

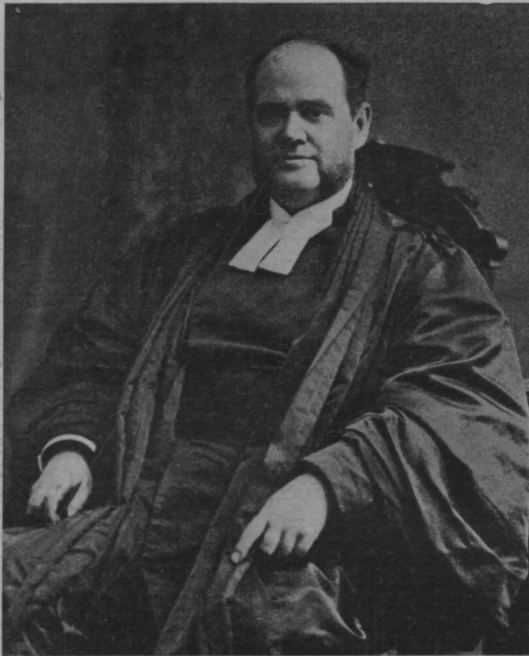
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A Canadian by birth. Pastor of Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N.Y. Congregation numbers 1,600 members; Sunday School, 1,100. Assistant Pastor, Rev. W. K. Hemsath; Missionary Pastor, Rev. C. Kuder, India.

THE REV. F. A. KAEHLER, D.D. AND HIS ACHIEVEMENTS.

Trinity English Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N.Y., Main St., above North, is well styled the Mother of English Lutheranism in that popular and thriving city of exposition fame.

The English Apostle of this strong hold of Lutheranism is the brilliant, genial, devoted and magnetic leader, organizer, pastor and preacher, the Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., a native of Canada. May, 1916, the congregation will be 37 years old. In 1883 Holy Trinity Church had only 130 members, and a S. S. of 125. To-day her S. S. enrolls, with the Cradle Roll, over 1,100, including a Men's Bible Class of 225 members. Besides the seven congregations she has mothered and nursed into life and activity, she was also chiefly instrumental in starting the Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and Infirm, which now presents a beautiful home valued at \$150,000. She has done much for the St. John's Orphans' Home and the Martin Luther Hospice for working women, which is just now growing into prominence.

At the time of the organization of Trinity, the Lutheran Church was then the strongest Protestant body in Buffalo, but the old trouble, no English, no S. S., no church, no preaching of the Gospel in the language of the land, which is rapidly becoming the language of control in the world. The beginning, like in Canada, was late, but it was right. In 37 years, God's favor has rested upon the faithful efforts. The little English Church has now become a magnificent cathedral. She is justly proud of her able spiritual father, and trustworthy "Man of God." She has called a tactful and energetic assistant, the Rev. W. K. Hemsath, and supports the Rev. C. F. Kuder in India at a salary of \$1,600, besides helping to support the Buffalo L. L. Missionary, Rev. Karl Walter in India. The S. S. supports several scholarships in Rajamundry Schools and the Women's Missionary Society has helped to erect the Maternity Hospital, and the Kottogiri rest-houses in the Madras District. Trinity also prints, under the auspices of their Luther League, "Our Church Paper," a fine and well managed monthly paper, distributed free to any member at church or mailed to any one at 25c. per year. The fruits of such earnest and prayerful labors, numerically, now reads 4,000 English Lutheran and 8 congregations and

missions in Buffalo. This great work, under God, and by a "Man of God," in 37 years. May this be an inspiration to the men in our Lutheran Seminary at Waterloo and to many others who are preparing to respond to the call. God grant many more days and years to Dr. Kaehler and family and church in their great sphere of usefulness.—Editor.

The task before the American woman is enormous. Nay, rather, her opportunity is wide as the world itself. To save our own homes, we **must** save the world. To save the world, we **must** save our own homes. Truly, the work needs us. And just as truly we need the work. Christ's great missionary cause will go on. You and I cannot stop it. The church is in the grip of a current mightier than its own human forces. There dare be no such thing as indifference. The mere condition of standing still is opposition to the cause. A great army of the world's bravest and brightest and noblest are enlisting in the support of the banner of Jesus Christ in foreign lands, and in the cities of our own land. We cannot stand still, in the midst of the flowing tide, without checking progress and turning some part astray. We must help, or we are sure to hinder. Are we willing to be left behind. Are we satisfied to let our children and friends stand aside and watch the Church of Christ sweep on to the greatest victory of all time, and be content to have no share in it?—Abstract from "Women's Work in the Kingdom."

THE CANADA LUTHERAN.

Many thanks to the kind readers of our Canada Lutheran who have renewed their subscriptions during the past month. A large number of subscriptions are still due and we cannot continue to mail the paper indefinitely to those whose subscriptions have expired because of postal regulations. But friends, we don't want to drop a single subscription, we want to add new ones. Our motto is still: "The Canada Lutheran in Every Home."

THE SYNODICAL SECRETARY'S NOTES.

1. Continued happiness and prosperity for the New Year to all our congregations.

2. Apportionments are due early.

N. WILLISON,
Sec., Synod of Central Canada.

SERMON.

By H. A. Kunkle.

Luke 8: 21. "Jesus said, My mother and My brethren are these which hear the Word of God, and do it."

We read, teach, preach and hear much throughout these important weeks and days about Jesus, His mother and His brethren.

The word **mother** goes beyond our ordinary comprehension; the word **brother** is so freely used in religious and fraternal gatherings and circles that there is a certain endearment attached to it also. But, the name **Jesus** is the explanation to all the wonders and miracles. He loved them unto the end.

We are weak and faint-hearted and we cannot see. But, let us meditate. Looking at things which are not seen keeps the soul from fainting, and invigorates it to every holy duty. Do I believe Christ now thinks of me, and is this moment pleading my cause in heaven? How then can I live unholy, and walk uncomfortably on earth? True, if I did but know Christ loved me. How do you expect to know it? Do you believe He loved His mother and His brethren after the flesh? It cannot be doubted. See then how near and dear to Christ, in a spiritual sense, are all who hear the Word of God, and keep it.

1. To hear the Word of God, implies, to have such an understanding of it, faith in it, hope from it and love for it, as to cause our souls to delight in God, and our affections to cleave unto Him.

2. Paul speaks of tasting the good word of God, Heb. 6: 5. There is a precious savour in the Word. To hear it is to have a spiritual relish for it. Just as food is savoury to the palate, so is the Word of God to the soul.

