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## Editorial Notes



### WHY A LUTHERAN HOSPICE IN MONTREAL?

By Rev. J. J. Clemens, B. D., Ottawa.

The City of Montreal, Quebec, is the metropolis and the commercial centre of Canada. It is also the gateway through which passes the greater number of immigrants arriving in this country from the old country. The population of the city is largely composed of French Canadians, whose religious affiliation is almost exclusively confined to the Roman Catholic Church. It is the Roman Catholic centre of the Dominion. There are, however, not a few Protestants belonging to the various denominations who reside in Montreal. A surprisingly large number of Scandinavian Lutherans are scattered around the city. Their number has been estimated at five thousand. Their spiritual interests are looked after by one Danish Lutheran pastor. Our English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, which recently entered its own church home, is now in a better condition than ever before to extend its arms and give spiritual care to those of our household of faith who are able to appreciate the services of the Church of our fathers in the English language.

The ministering care extended to our fellow Lutherans in Montreal, as in most other places in Canada, where our Church has followed up her sons and daughters, has, so far, been confined almost exclusively to the ministry of the Word. The Word and Sacraments have been placed within their reach, but the Church has been very slow about extending with her other arm the ministry of mercy, which always should be given together with the ministry of the Word. I do not wish to make excuses for the sins of omission committed by the Church in the past, but I would like to see the Church of the present aroused to a sense of responsibility with respect to her present duties and opportunities. While I firmly believe in Foreign Missions and that our duties to the nations in darkness should not be neglected for any cause, nevertheless, I am of the opinion that our duties should begin at home. The man, who conscientiously views and discharges his duties to the heathen abroad, will not, as a rule, overlook

his duties at home. He realizes that while his duties begin at home they do not end there.

I have been requested to give an answer to this question: Why a Lutheran Hospice in Montreal?

Our attention was first called to this subject, as a Synod, by Rev. M. J. Bieber in his annual report as President of Synod at the fourth annual convention held in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, in 1912, in which he said: "A Scandinavian statistician stated in a Montreal daily, that there are at least five thousand Scandinavians in that city of six hundred thousand people. Most of these are Lutherans. Montreal is the reservoir of the incoming human streams from European countries. Many simply pass through the city to the west or to the United States. Many remain for a while, then scatter over Canada or North America. A large number remain permanently. There are other Lutheran nationalities in this inflowing tide.

Should we not welcome these, our brethren, to their new country? Should we not give them comfort, shelter, advice—a home in their need? Should we not give them spiritual administration and the Bread of Life? It is not a small matter to be transplanted into new soil. It is in this critical time of their life that they should be befriended by their own Church and kept to their confirmation vows.

At a special gathering in the Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, on Easter Monday, when German, Danish and English pastors and their members mingled together, incidentally, a Lutheran home was suggested and the suggestion was enthusiastically received.

Later, the Women's Missionary Society of the Church of the Redeemer, took up the matter, and the Synodical Society, at the recommendation of its President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, at its convention in this Church decided to start a fund for such a home. Several individuals each gave a dollar, and the evening offering of the Society swelled the sum. I would suggest that this Synod co-operate in this important mission work, invite the co-operation of the other Canada Synods, as well as

the Augustana and other Synods in the United States; for every Synod in the Lutheran Church in North America will directly or indirectly be benefitted and can benefit their brethren in this important enterprise."

The word hospice may sound strange to some of our people in this country. It is a word not frequently found and made use of outside of our Lutheran Church. This name is applied to a certain form of Inner Mission work in Germany. The hospice is a Christian hotel-home, established by the Society for Inner-Missions, for the purpose of protecting young people against seductive influences of the tempter, by furnishing them with a lodging place with Christian environments and influences. These hospices, or Christian inns, as they are sometimes called, furnish lodging at five, seven or ten cents per night. Food is supplied at correspondingly low rates and daily religious services are provided. Connected with many of these homes are very comfortable quarters for other travellers. In addition to the staple commodities for the table, good books, papers and music are also provided. Not only are travellers and journeymen admitted to these hospices but also those who have regular employment and have neither a home nor an employer's house in which they can find food and shelter. For these classes they aim to provide the necessary accommodations that they may be saved from the regular hotels, evil ways and temptations set for the young and the innocent in the larger cities, such as drinking, carousing, gambling, etc., snares set for them by wicked people for the purpose of gain, and in which too often any means are used to induce them to part with their money. A net work of these hospices is spread all over Germany, which reaches even into some other surrounding countries.

Several institutions of this kind have been established and are successfully being carried on by our fellow Lutherans in the United States. Notable among these are the hospice for young men at Philadelphia and the one for young women at Minneapolis.

Training Institutions for self-supporting girls and young women, under the direct oversight of the Central Directory for Inner Missions, exist in many of the larger cities in Germany, sometimes in connection with these hospices and sometimes independent of them. The aim of these Training Institutions is to give a home to girls and young women to find employment, where they are protected against the many tempta-

tions of city life, through which they may be qualified for their work and eventually helped to a position.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. in this country are the remedies which the Reformed Churches here are trying to apply for the solution of the problem, which brought these Lutheran hospices into existence. In some ways the work of these institutions is much alike, but in many particulars they also differ most radically. The hospice is a distinctively Lutheran institution, based and conducted upon Lutheran conservative principles. Being more or less directly under the direction and guidance of the Church its distinctively religious tone is maintained.

In as much as the proposed home, to be established at Montreal, has sometimes been referred to as an Immigrant House and Seaman's Home, I might say that an immigration home is a place where the stranger coming within our gates is taken upon his arrival and given a kind reception and comfortable accommodations until necessary arrangements are made to continue him on his journey to his destination. In these immigration houses, conducted by the Church, the religious life of the stranger is also provided for by means of religious services, distribution of tracts, periodicals, books, etc. A good way to commence this work immediately would be to start with an employment bureau and steamship ticket agency, which might make it self-supporting from the beginning.

In my opinion the proposed institution at Montreal should be a combination of the hospice and immigration home. Both are needed in a city like Montreal where many of our Lutheran people, both young and old, from home and abroad, are constantly sojourning for a shorter or longer period of time.

The favorable responses received from those to whom the appeal has so far been made for this purpose, generally speaking, the idea of the institution and organization not yet having taken definite shape, should go far to prove that our people realize the need of such an institution and will give it their moral and financial assistance when duly established.

If any further argument is needed to prove why we, as loyal Lutherans, should give our aid and attention in looking toward the establishment of a Lutheran Hospice in Montreal, I would in conclusion, refer to the Word of God found in 1 Timothy, 5:8: "But, if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."



## Conventions and Rallies



### The Luther League Convention.



The fourth annual convention of the Luther League of the Eastern District of Central Canada, was held in St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, October 20th, 1913. Rev. L. M. McCreery, Pastor.

The first session was opened at 2 p.m. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. M. McCreery.

