



# Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

## OPENING SERVICE WILLISON HALL CHAPEL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1956

10:30 A.M.

PROGRAMME

1. J. S. Bach: Prelude and Fugue in E-minor
2. Alexandre Guilmant: Pastorale
3. A. W. Leupold: Chorale Prelude, "Smite us not in anger, Lord"
4. J. S. Bach: Fantasy in C-minor.

HYMN No. 146

1. Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!  
Be all Thy graces now outpoured  
On the believer's mind and soul,  
To strengthen, save, and make us whole.
2. Lord by the brightness of Thy light,  
Thou in the faith dost men unite  
Of ev'ry land and every tongue;  
This to Thy praise, O Lord, be sung.
3. Thou strong Defence, Thou holy Light,  
Teach us to know our God aright,  
And call Him father from the heart;  
The Word of life and truth impart.
4. That we may love not doctrines strange,  
Nor e'er to other teachers range,  
But Jesus for our Master own,  
And put our trust in Him alone.
5. Thou sacred Ardor, Comfort sweet,  
Help us to wait with ready feet  
And willing heart at Thy command,  
Nor trial fright us from Thy band.
6. Lord, make us ready with Thy powers:  
Strengthen the flesh in weaker hours,  
That as good warriors we may force  
Through life and death to Thee our course! Amen.



## THE SEMINARY CHAPEL ORGAN

Built by E. F. Walcker and Co., Ludwigsburg, Germany.

Installed by the Knoch Organ Co., London, Ontario.

Donated by Dr. Nils and Margaret E. White Willison.

### Specification

#### Pedal:

1. Bourdon	16'
2. Bass Flute	8'
3. Choral Bass	4'
4. Flute	4'
5. Flautino	2'
6. Mixture	3 ranks

#### Great:

7. Bourdon	16'
8. Diapason	8'
9. Stopped Diapason	8'
10. Octave	4'
11. Roerflute	4'
12. Twelfth	2 2/3'
13. Gemshorn	2'
14. Mixture	2 ranks

#### Swell:

15. Flute Traverso	8'
16. Diapason	4'
17. Blockflute	4'
18. Nachthorn	2'
19. Quint	1 1/3'
20. Sifflute	1'
21. Tremolo	

Swell for the whole Organ

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## THE GRACIOUS DONORS



Dr. Nils and Mrs. Margaret E. White Willison

### NILS WILLISON

Nils Willison, the eldest son of Peter and Johannah Willison, was born in Sodra Rorum, Malmohus Lan, Sweden, August 24, 1880. In 1881 he moved with his parents to Torrance, Muskoka, Ontario, Canada, settling on a bush farm. At ten years of age he began his education in a Public School three miles distant. After working on the farm for some years he experienced a spiritual conversion and believed that he had received a call to prepare himself for the Gospel Ministry. He had been confirmed in the little Norwegian Lutheran Church in Gravenhurst. Being without means his problem was how to secure the necessary education. It had to be gotten in interrupted stages: High School in Gravenhurst, Model School for Teachers in Bracebridge, four years of Public School teaching, a course in the Faculty of Education in Toronto University, three years of High School teaching.

In 1911, when the first Lutheran Theological Seminary was established in Canada at Waterloo by the joint efforts of the Synods of Canada and Central Canada, Nils enrolled as one among five students. He graduated alone in 1914 — the first of all graduates. He was called to the Lutheran parish in Unionville and Buttonville, Sherwood being also added later. In 1918 he was called as Principal of Waterloo College School. When this School developed into Waterloo College of Arts in 1924 he became the first Registrar and Head of the Department of English as Professor. He continued his own courses intensively by private study, was granted a year's Leave of Absence to attend the University of Queen's, in Kingston. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1926. He continued theological studies and received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree through Waterloo College from the University of Western Ontario in 1935 and his Master of Sacred Theology Degree



from Chicago Lutheran Seminary in 1941. Two Honorary degrees have been granted him: Doctor of Literature by Carthage College and Doctor of Divinity by the University of Western Ontario on the recommendation of Waterloo College.

In 1923 he resigned as Professor and Registrar at Waterloo to accept a call to become the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hamilton, Ontario, and served there until 1936 when he resigned to accept a call to become the President and Dean of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He served in Saskatoon until his age made retirement in 1949 necessary. He accepted a call to become the Pastor of the Owen Sound - Warton parish and served that parish until his final voluntary retirement in 1952. He and his devoted wife are now living happily in Meaford, Ontario.

