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"I Believe God"

By ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT.

I believe God, that it shall be even as it was
told me. Acts 27: 25.

"I believe"—but, do I? Am I sure?
Can I trust my trusting to endure?
Can I hope that my belief will last?
Will my hand forever hold Him fast?
Am I certain I am saved from sin?
Do I feel His presence here within?
Do I hear Him tell me that He cares?
Do I see the answers to my prayers?
Do no fears my confidence assail?
Do I know my faith will never fail?

"I believe"—ah, do I! I believe
He will never fail me, never leave;
I believe He holds me, and I know
His strong hand will never let me go.
Seeing, hearing, feeling,—what are these?
Given or withheld as He shall please.
I believe in Him and what He saith;
I have faith in Him, not in my faith;
That may fail, to-morrow or to-day,
Trust may weaken, feeling pass away,
Thoughts grow weary, anxious or depressed;
I believe in God—and here I rest.

—*Sunday School Times.*

SERMONETTE.

Burdens That Are Light

Matt. 11:30.—My yoke is easy and my burden light.

"Afflictions that are but for a moment," says Bernard, "are like the wings of a bird—they bear us aloft in spite of their weight." A yoke is not an evil in itself. It may interfere a little with man's comfort and convenience, and with his liberty; but it has a disciplinary value. The wise man says, "It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth." There is more wisdom packed into those few words than even the serious and the thoughtful are aware of. We may well ask what would become of the world without life's yokes and burdens. It is not in human nature to stand prosperity. The most profligate and characterless people in the world are, as a rule, those who escape life's trials and chastenings. To the wicked a yoke becomes galling and a burden is heavy, often crushing. Adversity becomes a punishment to them and not a chastening. When it becomes overwhelming, they adopt the suicidal philosophy of Job's wife—they "curse God and die." There are self-inflicted yokes and burdens which are the penalty that men pay for their sins. Indeed, if there were no sin, there would be no yokes, no burdens—and they would have no useful purpose to serve. To him who looks upon yokes and burdens as God's chastening rod, who bends under them in the belief that God will bring good out of the seeming evil, and who can rise to that sublime height of loving trust and confidence which made Job say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him,"—to him the yoke becomes easy and the burden light. An affliction borne in that spirit and with that faith becomes Christ's yoke and Christ's burden. He will not make it heavier than we have strength to bear, for as our day, so will our strength be. We will then understand how it was possible for Paul to rejoice in tribulation—in the threshing flail that separates the wheat from the chaff.—The Lutheran.

THE GOSPEL MINISTRY A PATRIOTIC MINISTRY.

By Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D.D., LL.D.

A very bright Japanese student, a candidate for the ministry, was ordained by a prominent minister to de-

vote himself to the work of preaching to the 70,000 Japanese who have located in America. He said, "I will go back to my own country." The value of a soul is the same in America and in Japan, and on first thought it would seem to make no difference whether he preached to his countrymen here or at home. But the student was right. Though he was only a boy and that man who advised him a well known author and professor, he had the deeper and wider conception of his mission. A Christian Japanese counts for more in Japan than in America. Here he is a mere political cypher; there he is a unit in a great political organism. Japan has become a conspicuous figure in the international world. Its future depends upon its religion. If it becomes Christian it will do in the Far East what the United States has done in the Western Hemisphere. That student understands this. At home he will do a double work. He will promote the kingdom of God and at the same time render the most important service to his native land. The Christian minister who keeps himself strictly to his work is always an efficient patriot. No matter what may be his grade of talent, commonplace or genius, any man can serve his country better by preaching the Gospel than by directing its legislation in the halls of Congress or commanding its armies on the field of battle. That seems a most extravagant statement, but if we remember how essential Christian character is to the nation it will not seem to be one bit too strong.

When thinking about the ministry and the support of the Theological Seminary patriotism is not the highest motive yet it is a worthy subordinate one. While we are engaged in a war of such tremendous proportions and making such drafts upon all of our resources, wealth, mind and heart, our country is uppermost. Whether we will or not it commands our thoughts. We feel that we must win. But we ought to think of the country after the war is over. Just what it will be depends upon the length of the struggle and the issue of the great peace conference. Our wisest prophets see very little further than common people. But we do see that the future of the country, whatever may be the issues of the war, depends upon the state of the Church. If we have a Church we must have a ministry, and if we have ministers we must have colleges and theological seminaries.

Let the Church perish and the very foundations of the government are gone, and our Liberty bonds will be worthless, our struggle for democracy an enormous but fruitless waste of life and wealth, and our country will fall into an anarchy. Liberty and religion are inseparately bound together. It is a foolish, suicidal patriotism that attempts to separate them.—Lutheran Church Visitor.

HELP THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada have set themselves the very worthy task of equipping the science laboratory of Waterloo College. Last year they contributed about \$100 for the purchase of apparatus and this year they have authorized an expenditure of \$200. Their aim is to place at the disposal of the Faculty as complete a laboratory as possible so that the sciences can be effectively taught. Surely all friends of our institution will rejoice at this news. Now the Ladies' Auxiliary have one important source of revenue—their Annual Fall Sale. From the proceeds of these sales they hope to accomplish the work they have undertaken. They appeal to their friends everywhere for help. Can you send them some home-made articles such as aprons and other garments for this Sale? A little effort on the part of many will mean a big gain for the treasury. Please send your parcels to Mrs. H. A. Hagen, 122 Queen St. S., Kitchener, Ont., one week before the week of Sale, which will be the last week in November, in the basement of St. Matthias' Church, Kitchener.

FATHERS, THE MODELS

Have fathers ever stopped to reflect that they are the images or models through whom God seeks to make clear the mystery of His love and tender care? He tells us that He is our Father; that "like as a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." What is the conception of God we fathers are giving our children, that of a God so burdened, preoccupied and busy that He has no time for the problems and cares, the anxieties, fear and wishes of His children; or a father who will give way gladly and instantly to the plea of his child, and seems to have time and interest for nothing else? Yes, we are shaping and making our children's faith in God. Let every father ask himself this question: What kind of a world would this be if every father were just like me?—Exchange.

THE CALL OF SOUTH AMERICA TO NORTH AMERICA.