Address of welcome by the pastor loci, the Rev. L. M. McCreery. Response by the president, Rev. J. J. Clemens, B. D., Ottawa.

The Credential Committee reported 5 Leagues present, represented by 18 delegates: Ottawa 2, Williamsburg 4, Morrisburg 6, Riverside 4, Dunbar 2.

The first part of the session was devoted to business, and consisted of the adoption of a Constitution for District Leagues, as prepared by the Committee on Constitution: Rev. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa, and Mr. Henry Shennett, Morrisburg. The Constitution will be printed and distributed among the various Leagues in the District.

The following papers were read and discussed:

"How to be a True Witness for Christ," by Mr. Linden Shennett, Williamsburg.

"The Literary Phase of the Luther League," by Mrs. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa. Resolution was passed to request the Luther League Review to publish this paper in its columns.

Adjournment at 5.15 p.m.

The evening session was opened at 7.30 p.m.

Devotional exercises conducted by the President, the Rev. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa.

The following papers were read:

"The Luther League and Missions," written by Mr. J. A. Loa, Ottawa. In the absence of Mr. Loa, the paper was read by Mrs. J. J. Clemens.

"Why Should Luther Leaguers be Thankful?" by Mrs. Colbourne Casselman, Riverside.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Philadelphia.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Rev. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa, President; Rev. L. M. McCreery, Morrisburg, Vice-President; Mrs. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa, Recording-Secretary; Mrs. J. I. Casselman, Riverside, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Henry Shennett, Morrisburg, Treasurer; Rev. L. C. Koehler, Dunbar, Archiverius.

HENRY SHENNETT, Sec.

### The Eastern Conference.

At 10 a.m. Tuesday morning, October 21st, the Eastern Conference of the Synod of Central Canada was opened by the use of the Chief Service and the administration of the Holy Communion. The service was conducted by the pastor loci, the Rev. L. C. McCreery, and the sermon preached by the Rev. J. J. Clemens, of Ottawa. Pastor McCreery was assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion by Pastor Clemens. President McCreery appointed Pastor Clemens as Credential Committee.

The first business session was held at 1.30 p.m., and the convention formally opened by President McCreery, who appointed Rev. J. J. Clemens as Secretary pro-tem. The Credential Committee reported the following delegates present and entitled to vote, clerical: Rev. L. M. McCreery, St. Paul's, Morrisburg, and Rev. J. J. Clemens, St. Peter's Ottawa; lay delegates: S. L. Casselman, St. John's, Riverside; A. H. Casselman, St. Paul's, Morrisburg; H. C. Jorgensen and G. W. Brooks, Redeemer, Montreal; Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Philadelphia; Rev. L. C. Koehler, M.D., Dunbar, and Rev. A. Schultes, Nudell Bush, were granted the privileges of the floor.

President McCreery gave a verbal report of the present condition of the congregations in the Conference. The vacancies at Williamsburg and Dunbar had been filled by the acceptance of calls extended respectively to Rev. Jacob Maurer and Rev. L. C. Koehler, M. D. Redeemer, Montreal, is still vacant.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand from last year of \$3.86.

The Rev. L. M. McCreery was elected president, and Rev. J. J. Clemens, secretary-treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Rev. J. J. Clemens, Rev. L. M. McCreery, and Mr. G. W. Brooks were



ected members of the Conference Home Mission Committee.

The Canada Lutheran and Home Missions were discussed. The Conference pledged its support to both.

President McCreery read and commented upon the G. C. theses on "Inner Missions." A hearty discussion followed, in which many participated.

Dr. Hunton gave an interesting account of the literature published by the General Council Publication Board.

J. J. CLEMENS, Sec.

**Sunday School Association.**

The regular annual convention of the Sunday School Association of the Eastern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada was held in St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, on Tuesday evening, October 21st.

The following delegates being present: Morrisburg, Mrs. J. M. Whitteker, Mrs. Adelia Moorhouse, Miss Eloie Casselmann, Miss Flossie Becksted, Miss Maud McMartin, Mrs. A. H. Casselmann, Mrs. Alice Tupper, Mrs. Guy Casselmann, Mrs. A. A. Whitteker, and Messrs. J. M. Whitteker, George Shennett, Clinton Fetterly, Ralph Fetterly, Graham Casselmann, A. H. Casselmann, and Henry Shennett; Riverside, Miss Louisa Hayunga, Mrs. Emma Casselmann and Rev. A. Schultis; Dunbar, Rev. L. C. Koehler; Montreal, Messrs. G. W. Brooks and Mr. Jorgensen; Ottawa, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Clemens.

Owing to the absence of both the President and the Recording Secretary, Mr. G. W. Brooks, Montreal, was asked to take the chair, and Mrs. J. J. Clemens was appointed Secretary until the regular election of officers.

As no Credential Committee had been appointed the delegates (and all those present connected with the Sunday School) were asked to hand their names to Secretary at the close of the meeting, and those who had credentials could hand them in at the same time.

The following Sunday Schools were unable to give a report: Morrisburg, Williamsburg, Dunbar and Riverside.

Montreal reported through Mr. Brooks. They do not have a very large Sunday School, having an average attendance of about twelve. They use the General Council Graded System. Have contributed \$500 towards our Waterloo Seminary, and helped to raise the funds to provide a rail for the Chancel. They are now making arrangements to purchase a rail and curtain for the robing room.

Rev. J. J. Clemens reported for Ottawa. They have about 100 members enrolled in all the departments, Cradle

Roll, Primary, Main School and Bible Class, with an average attendance 40 to 50. Offerings average about 3c per member. The teachers hold regular monthly business meetings. The 1st Sunday of each month is set aside for the study of missions, while on the 3rd Sunday the offering goes toward the Building Fund of the Church.

The Sunday Schools at Nudell Bush, under the direction of Rev. A. Schultis, reports progress. They have 8 pupils altogether, 2 in Pictureland, 2 in Bible Story and 4 in Bible Facts and Scenes. They take up an offering each Sunday and thus are able to purchase all the literature needed and also a few copies of Young Folks.

The Treasurer for the Association, Rev. A. Schultis, reported a balance on hand last year of ..... \$ 8.62  
Received at Dunbar ..... 1.25

\$ 9.87

Interest in Bank ..... .30

Total in Bank ..... \$10.17

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

President—Mr. G. W. Brooks, Montreal.

Secretary—Mr. Henry Shennett, Morrisburg.

Treasurer—Rev. A. Schultis, Aultsville, Ont.

It was decided that the matter with regard to the blanks which should have been procured for this convention in order that we might have a uniform report from all the Sunday Schools be referred to the Executive Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the offering taken at the meeting be used to pay Rev. Hunton's travelling expenses.

The Association agreed to pay their share toward the printing of programmes for the convention.

We next had the pleasure of listening to an excellent address by Dr. Hunton, after which a hearty vote of thanks was extended to him.

This brought our programme down to the last number, which was a round table discussion, conducted by Rev. J. J. Clemens.

At the close of this discussion a vote of thanks was extended to the members at Morrisburg for their kind hospitality, and the meeting adjourned to meet again next fall.

(MRS.) J. J. CLEMENTS, Sec.

### Western District Conventions.

Despite the fact that several of the speakers that were booked failed to make their appearance, the conventions of the Western Sunday School Union, the Western District Luther League and the Western Conference of our Synod, which were held in Trinity Church, Hamilton, the Rev. J. A. Miller, B. A., pastor, were the most successful that have yet been held in this district.

The delegates and visitors began to arrive on Friday, October 17th, and continued to come in until Tuesday, October 21st. They came from Unionville, Buttonville, Toronto, Port Colborne, Humberstone, Dundas, Brantford, Galt, Guelph, Berlin, Waterloo, Philadelphia, Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y.

The conventions opened with a regular session of the Men's Bible Class of Trinity S. S. at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. The subject of the lesson was part of the sermon on the Mount. The attendance was 43, including 12 visitors.

At 11 a.m. the regular morning church service was conducted by the pastor loci, Rev. J. A. Miller, who also addressed the congregation on the "Importance of Prayer," in the absence of Rev. P. C. Wike, who was to have preached. The address was an excellent one, despite the fact that it was prepared on short notice.

At 3 p.m. a regular model S. S. session was conducted by Trinity S. S. for the benefit of the delegates and visitors. The attendance was 201 and the offerings amounted to \$10.75.

At 4.15 p.m. Rev. Dr. Hunton, of Philadelphia, Pa., delivered a very interesting address on the General Council Graded System. He showed us what an excellent system this really is and why. After his address a photo of the convention was taken.

At 7 p.m. Rev. J. A. Miller conducted the evening service, and Rev. Dr. Hunton addressed the congregation on Lutheran Literature, in his usual eloquent manner, after which the meeting was thrown open for general discussion and questions on S. S. work and literature. This proved to be very instructive.

On Monday morning at 10 a.m. the S. S. Union met for their business session. President W. J. Townsend, of Hamilton, presided. The reports of the officers, committees and individual schools showed progress along all lines. The paper on "Sunday School Offerings," which was to have been presented by Rev. M. J. Bieber was omitted, owing to his absence.

The officers elected for the coming

year are: President, Mr. E. B. Westcott, Hamilton; Vice-President, F. W. Otterbein, Hamilton; Secretary, Miss Laura Vollmer, Galt; Treasurer, Mr. Stiver, Toronto.

An invitation for the next convention to be held on Labor Day, 1914, in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, was accepted.

Rev. W. H. Knauff conducted the closing service of the convention.

### Luther League.

The Luther Leagues of the Canada Luther League west of Kingston opened their convention at 2.30 p.m. Monday afternoon, in Trinity Church, Hamilton. The Rev. W. H. Knauff, of Port Colborne, conducted the opening exercises. Mr. G. Boyer, President of the Canada Luther League, and also of the local League, presided. He presented the address of welcome in a few well chosen words, which was very ably responded to by Mr. N. Willison, of Waterloo.

The meeting was then called to order, temporary officers were elected and after the report of the Credential Committee, which was presented by Mr. H. Seyffert, of Dundas, and which showed a total of 28 delegates present, the model constitution for District Leagues, provided by the Luther League of America, was, after a few changes, were made, adopted.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. G. Boyer, Hamilton; Vice-President, Mr. A. Martin, Brantford; Recording Secretary, Miss C. Paulsen, Hamilton; Treasurer, Mr. C. Bolduc, Waterloo; Corresponding Secretary, Miss R. Reddick, Toronto.

The committee chairmen are: Extension Committee, Mr. J. O. Neeb, Waterloo; Press Committee, Ernie H. Beckman, Hamilton.

It was decided to have the Constitution printed in the Canada Lutheran, and distributed among the members of the Western District Leagues.

The Leagues represented in the organization of this, the Luther League of the Western District of the Canada Luther League were: Toronto, Humberstone, Hamilton, Brantford, Galt, Guelph, Berlin and Waterloo.

Rev. F. E. Jensen conducted the closing exercises.

On Monday evening, at 7.30 p.m., the annual fall rally of the Western District League was opened by the Rev. J. A. Miller conducting the Vesper service. This was followed by a solo by Miss Laura Bartmann, of Hamilton, which was greatly appreciated.

Rev. F. E. Jensen, of Buffalo, delivered the rally address, taking as his theme, "What the Lutheran Church Stands for." In introducing the speaker Rev.

Miller called attention to the fact that, in addition to serving in the active ministry for some years. Rev. Jensen had also served for a number of years as field missionary, having organized the first English Lutheran Church in the Canadian Northwest, it being the one at Winnipeg. He also raised the money that made the building of Chicago Seminary at Maywood, Ill., possible.

Rev. Jensen fulfilled our highest expectations, when he arose to speak and held his audience spellbound until he finished. We hope to publish an outline of his address in a future issue of this paper.

After the rally service the congregation was invited to adjourn to the basement of the church where light refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour was spent. After refreshments were partaken of, the assembly was called to order by President Boyer, and the minutes of the afternoon session were read by the Secretary, Miss Paulsen, and adopted after a few corrections had been made.

An unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Rev. Jensen for his most excellent address. A motion was also carried that the photograph of the convention be published in the Canada Lutheran. A hearty unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Trinity Luther League and congregation for entertaining the conventions as they did.

The choirs of Trinity Church, under Mr. E. Hitzroth, and the orchestra, under Mr. Lehman, which so ably assisted at the various sessions are deserving of our most sincere congratulations and thanks.

Invitations were received from St. Paul's, Toronto, to hold these conventions with them on Labor Day of next year.

ERNIE H. BECKMAN,  
Chairman of Press Committee.

### Sunday School Convention at Hamilton.

The annual Sunday School Convention of the Western Conference was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Hamilton, the Rev. J. A. Miller, Pastor, on Sunday, October 19th, afternoon and evening sessions, with delegates present from all the Lutheran Sunday Schools in the Conference. The Rev. Dr. W. L. Hunton, of Philadelphia, Managing Editor of the Lutheran, and Editor of Young Folks, was the teacher at both services of the Convention. His instructions and messages were very helpful. The banner S. S. attendance in Trinity was 202 without the visitors. This school leads the schools of the Conference in its marvellous growth and activity.

On Thanksgiving Day the Annual Luther League Rally was held in the church in the afternoon and evening. The Rev. F. E. Jensen, of Buffalo, was the speaker and he too brought helpful and inspiring messages. All the Leagues in the Western District were represented. Mr. G. Boyer, Hamilton, is active President of the Canada League.

