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## Editorial Notes



**Resuscitated** We were not dead, only dormant. It was almost a case of starvation, but not altogether. For lack of funds we had to discontinue our visits for a while. How long we shall be permitted to enjoy this privilege of circulation will depend upon our friends and subscribers. If the funds are forthcoming for our publication, we shall be pleased to continue our circulation. We have been pleased, during the brief interim of our discontinuance, to receive so many bouquets from our interested readers, who have missed our visits and made inquiries concerning the cause. Some of these inquiries we have not been able to answer individually, for lack of time to do so. Hence the above explanation.

**Lead, Kindly Light.** Often, amid the encircling gloom, we feel like John Newman. The night is dark and we are far from home. The distant scene we do not ask to see. One step is enough to see at a time, when we are conscious of the fact that God is leading us.

Yet, men love to choose, and see their path. They love the garish day; and spite of fears, pride rules their will. They remember not past years.

When Christ is given second place, and self is made first, we forget, cannot see nor say that:—

“So long Thy power has blest me, sure  
it still

Will lead me on,  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and tor-  
rent, till

The night is gone;  
And with the morn those angel faces  
smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost  
awhile.”

It is reported that Newman wrote his famous hymn at a critical, momentous moment in his life. It was written during a tour in the Mediterranean, 1832-33. He was then an Anglican. While he did not withdraw from the English Church and unite with the Roman Catholic Church till 1845, it is believed that the heart battle, which led to his apostasy, had begun, or was just commencing, when he wrote: “Lead, Kindly Light.”

There are times in the life of every one of us when we must choose be-

tween pleasure and principle, between selfish ease and self-sacrifice. Then, if ever, we need to pray: “Lead, Kindly Light.”

We know of a servant of God who was laboring in a very difficult field. He was called to another, which seemed like a field of roses. In his perplexity he went to the Light of the World and prayed: “Lead, Kindly Light.” This is what HE said, the reply HE gave:

I said, “Let me walk in the fields.”  
He said, “No, walk in the town.”  
I said, “There are no flowers there.”  
He said, “No flowers, but a crown.”

I said, “But the skies are black;  
There is nothing but noise and din.”  
And He wept as He sent me back;  
“There is more,” He said, “there is sin.”

I said, “But, the air is thick,  
And fogs are veiling the sun.”  
He answered, “Yet, souls are sick,  
And souls in the dark, undone.”

I said, “I shall miss the light;  
And friends will miss me, they say.”  
He answered, “Choose to-night,  
If I am to miss you, or they.”

I pleaded for time to be given,  
He said, “Is it hard to decide?  
It will not be hard in heaven,  
To have followed the steps of your  
Guide.”

Then into His hand went mine;  
And into my heart came He;  
And I walk in the Light Divine  
The path I had feared to see!

**Now and Future.** A Persian prince had completed his education, and come to years of discretion and understanding. Life was before him. How was he going to spend it? That was the question. This is how he solved the problem: He would divide it into four decades. The first ten years he would travel, for there is much practical education to be derived from travelling. The second decade was to be devoted to affairs of government, for this is the business of a prince. The third decade would be given to the cultivation of friendship and pleasures, the things which make life worth living. The fourth decade was to be consecrated to God. This plan was received by

many with approbation and approval. It seemed wise and just. One contingency, however, was not thought of or provided for. During the first decade the prince died.

Likewise, do we plan what we are going to do in the future. It is well so to do. All great undertakings must be well planned and executed in order to be a success. So also with life. That life-plan, however, is a delusion and a snare which makes no provision for the most certain of all contingencies — death.

As the harvest depends upon the sowing, so the future depends upon the present and the past. In fact there is no past or future. The only time there is is now. The past was and the future may or shall be; only now is. There is no blind destiny directing our lives. We are determining and deciding what our destiny shall be by what we are making of ourselves in the present.

**Eight Reasons.** A neat and well written 6 page pamphlet has been published by the Literature Committee of the Laymen's Movement in our Synod. It bears the title: "Eight Reasons for Starting the Laymen's Movement in the Lutheran Church." The tract is for free distribution, and may be secured by writing to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. F. W. Otterbein, 12 Birch Ave., Hamilton.

#### A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHER- AN CHURCH, OTTAWA, CANADA.

Presented at the Dedication Service, held Easter Sunday, April 12th, 1914, at 3 p.m., by Mr. C. Olson.

In order to fully realize what this service means to the members of the congregation, it becomes necessary to recall to our memory a time less than four years ago, when a little band of worshippers assembled in the Kings Daughters Guild Hall to participate in the opening service, conducted by the Rev. M. J. Bieber, M. A., Canadian Field Missionary of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America. This was on July 10th, 1910; 46 persons attended this service. The following Sunday the Sunday School met for the first time with 16 persons present. At a meeting held at the close of the evening service on October 9th, 1910, St. Peter's congregation was formally organized. Seventy persons became charter members. The Church Council was elected as follows: Messrs. H. Holz, C. A. Akerlindh, C. H. Stata, A. E. J. M.

Veit, C. Olson and K. L. McIntosh. One of the many important problems presenting themselves to the newly elected council was the one of securing a property, and at a special meeting of the council, held December 22nd, 1910, it was decided to purchase the property known as number 292 Lisgar St. for \$8,200.00.

At a special meeting of the congregation, held Dec. 25th, 1910, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of calling the Rev. J. J. Clemens, of Guelph, Ont., to become the permanent pastor of the congregation. The Rev. J. J. Clemens accepted the call, and was duly installed May 14th, 1911. In due course a Women's Aid and Missionary Society, a Luther League or Young People's Society and the Choir under the able leadership of Miss M. Rosske, Organist, were organized. In March, 1912, the congregation disposed of its property on Lisgar Street, and purchased the property on the south-west corner of Lyon and Nepean, where the new church has now been erected. There are besides the church building also three brick dwelling houses upon this property. One of these furnishes a home for the pastor, the revenue from the other two houses is used to pay taxes and interest on the loans upon the property.

The corner stone of our new church edifice was laid on Saturday afternoon, October 25th, 1913, by the pastor of the congregation, who was assisted by the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., of Philadelphia. It is built after the Gothic style of architecture. The size of the building is 28x60 feet. The approximate cost is between six and seven thousand dollars. The building rests on a concrete foundation, the superstructure being built of cement blocks by Messrs. McDiarmid and Tyndal, general contractors, while the carpenter work has been done by Alexander and Campbell. Mr. Herbert Shleacow, of Ewart and Ewart, being the architect. The main auditorium is furnished with pews and chancel furniture made of ash, the latter were made by Mr. Isidor Lindblad, and the material furnished by the Luther League. It has a seating capacity of about two hundred persons. The chancel and choir railing is all brass as are also all the electric fixtures. The brass bands from which the chain lights hang bear handsome enamel shields with the arms of Luther artistically worked in them. The Altar cloths and Vestments were made and donated by the ladies of the Women's Missionary Society. This Society also furnished the carpets. The organ is a gift from the Luther League. The assembly hall down-

stairs which is to be used for Sunday School purposes and week day meetings, is furnished with chairs, etc., by the Sunday School.

