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THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.

Berlin, Ont., June 21st to 24th, 1914.

Busy, harmonious and encouraging was the Sixth Convention of the Synod of Central Canada, which was held in the newly-acquired church of the First English Lutheran Congregation, Berlin, the Rev. H. J. Behrens, pastor. Hospitable and kind was the reception given to the delegates by pastor and people.

The opening service was held on Sunday morning. The liturgical service was read by the Secretary of Synod and the sermon preached by President Maurer, his text being: Is. 40: 9. Following the Confessional service the Holy Communion was administered to the pastors and delegates. The church choir sang an appropriate anthem.

Pastors W. H. Knauff, P. C. Wike and M. J. Bieber were appointed the Committee on Credentials. At the vesper service in the evening Rev. W. H. Knauff preached a sermon upon the text, Rev. 12: 9.

At 9.30 a.m. Monday, June 22nd, the first business session was held. The report of the Credential Committee showed that there were nine pastors present and twelve lay delegates.

The President's report was a comprehensive review of the principal events which had taken place in the Synod during the past year. In it he recommended that: (1) Synod consider seriously the advisability of relieving its President of the care of a local congregation, so that he may be free to supply vacant congregations and care for the missionary interests of the Synod; (2) appropriate services be held in our congregations sometime in the month of July in commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the establishment of Lutheranism in Upper Canada; (3) proper preparations be made for the 400th anniversary of the Reformation in 1917; (4) due recognition be given to the work of the ladies through the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and of the laymen through the laymen's movement; (5) more attention be given to recruiting men for the ministry; (6) we meet our opportunities and responsibilities with respect to our Waterloo Theological Seminary.

The Treasurer of Synod, Mr. C. H. Fierheller, as usual, presented a clear, comprehensive and correct report of the finances of Synod. The report was very

encouraging, as it showed a gain in receipts during the past year of over one thousand dollars, more than the year previous. The total receipts were \$3,801.87 for benevolent and missionary purposes. The Treasurer was extended a rising vote of thanks for his valuable services.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

President's Report.—Revs. Wike, Behrens and Bieber.

Auditing.—J. C. Casselman, E. A. Bartmann, C. Lossing.

Statistics and Parochial Reports.—Revs. Willison and Herold, and Mr. A. H. Casselman.

Excuses.—Revs. Behrens and Knauff, and Mr. Lossing.

Protocol and Minutes.—Revs. Bieber and Herold, and Mr. Quin.

Reception of Congregations.—Revs. Wike and Knauff, and Mr. Barkley.

Proceedings of Conferences.—Revs. Knauff and Clemens.

Equalization.—Messrs. A. H. Casselman, M. A. Barkley, A. Johnson, and L. Summerfeldt.

Apportionment.—Revs. Miller and Bieber, Messrs. Aug. Mogk and Jones.

General Council Minutes.—Rev. M. J. Bieber.

Press.—Revs. Bieber and Clemens.

Tellers.—Messrs. A. H. Casselman, Jones and Johnson.

The Examining Committee and the Ministerium recommended the reception of Pastors Behrens and Herold and the ordination of Mr. N. Willison, the first fruit of the Waterloo Seminary.

Election of officers resulted in the reelection of Rev. J. J. Clemens as Secretary and Mr. C. H. Fierheller as Treasurer of Synod. Rev. J. Maurer has one more year (his third) to serve as President.

Fraternal greeting was received from the Canada Synod in person by the Rev. C. R. Tappert, of Berlin. Letters were received from brethren of the Nova Scotia, Chicago, North-West and Pittsburg Synods.

St. Matthew's Congregation, Welland, was received into membership with Synod.

The Executive Committee made the following recommendations, which were adopted: That (1) 800 Minutes of Synod be printed; (2) important committees' and officers' reports be printed in advance of Synodical Convention, as done this year by the Secretary in the "Canada Lutheran"; (3) we request a loan from the Church Extension Society for our Brantford Mission to the extent of \$5,000.00, of which \$2,000.00 is to be

used in the near future in paying off their lot already purchased, and the remaining \$3,000.00 to be forwarded at a later date when the congregation is ready to supplement it and build the needed chapel; (4) President of Synod be authorized to make arrangements for an itinerary, through our Synod, of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Fry, also for one of our foreign missionaries on furlough, providing their services can be secured; (5) President and Secretary of Synod confer with the Canada Synod with reference to opening a Normal Summer School at the Seminary in Waterloo and one in the Eastern end of the Synod's territory, and report to the Conferences before their next Conventions; (6) Synod recommended to our congregations that they raise the amount apportioned for benevolences in duplex envelopes, as a whole, each Sunday, and the division among the various benevolent objects be made by the Church Council.

