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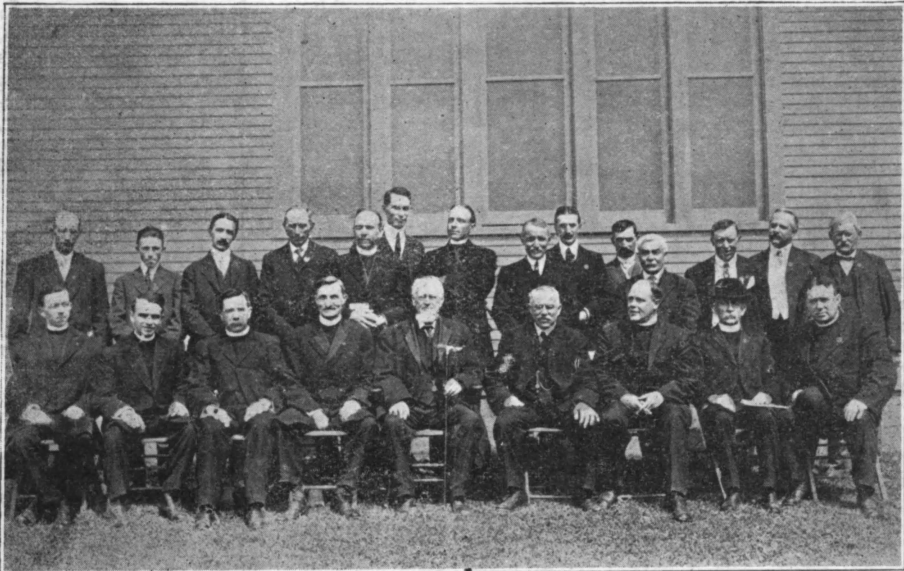
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**Pastors and Delegates Who Attended the Fifth Annual Convention of the
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, May 26th to 29th,
1913, in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Humberstone, Ont.
The Rev. W. H. Knauff, Pastor.**



BACK ROW (left to right)—Jesse I. Casselman, J. Arnt Loa, E. A. Bartmann, Peter McIntosh, Rev. J. A. Miller, N. Willison, Rev. W. C. Miller, Rev. R. R. Durst, Leon Irschick, Elza Barkley, F. H. Zingg, C. Lossing, J. C. Casselman, C. H. White.

SITTING (left to right)—Rev. W. H. Knauff, Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, Rev. L. M. McCreery, Rev. M. J. Bieber, Father H. Cronmiller, Rev. Jacob Maurer, Rev. C. A. Dennig, Rev. P. C. Wike, Rev. J. J. Clemens.

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EDITORIAL & CONVENTION NOTES

What is the matter with Port Colborne? It is all right! Who says so? We all say so, who attended the Conventions.

The Place. It is fine: peaceful, prosperous, progressive. How could it be otherwise when we recall that it is preëminently a Lutheran community. No less than five Lutheran churches are found within a radius of a few miles of the twin-towns, Port Colborne-Humberstone. All are German, except Holy Trinity, Humberstone, where our conventions were held, which is exclusively English.

The towns are located at the Lake Erie entrance to the Welland Canal, about 23 miles west of Buffalo, N.Y.

They are in the great electrical power zone, where power is furnished at one-third the cost of steam. Four of the largest electrical power companies in the world are located within a few miles of Port Colborne. When the extension of the present mill of the Maple Leaf Milling Co. is completed, the largest individual mill in the British Empire will be located in Port Colborne, having a capacity for 9,000 barrels of flour per day.

This place is also noted as a summer resort. Loraine, on the east, Solid Comfort and Sugar Loaf, on the west, are well-known throughout Canada and the United States; for the summer pilgrims to the rejuvenating airs of Port Colborne come from all parts of the continent.

Being located at the southern extremity of what is known all over the country as the Garden of Canada, in the midst of the fruit belt, vegetables and fruits are grown here in abundance. Well might the pastor of Holy Trinity, Humberstone, say with the Psalmist: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

The People. Lutheran "gemütlichkeit" and hospitality characterized the reception given to us by the kind people of Brother Knauff's parish. We (the editor and his wife) were royally entertained by the highly honored and respected Police Magistrate of the village of Humberstone, Mr. F. J. Quin, an Irish-Lutheran, whose capable housekeeper is a German-Lutheran. Mr. Quin is a recent convert to the Lutheran Church, having been brought up in the

Church of England, a man of sound judgment, business sagacity, and a warm friend of the church. If he is a fair representative of the members of Holy Trinity Church, Brother Knauff is, indeed, to be congratulated. These good people also show their appreciation of their pastor, by their recent action of raising his salary \$100.00 per annum. Let the other congregations in our Synod take notice of this, and "go and do likewise,"—follow Holy Trinity's example and President Maurer's advice.

That they have men of means in the congregation, which was our hostess, we learn from the fact that one of its members, Father Cronmiller, is having built, at his own expense, the addition being erected in the rear of the church, for small gatherings. It certainly is a valuable adjunct, and was made good use of, both for the Women's Missionary Society exhibit and committee meetings during the conventions.

The excellent music rendered by the choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Kanold, was also greatly appreciated by all the visiting delegates.

The Purpose. It is "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," which annually brings us together in these conventions. "Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,—Our comforts and our cares."

We live in an age of conventions. There are, however, conventions and conventions. People of all professions and walks in life find it an imperative necessity to get together to confer with each other upon subjects pertaining to their particular interest and calling. The convention idea is not a new one. It originated in heaven with the angels who started a rebellion against the King of Heaven. On earth the first convention was held in Eden which, like its proto-type in heaven, had disastrous results. But, not all conventions are bad. In history we read of many councils of different kinds being held, many of which had noble aims and purposes in view. Formerly the assemblies of ecclesiastical dignitaries were called councils. When the politicians got together for the promotion of their interests the name convention was applied to their

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gatherings,—perhaps this was because their meetings were more conventional and sedate than the Church Councils!

To-day every one convenes. The governors and the governed hold conventions. The premiers and parliamentarians convene. "So do the janitors and the chimney-sweepers. The athletes of the world convene in Olympic games. The doctors, lawyers and undertakers have their national societies. So do the interior decorators, the canary breeders, the vacuum cleaners, the amalgamated organ pumpers, the institute of pie-makers, the ancient order of weary-willies and beggars, and innumerable other bodies.

Some one has said that the chief object of most conventions is to elect officers and choose a meeting place for next year, and that entertaining conventions is a profitable business for many cities. Conventions are usually let out to the highest bidder and two banquets, an automobile ride around the city, a steamboat excursion, a smoker and a two-pound badge, together with a speech by the mayor, are necessary to land the shyest and most diffident body.