3. There is a still small voice, in which our Beloved speaks internally, the words of His Gospel. He says, "My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me." We know the voice of our Shepherd. It is the delight of our souls to hear Him. Is this all? Do we only hear? No, for His divine command tells us "not to be hearers only but to be doers also." To follow, to do, to obey, for "to obey is better than sacrifice." "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." The manifestation of Christ, the light which comes to us through His precious Gospel during this Epiphany

season, is a glorious manifestation and a heavenly light, the rays of which shine forth and enlighten the world. It is for us now to appreciate this Great Light and walk in it before the sadness of the Lententide and the deep sorrow of Holy Week come upon us. This will strengthen us to meet all of life's troubles, for "they that trust in the Lord shall be as Mt. Zion." He is our elder Brother and will care for us if we "hear the Word of God and do it." "Lord, Thou art Light; Thy smallest ray

No shade nor variation knows;
My inward darkness drive away,
As when Thy light on chaos rose."

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE.

This is the children's age. The training of the child is receiving attention on all sides. Though the time to begin this training and how to begin it has become the subject of earnest discussion, its importance cannot be questioned.

The Sunday school teacher would lose an immense advantage if he did not take time by the fore-lock and use the spirit of this age for the advancement of child-training in the Sunday-school teaching.

Fortunately, the Lutheran Sunday-school teacher has at his command abundant material for his work in the excellent Graded System, prepared by able scholars of the Lutheran Church, which has now been used and tested for the past twenty years. The principal task lies in the proper handling of the material. A wise selection of this material by the teacher should aid in giving point to the lesson, should hold the attention of the pupil, and arouse the will to action.

As a possible aid in this direction, the Waterloo Seminary has offered to open its doors to the earnest band of the teachers of Waterloo and Berlin and vicinity, an hour or two each week for the purpose of explaining the principles and methods of Sunday-school teaching. The course offered will be on the basis of the Teacher Training Quarterly, followed by the study of the lessons of the different grades for the following Sunday.

Those who desire to take the course are kindly requested to inform the Dean of the Seminary, at the same time stating the time most convenient to take the course.

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EDITORIAL.

THE GREAT GOAL.

The plans for the **Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in 1917** have been published in all our leading Church papers. They are many and varied. It is a gigantic problem viewing it with and through the eye of man. It is small when viewed through the eye of the Church of the Reformation and her Gospel lens.

The whole work is to be directed through a central bureau or office which will be established in Philadelphia in the near future, and which will be in charge of some competent person who will devote all of his time to that work.

No doubt many will ask, "What are the objects of such a great movement?" The actual plan has not been fully framed but some of the leading ideas, given in "The Lutheran," are as follows: To quicken our consciousness as Lutherans; To cultivate our appreciation of our heritage as the Church of the Reformation; To stimulate works of Christian love in Lutheran fields of endeavor, educational, benevolent, and missionary; To set forth in their might the principles of the Reformation; To bring about a

wider and more thorough understanding of our view of the Gospel of Salvation through Jesus Christ; To indicate to our fellow-Christians and our fellow-citizens in this country the principles and practices of our Church; To interpret the deeds of the Reformers and the events of the Reformation era; and to describe the work and personality of Dr. Martin Luther, from whom our Church gets her historic origin and her name, and whose devoted deeds marks the year 1517 as epochal in the history of religion and of the world.

This great scheme is worked out and handled through and by the various committees carefully chosen, such as the **Committee on Literature and Publicity**, a **Committee on Public Meetings**; under this head will come a lecture bureau somewhat similar to the University Extension Plan. Many of the lectures to be illustrated.

Also a **Committee on Finance**. This is a very important committee and a great test to their financial skill is ahead. All these plans are under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the Joint Committee. The officers of this Executive Committee are:—President, Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, Lebanon, Pa.; Secretary, Rev. Dr. J. A. Morehead, Salem, Va.; Treasurer, Hon. John I. Zimmerman, Springfield, O. This should inspire every Christian and especially every Lutheran and arouse a loyal spirit, stimulate a desire for the good literature that is to be published and distributed at a very cheap rate. Pray for the success of the greatest of all religious and Church enterprises.

A CONFERENCE OF OUR HOME MISSION FORCES.

January 25th and 26th, 1916, will no doubt go in history as epoch-making. Buffalo is the place chosen. One representative from each conference mission committee within the General Council, one from each synodical home mission board, together with a member of the general Home Mission Board and the general and district superintendents, are to be in session for two days to discuss such questions as: The inter-relation of the mission factors and forces under the unification plan; The best process in the nursing a mission to the point of self-sustentation; The type of men needed to man our missions; How to supply the ministry with men; Round Table Talks, conducted by Dr. Kunz-

man, and other kindred and important topics. May this result in a nationwide Home Missionary movement inside of the General Council. More of this in the March issue when the convention has produced some suggestions and results.

A volume of more than 300 pages is needed this year to contain the proceedings of the Augustana Synod's last convention. It shows the Synod to have 692 ministers, 1,204 congregations, and 184,656 communicants.

Mr. Horatio Bottomley, brilliant British writer, editor of "John Bull," until recently one of the leading unbelievers of the British Empire, says, speaking in reference to a fellow free-thinker: "The death of my old friend, G. W. Foote, leader of the English freethinkers, has set me freely thinking. . . . What a wonderful man I thought him; and how I pitied, from the sublime eminence of our superior intelligence and wisdom, the poor Christians, and other victims of religious superstition! Dear simple deluded creatures—they 'believed in God!' I knew better. I believed only that which could be demonstrated to my 'reason.' What a clever chap I was! And now to-day, in my 55th year, I believe in God and in the immortality of the soul of man. . . . The great world war has done it. In these soul-searching days, no man can be content with a mere negative philosophy. The doubted must go to the wall."

While we are sending missionaries to the heathen let us not forget our unfortunate, our fallen and our wayward brethren right at home. The Inner Mission starts right at our door and sends us to the foreign work, which goes into all the world.

The centre of gravity for the Sixth Annual Convention of the Lutheran Student Missionary Conference, to be held February 25, 26 and 27, 1916, is at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. This thriving and attractive town is on the main line of the Erie R.R., midway between N.Y. and Chicago, midway between Pittsburg and Erie on the Pa. R.R. The purpose of the conference is to bring all Lutheran students into sympathetic co-operation in the study and work of missions. President, Prof. C. O. Solberg, B.D., Northfield, Minn.; Secretary, S. O. Thorla-

ksson, Maywood, Ill.; Cor. Secretary, E. R. Capewell, Greenville, Pa.