In 1904 Nils had married Margaret Elizabeth White of Muskoka Falls, Ontario, and it is in large measure due to her ability and devotion as a life companion that he has been able to achieve what has been credited to him. To this union were born six children — five daughters and a son. The son and one daughter died in infancy. Four daughters have made achievements of their own. There are eleven grandchildren. Margaret has been very prominent in teaching and in missionary endeavour, having held, as told elsewhere, many prominent positions. Her position as the first Stewardess at Waterloo is also unique. She accompanied her husband to Europe in 1929. She has been President of The Women's Missionary Society of the Canada Synod for six years and a member of the Executive Board of the U.L.C.A. Society.

Positions of trust held by Nils Willison can be briefly mentioned. While still a teacher in Ontario Schools he was elected successively as Secretary of The Muskoka Teachers Association, President of the East Simcoe Teachers Association and President of the Continuation Section of the Ontario Educational Association. In the church he was for seventeen years Editor of The Canada Lutheran; for a number of years he has been a member of the Board of Governors of Waterloo Seminary, for a time serving as President; he has served on a number of committees of the synods of Central Canada and Canada; seven times he has been elected a delegate to the general Conventions of the U.L.C.A. and twice to the World Conventions in Europe. He has also been a member of The National Lutheran Council of the Church.

## MARGARET ELIZABETH WHITE WILLISON

Margaret Elizabeth White was born in Muskoka Falls, near Bracebridge, Muskoka. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson S. White. Her father was a Public School Teacher. Later he operated a lumbering business in cooperation with his sons. Margaret attended the Continuation School in Bracebridge and later the High School in Collingwood. She acquired her Second Class Teacher's Certificate in the Normal School in Toronto and then taught in Northern Ontario until her



mother died. In 1904 she married Nils Willison, then Principal of the West Ward Public School in West Gravenhurst. To this union five daughters and one son were born, four daughters of whom survive. Soon after the marriage she joined the Lutheran Church in Gravenhurst and has been an active member ever since. When her husband entered the Seminary in Waterloo in 1911 she became the first Stewardess and Housemother to the students and assisted with the work of the Seminary Auxiliary.

In 1920, at the first Women's Missionary Society Convention within the Central Canada Synod following the organization of the United Lutheran Church she was elected President. For six years she served as a member of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church Society. In 1929 she accompanied her husband to the Lutheran World Convention in Copenhagen and on her return gave addresses on her experiences. Later she was elected again to the Presidency of the Synodical Society and served until she moved with her husband to Saskatoon. While at Saskatoon she used her influence to secure the organization of a Missionary Society in the Manitoba Synod and did much to promote social fellowship among the Faculty members and the students. During the years that her husband served as a pastor she was always active in congregational life. The Lord reward her for all her faithful efforts.

## IN APPRECIATION

There has never been a time when the world has not needed music. Today it is more needed than ever before. There is so much unmusical and noisy and grating in life as we know it; there is so much that is unharmonious; there is so much that is out of tune; so many strings that are broken, that the human spirit is suffering. Our souls crave nourishment today. Music is one great way that need can be satisfied.

We Lutheran Christians are indeed grateful that he whose name we bear knew music to be one of God's richest gifts to man and that he so employed it in the liturgy of our church. This "Willison Organ" will help us preserve the rich musical heritage so lavishly bestowed upon us by Luther, Schuetz, Praetorius, Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and many others.

The members of the Board of Governors, of the faculty, of the student body, and of all our Canada Synod churches will ever be grateful for that love of Waterloo College and Seminary which prompted Dr. and Mrs. Nils Willison to continue their life-long service to the institution by the gift of this magnificent Walcker organ.

"Blest and dedicate be this organ to the praise of Almighty God, to His honor and glory, and to the uplift of the hearts and minds of all who worship within the walls of Willison Chapel. Amen."

HYMN No. 167

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;  
Curb those who fain by craft or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Thy Son,  
And set at naught all he hath done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,  
For Thou are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom, that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee.
3. O Comforter, of priceless worth  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

THE SERMON - - - - - The Rev. Albert J. Datars  
Church of the Transfiguration, Hamilton, Ont.

THE OFFERING, for Student Aid Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Rev. E. Maeder Memorial,  
The Women's Missionary Society of the Canada Synod,  
St. Mark's, Windsor, Bilingual Student Prize.

PSALM 150, (responsively)

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the  
firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent  
greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery  
and harp.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instru-  
ments and organs.

Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding  
cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord: Praise ye the Lord.



PRAYER

GREETINGS - Rev. A. W. Lotz, President of the Board of Governors  
Rev. A. G. Jacobi, D.D., President of the Canada Synod  
Mr. J. G. Hagey, President of Waterloo College.

HYMN No. 286

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee!
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE