

Kitchener, Ontario,

June 15, 1955.

The twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada and Waterloo College was held on the above date in the Parish Hall of St. John's Lutheran Church Waterloo Ontario with a registration attendance of 288.

The meeting was opened by President, Mrs. C. H. Doerr. Opening devotions were conducted by Mrs. Franklin Jensen of St. Marks Church Kitchener. The theme of her devotions was "Prayer". She said "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of".

Mrs. Doerr extended a word of Welcome to all who attended the meeting

2890-67 The Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting and they where approved as read. The treasurer's report was read and showed a bank balance of \$3,109.63. The minutes were approved as read. A letter of thanks from Miss Joyce Meckbach, Woodstock, for the Scholarship she received from the Auxiliary was read.

In the President's report she mentioned that during the past year a vacuum cleaner had been purchased, dishes for the dining room where paid for, springs and mattresses where bought. She also said that the Auxiliary still owes the Board of Governors \$3,557.30 for furniture and mattresses and springs. She also said that \$2,000 is needed for furniture for rooms being converted into dormitories to accomodate 22 more students. A motion was made to supply this furniture. It was moved and seconded. Total amount owing board of Governors is \$5,557.30. Mrs. Doerr also said that Eatons of Toronto has donated \$1,000 in merchandise to the college which will probably be used for spreads and drapes to match for the dormitories.

The Inaugural service for Dr. Ray Houser was held Sunday evening Jan. 16, 1955 in St. Peter's church Kitchener and the Women of St. Peters supplied and served the lunch for the reception.

The Waterloo College graduation exercises where held on May, 27 at the Mutual Life Auditorium. Mrs. Doerr thanked all the ladies who helped and supplied the lunch for the reception which was held after the graduation. She also thanked the ladies for more quilts which where received during the year.

Roll call was taken, showing a representation from 29 churches.

Mrs. Wm. Gillespie spoke about the promotional program. She said Many women do not know about the work the Auxiliary is doing. We are going to try to branch out and organize conferences. Committee key woman for each conference have been appointed. Her duty will be to appoint a chairman in each congregation of the Conference and they in turn will appoint teams to canvass for members. She said all women should be interested even if we do not have sons and daughters attending, but that we should help to see that we have Christian leadership in our communities. The key women appointed are as follows:

Hamilton conference-----Mrs. Klause Kuehnbaum, Toronto.
Eastern Conference-----Mrs. Cecil Miller, Pembroke.
Northern Conference-----Mrs. Gerda Stenbol, Sault Ste. Marie.
Hanover Conference-----Mrs. Iak Lange, Hanover.
Stratford Conference-----Mrs. O.O. Ireland, Stratford.
Kitchener Conference-----Mrs. Edward Heimpel, Waterloo.

In order to stimulate greater interest in the work of the Auxiliary the nominating committee feels that the term of office of the executive officers should be limited, the following recommendation was submitted:
1. The President, 1st. vice-president and 2nd. vice-president shall be elected for a term of 2 years and shall be eligible for not more than one re-election.

2. The Secretary and assistant Secretary shall be elected for a term of 1 year and should shall be eligible for not more than 2 re-elections.

3. The Treasurer and assistant Treasurer shall be elected for a term of 1 year and shall be eligible for not more than 3 re-elections. It was moved and seconded that we accept this recommendation.

Mrs. John Lauman brought in the slate of officers which are as follows:

Hon. President-----Rev. A. G. Jacobi
 Hon. Vice-President-Mr. J. G. Hagey
 President for life--Mrs. J. A. Conrad
 President-----Mrs. C. H. Doerr
 1st. Vice-President-Mrs. C. H. Musselman
 2nd. Vice-President-Mrs. Norman Schmidt
 Secretary-----Mrs. Paul Eydt
 Ast. Secretary-----Mrs. Edward Knorr
 Treasurer-----Mrs. Mel. Schatz
 Ast. Treasurer-----Mrs. J. G. Hagey

Mrs. Doerr presided for election of officers. All officers were elected as presented on slate. The nominating committee for 1955-56 are as follows:

Mrs. George Roberts-----St. Marks Kitchener, Chairman
 Mrs. Julius Koch-----St. Lukes Kingsdale
 Mrs. Norman Dotzenroth--St. Stephens, Kitchener
 Mrs. E. Braithwaite-----St. Pauls, Bridgeport

Auditors will be Mrs. Norman Dreger and Mrs. O. Dannecker.