Such may be the case with conventions of a worldly nature, and with worldly objects. Such were not, however, the attractions, nor the purpose, which brought us together at Humberstone-Port Colborne.

It was in the interest of the Church, the Bride of Christ—the greatest moral, social and spiritual factor in the world, that we met together. May He, who is the Head of the Church, in whose name we have planned, and labored, over-rule our shortcomings and mistakes, and help us to carry out the resolutions adopted, which meet with His favor and are according to His will. When we meet together in His spirit, and name, then, also:

"When we asunder part,

It gives us inward pain,

But we shall still be joined in heart,

And hope to meet again."

WANTED—A few more efficient Sunday School teachers for boys and girls, who would come to Sunday School if their parents or some one urged them.

Our Future. Just a word with regard to the future of our publication. With this issue our first volume comes to a close. Our paper has been well received, and the Synod, at its recent convention, has decided that its publication be continued. We thank all who have contributed toward its success in the past, and herewith kindly ask for your interest and assistance in the future, which is needed in order to assure the permanency of our publication. If all the pastors of our Synod will, besides continuing monthly to send in their parish news notes and items of general interest, also appoint a "Canada Lutheran" Committee to solicit subscriptions in their parishes, we would greatly appreciate this favor. Unless new subscription lists are received from the parishes, or a notice of discontinuance of the paper, from individual subscribers, we shall continue to send it to all subscribers now on our lists. If you have not paid for the first year's subscription, kindly forward the same at once to your local agent, or to our new Treasurer, together with 50 cents for the second year's subscription; for which we thank you in advance.

We bespeak success for the two new laymembers of the Publication Committee, while we heartily thank the retiring members for their interest and coöperation in the past.

Reports. We are grateful to the correspondents from the various societies, for the reports of the recent conventions, which we gladly publish in this issue, in the hope they may be read with interest by all our readers.

LOST—By Idler, from Lazyville, a casket full of golden minutes, each studded with sixty diamond seconds. As the costly treasure was lost in or near the slough of Idleness, it may be considered irretrievably lost. But the loser can make up for the loss, by devoting his time and energies hereafter, in the service of the King of kings.

REPORTS OF CONVENTIONS

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION.

The fourth annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of Central Canada was held in Holy Trinity Church, Humberstone, Ont., the Rev. W. H. Knauff, pastor, Sunday evening, May 25th, and Monday morning and afternoon, May 26th.

At the rally on Sunday evening, the Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, of Montreal, conducted Vespers. Excellent addresses of unusual interest were given by Missionary Kuder, of Rajahmundry, India, and the Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Superintendent of Slav Missions.

The business session opened Monday morning at 9.30, the pastor-loci conducting Matins. The roll showed that twenty delegates, representing thirteen societies, were in attendance. Three new societies were admitted into the Synodical Society—St. Peter's, Preston; First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, and the Junior Missionary Society, of St. Peter's, Williamsburg. Mrs. F. E. Jensen, of Buffalo, extended the greetings of the Western Conference Society of the New York and New England Synod.

Mrs. W. H. Knauff, President of the Humberstone Society, welcomed the delegates and friends most heartily. Mrs. J. C. Casselman, of Montreal, responded in a very pleasing manner.

The President, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, read her report, which was referred to a Committee on President's Report, who offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

First, "That all societies endeavor to raise the \$1 per member, for Special Home Mission Fund, by July 1st.

Second, "That we continue to ask those societies, which have not already done so, to take out a life membership.

Third, "That we continue to raise funds for the Lutheran Hospice in Montreal.

Fourth, "That this society raise \$100.00 toward the education of a young woman for a worker on the India field.

Fifth, "That all monies raised for Porto Rico be used for the church in San Juan.

Sixth, "That Slav mission work be taken up by this society and that a committee on the same be established.

Seven, "That our Church literature be carefully studied and that Mission Study Classes be formed."

The Treasurer, Mrs. F. Frisby, reported as follows:

Total receipts	\$509.38
Total expenditures	361.44

Balance on hand	\$147.84
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Among other things recommended by the Executive Committee, and adopted by the society, was that the offering of the rally be devoted to the Lutheran Hospice at Montreal, and that the name of the society be changed from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, of the Synod of Central Canada, to the Women's Missionary Society of Central Canada.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Berlin.

Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. C. Lauer, Montreal.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Dennig, Williamsburg.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. C. Ludolph, Toronto.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa.

The following are the delegates to the General Council Society Convention, to be held at Toledo, Ohio, September 16, 17: The President, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Mrs. W. H. Knauff, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, and Mrs. Fred Stahlschmidt.

Two very edifying papers, "Home Missions; Our Opportunities and Responsibilities," by Mrs. F. E. Jensen, of Buffalo, and "Medical Missions," by Mrs. F. F. Fry, of Rochester, N.Y., were read, and a round-table conducted by Rev. Kuder, were some of the good things of the afternoon session.

MRS. C. A. DENNIG,

Secretary.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION.

The fifth annual convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, was held in Holy Trinity Church, Humberstone, Rev. W. H. Knauff, pastor, Sunday, May 25th, 1913, at 2.30 p.m.

The devotional service was conducted by Mr. N. Willison, of Waterloo.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. C. H. Stiver, Unionville, who presided at both afternoon and evening sessions.

Addresses were made by Mr. C. G. Grauer, Buffalo, N.Y., and Dr. C. J. Johannes, Hamilton.

Reports were received from the President, Treasurer and Committees, also of delegates from local movements.

THE CANADA LUTHERAN.

On motion of Mr. N. Willison and Dr. C. J. Johannes, the delegates pledged themselves to urge their respective congregations to have the President visit each congregation once a year, with a view to promoting the laymen's work.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. C. H. Stiver, Unionville.

Vice-President—Mr. A. Akerlindh, Ottawa.

Secretary—Mr. Henry Shennett, Morrisburg.

Treasurer—Mr. J. C. Casselman, Montreal.

Mr. C. H. Stiver and Dr. C. J. Johannes were appointed organizers for the Western

LUTHER LEAGUE.

By Frank H. Hesler, Humberstone, Ont.

One of the largest, if not the largest, church conventions ever held in this district, took place in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, on May 24th. Up to the close of the evening session, seventy-five delegates had registered from Montreal, Morrisburg, Williamsburg, Ottawa, Riverside, Toronto, Unionville, Hamilton, Berlin, Waterloo, New Hamburg, Guelph, Galt, and Brantford.

The first session was held on Saturday morning devotional services being conducted by the pastor-loci, Rev. W. H. Knauff. Fred C. Hesler, President of the local



Delegates to the Luther League Convention.

district; Mr. Henry Shennett for the Eastern district.