The Executive and Home Mission Committee for the coming year will be composed as follows: The officers of Synod, the Presidents of the Conferences, and Revs. P. C. Wike and H. J. Behrens, Messrs. C. H. Stiver, E. A. Bartmann, J. C. Casselman, and M. A. Barkley.

Rev. M. J. Bieber presented the report of the Seminary Board, as printed in our last issue. The members on the Board representing our Synod will be: Revs. Maurer (re-elected for three years), Behrens (elected to succeed Rev. Miller) and Bieber (who will be succeeded by Rev. Willison when his duty as Field Missionary will take him outside of the bounds of our Synod); Messrs. C. H. Stiver and E. A. Bartmann (re-elected for one year). Rev. Miller presented the plans of the proposed new building, which were approved by Synod. Treasurer Bitzer gave a report of the finances of the Seminary during the past year. The Educational Committee was instructed to devise ways and means of securing the services of a Financial Agent to secure funds for our Seminary at Waterloo.

The business transactions of Synod occupied so much time of the convention that the presentation of papers on doctrinal and practical subjects, which had been prepared by Rev. Wike on "The Work of the Holy Ghost," and by Rev. J. J. Clemens on "Christian Training in the Home," were deferred till a later date.

The reports printed in our last issue were presented and duly considered.

The Canada Lutheran is to be con-

tinued and will be financed by Synod, which will be assisted by the Luther League of Canada and W. M. Society of Synod. The publication committee will consist of the following: Rev. J. J. Clemens, Editor-in-Chief; Rev. H. J. Behrens, Associate Editor; Rev. J. S. Herold, Business Manager and Treasurer. The committee was authorized to make any such change in form and price of the paper which it may deem advisable.

Rev. President Maurer was elected Synod's representative on the H. M. Board of the G. C.

Rev. Maurer read a report of his visit to the Canada Synod's Convention, as our Synod's fraternal delegate. Rev. Herold was elected fraternal delegate to attend the next convention of the Canada Synod.

Besides the report of the Committee on Immigrant Work and Montreal Hospice a communication from Mrs. J. C. Casselman was also read. The committee which is to continue this work during the next year is: Rev. Bieber (until new pastor of the Redeemer Congregation, Montreal, arrives), Rev. Clemens and J. C. Casselman.

The Committee on Equalization was continued and instructed to collect from congregations the amount (\$10.40) apportioned and pay delegates' expenses as soon as possible. Mr. A. H. Casselman, Morrisburg, is chairman of this committee.

It was resolved that: (1) Synod make a loan from the Synodical Apportionment Fund, to the extent of \$77, to pay balance due on Home Mission Apportionment, this loan to be refunded during the year; (2) the Treasurer be asked not to further delay the payment of the extra balance of last year's Synodical Apportionment to the Seminary Board Treasurer.

Recommendations made by the Committee on Moral and Social Reform were considered. The first recommendation was laid on the table till next Convention of Synod, and committee instructed to secure further information on this subject. The second item was adopted, verbatim, as expressing Synod's attitude on questions referred to in the report. Revs. Wike, Herold and Willison were elected members of this committee for the coming year.

The Committee on Church Architecture was elected: Rev. J. J. Clemens, Rev. J. S. Herold and Rev. H. J. Behrens.

Committee on Uniform Constitutions: Revs. Maurer and Clemens.

The Committee on Apportionment re-

ported the following total amounts apportioned upon our congregations for the coming year, for benevolence and missions (exclusive of Seminary contributions):

Guelph, \$80.00; Toronto, \$265.00; Dunbar, \$52.00; Riverside and Morrisburg, \$415.00; Unionville and Buttonville, \$125.00; Berlin, \$165.00; Humberstone, \$155.00; Montreal, \$135.00; Hamilton, \$170.00; Ottawa, \$110.00; Welland, \$48.00; Williamsburg, \$400.00; Galt, \$125.00; total, \$2,245.00.

