

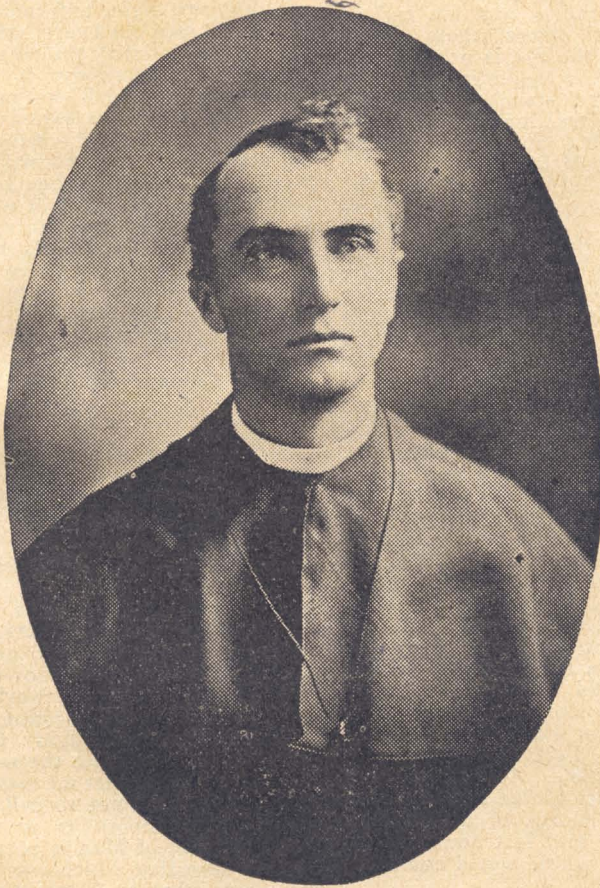
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A SEMINARY SERMON.

By Rev. E. Bockelmann.

(Preached to the Canada Synod on June 17, and printed in pamphlet form at the request of Synod.)

Text: Luke 12: 49: "I come to cast fire upon the earth, and what do I desire, if it is already kindled?"

Fire, is a figure often used in Holy Scripture to remind the sinner of the earnest words: "For our God is a consuming fire." With a fiery sword does the angel of the Lord guard the entrance into paradise, and the end of the wicked is "where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Between the beginning and the end of mankind stands the terrible story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire, and from smoking Mt. Sinai we still hear the words "I, the Lord, thy God, am a jealous God." Fire is also a figure of the holy presence of God. This Moses perceived when he saw the burning bush and heard the voice "draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest, is holy ground." King Solomon too was awe struck when at the time of the dedication of the temple, fire came from above to kindle the sacrifice.

Fire in the times of the New Testament is used as a figure of cleansing, quickening and inspiring power and points to Him, who gives the real fire of the Holy Ghost from above—Jesus Christ, whose only desire is to set the whole world aflame. He is come to cast fire on the earth, the fire of repentance, faith, love and holy inspiration for Jesus, the Saviour of the World and for the coming of His kingdom. John the Baptist, standing at the threshold of the New Testament, prophesies of Him, saying, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Pentecost is the festival of such baptism. At Pentecost He filled the believer's mind and soul with a spirit and courage of fire, with a love for Jesus and lost souls, which nothing in the whole world could extinguish.

We have just celebrated Pentecost and have carried its Spirit into our synodical meetings. These days are pentecostal days, on which we have gathered with one accord with all prayer and supplication, to rejoice in the great deeds of God and to return joyfully to our work with one motto: "Through God we shall do valiantly!" All glory to God, that the Spirit of

Pentecost, the Spirit of life and power, the spirit of faith and works, the spirit of fire from above is alive in our midst! O, that we had more of it!

This spirit is not only burning in the hearts of the ministers, it is also burning in the hearts of believing and faithful members in our congregations, and we see it coming to fruition through His own work in our midst—our Seminary at Waterloo. Thither have ministers and congregations carried the fire that is in their hearts and thus have caused a fireplace to come into existence, from which in turn new life, fire, light, and radiance shall be carried into our hearts, our congregations and into the whole wide world. This Seminary is the fireplace, around which we meet again and again when our synod convenes, and from which we receive new inspiration for energetic work in the Kingdom of God. When this fire is extinguished, whence will we get the servants of God, the bearers of fire, to carry the fire of the Holy Spirit into our congregations, to keep the holy fire burning and to quicken new life? Let us look at this holy fire-place while we contemplate our text and consider

Our Seminary at Waterloo—A Holy Fire-place,

Let us look:

1. At JESUS, who has kindled here such a holy fire,
2. At the MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS who are to maintain it,
3. At the STUDENTS who are to carry it into all lands.

I. **Let us look at Jesus, who has kindled here such a holy fire.** Yes, let us look up to Jesus, who not only is the author and finisher of our faith, but also of every good work.

Jesus answers no question more often and more thoroughly than this: "Why did I come into the world?" Of the many answers let me mention only a few. "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." "I am come, that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." And in our text we read "I am come to cast fire upon the earth; and what do I desire, if it is already kindled?" This is the only word Jesus accompanies with an expression of His heart's desire: "What do I desire, if it is already kindled?"

What kind of a fire is this? Pentecost gives the great answer with the

fire of the Holy Spirit, who created new life, such as the church never again experienced, with the rushing of wind, with tongues of fire and with speaking in all languages. O what a transforming power did the Holy Spirit exercise upon the disciples, formerly so discouraged, faint-hearted and hopeless. He made of them heroes of faith, the mightiest men of the church, whose fiery testimony prevailed over the children of this world, and before whom the altars of idols crumbled! These apostles of Jesus have kindled thousands of hearts through their words and letters, who in turn have become bearers of fire to others. Yes, the Holy Scriptures of the apostles are still to-day the true fire-flames of the Holy Spirit that reach into our hearts to kindle a love therein that constraineth us to serve Jesus by word and deed.

Likewise Christ has cast this fire into our midst and created something new among us, to strengthen the good things to which by God's grace we have already attained to quicken new life, yes the Lord has given us therewith a centre for our whole church-work for the present and the future, admonishing us to work harder than ever before to spread His Holy Gospel into all parts of the world. God has given us a holy fire-place upon which shall burn our fire of faith and love and from which sparks must fly into our hearts and congregations, yea, into the heathen-world. The stronger the fire is burning upon this holy fire-place, the better shall it cast its brightness into our dear Lutheran Church and the world that is without Jesus.

