

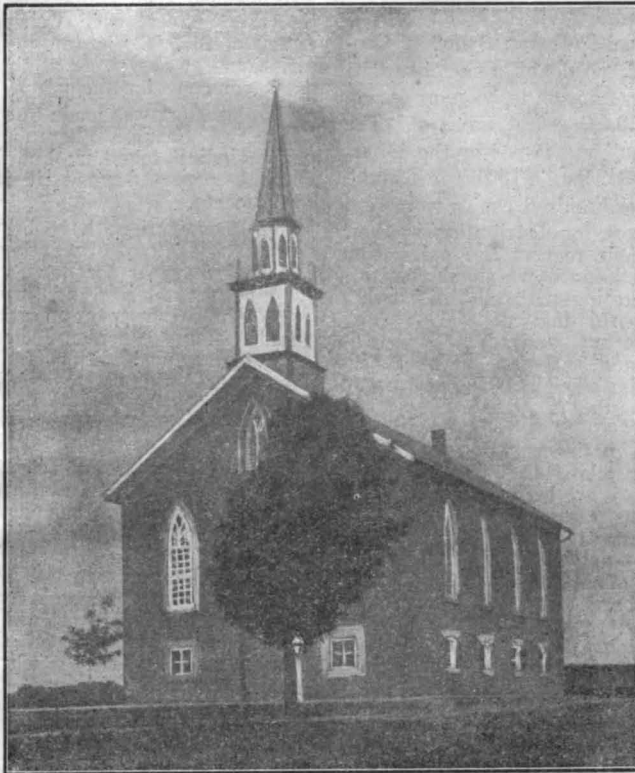
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The Rev. C. A. Dennig, Pastor,

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INTRODUCTION.

To many of its readers "The Canada Lutheran" will need no introduction. The name may not yet be forgotten. It is a name not altogether new to them.

Most of the members of the congregations in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada will, no doubt, remember that nearly two years ago, or to be more exact, in October, 1910, the first issue of "The Canada Lutheran" was issued by the editor, while pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Guelph. Five hundred copies were sent out to the pastors for distribution in their parishes. At their request the publication was discontinued, until we should be able to act in coöperation with all the parishes in the Synod in this matter.

This time has now arrived. With this issue "The Canada Lutheran" makes its introduction as the official, authorized organ of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Central Canada.

Kindly have patience with the editor while he briefly relates the story of how it happened that we are here in this capacity. We have better reasons to give for our present appearance than the Ottawa delegation which appeared in Williamsburg on the 23rd day of May this year singing: "We are here because we are here," etc.

In his annual report at the meeting of Synod in Guelph, 1911, President Bieber made the following recommendation, which was adopted by the Synod:

"That the Synod consider the advisability of establishing a Synodical paper for the information, edification, and inspiration of all the members of our congregations, each congregation to contribute articles, facts and figures to its columns. This paper is by no means to crowd out any of the present papers like "The Lutheran," "The Home and Foreign Missionary," "The Mission Worker," "The Young Folks," "The Luther League Review," etc., but rather to call attention to their merits and importance."

Accordingly at the third annual convention of the Synod, held at Guelph, the Synodical Paper Committee was appointed as a standing committee. It was composed of the following members: Rev's. J. J. Clemens, P. C. Wike and C. A. Dennig, and Messrs. W. K. Hoyer and E. A. Bartmann.

At the fourth convention of Synod, recently held in Williamsburg, this committee presented the following report:

"Your committee on Synodical Church paper begs leave to report that—

(1) Both Conferences of Synod have at the conventions held in the autumn of last year pledged their support to our proposed Synodical paper, each Conference to the extent of \$125.00 per annum (i.e., 250 subscriptions for the paper at the rate of fifty cents per copy for the year).

(2) An effort was made to coöperate with "The Nova Scotia Lutheran" in publishing one periodical together; but the publishers of that paper deemed it inadvisable to amalgamate.

(3) Investigations have been made with relation to the cost of printing and publishing such a paper for our Synod, and the most convenient size and form.

(4) Three different propositions have been submitted and considered, i.e.—

(a) A Synodical edition of "The Lutheran Messenger," the monthly edition of "The Lutheran."

(b) A Synodical edition of "The Young Lutheran," like the first issue of "The Canada Lutheran," published at Guelph.

(c) A 12 or 16 page monthly paper, same size as "The Home Missionary," exclusively devoted to our own work, printed and published in Canada.

(5) The Committee, with the approval of our president, recommends for the adoption of Synod the last-mentioned proposition."

This recommendation of the committee was adopted, and that is why we are here, as we are here.

As there are others, who wish to be heard from in this issue, and as we hope to have the pleasure of being able to present some thoughts in our Editorial Notes column of this paper monthly, we shall now bring these introductory remarks to a close.

Just a request in closing. The editor lays no claim to infallibility, or knowing it all. He asks for the coöperation and interest of the readers of this paper. This you can give by reading the paper, and if you think it is worthy of your recommendation, speak of it to others. If you have any faults to find with it, or recommendations to make for its improvement, do not tell your neighbor about it, but please make it known to the editor, or publishers. For your interest, coöperation, and all the rest that you are going to do to help to make "The Canada Lutheran" a success, we want to thank you in advance, as we expect of our supporters to contribute their quota towards this end in advance! Thank you!

Tips from the Treasurer and Circulation Manager.

To build a house we need the necessary capital to purchase the land and raw material needed. To start a business we need the necessary financial support and the funds to carry it to success! To commence a newspaper, a periodical, or a monthly, we must have the money to go ahead with! "The Canada Lutheran" cannot make birth without having funds to take care of her living expenses, to provide for her existence. Fifty cents per annum per copy will take care of these, provided all our Lutheran friends will do their share! And we are sure they will; therefore, let us go ahead. Send in your subscriptions to local agents, appointed by the pastors.

Pastors, have you appointed your local subscription agents for "The Canada Lutheran"? The best layman in your parish is none too good for this position. A Canadian Lutheran with "The Canada Lutheran" will feel like a Lutheran should feel. If your congregation has not reached the fifty mark, then better appoint an assistant to your local agent. Two at the post will make things hustle!

At the convention, which met at Williamsburg, May 27, it was shown by the statistical reports, that the congregations belonging to the Synod of Central Canada had a total membership of confirmed members of 1,692. Allowing four members to each family, we reach the good average of about 425 families. Should not each one of these families have among their other useful literature also our new—but long sought—Lutheran church monthly, "The Canada Lutheran"? Surely you will all work and assist until our subscription list has reached the well-deserved number of 500!

Advertising.

We live in an advertising age. The business firm that does not advertise is out-of-date, and does not make progress like the one that advertises. We need also to advertise our Church work. But, this must be done judiciously, like all advertising.

While this paper is primarily intended to bring news and notes in reference to our Lutheran Church work in the Dominion of Canada, it also desires to put our people in communication with business firms of good standing, in our midst, whom the publishers of this paper deem worthy of the patronage of our constituents. For this purpose we shall devote not more than three pages (six columns) of this paper each month.

The Advertising Manager will gladly furnish advertising rates to all who are interested. Liberal commission will be paid

to agents, in our local parishes, securing advertisers. In this manner you could help to pay for the number of subscriptions assigned to your parish, which you may not be able to secure in the regular way, by paying fifty cents for the annual subscription.

