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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Census Statistics. Bulletins number 12 and 13 of the fifth census of Canada have been issued by the government. The former deals with: "The Religions of Canada for the year 1911;" the latter tells, "The Origins of the People." These bulletins are published by the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Copies of the same may be secured by writing to Mr. Archibald Blue, Chief Officer of the Census and Statistics, Ottawa.

In scanning these bulletins we noted a number of facts concerning our Lutheran Church and people in Canada, which we thought might be of interest to our readers.

Among the 80 denominations and sects specified in these census reports the six leading churches are reported as follows:

| | Total 1901 | Total 1911 |
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| Roman Catholics | 2,229,600 | 2,833,041 |
| Presbyterians | 842,442 | 1,115,324 |
| Methodists | 916,886 | 1,079,892 |
| Anglicans | 681,494 | 1,043,017 |
| Baptists | 318,005 | 382,666 |
| Lutherans | 92,524 | 229,864 |

The total population of Canada in 1901 was 5,371,315; in 1911, 7,206,643. Ten years ago 43,222 people expressed no religious preference, in 1911 only 32,490 are specified in this class.

Proportion of each of the six leading denominations in 1901 and 1911, at rate per cent.: Roman Catholic, 41.51 and 39.31; Presbyterians, 15.68 and 15.48; Methodists, 17.07 and 14.98; Anglicans, 12.69 and 14.47; Baptists, 5.92 and 5.31; Lutherans, 1.72 and 3.19.

Proportion of increase, showing actual increase, and increase per cent.:

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| Roman Catholics | 603,441 | 32.88 p.c. |
| Anglicans | 361,523 | 19.70 p.c. |
| Presbyterians | 282,882 | 14.87 p.c. |
| Methodists | 163,006 | 8.88 p.c. |
| Lutherans | 137,340 | 7.48 p.c. |
| Greek Church | 72,877 | 3.97 p.c. |
| Baptists | 64,661 | 3.52 p.c. |

The net increase of our Lutheran Church has been largest in the four western provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, where the actual increase was 117,576, or 10.53 p.c. in the past ten years, as over against 20,646, or 2.76 p.c., in the four eastern provinces, Ontario,

Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The largest net increase of the Roman Catholic Church has been in the eastern provinces, where it had an increase of 424,720, or 56.77 p.c., as against 182,250, or 16.32 p.c. in the western provinces.

To show how our Lutheran Church has been growing in Canada for the past twenty years, we note that in 1891 the Lutheran population in the Dominion was only 63,982. In the past ten years 137,340, or 148.43 p.c., have been added to the Lutheran population of Canada. But, how many of these immigrant Lutherans have been gathered into our churches? There certainly is a crying need of more missionary work, especially among our Lutherans of the dispersion in the North-west.

There are 393,320 Germans, and 107,535 Scandinavians in Canada. Between the years 1901-1911, the Germans increased by 82,819 or 26.67 p.c., the Scandinavians by 76,493 or 246.42 p.c. Persons of British origins were 3,896,985 in 1911, as against 3,063,189 in 1901, being a gain of 833,796, or 27.22 per cent. in the decade. The French increased by 405,519, or 24.59 per cent; Austro-Hungarians by 110,925, or 610.22 per cent.

Parochial Statistics. The Committee on Parochial Statistics requests that the blanks sent to the pastors to be filled out by them, be returned in ample time so as to give the committee a chance to do its work before the meeting of Synod.

Moral and Social Reform. If any of the pastors or laymembers of our congregations have any suggestions to make in regard to our duties as Lutherans toward the Moral and Social Reform movements of to-day, the editor of this paper, who is also the Chairman of the Moral and Social Reform Committee of our Synod of Central Canada, kindly requests that these suggestions be sent to him, so soon as possible, in order that they may be considered by the committee, in due time before the Synodical Convention to be held at Port Colborne this month.

Acknowledgment. The cuts used in this issue, all except that of Trinity Church, Port Colborne, have been kindly furnished by Mr. W. W. Stumbles, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and Mr. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration Department, Ottawa, to whom we feel grateful for their kindness and courtesy in this matter.

Uniform Constitutions, appointed by Synod at our 1912 Synodical Convention. (See our October and April issues, and Minutes of Synod, p. 24.) So far only one of the congregations has complied with this request. Will our pastors kindly see to it that this matter is attended to at once?

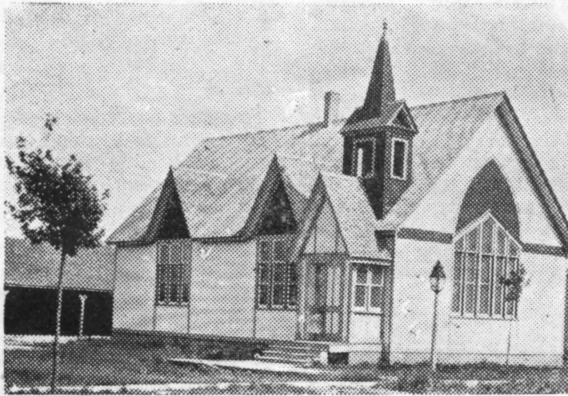
"Third and Last Time." Twice before a request has been made, in these columns, that the pastors or secretaries of our congregations send a copy of the Constitution of their congregations to the Chairman of the Committee on

Summer Schools. It is to be hoped that our Conferences will have some plan to suggest, at the coming Synodical Convention with respect to the summer schools, which we have been discussing for several years. This matter was referred to the conferences at our 1912 Convention. (See Minutes, p. 50.)

BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH OF HOLY TRINITY ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUMBERSTONE, ONT.