The Western Conference met in the Church on Tuesday, October 21st. The Conference President, the Rev. P. C. Wike, led in the service, preached the Conference sermon based on Acts 13:26, and administered Holy Communion. The President presented an interesting report. The Rev. J. A. Miller was elected President, and the Rev. W. H. Knauff Secretary-Treasurer. All the congregations were represented by clerical or lay delegates. The Rev. J. A. Miller read an interesting paper on the Female Diaconate, which brought forth a spirited discussion, and resulted in the passing of a resolution urging the pastors to present the great need of Deaconesses to our congregations, and requesting the Synod to consider the organizing of a Mother House in Canada. The Laymen's Movement to be held in St. Matthew's Church, Berlin, on November 20th, under the auspices of both Synods, was warmly commended to the brethren of the Eastern Conference, as well as to all the congregations in our own Conference, and all urged to send as many delegates as possible. Mr. C. T. Stiver, of Unionville, is the efficient President of the Movement. Good speakers will be provided for. The Forward Missionary Movement, looking to the organization of new Sunday Schools in several of the congregations in the Conference, was commented on and heard with joy.

The next Conventions will be held in Toronto before, on and after Labor Day, 1914.

The Rev. P. C. Wike in the evening spoke on "Tithing," which led to several "conversions," and many "convictions," and will by and by bear much fruit. Rev. M. I. Bieher spoke on "Seminary Rally Day." The Rev. W. H. Knauff led the Devotional Service in the afternoon, and the Rev. H. J. Behrens in the evening. After much discussion the Conference passed a resolution recommending to the Committee on Canada Lutheran the connecting of the Canada Lutheran with the Lutheran Messenger, a monthly published by the General Council. This step will insure a saving in expenses and broaden the scope of our greatly appreciated Synodical paper.

This Conference meeting was greatly beneficial along all lines.

M. J. BIEBER.

### Seminary Day Rally at Waterloo.

The third Annual Seminary Day Rally was held on Seminary Day in St. John's Church, Waterloo, the Rev. E. Bockleman, pastor. Considering the inclement weather and other adverse circumstances the attendance was creditable. Afternoon and evening sessions were held, and the speakers were at their best. Rev. Bockleman presided and led in the services. The students ushered, distributed the programmes and took up the offerings. Prof. Lincke, Dean of the Faculty, had the Devotional services, Scripture reading and prayer in the afternoon, in German; the Rev. M. J. Bieber, in English, in the evening. The Rev. H. R. Mosig, Walkerton, spoke on "The Students" in German; the Rev. H. J. Behrens, Berlin, on "The Field" in English; and the Rev. Dr. Hoffman, President of the Canada Synod, in German, on "Our

Needs and How to Supply Them." The addresses were uplifting and inspiring.

In the evening the Rev. C. R. Tappert, of Berlin, made an address on "Our Opportunities," and the Rev. H. Brezing, Niagara Falls, N. Y., on "Christian Education," both of which were well received. The offerings during the day amounted to \$102. There are 10 students in the Seminary, and five teachers on the staff. At least six new students and likely more, will enter the Institution next year, which is now filled to its utmost capacity, hence new quarters are imperatively needed, and the building of a dormitory or college building, or both, is pressing for serious consideration by the Synods. The Lord is marvellously blessing our School of the Prophets, and we, his ambassadors, must enter the open door, and we will, by His grace.

M. J. BIEBER.



## News from our Churches



**Brantford** What beautiful fall weather we have had this season! The year is aging rapidly. Our church year is drawing to a close and our civil year is not far behind; and yet how beautiful are the preparations for the end! An Indian summer, a Trinity meditation on the Kingdom! It is the thanksgiving season. What tribute are we bringing to the throne of God?

Thirteen subscriptions to the Canada Lutheran and more to follow. This is 31 per cent. of our communicant membership and even though this percentage is not high, if all our congregations reached even this percentage the Canada Lutheran would have 589 paid up subscribers.

On Sunday, September 21st, we were favored by the presence of Rev. M. J. Bieber. It was our Confirmation and Communion Sunday, and a day of general rejoicing. One new member was received by confirmation, and two others by transfer. Twenty-three partook of the Lord's Supper. The offerings amounted to \$16.00. On the 28th of September we celebrated our Harvest Home. The church was prettily decorated and a large congregation present.

We have at present six members in our Junior Catechetical Class. Last week two young women arrived from Norway. They will make their home in Brantford.

N. WILLISON.

**Dunbar** St. Luke's congregation in Dunbar, Ont., has a new pastor after a vacancy of six months. By advice of Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, the General Superintendent of the English Home Mission Board, Rev. J. Maurer, the President of Central Canada, recommended Rev. L. C. Koehler, M. D., who was stationed in College Point-Corona, Long Island, N. Y., as Missionary Pastor, to our Dunbar congregation. The new pastor took charge of his new parish on Sunday, October 12th. At the conventions of the Luther League, Eastern Conference and Sunday School, he was also present.

May the Good Shepherd and Head of His Church guide and bless the work of the congregation and their new pastor in building and strengthening our Luther Zion in Dundas County.

L. C. K.

**Guelph** The Rev. R. R. Durst bade adieu to the congregation on Sunday, September 28th, preaching his farewell sermon to a large congregation at the evening service. Rev. Durst served the congregation conscientiously for two years, and at the same time held one of the professorships at the Theological Seminary at Waterloo. He left Canada for Pittsburg, Pa., on September 29th, and shortly thereafter, with his son, Ream, started for California for a season of rest and recuperation. The Field Missionary has charge of the parish till the vacancy is filled.



On October 5th Student Christiansen Middler in the Waterloo Seminary supplied the pulpit very acceptably, and on October 12th, the Rev. W. H. Seyfert, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., preached at both services. He made such a favorable impression upon the congregation that at a special congregational meeting, held on October 15th, he was unanimously called to become pastor of the church. It is hoped that he may see his way clear to accept the call.

The Luther League on Monday evening, October 13th, held a well attended weekly meeting, and in an interesting manner discussed the important topic: "Home Missions." The League, as well as the Sunday School, is sending delegates to the League Rally and Sunday School Convention at Hamilton on October 19th and 20th. Mr. H. Mogk was elected the lay delegate to the meeting of the Western Conference at the same place on October 22nd. Some of the members of the congregation will also attend the Seminary Rally at Waterloo on Thanksgiving Day.

On October 19th services and Sunday School will be omitted in order that a larger delegation may attend the conventions.

On Tuesday evening, October 14th, the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society held a very successful and delightful "Social" in the basement of the church, which was filled with the members and friends of the congregation. A fine programme was rendered and refreshments were served. The free will offering to pay off on a note in bank amounted to \$23.50.

The Church Council has decided to undertake the every-member canvass.

On October 26th the Rev. Dr. T. Snyder, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., will occupy the pulpit.

Reformation envelopes and programs are on hand to be used on Reformation Sunday, November 2nd, 1913.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schoenfelt was called home on Wednesday, October 15th, and was laid to rest on Friday, October 17th. The Rev. P. C. Wike, of Galt, officiated at the obsequies. The Lord who gave and took will comfort and strengthen the bereaved parents.

M. J. BIEBER.

**Hamilton** The Red and Blue membership contest in connection with the Sunday School proves to be very interesting, and is meeting with continued success. Since our last report to these columns 25 new scholars have been enrolled. This makes a total of 42 new scholars since the contest opened. At this writing the girls (Blue)

still led by 8. Despite the fact that there were only four Sundays in the month of September, the Sunday School attendance was higher and the offerings almost equal to that of August, which contained five Sundays. The offerings for August were \$24.89, and for September \$24.63, while the attendance for August was 417, and 520 for September. The average attendance per Sunday for September was 130, and the average offering amounted to \$6.15. This is an increase per Sunday in attendance of 47, and an increase in offering of \$1.18 over the month of August.

October, we are happy to say, has been the banner month of the Sunday School. The total offerings amounted to \$30.75, while the attendance was 595. This is an average offering per Sunday of \$7.68, and an average attendance per Sunday of 149, an increase in attendance of 19, and in offerings of \$1.54 per Sunday over the previous month. This, however, does not include the men's Bible Class nor the Cradle Roll.

The Men's Bible Class still meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The interest continues to grow each week, and we are happy to state that almost 40 men and fathers of the church are at present on the roll. Through the efforts of this class the Sunday School auditorium has been improved for class purposes, by having it plastered. To the members of the Young Men's Brotherhood we must also extend our thanks for the assistance they have given in tinting the walls.

The Young Ladies' Bible Class continues to increase in numbers, and at present has 33 on its roll. We rejoice to think that we not only have a Men's Bible Class, which is interesting all the men of the church, but also a Young Ladies' Bible Class which is also interesting all the young ladies.

The Luther League continues to be active. The devotional services held on Sunday evenings are being well attended.

On October 6th a farewell reception was given to Mr. E. H. Beckman, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, by the appreciative members of the Luther League, prior to his leaving Hamilton to attend the Theological Seminary in Waterloo. The evening was spent in playing parlor games, after which light refreshments were served. Mr. Beckman was made the recipient of a purse of money. The presentation was made by the Secretary (Miss A. Otterbein), while the President (Mr. G. Boyer), presented the farewell address, and on behalf of the League stated that it was the wish of the Lea-

gue that he should secure his first books for the Seminary with it. Mr. Beckman responded very acceptedly and assured the members of the League that their wish would be complied with. We are sorry to lose the services of Mr. Beckman in the League, since he has always been a most faithful and active worker. Previous to his going away he filled the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer of the League, and Secretary of the Sunday School. The League at its last meeting conferred upon him an honorary membership. We are, however, happy to know that Mr. Beckman leaves us for such an important calling, and he is to be congratulated on the steps he has taken. May success attend him in his studies at the Seminary.

Miss E. Johnson, who has spent the summer vacation in New Ontario, has returned to the city.

Before this report reaches the eyes of our readers, one of our faithful and active workers, Mr. N. Peterson, will have landed in Denmark, where he intends spending a few months' vacation. May he have a safe and pleasant journey.

The conventions recently held in our Church have been an inspiration to us, and we are forging ahead with renewed zeal and energy, and we trust when we again report in these columns, we will be able to report still greater things of Trinity, Hamilton.

S. BOYER.

**Ottawa** October 25th, at 2.30 p.m. the cornerstone of the house of worship, which is being built for St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Lyon St., corner of Nepean, was duly laid. The weather was fine and favorable and the attendance fair. The ceremony was conducted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. J. Clemens. The Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., of Philadelphia, preached a very appropriate sermon on the occasion. Mr. K. L. McIntosh, the Financial Secretary of the congregation read the contents of the sealed iron box, which was placed under the corner stone, i. e., the following articles:

(1) The printed constitutions of St. Peter's Church and the Synod of Central Canada; (2) Luther's small Catechism; (3) Names of the members of the Church Council, 1913, Building Committee and Architect; (4) Building Fund Subscription List; (5) Minutes of the 1913 Convention of the Synod of Central Canada; (6) Copy of St. Peter's Church Year Book and Calendar, 1911-12; (7) Printed Financial Report of St. Peter's Church, 1912-13; Copies of the following publications: (8) Lutheran; (9) Canada Lutheran; (10) Home Mis-

sionary; (11) Foreign Missionary; (12) Mission Worker; (13) Luther League Review; (14) Young Folks; (15) Catalogue of Apparatus for Luth. Bible Schools—G. C. Graded System; (16) Monthly Programme for Missionary Societies for 1913; (17) Programmes for Reformation and Home Mission Festival, 1913, and Convention of Eastern Conference, Sunday Schools and Luther Leagues; (18) Ottawa daily papers, The Citizen, The Journal and The Free Press; (19) Coins of the Realm.

Dr. Hunton delivered an interesting address in the King's Daughters Hall on Friday evening, Oct. 24th.

One new member was added to the congregation during the month of October in the person of Mr. Buschmann, a recent arrival in Ottawa from the Canary Islands, near Africa.

Miss Z. Casselman, from Williamsburg, who is attending the Normal School, is also a regular attendant at our services and has united with the pastor's class in the Sunday School.

Six scholars are receiving instruction in the Catechetical class, which meets at the parsonage on Tuesday evenings.

The attendance at S. S. on October 12th was 51. Total receipts for the month of September by the church treasurer, Mr. Runge, were \$134.84. The sum of \$721.00 has been pledged by the members of the church toward the building fund. One pledge of \$100.00 is conditional on the congregation raising \$1,000.00 among its members. This we hope it will do in the near future.

**Port Colborne-Humberstone** Arthur Werkley, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hesler, was baptized at the evening service July 27th.

Rev. Dr. A. L. Ramer, Superintendent of Slav. Missions, came to Port Colborne to conduct a service for the Slavs here on August 10th. He was greatly disappointed, however, since but few appeared at the appointed hour, most of the Slavs here being Greek Catholics, although they agreed to attend the service. Rev. Dr. Ramer conducted an inspiring service for Holy Trinity congregation in the evening, the pastor being in Waterloo at the time.

Rev. C. A. Dennig and family spent a few days at Holy Trinity parsonage, previous to saying farewell to Canada en route to their new home, Tarentum, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburg. We enjoyed a pleasant visit together. We regret the fact that the Dennigs are leaving the bounds of our Synod entirely. Rev. Dennig has been connected with our Synod for almost 2 1-2 years, and he and his estimable wife have won many friends during that time, who will un-

doubtedly be sorry to learn that they have crossed the border. Let us hope for their return!

Our Ladies' Aid Society is holding regular weekly sewing meetings in the annex of the church, preparing for a bazaar to be held before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hansen of our congregation have left for St. Louis, Mo., where Mr. Hansen has accepted a responsible position in a cement plant. They are entertaining the hope of returning in a year or two (D. V.) as they have a comfortable home here. We miss them, for they were regular attendants at the Sunday services.