The darkness that has shrouded me has been so dense that some of your people scarcely know there are two Americas, and refer to their northern continent as "America," as if there were but one. You have seen your America painted so large on your maps, that you scarcely realize that your entire United States could be dropped into my one country of Brazil and yet leave enough margin to hold Germany and Portugal. You speak of "The little country of Bolivia" and yet that small republic is as large as Germany, Austria and England combined.

Yet large and beautiful as Brazil is, eighty-five per cent of her people can neither read nor write. In all of Latin America there are 50 million people who can neither read nor write.

Brazil is only two days by steamer from West Africa and one-third of its population is negro.

The American Indian is not limited to your continent. I have in my borders 17,000,000 Indians. In the valley of the Amazon alone there are 373 Indian tribes without the Gospel.

Immigrants from European countries have turned their steps to my shores, as they have to yours. In my one city of Buenos Aires are 22,000 Englishmen and 10,000 Germans. There are a million Germans in Brazil according to the Statesman's Year Book.

We in South America have one missionary to 195,853 of our people. In North America you have one minister to every 514.

Philadelphia has 700 Protestant churches. Buenos Aires is a little bigger than Philadelphia yet it has only fifteen Protestant churches, offering a seating capacity to only one in every four hundred of that city's population.

There are more ordained ministers in your one State of Iowa than in all Latin America with a population of 73,000,000.

Every missionary in Bolivia has a parish larger than the entire state of Pennsylvania.

You speak of Africa as the "Dark Continent." Yet Africa has one Protestant missionary for every 133,000 people while South America has one to every 185,000.

Robert E. Speer says: "If there is any moral need for Christian missions

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EDITORIAL.

Reformation.—The whole Christian world will be forever indebted to the work of Dr. Martin Luther. It matters not how men may differ in denominational allegiance every fair minded person must admit that not only do we Protestant Churches spring directly or indirectly from the movement sent on its world course from Wittenberg, but the Roman Catholic Church itself is in many respects, as a result of the great protest, purer and better than Luther found it.

It is true that Protestant history records many things of which Protestants must feel ashamed. It is true that even those who claim to be followers of Luther come short in greater or less degree of the ideals recognized to be Christ's. But where shall a perfect man be found? Luther himself was a man among men wrestling with many temptations. He sought perfection with all the devotion of an ardent spirit, but he learned that men can attain only unto that perfection which is Another's. "The just shall live by faith." Jesus Christ's

was the only perfect life. Because that life was vicarious it has become true that, "As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" and God will say of all true believers, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased," not because He finds them perfected by efforts of their own but because He is pleased to see them through His Only Begotten, Who fulfilled all His requirements. This great truth had been covered up by the rubbish of mediaeval error. Men sought salvation, not by faith in the Lord Jesus, but by painful self-denial, payments of money, separation from the world, pilgrimages and other works assigned by a corrupted Church. There was no peace. Luther discovered that the way to peace is through Christ alone and he gave to the world his discovery. It has been handed down to us and is not out-of-date. There is great confusion in the world to-day. Because some would ascribe it to Luther's work and race many timid souls would remove all Lutheran labels, suspend their confession and seek refuge in some more popular modern circles. It is true Luther did not want his name applied to the Church. He would have it called "Evangelical." It is true we are not baptized into the name of Luther nor can we be saved by him but are we not baptized into the Christ Whom Luther owned as Lord? Do we not have the same Word of God which Luther preached? Do we not hope for salvation through Christ by faith as Luther did? Do we not reject the man-made traditions that Luther found so misleading? Are we not willing still to trust God's promises and believe that God means what He says, as Luther did? If we still believe that God created us; that Jesus Christ, true God and Man, alone can redeem us; that the Holy Ghost alone can effect our sanctification; that the Word of God and the Holy Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are true means of Grace employed by God's Spirit on our behalf—if we still believe these things, we still believe as Luther did and we are in his group.

Let us then have the courage of a Luther and let the world know where we stand. As good Lutherans we will then uphold truth and reject error under all circumstances and we will not condone wrong doing in any circles be they named by race or creed.

Our Student Body.—Perhaps we often overlook the fact that Luther was a university professor. More often we forget that Luther was supported in his work, not only by university colleagues but by a devoted body of students. They learned the truth from him and caught his spirit and they contended for him and with him. Equipped through him they set out to give the truth that he had found to all parts of the world. What treasures they were able to distribute! Without them the Reformation could not have become a movement and we might never have felt its power.

Shall other generations thank God for students from Waterloo? Already their influence is making itself felt from the Atlantic Ocean to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. They have helped to save a difficult situation. Others will go and their work too will count for Church and Country. Men in future days will rise up and call them blessed. Are you interested in them now? There are nearly thirty at Waterloo at this time. Are you interested in them? What splendid manhood they reveal! Controlled by the consciousness of a great mission before them they are faithfully striving to fit themselves for its tasks. It matters not whether you see them bowing in prayer at chapel services, attending to a lecture in the classroom or seated about the table of the dining room at meal-time you must recognize the earnestness of the life they lead. A Christian spirit pervades their movements and democratic principles are the bases of all their organizations—of Student Council, Seminarians, Collegians, Missionary Society, Literary Society and Boarding Club. Discipline is regulated by a proctor elected by and responsible to the student body. They furnish a fine illustration of a Christian democracy and will become an asset of priceless worth to the Canada of the years to come.

Reader, are you interested in the student body of our Church at Waterloo? Are you sufficiently interested to tell them you wish them well? Do you contribute as liberally as you might to the institution which furnishes their training? Would you like to see your son developed in the Christian virtues and power that Waterloo imparts? Waterloo College and Seminary is an Evangelical Lutheran institution in the true sense of that phrase. It is Canadian. It is peculiarly your institution. Will you

pray for its Student Body, Faculty and Board? Will you give of your means for its support? Will you let that boy of yours avail himself of the benefits it can confer?

That Deficit Fund.—The three bodies of The General Council, The General Synod and The United Synod of the South are soon to be merged into "The United Lutheran Church of America." This will mean a merging also of the various Mission Boards of the three bodies. It will mean a great conservation of administrative energy and Missionary funds but it will not mean any relaxation in missionary effort. We are looking for added momentum to the great work on Home and Foreign fields. To that momentum we must all contribute with positive energy and by refraining from putting any brakes on the machinery of progress. There have been brakes on the General Council Boards for some time in the form of heavy debts. These brakes have been applied by Church members in all parts of the continent who have not contributed a reasonable part of their income to the missionary work of the Church of Christ. The apportionments on which the Boards have planned their work have not been fully paid and deficits have resulted that have seriously hampered the development of our mission fields. Shall we enter the merger with the shackles of deficit on our feet? We don't want to. You can help remove them if you will help pay off the deficit before that great day of November 15th. It is true most of our congregations have faithfully paid their apportionments and are not responsible for the deficit. Perhaps they will still be willing to give an offering for its removal.