The frequent requests of some members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church (Missouri), and of some members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (served by a Buffalo pastor), to introduce English services, but not at the expense of the German services, being emphatically denied them, about 25 families banded themselves together in organizing an English Lutheran congregation. These

Lutherans applied to the English Missouri Synod for assistance in the project. The Rev. C. H. Ruesskamp, of Buffalo, was President of that Synod, which has since amalgamated with the Synodical Conference (Missouri). An organization of these Lutheran families was effected on New Year's Day, 1903, the young



Holy Trinity Evan. Luth. Church, Humberstone, Ont.

congregation assuming its present name. The first pastor called was the Rev. Theo. J. A. Heugli, who served the congregation faithfully. Services were at first held in halls, and in the homes of the members. The first sermon was preached in the Town Hall, by the Rev. A. T. Bonnett, of North Tonawanda, N.Y. The congregation then secured a hall in which to worship. The general interest of the congregation was apparent. The necessity of having their

own church home began to dawn upon this growing congregation, which resulted in the passing of the resolution, only nine months after its organization, to build as a monument to the Most High, a church building. This action was taken on September 18th, 1904. The following month, October 3rd, a lot having been secured from one of its members, ground was broken and building

operations commenced. The work of erection was hurried to completion. Three months later, Dec. 18th, the building was ready for consecration. The solemn act of consecration was performed by the Revs. A. T. Bonnett, who preached the sermon at the morning service, and C. H. Ruesskamp, who preached

at the evening service, assisted by the pastor loci, Rev. T. J. A. Heugli. The congregation grew steadily under the leadership of its energetic pastor. Rev. Heugli leaving for another field of labor in November, 1907, the congregation was shepherdless, yet faithful and true. The congregation then applied to the New York and New England Synod for a pastor. Until a pastor could be secured, various General Council pastors supplied the pulpit,

namely, the Revs. P. Altpeter, Holthusen, M. J. Bieber, J. Bornhold, Bernard and others. In April, 1908, the congregation secured the services of the Rev. H. T. Weber, who came only on a conditional call, leaving again in the fall of the same year to resume his studies at the University. The congregation then called the present pastor, Rev. W. H. Knauff, at a congregational meeting, held November 5th, 1908. He was installed by the Field Missionary, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, December 6th, 1908, and still continues working together with the members in mutual and harmonious ac-

cord. The congregation has never had Synodical connection, until in May of 1909, it, with the pastor, became charter members of our Synod of Central Canada. The congregation has always been represented by clerical and lay delegates at every meeting of Synod, takes active interest in all the benevolent objects of the Synod, and is endeavoring, in its own sphere and manner, as best it knows how, to do the Lord's bidding, to His honour and glory, and to the ultimate salvation of souls. May God grant that we may be a power for good in this our station! Amen.

W. H. K.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

PROGRAMME OF SYNODICAL CONVENTION.

The following is the outline of Synod programme, as it has been sent to me:

Sunday, May 25th—

9.30 a.m.—Sunday-School. Addresses by pastors.

10.30 a.m.—Public service. Sermon by the Rev. C. A. Dennig.

2.30 p.m.—Laymen's Rally.

7.00 p.m.—Grand Rally of Women's Synodical Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Monday, May 26—

Morning and afternoon—Convention of W. H. and F. Missionary Society.

8.00 p.m.—Public service, followed by the Holy Communion, administered by the clerical officers of Synod. Synodical sermon by President Jacob Maurer.

Tuesday, May 27—

9.00 a.m. to 12 m.—Meeting of committees.

2.00 p.m.—Formal opening of Synod for business.

7.30 p.m.—Vespers, and addresses.

(1) "Our Seminary." The Rev. J. A. Miller, Hamilton, Ont.

(2) "Why a Lutheran Hospice in Montreal?" The Rev. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa, Ont.

Wednesday, May 28th—

9.00 a.m.—Doctrinal Discussions.

(a) Lutheran Hymnology. Mr. O. C. N. Kanold. Discussion.

(b) Tithing. The Rev. P. C. Wike, of Galt, Ont.

(c) Inner Missions. (Not assigned).

2.00 p.m.—Business.

7.30 p.m.—Anniversary service in honour of President Jacob Maurer's 25th ordination

anniversary. Service by the Rev. M. J. Bieber, Berlin. Reception of fraternal delegates and representatives of the various boards.

Thursday, May 29th—

9 a.m.—Business.

2 p.m.—Business.

C. A. DENNIG, Secy.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

To the Congregations and the Church Councils of Synod:

Dear brethren,—The Synodical year for 1912-1913 will close on the 1st of May. The Treasurer of Synod requests that all monies be forwarded to him on or before this date, so that he may have all amounts verified, close his books, and have his report printed for the meeting of Synod. Let all the congregations please take note of this. Let me also urge the absolute necessity that each congregation meet not only the apportionment, but also the other amounts apportioned by the General Council. The Synodical Home Mission Committee, at its recent meeting, has recommended all the requests for aid made by the Conference Committees. These requests ask for \$800, from the General Council Home Mission Board. This is the amount the Board asks from our Synod, on the basis of fifty cents per member. Up to date only \$280.59 have been paid into the treasury. Surely we cannot expect the Board to grant our requests if we fail to meet what we by resolution have obligated ourselves for. Let us ask again that the Church Councils earnestly consider the circular letter sent out by me, and act on it, in accordance with the request therein made.

J. MAURER, President.

Port Colborne Conventions.

Only a few more weeks before the conventions are to be held in our Church. We are busy making preparations. The programmes, when prepared and printed, will be sent out.

Notice the following:

Delegates and visitors will please notify the pastor, Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont., at least one week in advance, so that free entertainment can be procured for them. This is important.

Delegates coming via G.T.R., will proceed directly to Port Colborne, where they will be met. Trains arrive as follows: From the north; 7.45 and 11.45 a.m., 4.25 and 7.50 p.m.; from the west, 12m and 8 p.m. Delegates coming via M.C.R., C.P.R., T.H. & B., will proceed to Welland, and from there to Humberstone, via Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Electric Railway. The company also operates its own boats between Toronto and Port Colborne. Those wishing to come this way will leave Yonge street wharf, Toronto, for Port Dalhousie, and thence by electric railway to Humberstone. Cars meet all boats. All delegates and visitors will be met only on condition that they previously notify the pastor loci how they travel and when they arrive.

Hope we may see you.

W. H. K.

Luther League Convention.

The following programme has been prepared by the Executive Committee of the Luther League of Canada, subject to changes which may have to be made later, as all those whose names have been placed on the programme have not been heard from, whether or not they will accept the duties assigned.

Saturday, May 24th, 1913—

9.30 a.m.—Devotional service, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont. Address of welcome, president of the Luther League, and the response by Rev. J. J. Clemens, B.D., vice-president of the L. L. of Canada. Report of Committee on Credentials and Statistics, Mr. E. H. Beckman, Chairman. Reports from Leagues and delegates. Business.

2 p.m.—Roll call and business.

4.30 p.m.—Question Box on Luther League work. Rev. M. J. Bieber, M.A.

7.30 p.m.—Vesper service, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Hahn, Dunbar. Three ten-minute papers; topic, "Where Shall We Put the Emphasis?" Miss Gertrude Durst, Guelph, Miss Laura Vollmer, Galt, Mr. G. W. Brooks, Montreal. Addresses by the Rev. Peter Altpeter, Buffalo, N.Y., and the Hon. Adam Beck, London, Ont.

