennett, who has been in the West during the summer, also spent a few days at his home here before leaving for Toronto to resume his studies at the University.

SYNODICAL SECRETARY'S NOTES.

1. The Minutes of Synod are for use. How many members have read them from cover to cover noting carefully all resolutions, apportionments, comparative statistics, etc.?

2. Home Mission monies are due every month. Congregational treasurers should forward at least one-twelfth of their Home Mission apportionment to Mr. C. H. Fierheller, 4 Howard St., Toronto, at the close of each month.

3. Student Aid apportionments should be paid early.

4. How many standing committees of Synod have begun their year's work?

5. Have all our synodical delegates earnestly striven to have their congregations redeem the pledges made at Synod? Sometimes delegates most prominent on floor of Synod produce the smallest results at home.

6. Whirlwind Seminary Campaign monies were due October 1st.

N. WILLISON,
Secretary, Synod of Central Canada.

SEMINARY CAMPAIGN.

Rev. John Keehley.

A few of the congregations have reached the goal in subscriptions and have the full amount apportioned to them subscribed. Some are still hard at work and will reach their goal. Others are failing to report and additional subscriptions, whilst there are three parishes which have made no report at all. The Seminary building is nearing completion. Funds are required to meet obligations. Those who have pledged are requested to pay the pledged amount into the Synod's treasury at the earliest date possible. Committees who have done such splendid work in soliciting these subscriptions will kindly "follow up" and urge all subscribers to realize the "Building Committee's" needs. Those who have not subscribed should feel the urgent need of the hour and "speed up" a little in this matter. Pastors are bus ymen, and members of the respective congregations will do well to assist them in this added work by coming to them with their subscriptions and cash. The report thus far is splendid, but only a little over one half the amount required is pledged and less than fifteen hundred paid in. Pastors and committee men are urged to send in their pledges to the general chairman and cash to the treasurer at the very earliest opportunity, that a full and complete report may be made in this journal.

Amounts paid in as per Treasurer's Report.	
Sherwood	\$ 400 00
Galt	89 00
Port Colborne	485 00
Unionville	43 00
Welland	266 00
Toronto	10 00
Hamilton	42 60
Dunbar	15 00
	\$1350 60
Less Seminary Expense	5 80
Total Cash	\$1344 80

Amounts Pledged.	
Williamsburg	\$1000 00
Berlin	750 00
Morrisburg	478 00
Riverside	195 00
Sherwood	464 00
Unionville	347 00
Buttonville	53 00
Welland	346 00
Port Colborne	696 00
Galt	299 00
Hamilton	311 00
Montreal	172 50
Toronto	25 00
Dunbar	15 00

Ottawa, Guelph and Brantford no report.
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MISCELLANEOUS

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

OBITUARY.

GRUHN.—Emily Louise Gruhn, nee Gorman, beloved wife of Rev. H. F. Gruhn, Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa., entered into rest, Monday, Sept. 27th. Mrs. Gruhn was well known in Berlin, having been born in that city, Aug. 15th, 1885, and having lived there until the time of her marriage, which was solemnized Nov. 15th, 1904. Mrs. Gruhn was a true helpmate to her husband in his work. She lived for about eight years in New Hamburg, Waterloo County, Ont., where Rev. Gruhn was pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, doing successful work there. Rev. and Mrs. Gruhn formerly were both members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Berlin. The funeral services were held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa., Tuesday, Sept. 28th. Rev. G. A. Benze, D.D., spoke in German, and the Rev. W. E. Frey in English. Revs. Carl C. Herman and L. O. Benze assisted in the service. The remains were then brought to Berlin for interment, a service being held in St. Matthew's Church, Berlin, and conducted by Rev. Tapert and others. God comfort the sorrowing Brother!

BEHRENS.—Word has reached us of the calling from this world to a better life of the father of Rev. Behrens, Berlin. We have no particulars. Undoubtedly this will be reported under "Berlin" notes in this issue. We extend sympathies to Pastor Behrens and family.

THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA

Rev. Milton J. Bieber.

The Synod.

The eight parishes in the Nova Scotia Synod have all been supplied during the summer and the prospects are that the three vacant parishes will soon be permanently filled. Students A. A. Zink and W. S. Hirtle, who, respectively, supplied the Bridge-water and the Lunenberg parishes did excellent work and will do equally effective work as instructors and students in the Waterloo Seminary, which they will enter this fall.

President Geo. B. Pifer, Bridge-water, attended the meeting of the General Council as delegate and Mrs. M. J. Bieber represented the Nova Scotia Synodical Society at the General Council Woman's Federation at Rock Island.

Picnic.