General Council Day was observed in Holy Trinity Church Sunday, August 14th, precisely at the time the General Council was in session in Toledo. We were all at the convention—in the spirit. At the morning service the pastor spoke on "Unity of the Church," based on the Epistle for the day. In the evening he outlined briefly the great work of the General Council. The choir contributed largely to the beauty and inspiration of the services.

Rev. Bieber called at the parsonage upon his return from Toledo and Europe. Naturally he had much of interest to tell. As the Germans say: "Wer eine Reise tut, der kann was erzählen."

On the 19th Sunday after Trinity Holy Trinity celebrated its annual Harvest Home. The services were very inspiring, decorations beautiful, congregations good, music very appropriate, and well rendered. We made it a Harvest Thanksgiving Day, by taking up a thank offering.

Quarterly congregational meeting was held at the close of the morning service on October 12th. The treasurer's report showed receipts amounting to \$250.95, expenditures \$214.52. At this meeting Mr. Robert White was received into full communion with the church.

Mother Cronmiller has been seriously ill and suffered much, but is decidedly improved, and, we hope, well on the way to recovery.

Notice! To all concerned. The pastor's address is P. O. Box 132 Port Colborne, Ont., and not Humberstone, as variously and frequently addressed.

W. H. K.

**Toronto** On Sunday, September 21st, the Rev. W. C. Miller preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation, having accepted a call to the Zurich, Ont., parish. Rev. Miller served St. Paul's faithfully during a pastorate of 5 1-2 years. During his term as pastorate, the membership of the congregation was largely increased, a churchly chapel was erected, the congregation's property was advantageously

disposed of, and a new church site was secured. A Senior Missionary and also a Young Women's Missionary Society were organized. A farewell reception was tendered to Pastor Miller, when an illuminated address was presented to him. The Field Missionary has charge of the congregation till a permanent pastor can be secured.

The Sunday School has introduced the Graded Pin System for regular attendance, is making a crusade for an increased membership, and the teachers have undertaken the study of Hunt's "Sunday School Hand Book" at their stated meetings. Delegates were appointed to attend the S. S. Convention at Hamilton on Sunday, October 19th. Monthly missionary offerings are taken.

The Luther League resumed its sessions at a well attended meeting after the evening service on Sunday, October 5th, decided to hold its devotional meetings for the study of the Topics after the Sunday evening services, and the monthly business and social meetings at the members homes. Delegates were elected to attend the L. L. Rally at Hamilton on Thanksgiving Day.

The Young Women's Missionary Society held an inspiring and pleasing monthly meeting at the home of one of its members on the evening of October 8th, 23 being present. The topic, "Seven reasons for belonging to a Missionary Society," was discussed by the members. It was decided to study the monthly missionary topics. Two new members were received. A social hour followed.

The Ladies' Aid held a busy meeting on the afternoon of October 7th at the home of one of its members. It was resolved to visit the delinquents and endeavor to increase the membership of the Society. A committee of arrangements was appointed to decorate the hall for the Harvest Festival service on October 26th, and another Committee to prepare for the annual harvest supper to be held in the hall on October 23rd.

The Church Council began the publishing of a monthly 4 page Bulletin for the purpose of announcing the church services, functions, interesting and important events, etc. The first (October) number has appeared brim-full of interesting items.

At the Council's monthly meeting it was decided to institute the every-member canvass. Mr. W. F. Chapman was elected the lay delegate to the meeting of the Western Conference at Hamilton on October 21st; Mr. C. A. Bleil was requested to act as subscription manager for the Canada Lutheran. The Building Committee of the Council presented plans of the proposed new church

edifice to be erected on Glenmorris St., off Spadina Ave. Building operations are to begin shortly, and it is hoped to have the building under way in the near future.

The Rev. Dr. T. Snyder, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., filled the pulpit very acceptably on Sunday, Oct. 12th.

The members of St. Paul's are to be congratulated on their earnestness, zeal, aggressiveness and faithfulness. Though without a regular pastor they are bending their united energy to the development of the congregation.

M. J. BIEBER.

**Welland** An impressive morning service was held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Welland, on Sunday, October 19th, when the Rev. Dr. T. Snyder, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., preached his farewell sermon and bade adieu to his congregation after a pastorate of a quarter of a century. Holy Communion was administered and a purse of gold accompanied by a fitting address was presented to the venerable doctor by one of the young ladies of the congregation. There were many visible tokens of sincere regret at this separation. The Field Missionary assisted in the administration of the Communion, and addressed the congregation which now looks to the Synod of Central Canada for spiritual ministration. Welland is a growing town of 7,000 inhabitants, and we trust will ere long have a strong congregation. The Rev. Dr. Snyder supplied the congregation every two weeks in the morning. The congregation owns a fine church building on a spacious lot entirely free of debt. Dr. Snyder will assist in supplying the pulpits in our Synod till all the vacancies are filled. God will always provide if we trust Him and act accordingly.

M. J. BIEBER.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Funds received during September:

Sept. 3—St. Paul's, Galt, Home Mission	\$ 5.28
Sept. 10—St. Matthew's, Brantford	4.00
Sept. 16—St. Paul's, Toronto, General Council Dues	1.00
Sept. 16—St. Paul's, Toronto, Relief Funds	2.24
Sept. 20 — Redeemer, Montreal, Home Missions	10.00
Sept. 20 — Redeemer, Montreal, Ministers Relief Fund	2.00
Sept. 20 — Redeemer, Montreal, Slav Missions	1.00

Sept. 20 — Redeemer, Montreal, Apportionment	5.00
Sept. 8 — St. Peter's, Ottawa, Ministers Relief Fund	2.75
Sept. 8 — St. Peter's, Ottawa, N. S. Orphanage	5.00
Sept. 8 — St. Peter's, Ottawa, General Council Dues	1.00
Sept. 8 — St. Peter's, Ottawa, Apportionment	8.00
Sept. 8 — St. Peter's, Ottawa, Turkish Relief Fund	1.80

\$49.07

\$11.30 and \$1.80 were reported from St. Peter's, Ottawa before, but the above list shows their total contribution this year properly distributed.

C. H. FIERHELLER.

**Request** The Secretary of the Luther League of Canada desires to obtain the names and addresses of the President and Corresponding Secretaries of the different Leagues, in order that copies of the Constitution, which has just been printed, may be distributed to the various Societies.

J. A. LOA.

**A LUTHERAN LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT.**

At a meeting held in Toronto on the 9th of October, the following persons were present: Revs. Hoffman, Maurer, and Messrs. Stiver, Unionville, Weismiller and Wagner, Toronto, and Westport, Hamilton. The object of the meeting was to discuss the matter of instituting an effective Layman's Movement in both Synods, which was done at some length. It was decided that the time for such a movement is ripe and in order that this meeting might not be without results the following programme was outlined:

1. That we hold a public meeting on the afternoon and evening of the 20th of November.
2. That Berlin be the place for such a meeting.
3. That one layman from each Synod be the speakers at the afternoon meeting.
4. That two speakers, from a distance, one German and one English, be secured for the evening.
5. That time be given at both meetings for general discussion and organization.
6. That the object be to promote a more fraternal spirit among the two Synods; weigh and discuss the problems common to both and to prepare



the way for a united and successful celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation in 1917.