An invitation was extended from St. Johns Waterloo to have the meeting in their church next year. The fellowship dinner to be held at the College with one of the local churches to cater.

Rev. Cronmiller asked Mr. Hagey to convey his greetings to the Auxiliary and also the appreciation expressed from the Board of Governor for the wonderful work which the Auxiliary has done. Mr. Hagey also said that guides will show the ladies through the New buildings immediately after the dinner. With the aid of charts Mr. Hagey traced through a year of progress at Waterloo Seminary. For the first time a President was appointed for the Seminary. Dr. J. Ray Houser, appointed in Sept, 1954. For the first time the Seminary has its own separate classrooms. There was an increase of expenditures due to the Seminary having its own President and own administration rooms but there was also an increase in the grant from Synod. Seminary graduation service-- was held in Mahone Bay, home congregation of the one Seminary graduate. The church was not large enough to hold all the people. Mr. Hagey also reviewed a year in the College. In Sept. 1954 the new Arts and Science building was opened. Enrolment increased from 269 to 335 with evening classes having a registration of 275. Waterloo enjoyed this increase in spite of the fact that national enrolment was down. There was an increase in operating costs mostly for additional faculty members for the new building but more money was received from tuitions and government grants as well as gifts. Industry has also contributed. Mr. Hagey said 29 Lutheran congregations sent young people to go through the college. Thousands of people have visited the College during the past year. He said the students appreciate the new buildings and facilities and respected the new furniture. About 600 people were using the new furniture daily but that the furniture had few marks on it. Christian Life on the campus was good. He also thanked the ladies for all the help they have given. Mrs. Doerr thanked Mr. Hagey.

Rev. A. W. Lotz on behalf of the Board of Governors presented Mrs. Jacob Conrad of Waterloo with an illuminated scroll. Mrs. Conrad was the first President of the Auxiliary in 1914. She has served 27 years (28 years) as President. Rev. Lotz praised her for her unselfish devotion to promote the cause of Waterloo College and Seminary. She was honored by having the Women's residence of the College officially named Conrad Hall after her. She has never missed a Seminary or College graduation. She recalled that the Auxiliary work in which she has been active for 43 years began in an unorganized way in the old dormitory of the college, which was actually a house. It was a special thrill for her to receive the scroll from Rev. Lotz, since he was "one of her boys", she said.

an officer of the auxiliary

(Mrs. Fred Stalischmidt was the first president)

A plaque will be placed on a wall of the residence as well as a portrait of her. Mrs. Conrad thanked the Board of Governors for the honour bestowed upon her. Mrs. Jensen closed the meeting with devotions. The meeting adjourned.

Members were transported by buses and cars to the college where the fellowship dinner was held in the college dining room and gymnasium. A delicious turkey dinner was served by the Women of St. Marks church. After the dinner a tour was made of the college buildings while the tables were taken out of the dining room and chairs set up. Mrs. Lloyd Schaus led the group in a sing song. Piano soloist was Miss Louise German who played 2 Bach chorals. Vocal soloist was Mrs. Dorothy Goman. Mrs. Howard Bream was mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Wm. Gillespie introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. C. W. Baker Jr. She was past president of the W. M. S. of the U. L. C. A. also a past president of the Women's League of Gettysburg Seminary. Mrs. Baker said "There isn't a place on the continent that has a better chance of building young manhood and womanhood than church related colleges. She noted that Waterloo College is known far beyond Canadian boundaries. "As an auxiliary you are planning the welfare of that institution- you are not apart from it- you are part of it." she said. "Missionary women are the whole power behind church work, although some of the men don't realize it yet," she said.

"Buildings alone don't build character, and students will never achieve it as well as with a church-related college," she said. Students in a small college are not just 'numbers'.

"Money is the cheapest thing we can give. Perhaps you can do something that someone else can't. You can encourage youth to attend this college, and you can build enthusiasm in your home church to help support the college," she suggested.

Never come to the point where you feel you've done all you can do. You are never through.

"When I went to school they 'tolerated' girls....they didn't want us or co-education. Today they want the girls in college. As the mothers of tomorrow they need all the education they can get for this tough old world," she said.

The meeting closed with the singing of God Be With You Till We Meet Again.

Respectfully Submitted
Myrtle Schulte
Secretary

Louise Y. Baker
President