Notice.—The Leagues intending to send delegates are kindly requested to inform the pastor loci, the Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont., two weeks before the convention, stating the number of delegates who expect to attend and when they will arrive. This is important.

Each local League is entitled to six delegates, and as many visitors as possible.

JOHN J. CLEMENS,
Chairman of Ex. Com.

Eastern**Conference.**

The Home Mission Committee of the Eastern Conference, composed of three members, the Rev. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa, chairman; Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, and Mr. G. W. Brooks, Montreal, met in Montreal, March 25th. The committee adopted the following resolutions, which since have been favorably acted upon by the Synodical Home Mission Board, and forwarded to the General Council Home Mission Board, for consideration and approval at its next meeting, to be held on May 13th inst.

To the Home Mission Board of the Synod of Central Canada, and to the General Council Home Mission Board:

We, the undersigned, members of the Home Mission Committee of the Eastern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, beg leave to report as follows:

There are, at present, two missions in our Conference receiving aid from the Home Mission Board of the General Council, St. Luke's, Dunbar, Ont., and St. Peter's, Ottawa, Ont., the former is receiving \$150, the latter was promised to receive \$250 for the year, but, according to communications received by the congregation from the Secretary of the Board, this grant has been limited to six months. However, we are informed that this has been extended until the Church Extension Society's arrangements for loan have been consummated.

At our request these missions have given a report of their present condition and needs. These reports we herewith submit.

After careful consideration of the conditions of these missions, having in mind also the great pressing need of other fields, which are appealing for aid to our Home Mission Board, we would most respectfully express it as our opinion, that

(1) The present mission congregations upon our field should be given the assistance which they need till they are really able to be self-supporting;

(2) Until a congregation, for the existence of which our Mission Board is responsible, either as a mission or a separate parish, has a membership and pledges for support

sufficiently large to guarantee its ability to stand alone, it should not be expected to do so;

(3) Our missions should be urged to hasten with all possible speed, the time of their self-sustentation;

(4) During the time, while they are getting on their own feet, gathering strength, securing property and a house of worship, etc., the aid which they have been receiving from the Home Mission Board should not be suddenly and completely withdrawn, at critical times in their development, lest the missions suffer perhaps irretrievable loss and become crippled for years to come.

With regard to the two missions in our Conference, we learn—

(1) St. Luke's, Dunbar, is making commendable progress under the leadership of Pastor Hahn. It is making arrangements this year to build a parsonage on an acre of land recently purchased by the congregation. To withdraw at this time the aid, which the Board has been giving to this mission, would not be commendable nor wise. We, therefore, would kindly recommend that \$100 be granted for another year; this is \$50 less than the congregation is at present receiving, and \$100 less than it asked for last year.

(2) St. Peter's, Ottawa, in the capital of the Dominion of Canada, is also giving a good account of itself. Some twenty or more members have united with the congregation during the past year, and about as many have been lost, mostly by removal from the city. Excellent property, centrally and well located for a church site, has been secured. It is said to be worth about \$15,000, on which rests a mortgage for only \$5,250. For two years this mission has been waiting patiently for a loan from the Church Extension Society to enable it to erect a house of worship of its own, and get out of the hall-stage of its existence. According to the present outlook the possibilities are that the promised loan is soon forthcoming, and St. Peter's will then proceed to carry out its building plans. Through a recent every-member canvass a few of the members increased their pledges, but the increase was not large enough to warrant the congregation in assuming the responsibility for paying all local expenses unaided. Should the aid, which this mission has been receiving from the Board, be altogether discontinued at this critical period in the congregation's history, we have reasons to believe that such an act may have disastrous consequences.

We would, therefore, most heartily recommend and urgently request that the petition of St. Peter's congregation be favorably considered by the Home Mission

Board, and that aid, to the extent of \$16.67 per month (or \$200 per year) be granted until the proposed church building has been completed. This is at least \$100 per year less than the amount asked by this mission last year, and \$50 less than it is receiving at present.

In view of the many and great calls made upon the Home Mission Board, from all directions, and in the hope that our recommendations be favorably received and acted upon, we are thus asking for \$100, or 25 per cent. less than what has been granted to our two missions during the past year and they are again petitioning for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN J. CLEMENS.

W. H. C. LAUER.

G. W. BROOKS.

Brantford. Spring is here again. How delightful a season! A season of resurrection, of new life, new hopes, new inspiration! A season urging us to more devout worship, deeper gratitude, more willing service! All nature is praising God and eagerly applying itself to the performance of its allotted tasks. We also feel the stimulus. How willingly and energetically do we respond?

Our little congregation enjoys the season and has caught some of the inspiration. The past has seen many a winter day with chills and gloom, but the gloom has passed with the returning sun, and new warmth has come from its rays. It is springtime again—without and also within. More seed must be sown, for the soil is good, and will bear fruit. Brantford was never so promising. Our members are active and optimistic, and the Lutheran population of the city is increasing. If any mission deserves encouragement and attention at the present time, Brantford does. It has begun to feel its feet, but is not yet quite able to walk upon them. Soon the time will come when we shall stand erect, cast our supports aside, and lend an arm to others—but not yet. Stand by us, dear friends, for yet a while.

As proof that our members recognize their obligations and are willing to do what they can, may be mentioned the decision of some of them to establish a "Lord's Treasury" of one-tenth of their income. Others will undoubtedly follow. Another proof is the activity of our council in systematically developing their financial resources and meeting current obligations. Another good sign is the untiring energy displayed by the Ladies' Aid and the Luther League. During the winter the Luther League placed about \$20 in the current fund, and last

week the Ladies' Aid contributed \$65. Also the Sunday School has come to the assistance of the council on several occasions.

Last week the Ladies' Aid held their sale. They had been preparing for it during the winter and early spring, and had gathered together a large number of miscellaneous articles. On Tuesday, the 8th instant, they rented a hall on Dalhousie street, and invited the public. The day was beautiful and hundreds of people passed in and out during the afternoon. Practically everything was sold, and when the proceeds of the various counters were added together along with some items of private sale, the total amounted to over \$82, with a net return of about \$70. This was very gratifying and far in excess of expectations. The ladies are to be congratulated on their success and thanks is due, not only to the members of the Ladies' Aid, but also to the Luther League and others who assisted. Every assistance asked for was cheerfully given. The officers of our Ladies' Aid are: President, Mrs. C. F. Nicholls; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Clarke; Treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Oliver.