Synod sent a resolution of congratulation to Sir Adam Beck, the Lutheran Minister of Power in the Ontario Government, recently honored by King George V with knighthood.

The report of the Committee on Statistics and Parochial Reports showed some progress, in spite of many vacancies and changes in pastorates during the past year. According to this report, the confirmed membership of Synod is 1,688, and the number of baptized members is 2,596. There are 1,111 scholars and teachers enrolled in the Sunday Schools. All our parishes, with the exception of four, have parsonages. Total value of church property is \$205,789. Congregations paid out for current expenses \$14,857.07; for special expenses, \$13,566.66; total, \$28,423.73. Average for each confirmed member is \$19.41. Benevolent contributions amounted to \$2,543.28, an average of \$1.72 per member.

The Committee on Protocol and Minutes reported work not completed. It was, therefore, continued and permitted to report at the next annual meeting. It was also instructed to compare this year's minutes with protocol.

The Rev. H. J. Behrens was elected Archivarius.

The Committee on Proceedings of Conferences presented its report on the work of the conferences and meetings held during the past year. It reported that the Eastern Conference would meet in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, in conjunction with the Luther League and Sunday School Rallies over Labor Day, next fall.

It was resolved that the officers of Synod enter into correspondence with the directors of the Milwaukee Mother house for Deaconesses with the view of arranging for an itinerant in the interest of the deaconess work.

The Committee on General Council minutes presented Dr. Frick's letter, as given in the President's report, as its report.

The Unionville and Buttonville parish extended an invitation to entertain the next Convention of Synod. The invitation was referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act.

The President appointed the Revs. P. C. Wike, J. A. Miller, and W. H. Knauff as members of the Examining Committee.

The power of appointing fraternal delegates to the New York and New England Synod, and also the Nova Synod, was delegated to the Executive Committee.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. Bieber and adopted by Synod:

"Whereas, the family of Rev. R. R. Durst, a former member of this Synod, has been sorely bereaved by the sudden death of Mr. Frank, Rev. Durst's son-in-law, be it resolved, that the sincere sympathy and prayers of this Synod be extended to the Rev. Durst and his family in their sorrow, and that this resolution be entered upon the minutes, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family."

Rev. N. Willison moved, Rev. P. C. Wike seconded, "that this Synod, in recognition of the most cordial hospitality enjoyed during this Convention, hereby express heartiest gratitude for the same to the pastor and members of the First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, and request the pastor to convey the thanks of Synod to the Congregation at the next regular service."

The laymen's rally, held on Tuesday evening, though not very largely attended, was enthusiastic and interesting. Addresses were made by a number of the laymen and pastors.

The ordination service on Monday evening was described by the preacher of the ordination sermon, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, as an "epoch-making event." The Rev. N. Willison, the first graduate of our Waterloo Seminary, who was ordained at this service, is a credit to the institution and a promising worker in our Synod. He has now taken charge of the Unionville-Buttonville parish.

Synod adjourned on Wednesday at 3.30 p.m. The closing service was conducted by President Maurer, according to the liturgy in the Church Book.

JOHN J. CLEMENS, Secretary.

THE CANADA LUTHERAN WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Met in Sixth Annual Convention in the First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, the Rev. H. J. Behrens, Pastor, on June 25th, 1914. Three Sessions Were Held.

FORENOON.

Pastor Behrens opened the Convention at 9.30 o'clock with the devotional services, after which the President, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, assumed the chair.

Mrs. S. Burkholder, President of the Local Society, warmly welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. S. Becker of Williamsburg, responded in a fitting manner. In the absence of the Rev. J. Maurer, President of the Synod of Central Canada, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, Field Missionary, brought the greetings of the Synod.

The Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Knauff, read the minutes of the last Convention and called the roll. Fifteen Societies representing 33 delegates responded.

GREETINGS.

Miss Bertha Ziebarth, of Frankford, Ind., President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Chicago Synod, brought the greetings of her Society and of the Society of Christ Church, Detroit, Mich.; and Miss May Mellander, Missionary on furlough from Porto Rico, extended the greetings of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod. These ladies were welcomed by the President and given the privileges of the floor. Greetings were also read from Mrs. F. F. Fry, President of the Western Conference of the W. M. S. of the New York and New England Synodical Society; and from Mrs. W. E. Bucholtz, President of the Nova Scotia Synodical Society.