The Lutheran.—The Lutheran, the official organ of our General Council is making a special appeal for 5,000 new subscribers before November 15. The paper is offered for six months for the very low price of 75 cents. The campaign should succeed. The Lutheran is a weekly of sixteen, sometimes twenty pages, filled with reading matter of priceless worth to every Lutheran home. The Canada Lutheran earnestly invites its readers to place The Lutheran in their homes and read it every week.

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CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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

PARISH BUDGETS.

Galt.—The Pastor's vacation was the reason no Galt news appeared last month, but that did not mean that St. Paul's here had ceased to make history. No morning services were held during the pastor's absence. A delightful week was spent at the parsonage of Rev. Weidenhammer, Conestogo. While there we had the pleasure of attending the celebration of the 75th birthday anniversary of Mr. Wegener, a leading member of Dr. Hoffmann's Church, Toronto. On August 10th we were called home as Rev. J. A. Miller of Davenport, Iowa, had arrived at the Galt parsonage via the Ford, presented to him by his congregation. We prevailed upon Pastor Miller to supply our pulpit the following evening and despite the heat he held the congregation spell-bound for forty minutes. The following week we accompanied Rev. Miller and family to Hamilton, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, N.Y. At the latter place he met two of his members by appointment and united them in marriage at the Prospect House. While here Rev. Miller also visited the Seminary, which he had done so much to bring into being, but which he had never seen before.

Sunday, Aug. 18th, the Rev. W. H. Knauff supplied our pulpit at the evening service and preached an eloquent and much appreciated sermon. On Sunday, Aug. 25th, our congregational anniversary was celebrated. The pastor was home and administered Holy Communion at the morning service of which 35 guests partook. Four new members were also received and two children baptized at this service. In the evening, the Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., of Toronto, preached the anniversary sermon to an appreciative congregation. At the evening service, on Sunday, Aug. 31st, which took the form of a Luther League Rally, President E. B. Westcott brought us an inspiring message as an echo of the big Buffalo Convention of the previous week.

Our Sunday School has begun a Teachers' Training Class, and established a S. S. Library during the past month. Sept. 29th will be observed as Rally Day and our school has chal-

lenged St. Paul's, Guelph, to a membership and attendance contest to begin in October. Our Luther League has paid its per capita to the Jubilee Fund, is raising its share for Student Aid and has again begun holding weekly Topic Meetings after the Sunday evening church services. Our Women's Missionary Society has voted \$10 to the Seminary, has resumed its work for the Red Cross and has subscribed for forty Mission Workers, one for each member. The ladies have also resumed their Mission Study. Our Laymen's Brotherhood has painted the exterior woodwork of the church and are ready for more work. They have also been able to lend a helping hand in several needy cases and at present are preparing for a big open meeting in the church on Oct. 1st, when the Rev. A. A. Zinck, B.A., will be the speaker of the evening.

On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, the pastor is to be the English speaker at the Mission Festival of St. John's Church, Waterloo, the Rev. E. Bockelmann, Pastor. Sunday, Sept. 29th, will be Harvest Home Sunday in our church. The pastor has been appointed Business Manager of the Canada Lutheran by the Executive of Synod.

The pastor has just received word that his brother has been shell-gassed at the front and is lying in a French Hospital. He was a machine-gunner.

Humberstone.—No reports were given from here in last issue of C. L. because of the fact that the pastor was on vacation at the time. We shall endeavor to give only more important items of interest. Aug. 4th, a special war anniversary service was held and the congregation observed the day in humiliation and prayer. The pastor in his sermon preached along that line of thought, choosing the theme, "The neglect of the things that belong to our Peace," based on the day's Gospel lesson. The choir sang anthems of a patriotic character and the congregation war-time hymns. August 1st, the S. S. picnic and congregational outing was held along the lake shore after a motor truck drive of 8 miles. This was a real picnic, the best in years with a good attendance. The Ladies' Aid Society took a vacation

from its regular meetings during August and September. Red Cross work, however, was done regularly each month—all ladies knitting socks for soldiers. Much amusement was afforded in the "Knitting School," where those not yet trained in the art of using the needles, were taught and became qualified. The Society has bought the yarn, will do the work, and then donate the finished socks to the local Red Cross Society. The last two meetings were held at the respective homes of Mrs. Chas. Reichman and Mrs. Knauff. The Luther League held its September meeting at the home of Miss Addie Hesler, with the record attendance of 28 members, besides several visitors. The League's delegate to the Buffalo Convention, Miss Hesler, gave her report. The pastor added a few words, and will give a more detailed report later. The matter of Students' Aid was discussed. The literature sent out by the committee could not be distributed at the time, owing to the pastor's vacation. Members received this literature at the meeting and members after the service on Sunday. The League voted \$50 to the Student Aid Fund to be paid in five monthly instalments. Tuesday, Sept. 17th, a variety shower was tendered one of the members on the occasion of her recent marriage,—Mrs. Harold Poole, formerly Miss Iona Boneberg,—at the home of her sister, Mrs. Stanley Chambers. The League was well represented at the Buffalo Convention, thirteen attending from here one or more sessions. Baptized at public church service, July 28th, Alfred Reuben, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Kramer.

Markham and Vaughan.—The Rev. W. H. Knauff, of Port Colborne, preached in these congregations on September 15th. On September 22nd, Harvest Home services were held at Unionville and Buttonville. The Rev. Prof. N. Willison, of Waterloo, was the preacher. The congregations were large and the decorations very fine.