Easter Monday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Neff, of 120 Dundas street. On Palm Sunday, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Peterson, of House avenue, was baptized by Rev. Prof. Wike, and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sandberg, 33 Gilkenson street, will be baptized on the 20th instant.

We are glad to see Miss Blunk back, after an absence of a few months.

Mr. J. B. Pickering, of Montreal, has secured a position in Grafton's dry goods store, and intends moving his family to this city as soon as possible. We welcome them. Mr. Pickering was not long in finding our place of worship, and is already an active worker in the congregation. It is reported that a party of nine Norwegian Lutherans arrived in the city last week, but they have not yet been located.

On Sunday, April 6th, the President of our Synod, Rev. J. Maurer, M.A., visited our congregation and preached in the evening to forty-two people. After the evening service, he met the officers and members of the congregation, and discussed with them the financial situation. He expressed himself as well pleased with his visit.

On Palm Sunday services were held morning and evening, with Holy Communion in the morning. Rev. Prof. Wike, of Galt, preached and administered the sacrament to nineteen communicants. The attendance that day was 41 and 39.

On Easter Sunday the pastor preached morning and evening to congregations numbering 41 and 40. The Pyramid offerings

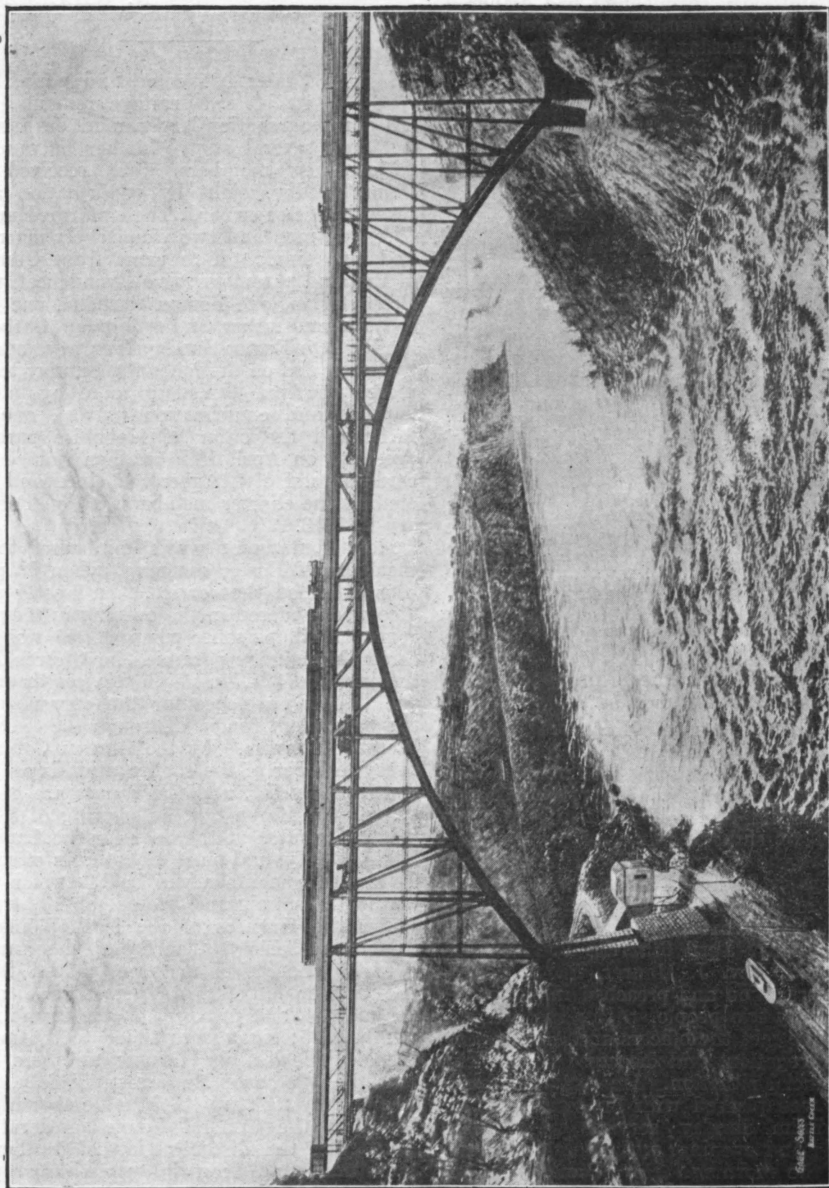
amounted to \$8.05, an increase of fifty-five cents over last year. Last Sunday, April 13th, the attendance at the evening service was 48. The pastor preached from Romans 8:24.

N. WILLISON.

Berlin. Easter has come and gone, but its blessed fruitage remains. It left our congregation larger, more enthusiastic, and several steps further advanced. Fifteen new members were received on Palm Sunday, eight by confirmation and seven by letter or card. The confirmed numbered six men and two women, six married and two single. Two came from Church of England parentage; two Evangelical, two Presbyterian, one Roman Catholic, one has a Lutheran father and a Roman Catholic mother. On Easter Sunday four were added by letter, and on the following Sunday three more; on April 6th, two more by adult baptism and confirmation (wives), one of M.E. and the other of Menonite parentage, and on April 13th another joined by card—a total of 113 received since and including the charter members (88) on February 2, 1913.