Mr. C. H. Stiver and Mr. Henry Shennett were appointed delegates to the Laymen's Canadian Council to be held in Toronto.

The meeting was closed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer. Benediction by Mr. N. Willison

HENRY SHENNETT,
Secretary.

FOUND—A rich mine, full of gold and precious jewels, a mine of inexhaustible wealth. Shares can be obtained only by diligent study of the Word of God and by prayer, which open to all seekers, the richest store-house of God's grace and mercy.

League, and the Canada Luther League, extended a hearty welcome to all the delegates and visitors, and the response was delivered by Rev. J. J. Clemens, of Ottawa, Vice-president, who, after telling of the hearty welcome the visitors had received, announced that this convention would have as its motto, "Peace, Prosperity, Progress."

At this session the reports of the various Leagues were read, one striking feature being the number of Leagues raising funds by free-will offerings only. The statistical report proved very interesting, showing seventeen Leagues in affiliation with the State League, and comprising nearly one thousand members, an increase of sixty-three for

the year being reported. They had raised \$1,600, most of which was spent in benevolence.

Revds. Klaehn and Vollker, and Miss Bernhart, delegates from the Jugendbund, were accorded the privilege of the floor, and delivered fine addresses, telling of the great work the German and English young people had before them.

The afternoon session was entirely given over to the business of the League, with the exception of a short address by Rev. Dr. Ramer, Superintendent of Slav Missions.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—G. Boyer, Hamilton.

Vice-President—Rev. M. J. Bieber, Berlin.

Recording Secretary—J. Arnt Loa, Ottawa.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss L. Vollmer, Galt.

Treasurer—Henry Shennett, Morrisburg.

Trustees—J. C. Casselman, F. C. Hesler, Mrs. J. J. Clemens.

At this session the League of the First Lutheran Church, Berlin, and the District League of Eastern Canada were received into membership. At the close of the business session, Rev. M. J. Bieber conducted the question box.

At the grand rally in the evening the speakers were Rev. P. Altpeter, of Buffalo, who urged the young people not to be putty men, but manly men and womanly women, as the Church could only measure her strength by the strength of character displayed by her members.

The Hon. W. G. Weichel, M.P., of North Waterloo, delivered a patriotic address on "Canada and its Relation to the Empire." Mr. Weichel was in fine form, and kept the large audience interested from beginning to end, taking them on an imaginary aeroplane trip from Halifax to Vancouver.

Miss E. Gertrude Durst and Miss Laura Vollmer read ten-minute papers on, "Where Shall We Put the Emphasis?"

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem, and benediction pronounced by Rev. J. J. Clemens, of Ottawa.

PERSONAL. If you are anxious or perplexed about your own or some one else's future, or if you are afflicted with sickness or grief, do not go to clairvoyants, fortune-tellers or spiritualist fakes; but, bring your trouble direct to the Great Physician, who is able to heal both body and soul—tell it to Jesus.

SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.

The fifth annual convention of the Synod of Central Canada, held in Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Humberstone, Ont., the Rev. W. H. Knauff, pastor.

The opening service was held on Monday evening, May 26th. The service of confession and absolution was followed by the Chief Service, the President of Synod preaching the sermon, based on Acts 5:32. The Holy Communion was partaken of by the pastors, lay delegates, and several of the congregation. Miss Mary Froehlick, of Waterloo, Ont., favored the congregation with a solo. The choir also sang an appropriate anthem.

At the close of the service, the President appointed the following committees:

Credential—The Rev. W. H. Knauff, Rev. W. C. Miller, and Rev. L. M. McCreery.

Press Committee—Rev. J. J. Clemens and Rev. M. J. Bieber.

The meeting of the Executive Committee consumed all of Tuesday morning.

At 2 p.m., the business sessions were opened with the regular order, as prescribed in the Church Book, by the President, Rev. J. Maurer.

The Credential Committee reported eleven pastors and eleven lay delegates present at the opening.

The following committees were appointed:

President's Report—Rev. Robt. R. Durst, Rev. P. C. Wike, and Rev. J. A. Miller.

Auditing—Mr. Wm. Zingg, Mr. J. C. Casselman, and Mr. J. A. Loa.

Parochial Report—Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, Rev. M. J. Bieber, and Mr. N. Willison.

Excuses—Rev. W. C. Miller, Rev. W. H. Knauff, and Mr. Peter McIntosh.

Protocol—Rev. J. J. Clemens, Rev. L. M. McCreery.

Reception of Congregations—Rev. J. A. Miller, Rev. P. C. Wike.

Proceedings of Conferences—Rev. W. H. Knauff, and Rev. J. J. Clemens.

Equalization Committee—Mr. N. Willison, Mr. Elza Barkley, and Mr. Jesse I. Casselman.

Apportionment Committee—Rev. J. A. Miller, Rev. L. M. McCreery, and Mr. Jesse I. Casselman.

Committee on General Council Work—Rev. M. J. Bieber, and Rev. P. C. Wike.

The President appointed the following to act as tellers throughout the meeting of Synod: Messrs. E. A. Bartmann, Peter McIntosh, and C. A. White.

The Rev. C. A. Dennig, of Williamsburg, was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. C. H. Fierheller, of Toronto, was again re-elected Treasurer.

The Treasurer was extended a rising vote of thanks for his untiring service.

The Rev. E. Bockelman, of Waterloo, Ont., the Fraternal Delegate from the Canada Synod, brought greetings, and addressed the Synod at this session.

The report of the Seminary Board was read by the English Secretary, the Rev. M. J. Bieber. The report showed that the institution was progressing nicely and that the future was full of hope. The Synod put itself on record as being fully in accord with the Board, in expressing ourselves in favor of all the proposed forward movements, but especially would urge the calling of a proper head or President. The Board will take some action on this matter at their next meeting in June.

On Tuesday evening, Vespers were conducted by the Rev. P. C. Wike, and the Rev. J. A. Miller, of Hamilton, addressed the Synod and congregation, on "Our Seminary; Its Needs," and the Rev. J. J. Clemens, of Ottawa, on, "Why a Lutheran Hospice in Montreal?"

Wednesday morning, Matins were conducted by the Rev. L. M. McCreery, of Morrisburg. At this session, Mr. O. C. H. Kanold presented an able and very practical paper on Lutheran Hymnology, which was discussed at length, and the Rev. P. C. Wike, presented the subject of "Tithing," bringing forth a spirited discussion, which was continued after the evening service on Wednesday night.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. L. M. McCreery read a paper on "Inner Missions."

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Secretary of Synod.

The first item, regarding the observance of the Calendar for benevolent objects, as it shall appear in the minutes, was adopted.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Central Canada was granted \$10.00 worth of space in the printed minutes.

The Duplex Envelope System was recommended as the only and best system for raising finances.