There are 99,000 Japanese in this country, but only 10,000 of them are affiliated with Buddhist temples. There are 61 Japanese Christian churches in the West, with a total membership of 3,500.

The Common Service Book and Hymnal is the name of the new Church book—now ready for the printers. It is expected that it will be used by the churches of the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod South.

The Porto Rico Mission now has 9 congregations, 12 missions, 423 communicants, 16 Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 1,600, and property valued at \$32,485.

On December 29th, the leader of the Ohio Joint Synod's work in Western Canada, the Rev. Geo. Gehrke, President of the Canada District of that Synod, died after a brief illness of pneumonia.

December, 1915—Five deaths in the ministerial rank are recorded: Rev. A. O. Gallenkamp, Scranton, Pa., 55 years; Dr. G. B. Hancher, Mt. Carroll, Ill., 65 years; Rev. J. M. Nervig, Duluth, Minn., 50 years; Rev. S. Philippi, D.D., Wytheville, Va., 81 years; Rev. C. Walleen, D.D., Colorado Springs, Col., 76 years. Average age, 66 years.

The Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, Methodist, printed a first installment of a prominent article on "The Moral Majesty of Martin Luther."

"First Bishop of the American Catholic Church in the W. S." is the title now borne by the Rev. F. E. J. Floyd, D.D., formerly a priest of Protestant Episcopal Church. He was consecrated at Chicago by the Most Rev. Joseph R. Villate, D.D., Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Orthodox Old Catholic Church of America.

All but a few inches of a full column on the front page of the January 1st issue of the "New York Times" was devoted to an account of a New York lawyer's "Conversion" from the Episcopal to the Roman Catholic faith.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Edited by Ernie H. Beckman, Waterloo, Ontario.

Berlin.

December 27th.—The Christmas service was held which proved a great success. The children took their parts very effectively and pleased the large audience, who left with a renewed Christmas spirit.

Jan. 2nd.—Owing to the illness of the Pastor, Rev. H. J. Behrens, Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., willingly offered his service and occupied the pulpit at both morning and evening services.

January 10th.—The Luther League held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Huether where a very interesting meeting was held. One important item of business was the decision of holding the future meetings at the church, owing to the increased numbers which almost made it impossible to hold it at the private residences.

January 4th.—Dr. S. P. Long, of Mansfield, Ohio, delivered his first address, "The Power of a Prince, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and on Jan. 5th he delivered the second one, "The Philosophy of Providence," in this church. Both these lectures were very instructive and those who had the privilege of hearing them received some information which they will undoubtedly not forget throughout life.

These addresses are given under the auspices of the Lutheran Club, who took this means in order to aid their club financially and at the same time give the people something new and valuable. There is still another musical number on the course which will be given some time in February.

Brantford.

In entering upon the New Year we are thankful to God for the many, many blessings He has showered upon us during the past year. We feel that God has been with us all the way through, which is the sole reason why our little mission church has succeeded so far. Again to Him give all the praise and thanks.

The children of the S. S. gave their annual entertainment on Monday, December 27th, and the programme was enjoyed by the large crowd present. Rev. H. A. Kunkle, of Hamilton, was with us and gave his "Candle

Talk on the Life of Christ." It was something new and was thoroughly appreciated.

On the same evening the congregation took the opportunity of showing their appreciation of Mr. F. W. Otterbein's services for the past year when they presented him with a "Christmas Envelope" containing a large sum of money. Miss Lucy Clark, organist, and Mr. H. F. Oliver, choir leader, were also remembered in a liberal way. The fortunate ones wish to thank the members for their kind and appreciative gifts. It shows that the hearts of our people are in the right place when it comes to supporting the church.

There has been considerable illness among our people lately. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hansen had to remain home for three weeks. Ethel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Borger, is ill at present, and Master LeRoy Nicholls is just recovering from a severe attack of La Grippe. Miss M. Herman underwent an operation for appendicitis at the General Hospital on Jan. 4th. At this writing all are on a fair way to recovery and we pray God that it may be His will to restore them speedily to health and strength and that we may have them in our midst again shortly.

The following spent the holidays out of town:—Miss Lucy Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Glebe and family, Miss May Keil, Mr. and Mrs. Lipsky and family, Mrs. Webb and her two little sons, Floyd and Garfield. We also had the pleasure of welcoming the following visitors to our services over the holiday season:—Mr. Sprung, of Hespeler; Mr. Foerster, of St. Clemens, and Mrs. Youngblut, of Camden, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Borgeson and daughter, Olive, journeyed to Hamilton on Christmas Day and enjoyed the L. L. programme of Trinity Church.

On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Oliver celebrated the 5th anniversary of their wedding. About 30 guests sat down to a good old-fashioned Xmas dinner and all enjoyed themselves immensely.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society are the proud possessors of a bank book, and are also introducing the Canada Lutheran and the Mission Worker.

The following pastoral acts were performed by Rev. H. A. Kunkle: Baptisms—Jesse Lewis, Leone Lewis, Melvin Cosby. Communion—Mrs. Hotel.

Rev. Kunkle also had charge of the services on January 2nd at which he administered Communion. There was a large attendance and the service was enjoyed by all. We are truly grateful to Rev. Kunkle for his many kind acts on our behalf.

Dunbar.

Our Christmas service passed off very nicely. The Sunday School rendered Emanuel Schmauk's service, entitled, "The Holy Child," supplemented with additional recitations and special music.

The children did their parts well. A creditable offering was taken for Bethany Orphans' Home.

A New Year's Eve concert, under the auspices of the choir, was held. A good programme was rendered, consisting of instrumental and vocal solos, duets, trios and quartettes. Local talent was assisted by three members of the standard orchestra of St. Peter's Luther League, Ottawa.

Mr. Arndt Loa, piano, Mr. Duldolphe Loa, violin, and Mr. Stewart, cello. This added materially to the programme, and the managers are very thankful to these friends for their services so kindly rendered.

The proceeds were about thirty dollars clear of expenses.

On Christmas Day Mrs. Adam Pemberton, who had been ailing for several months, peacefully passed away, aged 75 years, 10 months, and 20 days.

On the 27th her funeral was conducted by her pastor, assisted by Rev. J. Maurer, in St. Luke's Church, and burial in Williamsburg cemetery. The attendance of relatives, neighbors and friends was very large.