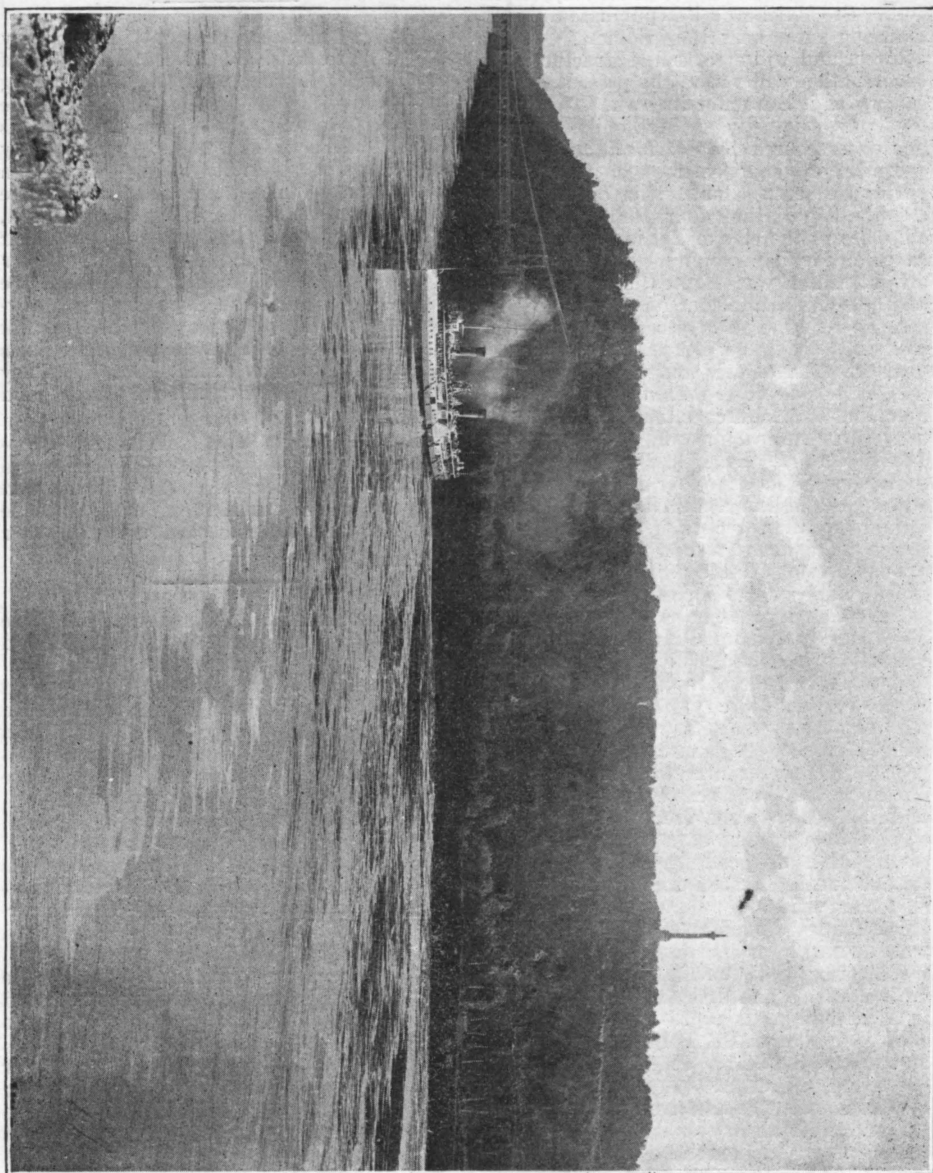
Holy Communion was administered to 63 members of Easter morning, when 99 persons attended the service. An Easter service was rendered in the evening in the presence of 179 persons, when \$27.55 was offered through the pyramids for Church Extension, and \$24.74 at both services through the duplex envelopes for the current and the benevolent funds. Through the "Every Member Canvass," by the Church Council, every member of the congregation is on the contributing list, and the results are gratifying. On March 9th, an offering of \$1.90 was contributed at the door for the Canada Bible Society, and on April 20th, an offering in a similar manner will be taken for the Lutheran (Immigrant) Home, at Montreal, under the auspices of the local Woman's Missionary Society. The Bible School numbers 73 (though 15 members moved from the city or left for other reasons during the month), and in addition, the cradle roll numbers 35; eight were added to the main school. The Luther League numbers 33, and the Women's Missionary Society, 18. The Society took out "A Life Membership," (\$10), in the General Council Federation Fund, for the dissemination of Lutheran literature, and contributes a dollar per member for the \$15,000 special General Council Home Mission Fund. The Society has also joined the Seminary Ladies' Auxiliary, and will act as hostesses on Saturday, May 3rd, on the public monthly visiting day at the Seminary.

Visit the Niagara Falls when you go to



Steel Bridge Over Niagara Gorge.

attend the Conventions at Port Colborne.



On the Niagara River, the Brock Monument can be seen in the distance.

The congregation on April 6th, at a special meeting, resolved to purchase St. Matthew's Church property, including pipe organ, pews, and all fixtures (for \$14,000), and the agreement was signed by the Trustees of both congregations on Thursday, April 10th. St. Matthew's has purchased a commanding site near the Roman Catholic Church, and will erect a fine structure. The congregation will vacate the present church as soon as it can enter its own. The building was originally a Methodist Church, and was secured by St. Matthew's at its organization, eight years ago.

The Lutheran Club. This organization, composed of the four (all) Lutheran churches in the city of Berlin, took definite shape on Monday evening, April 14th, when a Constitution was adopted, officers elected, and quarters secured for its "home." Every confirmed Lutheran may become a member. The dues are \$4.00 per year, or \$1.00 per quarter. The officers and Board of Directors, composed of representatives from the four Lutheran churches, are the governing body. The annual meeting occurs in May. The object of the club is the fostering in Lutherans of a greater interest in each other, and in their church. The quarters contain reading, reception, and recreation rooms, and an auditorium for lectures and public meetings. Long live the Lutheran Club! Nobly may she perform her mission!

The Seminary. The School of the Prophets has entered upon its last term in the scholastic year, and will close during the first week in June. The Board met at the Seminary on March 25th, and wrestled with important matters. A new catalogue will be issued. A landscape expert is to prepare plans for the location of future buildings, campus, etc. The building of a professor's house, the erection of a dormitory, the beginning of a college, and the calling of a financial agent, will be submitted to the Synods for action at their next conventions.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, recently organized, meets monthly at the Seminary, and holds a reception for visitors (when refreshments are served) on the first Saturday afternoon in each month. A representative from St. John's, Waterloo, St. Peter's, Preston, St. Matthew's and First English, Berlin, respectively, constitute the executive committee, but a representative from every congregation in both Synods is requested to become a member. The Auxiliary was organized at the Seminary on February 27th, and one of its first decisions was to secure the linen and towelling for the rooms, instead of requiring the students to do so, and also to pay for the students' laundry in the Seminary. The President of the Auxiliary

is Mrs. F. Stahlschmidt, Preston; German Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. Conrad, Waterloo; English Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Berlin; Secretary-Treas., Mrs. H. A. Hagen, Berlin.

Dunbar. Our heart goes out in sympathy to Rev. A. M. Hahn, pastor of St. Luke's Church, who has been having his share of troubles. On March 11th he received a message that God had called his father to his eternal home. Immediately he started for Detroit, taking Mrs. Hahn with him. While there she also became very ill and had to be taken to a hospital, where she lay at the point of death for nearly three weeks. April 15th, Pastor Hahn wrote to us, saying: "At present the doctors hold out little hope for her recovery, and I will, perhaps, start back to her again, unless I get more encouraging reports before the week is ended. Our baby boy was carried to Jesus, and we buried him in Detroit."