NEW SOCIETIES.

Four new Societies were received into membership, viz: The Woman's Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Waterloo; the Young Ladies' Missionary Society, St. Paul's, Toronto; the Junior Mission Band, St. Paul's, Toronto; the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Matthew's, Welland.

REPORTS.

The President, in her report, called attention to the urgent need for more laborers at home and abroad and for contributions to the special \$10,000 Home Mission Fund; to the Montreal Hospice; the Missionary Rest House in India; work in India, Japan, Porto Rico, among the Slovaks in North America, to the Mission Worker, life memberships, mission study classes, etc. The report was referred to the Committee on President's report.

The Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Clemens, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Auditing Committee:

Disbursements.

Remitted to Mr. C. H. Fierheller:

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| India Hospital | \$207 90 |
| Porto Rico | 16 50 |
| Seminary | 75 60 |
| Slav Missions | 21 00 |
| Bethany Orphanage ... | 5 00 |
| Special Home Mission. | 86 60 |
| Montreal Hospice | 79 80 |
| Life Membership | 10 00 |
| India Scholarship | 15 00 |
| Good Shepherd Home, | |
| Allentown | 5 00 |
| Zenana Mission Work . | 20 00 |
| Native India Worker . | 15 00 |
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| To Kate W. Fry, Topics | 21 39 |
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| " Exchange | 35 |
| " Postage | 2 10 |
| " Printing | 3 50 |
| " Travelling Expenses, Mrs. | |
| Jenson | 1 55 |
| " Miss Weiskotten, Mission | |
| Exhibit | 1 10 |
| " Mrs. Miller, Annual Dues. | 5 00 |
| " Mrs. Frisby, Postage | 1 25 |
| " Mrs. L. Johnson, Postage . | 1 68 |
| " Rev. W. H. Knauff, Ex- | |
| press Charges | 1 90 |
| " Self, Sundries | 1 00 |
| " C. H. Fierheller, Printing | |
| of Minutes | 10 00 |
| " Error in last year's work . | 3 04 |

Total

Total Receipts

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| Balance | 59 41 |
| Home Mission | \$ 5 27 |
| General Fund | 39 95 |
| India Hospital | 10 00 |
| Topics | 3 54 |
| Post Cards | 65 |

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Women's Missionary Society, May, 1913—June, 1914.

| No. | SOCIETY. | Dues. | Porto Rico. | India Hospital. | India Scholarship | Allentown Good Shepherd Home. | Waterloo Seminary. | Topics. | Orphans' Home. | Slav Missions. | Sp. Home Mission Fund. | Montreal Hospice | Life Membership. | Interest in Bank. | Post Cards. | General Fund. | Zenana Work. | Native Worker in India. | TOTAL. |
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| 6 | Dunbar | 3 00 | | 25 00 | | | | | | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | 10 00 |
| 7 | Toronto | 3 00 | 2 00 | 28 00 | | | | | | | 4 00 | 5 00 | | | | | | 15 00 | 50 00 |
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| 17 | Welland | | | 3 00 | | | | | | 1 00 | 9 35 | 5 00 | | | | | | | 18 35 |
| 18 | Montreal, Jr. | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 00 |
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| 20 | Mrs. L. Johnson | | | | | | | 19 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 19 10 |
| | Rally Offering, 8 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | | 21 55 | | | | | | | 21 55 |
| | Offering, A.M. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 50 | | | 4 50 |
| | Offering, 2 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 70 | | | 4 70 |
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Respectfully submitted,
M. R. CLEMENS,
Treas. W. M. S.

Mrs. C. Ludolph, Toronto, presented her report as Corresponding Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee it was decided, that:

- (1) A new supply of Constitutions be secured;
- (2) The G. C. Society statistical blanks be used for the reports;
- (3) Money accompany orders for Topic Books;
- (4) Local Societies send the names of their officers, after each election, to the Canada Society Recording Secretary and she notify the chairmen of the Standing Committees;
- (5) All expenses incurred at the Convention be paid by order of the President and Recording Secretary;

(6) The Treasurer secure new books, also blanks with the various benevolent objects clearly stated, and these blanks be distributed among the Societies;

(7) New stationery bearing the Red Cross Emblem be printed;

(8) Mrs. Bieber and Mrs. Clemens see to the printing of the Minutes.