On December 22nd, at the residence of Mr. Asa Hess, Mr. James Roy Cassel, of Glen Becker, and Miss Viola Barkley, until recently of Dunbar, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

Over one hundred dollars more on the parsonage debt was recently paid, and a well completed, at a cost of about \$40, including the pump.

The tower of the church has been fixed to keep the water out, but unfortunately the greater part of the sound of the bell seems to be kept in.

Galt.

December 25th, Christmas service was held at 11 a.m., when, allowing for the weather, the attendance was fairly good.

December 27th.—The church was literally packed to the doors when the unique Christmas service, "The Coming of the King," was rendered by the Sunday School. Both the singing and reciting were a credit to Mr. Berhardt and Mrs. Van Every, respectively, who had charge of the preparation of the service. The decorations of the tree and church were beautiful. A large, beautifully colored scenic back-ground covered the front wall of the church, showing the town of Bethlehem, with a panel at each end, the one showing the angel appearing to the shepherds and the other showing the Wise Men on their camels following the star. Supt. Herbert Seyffert presided very ably. The Christmas Story was divided into nine parts, each being introduced by the words of Scripture and illustrated with recitations, dialogues and musical numbers.

At the close of the service Mr. Percy Kay, organist of the church, was presented with a gold piece on behalf of the congregation. Mr. W. H. Bernhardt, choir director, was presented with a beautifully bound Church Book with music. The following scholars received gifts for regular attendance during the year:—Esther Schoenfeld, Violet Despond, Clarence Reinhart and John Schoenfeld. Miss Edna Leutwein was also presented with a gold piece in recognition of her faithfulness as organist of the Sunday School.

Mr. Beckman, the student in charge of the congregation, was then called upon and presented with a handsome cash gift, with which to purchase a pulpit gown, by his Friendly Bible Class. Miss Anetta Dalglish read the address and Pte. Andrew Wilson made the presentation. The children then received their gifts after which the service closed by singing "Silent Night," followed by the National Anthem. The service was repeated on Wednesday, Jan. 5th, in aid of the Red Cross, when a handsome sum was realized for this worthy cause.

January 7th—The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society met in the afternoon, enjoyed a pleasant meeting and transacted considerable business.

In the evening of the same day the Sunday School teachers and officers met and also made some forward strides.

Jan. 14th—The Church Council met and made some new plans for this year.

Guelph.

The attendance, especially at the morning services, has lately shown an appreciable increase. Our prayer is that this most noteworthy proof of progress may continue and prompt to even greater energy in this direction. Quite a few visitors are appearing with pleasing regularity. Recently, we had the pleasure of having with us a member and enthusiastic worker in one of our large Lutheran churches near Buffalo.

The holiday season has left some very pleasing impressions, which will not soon be forgotten. The Christmas festival of the Sunday School was held on Wednesday, December 22nd. A very sumptuous supper was spread for the members of the S. S. at 5 o'clock. Then at 8 o'clock followed what is considered here to have been the best programme for this glad, annual occasion in the history of our S. S.

To the teachers especially, but also to the pupils generally, belongs the credit for this fine success.

At the evening service on the Sunday after Christmas came a surprise for the congregation. Through the efforts of Mr. Wessner, a member of the choir, the service of the Somerville Orchestra had been secured and their superb accompaniment to the choir's excellent 'Xmas anthem completed a very delightful musical treat.

During the evening service on Jan. 16th we had the benefit and pleasure of another of Mr. Sorensen's able sermons.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, St. Paul's will celebrate its anniversary on Monday, Jan. 24th. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., Dean of our Seminary at Waterloo, will address the congregation on this occasion.

The Luther Leagues continue active in the Lord's work. The energetic Juniors have appointed their own reporter recently and we are pleased to submit their first report herewith. Miss Anna Berner was selected for the duty:

"The Junior League held very successful monthly business meetings on Dec. 3rd and Jan. 7th. The devotional meeting for December dropped out on account of the Christmas season. At the January business meeting, it was decided that each member of the League should try to earn 25

cents before the March meeting, when the different sums are to be collected, each one explaining how the money was earned. The proceeds are to go towards the Church's Building Fund."

On the evening of the Christmas tree, the S. S. presented its worthy Superintendent, Mr. Batterby, with a beautiful little table as a token of esteem for his faithful services. The organist, Miss Clara Berner, also received a gold piece.

On December 29th a number of the S. S. scholars met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan and repeated a part of the 'Xmas programme there. Mr. Allan has been confined to his house for many weeks through illness.

Hamilton.

The Epiphany season has ushered in the bright missionary light. Let us follow it and serve as missionaries.

We are glad to make note of the return to Hamilton of Miss Emma Miller, who had spent some time at Los Angeles. She is again active in Trinity.

We are sorry to report the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Farewell to Detroit and that soon Mrs. Franks and daughter, Claude, will follow. What is Trinity's loss is the gain of a Lutheran Church in Detroit.

The first sad rite in Trinity for a year, has occurred Dec. 22nd, when the beloved wife of Mr. A. F. Hass, passed into life at the early age of 34 years. One son, 8 years old, and her husband survive her. Mrs. Hass was a quiet, reserved and devoted wife and mother, a good neighbor and trustworthy friend and a Christian. Her husband is one of the faithful deacons of Trinity, and the sympathies of the church are extended to him and son Cameron.

A 'Xmas service was held Dec. 25, at 10 a.m., and the annual S. S. 'Xmas festival at 7 p.m. The programme was good, the music of a high order and the attendance fair. The pastor's "Candle Talk" was left over for Sunday night. Besides the orchestra, Sr. Choir and a vocal and instrumental trio by Mrs. M. Hagey, Mr. Bartman (violin), and Miss E. Bartman (piano), Mrs. Davidson, of Winnipeg, sang a solo to the delight of all present.

Monday, Dec. 27th, Pastor Kunkle accompanied Mr. F. W. Otterbein to Brantford, where the S. S. celebrated Christmas and the "Candle Talk" was again used.

January 2nd, an Old Year Service was conducted at 11 a.m. and a New Year Service at 7 p.m.

January 5th—Mr. Otterbein and Pastor Kunkle went to Brantford, 6.30 p.m., and baptized three young folks and administered communion to an aged member.

January 9th—Holy Communion in Trinity at 11 a.m., when the card system was used for the first time. Also a beautiful lectern Bible presented to Trinity by the Sunshine Class, taught by Mrs. I. B. Miller. The first fruit of organized S. S. class work.

At 7 p.m.—Mr. F. W. Otterbein supplied Trinity, while Pastor Kunkle went to Brantford to administer communion to the mission, conducted by Bro. Otterbein.