That it has been possible within such a limited space of time to attain the fulfilment of our hopes, a permanent church home, is due largely to the untiring efforts of the pastor and his people. Special mention should be made of the keen interest taken in his work by Pastor Clemens, as Chairman of the Council and Building Committee, and the able manner in which he has supervised our building operations. We also owe as a congregation, a great debt of gratitude to the General Council Home Mission Board, the Superintendent of Home Missions, Dr. Kunzmann, Field Missionary, M. J. Bieber, and the Church Extension Society, for what they have done for us. To the interest and activity of the former we owe our birth and existence as a congregation, and were it not for the assistance rendered by the latter by granting us a non-interest bearing loan of \$4,000.00, it is not likely that we would have been worshipping in the beautiful

church home which we call ours to-day. Special thanks are also due to the ladies of our congregation, the Luther League and the Choir, through whose faithful efforts it has been possible for the council to meet its obligations. We are also greatly indebted to the business men of the city and friends outside of our church, whose generous donations have helped to place the property of St. Peter's Church on a sound financial basis. A church in itself is a valuable asset to any municipality, it becomes more so where it helps to assimilate different nationalities. Although about ten different nationalities are represented in the congregation, the English language is used exclusively from pulpit to Sunday School.

To all who are without a church home St. Peter's Church extends a most cordial invitation to attend all its services, irrespective of their nationality or creed.

The picture of St. Peter's new church building was published on the first page of the January issue of the Canada Lutheran.—Editor.



## News from our Churches



**Berlin** On Palm Sunday two adults were confirmed, and nine persons were received into the congregation by card. The services on Easter Sunday were well attended, and a large number of the members came to the altar to receive the Sacrament at the morning service.

The congregation is steadily growing. 52 new members have been added during the pastorate of Rev. H. J. Behrens, which began July 1st, 1913. The attendance at the services is increasing. The average attendance for February was 65, mornings, and 136, evenings, and for March it was 70, mornings, and 140, evenings.

Rev. H. J. Behrens received a call from Morrisburg, but at the urgent request of the congregation, which unanimously voted to have him remain, he declined the call to Morrisburg. The congregation also increased the pastor's salary from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

The meetings of the Women's Missionary Society are well attended. A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized with a membership of 40 women. It meets once a month at the homes of the members.

Sunday, June 14th, 1914, the congrega-

tion will hold the first service in its beautiful Church on Queen street. Special services will be held on this joyful occasion. The Rev. S. P. Long, D. D., of Mansfield, Ohio, is to be the speaker on this occasion. The Synod is to meet in our Church June 20th-24th.

H. J. BEHRENS.

**Brantford** Our little congregation has felt very lonely without the Canada Lutheran, and we are all glad that we can look for it again before long.

We have been "doing things" recently. First of all our Ladies' Aid held a birthday party at which they realized a net amount of over sixty dollars. Then, Mrs. J. B. Pickering embroidered in gold, most beautifully, a cloth for our altar, and finally our church council chose a site for our new church, paid a deposit on the property and forwarded an application for a church extension loan. If the loan comes we too, Mr. Editor, hope to be able to dedicate a new church before very long.

We are very sorry, however, to report some losses by removal. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls and son, Leroy, and Mrs.

Hotel, have moved to Mount Salem to a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have been identified with the church since its earliest times, and Mrs. Nicholls has for a long time been President of our Ladies' Aid, while Mr. Nicholls has served as a deacon. Mr. and Mrs. Wanz and family have moved to London, Ont. We wish all these dear friends God's richest blessings in their new homes.

For the first time in years, our Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Pickering, was able to report at the end of March a real balance on hand, with all obligations cleared, of over \$10. This report was a treat to us all. We hope such conditions will continue.

Miss Sara Stinson, D. C., has taken charge of our organ in place of Miss Ross, who resigned, and is doing excellent work.

During the past week the acting pastor was in attendance at the Lutheran Students' Mission Conference in Rock Island, Ill., U. S. A., and Student H. Rembe supplied in Brantford. The conference was an intellectual and spiritual treat, and will surely be productive of much good fruit for the Lord's kingdom.

Other matters should receive attention in this letter but must leave them till next issue.

N. WILLISON.

**Galt** Mr. Editor.—It is with peculiar pleasure I come at your call to the discharge of this duty, viz., to write the Galt items for the Canada Lutheran. To me, and to my people, it was disappointing that the paper went into hiding for a month. We hope it will not be compelled to get on financial crutches again. It is too valuable an asset in our English Canadian work to give up the ghost so early in its useful career. If it cannot maintain its existence at the present price, go up to 75 cents per year, and our people will pay it rather than miss what it brings to them monthly. We are glad that the executives set the ball to rolling again. This may not reach the press in time for the April issue, but we "sow in hope." Our late return from Rock Island, Ill., makes it uncertain about this note being in time. As regards our work in Galt, it still lives and holds its own. Attendance at Lenten services was the best average for the four years we have been in Galt, and better offerings. Our pyramids for church extension received more and better attention in both congregation and Sunday School than in former years. The pastor's "Adult Bible Class" continues to grow.

Success to date proves the wisdom in organizing it. Since our last Galt items were read, my people have had the privilege of hearing different ones besides the pastor. Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Berlin; Rev. Dr. T. Snyder, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and students Scheckenberg and Weidenheimer of Waterloo Seminary. We hope they will come again. We mentioned a trip to Rock Island, Ill. It might be of interest to some to hear further concerning it. It was a convention of three-fold interest, viz., the "Educational Board" of the General Council, representatives from the educational institutions of the General Council and Lutheran Students' Missionary Movement. The writer was chosen by the faculty to represent our Seminary, and Mr. N. Willison to represent our student body. The far-reaching importance to our church of such gatherings and their work is too great to be given in a short letter like this. We will leave it for the future and more time. On the 21st of March our little flock lost a good, faithful member. Death stole away the mother from the home of Bro. Christian Heise. Her humble christian life was beautiful, her suffering was in patient waiting, and her death a triumph. Our congregation, with the bereaved husband and devoted children, keenly feel her absence. But our loss is her peaceful gain. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Her call is another reminder of our own mortality. Here we have no abiding place. God has provided better things for those who love him and prove that love by their faithful lives in His service. Our greetings are extended to every reader. May success approved of God crown your labors in His vineyard.

P. C. WIKE.

**Guelph** St. Paul's is wide awake. All its organizations feel an increased responsibility and hence its members are getting into the harness. The young people are more aggressive than ever before. When the choir needed recruits, and the organist called for volunteers, the young men and women came forward and filled the ranks. The children's choir at the morning service, and the young people's choir in the evening lead the faithful congregation in the weekly devout worship of Almighty God.

The Luther League is more prosperous than it has been for some time. The young people attend the Monday evening meetings, discuss the topics, consider the welfare of the League and of the church, take a monthly offering

for missions, and are happy in the service of Zion.

The Christmas Service on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, was one of the best ever held. It was largely attended, the decorations were fine, the tree was lighted and fruitful, and the programme was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Batterby was made happy by a fine gift from the School. The Sunday School is in a happy condition, its average attendance almost reaches its enrollment.