Miss Lizzie Martin, Preston, Chairman of the *Special Home Mission Fund*, reported that ten Societies contributed \$93.87, "which is not large, but considerably larger than the amount raised the year before." . . . "Can't we deny ourselves something in order to help Home Mission Work, to do our share to win many souls for Christ in our land?"

In her *Inner Mission Report* Mrs. J. C. Casselman, of Montreal, stated that "the response to the appeal for the Montreal Hospice did not come up to the expectations of the Committee." An Employment Bureau is to be organized and later a Hospice started. Contributions are asked for by December 1st, 1914.

Mrs. S. Schwerdfeger, of Riverside, presented the *Foreign Mission* report. The sum of \$107.75 was reported through the coin cards. "The Lutheran Church in America has 198 missionaries in the Foreign Field. The G. C. is centering its efforts on India, and much progress has been made in the past 20 years, during which time the Christian population has trebled, a strong incentive for us to continue on in our great work."

Mrs. W. Scriven, of Guelph, reported on *Porto Rico*. The sum of \$16.50 was contributed during the year.

The President, Mrs. Bieber, reported that four new Societies were organized during the Synodical year, and they were received at this Convention.

Mrs. F. Stahlschmidt, of Preston, reported that *India and Porto Rico laces* to the amount of \$119.52 were sold since the last Convention.

Mrs. A. H. Casselman, of Morrisburg, stated in her report that four Societies have *Mission Study Classes*. A class should consist of from eight to thirty members, should meet weekly, in a course of from six to ten sessions, an hour's length; begin and end promptly. Each member should have a text book and a note book, the Pastor to be consulted regarding the text book to be used. The leader should be enthusiastic and consecrated."

Mrs. J. Wurum, of Toronto, reported that St. Peter's Society, Preston, took out a *Memorial Membership* for the late Mrs. C. J. Lucas, and also a *Life Membership* in the name of Rev. C. F. Kuder, India missionary; Mr. and Mrs. C. Ludolf, St. Paul's, Toronto, a *Life Membership* for their little daughter, Frieda Marie, and the Sr. Missionary Society in its own name; also the Society of St. John's, Riverside, for itself. Each Society is urged to take out at least one membership during the year. The money is being used to publish and disseminate missionary literature among the Societies. "Let us make this the best year we have ever had."

Mrs. L. Johnson, of Hamilton, in presenting the *Literature Report*, stated that 151 *Topic Books* and 45 sets of Leaflets were ordered, and all the individual Societies were using them. There are 273 subscribers to the *Mission Worker*.

Mrs. O. C. N. Kanold, of Port Colborne, Chairman of the *Slav Work*, reported that six Societies contributed \$21. "Kindly make a note of this and all try to help another year. If we were in a foreign country, friendless and poor, and could have the Gospel preached to us in our own language I am sure we would have an altogether different opinion of the matter."

MEMORIAL.

Mrs. Emma Jacobs (Chairman) submitted *Resolutions of Condolence* on the departure, during the year, of Mrs. C. J. Lucas, Preston, August, 1913; Mrs. Sidney Casselman, Morrisburg, July 9, 1913; Mrs. Sarah Deeks, Riverside, Nov. 27, 1913; and Mrs. H. H. Weegar, Dunbar, Feb. 1, 1913. They were adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. S. Becker made an extensive *Mission Exhibit* collection during the year, and several fine photos of churches were on exhibition at the Convention.

Mrs. F. Stahlschmidt spoke interestingly of the work done by the *Seminary Ladies Auxiliary*, and appealed for general co-operation.

After the offering, \$4.25, and the appointment of committees, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

AFTERNOON.

The Rev. J. S. Herold, Toronto, conducted the devotional services at two o'clock.

Mrs. J. C. Casselman pleaded for the Montreal Hospice.

A letter from Mrs. C. L. Fry, G. C. *Literature Secretary*, urged the payment of lapsed subscriptions to the *Mission Worker*, an increase in the number of subscriptions, and the payment of the paper in advance.