In the midst of these tribulations it became necessary for Pastor Hahn to vacate the house in which he has been living, and look for other quarters, as the parsonage will not be completed until September or October.—Editor.

Galt. Dear "Canada Lutheran": The blessed season of Easter is past and results of the church's activity recorded. It is but honest to acknowledge that much more was left undone, which could have been done, than the records will show as actual results. Yet, our omissions are not forgotten of God. The facts, as we have them to record, will speak for themselves. To the pastor who knows, in a measure, what ought to be done, and daily sees and notes the ripeness of his field, the results seem very small. We were in no way hindered from holding regularly our Lenten services. We again reviewed and meditated upon the "Passion history" of our Lord. This, we pray, was with good effect to the faithful who attended. Attendance ranged from fourteen (on a very stormy night) to forty-eight. Not as many on a single evening as the Roman guard set to watch our Saviour's tomb. It is sad there are so many calling themselves, and desiring to be known as Christians, who purposely neglect the spiritual blessings God and His Church offer during the Lenten season. How much value do they place upon the soul? Do they feel sufficiently secure from the assaults of the devil to risk neglecting these weightier matters? That is the right course to pursue to play into the hands of Satan.

Then, when Easter ends the holy season, and you find yourself in no spiritual condition to come humbly to a throne of grace and receive the body and blood of your Lord for the remission of sins, the devil laughs at your weakness and stupidity and exults over his victory. „Run with patience the race that is set before you, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.”

We had eight confirmations,—two of which were heads of families—two by letter from other Lutheran folds, and five infant baptisms. Our offerings on Easter Sunday, including that of the Sunday School, were over \$74. This contained the pyramid money for Church Extension. This part of the offering was not as large as was hoped for; however since Easter more has come in. No member who loves the church and desires her development should fail to contribute to the Church Extension fund.

On the night of the 4th of April our Ladies' Aid held a congregational rally for the benefit of our Seminary, in Waterloo. Good addresses were delivered by students, N. Willison and Fred. Schreckenberg. If the young men continue to love the Seminary and spread abroad their knowledge of its necessity, it will grow and do in large measure the work intended through it. The free-will offering called for was quite creditable for the number present.

At last our people are favored by the Church Extension Board with a loan of \$1,000 on our church debt. Joy cometh in the morning; if the morning is late arriving. We are very grateful for the favor. We see no reason why a more aggressive effort should not be made, and I think it will be, to clear, at an early date, every vestige of interest-bearing debt remaining. Inability cannot be pleaded by our people of St. Paul's, in Galt. They are industrious, enjoy good health for the most part, and earn good money. If in their hearts they will devoutly resolve to do their duty and pay to God His portion of their earnings, as every Christian should do, all church indebtedness will soon be paid, a better spirit will exist, and conscience will be dismantled of a burden that otherwise may remain. Our concluding word, a prayer: May the day soon come when the eyes of our Lutheran people will be opened and their hearts responsive to their Christian duty set forth in our adorable Lord's command: „Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

P. C. WIKE.

Guelph. On March 25th, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Kreller, 7 Harris street.

While St. Paul's Easter communion was not so largely attended at is might have been, the Resurrection Festival was devoutly fulfilled, and heartily enjoyed unto edification. The choir sang appropriate anthems most acceptably.

The religious census of Guelph is in progress and these fine days (April 15) will contribute to the pleasure. St. Paul's committees have the Stand Pipe district—No. 8 Mrs. Kaempf, Mrs. Batterby, Mrs. N. Liphardt and Mrs. Keil are now on their duty rounds. May they enjoy courteous reception.

During the month, a number have been sufferers: Mrs. Rothmel, Mrs. Grundy, Miss R. Mogk, Mrs. Simmons and Mr. Krueger. They are recovering or have already recovered. Mrs. Messner and Mrs. Doersam are making marked improvement. Mr. C. Behrend is much relieved from a very severe attack of rheumatism. All are venturing out to profit by the clear, bright sunshine and warming air. May the good Lord hasten the recovery of all.

The Holy Communion will be administered in St. Paul's Church on Pentecost, May 11th. It is hoped a class of six boys and one young man will be ready for confirmation. Welcome them, and help them in this beginning of the Christian active life. God add to each His grace.

Before this reaches our members, the Council will have carried out their Every Member Canvass for renewed and enlarged weekly pledge, and to gather the Synodical and General Council Home Mission apportionments. We bespeak for them cordial reception and generous response. They are about the Father's business, and are ambassadors of the King.

Our tithe would annually meet all remaining expenses, all apportionments, and wipe out all indebtedness in less than five years. To convince ourselves, let us try it, accept God's challenge, and experience His promised blessing.

R. R. D.

Hamilton. About six months ago, the members of Trinity Sunday School, realizing that there are a great many children in Hamilton without any Sunday School connection, decided to hold a red and blue membership contest for the purpose of enrolling some of them. The girls (blues) worked against the boys (reds) and it was agreed that the losing side should banquet the winners at the close of the contest.

Since the beginning of the contest sixty-eight new scholars have been enrolled. The attendance and offerings have steadily kept pace with the increased enrollment, until on April 6th, the goal aimed at was passed; the attendance being 156. During the past quarter the regular offerings of the School amounted to over \$75.

In the contest the reds succeeded in defeating the blues by adding three scholars more to the roll than their fair opponents. In consequence of their defeat, the latter banquetted the former on April 8th. After partaking of the supper the girls had prepared, the boys felt fully repaid for their efforts in the contest. A number of addresses, hymns and musical numbers added to the pleasantness of the evening, and made it one long to be remembered by the 125 persons who were present to enjoy it.

The cradle roll, too, had put forth special efforts towards an increased enrollment during the past few months; so that it now numbers 59 babies, who regularly receive the "In Mother's Arms" quarterlies.

The children went into their membership contest with such energy that their fathers caught the spirit and wanted to join the School too. The result was that a class for men over 21 years of age was formed. It meets every Sunday before the morning service for a systematic study of God's Word. It numbers some thirty members, all of whom are intensely interested and enthused over their class. They intend to send a delegation to the Laymen's Convention at Port Colborne, this month.

Thus far the work and progress of our Sunday School has been most gratifying, but we are not yet satisfied. We believe that the Sunday School should be the church at school, and our aim is to have every member of the church, from the tiniest baptized babe to the oldest grandparent, connected with the Sunday School. If they cannot come to the School, it will take the School to them. For this purpose a Home Department is to be started in connection with our School. Plans are being made for a vigorous, systematic canvass both for the purpose of organizing the Home Department and to ascertain the possibilities of opening a branch Sunday School in East Hamilton.