The congregation is being supplied by the Rev. Dr. Snyder, the Field Missionary and a student from the Seminary.

M. J. B.

Since Rev. Bieber wrote the above news notes the congregation has heard from Rev. Seyfert, the pastor-elect, whom the congregation expected on the field by May 1st, that he is not coming. Dr. Snyder is supplying the pulpit at present. The Doctor has presented the congregation with a pulpit, which has been installed in its place, and the choir gallery has been enlarged. The pulpit now occupies a place on one side of the choir gallery.—Editor.

**Hamilton** Dear Canada Lutheran, — Since your last visit many changes have taken place, changes for the better and not for the worse.

1. In our Sunday School.—The every member canvass or contest was in full swing when last you came. It resulted in bringing in 98 new scholars; making an actual net increase in the average attendance of over 50 per Sunday; the regular attendance now is close to the 200 mark. The Married Men's Class still meets at 10 a.m., having an enrollment of 30, with 27 present last Sunday.

2. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society.—The ladies have finished the book on India and now are on the study of Home Missions, according to Rev. Hunt's book, which promises to be equally interesting and instructive. They are talking of paying for a second Native teacher in India.

3. The Men's Forward Movement.—During the winter months our men have become very much aroused to their duty and privilege as members of the Church of Christ, and now meet, in addition to Sunday a.m. for Bible study, once a month for the consideration of the work of the congregation and the church at large. They also introduced the every member canvass, the results are very gratifying. Never were the services better attended; the number communing Easter was the largest ever; 14 new members were added

then and 8 previous. The men hope to bring in 50 as the result of their canvass.

4. The Luther League as well as the Young Men's Brotherhood continues to prosper. They were pleased to have one of their students home with them over the Easter holidays, Mr. Beckman, who gave them several interesting talks. Mr. Sorensen, their other student, sent greetings. Both of these young men are giving a good account of themselves at our Seminary, and Trinity League rejoices in the thought that by next fall they will send a third of their number, Mr. D. Gouldhaug, to the Seminary to prepare for the holy office of the ministry. By the way, dear Canada Lutheran, would it not be an excellent evidence of greater things for our dear Lutheran Church in Canada, if every congregation would send at least one of their fine young men to the Waterloo Seminary?

Respectfully,

J. A. MILLER.

**Montreal** The Church of the Redeemer called Rev. E. L. Engers, of Erie, Pa. It was understood that he had accepted the call. He was to come to Montreal about Easter. We were, therefore, surprised to receive through a letter from a member of the congregation, dated April 20th, the following news: "Rev. Engers is not with us yet, and up to the time of writing we have nothing definite from him." The writer says: "The prospects for advancement have never been brighter since I have been in the church, if we only had a pastor. There are so many American Lutherans in the city and quite a few Scandinavians who speak English."—Editor.

**Morrisburg-Riverside** The Rev. L. M. McCreery held his last services on Sunday, April 12th as Pastor of the Lutheran congregations of Morrisburg and Riverside, and on Thursday night took his departure for Cambridge Springs, Penn. It was a successful pastorate of five years. To this place Mr. McCreery and family came from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, and while here made a wide circle of friends. To say nothing of the spiritual side, both the Morrisburg and Riverside congregations have progressed very satisfactorily financially during the past five years.

In Morrisburg, for instance, a debt has been converted into a surplus.

The members of St. John's Church showed their appreciation of the good work done by Pastor McCreery, by

presenting him and Mrs. McCreery with a substantial sum of money at the Christmas festival.

Rev. McCreery spent the last week of his pastorate here in visiting and administering the Communion to the sick and aged of the congregation, who were not able to attend the services in the church.

On Easter Sunday night a young man was confirmed, and with his grandmother received the holy communion.

Also a brother and sister were given communion. In both cases the pastor was the recipient of a gift of considerable value.

The Luther League of St. Paul's Church will serve a real New England bean supper at the parsonage on Thursday, April 23rd, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets 25 cents.

Although St. Paul's congregation is without a pastor, the Sunday School will meet each Sunday at 10.30 a.m., and will be in charge of the Superintendent, Mr. Henry Shennett.

The Luther League and Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society will hold their regular meetings as usual.

Dr. H. Huehnergard, of Berlin, Ont., has been visiting friends in Morrisburg during the Easter holidays.

The congregation of St. John's Church, Riverside, met at the home of Mr. Jacob Lane, Wednesday evening, April 15th, and presented Rev. McCreery with a sum of money, made up as follows: The Luther League \$10.00; The Ladies' Aid Society \$10.00; the Congregation \$25.00.

Accompanying the gift was an address read by Mrs. Pearl Casselman, while Mrs. Emma Casselman handed over the purse.

The new section of the Lutheran Cemetery and the endowment fund raised in connection with the burial ground will in a way stand as a memorial to the Rev. Mr. McCreery. He labored zealously for the fulfillment of both plans. The endowment fund now amounts to \$1,524, which is \$24 above the sum aimed for. It will be placed at interest and yield enough to keep the cemetery in presentable shape. The Cook, the Doran and the Tyrrell estates were liberal givers, these having together contributed \$1,200. Mr. McCreery has regretted his inability to remain until all the work in connection with the projects had been completed.

HENRY SHENNETT.

the following articles taken from the Ottawa Citizen of April 6th and 13th, respectively:

On the first mentioned date the Citizen told the public about the opening of St. Peter's English Lutheran Church, as follows:—

The opening yesterday of St. Peter's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, at the corner of Lyon and Nepean Sts., was an epoch in the history of Lutheranism in the Capital. It marked what really might be called the opening of the first permanent home of the English Lutherans. Since the inauguration of the English work in Ottawa three years ago it has steadily progressed largely through the untiring efforts of the pastor of St. Peter's, Rev. J. J. Clemens, B. D.

#### PIONEER OF PROTESTANTISM.

The Lutherans take a special pride in the claim that Lutheranism is really the pioneer of the Protestant religion in Upper Canada. Forty miles south of Ottawa a band of United Empire Loyalists established a church in the early days, and that their efforts bore fruit is best evidenced by the number of adherents in the towns and villages in that part of the country.

#### SERVICES LARGELY ATTENDED.

The chancel was banked with palms and ferns for the opening services, and these lent a pretty effect to the beautiful brass and wood work. The electric fixtures are unique and handsome. The brass bands from which the chain lights hang bear handsome enamel shields, with the arms of Luther artistically worked in them.

There were capacity audiences in the morning and evening. The former service was a combined one for the Sunday School and congregation. A special address to the children and young people was delivered by C. H. Sternberg, M. A., of the church council. The sermon, Jesus' Jewels, with the text from Malachi, III, 13 to 18, was preached by the pastor. The special music included a solo, The Palms, splendidly rendered by Miss Proudfoot, and an anthem by the choir. Two young people were confirmed by Rev. Mr. Clemens.

The evening service was also featured by excellent music and the sermon by Rev. Mr. Clemens, Reasons Why We Should be Happy, was very appropriate.