Let us thank God that we have a Seminary, a fire-place, which bears testimony to the warm pulsation of our faith, and to the grace of the Lord, who has kindled such a holy fire in our midst! What would our Lutheran Church in Canada be without this holy fire-place—our Seminary at Waterloo? We have all reason to thank the Lord, that He has made us poor sinners instrumental to erect such a holy fire-place just in time, so that we are enabled to take care of our congregations, in order to maintain in them the true faith that it may shine in the dark night of sin which blind our brethren and sisters! Let us give thanks to God, that we have been enabled to assist in sending laborers into the harvest! Truly, this is great and unspeakable grace!

O, that we had more earnest and spiritual life, more fiery zeal, more gratefulness for His grace among us; would to God that we were possessed with hearts filled with more fiery love for Him, who in burning love gave His life for you and me; would to God we had a burning zeal like Paul to spread our dear Lutheran Church, which must be established everywhere. We would not need to sigh so often, or become disheartened, discouraged, or, as it has been said, "tired of the Seminary," for if only a few of our brethren and congregations have to bear the whole care, burden and responsibility for the Seminary, their shoulders must become tired! More zeal for the Lord's House, zeal that eats up, more fire of faith—and human weakness would not have a chance so often to mix up with church work and exercise an influence like water upon fire! It seems, especially of late, as if some hindered the flames of fire from blazing joyfully, as if the ashes of human short-sightedness and indifference almost smother the fire of the Lord. O, that the rushing of the wind of old would come again, that smoke and ashes disappear!

Brethren and congregations! If Christ, by His unspeakable grace has given to the Synods of Canada this holy fire-place, our Seminary, then it is our duty as Christians, to maintain this fire through earnest prayers and work and offerings.

If Christ has become your Saviour, if in His unspeakable love your soul rejoices, then Christ's desire must be yours. "What do I desire, if it is already kindled?" Yea, what do we desire then that this fire burn among us in Ontario, in the North-West, in the heathen-world! To accomplish this, we ministers and the congregations must maintain it among us and enlarge it.

II. Let us look at the ministers and congregations who are to maintain this holy fire. Brethren! What is our attitude towards this holy fire-place, our Seminary at Waterloo? Are we still undecided? Is there anyone who says, just let us wait a little and see what will become of the Seminary? Is it possible that there is anyone who after six years of existence of this God-given institution will say, "If it is the work of God it will continue, if it is men's work it will cease to exist?" Would that be the right attitude of a conscientious minister of the Gospel, who at the holiest hour of his life has

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EDITORIAL

Our Seminary.—Six years ago the entire Lutheran Church of North America directed its attention in an entirely new way to the Canadian town of Waterloo. Thousands of Canadian Lutherans gathered from far and near to witness the formal opening of an institution that was destined by the grace of God within a few short years to become a mighty factor in the preservation and extension of the Lutheran Church in Canada. It is almost commonplace at this time to remark that the founders of this institution builded better than they knew. We all recognize it. We give those men credit for courage and foresight, but who could have foreseen that within three years an influence would radiate from Waterloo that would ensure a new respect for Evangelical Lutheranism from multitudes of other confession. It has happened. In spite of abnormal times and many unfavorable conditions that have begotten prejudices reacting against our Church the Seminary at Waterloo has made greater progress than any other similar institution in our province and has exerted an influence on public opinion that is of no small value to us all.

In 1911 we had one regular professor and two assistant professors; in

1917 we have four regular professors and several instructors. In 1911 we had one building for all purposes; in 1917 we have three buildings. Four students have increased to an expected thirty while corresponding development in student organization and activity has taken place. A complete college course is now given as well as the Seminary course and students have been attracted from the most unexpected quarters. We feel particularly happy just now because of the strengthening of our faculty. The Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., has accepted the call to become English professor and will be on hand to welcome the students at the fall re-opening. The faculty now consists of the Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., President and Dean, the Rev. Prof. O. Lincke, the Rev. Prof. C. H. Little, D.D., and the Rev. Prof. O. Holm. Instruction in the college will also be given by Messrs. A. A. Zinck, B.A., S. W. Hirtle, B.A., and Leon Irschick. Special lectures in elocution by a trained artist are also provided for. The educational needs of our Canadian Church are being met and young men interested in equipping themselves for fuller service among their fellows will make no mistake in attending the schools on Seminary Hill, Waterloo.

There is one other matter we must mention. Institutions cannot be founded and maintained without money. Hitherto generous responses have been made by our people to appeals for contributions to our building and maintenance funds. These efforts are appreciated, more are needed. Extended courses, an enlarged faculty, increased equipment and the maintenance of a larger plant involve larger expenditures. We have hoped that endowment funds large enough to provide for the maintenance of the institution could be raised. The \$100,000 jubilee fund for educational purposes is still before our people. Would it not be wise to make one special effort during jubilee year to raise this fund and thus be relieved for years to come of a heavy maintenance apportionment? Some have already acted. We hope all others will follow the example.

The General Council.—This is General Council Jubilee Year and the coming meeting of this general body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

of North America, to be held in Philadelphia, would under the most ordinary circumstances be one of great historic significance. Two extraordinary circumstances, however, will contribute historic value to this meeting. One is its association with the Quadri-centennial of the Reformation and the other the proposed merger of the General Council, General Synod and United Synod South that will be submitted at this time. We are at this moment concerned chiefly about the merger. The General Synod endorsed it unanimously and the General Council should do likewise. The Synod of Central Canada has twice endorsed the union and the Synod of Canada only stipulated that the confessional basis be not lowered. Their delegates are not asked to approve lowered confessional standards for the proposed constitution maintains what has been hitherto the General Council position. This position the General Synod has more or less informally endorsed for some years and has now formally accepted by its vote at Chicago. It would be strange indeed if the General Council should reject a union that is offered on its own terms. We believe the vote will be similar to that at Chicago—a unanimous endorsement of the merging of these bodies. Every sympathetic delegate should be there and register his vote. Let the vote be an impressive one. Think of what is involved. The General Council has 14 district synods, 1,753 ministers, 2,606 congregations, and 800,891 baptized members. Their church property is valued at \$32,916,119 and they raised during the year for all purposes the sum of \$5,100,000. The General Synod has 24 district synods, 1,425 ministers, 1,847 congregations and 469,721 baptized members. Their church property is valued at \$26,250,252 and they raised during the year about \$3,000,000. The United Synod of the South has 8 district synods, 261 ministers, 494 congregations and 72,462 baptized members. Their church property is valued at \$2,572,634 and they raised during the year about \$350,000. Thus the united church would represent 46 district synods, 3,439 ministers, 4,947 congregations, 1,343,075 baptized members and a church property of \$61,735,000. "The United Lutheran Church" would be the largest general body in America the next largest being the Synodical Conference with a membership of 1,336,661 and 3,268 ministers. Work and vote for the merger.