The importance of such a meeting as this is readily seen. We know what the Laymen's Movement is doing for our Church in the U. S., and for the other denominations around us. The old methods of Church work will no longer do, if we are to keep pace with the Christian world. God has given us great opportunities. Will we measure up to them? Let me plead, with you then, as President of your Synod, to make an earnest effort to come and bring one or two laymen with you. Let us have a well attended meeting and do all we can to make it inspirational, as well as educational.

The problem of the Lutheran Church will be solved. Let us do our part to help.

May God add His blessing to our efforts.

J. MAURER, Pres.

### WOMAN AS A FACTOR IN THE UPBUILDING OF THE CHURCH.

By Mrs. J. J. Clemens, Ottawa.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be concerning Paul's statement, "Let your women keep silence in the church," there is absolute agreement as to woman's highly-exalted sphere of service in the Kingdom of our Lord. What many of our congregations would do without her consecrated activity is not easy to foretell. Those qualities which peculiarly fit her for usefulness are her strong devotion and steadfast loyalty. These characteristics were beautifully conspicuous in the Apostolic times and have continued so ever since. She will cling to the cause she has once espoused with a devotion that puts to shame the lukewarm adherence of many of the opposite sex whose professions are not less pronounced than hers.

Her proper sphere is not leadership, but service—service in the many details of church work and activity. What she is accomplishing in this sphere is becoming more apparent every year. What would become of our home and foreign mission work, of our orphan's homes, hospitals and the like, but for her consecrated energies? What would become of our Sunday Schools, of our attendance at the services, of the management of many congregational enterprises, without her assistance and interest?

There is no sphere in which woman is proving of such eminent service as in the extension of the Church. The organization of Conferences and Synodical Societies which has now culmin-

ated in the organization of the Lutheran Woman's Societies in the General Council is a most hopeful sign of the future. An interchange of views such as is given opportunity to be derived from these Conferences cannot but result in good. The women of our Church should joyfully embrace the opportunities which this enlarged sphere of activity affords them, instead of complaining that the burden of the added responsibilities is too great for them to bear.

### LUTHERAN HYMNOLOGY.

By O. C. N. Kanold, Port Colborne, Ont.

The hymns of the Lutheran Church are the finest found the world over, both as to the wording of the hymn as well as to the tune, or better choral. About 75 per cent. of real Lutheran hymns have their own chorals, and if these hymns would be sung according to the choral selected for the wording we would enjoy our Lutheran music much more. Sometimes it really makes a cold shiver run down a person's back when you are forced to select some modern catchy tune for some Lutheran hymn instead of using the proper choral, and very often the exact choral selected by the author of the hymn, and very often also the choral composed by the author of the hymn which will so ably express the feeling experienced by the author when he wrote both hymn and choral. I do not know of a hymn written by Luther for which he did not compose his own choral, or else write a hymn to fit a certain choral he had in mind. Of course we must admit that Luther's hymns are difficult to understand, at first reading, on account of their wealth of meaning, and his chorals are just as difficult. We must also admit that some so-called musicians have undertaken to change the tempo and tenor of some of the chorals, and in my estimation have hurriedly mutilated the same. Take for instance Luther's Battle Hymn, "A Mighty Fortress, etc." If we sing it the way Luther himself wrote the choral it is very difficult to sing, and rather hard on the breathing capacity of some people, but nevertheless beautiful, superb and divine, while if we sing it in the mutilated form it may resemble the original, but at best is only a mockery of the original. I give this choral as an example because we are all so well acquainted with, but it is far from being the only one which has been mutilated. It really is sad to think that our hymns are not all sung according to their original tunes. If we could sing each hymn according to the way the composer intended I think we would understand our Luth-

eran hymns much better; but, to do this we would have to go very deeply into music, and the study of each hymn and each choral originally intended for each particular hymn. This would take up more time, however, than any single congregation could undertake.

This naturally leads us to the use of the music for each hymn. How often do we not find gross and sometimes even ridiculous mistakes in this respect. The average organist in a church will look at the specification of a hymn and then look up some tune to fit. For instance if he sees the hymn written in long meter, he will take any L. M. tune because the words will fit. How ridiculous does it seem to the trained ear on Easter morning to sing a fine lively, spirited Easter hymn to the music of some Lenten or burial tune or vice versa. In order to have the tunes properly selected a person should take into consideration the time of the church year, whether sad or joyous, the occasion, whether for wedding or burial, etc., and then select the proper tune for the proper place.

For instance, would it not be ridiculous to sing the tune O Tranrickeit, O Herzeleit, (O darkest woe, your tears forth flow, etc.,) at a wedding, or again sing the tune "Easter Hymn" (Church Book No. 192B) at a funeral or during Lent?

Let me therefore just say a few things concerning the musical end of our church music in general. We must consider three things in church music:

1. The prelude.
2. The hymn tunes.
3. The postlude.

The prelude. This must be churchly above all things. Nothing is more revolting to a trained Lutheran's ear than to get into a large church with a large pipe organ and a qualified musician, than to hear some concerto or other advanced concert or professional music. What a Lutheran expects to hear in a church is churchly music, and we Lutherans certainly have the finest selections in the world of this kind of music. Take for instance the church music by John Sebastian Bach or Hayden, Handel, Spohr, Rink and others and we have unlimited selections; but, as a rule, these are too difficult for our organists. We then have to refer to such as quoted on page 213, Etude, March Number, 1913. The Hymn tunes. Here is where the trouble starts. Very often the pastor is not musical and does not know which tune to select, and very often also the number of tunes known to the congregation are very limited. The organist is then to select the tunes. As a rule he or she has little time to go into the matter

of selecting the proper tunes and also often it is the case that even the organist knows little about church music, and then any tune is selected so long as it is in the proper meter with the hymn. Much care should be taken to select the proper tune either by pastor or organist, or by both, and after the proper tune is selected then it is the choir's duty to practice this tune. The hymn should be rehearsed and receive special care in enunciation, expression, phrasing and tempo. The congregation will then follow the lead of the organ and choir.

The postlude. Dr. Herzog, one of our model organist composer and critic, says: "As it is the destiny of the prelude to place the Church-goer into a festive disposition upon entering the place of worship, so that the person may, with undivided attention, enter into the devotion of the hymn and service, so it is also the destiny of the postlude to give the close of the devotional service the proper dignified conclusion." Another renowned organist and composer says: "Even if the organist may be more free to show his skill in the postlude than he would dare to be in the prelude, and in the execution of the choral or hymn tune, still he must always strive to be noble, dignified, and with proper regard to the preceding solemnity of the service. Would it not be unworthy to the highest degree, if the organist would select dance music, waltzes, marches, or some other secular music for his postlude? Would it not be most improper if the organist would, immediately after communion or after a funeral service, play and execute a happy allegro, or again after a service of thanksgiving or rejoicing play an adagio? Would such an organist not display the most flagrant ignorance of church music, He certainly would." Now here again arises the question, What shall I play? Again I say, we have good music, and I can recommend such music as: See The Etude, page 213, March, 1913.