E. H. BECKMAN.

Excursion to Conventions.

The Luther League of St. Peter's Church, Ottawa, is making an effort to get up a party to go from Prescott, via Toronto and Niagara Falls to the Port Colborne conventions. Special rates can be secured if a sufficient number of tickets are purchased

at Prescott together. Should any of our friends in the Eastern Conference be interested in this proposition, they are kindly requested to communicate with Mr. J. A. Loa, 104 Stanley Avenue, Ottawa.

Morrisburg. The Easter communions were well attended in both churches. The benevolent offerings amounted to about seventy dollars. The following persons were confirmed in St. John's congregation: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall, Beatrice Hall, Irvin Hall, Dora Bowman, Maggie Schwerdfeger and Louise Hayunga.

A class is being instructed for confirmation in St. Paul's, for Pentecost Sunday.

Owing to the frequent rains the bad roads have made pastoral work extremely difficult through the country.

Mrs. Hunter and family have moved from the island opposite St. John's Church, into the parsonage recently, and will take care of the church.

L. M. McC.

Ottawa. The annual meeting of St. Peter's congregation will be held Thursday evening, May 8th. The W. H. and F. M. Society holds its annual meeting in the afternoon, at the King Daughters hall, and is going to make arrangements for another supper, in the evening, before the congregational meeting. A good attendance is expected at both.

Besides those mentioned in our last issue who united with the congregation on Palm Sunday, there were received into membership at Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Runge, Mr. F. J. Bengtson, and Miss Signa Florence Arne, making a total of seven communicants added to the church at Easter.

At the special meeting held March 28th, the Finance Committee reported some progress. Misses Woito and Brose had been most successful in the canvass for the Building Fund. About one-third of the \$1,000, which the congregation wants to try to raise for this purpose, within a year, is already in sight. Some of these pledges, however, are conditional on the success of the church in raising the full amount. Resolutions were passed restricting the use of the Building Fund, and fixing the pastor's salary. The latter is to be reconsidered at the annual meeting. It was also resolved: "That the congregation do all in its power to support the general fund of the church."

The benevolent offerings of the congregation have been showing a marked increase

of late. It is determined not only to meet its apportionment this year in full for Synod, but also for Home Missions and all the rest of the objects for which we are apportioned by the General Council. Whatever shortage there will be by May 1st, the Luther League proposes to make up by giving the necessary amount out of the proceeds, which it expects to gain by the concert and sketch, to be given under its auspices on May 5th, at 8 p.m., in St. George's Parish Hall.

The Luther League's twenty-fifth anniversary was commemorated on Sunday evening, April 20th. Papers and addresses on the origin, development, object, work, opportunities, the badge, motto, colors, and future of the League, were delivered by Messrs. Pharaoh, J. A. Loa, C. M. Sternberg, Mrs. K. L. McIntosh, and Miss M. Roeske. Pastor Clemens spoke about, "The Rising Generation." Special music was rendered. The League is giving a good account of itself.

The Sunday School is steadily growing. Several new members have been received lately, and attendance is increasing. The Sunday School Easter festival, held on the first Sunday after Easter, was successful and well attended. The teachers and officers meet monthly. The first Sunday in the month is observed as Missionary Sunday. On this Sunday a brief account is given of some missionary hero or work.

The W. H. and F. M. Society held its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Lindblad, 122 Beech street. With the coming of spring, it is showing signs of renewed life and energy.

Port Colborne and Humberstone. Our services Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday were very inspiring. On Palm Sunday morning this year's catechetical class, consisting of five girls and two boys, were publicly examined in the catechism. The children gave ready and correct answers, much to the satisfaction of pastor, congregation and friends. The pastor based his charge to the children on Rev. 2:10: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Then the pastor administered the rite of confirmation to the seven candidates. The choir contributed much to the beauty of the service. The Ladies' Aid decorated with cut flowers and palms, while Mr. Ortner, an experienced gardener and florist, decorated with greens. At the public service in the evening, Mrs. E. Mehlenbacher was received into the congregation by confirmation. The services were well attended this day.

Good Friday was observed by public services morning and evening. In spite of the terrible rain-storm, we had fair congregations.

Holy Communion was administered Easter Sunday morning. Many guests appeared at the Lord's table. Regular service was held in the evening and was largely attended. We had no children's service, as is our custom, owing to the fact that the choir and members of the Sunday School staff are busy preparing for the conventions.

Our Easter accessions were: By confirmation, 8; previous, 7; otherwise, 1. Total, 16.

One of our young men, Mr. N. A. Hesler, who is employed with the Canada Cement Co., Limited, and late of Montreal, is making good. Recently he came out first in the contest among the chief clerks for efficiency, and the company honored him with the prize of \$100. Mr. Hesler spent a few days before Palm Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hesler, Humberstone, previous to leaving for South America, where he has been sent by his employer, to rearrange the company's books there. We have not yet heard of his arrival.

The Ladies' Aid Society, at a recent meeting decided to install electric light in the church. This requires the expenditure of quite a large sum of money; but this active church society can well see the way clear to meeting this expense, as electric light in the church will supply a long-felt want. The "Trinity Girls," composed of the young ladies of the Luther League, have kindly donated \$20 towards the chandeliers. The electricians are busy in our church now. The Ladies' Aid is also planning other improvements.

The Third Sunday after Easter quarterly congregational meeting was held after the morning service. Much business was transacted. The congregation decided to have the church and parsonage painted this spring. Also Mrs. F. A. Deterling, formerly of St. Peter's Lutheran Church (Missouri), was received into the congregation. Our services on this Sunday were well attended. We had with us strangers from Lutheran churches from afar. In the morning a young man from a General Council church in Milwaukee, found his way to our services. In the evening a Mr. Schmidt, a member of the Canada Synod congregation in Stratford, attended our services. The writer, during his student days, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, in Stratford, while supplying the pulpit of the Stratford congregation during its vacancy. These two brethren are temporarily employed as millwrights. Also there was present at the evening Mr. E. A. Hurst, of Welland,

and his young bride, who is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri), at Gas Line, but who will be transferred to our church. Mr. Hurst is now being prepared for confirmation to take place about Pentecost. They reside in Welland, and will be members of our church.

W. H. K.

Unionville. The anniversary services held in January were largely attended. The offering amounted to \$125. Rev. F. A. Bowers, of Philadelphia was the preacher.

The Easter communion was largely attended; five were received into the congregation by the rite of confirmation.