The Thankoffering.—There are very many reasons why our Canadian people should pour large thank offerings into the Lord's treasury. The harvest has been most bountiful. Never within the memory of the present generation has there been so great a yield of the products of the soil. Never did our people look more prosperous. The world is at war but we have been spared most of its horrors. Famine and pestilence prevail in some parts of the world but not among us. The state of the public health is unusually good. Christians are still persecuted in other parts of the world but not here. We have unlimited freedom to worship God. Have these privileges any current material value? Our appreciation will be shown in part by the percentage of our prosperity that we dedicate to God.

Our Motto.—"The Canada Lutheran in every home." How about that thousand subscribers before the close of Quadricentennial Year? We haven't heard from some congregations lately.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Protest and Progress in the Sixteenth Century, by the Rev. Catholus P. Harry; published by the Quadricentennial Committee, 925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Cloth 50c., paper 35c., postage extra. "Protest and Progress" is a Reformation study book specially prepared for the celebration and should find a welcome among our missionary and young peoples societies and with the reading public generally. It contains eight chapters with two appendices and has 162 pages. Reformation facts are presented in interesting text-book style and every chapter is followed by a set of review questions. It is good, but we ourselves would like it still better if a few sentences were omitted from chapter seven.

The work of missions must go on in spite of the war. In the case of foreign missions the workers are on the field. They must be supported. It would cost as much to bring them back as to keep them at work. Property must be protected where it is in danger. Scattered and needy national Christian leaders and churches must not be left unaided. To stop the work would mean destruction of foundations and retarding progress by decades.—The Lutheran.

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

Edited by Revs. E. Hoffmann, D.D., and W. H. Knauff.

Galt.

During the past month the pastor spent a well-earned week of rest with members who have a summer cottage at Goderich on Lake Huron. The Ladies' Aid held a very successful afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. C. Curtis on July 25. A free-will offering was taken. On July 28 two of the Sunday school classes, the Rosebuds and Upstreamers, taught by Mrs. Bernhardt and Mr. Kent, respectively, held a very enjoyable picnic at Idylwild on the Speed Ripper, Aug. 1, the Ladies' Aid held their business meeting at Jackson Park. After business was disposed of the afternoon was spent as a picnic and the men joined their wives at supper in the evening. All had a good time. Since May 1 the duplex envelope has been used in our Sunday School with much success. The congregation will celebrate its tenth anniversary with special services on Aug. 19. At the morning service there will be reception of members and administration of Holy Communion by the pastor, and in the evening the Rev. O. Klaehn of Stratford, will preach the anniversary sermon, while Rev. Beckman will preach in Stratford in the interests of the Seminary Jubilee Fund. The following Tuesday evening, Aug. 21, Rev. Klaehn will give the illustrated Reformation lecture in the church here. On Aug. 26 the tenth anniversary of the Luther League will be celebrated with a special service at which Mr. E. B. Westcott will be the speaker. During the month the pastor officiated at the baptism of Marjorie May, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Despond, and at the marriage of Mr. Ernest Lemarble and Miss Eva Martz, who were quietly united in holy matrimony at the bride's home on August 8, and after a sumptuous repast left for London, Port Stanley and other points. For the present the young couple will reside in Galt. In company with Rev. A. Fiebelkorn of Hespeler, the pastor also paid brief visits to Toronto, Hamilton and Brantford during the month.

Humberstone.

On the evening of Sunday, July 22, a class of four adults was confirmed by Pastor Knauff after an instruction

extending over several weeks. Two of these were baptized. May they be "faithful unto death." Sunday, July 29th, the midsummer communion was administered at the morning service. There were 30 guests. Wednesday, Aug. 1, the annual Sunday School picnic and outing was held in Knoll's Grove on the lake shore. The weather was ideal, the hottest day of the season. The picnickers were conveyed to the grounds by means of an auto truck at 10 o'clock in the morning. The day was delightfully spent in games, contests, and bathing. The S. S. teachers conducted a refreshment stand which realized \$17.00 net profit which will be placed in the organ fund. August 5th, the third War Anniversary was observed in the evening by a service of humiliation and prayer, the pastor also commenting on the event in the sermon. The pastor spent a brief vacation with his parents in Waterloo, and preached in First English Lutheran Church, Kitchener, the evening of Aug. 15. Oliver Lampman had the misfortune to be terribly scalded on the arm and foot while at work at the government elevator. He was laid up for several weeks, but is able to be about again at this writing. Also his aged mother, who was seriously ill at the same time, has sufficiently recovered to be about again. Received into God's covenant of grace by baptism, Evan Lorne, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burnison, on Sunday, July 22.

Markham and Vaughan.

Pastor Willison with his wife and children spent a brief vacation in beautiful Muskoka. During his absence from the parish Student Cooper conducted one service in Vaughan and three in Markham. He delighted his hearers, who, as a result of his efforts, have a new interest in him and in the Seminary. On Sunday, Aug. 12, the Rev. H. Fischer, a former Sherwood boy, preached in Zion Church to a large congregation.

Toronto.

Student Hirtle has resigned as acting pastor of St. Paul's. Mr. Wm. Elsasser, one of the founders of this congregation and an honored member of the Church Council, died suddenly at his home on Aug. 24. The funeral was held in the Church on Monday,

Aug. 27, and the remains taken to Baden.