The Treasurers of our congregations are asked to send all Benevolent Offerings to the Treasurer, about the first of each month.

The Home Mission Committee of Synod reported through the President. Recommendations were adopted, approving of the appropriations for our various missions; also a resolution, asking the Home Mission Board to send a field missionary into the east end of Hamilton; and also sanctioning the call of the Rev. W. C. Miller to the new field in New Ontario.

The following persons were elected on the Executive Committee for the coming year. The officers: The Rev. J. A. Miller, Rev. P. C. Wike, the Rev. L. M. McCreery, Mr.

E. A. Bartmann, Mr. C. H. Stiver, Mr. K. L. McIntosh, Mr. J. C. Casselman.

The report of the Home Mission Board of the General Council to the Synod of Central Canada was read by the President.

Synod approved of the \$800 apportioned for Home Missions, also of the Home Mission Week, to be observed November 16th to 23rd, 1913. At the request of the Home Mission Board, a special time for the prayer for more men to enter the ministry was set for the evening service.

The deficit on our Home Mission apportionment amounting to \$100.84, was ordered paid out of the Treasury of Synod.

The Rev. J. Maurer, President of Synod, was re-elected as Synod's representative on the Home Mission Board.

The Equalization Committee reported through Mr. N. Willison, that expenses of pastors and lay delegates to this meeting of Synod would amount to \$9.50 per member.

The First English Lutheran Church of Berlin, Ont., the Rev. H. J. Behrens (pastor-elect), and Rev. M. J. Bieber, field missionary, present pastor, was received into the membership of Synod.

On Wednesday evening, the twenty-fifth anniversary of President Maurer's ordination was fittingly observed, Rev. L. M. McCreery conducting the service, and Rev. M. J. Bieber preached a very pleasing and practical sermon, based on Psalm 103:2. The pastors of Synod, and members of the Executive Committee presented Rev. Maurer with a beautiful private communion set, appropriately engraved, and also twenty-five beautiful pink roses. After the presentation Pastor Maurer responded, giving an account of his 25 years in the Gospel ministry. Each pastor in the presence of the congregation, personally congratulated the President. The President of the Canada Synod, the Rev. Dr. Hoffman, telegraphed the congratulations of the Canada Synod.

Thursday morning devotions were conducted by Rev. W. C. Miller.

Greeting were read from the Chicago Synod, extended by its President, the Rev. B. F. Hoefer, of Elgin, Ill.

August 17th was set apart by our Synod as General Council Day.

The President will be the delegate to the meeting of the General Council, to be held in Toledo, Ohio, September 11th, 1913. The Rev. M. J. Bieber is elected as alternate. Mr. E. A. Bartmann, of Hamilton, lay delegate, and Mr. J. C. Casselman, of Montreal, as alternate.

Rev. H. J. Behrens, pastor-elect of the First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, Ont., was provisionally received into the Synod.

One of the important items of the Com-

mittee on President's Report adopted, was the appointment of an Educational Committee of Synod, which will consist of the members of the Seminary Board of this Synod; also the proposal of the Literature Secretary of the General Council, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., to make an itinerary of the Synod, was adopted. The item recommending the increasing of pastors' salaries was also adopted. The Executive Committee is to be the committee to arrange for the 400th anniversary of the Reformation in 1917.

The Rev. W. H. C. Lauer made a splendid report as Archivarius, and was re-elected to that office. The sum of \$10.00 was voted for the securing of proper files, etc.

The Parochial and Statistical report showed some advancement and growth in the bounds of our Synod.

We now have 1,902 confirmed members; 194 infants were baptized; 21 adults baptized, 102 were confirmed; 25 were lost by death, 5 by dismissal, 72 by removal, and 8 by exclusion. Our Sunday Schools have 146 officers and teachers, and 1,809 scholars, with an average attendance of 656. Fifty-four persons subscribe for the "Lutheran." We have 274 women interested in our Ladies' Aids and Missionary Societies. Property value is \$158,200. As a Synod we contributed for Benevolence, \$2,359.60, and for current and special expenses, \$17,217.90.

Our apportionments for all purposes this year will be as follows: Morrisburg and Riverside \$400.00; Williamsburg, \$400.00; Dunbar, \$54.00; Unionville and Buttonville, \$125.00; Humberstone, \$150.00; Montreal, \$125.00; Toronto, \$220.00; Galt, \$120.00; Guelph, \$86.00; Hamilton, \$160.00; Ottawa, \$95.00; Brantford, \$26.00; Berlin, \$110.00. A total of \$2,071.00.

Rev. J. A. Miller was re-elected as a member of the Seminary Board for a term of three years, and Mr. C. H. Stiver for a term of two years.

Rev. J. J. Clemens was added to the Committee on Montreal Hospice.

The President also appointed Rev. J. J. Clemens, and Rev. W. H. C. Lauer as a Committee on Uniform Constitutions, and it is requested that all congregations not having sent in a copy of their constitution will please do so at once.

The Committee on Church Buildings and Architecture was continued.

The Committee on Synodical Church Paper, "The Canada Lutheran," reported through the editor. The Treasurer's report showed a deficit of about \$50.00,

which was ordered paid. The editorial staff for the coming year, is to consist of the following:

Editor-in-Chief—Rev. J. J. Clemens.
Associate Editors—Rev. P. C. Wike, Rev. C. A. Dennig.

Circulating Manager and Treasurer—Mr. J. Arndt Loa.

Advertising Manager—Mr. A. H. Casselman.

Synod resolved to pay the editor \$50.00 for his services.

The Moral and Social Reform Committee had a lengthy report, which will be printed in "The Canada Lutheran."

Other committees, such as Protocol of Minutes, Proceedings of Conference, the Delegate to the Canada Synod, the Auditing Committee of "The Canada Lutheran's" Treasurer, reported; an account of which will appear in the printed minutes.

Rev. Robt. R. Durst presented suitable resolutions of thanks to the pastor, congregation, and choir of Holy Trinity Church, Humberstone, which were adopted.

The Synod will meet next year, on Dominion Day, July 1st, according to constitution.

It was also resolved to pay the sum of \$25.00 to our Treasurer for his services.

The President re-appointed Rev. L. M. McCreery, Rev. P. C. Wike, and Rev. R. R. Durst as the Examining Committee of Synod.

The President then closed the Synod with the regular service as prescribed in the Church Book.

Adjournment at 6 o'clock, Thursday, May 29th, 1913.

C. A. DENNIG,
Secretary.

NOW!

If you have kind words to say,
Say them now,
To-morrow may not come your way,
Do a kindness while you may,
Loved ones will not always stay;
Say them now.

If you have a smile to show,
Show it now,
Make hearts happy, roses grow,
Let the friends around you know
How to love them, ere they go;
Show it now.