JUNIOR WORK.

At three o'clock Mrs. J. C. Casselman gave a practical demonstration on how to conduct a Junior Missionary Society. The exercise in which a number of boys and girls took part proved very interesting and profitable.

Miss Ziebarth, the G. C. *Chairman of Junior Mission Work*, then delivered a masterly address on "The Junior Missionary Society," outlining the method of procedure with the child, from its very beginnings in the Sunday School and the Junior Society till confirmation and entrance into the senior male and female Societies. Miss Ziebarth's grasp of the subject and her pleasing way of handling it won undivided attention from the beginning to the end of her hour's talk.

OFFICERS.

The report of the Nominating Committee, presented by Mrs. Wurum, resulted in the election of the following officers for one year: President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman; Vice-President, Mrs. J. S. Herold; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Knauff; Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Clemens; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. Ludolph.

THE SEMINARY.

It was decided that the Societies assist the Ladies' Seminary Auxiliary in the effort to raise \$2,000 for the \$30,000 new dormitory at the Seminary.

The Committee on President's Report presented the following, through Mrs. S. Becker: (Condensed):

(1) Pleasure in meeting in the First Church and best wishes to Pastor and People.

(2) Continuance and increasing liberality towards the General Benevolences of the Church.

(3) Pleasure and profit in the Misses Ziebarth and Mellander's presence and talks.

(4) Undertake new enterprises as we are able.

(5) A cordial reception to the new Societies.

(6) Commendation and use of the excellent and increasing literature issued by the G. C. Society.

(7) Regrets, prayers and a rising vote of thanks and best wishes to Mrs. and Rev. M. J. Bieber on their departure to a new field of labor.

(8) A five or ten minute season of meditation and prayer by the Convention for more laborers in the vast spiritual harvest fields.

The resolutions were adopted and the Rev. N. Willison led in the season of prayer.

Mrs. J. Conrad, Waterloo, sang a beautiful solo.

The *Auditing Committee*, Revs Knauff and Herold, found the Treasurer's books correct and in excellent shape.

Mrs. W. H. Knauff, the Society's delegate to the Convention of the Society of the Western Conference of the New York and New England Synodical Society at Dunkirk, N.Y., on May 24th, 1914, gave a very interesting and comprehensive report.

The offering amounted to \$7.30.

At the suggestion of the *Canada Lutheran*, to devote a page in each issue to the affairs of the Society, the Convention decided to ask each Society to contribute at least \$2.00 into the treasury of the *Canada Lutheran*.

The session was adjourned with prayer.

EVENING.

At 8 p.m. the Rev. W. H. Knauff, of Port Colborne, conducted the devotional services.

PORTO RICO.

Miss Mellander captivated the Convention for over an hour by her characterization of Porto Rican life, conditions and needs, as well as the history, opportunities and prospects of the Luth-

eran Church in that Island. Her talk was uplifting and inspiring, and her answers to questions asked of her by the Convention later were very helpful.

The evening offering amounted to \$7.90.

THANKS.

The newly-elected President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, in a fitting resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote, cordially expressed the most hearty thanks of the Convention to the Pastor, ladies, members and friends of the First English Lutheran Church of Berlin; also to all who participated in the programme and all who in any way contributed to the success of the Convention.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mrs. Casselman then appointed the Standing Committees:

Home Missions.—Miss Lizzie Martin, Preston.

Foreign Missions.—Miss Emma Roos, Waterloo.

Inner Missions.—Mrs. J. C. Casselman, 10 Winchester Ave., Montreal.

Porto Rico.—Mrs. W. Scriven, 24 Cork St., Guelph.

Organizing and Junior Work.—Mrs. W. A. McDonald, 64 New St., Hamilton.

Lace Industry.—Mrs. F. Stahlschmidt, Preston.

Mission Study.—Mrs. A. Casselman, Morrisburg.

Life Membership.—Mrs. J. Wurm, 314 Huron St., Toronto.

Mission Exhibit.—Mrs. S. Becker, Williamsburg.

Slav Missions.—Mrs. O. C. N. Kanold, Port Colborne.

Memorial.—Mrs. H. J. Behrens, 47 Irvin St., Berlin.

Literature.—Mrs. P. C. Wike, 22 Rich Ave., Galt.