Welland.—St. Matthew's congregation here still exists and its members still "carry on." Pastor Knauff conducts one service each Sunday. The service in the evening of Sept. 8th was dropped to permit the pastor to attend the dedication of a large pipe organ in Emmanuel Church, N. Tonawanda, where he preached the sermon. The pastor there is Rev. E. A. Schulz.

formerly of St. John's, Waterloo. Student Brenner, of the Waterloo Seminary, acquitted himself very creditably while supplying the pulpit during the pastor's absence to the Unionville parish, Sept. 15th. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society resumed its monthly meetings September 5th, after the summer vacation. The meeting was held in the church. The topic "The Hymns We Sing," was studied with much profit, the Society singing some and reading others. Sept. 14th, the Society, accepting the invitation of Mrs. Guinther, assembled at her home in full strength for an in-door picnic. Though it rained incessantly this did not mar the cheer in the home of so hospitable a hostess. The afternoon and evening were pleasantly spent, contests undertaken, and a real picnic supper enjoyed. At the parting hour Mrs. Guinther called a happy, "Come Again." Baptized and made a child of grace at public church service, July 28th, Margaret Eileen, infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sibbet of Niagara Falls, N.Y. Mrs. Sibbet, formerly as Miss Anna Hoffmann, was connected with St. Matthew's.

Williamsburg.—Pastor and Mrs. Maurer spent a few weeks vacation at London and Kitchener. The Pastor also attended the Summer School at O. A. C., Guelph. While away the pulpit was supplied by the following: July 28th, Rev. Sorensen of Dunbar; August 4th, Rev. L. M. McCreery of Montreal; August 11th, Rev. Bermon of Morrisburg.

Our Sunday School is thankful that it is advancing in more ways than one as this year it is the banner school amongst all the denominations in this township. We believe it was due perhaps to the strokes from the sledge hammer that our contributions have increased so much, but we are sorry it hadn't a better effect on the late comers.

Sunday evening, August 25th, the Pastor gave a very interesting talk on the things he heard and learned while attending the school at Guelph.

A few from here attended the convention held at Ottawa on Labor Day. Miss Ruth Maurer, of Toronto, spent a few days at the parsonage.

On Sunday, Sept. 8th, our congregation was very much pleased to see the pleasant face and hear the able discourse of a former Pastor, Rev. W. E. Murray, now of Rochester, but a cloud overshadowed the latter part of the service when our beloved pastor

tendered his resignation to accept a call to Kitchener.

Sunday evening we had another splendid sermon, delivered by Rev. H. Siegner, of Ottawa, who is spending the remainder of the week in our midst.

WESTERN NEWS.

Since our last letter to Canada Lutheran quite a few changes have taken place in the Manitoba Synod. Rev. H. Harms has left Edmonton, Alta., to take up his new duties at our College in Saskatoon, Sask.; Rev. E. Tuerkheim, of Laird, Sask., has removed to Edmonton, and Rev. Geo. Weidenhammer, of Conestogo, Ont., has been called to fill the vacancy at Laird. As Rev. Weidenhammer is a son of the West, we hope to see him out here soon. Rev. O. Neeb has been installed and is now busy adjusting himself to Western conditions.

In Alberta the congregations have lately been celebrating their "Missionsfeste," which were everywhere nicely attended. In spite of poor crop outlook our people are willing to help in the cause of the Lord, the offerings at such celebrations being anywhere from \$80 to \$190, mostly over the one hundred mark.

September 25th, our College re-opens for the year 1918-1919, and indications are that there will be more students attending, and also more interest and zeal for this work in the congregations. The field is a big one, and the laborers are few, may God bless the institution that laborers be fitted for the work of the Lord.

REV. A. GOOS,
Strathcona, Alta.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

The "Jugend-Bund," the organization of the Young People Societies of the Canada Synod, held its annual convention on Labor Day, Sept. 2nd, in St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener. The attendance was not up to the standard of the past. Eighty-four young people represented eight different societies; more than 50 per cent being from the Kitchener Y. P. S. The morning session was pretty well taken up with a public service, conducted by the President, Rev. Klaehn, of Stratford. The election of officers brought a change; both of the

present officers declining re-election, Rev. J. Schmieder of St. Matthew's, Kitchener, was made President, and Student Richard Geelhaar, of Waterloo Seminary, Secretary. The principal business was the discussion of the proposed merger of the Jugend-Bund and the Canada Luther League. The question has occupied the minds of our young people for several years. At the last annual convention a committee was appointed to meet a similar committee of the Luther League, discuss the pro's and contra's of the intended union and present resolutions respecting it to the Jugend-Bund at this year's convention. These resolutions in the form of recommendations, strongly favoring the union, came up for discussion; and a very lively and spirited discussion it was, indeed! The result was not exactly what the friends of the union desired. As a number of our Y. P. S's were not represented, it was resolved, that before final action be taken, these be asked by the President to express their opinion on the question, which means a postponement of the settlement for another year. Although but few of the young people present expressed themselves at the meeting—for obvious reasons—we were under the impression, that most of them were in favor of the union and ready to vote on it quite intelligently, if an opportunity had been given, as indicated by last year's action. However, the union, though not yet consummated, as was expected, will come and a decided step in that direction has been taken at the Kitchener meeting after all. The Luther League was represented by the Rev. Beckman, of Galt, and Mr. Westcott, of Hamilton. The good people of St. Matthew's Church, most generously entertained the delegates of the convention at dinner and supper and their hospitality certainly deserves grateful mention. God bless our young people and speed the day, when they joyously join hands and hearts and forces with those in "the other boat."

The newly organized Pastoral Conference of Waterloo Co. and vicinity was in session September 4th in the parsonage of St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener. In a very interesting paper Rev. Stockmann treated the question, to what extent the pastor in his teaching and preaching is bound to the official confessions of the Church. This conference meets every first Tuesday of each month for the discussion of questions of doctrine

and church practice. Any member of the two Canada Synods is welcome to join the conference and we were pleased to see both of them represented at the last meeting. Rev. Prof. Lincke is President, while Rev. Schmieder serves as Secretary. It seems to be an excellent means of bringing into closer union the two Canada Synods and therefore may be of more than passing significance.

The Middle Conference of the Canada Synod is to meet for its regular fall session in Trinity Church, Sebastopol, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 17th and 18th. Rev. Prof. Lincke will present a paper on Chiliism and Rev. O. Klaehn an exegetical essay on Rom. VI. Public services will be held on both evenings with Holy Communion on Tuesday evening.

Our student pastors, Mr. Brenner, who supplied the vacant pulpits in the Philipsburg parish, and Mr. Geelhaar, who had charge of the New Ontario Mission during the summer holidays, have returned to Waterloo Seminary to continue their studies. Both of these fields are still without permanent pastoral care.

