

St. Matthews Church,  
Kitchener, Ont.,  
June 19, 1957.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of Waterloo Seminary and College Women's Auxiliary was held on the above date with a registration of 171 members.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Mrs. Gerhardt Becker of Conestoga. Her theme was "We Would Be Building".

Mrs. C. H. Musselman opened the business portion of the meeting with a few words of welcome to all members and friends. She also at this time gave a brief report of the activities of the Auxiliary during the past year. She reported that the Auxiliary had again served at the College Graduation reception held at the Mutual Life Auditorium on May 6th. Women from the churches in the Kitchener-Waterloo area had assisted with the lunch for this occasion and a number from each group had been asked to serve.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given and showed a bank balance of \$3,992.36. It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted. Carried. *as of June 3, 1957*

The president reported that Miss Laura Neff had received the scholarship for this year and that a letter of thanks had been received from her.

The Promotional report of Mrs. Gillespie's was read by the secretary in the absence of the chairman of this committee. Mrs. Gillespie stated that the goal of the Auxiliary should be to get additional members in every congregation. The emphasis should be on individual memberships rather than group memberships she stated. The work of the Auxiliary can only go on as the members give of their talents, gifts and prayers. This report was adopted as read.

The president thanked Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. W. Klinck for the fine job they had done in sending out the promotional material during the year.

In Mr. Hagey's talk he thanked the ladies for their support and contributions. He reiterated the things said by Mrs. Gillespie in her report regarding the contributions made by the members. He made a plea for spiritual and moral support for our institutions. He asked that we pray that more men may enter the Ministry and too, that more of our young people be encouraged to enter our institution for Christian Higher Education. There is a need for more Lutheran young people to be encouraged to take advantage of our College and to avail themselves of the opportunity of getting a Christian Higher Education. Mr. Hagey spoke on the Affiliation Program. He stated that the Associated Faculties has not yet started to function as a College, but as of July 2nd, 1957, the first course to lead to a Bachelor of Science Degree will be started. The advantage of having the facilities of Seagram Stadium at our disposal were emphasized by Mr. Hagey. This building and field frees land on our campus for use for additional buildings.

The needs of the College and Seminary were stated by Mr. Hagey. There is need for a new Seminary Chapel and Seminary quarters. The Library is becoming increasingly crowded and there is need for additional space there. Equipment is also needed for both buildings. Arrangements had been made to take members of the Auxiliary to visit the buildings at the College and Seminary and Mr. Hagey mentioned that cars would be ready to take the



ladies up between 5.00 and 6.00 P.M.

The President reported that the Project Committee had been appointed, but additional names would be appreciated from the Stratford and Hanover conferences. The Committee appointed was:

Mrs. Wm. Gillespie - Chairman  
Mrs. Walter Klinck - CO-Chairman  
Mrs. Walter Hachborn - St. Jacobs  
Mrs. Albert Datars - Hamilton.

Additional names suggested were:

Mrs. Albert Buehlow - New Hamburg.  
Mrs. Jack Lange - Hanover.

Mrs. Hagey was asked by the president to make suggestions for a project for the coming year. There is nothing definite at the moment, he stated, but there is definite need for a new girls and mens dormitory.

It was moved by Mrs. C. H. Doerr and seconded by Mrs. J. Reble that the Project Committee consider the matter of a new project and report to the members at the next annual meeting.

The Executive Committee had the following recommendation to present:

"The Executive Committee recommends that a committee be appointed to study the Constitution and report to the members at the next annual meeting if there are any suggested changes".

It was agreed that this be left in the hands of the Executive Committee to study and report on next year.

The nominating committee report was presented by Mrs. Spiegelberg.

The following members were elected to office:

Secretary - Mrs. D. Glebe  
Asst. Secretary - Mrs. G. Becker  
Treasurer - Mrs. Bert Chapman  
Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Arthur Hiller.

This slate of officers was adopted as presented.

Other members of the Executive did not need to be voted on.

The nominating committee for next year will be as follows:

Mrs. W. Bitzer - Chairman - St. Marks, Kitchener  
Mrs. Arthur Welker - St. Jacobs  
Mrs. Roy Klinck - Elmira  
Mrs. Harry Koehler - Heidelberg  
Mrs. R. Hyatt - St. Lukes - Kitchener

*Mrs. G. Raymond - Mount Zion*

The president thanked the ladies from Redeemer Church, Toronto for the quilt and afghan donated during the year.

Mrs. Becker closed the business portion of the meeting with devotions.

The supper was served to 168 ladies in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The program that followed was held in the church. Mrs. A. Conrad led the sing song during the supper hour, and acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. Miss Audrey Miglarine sang two numbers and was accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Herman Bauer.

Mrs. Harry Greb introduced the speaker, Dr. J. Reble, former president of the Can. da Synod. Dr. Reble had just recently returned from Germany where he had served at the Port of Bremen as representative of the Dept. of World Service of the Lutheran World Federation.



Dr. Reble pointed out that there are 18 million people in Eastern Germany, 82% of these are opposed to Communism. 83% of these are Lutheran and 17% Roman Catholic.

Hundreds of thousands of those in East Berlin who have escaped to West Berlin are in camps for about two weeks. When the authorities are sure that they are not Communists they are flown to West Germany. The Lutheran World Federation provides food and clothing for these refugees. Churches in Western Germany are sponsoring churches in East Germany and parcels etc. are continually being sent to this section.

The camp at Bremen is about 10 miles from the city. It is a little village in itself, comprised of 42 buildings and can accommodate about 2000 people. There is a hospital, restaurant and offices as well as the sleeping quarters. Immigrants come to the camp 3 days before sailing for documentation, final appraisal etc. There is a small fee of \$1.25 per day charged for those services and facilities made available to them. Farewell services are held on the eve of sailing. Clothing is required by many and this is supplied by "Hilfswerk" who looked after the Inner and Social Mission work. About 10,000 attended Chapel services during Dr. Reble's term and about 2,920 communed.

Dr. Reble stated that seeing these people off at the boats was a heart-rending experience. They had been on the move for so many years. He told of many sad and funny experiences he had had during his stay there. He pointed out that Lutheran World Action had helped to strengthen the Lutheran World Federation by its contributions and works.

Mrs. Bert Chapman thanked Dr. Reble.

Mrs. Musselman thanked all those who had assisted with the meeting- the women of St. Matthews, Dr. Schmieder, Mrs. Conrad, Mrs. Becker and Dr. Reble. Miss Miglarini and Mrs. Bauer were also thanked.

The meeting closed with the singing of the hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again", and the Benediction by Dr. Schmieder.

Marguerite Eydt  
Secretary.