"The Canada Lutheran" will not be able to give reduced rates to club subscribers until the circulation has reached 500 paid-up subscribers at the rate of 50 cents per annum, or until the amount of advertisements received will justify a reduction to club subscribers. So, if you are anxious to see our paper succeed, help us to get advertisers for our columns, and do it NOW, so that we can have them for our next issue.

Advertisements must be in the hands of the Advertising Manager not later than the 15th of the month, if they are to get into the following month's issue.

Our Aim and Ambition.

The purpose of this paper is indicated in "The Introduction" by the editor. Our aim will be to serve the interests, not only of the Lutheran Church on our territory, in the Dominion of Canada, but we want to have the interest of our Church in America, and the Kingdom of Christ in this world, in view, and work for its extension. We believe that we can best attain this purpose by keeping our own needs before us. We have the general Church papers, before mentioned, in circulation among us to a greater or lesser extent. The object of "The Canada Lutheran" is not to supplant these, but to supplement them, by bringing the Lutherans on our territory, and if possible all the Lutherans in Canada, into a closer touch with each other; not only the English Lutherans, but Lutherans of all nationalities and Synods. This is our aim and ambition.

How are we going to accomplish this? First of all, by asking all the pastors in our own Synod to send in monthly to the editor such news and notes from their own parish, which they think may be of interest to the Church at large; also any items of news outside of their parish in Canada. Let each pastor appoint an assistant in his parish to act as a reporter for the parish, and, if possible or convenient, a reporter from each organization connected with the congregation. These reports should be edited by the pastor, or his assistant parish reporter, and made brief and interesting as possible, before they are forwarded to the editor of this paper; which should be done before the 15th of the month previous to publication.

Looking toward a field of larger useful-

ness for "The Canada Lutheran," the editor has entered into correspondence with brethren in different parts of our great Dominion for the purpose of securing their services as Staff Correspondents. Their reputation, and their acquaintance with the situation in their own sphere of labor, is a guarantee of accuracy of information. Any items, which they may contribute, will be highly appreciated by all readers of "The Canada Lutheran." Herewith are given the names of some of these brethren, whom we hope to hear from in the next month's issue:

The Rev. W. Drahn, pastor of Grace Church, Victoria, B.C., and G.C. Field Missionary for the Pacific Coast. The Rev. E. Knappe, Strathcona, Alta., Superintendent of German Home Missions of the General Council. The Rev. P. E. Baisler, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Man., G. C. Field Missionary for Western Canada, and editor of "The Winnipeg Lutheran." The Rev. O. Klæhn, President of the Jugendbund, the Y. P. Association of the Canada Synod, and pastor of the German Lutheran Church at Stratford, Ont. The Rev. H. J. Behrens, Rose Bay, N.S., and editor of the "Nova Scotia Lutheran." The Rev. Fr. Hallgrímsson, Baldur, Man., the Secretary of the Icelandic Synod of America.

We would like to get into communication with representative men of all the Lutheran Synods working in Canada, and secure them, one from each body as staff correspondents. It is our ambition and desire to make "The Canada Lutheran" the news and information bureau of our Lutheran Church work in Canada.

Good Wishes that Count. Many wishes for success have been received by the editor before sending this issue of "The Canada Lutheran" to press. For all of these we are very thankful, and we can assure our readers that we will certainly do all in our power to make the paper a success. But, we wish to kindly remind our well-wishers, that, the good wishes that count most are the wishes accompanied with cash for subscriptions or advertisements. Your news items are also appreciated, when sent in time for publication, before they become ancient history.

There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it behooves none of us,
To speak ill of the rest of us.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada has held its fourth annual convention. She has reviewed what has been done during the past year, she has outlined what is to be done in the coming year. Resolutions have been passed and recommendations made. Every congregation is supplied with its own pastor. The outlook for a successful and prosperous year, under the guidance and grace of the Great Head of the Church, is most hopeful. Now let each congregation realize its true relation and duty to the Synod, and go to work at once.

Our Synod, though young in years and small in numbers, has, nevertheless, laid its foundation deep and broad and has kept before its congregations their full duty in every department of the Church's work. Every cause, for which the General Council has apportioned its Synods, has been recommended to the prayerful consideration of the individual congregations. It is to be hoped that the pastors, church councils and congregations, will give to each of these causes the prompt action which they merit.

It is a lamentable fact that, there is a shortage in all our Synodical contributions, so that none of the apportionments were met. Synod was especially depressed over the large deficit on the Home Mission apportionment. This Board asks fifty cents per communicant member from all the Synods, comprising the General Council. This brings our quota up to \$800.00. Of this amount only \$327.33, less than half, has been paid in. During the past year the Board has expended \$2,543.48 on our territory, and expects to spend an equal amount in the coming year. Our existence as a Synod is directly due to the Board's activity, through its Field Missionary work. Hence our congregations should realize the great importance of making this cause the foremost among its activities. The Board has recommended that the congregations of Synod adopt the duplex-envelopes for gathering funds, and that these funds be paid in monthly instalments into the treasury. Synod has approved, and adopted, the recommendation. If the pastors, and church councils, will take hold of this system and introduce it, where it is not already in use, we feel sure our apportionment for this most important cause will be fully met during the coming year, and the Board will not be hampered as it now is.

Let us, as pastors, lay heavily upon the hearts of our people their relationship to the Synod. Most of the members of our congregations do not fully appreciate the services done the congregations by the Synod.

Many look upon the meeting of Synod as a holiday, for the pastor and the delegate. The Synod guards the congregation in every respect, so that the Lord's work may be carried on properly. She provides books for religious instruction and worship; she educates and prepares young men for the ministry. She protects the congregations from false teachers and pernicious doctrines; and secures for them proper pastors. She plans, and deliberates, for the larger work of the church in the extension of the Lord's kingdom. She does not act arbitrarily, but, the congregations take part in this work, through their delegates. The congregation is an integral part of the Synod, and hence cannot otherwise than use its energy to bring the great work of the Lord to a successful issue.

The minutes will soon be in the hands of pastors and congregations. Let them be carefully gone over, by the pastor and church council; compare them with last year's minutes; make a resume; present all the items specially to the congregation, and leave the issue with God. It is our firm conviction that, if this be done, all the financial obligations of Synod will be fully met, when we meet again in 1913.

Our people need an enlarged and inspirational grasp of the work. We must first enlist their hearts in the cause. They must be made to realize that God wants them first. Their interests must be aroused in the cause itself, and a full response will be seen to follow. The pastors must be filled with the most intense interest in the Lord's causes. They must be aglow with enthusiasm, and they will be sure to warm the hearts of their people.

Let us all look to the Head of the Church for the abundance of His Spirit to guide us into all Truth.

JACOB MAURER,
Unionville, Ont.

CONVENTIONS

The annual convention of the Luther League of Canada opened its annual session in St. Peter's Church, Williamsburg, Ont., on Friday, May 24th, at 9.30 a.m. Mr. Frank H. Hessler, of Humberstone, Ont., presiding. Rev. C. A. Dennig, pastor loci, made the address of welcome. The response was made by the President.

Mr. W. Brooks, of Montreal, accompanied by Mr. Duncan, also of Montreal, sang a tenor solo. Rev. O. Klahn, of Stratford, Ont., fraternal delegate of the German "Jugend Bund," addressed the convention, and Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Nova Scotia, also brought greetings from the Nova Scotia young people.

Rev. C. H. Hemsath, of Porto Rico, spoke

of the work of the League among the Spanish people of that island.