St. James', Hespeler, has extended a call to the Rev. Knauff, of Pt. Colborne, but we are not in a position to state, whether the call has been accepted or not. The church has been vacant since January 1st this year.

Rev. G. Weidenhammer, of Conestogo, has received a call from the Lutheran Church of Laird, Sask., and we understand, he will accept. Sorry, though we are, to lose Bro. Weidenhammer, who has endeared himself to his brethren in the Canada Synod, we cannot but admire his sense of duty, which constrains him to return from whence he came, to serve the Church in his Western homeland, where more than anywhere else the harvest is great and the laborers few. We congratulate our sister Synod of Manitoba on the valuable acquisition they are going to make in Bro. Weidenhammer.

Rev. Lamack, of Walkerton, has taken unto himself a wife. Best wishes for a happy married life!

WINNIPEG.

Rev. M. J. Bieber.

On Monday, August 19th, we left for the East to attend the convention of the Luther League of America, at Buffalo, Aug. 27-29. On our way we received a message that Mrs. Bieber had been sent for to come at once to

the bedside of her sick father at Mt. Joy, Pa. We waited a day for her in St. Paul, Minn., stopping with our Pennsylvania friend, the Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D., who has recently been making the Lutheran Church famous through his celebrated and important book, "Creation Ex Nihilo," which completely refutes all the arguments of the learned scientists who do not believe in the creation of the universe by God. Dr. Gruber received his D.D. degree at the recent commencement of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., his Alma Mater.

On the 21st Mrs. Bieber arrived in St. Paul and together we went to Mt. Joy, via Chicago and Pittsburg to Harrisburg, where we were met by our people and taken the remaining 25 miles by auto. At this writing our patient is slightly improved.

We visited some of our former parishioners in Mt. Joy, where was our first parish (1894-1897) and also my people at Kutztown, Pa., where on Sunday, Aug. 25th, I addressed the Sunday School in Trinity Lutheran Church, and preached. After the service \$50 was promised me by an individual for our needy work in Winnipeg, though we had made no special plea for our Winnipeg work. (God opens hearts and purses and answers prayers when least expected!) My brother-in-law from Mt. Joy took me back in the evening by auto, a distance of 60 miles.

The Buffalo convention was an inspiration throughout, (we attended every national L. L. convention since its organization 1895 in Pittsburg). The League met in Buffalo in 1904 when a Canadian attended for the first time. In 1908 the Canada Luther League joined in Chicago and made the Luther League of America International. One dozen Canadians attended this convention. No doubt a full account is given of this convention, so I will not write about it except to say that the Canadians were in fine evidence everywhere, though I had expected a still larger attendance from the Dominion.

Luther League.

Our local League held its summer monthly meetings, with supper, in the parks and they were always interesting and well attended, though the last meeting, Sept. 3rd, was held in the Sunday School room of the church with supper. On Aug. 13th four new members were received and the League unanimously decided to ask for

admission into the Canada Luther League; also to decorate the church on Rally Day, Sept. 8th.

Missionary Society.

The Missionary Society also held one of its meetings during the summer in the park and it was well attended. The Society took no vacation. Its monthly meeting on Aug. 2nd was addressed by its former pastor, Western Canada Field Missionary Baisler, now located at Vancouver, B.C. All were glad to see and hear him again. (He also supplied the pulpit during Pastor Bieber's absence on July 28th and Aug. 4th.) At the Society's last meeting, Sept. 6th, the mission boxes were returned by the members and a goodly sum was realized (to be named in our next letter). Also delegates were elected to attend the convention of the Missionary Society of the Western Conference of the North-west Synod in Moorehead, Minn., on Sept. 24-26th, in connection with the Conference Convention. The Rev. W. S. Ulrich, Field Missionary for North Dakota, is in charge of the congregation and also is President of the Conference.

The Congregation.

During the absence of Pastor Bieber, President Ulrich made his official visit to the congregation in Winnipeg and very acceptably supplied the pulpit on Aug. 25th. On Sept. 1st Student James Beasom, a Junior in Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., who has been spending the summer among relatives in Winnipeg, preached at both services and on Sept. 8th conducted the service. He acquitted himself very creditably both times and has the making of a strong minister of the Gospel. Rally Day was observed on Sept. 8. Every child present in Church and Sunday School received a souvenir scripture card and every adult a larger card (book marker) and every person present received a bright new cent as nucleus "to trade and save for the Lord."

Not Very Substantial.

The Pullman porter stood before the travelling man in an expectant attitude.

"Well, George," said the traveller, "can I give you anything."

"Whatever your generosity permits, sir," answered the porter.

"Well, boys," replied the traveller, turning to his companions and winking, "let's give the porter three cheers."

CONVENTION OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA, AUG. 27th to 29th.

Rev. W. H. Knauff.

The Thirteenth Biennial Convention of the L. L. of America convened in Buffalo, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Rev. F. A. Kahler, D.D., Pastor. While it was not as largely attended as a previous convention which we were privileged to attend, yet in inspiration and in the amount of business transacted it did not fall much short of any of the conventions of the past. War conditions, and extreme R. R. rates do affect the work of the Church sometimes. There were close to 200 delegates present and many visitors. The Canada L. L. was represented by the following delegates:—Mr. E. B. Westcott, Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., Rev. E. Bockelmann, and Rev. W. H. Knauff. Besides these were delegates from local leagues, Mr. H. Schaus, Waterloo; Miss Addie Hessler, Humberstone, and eleven visitors from Holy Trinity, Humberstone, who attended one or more sessions, some attended all sessions.

The convention theme was: "Patriotism—Our Church, Our Country," and all speakers spoke along this line of thought. Also the hymns of the convention were truly patriotic and war-time hymns. The chaplain of the convention was Rev. Moritz G. L. Rietz, of Lockport, N.Y.

First Session.