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

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Brantford. Before this letter reaches readers of "The Canada Lutheran," the Synod will have been held at Port Colborne, the Home Mission Board will have made its recommendations, and a definite programme will have been outlined for the coming year. It will have been shown that Brantford still needs help from sister congregations, but that it has a right to receive such help. It is growing. In 1911, Brantford reported 21 communicant members, and receipts for all purposes of little more than \$86.00. In 1912, we reported 30 members, and receipts totalling over \$311.00. In 1913, we report 37 members, and receipts for all purposes of over \$542.00 for eleven months. Does not this indicate growth and development?

On May 11th, we held our annual Luther League meeting, and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Fred Warning; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank Clarke; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. F. Nicholls; Treasurer, Mr. C. F. Nicholls; Organist, Miss Lucy Clarke. The Luther League will be represented at the convention by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Fred Warning. The Ladies' Aid representatives are Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Nicholls.

Our Sunday School contributed from its birthday offerings, \$2.66 to Porto Rico Missions. It also contributed \$10 for other benevolence. Our total benevolence offerings amount to over \$40.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Lepskey and two children, of London, Ont., have taken up home in Brantford. They are Lutherans, and we are glad to see them.

The attendance at the evening service on May 11th, was 46. On May 18th, we held our annual congregational meeting.

We are glad to see Mr. Nuggie back again after an absence of a few weeks.

N. WILLISON.

reach Berlin on June 25th. A public reception will be tendered him on June 26th, to which all the Lutheran pastors and congregations in the community will be invited, and he will be installed on Sunday, June 29th.

Rev. Behrens was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1883. He was educated in the Lutheran parochial and the public schools, and received his classical training at Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio. He attended the Theological Seminary at the University, and also the Chicago Seminary. While a student at Chicago, Rev. Behrens, under the direction of the Rev. A. C. Anda, field missionary, engaged in mission work in Woodstock, Ills., and after seven weeks' canvassing, Grace English Lutheran Church was organized, with seventy-six charter members. The congregation was self-sustaining from the day of its organization.

Rev. Behrens was ordained by the Chicago Synod, at South Bend, Ind., on June 21, 1908, and on November 15th, became pastor of the Rose Bay parish. In this parish, Rev. Behrens has been liquidating church debts, remodeled St. Matthew's Church, Rose Bay, baptized 121 children, confirmed 103 persons, and increased the benevolent offerings from \$190 to \$700 per year.

In 1910, the parish granted Rev. Behrens a three months' vacation, which he spent in Europe, attending the World's Missionary Conference, at Edinburg, and travelled in Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.

Rev. Behrens has been Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Synod during the last four years, editor of the "Nova Scotia Lutheran," and President of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Lutheran Orphans' Home, at Bridgewater, N.S., during the past two years. Pastor Behrens has a wife and two children. We pray God's continued blessing upon his labors in his new field.

Pentecost was a happy day in the First English Lutheran Church. Eleven persons became members of the congregation, five by confirmation and six by card, increasing the present membership to 118, of whom 40 became members by adult confirmation, and of these thirteen received adult baptism. The Luther League had charge of the decorations.

At the annual congregational meeting, held in the evening, it was learned that the congregation and Sunday School contributed

Berlin. The First English Lutheran Church of the Twin City, at a congregational meeting held after the evening service on April 6, 1913, extended a unanimous call to the Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Rose Bay, Nova Scotia, to become pastor of the church, and after due consideration, he accepted the call on April 30th. Rev. Behrens will attend the meeting of the Nova Scotia Synod, which, on his account, meets one week earlier than scheduled, and will

\$167.53 to benevolence through the Duplex envelopes, and special offerings, \$53.00 of which was devoted to Home Missions, \$27.60 to Church Extension, \$17.50 to Foreign Missions, and some of the remainder to Persia, Jews, Orphans, Berlin hospital, Bible Society, Montreal Lutheran Hospice, Porto Rico, Slovaks, Seminary, and Ministers' Relief Fund.

Mr. C. Lossing was appointed delegate to Synod, and Mr. S. Burkholder, alternate. The congregation applied for admission into Synod, at its convention in Port Colborne.

The most successful Sunday School convention of the Middle District of the Canada Synod, in its history, was held in the Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, on Whit Monday, 169 teachers, representing nineteen Sunday Schools, pastors and visitors crowding the church to its doors. The Rev. Dr. E. Hoffmann, the Rev. E. Evers, immigration missionary, New York, and the Rev. M. Voelker, New Hamburg, made inspiring addresses. The offering, over \$300, will be devoted to missions. The convention next year will be held in New Hamburg. The officers are: President, Dr. Hoffmann; Secretary, Rev. M. Voelker; Treasurer, Rev. F. Veit.

The 52nd convention of the Canada Synod began on Wednesday evening, May 14th, with a sermon by President Dr. Hoffmann. The Synod numbers three conferences, 42 ministers, 78 congregations, 25,000 baptized and 14,000 confirmed members. It has 34 parochial schools, with 1,000 pupils, and 61 Sunday Schools with 5,000 members. Its property value is \$500,000, in 1911-12 it contributed \$67,000 to local expenses, and \$12,000 to benevolences. The Synod averaged \$5.00 per member for local expenses, and 88 cents per member for benevolence.

Missionary and benevolent causes were presented by noted speakers during each evening of the convention. Holy Communion was administered on Trinity Sunday morning, and Candidate Mr. Gorman, from Germany, was ordained on Sunday evening. Very important missionary, educational and benevolent problems were decided by the convention. The meetings were held in St. John's Church, Waterloo, the Rev. E. Bocklemann, pastor. The convention closed on Monday, May 19th.

M. J. B.

Dunbar. St. Luke's Mission is vacant. The Rev. A. M. Hahn has resigned. Mrs. Hahn fell asleep in Jesus on May 20th, and was buried on the 23rd. Our heart goes out in sympathy to Brother Hahn. He certainly has had more than his share of trouble lately. May the Great

Consoler be near and sustain him in this hour of his great bereavement.—Editor.

Galt. This is quite a busy season for a pastor, with double duty. Many pastoral cares fill the time from Easter to Pentecost. Much of ours was catechetical work at night in individual homes, and yet the end is not.

On Whitsunday we had three accessions by confirmation. The total additions to our roll of communicants for the spring season are thirteen.

Since our last letter, one death, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Krupp. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Our sympathies are with them as they mourn the absence of their dear babe.