The officers for the year are: F. H. Hessler, Humberstone, President; Rev. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa, Vice-president, and Chairman of Executive Committee; Joseph Reddick, Toronto, Recording Secretary; Miss L. Vollmer, Galt, Corresponding Secretary; Henry Shannette, Morrisburg, Treasurer.

The International convention of the Luther League will be held in Albany, N.Y., in November next, to which ten delegates were elected from the Canada Luther League.

At the Luther League rally on Friday night Rev. P. C. Wike, of Galt, Ont., made the principal address on "The World-wide Vision and the World-wide Mission of the Luther League," and the Rev. F. E. Oberlander, of Berlin, Ont., addressed the rally on the subject of "Our Opportunities and Responsibilities in Canada."

St. Peter's male choir and other special music was a feature of the day's convention.

The next convention will be held in Humberstone, Ont., the Rev. W. H. Knauff, pastor, May 24th, 1913.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Central Canada Synod convened in St. Peter's Church on Saturday, May 25th, 1912. Matins were conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Dennig.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. C. A. Dennig; the response was given by Mrs. A. P. Nielsen, of Toronto.

The President's report was given by the retiring President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, of Montreal, out of which several very timely recommendations were adopted, such as the beginning of a seaman's home and hospice in Montreal, the continuance of mission study classes, junior work, etc.

The Treasurer received \$540.88, expended \$478.81; balance on hand, including India fund and General fund, \$62.16.

The Executive Committee recommended that all money hereafter be sent directly to the Missionary Society's Treasurer, Mrs. F. Frisby, of Unionville, Ont.

A report of the convention will appear in the "Mission Worker," and in the minutes of Synod.

The sum of \$64.40 was collected and sent to the hospital in India; coin cards, same as last year, will be used again for the coming year.

One junior society, that of the Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, was received into membership.

The Home Mission Committee reported that the Montreal and Riverside societies had contributed \$50 for a student's room

at Waterloo Seminary, and Ottawa \$30; Dunbar and Williamsburg \$75 for theological books at seminary.

The Committee on Porto Rico work reported the sum of \$24.25 raised for that work.

The Mission Exhibit Committee is busy securing pictures and curios for the international mission exhibit.

The Literature Committee reported having sold 141 booklets, and four sets of leaflets for mission studies.

Williamsburg congregation has the banner mission study class, with a membership of 25.

Mrs. M. J. Bieber urged each society to take out a life membership in the General Council Missionary Society.

The missionary convention accepted the invitation to meet in connection with the Canada Luther League, at Humberstone, Ont., in May next.

A letter of fraternal greetings will be sent to the Nova Scotia Missionary Society, which will be organized into a Synodical society on June 27th.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Berlin, Ont.; Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. C. Lauer, Montreal; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Dennig, Williamsburg; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. Ludolph, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Frisby, Unionville.

The missionary rally in the evening was largely attended, when Rev. W. H. C. Lauer spoke on inner missions; Rev. C. H. Hemsath, on Porto Rico missions, and H. J. Behrens, of Nova Scotia, on home missions.

A very fitting recitation by Mrs. O. Moring, of Montreal, closed a most successful and beneficial missionary day. The offerings for the day were \$25.12.

The special music for the day was furnished by the mission study class of St. Peter's Church, and members of the Montreal choir.

The standing committees for the year are as follows:

Home Missions—Mrs. B. Harvey, Ottawa.

Inner Missions—Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Montreal.

Porto Rico—Mrs. W. J. Scrivens, Guelph.

Mission Study—Mrs. Stahlschmidt, Preston.

Life Membership—Mrs. A. P. Nielsen, Toronto.

Junior Work—Mrs. C. A. Dennig, Williamsburg.

Mission Exhibit—Mrs. O. Becker, Williamsburg.

Literature—Mrs. L. Johnson, Hamilton.

Foreign Missions—Mrs. S. Schwerdfeger, Froatburn.

Executive Committee—The officers, and Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Schwerdfeger.

The fourth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central Canada, was opened on Sunday, May 26th. At the Sunday School service at 9.30, 122 regular scholars, and about 100 visitors were present, and heard short addresses by Rev. M. J. Bieber, Mr. J. C. Casselman, Rev. J. J. Clemens, Mr. N. Willison, and Rev. C. H. Hemsath, of Porto Rico.

The offering taken was devoted to the orphan work at Nova Scotia.

At 10.30 the Holy Communion service was in charge of the officers, Rev. M. J. Bieber and Rev. J. Maurer. Rev. Mr. Bieber preached a most eloquent sermon based on Philippians 3:13, 14. Two hundred and sixty-five persons communed. The offering was devoted to Synodical work.

At 2.30 the layman's rally was held and was presided over by Mr. N. Willison, of Waterloo. In the absence of the President, Mr. Stiver, of Unionville, Rev. J. Maurer made the principal address. Mr. U. R. Berner, of Guelph, also addressed the gathering. Business sessions of the laymen were held on Saturday afternoon and Monday morning.

On Sunday evening the church was filled to overflowing, when the Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, of Montreal, conducted the vespers, and Rev. W. H. Knauff, of Port Colborne, preached the sermon.

On Monday morning the Executive Committee met from 9 to 12 o'clock, and at 2 p.m. The business sessions were formally opened by the President, according to the regular order. The President then gave his report for the year, which was heard with great eagerness, and showed progress in many directions. The report was submitted to a committee, who afterwards made several important recommendations.

The Examining Committee recommended the Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, of Montreal, to be received into the Synod, and the visiting brethren were given the privilege of the floor.

Officers were elected, resulting in the choice of the Rev. Jacob Maurer as President; Rev. C. A. Dennig, Secretary, and Mr. C. H. Fierheller, Treasurer.

Rev. M. J. Bieber was given a hearty vote of thanks for his faithful and untiring service rendered during his three years as President.

The Synod is now composed of fifteen congregations and pastors, with a membership of 1,692. Infant baptisms during the year were 108, adult, 13; confirmations 60, received otherwise 176. The Synod has as many Sunday Schools with 972 officers and scholars.

The Committee on Protocol, Parochial, Report, Excuses, General Council Minutes, Reception of Congregations, Proceedings of Conferences, Equalization, etc. also reported and action taken.

Monday evening the fraternal delegates were welcomed and responded to by the retiring President, Rev. M. J. Bieber. Letters of greeting were received from the New York and New England Synod, and also from the Pittsburg Synod.

On Tuesday morning a ministerial session was held, at which the Rev. A. M. Hahn, of Dunbar, was received and recommended for ordination, after which a doctrinal thesis and discussion followed, presented by the Rev. W. C. Miller, of Toronto, and entered into by a great many.

The Treasurer reported having received \$2,161.17, paid \$1,689.57 to Waterloo Seminary; Home Missions, \$339.15; Church Extension, \$219.83; Foreign Missions, \$112.76; Porto Rico, \$27.44; Slav Missions, \$14; Jewish Missions, \$1.50; Persian Missions, \$7.35; Bethany Orphan Home, Nova Scotia, \$78.78.

Tuesday evening one of the most beautiful and impressive services of the entire week took place, namely, the ordination service, at which Rev. A. M. Hahn, of Dunbar, was ordained to the gospel ministry. The Rev. Robert R. Durst, of Guelph, preached the sermon based on Acts 5:20. St. Peter's male choir rendered special music. The act of ordination was performed by Rev. J. Maurer, President; Rev. C. A. Dennig, Secretary, and Rev. L. M. McCreery, President of Eastern Conference, after which the members of the Synod extended appropriate scriptural greetings.