The S. S. Association (Jan. 10) held their monthly meeting and gave various reports showing the development of the work. Mrs. E. B. Westcott was elected as superintendent of the Cradle Roll and Mrs. F. W. Otterbein as assistant.

Jan. 11th—Teacher training met at the home of Mrs. F. W. Otterbein.

Jan. 12th—The Men's Brotherhood met in church. The subject of Home and Foreign Missions was assigned for debate but was postponed. Dr. Altpeter, of Buffalo, is invited to address a men's rally in the near future.

The Ladies' Mission Study Class met at the parsonage, Jan. 6th, and enjoyed the first lesson from "Rising Churches in Non-Christian Lands."

Trinity has a large number on the sick list at this time. Space does not permit the printing of the names. Secretary A. L. Lay, who was critically ill at the city hospital for several weeks, is at home again.

The Luther League has accepted the invitation from the Brantford Mission for January 24th. Hope a fair evening may greet them.

The Sr. Choir and the Orchestra are hard at work on the sacred concert programme to be given early in February.

A congregational rally is expected to be held by the end of January.

A Scandinavian 'Xmas celebration was held in this city when 300 of their friends gathered. Where will they and their children worship?

Humberstone.

Christmas celebrations in Holy Trinity were up to the usual high standard. The following is the newspaper report of the children's service:

The children's Christmas service in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday night, was up to the usual high standard. The recitations, exercises and songs of the children greatly delighted the large audience which had assembled. The acrostic, "Bethlehem Star," by thirteen girls clad in white and rendered effectively in the darkened auditorium with the rays of a large bright star shining down upon the girls, deserves special mention as well as the second acrostic at the end of the programme, "Crowning the name of Jesus," by five girls, was pleasing to behold. The choir sang two beautiful anthems of difficult setting, "Sing, O Heavens" and "Adeste Fidelis," expressive of hard work and able direction during the past weeks. At the conclusion of the programme Private Edward Cronmiller, son of Mrs. Dora Cronmiller, who has recently enlisted in the 98th Battalion, was called forward. A suitable address was read by Fred C. Hesler, and a beautiful ring, bearing the Luther League ensign, was presented to the young soldier in behalf of the Luther League of the Church. The act of presentation was nicely performed by Miss Irene Reichman, secretary of the League. "Eddie" responded in a few well-chosen remarks, in which he expressed his surprise and gratitude. The congregation arose and sang the National Anthem, which was followed by the distribution of gifts to the children. Presentations were also made to Pastor Knauff and Mr. Kanold, choir director.

New Year's Day was a sad one for Holy Trinity as we this day were called upon to commit to his last resting-place another member—George J. Lang, whom God took from our midst on the evening of Dec. 29th, after four days' illness. Deceased attended the Christmas programme Saturday night, in which his children took very prominent parts, and became ill that night, taking to his bed, from which he was not again to rise. Pneumonia had done its work. The Christian funeral was held January 1st, and our church proved much too small for the host of friends who had come to pay the last tribute to a prominent and well-known resident. Pastor Knauff preached a comforting sermon from the text, John 13: 7: "What I do thou knowest not now." The brother reached the age of 39 years, and his untimely death is sorely mourned by his faithful wife, Lena, daughter of Thomas F. White, one son and two

daughters, his mother and three sisters, members of St. Paul's German Lutheran Church here, and many more distant relatives and friends. And Thou, God Who art a Father of the orphans and widows, let Thy pitying comfort be extended unto them! Amen.

Dec. 29th—Annual meeting for election of officers was held. The following were elected:—Deacon, Edw. Fess; Trustee, Chas. White; Ushers, Herbert O. Kramer and Earl Kanold; Auditors, Arthur J. Knoll and Frank H. Hesler. They were installed at the morning service, Jan. 1st.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 12th. There was a small attendance because of the rain and icy walks. All the old officers were re-elected.

Thursday evening, Jan. 15th, the Luther League and choir agreeably surprised Miss Theresa Hesler, who is soon to be married. A variety shower was given in her honor, and, to say the least, it poured frying-pans, kettles, brooms, etc. By the time this item is read, Miss Hesler will be the happy wife of Mr. Robert White, a member of our church but employed in Buffalo. The evening was spent in parlor games, singing, etc., refreshments were served and the gathering broke up leaving behind best wishes for the bride-to-be.

One new member was added to Holy Trinity during December, viz.: Mrs. Frank H. Hesler, who comes to us with an honorable dismissal from the Missouri congregation at Toronto. We wish her many spiritual blessings in this portion of the Lord's fold.

Morrisburg.

Sunday School Christmas services with Christmas trees were held in St. John's congregation Christmas eve and St. Paul's Christmas night, and an offering of about \$15 was taken up for the Bethany Orphans' Home, Bridgewater, N.S.

The pastor desires to express his hearty thanks to the good people of St. John's congregation for a Christmas envelope at the Christmas service of the Sunday School.

On the Sunday following Christmas Day Holy Communion was celebrated in both St. Paul's and St. John's congregations. In the latter a class of four, two boys and two girls, was confirmed.

The new furnace placed in St. Paul's Church by Mr. George and

Mrs. Agnes Dandis, is giving perfect satisfaction and adds materially to the comfort and to the appearance of the interior of the church.

Student Seward W. Hirtle, of Waterloo Seminary, spent the Christmas holidays at the parsonage. He spoke at the Christmas services and preached for the pastor at Morrisburg on Sunday evening after Christmas and made a fine impression.

Marriages.

At the home of the bride, Morrisburg, Ont., Nov. 30th, 1915, Herbert Brock Wright, of Brockville, and Grace May Willard.

At the Lutheran parsonage, Morrisburg, Dec. 22nd, 1915, George Gordon Fetterly and Adah Viola Casselman, both of Williamsburg.

Sherwood.

Rev. C. H. Bioler, of Michigan, could not become pastor of this charge, owing to sickness in his family. Rev. Martin Luther Snyder, of Selinsgrove, Pa., has become pastor. Mr. Arthur Turner, Vice-President of our Luther League, who has enlisted for overseas service, spent Christmas among his Lutheran friends.

The Church in Halifax.

Milton J. Bieber.