Some of our annual meetings have been held, and reports were encouraging, showing a healthy progress in the work of each. The Ladies' Aid reelected the officers of the preceding year. The Luther League elected Mr. Carlson president for the next six months. He was president of the League in his home church in the States, hence came to our work with experience. He and Mrs. Carlson, with quite a number of other new members, are warmly welcomed by our League. On the evening of May 16th, our League held another rally. Our people attended in encouraging numbers. The addresses were made by Students Remby and Sorrenson. Both did well, and gave us much valuable truth. The former's subject was, "The Doctrinal and Practical Side of Young Christian Life." Many quotations from God's Word were given to prove the doctrinal side. It was urged that the practical life must conform to, and not belie our confessions of faith. The subject of Mr. Sorrenson was, "The Devotional Life of the Young." The young Christian must not only believe and do, but "walk with God." The whole effort was full of timely advice to the young as well as to the older folk. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," was the basis of his thought. Considering this to be his first public effort, it was very creditable. Our people will want to see and hear these young men again. A free-will offering was asked to aid the League in supporting their mission instructor in India. The offerings amounted to \$6.05. A very well rendered duet by Messrs. Percy Kay and James Wallace pleased the congregation.

At this time written examinations in our Seminary go merrily on. While Prof. Linke attends the Canada Synod, in session in St. John's, Waterloo, the English instruc-

tors occupy the time at the Seminary holding examinations. That season is always one of deep concern to the earnest and honest student. Too much depends upon results for him to be indifferent concerning it. Truly, the way of the student is hard! It is not simply spending the time at school, but improving it, that makes the man. Hard work in school, hard work in the Seminary, hard work as pastors in the ripe field. So, do not get discouraged, young men, for God gives the devoted servant strength and wisdom for the hour and season and life. If in the end we come to life's closing hour tired and bowed under the burden of years of toil for His glory, only rejoice, for the essence of His promises that awaits us will prove to be an infinite compensation. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Next is the convention of the Synod of Central Canada, and its daughters. What a warm welcome awaits us at Port Colborne, by Rev. Knauff and his good people, judging from what we have seen from time to time. May it prove the best meeting in every way in the history of the young Synod. May it prove such a local blessing that the pastor and his people will be anxious for its repetition.

P. C. WIKE.

Guelph. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Muir. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schoenfeldt, on April 22nd. Baptized, at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rau, 22 Exhibition street, May 2nd, 1913, their son, William George, born January 14th, 1912.

In St. Paul's Church, Lord's day, April 20, 1913, Reta Amelia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Kreller, born March 25, 1913.

On Whitsunday, after proper instruction, the following named were received as full communicant members of St. Paul's Church, by rite of confirmation: Robert Henry Hudson, Arthur Herman Mogk, Charles Kilmister Scriven, George Harold Weber, Roy Alex. Nelson Schrenck, Rudolph Frederick Berner, and Harry John Braun. By the divine grace may they be preserved steadfast in this faith—even until death.

The attendance upon the Holy Communion on Pentecost was larger by several than any previous communion in St. Paul's. The number of members receiving the sacrament of the altar during the Synodical year was 104, a considerable increase over the

record of any previous year. May the day soon come when every member is a regular attendant upon every administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood unto absolution.

At the annual meeting, May 14, after hearing the encouraging reports of all treasurers, the following persons were elected to the Church Council: For one year, Mr. W. L. Keil (vice Mr. C. Liphardt, whose resignation was accepted with regret); for three years, Messrs. W. J. Scriven, W. B. Allen and J. H. Weber. Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid.

At the annual meeting, May 5th, the Luther League elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Leon Irschick; Vice-president, Ream Durst; Treasurer, Miss Edna Weber; Corresponding Secretary, Miss C. Behrend; Recording Secretary, Miss Gertrude Durst. The delegates chosen for the convention at Port Colborne, on May 24th, are Misses Louise Kaempf and Gertrude Durst, and Messrs. Leon Irschick, Louis Wolfenber, and Frederick Kaempf.

On the evening of May 2nd, the Ladies' Aid and Luther League united in a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. L. Pendar, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen, 75 Strange street. The effort was a success in every respect.

For Wednesday evening, May 21st, Miss Nora Krause has invited the Luther League to a linen shower for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Chas. Krause, at the family home, 16 Melville street.

Those formerly noted among the sick are much improved and able again to be about, although Mrs. George Doersam is much distressed by a continued defect of sight. May the Lord mercifully restore vision. Mr. Paul Bennewitz, who recently received serious injury from a fall while alighting from a train, is again at home, after spending some days in the General Hospital. By divine favor may he speedily recover. Miss Alice Ames, a member, now from Toronto, is just released, after spending a month in the above institution.

Subscribers, take notice. Miss Edna Weber, Treasurer of the Luther League, has kindly consented to act as Receiving Agent for "The Canada Lutheran." Old subscriptions end with June issue. Will all old subscribers and all intending new subscribers hand their fifty cents to Miss Weber, if possible, before June 15th. They will thus be assured of an uninterrupted monthly visit of this, our most interesting and successful Synodical paper. Miss Weber's address is 97 Edinboro Street, Guelph.

Mr. Leon Irschick, as delegate of the

congregation, attended, with the pastor, the convention of Synod at Port Colborne, May 28th.

R. R. D.

Hamilton. Since our last report appeared in these pages, we have continued to forge ahead in all branches of our work. The Sunday School enjoyed the banner month since its organization. Fifteen new scholars were added to the roll, while the attendance averaged 123, and the offerings \$6.03 per Sunday, not including the Men's Bible Class, which has an average attendance of over twenty.

On Sunday, May 4th, Little's Cross and Crown Reward System for regular attendance, was introduced into our School. During the past month we have also decided to set aside the second Sunday of each month as Missionary Sunday.

On Pentecost Sunday a class of seven scholars were received into church membership by confirmation. The class consisted of Hulda Townsend, Vera Lay, Mary Nelson, Vera May, Verna May, Albert Lay, and William Maas.

Organized class plans, which have been used so successfully in other Sunday Schools, will probably be applied to the senior classes of our school in the near future. Plans are also being made, by the Ladies' Bible Class, to hold a camp during the coming summer. The annual picnic, too, is being arranged for.

The Luther League, which will hold its annual meeting on June 3rd, has enjoyed the most successful year of its history, and is, at present, in a healthier condition than ever before. Their meetings, throughout the year, have been especially well attended. They started the Students' Aid Fund, purchased a piano, decorated the interior of the church, and are now beautifying its exterior appearance, by providing a lawn in the church yard. They are also planning a sacred concert at this time.

On Tuesday evening, May 13th, a meeting of the young men was held for the organization of a Young Men's Brotherhood, in connection with the church. This society was organized some time ago as an independent organization, but was reorganized in connection with the church and can be expected to go ahead with renewed and increased activity and energy. These young men are planning a summer camp to be held during the first two weeks of July. They will be heard from again.