#### A COSMOPOLITAN CONGREGATION.

St. Peter's boasts of a particularly cosmopolitan congregation. It already embraces over ten nationalities. The outstanding phase of this is that the Lutherans from foreign countries, if they do

**Ottawa** We prefer to let others tell about the great Lutheran events which have been taking place in the Capital since our last issue. Hence

not speak German, usually join the English body and this gives the church an excellent opportunity of bringing the children up in the English Lutheran church.

### THE DEDICATION SERVICES.

On Sunday afternoon next the dedication will take place at 3 o'clock. Special services will also be held in the morning and evening, and Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., superintendent of home missions, will be the chief speaker at all three.

On Thursday, the Women's Missionary society will hold its first meeting in the church, and on Friday a confessional service will be held for all intending to commune on Easter Sunday.

On Easter Monday the following news appeared in the same paper:

What marks a most important step in the growth of Lutheranism in Ottawa was successfully consummated yesterday when the dedication services of the new St. Peter's English Lutheran church were held. The ceremony was successful in every respect, large congregations attending each of the services, while three inspiring sermons were preached by Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., of Philadelphia, Superintendent of Home Missions, and a fervent address delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Clemens, B. D. A brief historical sketch was presented at the afternoon service by Mr. C. Olson, in which he traced the wonderful strides made by Lutheranism during the comparatively short period of its existence. Special music was admirably rendered by the church choir and orchestra.

At the morning service held at 11 o'clock the holy communion was administered. Rev. J. C. Krunkmann, D. D., preached the sermon, taking for his text 1 Corinthians 15:49. Dr. Kunzmann spoke on the Two Adams: man's relation to the earthly and the Christian's relation to the heavenly Adam; one by generation and the other by regeneration. The Bible opens with the creation of Heaven and of earth, and it closes with the re-creation of the same, the issuing of a new Heaven and a new earth, in which dwelleth righteousness.

### DEDICATION SERVICE

In the afternoon at the dedication Dr. Kunzmann took as his text Matthew 16:18: "And upon this rock will I build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

A carpenter's son, the offspring of an enslaved race, with no army at his back, surrounded by a few timid and unlettered fishermen, asserts that He will es-

tablish His church, and the power which has ruined Eden and destroyed the proudest empires of the past shall not prevail against it. How marvellous the declaration and yet how true. What strange paradoxes confront us in the life of Christ: His birth in a stable and the heavenly glory on Bethlehem's plains; His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave. There never has been such a life and there never has been such achievements.

Rev. J. J. Clemens, B. D., pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, spoke a few words about "God's Great House," taking for his text II. Chron. 2: 2-5. He said that the house of God is not for show, but for service; it is built not to add to men's work and worry, but for worship, which should lighten men's labor. Greatness consists not always in quantity, but in quality. Our conception of God controls everything.

Small conception means small service. Great conception means corresponding service and loyalty. God's house may be of small dimensions and lacking in outward adornment, and yet be great. The conception of God as preached in the pulpit and practiced in the pew are the greatest determining factors in making the house of God great or small.

\$130.00 was received in the church offerings for current expenses and benevolence during the first three Sundays in April.

Mr. Olson's historical sketch of St. Peter's Church appears elsewhere in this issue of our paper. Read it. The writer of this sketch was a member of the building committee with the pastor.

A very interesting and well attended Easter Festival was held by the Bible School on Sunday evening, April 19th.

The above mentioned, and later events, as well as the testimony of Dr. Kunzmann, who came and saw and reported, fully justify the statement made by the pastor of St. Peter's in his address, published in the dedication programme, where he said in part: "Hitherto the Lord has helped and enabled us to overcome every obstacle in our way. To him be the praise and the glory;" and "A splendid beginning has been made. However there still remains much to be attained. The congregation is now in a better condition than ever before to go forward and do good work for the Master."

The congregation expects, and has good reason to hope for, great results from the present church council, which is composed of the following members: The Pastor, Chairman; W. R. Pharaoh, Rec.-Sec.; V. Buschmann, Financial-Secretary; A. Johnson, Treasurer; C. H.



Sternberg, M. A., C. B. Johnson, G. W. Yank.

The choir has given a good account of itself lately. We hope it will continue to do so.

At the congregational meeting held on Monday, April 27th, the Fin.-Sec. of the congregation gave the following statement of finances and budget for 1914-1915:

All current expenses (including pastor's salary) paid up to May 1st. Building Fund Assets, \$2,851.43; Liabilities, \$2,650.45; Cash balance on hand, \$200.98; Unpaid Pledges, \$255.00; total credit balance, \$455.98. Value of property, including lot, three dwelling houses and church building, about \$25,000.00; interest bearing indebtedness, \$7,250.00; church extension loan (non-interest bearing) \$4,000.00; value of congregation's equity in property, \$13,750. Three years ago the congregation's equity in its property amounted to \$200.00. Is there another congregation in our Synod of Central Canada that has a better financial report to give for the past three years? At present St. Peter's church has without any cost to the congregation use of its church building and parsonage. The income from the two rented houses on the property approximately pays for the taxes and interest on same; as the following budget shows: Estimated receipts of Property Fund from May 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915: By rent of houses, \$672.00; by balance from 1914 and donations to Sinking Fund, \$250.00; total receipts \$922.00. Estimated expenses:—To Taxes and water rates, \$233.00; to Interest, \$455.00; to payment on Principal, insurance, repairs, etc., \$234.00; total Disbursements, \$922.00.

Budget for Current Expenses:—Estimated Receipts by Envelope pledges, \$800.00; by extra Church Council pledge (given on condition that the present pastor remain) \$200.00; by plate offering and special donations, \$200.00; total receipts, \$1,200.00. Estimated Expenditures:—To Pastor's salary, \$1,000.00; to janitor service, light and heat, \$120.00; to miscellaneous, printing, travelling expenses, etc., \$80.00; total expenditures, \$1,200.00.

Estimated receipts for benevolent purposes, \$100.00; to apportionment, \$100.00.

With buyont hopes, by the help of God, St. Peter's enters upon what promises to be the best and most fruitful year in her history, in the service of the Master.

On Tuesday evening, April 21st, a number of the appreciative friends of the President of our Luther League, Mr. J. A. Loa, surprised him at his

home, and showed both in word and in deed their estimation of him and his services to the church.

The following new members have been received at Easter time: By confirmation, Mr. W. R. Pharaoh, Misses Lily Ericson and Jennie Borg; by profession of faith, Mrs. V. Buschmann, Mrs. Borg and Mr. O. Nordenfeldt. Previously in February Mrs. C. B. Johnson, Mr. Hugh Riddner, Miss Astrid Hanson and Mrs. B. B. Bahnsen had been received. Sixty communicants have been received into the church fellowship with St. Peter's during the pastorate of Pastor Clemens.

The Luther League has invited the Luther League of Canada to hold its annual convention in our church, May 24th, this year.

**Pt. Colborne-Humberstone** We rejoice in the noted progress of the Synod, marked by the consecration of two new church edifices in the two capital cities—Ottawa and Toronto. May these churches that have been dedicated to Almighty God be the means of saving many souls in these two important cities.