Sunday, Dec. 19th, was another red letter day in the brief history of the Church of the Resurrection, Halifax. At 3 p.m. the corner-stone of the new church, now being erected, was laid under inspiring circumstances by the President of the Nova Scotia Synod, the Rev. Geo. B. Pifer. The Field Missionary had charge of the services. Addresses were made by the Deputy Mayor of the City, John S. Parker; the Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner, M.P.P.; and the Hon. A. H. McLean, M.P. The corner-stone and the crop containing the articles were gifts from two individuals in the city. The articles placed in the stone are: "The Lutheran," "The Survey," "The Nova Scotia Lutheran," Constitution of the congregation, minutes of the N. S. Synod of 1915, "The Home Missionary," the city papers, programmes of the corner-stone laying services, names of the officers of the church organizations, the five Canadian coins, bulletin of the 5th religious census, Forward Home Mission Movement in Canada, bulletin of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Waterloo. The church is almost under roof and will be dedicated in early spring.

Sunday, Jan. 9th, was also a memorable day in the brief history of the church. It was the first anniversary of its organization. After the administration of the Holy Communion at the morning service 12 men of the congregation were solemnly commissioned by Pastor Bieber to conduct an Every Member Canvass of the congregation from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and they returned in the evening with glowing and enthusiastic reports of their success. On the same day the Rev. Geo. S. Seaman was introduced to the congregation as successor to the Field Missionary. The Rev. Mr. Seaman, who is appointed by the Home Mission Board, is admirably fitted to take up the work of the congregation at this stage in its history. He has had a wide experience in mission work and in the erection of churches. Of Swiss ancestry, he is a native of Pennsylvania, a graduate of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., and of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Bieber will attend the mission conference at Buffalo, N.Y., after which he will be temporarily located at Ottawa and Montreal.

The prospects for continuous growth in the Halifax Church are excellent. The Sunday School, which celebrated its anniversary on Dec. 5th, has decided to pay for the windows in the S. S. room and for one of the large windows in the church. The Luther League will place the furniture in the church, and the Ladies' Aid will provide for the heating of the building.

Welland.

The children's Christmas service, held on the evening of Dec. 23rd, was a grand success. The programme, "King of Kings," published by Rosche & Co., Chicago, was used with good results. The songs and recitations of the children, as well as the readings by the young ladies, were much enjoyed. The choir contributed largely to the beauty of the service. A duet, "The Precious Story," by Miss Florence Cronmiller and Mrs. Esser, and the trio, "Silent Night," by Mrs. Livingstone, Mrs. Esser and Miss Dair, deserve special mention. The children each received a package of sweets, a choice apple, donated by a member of the church, as a gift. Presentations were also made to Mr. Schultz, Mr. Ott and Pastor Knauff. The church was most beautifully decorated. A large tree in holiday garb, and lit up with electric lights, was the

delight of the children. Truly a delightful and blessed evening was spent, and there was ample evidence of hard work by those who had charge of the training of the children.

Sunday, Dec. 9th, patriotic services were conducted in all the churches of Welland. Such a service was also held in St. Matthew's, when Pastor Knauff preached a sermon defining the position of the Lutheran Church in Canada in this terrible struggle of nations. The sermon was educational and much enjoyed by the congregation judging from the comments of the members. The town papers gave due publicity to our service giving a long "write-up" on the front page. This can only bear healthy fruit as it tends to keep the Lutheran Church in good repute in the community where it would chance to be.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society met at the home of the Misses Cronmiller, E. Main St., Jan. 6th.

The monthly meeting of the Luther League was held at the home of Mrs. Beatty, E. Main St., Jan. 10th. The League was the guest of Mrs. Easer, sister of Mrs. Beatty. Among the items of business transacted was the voting of \$5 to the Red Cross Fund, and \$5 to the Students' Aid Fund. The young ladies decided to organize among themselves a Sewing Circle and to prepare pillow-cases for our Seminary. Pastor Knauff had a talk on "The Work in the New Year." Mr. Schultz gave a reading on "The Luther League's Efficiency," and a talk on Sunday School work.

We started the New Year right by adding another member to the congregation, Mrs. John Guinther, who was transferred to us from Zion's Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls. May many blessings flow unto her from Mt. Zion, the city of our God.

An adult Catechetical class is soon to be organized. The two juniors are receiving instructions with the class at Humberstone.

The Church Council met Jan. 12th, in the office of Mr. Kottmeier at the Court House.

Morrisburg Notes.

The annual congregational meetings of St. Paul's and St. John's churches were held during the early part of January. Both showed the financial status of the congregations and all their societies in the best condition for many years, which is certainly creditable and gratifying in these hard war times.

Mrs. Silas Prunner, Riverside, died January 7th, 1916, and was buried from St. John's Church, Jan. 9, 1916. The deceased was in her 77th year and was a faithful member of St. John's congregation. She is survived by three sons and three daughters. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

Unionville.

The grace of God to His people has been very much in evidence during the past month. Mr. Otto Summerfeldt, one of our leading members, and most active workers, was operated on for appendicitis in the Toronto General Hospital, on Dec. 20. The operation was successful but complications set in and for some time the patient was so near death this his physician and nurses had abandoned all hope. A special message came to Unionville on Christmas Eve that he was dying. Our Christmas tree services was being held. It was immediately brought to a close and the entire congregation united in confident prayer to Him Who is able to do what the best of human skill cannot accomplish. A number of us hastened to Toronto in a car and again waited with child-like resignation at the throne of grace. His mother, on a sick bed of her own, was pleading at home. And behold! at three o'clock the patient seemed brighter and at 6 o'clock he took a definite turn toward recovery. Man had said, "It is impossible for him to get better," but God said, "Nothing is impossible unto Me," and now we are expecting the patient back home in a few days. He is gaining strength rapidly. Let us praise the Lord for His goodness.

Our Christmas tree was held on Christmas Eve. An inspiring programme was rendered by the children and choir but it ended abruptly in much weeping and prayer because one of our most faithful officers had been brought to the very brink of the grave. God heard our prayers.

Anniversary services were held on Jan. 16. The Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., the President of our Seminary, preached two masterful sermons on Ps. 116: 12-14, and I. Cor. 2: 12. His arraignment of the so-called "new theology" will not soon be forgotten. In connection with our anniversary a sacred concert was given on Monday evening by one of the finest choirs in the city of Toronto. It was a treat indeed. The concert was

made possible by the generous thoughtfulness of Mr. A. J. H. Eckhart, of Toronto, who donated our pipe organ and whose forefathers helped to establish this Lutheran congregation in 1794. The proceeds of the concert were devoted to the York County Patriotic and Red Cross funds.

On Dec. 17, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Summerfeldt. A number of our members, including the pastor's family, have suffered from La Grippe. There are still several cases. Our Missionary Societies were both held last month. We have a mission study class in each society. We now have eleven members at Unionville.