Waterloo.

On Aug. 6, Civic Holiday, the Luther League of St. John's Lutheran Church, motored to Conestogo, where they enjoyed themselves picnicking on the banks of the Grand River. The League held its regular monthly meeting on Aug. 13, and plans were made for the coming Jubilee Celebration which will be held at Kitchener on Labor Day, Sept. 3. We are all hoping that it will be a great success.

Welland.

The annual outing of the Ladies' Aid Society was held Thursday, July 26, at Victoria Park, Niagara Falls. The weather man was good enough to grant ideal picnic weather. About 20 left Welland per M.C.R.R. at 10.35 a.m. and a most delightful day was spent. Aug. 5, the third anniversary of the entrance of Great Britain into the war was observed by a special service of humiliation and prayer. The pastor urged repentance—for personal sins, as well as national sins. The service on Aug. 15 was withdrawn owing to the absence of the pastor on vacation.

Williamsburg.

Hot! Hot! Church attendance now to zero. S. School is being held in the church while the S. S. room is undergoing repairs. Rev. Maurer was in Montreal on July 29th, where he installed the Rev. P. L. Lamertine. Mrs. William Merkley is very sick. We pray for her speedy recovery. We are glad to note that Miss Grace O. Merkley has regained strength enough to be out of doors again. May God grant her a complete recovery and many days of usefulness in His service. Preparations are being made for the Jubilee services to be held on Sept. 5th. The four congregations in Williamsburg township will take part. The following speakers will be present: Rev. P. L. Lamertine, Montreal; L. A. Bowers, A. C. Sainans and C. K. Fegley, Philadelphia.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

News of general interest is scarce and lacking the talent for fabrications and mere presumptions, we have but a meagre monthly bill-of-fare for our readers.

Our vacant Walkerton-Mildmay parish has experienced a second disappointment. A first effort to secure

a new pastor several months ago having failed to succeed, a call was extended to the Rev. J. Stremper of Elmira, and likewise refused. Bro. Stremper laid the matter before his congregation and became convinced that it was his duty to heed the urgent request to stay at Elmira. We extend our sympathies to the Walkerton and Mildmay people and our congratulations to the Church of Elmira.

The vacant congregations of the Greenlake parish in Renfrew Co. are still under the care of Student Brenner of our Seminary and highly appreciate his faithful services. It is expected that after their termination by the end of September the field will be permanently supplied again. The man in view, the Rev. M. Rueckwald of Webster, N.Y., is a native Canadian, a son of Ladysmith congregation, at the present time a member of the Buffalo Synod.

For the past two or three years a strong and competent committee of the Canada Synod has been occupied with the composition of a new catechism, which is expected to meet the requirements of our Canadian Lutheran Church in Sunday School and Confirmation Class. We are happy to report, that the copy will be ready for the printer's press in two or three weeks. It will be published in both, the English and German languages.

Sunday, August 19th, the services in First Lutheran Church, Toronto, will be in the interest of our Seminary and the Reformation Jubilee Fund, serving as a preliminary to an active canvass for a substantial thank-offering during the following weeks. We are delighted at some very encouraging reports about what other congregations have done or are planning to do in the near future. May the few weeks that separate us from the great event, witness a general awakening to our opportunity and responsibility of securing the future of our Canadian Luth. Church by firmly establishing our Seminary. God, who has prospered us, knows our financial ability. Let us not try to deceive Him, but save our Christian, our Lutheran conscience. Let an honest and real spirit of sacrifice prompt our gifts, so that we need not blush in shame, when we sing at our celebrations:

Take they then our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife;
When their worst is done,
They yet have nothing won:
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

THE NEW PROFESSOR.

The Rev. Carroll Herman Little, D.D., son of the late Rev. M. L. Little, M.A., Lutheran Pastor and President of Gaston College, received his preliminary education at Gaston College, Dallas, N.C., graduated from Roanoke College with title of B.A. in 1893, taught school for several years in the South, took post-graduate course of one year at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., 1897-98, entered Evangelical Lutheran Seminary at Mt. Airy, Pa., in 1899, graduating in the class of 1901, served parishes in Nova Scotia and as Supt. of Bethany Orphans' Home from 1901-14, elected President of N. S. Synod in 1912, received title of D.D. from Lenoir College, Hickory, N.C., in 1914, served as pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, 1914-1917.

A WESTERN LETTER.

From a letter just received by Rev. E. H. Beckman from his former Seminary room-mate, Rev. A. Goos, who graduated from our institution at Waterloo in 1916, and is now serving a fine congregation at Lutherport, Alberta, we learn that our Church in the West is closely watching us here in the East.

Brother Goos rejoices over the progress of our Church not only in Canada but throughout America. He is an interested reader of the Canada Lutheran and feels that this little paper will play a big part in uniting the Lutheran Church in the Dominion. The consummation of the proposed union of the Luther League and Jugendbund, he feels, would be a great blessing. "The time has come," he continues, "when we must drop language strife."

The Manitoba Synod in adopting its new constitution omitted the word "German" from its name without opposition. The Quadri-centennial will be celebrated in all our chief churches of the West. Brother Goos will be one of the speakers at these special services. He is booked to preach at his own celebration in Lutherport on Sept. 16, and at others in Spruce Grove, Aug. 12; Heimtal, Aug. 26, and Edmonton, Nov. 11. Then on Oct. 28 there will be a great mass celebration in Strathcona at which all our congregations in Alberta are to be represented. The laymen are active in assisting with these celebrations and

there will be a great Laymen's Rally in Strathcona on the afternoon of Oct. 28, with the organization of a Laymen's Movement in view.

"Of course conditions here are also becoming more settled," writes Bro. Goos, "but we still need men, men and more men. We received a man from the Ohio Synod recently, but we can use many more. If we could unite with the other Lutheran bodies on the field our need would not be so great, but things here are not pointing in that direction just yet."

Let us pray the Lord of the Harvest that He may send forth more laborers into His harvest.

TRAINING STUDENTS FOR THE DEFENCES OF TO-MORROW.

The government needs of the hour are so pressing that the defences of to-morrow are apt to be overlooked. Yet the best defence of the future is the properly trained student.