Hail to the re-appearance of the Canada Lutheran. The continued publication of this little news-bearer will be received with much satisfaction in Holy Trinity congregation.

Of late the pastor of Holy Trinity Church performed two marriage services, viz., Mr. Jacob Barrick and Miss Nora A. Morningstar, who were united in holy wedlock, March 4th, at the parsonage; and Mr. Norman E. Knisley to Miss Maude L. Kappler, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kappler, of Lorraine, on April 15th, at the parsonage. We wish both parties a happy and blessed married life.

Four infants were baptized recently: Fern Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duston Zimmerman, on the 25th of January; Florence Thelma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kramer, on the 15th of February; Margery Cleone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford, of Saskatoon, Sask., on March 24th; Dorothy Augusta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hurst, of Welland, on March 26th.

Easter time of this year was one of particular rejoicing for Holy Trinity congregation. We had good congregations, the church at all the services being comfortably filled to the doors, good music, elevating singing, so that some stranger remarked: "How those Lutherans do sing," and in his sermons the pastor tried his best to bring to his varied hearers "the sincere milk of the Word"—the Easter fact in plain, simple

but direct language. The large congregations truly got the Easter spirit. But the congregations' rejoicing was further in the fact that our Easter Accessions this year were the greatest during our pastorate here, and that those confirmed on Palm Sunday marked the largest class in the history of this congregation, namely, six children and thirteen adults. Following are the names of those confirmed: Children—Iona Emma Boneberg, Winfred Albert Fess, Norman Roland Miller, Carl Herman Kanold, Charles Roy Boneberg, Albert Victor Bissell. Adults—Mr. David White, Mr. Fred White, Mr. Jesse White, Mr. Warren White, Miss Grace White, Miss Clara White, Mr. Duston Zimmerman, Mrs. D. Zimmerman, Mr. Menno Rhora, Mrs. Harry Kramer, Mrs. M. Mosier, Mrs. Edgar White, Mrs. J. Barrick. Also seven persons were received by letter, bringing our total Easter Accessions to 26. May the Lord, through His grace, grant the new members faithfulness towards Him and loyalty to the Church.

Mother Cronmiller, who has been seriously ill for many weeks, is slowly improving. She was able to leave her bed a few days the past week.

While writing this word was received, that it hath pleased God to take from our midst Mrs. David Kramer, after many weeks of suffering. Her husband predeceased her in December. God comfort those who mourn her loss.

Mr. Norman Hesler, who had been employed in Venezuela, S. America, returned to his home here after a year's absence. He has been transferred to Winnipeg in the interests of the Canada Cement Co. Mr. Harold Hesler, of the Royal Bank, Chappleau, New Ontario, is spending his vacation at his home here.

Miss Louise Kramer has entered a hospital in Rochester to train as nurse. She will be greatly missed in our church, as she possesses a very rich culture voice and sang many solos at our services.

W. H. KFF.

**Toronto** The missionary spirit is taking hold of the members of St. Paul's more firmly every day. A third missionary society was organized on Saturday, January 3rd, at the home of Mrs. C. Bleil. The duplex envelopes have been introduced and the offerings for benevolences are much larger than the most optimistic had expected. Mrs. Erikson reports 45 subscribers for the Mission Worker.

The new pastor, Rev. J. S. Herold, arrived in the city on Friday, January 2nd, and was installed on the first Sunday of the year 1914. Rev. M. J. Bie-

ber performed the act of installation and preached the sermon in the presence of a large congregation. On January 14th the pastor performed his first marriage on Canadian soil, when Mr. Spence and Miss Mitchell were united in holy matrimony. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, 500 Church street.

A formal reception was tendered the pastor on Friday, January 16th. Mr. H. C. Fierheller presided and representatives of the congregation and the various auxiliary organizations spoke hearty words of welcome. A most pleasant evening was spent. The spirit of good fellowship had taken possession of every one present. The pastor and family greatly appreciate the warm, open hearted welcome with which they have been greeted. At the close of the programme a basket of beautiful roses was presented to the guests of honor.

J. S. H.

We expect to publish in this issue an account of the Consecration and special services held on April 19th and the days following. If it does not come in time for publication this month, we will have it in our next issue.—Editor.

**Unionville-Buttonville** The Lord is signally blessing this parish. Mr. Eckhart, of Toronto,

a descendant of one of the founders of Bethesda congregation at Unionville, has offered to place a pipe organ in the church, to install a bell in the tower, and to liquidate the entire indebtedness resting on the church. Thank God! The anniversary of the removal of the church into Unionville from the country was celebrated by the congregation on Sunday and Monday, January 11th and 12th, when the Rev. T. Snyder, D. D., of Niagara Falls, N. Y., preached two able sermons, and lectured to the congregation on Monday evening. The attendance and the offerings were large.

Students from the Seminary are mainly and very acceptably supplying the pulpits in this parish until the pastor-elect, Mr. N. Willison, comes to take charge of the parish after his ordination in June.

Our Seminary students are giving an excellent account of themselves in the vacant pulpits, and the Seminary is thus even now a God-send in the development of our beloved church in the Dominion.

M. J. B.

**Welland** St. Matthew's, Welland, is beginning to renew its youth. Organized in 1876 it has had a varied career. For 25 years there has been no Sunday School, few confirma-

tions, no evening services, and only alternate Sunday morning services, conducted by the Rev. Dr. T. Snyder, of Niagara Falls, N. Y. Dr. Snyder relinquished the work in October, 1913, and the Rev. W. H. Knauff, of Port Colborne, held the field till the Field Missionary arrived in January, 1914. A Sunday School was started, electric lights were installed, and evening services instituted. Since then a church membership of 20 has increased to 36, A Sunday School of 10 has grown to 20, with an S. S. attendance ranging from 17 to 30, and a church attendance from 27 to 76. A catechetical class to be confirmed at Pentecost has been instituted. The S. S. observes a monthly missionary Sunday. The congregation's missionary offering on Easter was \$21.09. The Ladies' Aid Society adopted a constitution and organized a Women's Missionary Society, which studies the monthly topics. The duplex envelope system is being introduced, and a Luther League will shortly be organized.

Welland is a healthy municipality of good people and is growing rapidly. An every-person-go-to-church Sunday will be observed on May 3rd.

M. J. B.

## WILLIAMSBURG

### Ministerial Acts—Baptisms.

Nov. 15, 1913, William Robert Sydney, son of Chas. A. and Annie Merkley; Nov. 26, 1913, Raymond Ralph, son of Oscar and Maggie Cougler; Feb. 17, 1914, Aden Raymond, son of Aden and Elode Casselman; March 1, 1914, Audrey Belle, daughter of William and Eva McIntosh; April 10, 1914, Jesse Evelyn, daughter of Claud and Ethel Merkley.

### Marriages.

Dec. 13, 1913, MacKenzie Barkley and Maud Barkley; Jan. 14, 1914, Benjamin Jordan and Minerva Casselman; Jan. 14, 1914, Peter W. Sypes and Clara Eunice Merkley; Feb. 19, 1914, Roy Elmer MacIntosh and Mildred Shennette.