On Wednesday morning, after the devotional service by Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, the report of the Seminary Board was presented by the Secretary, the Rev. M. J. Bieber. After the adoption of same, Rev. J. Maurer was elected as a member of the said Board, for a term of three years, and Mr. E. A. Bartmann, for a term of two years.

The report of the Archivarians was made by the Rev. M. J. Bieber, in the absence of Rev. C. J. Croushore. The Rev. W. H. C. Lauer was elected as the Archivarios.

The Rev. J. J. Clemens reported for the Moral and Social Reform Committee, and also presented the report of the Committee on the Synodical Church Paper to be known as "The Canada Lutheran."

The committee appointed to edit the paper is, Rev. J. J. Clemens, editor-in-chief; Rev. C. A. Dennig, secretary and assistant editor; Mr. O. Moring, business manager and treasurer; Mr. E. A. Bartmann, advertising manager.

The Equalization Committee reported through its Chairman, Mr. O. Moring. The

amount of equalization for this convention being \$7.75 for member, \$15.50 for the parish.

Rev. Jacob Maurer, the representative of the General Council Home Mission Committee, reported at length.

A special week for a missionary campaign was planned—November 17 to 24.

Rev. Jacob Maurer was elected again as the Synod's representative on the Home Mission Board.

It was arranged to observe General Council day on the Sunday nearest to September 6th (Muhlenberg's birthday).

A resolution of thanks to the pastor and congregation of St. Peter's Church was presented by Mr. N. Willison, of Brantford.

The Apportionment Committee reported through its Chairman, Rev. L. M. McCreery: Morrisburg parish, \$220; Williamsburg, \$220; Unionville, \$55; Toronto, \$55; Hamilton, \$55; Galt, \$55; Port Colborne, \$55; Guelph, \$40; Ottawa, \$45; Dunbar, \$25; Brantford, \$5.

Field Missionary Bieber gave a verbal report of mission activities during the year.

The Synod in connection with the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society will take steps toward the founding of a seaman's home and hospice in Montreal, during the coming year.

The Rev. M. J. Bieber was elected the fraternal delegate to the German Canada Synod, which met June 25, in New Hamburg, Ont.

The Rev. W. H. Knauff invited the Synod to meet in connection with the Canada Luther League and Women's Missionary Society next year in Holy Trinity Church, Humberstone, Ont.

Thus closed one of the best attended and most successful conventions held by the Synod of Central Canada.

C. A. DENNIG, Secretary.

FIELD NOTES

Prospects. The Canada Synod, at its last convention, unanimously resolved to cooperate with our Synod on the founding of a Lutheran Home at Montreal. It also decided to discuss, with our Synodical Home Mission Board, the mission situation in New Ontario. Steps were likewise taken to cooperate with the Orphans' Home Board of the Nova Scotia Synod, in the development of that institution. Since our Synod has taken similar steps, the outlook for a closer union of our General Council forces in the Dominion has never been brighter. Yea, more. It is the aim of both the Canada Synods to secure the interest and participation of our G. C. Synods and other General Lutheran bodies in the founding and the development of the

Montreal Lutheran Home. Thank God, for such prospects!

The Young People's Bund of the Canada Synod is also in fraternal relations with the Canada Luther League, and the chairman of Mission Study Classes of our Synodical Woman's Missionary Society is a member of the Canada Synod. Synodical fences are coming down. They are no longer barriers. Our reserve is melting into mutual sympathy, and coöperation. We realize that we are brethren. We have the same faith. We belong to the same great Church. The same interests, possibilities, and responsibilities confront us. The Lutheran Church of Canada has a herculean work before her, and she can only do it, as she should, by presenting a united front. God speed the day, when all Lutheran bodies may see eye to eye!

Our beloved Seminary at Waterloo has, under God, been the means of uniting the two Canada Synods, and that school of the prophets will win its way into the hearts of other Lutheran bodies in the Dominion. Its first year is drawing to a successful close, and on June 26th, its first closing services will be held in St. John's Church, Waterloo, when students and members of the Board will speak of achievements and prospects.

Berlin. Berlin became a city at midnight, as Sunday passed into Monday, June 10th, amidst the strains of the 59th Regiment band, the shouts of the citizens, and the proclamation by the Lutheran Mayor. The largest town in Ontario has entered the ranks of the eighteen cities in the Province, and has no mean place among them. It leads all the cities of Canada in the variety of its manufactories. Its manufacturers are its own citizens. Almost every person owns his own home, and the demand for houses is greater than the supply. It is a German city. The three Lutheran Churches number at least 7,000 souls in a population of from 15,000 to 17,000 people. The same ratio of Lutherans, to the population, applies to Waterloo, which forms with Berlin the "Twin-Cities;" and this town is equally as enterprising. The two communities join and are practically one. The first service of the first English Lutheran Church of the Twin Cities was held in Convocation Hall, on Sunday, June 16th, at 11 a.m.

Anniversary. The 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. E. Eggers was fittingly observed on Monday evening, June 10th, by appropriate services in the Lutheran Church at Hespeler. The Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., President of the Canada Synod, preached an appropriate

sermon, based on Ps. 145:8-10. The Rev. E. Bockleman conducted the service.

A silver tea service, the gift of some of the German brethren of the Canada Synod, was presented by Dr. Hoffmann; and congratulatory letters were read by him from the parish congregations at Hespeler, Schantz and Breslau, the members of the respective Church Councils publicly congratulating their beloved pastor. The Revs. Lincke, Hamm, Voelker, Hanson, Longhans, Voss, Weigand, Hoefelt and Bieber also attended. Pastor Eggers had the seat of honor in front of the chancel and feelingly responded to the heartfelt congratulations. The church was filled. A bounteous repast was served in Library Hall, after which Dr. Hoffmann, as toast-master, in order, introduced Revs. Bieber, Homfelt and Veit, who continued the congratulations.

The Rev. E. Eggers, upon graduating from the Seminary at Kropp, Germany, came to Canada in 1887, was ordained at Sebastopol, served his first parish four years, the second three years, and has been pastor in the Hespeler parish eighteen years. The German congregation at Phillipsburg, Ont., expects to call him on the retirement of Rev. Longhans, who with his family, will return and remain permanent in Germany.

M. J. B.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Guelph. St. Paul's Church, Cor. Woolwich and Suffolk. The Rev. R. R. Durst, pastor. Residence, 30 Glasgow street, has Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 9.45 a.m.; Luther League, Monday, 8 p.m.; Laymen's Society, first Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Ladies' Aid, first Thursday, 3 p.m.; Choir, Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Church Council, Wednesday after last Sunday, 8 p.m.

Humberstone. The Ladies' Aid of Holy Trinity, Humberstone, has added materially to the appearance of the parsonage, and to the comfort and convenience of the pastor and family, by removing the old stoop and erecting a fine and spacious verandah on the side and front of the house. It is entirely the work of the Ladies' Aid Society, which has only a membership of twenty.

The Society has also reduced the church debt, by a generous and libera contribution of \$100.00.

Palm Sunday evening the pastor confirmed a class of six adults, three of whom were also baptized at this service.

Trinity Sunday saw another adult, coming from the Episcopal Church, confirmed in

the Lutheran faith in Holy Trinity Church.

On the evening of the 9th, the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, with their husbands, assembled quietly at the parsonage and greatly surprised the pastor's companion-in-life, it being the occasion of Mrs. Knauff's birthday. The evening was spent socially, in extending congratulations and best wishes, and pleasant conversation. The ladies served refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake. It was a very happy gathering.