Rightly, therefore, the leading educators emphasize the importance of student recruiting, of efficient training in principles of righteousness and justice that the blessings of Christianity and civilization may be conserved. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Waterloo College and Seminary have primarily been founded in behalf of our Church, but this does not limit their influence to the four walls of a church building. As an institution of the Church, by the Church and for the Church, the Waterloo institution must be the haven, the salt and the beacon light through its graduates whatever their vocation or location.

The aim of the institution is training for efficient service. Young men with a vision of Christian service are urged to take their course at Waterloo,—the Arts course in College and the Theological course in the Seminary. The teaching staff is competent and, with the election of a new professor, sufficient for present needs. The cost is moderate. In the Seminary, the fee is twenty dollars. In the College, the tuition is forty dollars a year. The Students' Boarding Club furnishes meals for about a hundred dollars for a school year.

The College opens Thursday, Sept. 6th, with an address by the Rev. E. H. Beckman of Galt, Ont. The Seminary opens Wednesday, Sept. 26, with an address by the newly-elected professor, the Rev. C. H. Little, D.D.

Let Co-operation be our watchword. With co-operation, our gifts, and talents, our prayers and support, we can do our part to provide defences for to-morrow, and an institution at Waterloo that will measure up to all present needs.

PRESTON A. LAURY.

August 17, 1917.

DR. LITTLE'S MESSAGE.

To the Friends of our Seminary at Waterloo:—

As the latest addition to the Faculty of your Seminary I wish to take you into my confidence. The call which came to me recently to become second English Professor of Theology was unexpected and, I might almost say, undesired. I was happy and content in the St. Lawrence Parish, my pastoral work was pleasant and promising, my relations with my parishioners endearing. I felt that my pastorate was too short for me to think of giving it up at so early a date. Nothing but the conviction of duty, the conviction that here was a Divine call to greater usefulness and to greater service of our beloved Church in Canada, could have induced me to undertake the more arduous labors of a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Waterloo. I think you all realize with me that there is no more important work of our Church in Canada than that for which the Seminary stands, viz.: the production of a native ministry for our grand old Dominion. To this work I give my heart, and to it I purpose to devote all the energies of my soul with whatever of talents the Lord has endowed me. The institution is yours. May we (I speak for myself and I am sure for the other members of the Faculty) not count upon your prayers for this institution and your whole-hearted support of it both in the students which you shall send and the money which you will give to it?

Sincerely yours,

C. H. LITTLE,
Professor-elect.

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been called to be a fire-bearer of Jesus Christ? Or is there anyone who would positively say, it is the work of men, that is, we could do without it just as well? I am sure nobody would

so speak, for the facts are against such a statement. Now, if the Seminary is the Lord's work, then let us stand together shoulder to shoulder for it is our duty to maintain and increase the fire upon our holy fire-place, the Seminary!

The Lord has granted to us ministers the privilege in the first place to feel the necessity of a seminary and we have begun this institution in His name after much prayer and in faith in the Lord, trusting also, that the laymen of the Church would willingly assist in this enterprise. Will we now draw away our hands from the plow and do the holy work of the Lord in a lazy way? Then we would not be fit for the Kingdom of God and unworthy of the blessing received. In the Kingdom of God there is but one motto: "Forward!" "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward!" And for servants of the Lord the words of the Master contain the direction: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day." We must maintain the fire, that Christ has kindled in our midst, it must burn stronger and stronger than ever before!

Behind the Seminary we must have the congregations. The Seminary is an institution for the benefit of the congregations, not for the ministers; it is there for our children and children's children, for the present and the future of the Church. Pastors are only the fire-bearers in the congregations and in the mission fields, they are the servants of God to continue Christ's work.

Members of our dear Lutheran Church in Canada! Do not take it upon the easy shoulder. Do not say, we have ministers, and when we have none, we can get one, we have got one every time we needed one! A man with a warm heart said the other day to me, "the next ten years might bring great changes in our Synod. We have many ministers with gray hair, whose years and days might be numbered, and what, if we have no ministers to take their places?" I ask you, members, "Does it satisfy you that you of the present generation, have ministers to preach the Gospel and to administer the Holy Sacraments? Have you hearts like Cain, caring for yourselves only and saying, "Shall I be my brother's keeper?" What, if later on our children stand at our graves accusing their fathers, saying, "Our fathers took care of themselves but not of the spiritual welfare of

their children. Jesus once uttered the serious words, "Your children will be your judges." Shall the terrible word of St. Paul condemn us, "If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith?" God help us!

What shall we do, to maintain the holy fire upon our fire-place at Waterloo? Work for our Seminary! How? When we began the every-member-canvass in our congregation, one of our church board members who had a burning heart said, "The whole day I talk nothing but Seminary." Do you speak of the Seminary? Do you have a mind to work for it? Members of the church boards, do you talk at your meetings of the Seminary? Members of the congregation, do you do it at your annual meeting? Do you fathers and mothers do it at home? Talk more Seminary with your boys, ye parents and ask them: Would you not like to enter the Seminary and become a servant of Christ? Only more of such kind of conversation with your sons and friends and we shall soon see our young men come forward, presenting themselves for holy service like other pious men: "Here I am Lord!" But the trouble is with the parents of the present times, they do not want to have their sons enter the holy ministry; a calling that offers a better income, an easier life, has more attraction for them, than service in the vineyard of the Lord. The father of one son had a different opinion. At a mission festival, when the offerings were to be taken up, instead of any money he put a piece of paper on the plate on which he had written: "For the missionary work I give my only son." Members of the congregations! Your interest in the Seminary will grow immediately with the young man whom you send thither from your midst. Send one, one whom you have asked from the Lord! Begin with such prayer to-day!

Yes, pray and pray again and that most fervently for our Seminary! We solicit your prayers, the work needs it, the great need requires it, the Christian's duty demands it and Christ says: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest. And then, members of the congregations, in order to maintain the holy fire organize for active, systematic giving for the Seminary, for this institution must be maintained, enlarged; we must make it the life-nerve for all our work to extend the Church. Do not

leave talking money for benevolence or the Seminary to your pastor, he has a more important work to do; it is your duty to see that the church is well supported. Make an every member canvass in your congregation annually, not only to increase your offerings, but for your spiritual welfare as well. O, give hearts and hands, give your sons for the Seminary and untold will the blessings coming from this institution! So the true Christian's desire will be realized: "What do I desire, if it be already kindled!"