### Deaths

Jan. 14, 1914, Mason Miller, aged 18 years; Mar. 24, 1914, John MacPhee, aged 66 years.

### Easter Accessions

Sarah Bowman, Emma Froats, Cephraus Fetterly, Owen Fetterly, Mrs. Frank Merkley, Willis Shell, Mrs. Willis Shell, Anna, Paul and Ruth Maurer.

The Luther League will have a full representation of delegates at the convention on May 25th. The meetings during the winter have been most interesting and encouraging. A lively in-

terest in the missionary activities of the church is very manifest at our meetings.

The Junior Mission Band gave an open meeting to its friends this winter, which was enjoyed by all. A Zannana Worker is being supported by our Band. May the other organizations of the congregation follow the good example.

The King's Daughters are earnestly engaged in the study of India Awakening. After the book has been gone through each member will prepare a paper on some chapter of the book. The subject of Home Missions will be taken up next.

The Woman's Missionary Society has made a canvass for renewals and new subscribers for the Mission Worker. This valuable paper enters the most of the homes in our congregation. The next canvass will be for new members. Every lady in the congregation should be a member of this organization.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather the Easter services were well attended and a large communion celebrated. Ten were added to the membership roll of the congregation. The pastor wore the new robe for the first time at this service. The robe was purchased by the Sunday School.

We are glad to note that there has been comparatively little sickness in the congregation during the past winter. Miss Ella Casselman and her mother were seriously ill, but have fully recovered, for which we are devoutly thankful. Mrs. Thersian Barkley is still confined to her bed. May the good Lord comfort and keep her in the faith through Jesus Christ her Saviour.

J. M.

**Our Seminary** Forward is our watchword, and forward we go; praising God from Whom all blessings flow. With the promise of from 6 to 8 additional students next Fall, our Board has resolved to erect the new building; plans have been drafted by Architects McPhee, Kelly & Darling, of Hamilton, which plans were adopted at our last meeting, April 14th, and tenders are now being secured. The entire grounds of 11 acres have been laid out by Mr. M. Stolpe, a landscape artist, also of Hamilton, which reveal a greater and very attractive Waterloo Seminary.

The building now to be erected is the centre one of a group, the others to follow as the institution continues to grow. In this building each two students will have the comforts of a suite of three rooms all to themselves, namely, a study, a dressing room, and a room for sleeping on the sleeping porch, all of which will be closely connected and

supplied with every convenience. It is the most modern and up-to-date arrangement known, and will be a joy to us all, a special incentive and comfort to the students. Will give more particulars later.

J. A. MILLER.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Received during the Month of December, 1913.**

Dec. 18—St. Luke's, Dunbar—	
Home Missions .. . . .	\$ 4 00
Seminary .. . . .	3 00
Dec. 18—St. Paul's, Toronto—	
(Sunday School) Home Mis-	
sions .. . . .	11 66
Dec. 18—St. Peter's, Ottawa—	
Home Missions .. . . .	17 10
Seminary .. . . .	6 00
Porto Rico .. . . .	5 00
Dec. 22—St. Paul's, Toronto—	
Seminary .. . . .	10 00
Dec. 23—St. Peter's, Williamsburg	
Apportionment .. . . .	25 00
Seminary .. . . .	16 50
Porto Rico (Ladies Aid) .. . . .	5 00
Home Missions (Luther League	
.. . . .	25 00
Dec. 24—St. Paul's, Galt—	
(Sunday School) N. S. Orphan-	
age .. . . .	5 47
Dec. 24—First Church, Berlin—	
Home Missions .. . . .	5 00
Foreign Missions .. . . .	1 00
Slav. Missions .. . . .	4 00
Ministers' Relief Fund .. . . .	4 00
N. S. Orphanage .. . . .	5 00
General Council Dues .. . . .	1 00
Dec. 24—Trinity, Hamilton—	
Home Missions .. . . .	17 00
Foreign Missions .. . . .	16 00
Seminary .. . . .	4 75
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	\$191 48

**Received during the Month of January, 1914.**

Jan. 3—St. Paul's, Toronto—	
Foreign Missions .. . . .	12 63
Jan. 6—Unionville & Buttonville—	
Seminary .. . . .	7 00
Jan. 7—St. Paul's, Toronto—	
(Sunday School) Home Mis-	
sions .. . . .	3 36
Jan. 7—St. Paul's, Guelph—	
General Council Dues .. . . .	35
Foreign Missions .. . . .	60
Home Missions (S. S.) .. . . .	8 67
Home Missions .. . . .	7 15
Waterloo Seminary .. . . .	15 95
Apportionment .. . . .	50
Jan. 10—Unionville & Buttonville—	
Seminary .. . . .	5 00
Jan. 14—Trinity, Hamilton—	
Foreign Missions .. . . .	15 00
Seminary .. . . .	19 00

Jan. 14—St. Paul's, Morrisburg—	
N. S. Orphanage .. . . .	5 00
Home Missions .. . . .	23 71
Seminary .. . . .	1 00
Jan. 14—St. John's, Riverside—	
Seminary .. . . .	5 00
N. S. Orphanage .. . . .	9 30
Cornwall Hospital .. . . .	5 00
Jan. 14—St. Paul's, Morrisburg—	
Cornwall Hospital .. . . .	2 51
Jan. 29—St. Paul's, Guelph—	
Foreign Missions .. . . .	10 31
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	\$157 04

**Received during the Month of February, 1914.**

Feb. 5—St. Peter's, Ottawa—	
Foreign Missions .. . . .	\$ 4 35
Feb. 5—St. Paul's, Galt—	
(S. S.) Home Missions .. . . .	5 99
Feb. 10—St. Peter's, Williamsburg	
Apportionment .. . . .	18 00
Seminary .. . . .	9 00
Feb. 14—St. Paul's, Morrisburg—	
W. H. & F. M. Society for fur-	
nishing room at Seminary	50 00
W. H. & F. M. Society, Good	
Shepherd Home .. . . .	5 00
Western District Luther League	
for Seminary .. . . .	2 06
Feb. 14—First Church, Berlin—	
Seminary .. . . .	25 00
Feb. 18—Rev. M. J. Bieber, for	
Seminary .. . . .	25 00
Feb. 20—Trinity, Hamilton—	
Seminary .. . . .	9 10
Foreign Missions .. . . .	9 00
Church Extension .. . . .	8 50
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	\$171 00

**Received during the Month of March, 1914.**

March 4—St. John's, Riverside—	
Apportionment .. . . .	\$17 22
Mar. 4—St. Paul's, Morrisburg—	
Foreign Mission (Teachers in	
India) .. . . .	30 00
Foreign Mission (Education of	
girl in India) .. . . .	15 00
Slav Missions .. . . .	2 00
Jewish Missions .. . . .	1 00
Seminary .. . . .	3 00
Ministers' Relief Fund .. . . .	2 00
Mar. 7—Rev. Bieber, Waterloo	
Seminary .. . . .	25 00
Mar. 10—St. Paul's, Toronto—	
Waterloo Seminary .. . . .	7 00
Mar. 11—Trinity, Pt. Colborne—	
Apportionment .. . . .	11 00
Foreign Missions .. . . .	6 00
Seminary, Waterloo:—	
Gerald Benner .. . . .	\$2 00
Mrs. Dora Cronmiller .. . . .	5 00
Frank Hessler .. . . .	1 00
F. A. Deterling .. . . .	15 00
H. W. Boneberg .. . . .	3 00
C. Palmer .. . . .	2 00