English Lutheranism in Montreal.

Just a little over nine years ago, the English work of our General Council was begun in the metropolis of Canada, a city which now numbers between 500,000 and 600,000 inhabitants. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," arising from the throats of the English speaking Lutherans in Montreal, was heeded by the then pastor of St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, Rev. J. C. F. Rupp. The first service held on February 8th, 1903, found thirteen persons present. Amid discouraging circumstances, this pioneer pastor made frequent and regular visits to the city, performing all the duties of the ministerial office. On October 18th, of the same year, Dr. Kunzmann, General Superintendent of Home Mission work of the General Council, held a service in Montreal, with the result that later on, January 15, 1905, a permanent organization was effected under the efforts and supervision of the Rev. M. J. Bieber, who at that time had recently been appointed Eastern Field Missionary of the General Council. With a charter membership of 71, a constitution adopted, and six deacons elected, two of whom are serving at the present time, the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer came into existence. Services were first held in Stanley Hall and later in Karn Hall. Finally the congregation acquired a property on Mountain street, which building remained their place of worship until December, 1911. An opportunity having come to the congregation to sell their property at a gain of \$8,000 over the purchase price, the property on Mountain street was disposed of, and the present property at 19 Essex avenue, was secured for \$10,000. At the present time the congregation has under consideration the purchase of the Bethlehem Congregational Church property, in Westmount, at the corner of Western and Clarke avenues. There is no doubt that the English Church of the Redeemer, as soon as it has secured a real church building for its home, will forge ahead with rapid strides, and will become much stronger in members and in means. The following have been the regular pastors of the congregation since its permanent organization in 1905: Rev. Charles

G. Beck, who served from 1905 to 1909; Rev. J. J. May, from 1909 to 1910; Rev. H. J. Croushore, from 1910 to 1912; Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, the present pastor, was installed on April 21st.

The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, organized May 2nd, 1905, in May, 1912, had 36 members in good standing. During the seven years of its existence it has rendered many valuable services to the congregation and the church at large. In the fall of this year the League is expecting to form a class for the purpose of teaching newly-arrived immigrants from the old world the English language. It contributed \$20 last year toward the General Council's Jubilee Fund, of the \$20.70 which was the total amount received through dues from the members during the year.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, held its semi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 11th. As the topic for this month is planned especially for the young people, the members of the Junior Missionary Society were invited, and the two programmes were studied together. It was very interesting, and should prove beneficial to both young and old. Some of the Junior members gave recitations suited to the topic, which were very much appreciated. The present day opportunities were clearly shown, and also the need of more young people to study, for the purpose of spreading the Gospel at home and abroad. "Son, go work to-day, in my vineyard."

God wants the boys, the merry boys,
The noisy boys, the funny boys,

The thoughtless boys;

God wants the boys with all their joys,
That He as gold may make them pure,
And teach them trials to endure;
His heroes brave He'll have them be,
Fighting for truth and purity.

God wants the boys.

God wants the happy-hearted girls,
The loving girls, the best of girls,

The worst of girls.

God wants to make them all His pearls,
And so reflect His holy face,
And bring to mind His wondrous grace,
That beautiful the world may be,
And filled with love and purity.

God wants the girls.

Ottawa. On Whit Sunday, owing to the pastor's absence from the city, attending the Synodical convention at Williamsburg, the pulpit of St. Peter's Church was acceptably filled by Mr. C. H. Sternberg, M.A., of Lawrence, Kansas. Mr.

Sternberg is a paleontologist of world-wide renown, and was at the time in Ottawa mounting some specimens of animals, the bones of which he had discovered in the chalk beds in Kansas. He had sold these bones to the Victoria National Museum, at Ottawa. Mr. Sternberg has rendered very valuable services to science, by his discoveries in the field of paleontology, but unlike so many modern scientists, his faith in God has been strengthened by his discoveries and the study of God's works in nature. His lecture on "God's Wonderful Works in Creation," given to the Luther League one Sunday evening after the service, to about seventy people, who were fortunate enough to be present, was highly appreciated by all who heard it. They will all be more interested in reading Mr. Sternberg's autobiography; "The Life of a Fossil Hunter," and his book of poetry, entitled, "The Story of the Past; or a Romance of Science," of which he is also the author. It is possible that Mr. Sternberg may move to Ottawa with his family. If this should occur, St. Peter's Church will receive a valuable addition to its membership.

Mr. Alfred Akerlindh, well-known to many of our Canadian Lutherans outside of Ottawa, through his many valuable services rendered to both the Church and the State, also gave a very interesting lecture at the Luther League weekly meeting on Sunday evening, June 16th. His subject was: "Pre-Columbian Discoveries of America."

Mr. K. L. McIntosh, who recently attended the convention of Synod, as the lay delegate from St. Peter's Church, has had some of the trials which tried the patience of Job of old, severe enough to incapacitate him for work for a while.

Mrs. B. Harvey was elected President of the W. H. and F. M. Society, at the monthly meeting of the society, held at the parsonage on June 13th. Mrs. C. H. Stata was elected Vice-President.

The young men of St. Peter's Church are making plans for having a camp this summer.

By the time this issue is out of the press the annual picnic of the church will have been held on July 1st.

Six new members were added to the membership of the Luther League at the business meeting held at the parsonage, June 7th. This makes the present number of members in good standing 65.

Five new scholars were enrolled in the Sunday School the first three Sundays in June. One was added to the W. H. and F. M. Society, June 13th.

On Communion Sunday, June 30th, several new members are expected to unite with the congregation.

Envelopes have been distributed among

all the members of the congregation, two to be used each Sunday from July 1—one for current expenses, inside of which is a smaller one, stamped, "Apportionment and Benevolence." For the present the members are asked to put whatever amount they may be able to give, for the general work of the Church, in the small envelope. The Synod is going to provide cards, for securing pledges for the benevolent and other general work of the Church. When these arrive, the members will be asked to contribute the amount thus pledged, through these envelopes. It is hoped that through this system St. Peter's Church, Ottawa, will be able to meet all its apportionment for Synod, education and missions in full, this year.

Toronto. St. Paul's, Toronto, the pastor, Rev. W. C. Miller, 18 Yarmouth Gardens.

Our lot and church have been sold at considerable advantage, and we are now looking for a suitable property on which to build our new church. We are allowed to occupy our present edifice until March, 1913. This gives us considerable time to make the necessary arrangements.

During Rev. Mr. Miller's vacation, our church is being supplied by Mr. Keller, a graduating student of Mt. Airy Theological Seminary.

Our Sunday School is doing very nicely. It is holding the annual picnic at High Park on June 22nd. This is always a very enjoyable affair.

Our Luther League has found it advisable to suspend sessions until the warm weather is over. It has always been difficult to get the young people out in the hot evenings.

J. W. R.

Unionville and Buttonville. Greetings to "The Canada Lutheran." We bespeak for it a large circulation in our midst.

The pastor and lay delegate gave a full report of the proceedings of Synod, at the congregational meeting, held after the sermon on Sunday evening, June 9th.

Steps are being taken to introduce the weekly offering for all objects. A house-to-house canvass is being made for this purpose. Messrs. Stiver, Summerfeldt and Pingle have the matter in hand.

The Ladies' Aid and Woman's Missionary Society of Buttonville, at a recent meeting, resolved to use the Monthly Missionary Topics. The pastor will be the leader at the next meeting.