Certainly we did not work in vain during these six years of our Seminary's existence. Nine young ministers, educated in our institution are now in charge of congregations. We thank God for these fire-bearers that have gone forth from this institution, the holy fire-place at Waterloo!

III. Let us look at the Students— who are to carry the holy fire into all the lands. Yes, in all the lands! Eight of our former students are located in as many parts of Ontario and Quebec, and one student, still in the Seminary, wants to go to India to kindle the holy fire there. India! O, that reminds me of the poor condition of our mission work in that land as a result of the war! The whole work of the Lutheran Church in India just now rests upon the shoulders of our two Canadian missionaries, the brothers Neudoerffer. They have to accomplish a task, too heavy for two men, consequently they or the work must break down. This is a God given proposition for us Canadians, for the government will most heartily welcome missionaries born in Canada and coming from a Canadian institution. We have a duty towards the Lutheran mission work in India such as no other church of our faith in the whole world. I hear already the cry from the far away world, the cry of missionaries and heathen: "Send us missionaries from Waterloo, fire-bearers of the Holy Spirit, to bring the Gospel to a people in whose country the flames of hell reach higher than those of the love above!"

Brethren and congregations! If we would only send missionaries from our institution, we would do the greatest work in the church. Nobody can therefore have any doubts of the necessity of our Seminary, or shut his ears to the strong appeal to send young men to our institution. I shall thank God upon my knees for the first missionary that goes forth from this institution to India! We want to edu-

cate young men in our Seminary with a missionary spirit, with a zeal for the Master, with a burning heart. Your sons are certainly in good hands when they study here. We have the best professors, equal to those of any institution. They are men of letters and practical work, men able to prepare your sons for the holy ministry and to augment the "first love" with which the young men enter the Seminary. Men with a burning heart are the men we need; cold hearts never kindle others. Where there is fire there is zeal and inspiration!

Such men alone are conscious of their high calling, remembering the words of Christ: "Go thou also into my vineyard!" Peter was such a one who always remembered the words of Christ spoken to him in that important night: "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Paul was another one, who in burning love for Israel, said: "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren." Luther, another one, confessed: "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise!" And so are the missionaries and all true pastors. O, may only such pastors and missionaries come forth from our dear Seminary whose sole wish is Christ's desire: "And what do I desire, if it is already kindled!"

O, may we always have before our eyes our holy fire-place, the Seminary at Waterloo, and be found willing to give hearts and hands, yea even our sons, who are to serve the Master as fire-bearers, as ambassadors of Christ with the one message: "Be ye reconciled to God!" And as often as they preach the Gospel, may it come from a burning heart and be so powerful and enkindling, that their hearers confess as those of old: "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

O, that thy fire may soon be burning,

O God of Grace and God of Love!
And soon the whole wide world be learning

That Thou art King and Lord
above!

It burns already, a glorious sight!
Soon here, soon there in West
and East,

To worship Thee, the God of
Light,

A glorious pentecostal feast!

Amen.

SEMINARY NOTES.

By Rev. E. Bockelmann.

Welcome to Our College and Seminary, Students!

School opens again. This creates not a little excitement in our beautiful town and our large congregation. We are anxious to see our boys again, of whom we have seen some for years already. We are glad to have them worship with us, see them active in Sunday School and the Luther League. We have missed their bright faces on the streets for months and long to meet them again. Our people in church and town are anxious to see them, for the students have made friends among us and many handshakings will take place as soon as school is open again.

The pastor of St. John's congregation is especially glad to see the old and new students and assures them a hearty welcome in church and among his good people. We therefore bid you welcome in our midst, dear young men, and assure their parents that their sons will be well taken care of and every opportunity given for spiritual growth and experience in practical church work.

Why is Your Son Not in the Holy Ministry?

We make no real sacrifice for God. We enjoy His gifts, stock our homes with treasures, feast our hearts on His bounties, but we withhold our full, well-trained, and fire-filled personality from His altar. God asks for your child to be a missionary. He is ordained from birth to go forth, not to make a fortune, or build an everlasting name, but to be a real friend of the lost, the brotherly helper of the needy; and you say, "No! it is too much! What have I been building this business for? I should have left it years ago, only I wanted it for him! The thought, that he would carry it on has been my delight. I cannot." And so you thrust your mammon-sharpened knife through the youth's spiritual nature, and slay him in the name of wealth. Oh! if only we would take each new joy, every fresh delight, as a demand for more actual, real giving-up to God, our progress in holiness would be secured, our pleasures "would flow as a river, and our joys as the waves of the sea." And more ministers would come forth from our homes to save souls and glorify Him, who gave Himself a sacrifice for us. Did you ever consider prayerfully to give your son for the holy ministry? Why is he not in the ministry?

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Mrs. N. Willison, Unionville, Ont.

Now that the holiday season draws to a close I hope we are all resolved with renewed vigor to work and sacrifice that the cause of missions may be promoted without interruption. I will try to publish next issue our president's address at our last convention that all may know the hopes and aims of our Society for the coming year. Please send me any items of interest to readers of this page.

PLOUGH WORK.

"Our minister is always talking to us about sacrifice. I am tired of it. He expects us to give, give, give all the time. He seems to think the church is the greatest institution in the world."

"Perhaps he is right. But I agree with you that we can't always be giving to the church. There are other things that we must think of. I am afraid our minister is visionary rather than practical."

The first speaker was a wealthy business man, and the second was a successful lawyer. Both men had very large incomes; they lived not only in comfort but in luxury, and denied themselves nothing that they felt it desirable to have. They were church members and gave "generously," but neither of them really knew the meaning of the work "sacrifice."

A few months after this conversation, the two men joined a party that was going round the world. Before they started, their "visionary" minister earnestly asked them to observe and to remember any unusual and interesting things that they might see in the missionary countries through which the party was to travel. The men promised—carelessly, perhaps, to do so.

In Korea, one day, they saw in a field by the side of the road a boy pulling a rude plough, while an old man held the plough handles and directed it. The lawyer was amused, and took a snapshot of the scene.