Fred C. Hessler . . . . .	5 00
Albert Knoll . . . . .	5 00
	38 00
Mar. 17—St. Peter's, Williamsberg	
Home Missions . . . . .	105 00
Apportionment . . . . .	19 00
Foreign Missions . . . . .	5 00
India Hospital . . . . .	11 50
N. S. Orphanage . . . . .	15 00
Mar. 19—Bethesda, Unionville—	
Foreign Missions . . . . .	20 00
C. H. Stiver, for Seminary . . . . .	12 50
Mar. 21—Trinity, Hamilton—	
Seminary . . . . .	13 00
Canada Lutheran . . . . .	14 63
	\$372 85

C. H. FIERHELLER,  
Treasurer.

**LETTER FROM PRESIDENT**

To the Brethren of the Synod:—  
Our next Synodical Convention will take place at Berlin June 20th-24th. This leaves only a few weeks, till June 13th, when the Treasurer will close his books, for the congregations to square up their balances. Our congregations have been apportioned \$2,071.00 by the Synod, of this amount \$1,140.40 has reached the Synodical Treasury up to April 13. A statement has been sent out to each congregation, giving the amount apportioned, amount paid and balance due. Considering the unsettled conditions under which most of the congregations have been laboring, we feel very much encouraged and hope that the full apportionment will be forthcoming. Besides the above amount \$855.86 for the Theological Seminary, \$29.31 Students Aid, \$38.00 Montreal Hospice, making a grand total of \$2,057.73, which has reached our Treasury. We feel the Lord has blessed and prospered our congregations. Let us praise and bless Him for His goodness and mercy, and meet our obligations in full. Let us make the coming convention the most joyful and best in the history of our Synod.

Your President,  
J. MAURER.

**Apportionment Account.**

Balance from last year . . . . .	\$ 625 50
Receipts this year, so far . . . . .	292 94
Women's Missionary Society share of printing minutes of Synod . . . . .	10 00
	\$ 928 44

**Payments.**

Postage and Exchange . . . . .	\$ 7 89
Printing and Stationery . . . . .	156 00

Synodical Expense, Executive Expense, etc. . . . .	71 00
Rev. Clemens, re. Canada Lutheran Loan . . . . .	50 00
Rev. Clemens, salary as Editor Canada Lutheran . . . . .	50 00
Secretary's Honorarium . . . . .	25 00
Travelling Expenses . . . . .	40 80
Home Missions, 1913 . . . . .	100 84
Seminary . . . . .	200 00
	\$ 701 53

Balance on Hand . . . . . \$ 226 91

**FUNDS WHICH ARE HELD BY  
THE TREASURER, APRIL  
13TH, 1914.**

**Ministers Relief Fund.**

Balance on hand from last year	\$ 168 27
Receipts this year as per state- ment . . . . .	17 99
	\$ 186 26

**Montreal Hospice.**

Balance from last year . . . . .	\$ 16 30
Receipts this year as per state- ment . . . . .	38 00
	\$ 54 30
Less expenses paid, printing, postage, etc. . . . .	8 25
	\$ 46 05

**Seminary.**

Total receipts as per statement	\$ 855 86
Paid to this Fund from Appor- tionment . . . . .	200 00
	\$1,055 86
Less expenses re. Rev. Wike's cavass . . . . .	183 75

Remitted to Seminary Treasur-  
er . . . . . \$ 872 11

**Home Missions.**

Receipts this year, so far . . . . .	\$ 422 39
Paid balance of last year, from Apportionment . . . . .	100 84
	\$ 523 23

All of the other Funds have been re-  
mitted to the different Treasurers.

**Notice** At the organization of the Western District L. L. on last Thanksgiving Day, it was resolved to publish its constitution in the "Canada Lutheran," and supply extra copies to all families represented in any of the local leagues, who do not, at present, receive this paper. The various Leagues represented at this convention were asked to notify the Corresponding Secretary, at once, how many of such

extra copies they would need, but up to date only two leagues have done so.

The President of the Western District League, therefore, wishes all local leagues belonging to it to send, at once, the number of families represented in each league who do not now receive the "Canada Lutheran" to Ernie H. Beckman, Theological, Seminary, Waterloo, Ont. When Constitution is published only such leagues will be supplied with copies as comply with this request immediately.

E. H. B.

### MINUTES OF HOME MISSION AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Central Canada was held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Berlin, Ont., Wednesday, April 15th, 1914, at 9.30 a.m. President Maurer called the meeting to order, and the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., made the opening prayer.

The following members of the Committee were present when the Secretary called the roll:—President, Jacob Maurer; Secretary, J. J. Clemens; Field Missionary, M. J. Bieber; Messrs. C. H. Stiver and E. A. Bartmann. The privilege of the floor was granted to Rev. H. J. Behrens, and the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, President Maurer gave a verbal report of the mission work done during the past six months upon our field. Rev. J. J. Clemens reported that the Home Mission Committee of the Eastern Conference had not held any meeting. President Maurer gave a verbal report of the conditions at Dunbar. Together with Dr. Kunzmann he had met with St. Luke's congregation, Dunbar, on Holy Thursday, April 9th. Pledges for the amount of \$375 have been secured for the support of this work, and Rev. Maurer expressed the opinion that \$500.00 could be raised by the congregation for this purpose. The new parsonage will be ready for occupancy as soon as an occupant of the same can be secured. Dr. Kunzmann expressed his opinion concerning the Dunbar field and regretted that the congregation had been separated from the Williamsburg parish. After a general discussion of the subject it was resolved to apply to the Home Mission Board for a grant of \$300.00 for St. Luke's Mission, and that a missionary be secured as soon as possible for this field. Dr. Kunzmann gave an encouraging report of his visit to Montreal and Ottawa, on Palm Sunday and Easter, saying that he was

pleased with the prospects of our congregations in these cities.

The Home Mission Committee of the Western Conference reported through Mr. E. A. Bartmann, as follows:—

In response to the call of the chairman the committee met in due form on April 14th, 1914, and the following resolutions and recommendations were passed:

#### 1. Welland—

We rejoice to have the Field Missionary on our territory and are happy to learn from him that the work in Welland is now under his control. The congregation there has a property centrally located, free of debt, a membership of 24 persons, and prospects of 25 more by mid-summer. We recommend this work to your consideration.

#### 2. Brantford—

Since Mr. Willison has resigned Brantford, going to the Unionville mission parish, and since they have applied for a loan to the Church Extension Society, and since they have resolved to buy a lot and are ready to build the much needed chapel, we advise that the Field Missionary go there next and take charge until the chapel is built.

In connection with this work and that at Welland we suggest that the M.B. secure the services of Mr. Schreckenber to assist the Missionary, Rev. Bieber, at these two places, working at the one or the other as the Field Missionary may direct, until regular pastors are called.