The opening service was held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. After the singing of two patriotic hymns: "We March to Victory," and "America, the Beautiful," in which we Canadians joined so heartily, and after Vespers, conducted by the chaplain, the opening address was made by the President, C. T. A. Anderson, in which he referred to war-time conditions which confront the League, and also to the coming merger, with which the League will have much to do. Addresses of welcome were delivered by the pastor loci, Rev. Dr. Kahler, Dr. L. J. Knell, President of the Federated Men's and Women's Bible Classes of Buffalo—(there are 1,500 men and 500 women in this organization)—and W. H. Meisner, President of the L. L. of Buffalo and District. His Honor, the Mayor, was also to welcome the League, but owing to conflicting dates, an address from a city representative was promised for some later session. Re-

sponse to the welcome was given by letter from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Hon. E. F. Eilert, it being impossible for him to be present. The convention sermon, an able discourse, was preached by Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Maywood, Ill., taking for his theme, "The Church's Power and the Nation's Need," based on John 6: 38, and James 2: 12. After the service a reception was held in the church parlors, where we met many old-time friends and were treated to light refreshments.

Second Session, Wed. Morning.

This session was given to officers' reports, after the conducting of Morning Suffrages. The President in his report sounded the keynote, "Get together"—for the bloody battle of tomorrow. He reports that the L. L. Rally Hymn has found place in the new Common Hymnal. Following were the recommendations,—the payment of the per capita tax to L. L. of America, as well as the immediate payment of outstanding amounts of the Jubilee Fund. (2) That Districts, planning their conventions, communicate with General Secretary, so that he may attend as many as possible without much loss of time or excessive R. R. expenses. The chief items of interest in the report of the General Secretary, Mr. Harry Hodges, were: The report that the Executive Committee had sent a letter to Ways and Means Committee of the Merger, asking for favorable recognition of the L. L. of America by the United Lutheran Church of America; recommended that the treasurer be instructed to borrow money to pay the League's indebtedness; the announcement that the response to the Jubilee Fund was a great disappointment, only \$3,734.40 being received of the \$7,000 asked for. "We have failed," he said in strong terms. The statistics need not be given here as they can be found in the L. L. Review. But we note with pleasure that one state organization and 9,509 members were gained during the biennium. The treasurer's report was not so rosy. There is quite an indebtedness. \$1,155.40 of dues are unpaid and \$3,608.44 of Jubilee Fund remains unpaid. Only 65 per cent of the Jubilee Fund asked for has been received. Indiana is the prize League of first standing, having paid all its dues and Jubilee Fund, and \$50 over amount expected. Canada was re-

ported as having paid its dues (\$118.80), \$25.00 on Jubilee Fund, \$20 individual contribution and owing on Jubilee Fund, \$182.52.

From 11 to 12 two very fine Sectional Conferences were held concurrently, the one a Pastor's Conference—the pastor's relation to his league. The other a Conference on Principles and Methods—attended by league workers.

Third Session, Wed. Afternoon.

Further reports were heard, that of the General Literature Secretary, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, in which he recommended most heartily the faithful use of the literature. The Committee on Change of Constitution, assured the delegates that it will not change constitution or adopt any amendment now. "The L. L. has always sought to wipe out synodical distinctions." The L. L. Publication Committee reported an indebtedness of \$3,229.49. The place of next convention was vigorously discussed. Two invitations were presented, one from Milwaukee, Wis., the other from Ft. Wayne, Ind. After much discussion Ft. Wayne was chosen for the 1920 convention. Two very excellent papers were presented,—"The New Task by the Christian Congregation," by Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa., and "The State, a Moral Responsible Agent," by Rev. Arthur S. Hardy, New York City. Of the many good things contained in these papers, space will not permit of even a few of them.

Fourth Session, Wed. Evening.

Canada was honored by having one of its pastors assist in this service, the writer conducting Vespers. What we consider to be "The" address of the convention was delivered this night—"Lutheranism in American Liberty," by Rev. Prof. A. Ross Wentz, Ph.D., Gettysburg, Pa. The hearing of this address made Lutherans feel proud that they are Lutherans, and made others wish they were. It had to be heard to be appreciated.

Fifth Session, Thurs. Morning.

Two very fine papers were presented at this session, with a limited discussion to each. Mrs. W. C. Hanning of Detroit, spoke on "How Can the League Best Help the Church." This is one of the best addresses we have yet heard by a woman. Mr. O. C. C. Fetta of Indianapolis, Ind., read a

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

NEW ADDRESS.

The Editor of this department would call the attention of all her friends to her change of address from Unionville, Ont., to Waterloo, Ont. Shall we resolve to labor in the cause of missions with ever-increasing zeal?

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS ON THE EVE OF THE MERGER

With the organization of the United Lutheran Church only a few weeks ahead, it will be of interest to know in what condition our foreign missions can be transferred to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church. We have just received the statistics of our Telugu Mission in India for the year 1917, and they show very gratifying results. This is brought out all the more strikingly by a comparison with the figures of previous years. To draw this comparison we shall use the figures of the year 1905, the year in which your General Secretary began his official connection with the Board.

	1905	1917
Baptized Membership ..	12,822	26,037
Added, Baptism, etc. ...	969	1,162
Inquirers ..	1,866	3,409
Adult Communicants ..	6,135	13,834
Schools, all Grades	304	671
Pupils in School	5,275	22,036
Native Workers	300	642
Villages Reached	404	509
Ordained Missionaries ..	9	11
Women Missionaries ..	7	13
Native Support and Benevolence ..	\$6,725	\$30,110

Notice the amount of money raised in India for the work of the mission. It is certainly surprising. Then notice also the number of Telugu boys and girls in the mission schools, including the Sunday Schools. There may be some duplication here, because a number of the pupils in the day schools attend the Sunday Schools; but in any event a splendid procession of boys and girls, Christian and Hindu, is passing through our mission schools, and with this number rapidly increasing, the future belongs to us. This is also indicated by the fact that as many as 3,409 adult Hindus are inquiring concerning the way of salvation in Jesus Christ. Another detail to which we ought to refer is that there are as

many as 1,642 High School pupils in the Mission, 781 attending the High School at Peddapur, and 861 the High School at Bhimawaram. The Boys' Central School has 183 pupils and the Girls' Central School 229 pupils. That will be statistics enough, we believe, to show in what splendid condition our Mission in India may enter the Merger.

As for our Mission in Japan we have no figures as yet for the entire work during the year 1917, but Rev. Frisby D. Smith writes: "This year promises to be the most successful one in the history of our Tokyo Station. Seven persons have already been baptized and the present prospects are that there will be at least that many more before the close of the year. In June we had our record communion service, when 37 surrounded the Table of the Lord."