The 26th annual re-union of the Wentzel's Lake Park Association occurred on Sept. 2nd. It was attended by 5,000 people (the papers stated 8,000); that picnic is an inspiration. It is the annual gala Lutheran day in the provinces. It is a general holiday. Persons come by train, auto, bus, carriage, ox-team and on foot. There are amusements of varied kinds. A large pavilion seating several thousand people could not accommodate them all, at the rendering of the programme in the afternoon. The Rev. N. J. Nelson, Mahone Bay, President of the Association, presided. The Mahone Bay band led in "God Save the King" and in all the hymns. Rev. M. J. Bieber offered prayer. The Rev. F. A. Bowers, Philadelphia, a former Nova Scotia pastor, gave an excellent address on "Progress." The Hon. A. J. MacClenn and the Rev. Dr. Forrest, Ex-President of Dalhousie University, spoke on "Patriotism and the War." (A recruiting station was opened and several of the young men enlisted.) President Pifer pronounced the Benediction. The weather was ideal, so was the picnic.

Halifax.

The Church of the Resurrection is moving on. On Aug. 31st the Church Council accepted the plans and specifications prepared by the architect, W. J. Busch, tenders for building the church were invited through the papers, to be submitted by Sept. 15th, and by Oct. 1st it is hoped to break ground for the erection of the church, which is expected to be completed by early spring.

Pastor Bieber has been invited by the Synod's parishes to canvass for funds for the church and he is rejoicing in the people's interest and co-operation. The Lord is signally blessing His Church

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES' PAGE.

REPORT OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

By Mrs. H. A. Kunkle, Staff Reporter.

The following is a list of the standing committees appointed at Morrisburg to serve from June, 1915, to June, 1916:

Seminary—Mrs. Fred. Stahlschmidt, Preston, Ont.

Inner Mission—Mrs. C. Tonnersen, 1111 Green Ave., Montreal.

Foreign Mission — Miss Emma Roos, Waterloo.

Home Mission—Mrs. Wilbur Hostrawser, Preston.

Slav Mission—Mrs. Frank Frisby, Unionville.

Porto Rico—Mrs. George Lang, Pt Colborne.

Literature—Mrs. H. A. Kunkle, 18 Victoria Ave. S., Hamilton.

Organizing and Junior—Mrs. Wm. McDonald, 65 New St., Hamilton.

Mission Study—Mrs. Arthur Casselman, Morrisburg.

India and Porto Rico Laces—Mrs. H. A. Kunkle,

Life Membership and Memorial—Mrs. M Whittiker, Morrisburg.

Mission Exhibit—Mrs. Oren Becker, Williamsburg.

REPORT OF CANADA LUTHERAN AN COMMITTEE.

(1) That the Women's Missionary Society identify itself with our Synod and the Canada Luther League in promoting the interest of the Canada Lutheran, which aims to represent and advance Evangelical Lutheranism in Canada.

(2) That the sum of \$10.00 be paid to the Canada Lutheran for space, not to exceed one page, in which to publish the minutes of this convention.

(3) That all local societies, within or without the Synod of Central Canada, be requested to submit all news items to the News Editor, to be inserted in space for parish news.

(4) That articles of more general importance to this Society and the Church at large be submitted to the Editor of Miscellaneous matter and be granted space according to the judgment of the editorial staff.

(5) That each local society be asked to contribute at least \$2.00 to the support of the Canada Lutheran during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE.

HOME MISSION FUND.

Mrs. Wilbur Hostrawser, chairman of the special Home Mission Fund, reports the following:

Preston	\$ 8 30
Morrisburg	6 15
Waterloo	6 00
Toronto	5 70
Riverside	5 00

Total \$31 15

Last year the amount raised by ten societies was \$93.87. This deficit is due to war conditions and business depression, and the delay in sending money for this report.

SLAV MISSION REPORT.

Mrs O. C. N. Kanold, chairman of Slav Mission Fund, submits the following:—

Port Colborne	\$ 5 00
Welland	1 00
Waterloo	10 00

Total \$16 00

There are many of these earnest Lutherans on our territory. The Slav Mission Board of the General Council has appointed the Rev. H. A. Kunkle, of Hamilton, to represent this work in our Synod. Please cooperate with him.

LUTHERANS IN AMERICA.

1517-1617	0
1638	50
1738	5000
1817	38036
1847	135629
1857	232780
1867	323825
1877	629204
1887	994722
1897	1489874
1907	2012536
1913	2366579
1917	???????

What shall it be for the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation?

It depends upon Home Missions!

A certain millionaire did not approve of foreign missions. One Sunday at church, when the collection was being taken up for these missions, the collector approached the millionaire and held out the collection box. The millionaire shook his head.

"I never give to missions," he whispered.

"Then take something out of the bag, sir," whispered the collector. "The money is for the heathen."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

SEMINARY CAMPAIGN.

(Continued from page 11).