#### 3. North Berlin.

From all we have been able to learn of this field we are convinced that not a day should be lost in entering upon most aggressive work in this very promising field for our Canada Lutheran Church.

We urge that Synods Com. open a Sunday School here at once under the directions of the Pastor in Berlin, and petition the H. M. B. of the G. C. and Dr. Kunzmann to aid them. A loan from the Church Extension Society is an immediate need since there is no hall to hire for a meeting place, and since we are assured that once a meeting place is provided the success of the undertaking is certain, there being no other church in the entire ward and two-thirds of the population is Lutheran.

We therefore advise that the necessary arrangements be made through the Field Missionary for a loan.

Respectfully, the Committee,

J. A. MILLER,

E. A. BARTMANN

The report was considered item by item, after which it was adopted as a whole. It was resolved to ask the

Home Mission Board for a grant of \$600.00 to carry out the resolutions and recommendations made in the above report.

The condition of our Missions in general, and the work of our field-missionary in particular were then freely discussed till noon, at which time the meeting was adjourned in the usual manner; and the clerical members of the Committee retired to accept and enjoy the kind hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Behrens, at the parsonage, 47 Irwin St.

JOHN J. CLEMENS,

Secretary.

The Executive Committee of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Central Canada met at 47 Irwin St., Berlin, Ont., on Wednesday, April 15th, 1914, at 1.30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting, Sept. 2nd, 1913, were read. Pres. Maurer presided and the following members were present at roll call: Pres. J. Maurer; Sec. J. J. Clemens; Messrs. C. H. Stiver, E. A. Bartmann and K. L. McIntosh.

President Maurer gave a verbal report of conditions in the Synod, and presented a financial report prepared by the Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Fierheller. It was resolved that the President and the Treasurer be requested to inform the congregations of their financial relations to the Synod, of the amounts paid and what they are still owing, according to apportionment.

Rev. H. J. Behrens extended an invitation from the First English Lutheran Church at Berlin to hold the next meeting of Synod in their Church. President Maurer reported the condition of the Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, with reference to entertaining the next Synodical Convention. Motion to accept the invitation of the First English Lutheran Church, at Berlin, was then adopted. At the request of one-third of the ministers connected with the Synod it was decided to hold the next Synodical Convention from June 20th to June 24th, the meeting of the Executive and Home Mission Committee to be held on Saturday, June 20th, the Synodical sermon to be preached on Sunday morning, the 21st, and the ordination service to be on Monday evening. President Maurer reported that the Seminary Board, which met on Tuesday, April 14th, had decided to build a dormitory for \$20,000.00, of which amount Synod's obligation would be about \$5,000.00. Rev. J. J. Clemens presented the following financial report of the Canada Lutheran, prepared by the Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Loa, April 14th, 1914:

Receipts—Guelph, Ont., \$17.25; Un-

ionville, Ont., \$9.00; Toronto, Ont., \$25.00. Dunbar, Ont., \$9.00; Port Colborne, Ont., \$9.00; Montreal, P. Q., \$8.00; Ottawa, Ont., \$9.50; Williamsburg, Ont., \$35.50; Hamilton, Ont., \$19.13; Galt, Ont., \$18.00; Morrisburg, Ont., \$25.00; Waterloo, Ont., \$9.00; Berlin, Ont., \$10.00; Elma, Ont., 50c; Mr. A. H. Casselman for advertisements, \$30.00; Rev. J. J. Clemens, B. D., loan, \$50.00; The Synod, \$50.00; Mr. Moring, old balance, \$13.66; note paid, \$10.00; miscellaneous subscriptions, \$1.75.

Disbursements—To the Guelph Herald, \$144.08; The Holiness Movement Publishing House, \$172.01; miscellaneous expenses, including postage, express charges on Canada Lutheran from Guelph, stationery and exchange on cheques, \$16.91. By balance \$26.39.

Owing to the lack of funds the paper had not been published since January. It was resolved to authorize and instruct the Publishing Committee of the Canada Lutheran to publish two or three issues of this paper till the next meeting of Synod, and if necessary to reduce it in size to eight pages for each issue, the Synod to pay the expense of publishing the paper if it is not self-supporting.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the travelling expenses of the members attending this meeting: Rev. Maurer, \$8.00; K. L. McIntosh, \$13.00; Rev. J. J. Clemens, \$16.50; Rev. M. J. Bieber, \$1.95.

Rev. M. J. Bieber presented a report for the Committee on Parochial Report Blanks. The report was received and adopted, and the Committee was authorized and instructed to have printed 1000 copies of the parochial report blanks as adopted.

President Maurer read a communication from Rev. J. Brackenbusch re immigrant Mission work of the G. C. in Canada. Resolved, that President Maurer take the place of Rev. Lauer on the Committee on Uniform Constitutions.

A motion that we express our regrets at the departure of Rev. McCreery from our midst was adopted. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

JOHN J. CLEMENS,

Secretary.

### WHO'LL BE DE GOATS?

A colored soldier, slightly intoxicated, entered a church, as he supposed it a theatre. After a short time the minister appeared and said, my bredering, in dat last great day when de trump ob de Lord shall blow, when the sheep shall go to de right and de goats to de left, who was to be de goats? After a short pause he said again, raising his voice, I say who'l be de goats? There

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was a painful silence, and the inebriated warrior supposing the performance delayed for some person to represent the goat in some play rose to his feet exclaiming, Say, old fellow, rather than have this thing play out I will be the goat. The poor drinker hit some folks harder than he knew. It is not a common thing to find a man willing to be a goat. Few are anxious to stand on their own merits. It is likely to prove shaky.

## REFORM.

Oh ye men who prate of college,

And of books as doors to hope  
Go and gain the living knowledge.

Where the toiling people grope.

Like the plants in shadowy places,

They are needing sun to bloom—

They are hungering for life's graces.

They are wanting light and room.

Give them something more of pleasure

Than the million dollar tomes.

Give them work and give them leisure

Give them clubs and give them homes.

Open wide the doors of beauty

And invite the people in—

And you'll find the paths of duty

Better filled than paths of sin.

True reform has one beginning

The right hand of brotherhood.

Would you help men out of sinning?

Would you lead them unto God?

Would you teach that Christ has risen?

Prove it by your deeds of worth

If you want to close the prison

Beautify the homes of earth.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## THE DIFFERENCE.

"You are a pestilential fellow," said the flea to the fly.

"You are a sucker," said the fly to the flea.

"You are a disease-carrier," said the flea to the fly.

"You live on other's life blood," said the fly to the flea.

"'Tis true, 'tis a pity; 'tis a pity, 'tis true," said the flea to the fly.

We both have our faults. You are a bad-fellow and I am a bed-fellow; the difference between us is that, when trouble comes you fly away and I flee.

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## PERTINENT REMARKS.

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If you feel yourself better than they, why not help lift them up?

If you are not better perhaps they can left you up.

If you think you are just as good join in and get down to business.

At all events don't be a "cad" about it. Team work is needed for the uplift of humanity; so we need you.

But above all don't be a knocker. Any fool can knock. Be a booster whether you like it or not.