On Easter Sunday evening the Sunday School celebrated the Livingstone Centenary.

At the annual congregational meeting steps were taken to renovate and repair the parsonage during the coming summer.

The oldest member of the congregation, Mr. George Summerfeldt, who has been very poorly during the winter, is rapidly recovering and hopes are entertained that he will be able to attend the services during the summer months.

J. J. MAURER.

Williamsburg. The following persons were received into communicant membership, on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week: Miss Velma Barkley, Miss Elizabeth Casselman, Garnet Casselman, Irwin Empey, Miss Lora Fetterly, Miss Sadie Saddlemire, Walter Saddlemire, Hugh Whitteker and Miss Ethel Whitteker. By transfer. Mrs. Ora McIntosh, and on profession of faith: Mr. and Mrs. Festus Whitteker. There should be a great many more at Whitsunday.

We are thankful to say that the baby at the parsonage, who has been seriously ill for more than four weeks, is improving nicely, and we hope for a speedy recovery and gain in weight.

On Thursday morning, April 3rd, Mrs. Uriah Whitteker, widow of the late Uriah Whitteker, was called to her eternal reward, after a brief illness, lasting only six days. She was buried from St. Peter's Church, on the second Sunday after Easter, the same day as her husband, a year ago. She lived to be 83 years seven months and two days old, and leaves seven dutiful children, and nineteen grandchildren to mourn her departure. She loved the habita-

tion of God's house, and as long as she was able was in her place each Lord's day. Verily she shall be missed.

The severe windstorm on Good Friday night damaged one of the west-side windows in the church, and had it occurred at any other time, than the hour of service, all of the windows would have been demolished. The accident was comparatively slight, and has been all repaired and all the windows have been strengthened, so as to insure against such an experience next time.

Wedding bells have been ringing, of which we will speak in next issue.

C. A. D.

Winnipeg. In our last issue we stated in connection with Dr. Bjarnason's resignation that he would become pastor emeritus so soon as another man had been secured to take up the active work of the pastorate of the First (Icelandic) Lutheran Church, at Winnipeg. Dr. Bjarnason informs us that the congregation did not accept his resignation, but requested that he continue to act as its pastor, promising to call an associate pastor, which it has done. The Rev. H. Leo, a graduate of our G. C. Seminary at Chicago, was called, but did not accept.—Editor.

Treasurer's Report. List of payments received by me during March, 1913:

March 8. St. Paul's, Morrisburg, Ladies' Aid, Bethany Orphanage, \$5.00.

March 14. Holy Trinity, Port Colborne, Apportionment, \$8.00; Seminary, from T. F. White, \$25.00.

March 14. St. Paul's, Toronto, President's travelling expenses, \$2.00.

March 17. St. John's, Buttonville (Mrs. Stiver's Class), for Seminary, \$2.00.

March 17. St. Paul's, Guelph, for Seminary, \$10.10.

March 18. Zion, Sherwood, for Foreign Missions, \$5.33; for Church Extension, \$7.75.

March 24. Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, for Bethany Orphanage, \$20.00; for Apportionment, \$32.88; for Home Missions, \$25.25; General Council Apportionment, \$2; Ministers' Relief Fund, \$1.60; Seminary, \$1. Total \$147.91.

C. H. FIERHELLER,

Treasurer.

Westmount, Que. Since Easter Sunday

the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, has been making sole use of the Bethlehem Congregational Church, Westmount, and have been holding their services again at the regular times, 11 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening. The deal for the purchase of this property by our congregation is almost consummated, and as soon as the deeds are signed the property will pass over into the hands of the Lutherans. The new pews which were ordered over two months ago from the Valley City Seating Company, Dundas, Ont., are at the present time being erected in the church, the work being done by the men of the congregation. The pews are very comfortable and they give a very churchly appearance to the interior of the building. The remaining alterations to be made in the church proper will be completed as soon as possible, and it is hoped that the dedicatory services can be held some time in May, before the meeting of Synod.

The illustrated lecture on the Life of Dr. Martin Luther, given by Prof. C. Beiler, under the auspices of our Laymen's Association last month, was very successful. A large gathering of people listened attentively to the speaker's address and gazed with interest upon the lantern slides as they were thrown upon the screen. The receipts from the lecture will, no doubt, be about \$70. It is to be regretted that the expenses will exceed what was anticipated at the beginning. The delay in the arrival of the new pews for the church made it necessary for the committee to rent chairs for this occasion, and this item for chairs was the largest in the expense account.

A number of persons were recently received into the membership of the congregation: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Viberg, Mr. William Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitteker and Mr. J. A. Johnson. Several others are expected to unite in the near future.

The Luther League is still gaining in membership. Mr. FredENZ was proposed and received as a member at the last business meeting. The League now numbers 43. The Sunday evening devotional meetings were resumed on the first Sunday evening after Easter. The League is at present working on a musical which will be given in the church on Thursday evening May 15th. A strong programme will be rendered, the talent taking part in the musical coming from outside of the congregation. The male quartette, which gave several selections for the League at its sacred concert in November, will be one of the draw-

ing cards for this musical. The League expects to make a success of the undertaking. At the last business meeting held the League decided to pay for the re-lettering of the church board, containing the church services and their time, etc. The Church Council, by the vote of the League, is authorized to proceed with this work.

Pastor Lauer and his family have moved from their former residence, 19 Essex Ave., to the parsonage at the new church. His new address is 285 Clarke Avenue, Westmount, Telephone, Westmount, 5092.

The Church Extension pyramids were distributed among the Sunday School scholars with the result that seven dollars and ten cents has thus far been gathered in for this important work of the church. There are still a number of pyramids not handed in as yet, which we hope will increase the amount already raised.

On Sunday, April 20th, Pastor Lauer will celebrate the first anniversary of his pastorate of the Redeemer congregation. He was installed on the evening of April 21st, 1912, by the then President of the Synod, Rev. M. J. Bieber, M.A. The first service of the Redeemer congregation ever held in a church building was the evening service at which Pastor Lauer was installed, and this service was held in the same building which the congregation has secured as a permanent church home. The anniversary services will be observed on the part of the pastor by special sermons.

Our congregation has recently been granted a certificate of incorporation by action of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. As the law under the Act of Incorporation requires that a Board of Trustees of not less than five and not over nine be elected to carry on the business of the congregation for buying and selling, and as our congregation had heretofore only three trustees, the following two men were elected at a congregational meeting: Mr. J. E. Christoffersen and Mr. Douglas Whitteker.

W. H. C. L.

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