Port Colborne and Humberstone.

Previously reported	\$ 346 00
C. C. Knoll	20 00
Mrs. D. Cronmiller	5 00
Wm. Reichman	5 00
Reuben Cronmiller	5 00
J. H. Snider	25 00
Mrs. J. Babion	5 00
Wm. F. Kramer	10 00
David White	15 00
J. E. Barrick	15 00
Harry Kramer	10 00
Stanley Chambers	5 00
Horatio Knoll	10 00
Loren Mehlenbacher	3 00
Louis Koppler	25 00
Wm. Anthes	10 00
F. J. Chambers	10 00
Jessie White	5 00
Albert Kramer	15 00
Albert Knoll	10 00
Robt. White	5 00
F. A. Deterling	25 00
Horace Rathfoa	5 00
Albert Snyder	20 00
Chas. O. Smith	5 00
Mrs. M. Mosier	10 00
F. J. Quinn, Esq.	20 00
Fred. C. Hesler	5 00
J. P. Hanham	10 00
John Roberts	10 00
James Knoll	10 00
Fred Knoll	7 00
Mrs. A. Kramer	10 00

Total \$ 696 00

Welland.

Previously reported	\$ 336 00
Miss Carrie Kottmeier	5 00
Wm. Heffner	5 00

Total \$ 346 00

Hamilton.

Previously reported	\$ 195 50
Robt. Lenke	5 00
Albert Moas	1 00
E. B. Wescott	15 00
C. J. Johannes	20 00
Geo. Bailey	2 00
J. Rechl	2 00
C. L. Anderson	2 00
Wm. Jetter	1 00
Christ Larsen	1 00
H. J. Burgen	50
A. Paulson	5 00
W. H. Goring	5 00
E. B. Cosgrove	2 00
C. F. W. Denkert	3 00
R. A. Gibb	5 00
F. A. Gibb	5 00
O. W. Gibb	20 00
Albert Gibb	2 00
J. E. Gibb	2 00
Gordon Boyer	5 00
Miss A. L. L. Pierce	5 00
Wm. J. Ebert	5 00

Total \$ 311 00

Montreal.

Previously reported	\$ 145 00
Wilbur Butler	5 00
Axel Sorensen	5 00
Miss E. Bjorklund	5 50
Edward Sorensen	2 00
J. E. Christoffersen	10 00

Total \$ 172 50

Galt.

A member	\$ 30 00
A friend	30 00
Mr. Rush	25 00

Mr. Thorman	25 00
Mr. Leutwein	25 00
Mr. F. Schoenfeld	15 00
Mr. A. Kay	15 00
Mr. and Mrs. Vollmer	15 00
Mr. Gehman	15 00
Mr. Martz	10 00
Mr. Furtcher	10 00
Mr. Curtis	10 00
Mr. A. H. Wilson	10 00
"Member"	10 00
The Misses Dalgleish	10 00
Mr. Van Every	5 00
Mr. Carlson	5 00
Mr. Wendell	5 00
Another Member	5 00
Miss Stoltz	5 00
Mrs. Kress	5 00
Mr. H. Seyfert	5 00
Mr. Mahn	3 00
Mr. Graul	3 00
Mrs. Alex. Wilson	3 00

\$ 299 00

OUR NORTH-WEST.

Mr. C. H. Stiver.

Having just recently paid a visit to our great Canadian West and realizing ever since my first visit (which was about seven years ago) the great problems which confront our Church in relation to that country, I must say, that as the years roll by, the call becomes more urgent.

Too few of our people realize the possibilities of that great country.

When we remember that less than ten per cent. of the workable land is being cultivated to-day we will have some little idea of the future of the West.

Winnipeg is a beautiful city with its wide streets, fine buildings, rivers and parks, and only one English Lutheran Church. Some might ask, "Are more required?" Just step into the services of some of the other denominations and the question is answered. Here you will find Icelanders, Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, Germans, people of the finest character, holding some of the best positions in the city. They have adapted themselves to Canadian ideas and speak the English language well. They are good loyal Canadian

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citizens. These people should all be in the Lutheran Church, but they are not, simply because there is no Lutheran Church in the locality in which they live and consequently they drift, some into other denominations (which is well since we are not looking after them), but others drift out into the world and are lost. Yes, lost; lost eternally! What is true of Winnipeg in this respect is true of the whole West—city, town and country. Oh, that the different synods of our Church in Canada would forget their differences and present one solid front and go out and possess our share of that great field!

We sometimes think and speak of the foreign element of our Church as if to belittle them. Let us get rid of the idea, as I have said some of the finest characters are of foreign birth. The other denominations are proud to have them. Let us appreciate them as we should and use our efforts to make one united Canadian Lutheran Church.

THE STUDENTS' AID FUND.

