

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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Brantford.

Through the efforts of Mr. Fred. Warning the subscriptions to Canada Lutheran have been increased and we hope to add a number more. The Sunday School had a good month with an average attendance of 31, and an average offering of \$3.66, or 12 cents per scholar per Sunday. The offering of \$4.14 on Sunday, March 4, stands as a record. The attendance at the evening services also increased during the month. We are holding special services during Lent, and are glad to notice that our members are bringing their friends with them. The Ladies' Aid Society held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Strand, on Wednesday afternoon, March 7th. Fifteen ladies were in attendance and much work was accomplished. The ladies are engaged in works of mercy and love among the strangers that we are trying to bring in.

The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Oliver, is also doing good work, rendering an anthem each Sunday evening. On March 4th after Sunday School, upon invitation from Mrs. Warning, the members of the choir to the number of 19 went to her home for luncheon, after which an enjoyable hour was spent singing hymns and anthems.

The Church Council has secured new books for the Sunday School and also quite a number of our members have been induced to purchase their own hymn books, thereby giving us a larger number for the strangers that attend our services. Several new contributing members have been secured. Our apportionment to Synod will be paid in full, in some cases it will be overpaid. We are happy to report that the several members who were ill have all recovered. Mr. F. Lipsky who was in a freight train wreck and injured about the head and shoulders has also recovered.

We take great pleasure in welcoming the following to our services and hope they will continue to come while they are in the city: Miss Miller, Mrs. Saunders, Mr. Ross, and also Miss Anderson who comes from the Lutheran Church at Dunkirk, N.Y.

Those of us who remember Pte. Elgin Lynch, who attended our Bible

Class and services while here, were very sorry to learn that his brother, J. D. Lynch, has been reported killed in action. Our deepest sympathy is extended to him and his mother in their bereavement.

Jubilee stamps, literature, etc., are being distributed among the members.

Galt.

From a financial standpoint, at least, the past quarter has been the most successful since the student pastor took charge here two years ago. The total congregational receipts for the three months amounted to \$658.86. The campaign to wipe out the \$250 current debt has been very successful. Thirty-five dollars of this still remains, but will be cleaned up on Easter Sunday. The Friendly Bible Class held a banquet on Jan. 18, at which an excellent supper was provided followed by addresses by Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D.; Mr. D. A. Barnes, Sec. of Galt Y.M.C.A.; Rev. Capt. D. H. Marshall, Chaplain of the 122nd Bn., C.E.F.; Hon. F. S. Scott, M.P. for South Waterloo, and Mr. H. J. Foster, Editor of the "Galt Daily Reporter." His Worship, Mayor A. M. Edwards of Galt was also to have spoken, but was unable to attend. Musical numbers were provided by Misses M. Bond, Baird, Eva and Marjorie Jones, Irene Connor, Mr. A. B. Dykeman, the Lyceum Orchestra and the saxophone trio. Miss Ereta Van Every was the winner of the calendar prize. On Wednesday, Jan. 24, a congregational meeting of St. Paul's congregation was held and presided over by the Rev. H. J. Behrens of Kitchener, who had been officially authorized to do so by the President of Conference. At this meeting a unanimous call was extended to the Student Pastor, Ernie H. Beckman, to become the regular pastor of the congregation on his graduation from the Seminary in June. A "Pastor's Parliament" has been organized in the congregation which consists of a monthly conference of representatives of the organizations with the pastor for the purpose of promoting unified and co-operative action towards the welfare and upbuilding of the Church. The first thing to be undertaken by this "Parliament" will be the decoration and furnishing of the back room