In conclusion, I just wish to emphasize a few points. 1st. If we are Lutherans let us sing our Lutheran hymns. 2nd. If our present tunes are not strictly Lutheran, let us revise all our church music and get strictly Lutheran tunes, and let us get all congregations to practice these faithfully, so that if we get into another Lutheran Church than our own we can join in the singing, etc. 3rd. There is one thing that should be done. I think we have about 60 Synods. If we could get all these Synods interested and get all these Synods to contribute to a fund to send a committee to the Old Country to study original Lutheran music, and then have a

general Lutheran hymn book printed which all Lutherans could use, then we would not only get good Lutheran music at reasonable prices, but we would also find good Lutheran music in every Lutheran Church on the American Continent. May the good Lord grant that such a Lutheran music may soon be in the hands of our Lutheran people.

The above article is a brief synopsis of the paper upon this subject read before Synodical Convention this spring. It is published at the request of the Synod.—Editor.

### THE LUTHER LEAGUE AND MISSIONS.

By J. Arnt Loa.

Secretary of the Luther League of Canada.

The subject, which is before us, is one that demands our very serious and careful attention. Never before in the history of the world has there been such a great awakening, to the tremendous responsibility, which rests upon the Christian Churches, in connection with the command of Christ to go into the world and baptize and preach the Gospel to every creature. The Christian forces have become inflamed with greater zeal, energy, and activity, in that direction, and are doing their utmost to cope with the magnitude of the missionary problem. Everywhere you read accounts of large and inspiring conventions, and Missionary Institutes, which have been, and are being held, for the purpose of educating the people to the immensity and the necessity of immediately taking hold of the missionary enterprise, because the active leaders and active workers realize, that never before has the need been so great, or have such splendid opportunities been presented unto the Church. The aim of the Christian Church is to reach the heathen world in this generation, and this can only be accomplished through the co-operation of every soldier in that ever increasing army, whose leader and general is Jesus Christ. Realizing this, the representative staff of the Great General is appealing to every man and woman, in that mighty force, to give their untiring services, their financial aid, and their earnest continual prayers that they may succeed in conquering the existing evils and sin, and bring the Gospel to every creature.

Our missionaries home on furlough tell us of great work that is being accomplished in the foreign field, resultant through the efforts of untiring services of our missionaries. We know what is being attained in Inner Mission work and Home Missions, through our

field missionaries and pastors, and we cannot but help wonder what they do accomplish, when we consider the great obstacles they have to meet, and under what conditions they labor. Yes, great things are being done, but alas, they all have the same and sad story to tell: "Our means are limited, our missionaries are few, and there are thousands who live in sin, and have not heard the Gospel, and of the saving power of Jesus Christ." Yes, there are thousands upon thousands, who are crying, "Come over and help us."

"Perhaps the largest and most important problem that the North American continent has before it to-day, for solution, is to show how the incoming tides of immigrants of various nationalities and different degrees of civilization may be assimilated and made worthy citizens of the great Commonwealths. The United States have been grappling with the question for decades, but have not yet found a solution." Canada is now facing the same problem, but in an aggravated form. A much larger percentage of foreigners, in proportion to our population, is coming to us just now, than came at any one period to the United States. The larger the percentage the more difficult the problem of solution. Western Canada has this problem in an even more perplexing form and to an even greater degree than has the East.

There is a tremendous opportunity for our Lutheran Church when we consider the fact that there are thousands of our people, throughout this country, especially in the Western provinces, where they congregate in villages in pursuit of farming, who are outside the Church, and there are thousands more coming every year, and it is impossible to tell when this incoming tide is coming to an end. When we realize that seventy per cent. of all the people that immigrate to this large continent are Lutherans, we open our eyes in amazement, and awe, and wonder how it is going to be possible to reach them all. Furthermore these immigrants are not all of one race, but come from different countries in Europe and the U. S., and speak many different languages. And here is where the language problem comes in. By using the English language it is possible to organize a congregation, composed of many nationalities, thereby forming a more solid church with less expenditure. When these people leave their native shores, in order to better their position, in the new land, they take with them their Lutheran doctrines and principles, the desire which has been inculcated in them by their parents and Church, to do homage to the King of

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Kings, who has bestowed such inestimable care and loving kindness upon His people. But alas, when they arrive in the country of which they have heard so much about, and to which they have been looking forward in great anticipation, if there is no Lutheran Church in that vicinity, in which to worship, they grow indifferent and almost forget God entirely.

Let me quote what a Baptist missionary in the West said with reference to the Scandinavian settlers, with whom he has come in contact as superintendent of a certain missionary field out there. He remarks as follows:

"A gathering of Western Canadian Scandinavian farmers has always impressed me as if it were a meeting of Scotch settlers. Attend a Scandinavian church assembly, and you would imagine, if it were not for the language, that you were in the midst of a gathering of Presbyterian elders. Serious, thoughtful, sober, determined, and possibly a little obstinate, the Scandinavians are astonishingly like the Scotch." Mark this part of his assertion: "In their severely religious trend of mind, in their purity of life, and in their general temperament, they are for all the world like the sons of the heather. I have no hesitation in saying that we have no better settlers."

Much of the same can be said of the Germans, Austrians, etc., who populate the Great Northwest. The great proportion of Lutherans in the Northwest Provinces have not come directly from the Mother Land, but have migrated from the Northern part of United States, attracted by the inducements of cheap land and big profits. They understand Western farming thoroughly, and are as well-to-do farmers as can be found.

From the above mentioned facts one can readily see that if but our churches are organized in that section of the country, they can in a short time take care of themselves. But churches can only be organized through field missionaries, and every church which is being established must have its pastor, and here again is the ever increasing problem, Where are we going to get the pastors to fill these pulpits, when there are not now sufficient pastors to fill the many vacancies, which are so

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prevalent in our churches, even now at the present time? Yes, that is the question, and that is the problem we are called upon to solve, and the saddest part is this that, if we are not in a position to do it, other Protestant friends are going to do it. They have many of our Lutherans in their churches already, and it is practically impossible to win them back after they have become a part of other churches.

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## A PEACEMAKER.

Philadelphia Post.

The proprietor of the leading drug store in a small Kentucky town was coming out of the front door of his place not long ago, when a small boy came tearing round the corner at top gait with his head down and butted squarely into him.

"Hey, kid!" demanded the druggist. "What's the matter?"

"I'm trying to keep two boys from getting into a fight," panted the youngster.

"Who are the boys?" asked the druggist.

"I'm one of them."