The financial situation at home is not so good, but we are relying on the effort which is being made for the Deficit Fund in all General Council Synods to carry us over into the United Board free of all financial burdens. We had to borrow \$5,261.27 from other funds in order to send our remittances to India and Japan in August. We owe the Publication House \$1,144.40 for printing The Missionsbote and The Foreign Missionary. Unless our income is larger than it was a year ago, we will be about \$18,000 short at the time the merger is completed; but, as we have already said, the Deficit Fund will carry us over free of debt.

We have received \$250 from Miss Minna Barth, of Souderton, Penna., as an Annuity Donation, on which interest is to be paid her for life, and at her death this money becomes the property of the Board. No better investment could be made by anyone.

The Board of Foreign Missions spent most of its time at its September meeting in the consideration of the Model Constitution, to adapt it for use as the Constitution of the United Board, and will hold its last meeting before the merger in New York City, where it believes the United Board should have its permanent headquarters.

A letter received from Rev. Rudolph Arps, written on August 30th at the

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THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Student S. Cooper, Waterloo Seminary.

The call of our country is Work and Save. The call of our Church today is Work and Pray. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest may send more laborers into the field, that the Holy Spirit may direct the minds and hearts of the young men of our Church to consecrate their lives to the work of the Holy Ministry. Our College and Seminary is again open and at work. We need more consecrated young men. To this end our Luther Leagues should work and pray. To this end the hearts of our people and the devotions of our weekly meetings should be directed.

Devotional Meetings.

Is it not a lamentable fact that many of our Leaguers desert and do not attend the devotional meetings? But while not attending the devotional meetings they will always be found at the social business meeting. Is it not true that many plan other places of entertainment for the evening set apart for the purpose of devotion? We have often wondered why this is so. Announce a business meeting with a social time annexed, which is the custom in some Leagues, and all will turn out en masse, members and friends, to enjoy themselves. But, alas! the faithful few, upon whom the whole burden of all the meetings depends, work and pray, often amid discouragement. We ask again why is this so? We answer by asking another question, which should sink deep into the hearts of those who neglect and absent themselves from the devotional meetings, and attend the social business meetings or some other places of amusement. Are the young people of our Church more hungry for the pleasing side of life than for the Word of God? Are they bent on seeking pleasure more than the kingdom of God? While pleasure and entertainment, if, of the right kind are not wrong but necessary, should we neglect our devotional meetings? Christ tells us to put first things first in Matt. 6: 33, when He says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." Dear Luther Leaguer, do not forsake the devotional meetings of your League. The aim of our Luther League is to train and educate men and women to become efficient in all the activities of the Church. And to become such, we cannot and dare not neglect the devotional side of our life in private or public. As young people, we need to

meet together often, to learn of God's Word and of the doctrines, history and work of our Church. We need to lift our hearts in united prayer, to Him Who answers prayer, so that we go out to meet the world stronger against the temptations of life, and serve our Master with greater zeal, for the upbuilding of His kingdom.

LUTHER LEAGUE NOTES.

The following leagues responded to the appeal for the Jubilee Emergency Fund of the Luther League of America:—First, Kitchener, \$10; Galt, \$7; Hespeler, \$6.50; Morrisburg, \$5; Hamilton, \$5; Ottawa, \$4.50; Sherwood, \$3; St. Jacob's, \$2.50; Guelph, \$2. Total, \$45.50.

The following leagues failed to respond: Montreal, Riverside, Williamsburg, Dunbar, Unionville, Welland, Humberstone, Brantford, Preston, Conestogo, and St. Peter's, Kitchener, Waterloo has promised to pay their share at their next meeting. New Hamburg League, which now has a Pastor of the Missouri Synod, has sent in its resignation from the Canada L. L., but their place will be taken by First English League of Winnipeg, which has made application for membership. A complete report of the Student Aid Campaign will be given next month.

The Canada Jugend Bund convened in St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener, the Rev. John Schmieder, Pastor, on Labor Day, Sept. 2nd. Six local leagues were represented by 82 delegates. The L. L. was represented by President Westcott and General Secretary, Rev. E. H. Beckman. The retiring President, Rev. O. Klaehn of Stratford, preached the Convention sermon in the morning. A fine dinner was served in the basement at noon. In the afternoon several items of business were disposed of after which the question of uniting with the Canada L. L. was taken up. After a lively discussion, which lasted two hours and a half, it was decided to refer the matter to the individual local leagues for their consideration and action and to finally dispose of it, either one way or the other, at next year's convention. The great majority of young people present at the Convention were unmistakably in favor of the proposed union. The officers elected for this year are: President, Rev. John Schmieder and Secretary-Treasurer, Student R. Geelhaar.

CONVENTION OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

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splendid paper on "Training the Youth for Church Leadership." Wish we could apply all this locally! The discussion of these two papers was followed by a masterly address: "Christ, the Leaguer's Model Worker," by Rev. Albert L. Benze, Toledo, Ohio. The audience sang: "Keep the Home-fires Burning," which we Canadians know so well. Sectional Conferences were again held from 11 to 12. A "Demonstration of Junior League Work," by Miss Brenda L. Melhouse, Norristown, Pa. And the other, Intermediate Workers' Conference, conducted by Rev. C. M. Teufel, Middletown, Md. We attended the latter and gained much information.

Sixth Session, Thurs. Afternoon.

Final business consumed the greater part of this session. There were reports of the Credential, Auditing and Nominating Committees. The officers nominated and elected are the same as in the previous year. The Resolutions Committee was presented by Rev. Dr. Bieber. (Canada was honored by having one of its delegates on this important committee.) While we cannot report all of the 26 items presented under this report, space will not permit, we give but a few. The recommendation of the Committee to refer to the Executive Committee the recommendation of the General Secretary, that the L. L. of America get recognition in the United Lutheran Church, brought forth lively discussion and serious opposition on behalf of some outside the merging bodies. The recommendation however was finally adopted. It was recommended that the League pay its entire indebtedness, that the amount required be added to per capita tax, and that Jubilee Funds unpaid be paid by efforts of the proper authorities. The organization of Junior and Intermediate Leagues was recommended. Also that L. L. of America apply for membership in the Lutheran Bureau. The Committee recommended the increase of the percapita tax from 6c. to 10c., but the Convention, after much discussion, raised the tax to 15c. for Sr. Leagues, and 5c. for Jr. Leagues as hitherto. Each League, it was resolved, is to pay \$100 towards publishing of new L. L. Handbook. Then various resolutions respecting prayers

for Allied rulers and the Allied cause, duty to Lutheran soldiers, thanks for entertainment, and work of officers, etc., etc. Eloquent and forceful address by the Office Secretary, National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, Rev. Wm. Freas, New Cork City, concluded the afternoon session. He spoke briefly, because of limited time on "The True Patriotic Spirit." Three things, he said, belong to true patriotism, Constancy, Service and Sacrifice. A Sectional Conference for Officers and Committees, conducted by Wm. C. Eck, Albany, N.Y., was then held.