Williamsburg. The pastor, Mrs. Dennig and Baby Bernard, have enjoyed, and have been greatly benefited by spending a month at their parents' home, in Easton, Penna. The beautiful scenery and the delightful weather, enabled them to enjoy this trip more than any former one.

Beginning with the first Sunday in July, regular services. Graded Sunday School at 9.30 a.m. Chief service at 10.30, and Vespers at 7.30, will be held and conducted by the pastor.

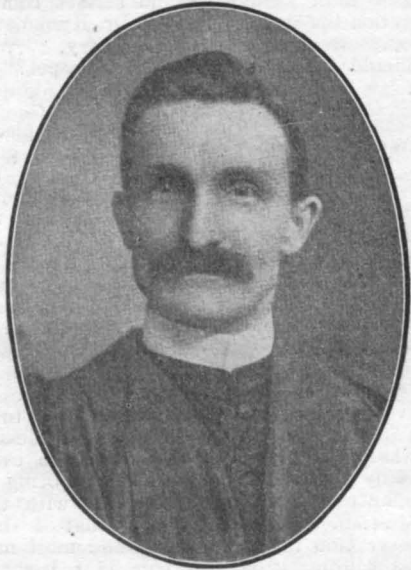
Waterloo. The first commencement exercises of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Waterloo, Ont., were held on Wednesday, June 26th, at 8 p.m., in St. John's German Lutheran Church, Rev. E. Bockelman pastor. The opening hymn was, "A Mighty Fortress." Rev. E. Bockelman read the liturgical service, and Rev. Prof. O. Lincke read the scriptural lessons. Addresses were delivered by Pastors M. J. Bieber and H. Weigand, Students C. F. Christiansen and N. Willison. The latter spoke respectively upon the subjects: "Die Indianermission Unserer Lutherischen Kirche," and: "Sweden in the Lutheran Church." After singing: "Now Thank we All our God," prayer was made by Rev. Prof. P. C. Wike, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Prof. R. R. Durst.

Making History. The pastors and people at Morrisburg, Riverside, Dunbar, Hamilton, Galt and Sherwood, are so busy making history that they have no time to write it. That is the only reason we can think of, and assign, for their failure to send in a budget of news for this issue. We are hoping that some one in these parishes will find a moment of time, before July 15, to write a few words to "The Canada Lutheran," for publication in our August issue.

If the pastors of the Synod would kindly send us a cut of their church building, and a brief history of the congregations which they serve, we should be glad to reserve these for publication. We want to reserve space, for these cuts, on the front page of our paper. So send them on to the Editor, as soon as possible.

We had hoped to be able, in this issue, to present to our readers pictures of the officers of Synod, but as these were not received in time for publication this month, we hope to be able to do this later, if they will have the kindness to let us have their "cuts" for this purpose. Having in our possession the likeness of our former President, who has done such valiant, yeoman

service in extending the work of our Church in Central Canada, we herewith present the familiar countenance of our active Field Missionary,



THE REV. M. J. BIEBER, M.A., BERLIN, ONT.

WHAT SHALL I DO?

What vocation shall I choose? What shall I make my life work? No questions are of greater importance to young people starting out in life than these. On the way that they are answered, will it largely depend whether life becomes a failure or a success.

So many opportunities of service, promising large rewards, present themselves now-a-days to the intelligent, active and wide-awake youth, that it is, indeed, a perplexing problem to know, which of these many opportunities to choose. We all want to make as much as possible out of life. Many, however, fail to realize that what we get out of life, depends to a very large extent upon what we put into it.

It is the young men of our Canadian Lutheran churches—the active, intelligent and earnest Christian young men, who take life seriously, that we want especially to address. For some time past our Lutheran congregations in Canada have been securing most of their pastors from the United States. The few Canadians, of whom we know, who have entered the Lutheran ministry, have made their mark. Canada has a stronger, and more vigorous, religious environment than the United States, and should, therefore, be able to develop her own men for the ministry.

For the purpose of calling the attention of our young men, who wish to make the best possible use of their life, to this important calling, we herewith submit for their most thoughtful and serious consideration the strong appeal of Dr. Kunzmann, for more men for the ministry, "Why Should I be a minister of the Gospel?"

**Why I Should be a
Minister of the
Gospel.**

Surely I am placed here for some good purpose, and the days, weeks, months and years of my life ought to be devoted to some noble object. Whilst I may serve God and my fellowmen in any calling, I can serve them best in the highest and most important. Every member of my body, and every faculty of my soul, should be consecrated to service for Him and employed to accomplish the best and noblest results. As every pious woman of Israel desired to be a hand-maid through whom the Messiah was to be given to the world, so every godly youth should be anxious to bring his fellowmen into saving relation with that Messiah. While it is true that I may serve God in the humblest and most menial calling, it is also true that I should "earnestly desire the best gifts" and employ them in the noblest office. I should not be satisfied to serve my God in a lower, when I could fit myself for a higher position. My daily aim and earnest desire should be to so spend my life so as to bring to my Lord the greatest revenue of honor and glory. If it be necessary for me to occupy a very lowly situation and spend my years in a circumscribed sphere, I should only be content if it were impossible for me to fit myself for greater usefulness. It should not be my desire or choice. My holy ambition should be to serve in the highest calling. It is a remarkable fact that the Bible commends and urges upon me no calling but the ministry. I should therefore offer and consecrate to God my talents and ask the Church to accept them for His glory and men's salvation. Only when I cannot attain unto the "good work" of the ministry, should I seek other employment.

By nature we are inclined to gravitate to lower levels, and it is by the power of divine grace, that we are able to rise to higher things. While I may do good in any calling, as Christian men have done, yet, the good I there do occasionally and indirectly is that which the minister does constantly and directly. Why not spend all my time where it can do the most good? Without the Pauls and Luthers, there would not have been any Washingtons and Lincolns. Without Christian principles,

inwoven with our civilization and national life, brought about by a zealous proclamation of the Gospel, our national prosperity would have soon come to an end.

There is a special need to-day, that the ministerial force be greatly enlarged. The godly men who minister at the altar will in the course of time pass to their reward and new ones fill their places. Besides there are hundreds of parishes and thousands of congregations which do not have pastors to break to them the bread of life. There are in addition several million of our people in America who have not yet been gathered into congregations and who are exposed to the temptations of the world. None to counsel and assist them. If I do not go, prepare and devote myself to this work, they will not be cared for. What better use can I put my time to than to train these people for usefulness in this world and blessedness in the world beyond? What would the world have lost, if Luther had not devoted himself to the ministry? His father wanted him to be a lawyer, and had sent him to school to prepare for that profession. It was therefore a blessed hour when he dedicated himself to the preaching of the everlasting Gospel, giving civil and religious freedom to the nations of the earth. How would our Church and America have fared without such men as Muhlenberg, Krauth, Passavant and Seiss? It is indeed true that I might be able to amass more wealth, yet wealth may be a snare to my soul. I may make shipwreck of my eternal interest. Wealth brings no happiness. The humble pastor in a country cross-road parish, conscious of having served his God and fellowmen, is richer in all that makes for happiness in this life than all the millionaires. I need only pick up the daily papers and through them look into the homes and lives of people who live for their temporal gratification and see the miseries which reign there and the awful consequences of such ambition. There is no happiness like that of a faithful minister and there is no glory like the glory of him, who shall shine as the stars for ever and ever, and whose crown of rejoicing is radiant with the souls of those brought to redemption through the blood of Christ.