Williamsburg.

The Sunday School celebrated the Saviour's birthday by rendering an appropriate service entitled "The Gift Day." The programme consisted of Christmas carols, anthems, recitations, exercises and drills, the entire service was well rendered, the singing of the carols by the children being exceptionally fine; the drills were pleasing and reflected loyalty and patriotism to church and country. Much credit is due to those who had charge of the work of preparation. The tree was lighted with electric lights of a variety of colors which added much to the pleasure of the children and congregation. Although the evening was very stormy a fairly large number of people were present. The offering amounted to over \$67.

Friends from a distance who celebrated Christmas with us were:—Mr. and Mrs. Simon Whitteker, from Finch; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Casselman, from Berwick; Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Whitteker, Kenmore; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Casselman, Wales; Mr. Chester Casselman, Gouverneur, Mr. Linden Shermett, Toronto; Mrs. Libby Sykes, Chicago, Ill. and Mr. Paul Maurer, Toronto. Student S. W. Hirtle, Waterloo Seminary, visited at the parsonage during the Christmas holidays and occupied the pulpit very acceptably on the evening of Jan. 2nd, 1916.

Jan. 2nd—Holy Communion was administered.

Mrs. William Whitteker passed away from this life to life eternal on Sunday evening, Jan. 9th, aged 79 years, 2 months. She was preceded by her husband 16 years ago and her

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

We would again respectfully ask our brethren, both pastors and laymen, to kindly furnish material for this department. Let it consist of articles from your own pen, clippings, comments, or contributions of an interesting and informing nature, which will bring before our readers the great work and doctrines of our great Lutheran Church. Such articles should be sent to the above address by the 15th of the month.

OBITUARY.

Brezing.—After a brief illness there passed peacefully away on Jan. 3rd, 1916, in Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Elizabeth Brezing, beloved mother of Rev. Herman Brezing, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y. She was the devoted wife of the Rev. J. Brezing, who preceeded her some years ago, and to whom she rendered faithful Christian service in congregations at Logan and Heidelberg, Ont., and at St. John's Church, Hickory St., Buffalo, N.Y. During the last ten years she presided over the household of her pastor-son. Three children survive her, two daughters, Mrs. Rev. E. F. Backman, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Rev. H. Miller, Buffalo, N.Y., and a son, Rev. Herman Brezing, Niagara Falls, N.Y. A short funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. H. Offermann, at the chapel of the Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse of Deaconesses, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4th, 1916. On the following day services were conducted in St. John's Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N.Y., by the pastor of the congregation, Rev. O. Krauch. Rev. Theo. Becker, pastor of Christ German Lutheran Church, Buffalo, preached the sermon on Rev. 13: 14. Interment took place at St. John's cemetery in the same city, by the side of her husband. We extend sympathies to the bereaved family, especially to Rev. H. Brezing, who is so well known in Canada, having delivered several addresses at our conventions.

A CORRECTION.

It has been requested that the following correction be made in these columns:—In the list of subscribers

from Humberstone to the Seminary Campaign Fund, appearing a few issues ago, it should read Julius Knoll; instead of James Knoll; also Ferdinand Knoll, instead of Fred. Knoll.

LUTHERANS LEAD.

The following information concerning the Lutheran Church is offered by the "Episcopal Leader": The Lutheran Church has not only grown more rapidly than any other church in the United States but bids fair to hold that position in the future. This church has a gift of tongues, and preaches the Gospel in nineteen different languages in America alone.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL.

A fully equipped Lutheran Hospital, located in the centre of the city and erected at an expense of \$50,000, was dedicated on September 12th at Hampton, Indiana.

NEGRO MISSIONS.

The Missouri Synod is actively engaged in mission work among the negroes of this country. Efforts are being made to raise a fund of \$1,000,000, for the prosecution of this work.

"MOBILIZE AND ORGANIZE."

(This timely paper was prepared by Mrs. K. L. McIntosh, Ottawa, and was read at a meeting of St. Peter's Luther League of the Capital City, by its author. It is an example of what some of our Luther Leaguers are doing to make the meetings helpful and interesting.)

The words on which this paper is based, are more or less familiar to us all. Nearly any school boy can tell you that "mobilize" means to call together, to train, to equip, to put in readiness for motion, or active operations, while "organize" means to arrange according to a uniform plan, for a given purpose. We are here tonight for a purpose. We want to get as much out of our meetings as is possible, for the benefit of our League. Then may I ask, Are we mobilizing? Are the officers and committees gathering in new members? Getting together to plan ways and

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Conducted by Mrs. H. A. Kunkle.

Missionary programmes for 1916.—The monthly programmes to be used by the Women's Missionary Societies throughout all the synods of the General Council for 1916, which were delayed for a fortnight by a freight congestion, in being shipped from the publishing house, have at last safely arrived in the hands of the General Distributor, Miss Kate Fry. Word has been received from Miss Fry saying the orders have all been promptly filled. This explains the delay. We trust all societies have the desired literature ere this paper reaches them. The circulation is in excess of any figures reached heretofore, and the programmes themselves are steadily growing better, year after year.

Mrs. Frederick Henrich, of Buffalo, has received a delightful letter, written on the Pacific Ocean, from the six young women who went from the Rock Island Convention to India. "Thinking often of friends in the homeland we are conscious of their thought and prayer for us, and we are sure that you who have remembered our material welfare will also be asking God to bless us as we try to help his children in India. Again we thank you and say 'God bless you.'" Signed: Anna Rohrer, Hilma Levine, Virginia Boyer, Charlotte Hollerbach, Christine Erickson, Agnes Christianson.

It is with pleasure that we record the following communication from Miss Zoe I. Hirt, of Erie, Pa., the newly elected President of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council:

Dear Co-workers,—

It is a privilege to have this opportunity of communicating with you. The fact that you are a small band does not affect your importance as a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council. Indeed, you are one of the most important members of our body, and we are very desirous of keeping in touch with you.

Besides our common faith, there are two bonds of union among all the Women's Missionary Societies,—two channels, through which the same in-

formation may reach all our members, and all may be stirred at the same sources of inspiration. I refer to the Monthly Missionary Topics, and the "Lutheran Mission Worker."