Mrs. F. W. Otterbein and daughter, and Mrs. I. B. Miller, have left on a two weeks' vacation to Nebraska and Kansas, U.S.A.

E. B.

Ottawa. Under the heading, "Prosperous Church," the following report was recently published in the "Citizen," of the third annual meeting of St. Peter's Mission, held May 8th:

"The annual meeting of St. Peter's English Lutheran Church, the pastor, Rev. J. J. Clemens, in the chair, proved a very interesting one. The pastor's report showed during the year the following accessions: By confirmation, 2; transfer and otherwise, 16; total, 18; number of individuals communed, 40; number of souls in charge, 155; baptisms, 13 infants, one adult; marriages, 2; funerals, 4; pastoral calls, 918. The financial secretarys and the treasurer's reports show receipts for local expenses, \$1,142.98, and disbursements, \$1,139.04; receipts and disbursements for benevolences, \$137.11; receipts for building fund, \$1,815.95, and disbursements, \$1,148.96. The Luther League contributed during the year \$79.05, the Ladies' Aid Society, \$30, and the Sunday School, \$52.32; no minor positions in the financial work of the church. A marked improvement has been noted in the contributions toward the congregations benevolences. The present enrolled membership of the Sunday School is 73, on the cradle roll, 29. The church owns a property 66 x 99, upon which are erected brick buildings, including parsonage, to the value of \$10,250, steadily increasing in value. Building operations for the new church will be undertaken within the next two or three months, so that the congregation will be able to worship under its own roof next fall and winter. As delegates to the Synodical meeting at Port Colborne, Ont., May 24th, Messrs. A. Loa and A. Johnson were appointed. Messrs. M. Runge and Chas. H. Sternberg were elected new deacons to replace Messrs. H. Holz and I. Lindblad, whose term had expired. At a subsequent meeting of the Church Council, the financial secretary, Mr. K. L. McIntosh, and recording secretary, Mr. Christian Olsen, were unanimously reelected, and Mr. M. Runge elected treasurer.

"The pastor, Mr. C. Olsen and Mr. A. Akerlindh were appointed members of the Building Committee; the pastor, Messrs. A. Johnson and C. Olsen, members of the Property Committee; and the pastor, Messrs. McIntosh and Olsen, members of the Bills and Accounts Committee; Mr. Akerlindh in addition, together with the pastor, forming the Press Committee.

"The pastor, Rev. J. J. Clemens, together with Mr. A. Loa, will leave for the Synodical meeting at Port Colborne, Ont., in a few days, and expect to be absent for over a week."

Rose Bay, N.S. The Rev. J. F. Bornhold, Mount Holly, N.J., ordained in the Synod of Central Canada, and formerly supplying our congregation at Guelph, has been called to become pastor of the Rose Bay parish, to succeed the Rev. H. J. Behrens, the pastor-elect of the First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, Ont.

Westmount. The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Wednesday evening, May 14th, in the meeting room of the church. The meeting was fairly well attended. The various officers of the congregation, and of the different organizations connected with it, together with the pastor, presented their prepared reports. The treasurer's report showed a total receipt in the current fund for the year of \$2,260.05, and in the building fund a total of \$874.94. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society had a total receipt of \$321.37. The Luther League's receipts for the year were \$215.50. The Sunday School reported having received \$92.50, and had a balance on hand of \$36.02. The Layman's Association closed up the Synodical year with \$51.35 in the treasury. The Junior Mission Band, who will supply the chancel railing for the church, has \$48.88 on hand in their treasury. The following men were elected to the office of deacon: Mr. L. W. Schake, to serve for a period of three years; Mr. C. T. Whittaker, to serve also for the same period of time; and Mr. Herbert Bjorklund for a term of one year. Mr. C. Tonnersen was again reelected superintendent of the Sunday School.

At a special congregational meeting, held after the close of the evening service on Sunday, May 18th, the matter of dedicating the new church recently purchased from the Congregationalists was brought forth and discussed, with the result that a committee of seven was appointed. The following persons constitute the committee: Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, chairman; Mr. Ossian Moring, Mr. J. A. Johnson, Mr. J. E. Christoffersen, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Miss Mary Whittaker, and Mrs. C. F. Schunk. The committee is already working on certain plans, upon which it will report to the congregation in a short time.

The Church Council at its May meeting decided to grant a three weeks' vacation to Pastor Lauer. The pastor will, therefore, be away from Montreal over two Sundays, these, no doubt, being the 20th and the 27th of July. The Church Council has decided to dispense with the evening service on those two Sundays, the pastor securing some

one to take charge of the morning services on those days.

Mr. J. C. Casselman has been elected delegate, and Mr. Ossian Moring alternate, to represent the congregation at the annual Synodical meeting at Port Colborne and Humberstone. The conventions will be attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Casselman and Pastor Lauer.

On May 12th, in the Redeemer Church, Mr. Rudolph A. E. Biener, a painter of Montreal, and Miss Annie Sophie Schreiber were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by Pastor Lauer. The witnesses were Mrs. Biener, mother of the groom, Miss Biener and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Biener.

Baptized by Rev. Lauer, on Friday evening, May 16th, Alice Alma Biola, adopted daughter of Mr. Jonas Hagner, a machinist of Montreal, and his wife, Alma Josephine.

Thursday afternoon, May 29th, is to be observed in Montreal, Westmount and the vicinity, as Home Visitation Day. The Home Visitation Movement is a systematic plan, through which every home in the largest city may be visited in a few hours. It leaves a printed invitation in each home, inviting the people to attend the church or Sunday School of their choice; it secures a record of the church affiliation or preference of each individual, which is given to the pastor of the church preferred. This home visitation will mean much in Montreal. To have six thousand of the leading men and women in the religious, educational, and commercial life of Montreal go out for a few hours, to find the last man, woman, and child, will indeed mean much for our city. Such a movement, enlisting the coöperation of many faiths will make a profound impression upon the non-church element. The following persons from our congregation have consented to assist in this visitation: Mrs. Arthur Holmes, Mrs. L. W. Schake, Mrs. Alfred Sandt, Mrs. Wilbert Butler, Miss Helga Helmer, and Miss Ella Tonnersen.

In the absence of the pastor during the sessions of Synod, the services, both morning and evening, on Sunday, May 25th, will be conducted by Mr. O. Moring and Mr. Herbert Bjorklund.

Mrs. Herbert Bjorklund left May 19th, via White Star, Dominion Line, for a two months' visit to her home in Denmark. Our best wishes go with her on her voyage.

W. H. C. L.

"Gold glitters most where virtues shine no more.

As stars from absent suns have leave to shine."

SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.