Besides, I am not needed in any other calling. They are all filled. There are plenty of lawyers. There are enough physicians to minister to us in case of sickness. Men can be found in abundance to build and furnish houses for us to live in. Miners, railroaders, mechanics, engineers, etc., are crowding each other for places. Merchants and manufacturers combine to corner trade. Policemen patrol the streets, judges sit to sentence offenders, and jailors guard the prisoners. Men in all the secular

avocations of life are hunting positions and wicked of both sexes are lying in wait to trap and ruin the unsuspecting and wayward. But few are there to hold aloft the standard of the cross and restore mankind to the image of God. In the ministry, the best and highest calling, there is a scarcity.

Why are there so many wrecked lives in the world? On the lakes, seas and oceans, we erect lighthouses to indicate to the mariner the places of danger and safety. Should I not take my position on the watch-tower of God, and direct the weary wanderer to the haven of rest? May I not go to some plague or danger spot of the city, and through the grace of God rescue lives from sin and death? Shall they perish because I will not go? Will I not be moved with compassion in these opening years of the twentieth century, and save my fellow Lutherans scattered as sheep without a shepherd as the Saviour was moved when He beheld His brethren according to the flesh in danger of destruction, because none cared for their souls? Shall I not consecrate myself to the work most important to my country, my fellowmen, myself and my God?

Like Paul, when Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus, I would ask: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And after you have settled the matter between yourself and your God, and spoken to your own pastor, if you think well, write to the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., 146 E. Washington Lane, Phila., Pa.

Hamilton. Too late and too long to be published this month, comes a communication from Mr. Walter Krumwiede, A.B., a student from the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, at present supplying Trinity Church, during the absence of Rev. J. A. Miller, B.A., the pastor of the church, who at present is in the Nipissing district, seeking well-deserved rest by change of environment and labor.

It sometimes happens that the one who finds the most fault with the way things are going in the church, is the one who does the least to make them go.

The measure of the Christian treasure is neither by millions nor by billions, but by infinity. The Christian is not simply a millionaire, he is an infinity-aire.

One of our desires is big things, but God is not so particular about the size as He is about its purity. The sacrifice which was brought to the temple did not have to weigh a certain amount, but it had to be without blemish.

WESTERN CANADA AND GENERAL COUNCIL CHURCH EXTENSION

By Rev. P. E. Baisler, B.D., Winnipeg.

That the General Council has a great and growing mission field in Western Canada is a fact to which the Church should be wide-awake. The wealth of Western Canada's partially developed resources is yet untold. With less than one-tenth of the vast stretches of fertile land under crop, with lumber and mineral resources merely surface-touched, with millions of acres of free land and other millions of acres of cheap land, Western Canada is bound to have a very prominent place among the countries of the world to which people may come and make for themselves a home and business equal to their ability, capacity and capital invested.

Of the 300,000 who came to Western Canada in 1911, with the avowed intention of making this their permanent residence, many are

Lutherans From Germany

and the Scandinavian countries. Among these the Swedish, German and Norwegian Synods have an important and growing work. While the German immigration into the United States in 1911 was considerably less than in 1910, the number of German coming into Western Canada in 1911 shows a considerable increase over 1910, and over two-thirds of these German immigrants are Lutherans.

Hitherto the Lutheran Synods working on this territory have been compelled to look to the institutions of the East and South for their supply of men for this difficult work, and many of these who have come have rendered noble service for the Master's Kingdom. It is evident, however that in order to do this work most efficiently the Church must have locally trained men. The German, Swedish, and Norwegian Synods have the solution of the college and seminary question for the immediate needs of the field well under way.

Many Americans Coming.

According to the report of the immigration department, 131,161 came in 1911 from the United States to make their home in Western Canada. That the figures for 1912 will be much larger there is no doubt. The majority of these very desirable immigrants come from the Western States where Lutherans predominate.

These people are not seeking new homes to escape religious persecution as did the Pilgrim Fathers and Huguenots of old, but to better their financial condition, and the

establishing of Churches is not usually their first thought, but must be brought about with much patience and perseverance. Many of these new comers must be cared for in a Church which uses the English language. Shall we allow them to be absorbed by the denominations and the great loss which our Church sustained in the United States, because of failure to push soon enough and vigorously enough, the English work, be repeated in this rapidly developing empire, or will the General Council arise to her opportunities in her great mission field in Western Canada?

How the Cities Grow.

Winnipeg is the metropolis of this new and promising empire and is sometimes called the "Chicago of Canada," and its marvelous growth is, indeed, but a part of the story that applies to all of Western Canada. In 1869 the place was so small that Louis Riel, the French halfbreed, who twice raised a revolt against the Canadian Government, captured Fort Garry and lined up the greater part of the white male population in the fort as prisoners. Troops from the East soon put a sad crimp in Riel's dream of conquest and the setting up of a staple government brought settlers into the country so that in 1874 the erstwhile trading post had nearly 2,000 people and took to itself the dignity and form of city government. In 1911 the population of Winnipeg, according to the city directories, was 227,339. Last year there were erected in the city \$20,000,000 worth of new buildings that were in demand, and, no doubt, this record will be exceeded in 1912. The business man needs no better sign post to civic development than the increase in population and building operations and in bank business. In 1911 the bank clearings of Winnipeg's twenty-two banks amounted to \$1,172,762,142, showing the largest percentage of increase over 1910 of all the commercial centres on the continent.

A journey of 1,500 miles west from Winnipeg brings us to Vancouver, B.C., which is also going ahead at a remarkable rate, and has long passed the one hundred thousand mark, and is rapidly growing to be one of the largest shipping points on the Pacific coast.

On the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, between Winnipeg and Vancouver, near the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains, is the flourishing city of Calgary, which has in the last ten years grown from a village to a city of 50,000. Next in size on the main line, is Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, with a population of 20,000. Moose Jaw is a close third, with about 18,000. In addition to these there are at least three other cities on the main line with populations of over 10,000 each. Along the lines of the

Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific, both of which will soon be completed to the Pacific coast, towns are springing up and growing into cities at a remarkable rate.

Church Extension Needed.

In the four provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, we have two English Lutheran Churches.

While the percentage of Lutherans in these cities is not large, our people are coming in larger numbers and we must endeavor to keep in touch with them and look after them and are not willing to have them absorbed by the denominations.

Winnipeg is a distributing centre, not only from a commercial standpoint, but also from the standpoint of population. Thousands come to this city every year to remain for a short time only, to go farther west to take up a permanent residence. A Lutheran Hospice would be a great boon for our cause in Western Canada. A properly conducted hospice here would be the means of keeping in touch with hundreds of our people until such time as they could be anchored in congregations.

One of our greatest needs is a Lutheran institution of learning so that we may look forward to a locally trained ministry and also a trained laity. We need a large Church Extension Fund. It would mean much, indeed, to our Church if we could say to our Lutheran people from the East and South, who are establishing themselves in these western towns and cities, "The English Lutheran Church has a lot here and intends to build a Church." These lots would, in most cases, double in value in a few years.

It has been repeatedly demonstrated that the Church Extension Fund is a very important factor in our Home Mission work. Have we not a man in the Lutheran Church who will stimulate this important fund by an offer to give \$50,000 to this fund on condition that the Church raise a like sum?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

You can't get to heaven by sending your children to Sunday school.

Unless our walk corresponds with our talk, the less we say the better.

No one is going to be celebrated for his piety, whose religion is all in his head.

The love that is dumb until it speaks on a tombstone does not say very much.