The topics for 1916 are outlined in a very attractive Calendar, and the general theme is "A Year on the Highway of the King." The price of the Calendars is ten cents each, or sixty cents a dozen. The supplementary material consists of the Leader's Supplementary Leaflets at five cents each, and Leaflet Sets for the year at fifteen cents a set. I believe that a most effective way of introducing the use of the Monthly Programmes would be to hang a Programme Calendar where the women of the congregation would see it.

You have all heard of the fine lot of recruits that have recently joined our missionary forces in India. We are particularly interested in the six lovely young women who have gone out. One of them, Miss Anna Rohrer, is proud to be known as "the Children's Nurse," which means that the boys and girls of the churches here at home are supporting her. Of course Canadian Lutheran children want to share in this work.

The girls of the Pittsburgh Synod are pledged to Miss Virginia Boyer's support. She is a child of our Lutheran Orphans' Home at Zelienople, Pa.

On a card dated Nov. 20th, Miss Agnes Shade writes from Rajahmundry, India:

"What better could you wish to know than that the party of missionaries arrived safe, well, and happy this morning. We are so happy that they have come, and that they have been kept from every harm and danger on their long trip.

As soon as I can arrange it this week, I want to have the new women workers up to the school for a little 'tamasha' which my girls are planning. We shall introduce them to a few things Indian in the line of games, etc. Then I will have them take supper with me and we shall become a bit acquainted."

We solicit the interest of every Society in the support of Miss Elizabeth Petrich, who is the ward of our

General Council Society during the four years that are necessary for her preparation for medical work in India. There is no department of our foreign work where there is such need of reinforcements as in our medical work in India. Money for Miss Petrich's support should be sent directly to our Treasurer, Miss Laura V. Keck, 722 Walnut St., Allentown, Pa.

"May the God of Peace make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ."—ZOE I. HIRT.

"MOBILIZE AND ORGANIZE."

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means for a greater activity, and service for God and the Church? What is the aim and purpose of our League? What brings us together from time to time? Is it simply to pass a pleasant social hour? Is it to pass sundry resolutions, many of which are forgotten almost as soon as made, or is it to arrange for social pleasures and pastimes, which we find far more to our taste than true Christian service. What is our motto: "Of the Church, by the Church, for the Church." We Church members pretend to stand for certain principles and purposes, and yet when the actual test is applied, when we come face to face with a crisis, when it comes to the point of sacrificing our social position and pleasures, sad to say, we too often lack the back bone to stand, firm for what we know to be right.

When some fifteen months ago the continent of Europe was plunged into the present awful turmoil, when Britain's call to arms resounded and echoed throughout every part of the Empire, no second call was needed to bring her gallant sons and subjects from near and far, rallying together to answer the call to serve their King and country. And are we not deeply stirred with feelings of mingled pride and sorrow as we read the accounts of the valorous and heroic deeds of the men who went from amongst us, so many of whom have made the supreme sacrifice, and having finished their warfare, now lie at rest "Somewhere in France." Yet despite the dread probability of their suffering a similar fate, more and more of our men and our boys are answering the call of their country. They go, willing and prepared to sacrifice their lives if necessary for the honor and protection of the Empire. They pro-

tect us from our enemies abroad, but what of the enemies within our midst? There are evils and institutions amongst us, licensed and protected by our laws, which are weakening and destroying more of our manhood, and causing more distress and poverty and suffering than the shells and bombs and bullets of our national enemies, and unless they are effectively curbed and controlled, they will eventually overpower and enslave us. The Church of Jesus Christ has been struggling against the forces of evil for centuries, and the call for volunteers is more urgent to-day than it ever was. Who was able to know two years ago that in so short a time Britain could recruit and train for active service the immense army she has now under arms? But when the call went out men realized the need and the justice of the cause. Has the call of the Church for men been answered with like zeal and devotion? Is not the need as great? or is it that men have not been convinced of the need of their help to fight the evil? Have not the leaders of the Church and societies been lacking in enthusiasm?

A few of the chief causes of the lack of success in the Church and its societies, are the lack of proper organization,—true Christian patriotism,—unity and fellowship. The Church of Christ has often been compared to an army, and we think the comparison a good one. How many places in the Word of God we find the Christian compared to a soldier. We recall such verses as, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." "Fight the good fight of faith, I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith."

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A DYING CHURCH.

The official church of Italy no longer commands the respect, the love, or the obedience of the people. Educated men find in Roman Catholicism much which they cannot believe. Futile it is to cherish any hope that Rome will be reformed from within. It cannot alter a creed which it declares to be Divine. If the people cannot understand the Latin language of the liturgy, so much the worse for them. If men say they do not understand the doctrines, the reply is that they are not expected to understand, but to believe. The priests are the teaching church; the laity have nothing to do but to submit and be silent. The present pope is not free to alter the creed, because behind him are a hundred popes who have been as "infallible" as he is.—Georgio Bartoli, D.D., a Jesuit for twenty-seven years.

The population of the United States since the year 1800 has multiplied itself 12 times. That's a marvel in world-history. But during the same time the Christian Church has multiplied itself 62 times! Then, one person in 14 was a member of a Christian church; now, it is one of every three.—Young Lutheran.

In Russia there are 4,000,000 Lutherans, divided into 612 parishes with 1,428 churches and chapels, and served by 680 pastors.

The International S. S. Association includes every country, state and province in North America. This Association enrolls 175,685 Sunday Schools, attended by 18,441,036, of whom 1,690,739 are teachers and officers. In the past three years 58,435 inter-denominational Sunday school conventions have been held throughout North America in the interests of

S. S. efficiency. More than 1,000,000 babies are now enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department of these schools. The S. S. stops the leakage of 'teen-age boys and girls' from the church. Thirty-two states and provinces enrolled 1,453 newly organized classes in the last three months. This is an average net gain of more than 111 classes per week. In the past three months, more than 1,383 new Adult Bible Classes have been enrolled in 25 states and provinces. This is an average net gain of more than 15 new classes for every day in the year.

Williamsburg.

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son, Frank, of a Lutheran Church in New York State, at the time of his death. Two sons, Charles F., with whom she lived, and Dr. Walter, and one daughter, Mrs. Ford, remain to mourn her loss. The eldest two, who are living in the west, were unable to be present. Mrs. Whitteker was an earnest and sincere Christian. The large gathering at the services attested the high esteem in which she was held in the community. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the cemetery at Bouck's Hill. Text: Phil. 1-21.

Hilda Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Casselman, was baptized at the parsonage on Dec. 30th, by the pastor.

We are glad to note that Mr. Guy Loucks, who has been seriously ill for some time is slowly recovering. We hope to see him in his accustomed place in the church when the spring opens.

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