The Grand Rally.

The Grand Rally was held in the evening in the spacious Elmwood Music Hall. After the singing of the American National Anthem, Luther's Battle Hymn and the L. L. Rally Hymn, Councillor Kreinheder, who is a Lutheran, extended the civic welcome to the L. L. of America. The massed choir sang very creditably under the direction of Prof. Wm. Benbow, organist of Holy Trinity Church, and accompanied on the large, magnificent organ by Mrs. Nellie M. Gould. The address of the evening was then delivered by Hon. Andrew J. Nellis, Johnstown, N.Y., on "Our National Heritage." This was a most masterly discourse. After more singing, and concluding remarks by the President, the great convention was closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bieber and benediction by Rev. Dr. Kahler.

On Friday the delegates were taken by trolley on a free trip to see the wonders of Niagara.

Thus the Thirteenth Convention of the L. L. of America passed into history. May it long live in the memory and work of those who attended and of those to whom its inspiration was brought.

LUTHERAN STUDENT MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

The eighth annual conference of the Lutheran Student Missionary Association of America will convene at Wittenberg College and Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ohio, on Thursday evening, October 24th, and continue until Sunday afternoon, October 27th.

It is exceedingly important that in this most critical time, we who are permitted to continue our studies and our active service in the Church we

love, should come together in conference now and that will be ours when the Great War is ended.

The primary purpose of the conference is to bring all Lutheran students into sympathetic co-operation in the study and work of Missions with due consideration given to Home, Foreign and Inner Mission work of our Church.

Any organization of Lutheran Students is entitled to representatives, all Lutheran professors being ex-officio members. Wittenberg College is co-educational and delegates from Young Women's Societies are urged to be present.

This convention should be the greatest Lutheran Student gathering of this year. Christian vigor and enthusiasm will be there. It is earnestly urged that no Lutheran Student body neglect to send as many delegates as possible, who will bring back to their schools the inspiration of the conference.

A splendid programme is being arranged, concerning which announcement will be made later. A number of the most prominent men of our Church will address the conference.

Address all correspondence concerning the conference to Chas. W. Cassell, Cor. Sec., Keller Hall, Springfield, Ohio.

ONE DAY AT A TIME.

One day at a time! That's all it can be;

No faster than that is the hardest fate;

And days have their limits, however we

Begin them too early and stretch them late.

One day at a time! Every heart that aches

Knows only too well how long that can seem;

But it's never to-day which the spirit breaks:

It's the darkened future without a gleam.

One day at a time! A burden too great

To be borne for two can be borne for one;

Who knows what will enter to-morrow's gate?

While yet we are speaking all may be done.

One day at a time! But a single day,
Whatever its load, whatever its length;

And there's a bit of precious Scripture to say

That according to each shall be his strength.

One day at a time! It's a wholesome rhyme—

A good one to live by—a day at a time.

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Immigrant Station, Angel Islands, San Francisco, informs us that he was taken from Manila in the U. S. transport "Sheridan," and that his case is now under consideration at Washington. He was allowed to bring his wife and daughter with him. He hopes to be released and allowed to work in America under the direction of our Board.

The Board is ordering 250 copies of "Missionary Ammunition," No. 5, entitled "The Money Test." This is said to be the best of the series. Copies of it, as well as of No. 4, "The War Test," may be had free of charge by addressing the General Secretary. Surely these splendid pamphlets are worth a postal card.

The Church will be glad to know that our Treasurer, Mr. James M. Snyder, has recovered from his recent illness and has resumed his duties at his business office. He is greatly needed to help our Board to merge with the others.

We are about ready for the merger and rejoice in the prospect of a United Board of Foreign Missions, which will adequately represent our Lutheran Church in the company of the other Protestant Foreign Mission Boards. Our combined income will give us the rank of the eighth or ninth largest Foreign Mission Board in the United States. We look forward to greater efficiency and larger work with confidence in the guidance and blessing of God through Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the whole world.

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Appreciated.—Rev. J. F. Bermon's paper on "Present Foreign Missions," recently published in the Canada Lutheran has been reproduced by The Lutheran Church Visitor with a commendatory note by the Superintendent of Missions for the United Synod South.

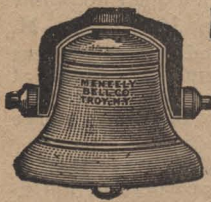
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THE CALL OF SOUTH AMERICA TO SOUTH AMERICA.

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in the Chinese Empire, there is ten times more need in South America."

Why is it that you in North America have light and we of your twin continent dwell in darkness? You have the open Bible which to us is a closed book. Oh ye who live in North America give us this gift and we will have all that has made your land free and great. My continent is being called, by those men who can see ahead, the Continent of To-morrow. The people of the world are pouring into my land. I have room for many more. Brazil can reach the astounding population of 1,345,538,000, nearly four-fifths of the world's population, and still have only as many people to each square mile as are now in your state of Massachusetts.

I have mines, I have untold wealth in my soil and my forests. The Panama Conference which assembled 481 delegates of picked leaders in 1916 reached this conclusion:

"In a continent so roomy and so rich another century will witness a greater growth in population and a more rapid and significant political and social development than will take place in any other part of the world."

You are sending us tourists by the thousands; you are sending us capitalists who are becoming rich in our land; in one copper mine in Peru a few of your men have put more money than all the Protestant churches have ever given for the evangelization of South America; you have succeeded in opening up the Panama Canal though the cost was over three hundred and fifty million dollars in money, while lives were laid down by the thousand.

I pray you, from out of my darkness, that you will send the money and the men needed to open in South America a channel through which the Bible may be given to my people.