"That's a curious picture! I suppose they are very poor," he said to the missionary who was interpreter and guide to the party.

"Yes," was the quiet reply. "That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was being built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money; so they sold their only ox and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plough themselves."

The lawyer and the business man by his side were silent for some moments. Then the business man said, "That certainly must have been a real sacrifice."

"They did not call it that," said the missionary. "They thought it was fortunate that they had an ox to sell."

The lawyer and the business man had not much to say. But when they reached home the lawyer took that picture to his minister and told him the story.

"I want to double my pledge to the church," he said. "And give me some plough work to do, please. I have never known what sacrifice for the church meant. A converted heathen taught me. I am ashamed to say I have never yet given anything to my church that cost me anything."

How much does the average modern church member ever sacrifice for his religion? How many that call themselves Christians ever sold the ox and then harnessed themselves to the plough?—Youth's Companion.

WORK.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Man is the one tool-using animal. With a tool in his hand he is everything. Fill your hand with a tool and there will be no place for the hand or enterprise of the devil. To be occupied is to be armed against temptation. Fill your head with the thoughts sublime, and there will be no soil for idle thoughts. Fill your heart with a hunger to serve, and you will always have the commission of heaven. The call of your neighbor is heaven's commission. While there wails one child in the street, you need no angelic voice calling you to duty.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Rev. E. H. Beckman, Box 152, Galt, Ont.

After much delay, beyond our control, the account of our convention at Waterloo was at last placed in the hands of the editor and thereafter promptly published in the August Luther League Review. Our picture showed up well for the Canada Luther League as did also that of our worthy president. The paper on "Wyckliffe, the Moring Star of the Reformation," read by Miss Scherer, of Kitchener, was considered of such high merit that the editor held it over for a future number as a separate Quadri-centennial article.

The Executive Committee of the L. L. of America met recently in Chicago and in arranging the topics for next year provided for a special Canadian supplement. This involves considerable extra expense, and it is to be hoped that our leagues and leaguers in Canada will show their appreciation by a more liberal use of this excellent literature provided for our use.

The Connecticut State League in establishing a scholarship of \$150 included Waterloo College in the list of institutions in which this scholarship is to apply. Our fellow leaguers across the line are beginning to take notice to our work in Canada.

Our convention is several months in the past. Our keynote was "United Action, Our Aim." Much stress was laid on the practical effectiveness of deeds rather than words. Are we carrying out these sentiments in our work? We made a great many words at the convention. Are we backing these up now in our local leagues by deeds? As the cooler weather comes on now let us get busy. Let us do things. Crowing is fine if you can back it up with the spurs, otherwise it doesn't amount to much. Remember, "Deeds, not words," "United Action, (not inactivity) Our Aim."

Let our committees get busy. The Jubilee Committee of the Canada L. L. is to raise 25 cents per capita by Dec. 31 as a special jubilee offering. The Student Aid Committee is to raise a fund that will make it possible to support every needy Luther Leaguer who is worthy of such aid and willing to answer the call of the Master, "Follow Me." Mr. G. Boyer and Rev. H. J. Behrens respectively are chairmen of these two committees.

We want a picture post card of our

Waterloo Seminary in every Lutheran home in Canada and we want every loyal Luther Leaguer to use these cards in his or her correspondence this year. How many of them can your league sell, not only to leaguers but to others also? The picture is the same as that in this Canada Lutheran. The price is one cent each. The proceeds go towards the Library Fund of our Seminary and College. Let us send you a package of these cards. Sell what you can and return the rest with the money received. This is your Seminary. Send orders to the Editor of this department.

Our leaguers have not yet gotten the habit of sending in their news for publication. Let us hear from you. Tell us what your league is doing. Such news must be in by the 15th of each month.

St. Paul's Luther League of Galt is planning to celebrate its tenth anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 26. The evening church service will be devoted to this celebration. Mr. E. B. Westcott, President of the Canada L. L. is to be the special speaker for the occasion. The Luther Leagues of Galt and Preston are planning a joint Hayrack Party to be held on August 25 to Puslinch Lake.

The Rev. O. Klaehn of Stratford, President of the Canada Jugenbund, is making an itinerary of the Young People's Societies of the Canada Synod and giving the illustrated Reformation lecture, prepared by the Joint Quadri-centennial Committee. Seven lectures have been given at this writing, the balance have been postponed until cooler weather sets in. Rev. Klaehn will also give this lecture at the tenth anniversary of St. Paul's Church, Galt, on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Before this number of the Canada Lutheran reaches our readers our beloved College at Waterloo will have re-opened its doors for another scholastic year and our Seminarians will also be thinking of returning. How many of our leaguers will enter our institution this year? How many of our young men are preparing themselves to take the places of the hundreds and thousands of young men who have joined the colors? The spirit of preparedness is in the air. Young men, prepare yourselves now for your future. Waterloo College is a good place to prepare. You may still enter. Come!

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Milton James Bieber.

1. Weidner Institute.

This Junior College, situated at Mulberry, the garden spot of Indiana, conducted a special school lasting one week, Aug. 23-28. It was a Summer School for Church and Sunday School Workers. Its programme was Missions, Sunday School, and Reformation. Preachers and students were entertained in the dormitory of the institution, and the recitations were held in the fine new gymnasium and the chapel. The rising bell rang at 7.30, breakfast was served at 8 in the domestic science room in the basement, and the devotional services were held at 9 each morning by the Dean,—subject "Prayer." At 9.30 the recitations began and continued till noon. There were two recitations in the afternoon followed by a period of recreation, and stereopticon views on missions and the Reformation, and musical and oratorical programmes were given in the evening. Frequent motor trips through the beautiful country were taken, and on Friday afternoon the whole school was thus treated to an extensive and delightful trip. The school was conducted under the auspices of the Southern Conference of the Chicago Synod and the necessary expenses were met by special offerings taken by the Sunday schools. A nominal daily or weekly charge was made for board and lodging. The teachers were all experts in their line and the school was conducted on a high plane. It was an inspiration to all who attended, and made all better able to teach, conduct missionary societies and become more proficient and helpful church workers along all lines.