The Trasurer has received the following amounts during the month of April, 1913:

Apr. 5—St. Paul's, Galt, Luther League, for teacher in India	\$ 7.50
7—Unionville and Buttonville, Foreign Missions	4.00
Seminary	1.00
7—St. Paul's, Toronto, Seminary, C. Ludolph	1.00
7—St. Paul's, Guelph, Apportionment	4.45
Foreign Missions	5.50
7—St. John's, Riverside, Apportionment	18.41
Church Extension	6.97
Jewish Missions	2.00
7—St. Paul's, Morrisburg, Apportionment	24.25
Church Extension	14.88
Foreign Missions	15.00
Slav Missions	2.00
Home Missions	4.87
12—First Church, Berlin, Church Extension	27.60
12—St. Paul's, Guelph, Luther League, Apportionment	4.00
Seminary	5.00
12—St. Paul's, Toronto, Apportionment	50.00
Church Extension	24.22
Home Missions	72.96
Porto Rico	3.60
Foreign Missions	5.00
Slav Missions	5.00
Jewish Missions	1.00
15—St. Paul's, Galt, Sunday School, Church Extension..	5.25
17—St. Peter's, Williamsburg, Apportionment	124.80
Home Missions	98.80
Church Extension	10.13
19—St. Paul's, Guelph, Church Extension	15.95
26—Unionville and Buttonville, Apportionment	27.50
Foreign Missions	22.00
Church Extension	10.31
Ministers' Relief Fund...	5.00
Porto Rico	2.50
Slav Mission	2.50
C. H. Stiver, for Seminary	12.50
Rev. J. Maurer, Seminary	5.00
28—St. Matthew's, Brantford, Church Extension	8.05
President's Travelling Expense Account	3.40
May 1—St. Luke's, Dunbar, Apportionment, \$10; Ch. Ex. \$2.	12.00
Porto Rico	1.75

..... \$677.65

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FAITHFULNESS.

By Mrs. A. R. Perham.

If you cannot do the great things
Which so many seek to do;
If your means are not sufficient
And your talents are but few;
In the place which God assigns you
Seek to do your very best,
Looking unto Him for wisdom,
Leaving with Him all the rest.

Don't neglect the little duties
That may lie about your way;
Little deeds of loving kindness,
Cheering others day by day.
E'en a smile or cordial hand-shake
Or a friendly word of love
May lead some who are discouraged
Still to hope and look above.

Some must labor long, not knowing
What the blest results may be,
But the good seed may yield a fruitful
Harvest for eternity.
Then toil on, O faithful worker,
In the vineyard of the Lord;
For all loving service rendered
He will give a rich reward.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.

We hear much about the Church saving the masses, but some day the masses will help save the Church.—Charles Stelzle.

I slept, and dreamed that life was Beauty;
I woke, and found that life was Duty.
—Ellen Sturgis Hooper.

In giving, a man receives more than he gives, and the more is in proportion to the worth of the thing.—Macdonald.

There is no charity equal to the charity that is charitable to the uncharitable.

Smile awhile, and while
You smile another smiles,
And soon there's miles
And miles of smiles,
And life's worth while
Because you smile.

—Anon.

Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—Cor. 10:31.

No impulse is too splendid for the simplest task; no task is too simple for the most splendid impulse.—Phillips Brooks.

TOWARD CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The active interest in promoting Christian unity now seen in the Church of England and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States has recently shown itself among American Lutherans, now numerically the third of American Protestant denominations. Its General Synod, at Atchison, Kansas, listened to an eloquent discourse by its President, Dr. Remensnyder, of New York, on "The Adaptedness of Lutheranism to the Modern Age." Noting the endeavors of Protestant churches toward union, and saying that they all "seem to be approaching Lutheran standards," he regarded the Lutheran Church as the fittest to unite and lead them in the evangelizing of the world. Governor Baldwin, of Connecticut, has recently said that the Lutheran Church is peculiarly adapted "to join with effect" in movements for Christian unity, and "could fitly assume what in a certain sense would be a mediatorial position." Dr. Remensnyder referred to this statement as a significant indorsement of his own belief. The most significant fact in his discourse is its evidence of the awakening of the spirit of unity in a body of over two million communicants hitherto broken into many parts by internal discord on points of doctrine. As such it is an auspicious utterance, and hopefully influential. Work has also been successfully begun in a different and peculiarly difficult field of effort for unity in Canada. The affiliation of four theological seminaries at Montreal with McGill University has developed into coöperation with one another. Since last October the Congregational, Diocesan (i.e., Anglican), Presbyterian, and Wesleyan Colleges have been doing jointly and more efficiently most of their work before done separately. The two subjects reserved for separate instruction in each college, relate to its denominational history and church government. In thirty subjects, besides eight in the French Department, the entire student body, except in four subjects reserved by the Diocesan College, pursue the intercollegiate course together, as organized by its Board of Governors, Council or Senate, and Faculty. This limited but remarkable organic union of theological institutions must naturally tend to draw closer together the denominations thus coöperating. An advance in the same direction not yet so well developed was noted by "The Outlook" two years ago in the Interchurch College, at Nashville, Tennessee, with seven strong denominations represented in its Board of Directors.—The Outlook, May 31, 1913.

LUTHERAN DOCTRINE.

Rev. Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.

1. The Holy Scriptures not only contain, but are the infallible Word of God, the ultimate test of all teachers and doctrines.

2. The will of God is revealed only through Christ, from whom alone the Holy Scriptures have their authority.

3. The entire corruption of man's nature and all its powers by sin.

4. The gracious will of God from all eternity, to provide and offer Christ as the Saviour for all, and to bestow everlasting life upon believers.

5. The incarnation, sufferings and death of God in Christ, whereby the infinite guilt of the world was borne, and infinite merit acquired for believers.

6. The work of the Holy Spirit, true and equal God with the Father and the Son, in applying all that Christ has procured through the means of grace—the Word and Sacraments, whereby He calls, illumines, regenerates, justifies and sanctifies men.

7. The clear distinction between Law and Gospel.

8. Justification by Faith alone without works. We are justified only by the merits of Christ, and these are applied only by faith, which is not a disposition of man's own powers, but a work of the Holy Spirit within him.

9. Progressive sanctification under the cross, and in fulfilling the duties of one's own calling.

10. The objective efficacy of the sacraments, applying the Gospel to men individually. Baptism administered to infants as well as adults, as a means of regeneration and renewal. In the Lord's Supper the Body and Blood of Christ are received with the elements as a pledge of the word of distribution, "For you."

11. The Church, the servant of the Word.. Its members all believers, wherever found. The universal priesthood of believers, and their participation in Christ's rulership over all things.

12. The Resurrection of the Body. Final Judgment. No Purgatory. No Repentance after death. The eternal blessedness of the righteous and eternal misery of the wicked.

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