The soul that is to live forever should not be fed on the things that perish.

The way can never be dark for a Christian so long as he remembers that God is good.

God has no use for those of us who have no business of our own to which to give attention.

MISCELLANEOUS

IS YOUR CHURCH PROSPEROUS?

It certainly is, if you are doing your whole duty. Unless you are, it never can and never will be prosperous.

Here are ten very simple rules, which can be kept by the majority of the members of any church, and so, in all probability, by you, and which rightly observed will ensure the prosperity of any church.

1. Endeavor, by God's help, to be and to do what the Lord Jesus desires, remembering that all grace is yours for the asking.

2. Attend all the services, regularly, never missing one unless sickness prevents, and if the weather is unpleasant make a special effort to be present.

3. Invite some one else to go with you; speak to strangers and invite them to come again. Note the absence of members, that you may visit them if sick. Encourage faithfulness.

4. Pray daily for your pastor, and for every member of your church, especially for the sick, the discouraged, the tempted and the careless.

5. Be ready, always and everywhere, as opportunity offers, to confess your faith by word as well as by conduct.

6. Do the work assigned you, if possible, and watch for opportunities to help others. When your pastor, or any one else, seems to be bearing a heavy burden, help to bear it, with all your might.

7. Do not be a grumbler, nor encourage fault-finders, nor advertise your own faults by talking about those of your neighbors. Try rather to correct your faults, and your neighbor's also in love, "looking to thyself lest thou also be tempted."

8. Give cheerfully, as God has prospered you, to the support of your church and to its works of benevolence.

9. Take your church paper and your missionary journals, and do not forget to make your Bible and your catechism a daily study.

10. By prayer and labor seek to win those about you to love and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

Will you not try to follow these ten suggestions? The prosperity of your church will then, with God's help, be assured.

God's law is, that unless we will do good with our money, we cannot get any real enjoyment out of it.

TWELVE DON'T'S FOR PREACHERS.

1. Don't hold to the old charge. When you leave a church or field of labor, leave it and take your hands off. Don't think that because you have once been pastor in a place that you forever have a claim on the people there. Do not go back to attend funerals and weddings unless there be special reasons for so doing. A former pastor may often be sent for in such cases, as people have their preference, but he can decline by excusing himself and urging that the resident pastor be asked to perform such duties.

2. Don't visit the old charge until the allegiance of the people have been transferred to the new pastor; and even then, be sure to call upon the pastor the first thing and talk over the work with him; he will be glad to see you, and welcome you back to your old field. In calling upon the people, be sure to ask the resident pastor to accompany you. In this you reveal the fact that you are a true gentleman and also seek to strengthen the pastor in his work. Thus your visit will always prove a blessing to the pastor, otherwise, although not intended, it will be a hinderance to him in his work.

3. Don't write letters to the members of your old charge, unless it be on business, and even then be sure to have something good to say of the pastor. In leaving a field one will receive many invitations to write, but the minister should refrain from so doing, as much as possible, as he, of all men, should be a brother. Better write to the pastor himself, as it will appear more brotherly.

4. Don't permit an indignation meeting to be held on account of your removal. Do or say nothing that might suggest one. If one should be held, it will reflect on you. It will embarrass or hedge up the way of your successor.

5. Don't be jealous. Do not utter a word that reflects upon your predecessor or successor. Speak of them most kindly. Commend their work. Do not imagine that others cannot succeed on that charge quite as well as yourself. The chances are that your successor will succeed better than you did, if you have laid the foundations well. Be glad if he does. Do not cherish a sense of satisfaction because of the seeming failure of any brother. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

6. Don't complain. Have a sense of the dignity of your high calling. Whatever may be your disappointment, do not show it, either in the pulpit or out of it. Complaining may become a habit. It will grow, but it does no good. The world will never

be brought to Christ by that means. Be cheerful and hopeful. "Have faith in God."

It is easy for one preacher to tell another how to preach, but it is by no means as easy to show him how.

The reason that some of us get no comfort out of our religion on Sunday is that nobody else gets any comfort out of it during the week.

The one who devotes all his time to saving his own soul, may have to spend eternity in trying to find a place small enough in which to put it.

7. Don't be late. Get to your new field as early as possible. Be on time. Meet every engagement promptly. Never be late at a funeral or wedding, unless it is absolutely impossible to do otherwise. "Be punctual; do everything exactly at the time, and do not mend our rules, but keep them."

8. Don't run in debt. Pay as you go, if it be possible. Be careful of your promises. Meet your obligation at the time named, or go to your creditor and tell him why you cannot meet it. Be manly. Demonstrate the integrity of your character.

9. Don't be unemployed. There is no greater element of success than a genius for hard work. God does not need men today who are seeking ease. Be systematic in your work. In the hurry and bustle of this age we may persuade ourselves that we are moving, when, in reality, it is the other fellow.

10. Don't be arbitrary. Your way may be good, but not the only good way. Be considerate of the views of others. Take your fellow-workers into your confidence. Study to know the best way to reach the best results. Be able "to submit gracefully to the opinions of others, when it is wise to do so.

11. Don't speculate. A desire to get rich quick has been harmful to many a person. Do not make money a prominent feature in your work. Leave the purchase of farms and houses to those whose vows will not interfere with such things. Give yourself wholly to the work to which God has called you.

12. Don't run after cheap college degrees. Have a reputable college back of the degree you wear; or don't wear it. Those two or three letters after the name look as large when conferred by something called a college as though it had been conferred by the best institution in the land. But you know, and others know, that the size of the letters depend upon what is back of them. The only advice that need be given is, Don't.—"Christian Advocate."

SCANDAL PEDDLERS.

Frail as men are, there yet generally is much good to be said of them. Common as are sins and suffering. There yet are much virtue and happiness in the world. Though it is a great moral hospital, and none are without frailty and sorrow; yet none are without that which deserves more confidence and sympathy than they generally get from each other. The worst man has some good in him. The darkest life has some light in it.

The worst man and the darkest life most need good things and not evil. The Son of Man came to call sinners, not the righteous. What is needed most in the world is a publication of all its good rather than its evil. Let the good of every man's life be told. Let the stories of truth, honesty, virtue and affection, as they are seen in action, every day, be published as the poetry and beauty of everyday life.

Let men be encouraged to do good by learning of the good other men are doing. Let honesty have a great push to the front by the constantly increasing catalogue of honest deeds. Let noble character be quickened by the recital of the nobility of character daily exhibited all around us.

It ought to be the principle of men to talk about the good rather than the evil done by their neighbors. "Apologize for them, speak well of them; and put the most charitable construction on all their actions." Such is the Scripture measure of right thinking and right living. If we talk of evil to cure it, that is one thing and right; but to talk about it as gossip, or as scandal, as bad news we love to peddle, is another thing.

In the home it is of the first importance that good and not bad news be told and talked of. Tastes and habits are formed there. If a taste for things unsavory and bad is formed by much talk about them and a frequent rehearsal of them, it, in time, will demand such things in its reading. The taste for unwholesome reading formed by familiarity with unwholesome things, demands books and papers of that kind. Publishers cater to the demands of the people, and the great demand for such reading indicates that a great reform is needed on this subject in the talk and homes of the people. More good and less bad news should be told and talked about. "Hold your tongue or say something good," is a good motto. "Apologize for him (your neighbor), speak well of him, and put the most charitable construction on all his action," is a summary of Scripture teaching on this subject.

There are lonely hearts to cherish,
While the days are going by.