J. A. Loa.

One of the most important questions under discussion at the last annual convention of the Luther League of Canada, which was held in First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, on May 24th, was the "Students' Aid Fund." While this most important work was decided upon at a convention of this organization, several years ago, with a great deal of enthusiasm, and has been the subject of addresses and discussions at conventions and district gatherings, since that time, the results obtained have not been sufficiently satisfactory, to place this fund in a position to be of any great benefit to needy students. Contributions have been received from time to time, and has been made of good use by the committee, but in order that this fund may be of real benefit to needy students, it is most essential to swell the present balance by a considerable amount. With this object in view, a committee composed of Messrs. G. Boyer, President, Hamilton; J. A. Loa, Secretary, Ottawa, and H. Shennett, Treasurer, Morrisburg, was appointed at the convention in Berlin, to formulate and adopt plans to raise the necessary funds. The plans adopted by the committee were submitted to the Western District Fall Rally, which was held at Galt, and there received the hearty

and loyal support of all delegates assembled. Mr. Carl Sorenson will submit the plans to the Eastern District Luther League Rally, which will be held at Riverside, on September 21st, and we feel assured that this progressive organization will also pledge their co-operation in this important work.

The officers of each individual League, and the representatives of the various organizations to these rallies are most earnestly requested to present this cause most vigorously before their respective organizations. The success of the enterprise will largely depend on the way the object is taken hold of by the executive of each league and the special committee appointed by them.

This committee should be composed of enthusiastic, progressive, energetic, zealous and willing workers, who by their records in the past have produced results in all their undertakings. This committee should impress upon their friends and co-workers the immediate necessity of such a fund, and picture to them the excellent results which will be forthcoming from money loaned, to needy students.

The committee has decided to place the pyramids with our people on or about October first, and everybody will be given an opportunity to contribute. The contents of these will be remitted to our Treasure, Mr. Shennett, at the commencement of the New Year. The committee will greatly appreciate any contributions which may be received from time to time.

While the financial depression, resultant through the war may have effected our friends more or less, yet we feel that all realizing the urgent necessity of this important cause will sacrifice something, for the fund. Let us all do our duty towards this object, by praying for it, working for it, and giving to it.

The committee is ready and willing at all times to give you an information you may desire, in connection with the fund.

THE WORD.

By Rev. John Keehley—Continued

This leads us to a consideration of the Efficacy of the Word, which is neither physical nor mechanical.

It may be said to inhere not in the letter or language used by the sacred writers, but in the revealed truth which they convey to men's

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minds. The Holy Spirit is not one of mere co-operation, but the one who has revealed it. He has guided the writers and spoken through them. So that the Word is not man's word, but the Word of God. To quote again from Dr. Jacobs, he says: "This doctrine of the constant and uniform efficacy of the Holy Spirit in and through the external Word is manifestly exclusive of the Reformed theory of an irresistible grace, as well as of a limited atonement. Hence the controversy as to the efficacy and place of the Sacraments is, after all, only one concerning the efficacy of the Word." Notwithstanding the fact that many refuse to hear the Word, and as this may seem to be an argument against the constant efficacy of the external Word, we nevertheless have such assurances as the following from Is. 55: 11: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it." From which we hold that the Word is never taught or preached without fruit.

Luther contended that "God's people can never be without God's Word; nor God's Word without God's people." We may therefore conclude that wherever God's Word is preached, there are some, even though only a few, who are true believers, and may be called children of God.

It must, however, be always borne in mind that the efficacy belongs to the truth conveyed, and not necessarily to the words themselves. Thus truth is just as efficacious, if expressed in other words. It may be rightly said that more children of God have been converted and nourished in the divine life by the use of translations, than by that of the original texts of Scripture. But from the Introduction to the Formula of Concord we learn that "The Holy Scriptures in their originals

ever remain the fixed form for use as infallible standards for doctrine." Hence the absolute necessity of a close adherence to the originals in matters of doctrine and for the expression of faith through the confessional basis of the Church. The importance of the use of the original expression of the Word, for matters of doctrine, is found in the fact that such formal utterances become and are the court of last resort for the proof of the soundness and scripturalness of the position of the Church. Not what men may think of the Word nor is it a question of what some may read into the Word, but rather "What saith the Word." With the many translations and revised versions of the Old Book, the latest of which is the new "Baptist version," and the army of interpreters, each one of whom reserves the right to put his or her own interpretation upon the Word, has given ample cause for men to read out of the Word what is there, and to read into it what is not there. Thus the source of so many branches of the Christian Church to-day and the rise of so many sects and in-sects, each one of which lays claim to being not only justified in its existence but presumes to call itself the only true interpreter of the meaning of God's Word; and especially appointed guardians of God's interests on earth. Attest such characters as Alex. Dowie, the one-
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