2. Thiel College.

Over 250 persons attended the annual Summer School of this noted institution of learning, located at Greenville, Pa. The accommodations are ample for housing and feeding large numbers. The classes met in the large auditorium, the recitation rooms, in the grove, and on the lawns. The weather was ideal during the whole week, July 28 to Aug. 4. Half hour periods constituted the recitation lengths except the devotional service at 9.20 which with the practising of the service in the new church

book lasted one hour. Breakfast was at 7.30 and from 8 to 12.15 there were recitations sometimes three simultaneously. From 1 to 2.30 was a rest period and from 4 to 6. Lectures, stereopticons and concerts were held in the evening. There were frequent receptions by groups after the evening programmes and serenades at night. The social function on Friday evening which closed the school was greatly enjoyed by all. The Summer School Alumni effected an organization and assured the annual continuance of the school. Up-to-date books on missions, church work, etc., as well as all articles from stamps to souvenir spoons, were on sale. There were early morning "hikes" for studying birds and insects. Experts in their various lines were the teachers. There was a sustained interest from beginning to end. Rev. E. Huenergard of Hamilton, attended and was a general favorite. Student A. Himmelman, hailing from Nova Scotia, also attended. None "missed it" except those who were absent. Such schools make proficient church workers whom the Church sorely needs.

3. Chicago Theological Seminary.

This noted school of the Prophets held its first summer school, Aug. 6 to 10, and was delighted with the results. A seminary is an ideal place for holding a summer school. It is usually well equipped with housing accommodations and teachers and the Seminary at Maywood (Chicago), ill., fully filled the requirements. The periods were one hour in length. The breakfast bell rang at 7.15, dinner was served at 12 and supper at 6. The devotional service and meditations continued from 8 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. and were very helpful. Special lectures were delivered in the evening. A unique feature was a flag raising ceremony over the Wagenhals Memorial Building. President Krauss presided and three addresses were made. St. Luke's robed choir, Chicago, led the service on Thursday evening. Teachers outside of the regular Seminary Faculty were entertained by the professors in their homes on the Seminary grounds. The members of the school found accommodations in the dormitories. Home Mission, Church and Sunday School Work and the Reformation made up the programme here as at the other schools. The writer presented Home Missions in its various phases at each of the three schools.



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A JUBILEE APPEAL.

Dear Friend:—

As-a fellow-Lutheran, I beg to address you in regard to the exceptional opportunities which this great Reformation-Jubilee year is offering to you and me.

As a Lutheran you know, or ought to know, what tremendous sacrifices our Luth. ancestors gladly rendered in defence of their Luth. faith. The pages of church and secular history tell a stirring story of their noble fight in behalf of their God and His word and His church. The spirit of Luther, who saw the world and the church against God and therefore boldly took his place against the whole world and the whole church, choosing God as his only ally, was alive in them and made them literally and actually practice what they sang:

Take they then our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife;
When their worst is done,
They yet have nothing won,
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Now, my dear friend, let me ask you: Is there a spark of this spirit of sacrifice left in you and me, who pro-

fess the same faith and claim membership in the same Church? This Reformation-Jubilee year offers the grandest opportunity to make a show of it and to let our Lutheran light shine. Our beloved Lutheran Church in Canada needs your personal aid as never before in its history. Its future existence is dependent on a native Canadian clergy. Heretofore the United States and Germany used to supply the laborers for our vacant fields. These doors are permanently closed to us. We are thrown upon our own resources. Our Seminary at Waterloo has under the Providence of God grown out of these conditions. It is the bulwark of our Church in Canada. The future existence and further expansion of Lutheranism in our country stand and fall with the Seminary.

Your Pastor has, no doubt, acquainted you with the movement of permanently securing it by the raising of a Reformation-Jubilee Fund of \$100,000 for its endowment.

Are you in favor of this movement? Do you desire its success? Do you feel constrained to thank God for the blessings of the Reformation in some tangible way? Then, for God's sake, don't forget the Jubilee Fund for our Seminary! Pray for it every day, work for it among your friends, and right now go to work and figure out what you **can** do yourself! Emphasize the "can." Let it be an honest and real sacrifice! Give so that you feel it! God, who has prospered you, knows your ability. Don't try to deceive Him! The opportunity is unique. Let your contribution be in accordance with it! and save your Lutheran, your Christian conscience!

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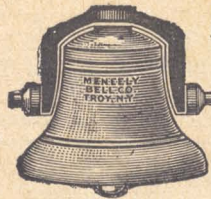
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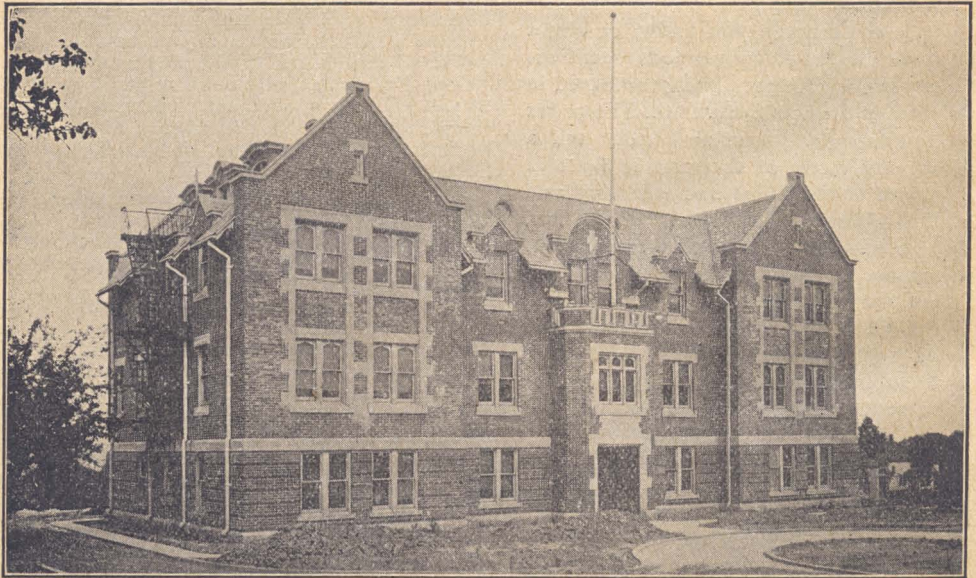


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