The *Executive Committee* consists of the officers and chairmen of the Standing Committees.

The Convention adjourned with the closing service by the Rev. Mr. Knauff.

[Synopsis of Secretary's Minutes written by Rev. M. J. Bieber.]

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ONTARIO.

The first Protestant Church in Upper Canada was Lutheran. It was built by the United Empire Loyalist (U. E. L.), Germans from the United States who sought homes in the wilds of Canada by the thousands, after the American Revolution. They originally came from the Palatinate in Germany, were befriended by England, remained loyal to her after settling in America, and in 1783 the advance guard came to Canada from New York State. The Crown allotted them land, and forty families settled along the St. Lawrence and the Lake, in the vicinity of the present Morrisburg and Williamsburg, in July, 1784. Without a pastor they held services and commenced the erection of a church at Riversidè in 1787, which was completed and consecrated by their first pastor, the Rev. Samuel Schwerdtfeger, who called in 1789, organized "Salem Evangelical Church" in the fall of the same year—the first Lutheran church in Canada, i.e., Ontario and Quebec. In 1793 the Crown granted the congregation 75 acres of land, on which the church stood, which they cleared, built a parsonage and made other improvements. Rev. Schwerdtfeger was a missionary. He organized German Lutheran congregations at Aultsville and Iroquois, but later both fell into the hands of the Episcopalians. Rev. Schwerdtfeger served the congregation fourteen years and died in 1803. Rev. Fred'k A. Myers, the second pastor, served the congregation three years, resigned in 1807 and went to Lancaster, Pa. Rev. J. G. Weigant, the third pastor, will always be remembered with obloquy. He betrayed the congregation and its property to the Church of England, renamed the church St. George's, and became a traveling missionary of the English Church to proselyte among the Lutherans. Rev. Myers returned from Lancaster, for a while served the few faithful Lutherans, then he, too, apostatized to the Church of England, 1814, and gathered in the Lutherans at Iroquois. Other German imposters deceived their countrymen. For nine years (1817-1826) there was a blighting interim that played havoc with the discouraged flocks, and only now and then were they visited by the Rev. J. P. Goertner, a traveling Missionary of the Ministerium of New York, who traversed the entire frontier from Niagara to Montreal and administered the means of grace to many a famishing and dying brother. He met Lutherans at North

Williamsburg who became the nucleus of a future congregation.

God preserved the Lutheran Church in this part of Canada through His consecrated missionary servant, the Rev. Herman Hayunga, native of Denmark, whom the New York Ministerium sent to bring order out of chaos on a salary of \$150 per annum. He resigned his chair as tutor in Hartwig Seminary, New York, and with apostolic fervor and zeal he courageously faced the deplorable condition of affairs, labored often day and night from house to house, summer and winter, for 46 years, overcame suspicious enemies within and without, resisted Episcopalian appeals and bribes, and was greatly blessed of God in his work. In 1827 he completed the organization of St. Peter's congregation in North Williamsburg, ten miles from Riverside, commenced in 1826 by Rev. Senderling, and built and consecrated a church on property donated by Mr. George Cook. He built and consecrated a new church (St. John's) in 1833 at Riverside, near the former one on land donated by Conrad Frymire. He introduced English preaching to offset (English) Episcopal Church encroachments and to give to the rising generation, in and out of the Lutheran Church, the Gospel in the language of their country. "And what hath God wrought" as a result of this consecrated missionary's labors? (1) Under the pastorate of the Rev. J. H. Hunton St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, three miles west of Riverside, was organized, 1875. (2) The same year the present beautiful St. John's church, Riverside, was erected. (3) The Canada Synod, commenced as the Canada Conference of the Pittsburg Synod, was organized in 1861. (4) The present St. Paul's church, Morrisburg, was built 1876. (5) The separate parish of St. Peter's, Williamsburg, was organized, which (6) became the mother of St. Luke's, Dunbar; which (7) is now an independent parish. (8) These congregations assisted in the organization of the Synod of New York and New England, 1902, under the Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, (9) who, with intense missionary zeal, was also instrumental in the organization of the flourishing English Lutheran congregations in Montreal and Toronto, which successful work in these two large cities of Canada paved a way for the organization of (10) St. Paul's, Galt, (11) St. Paul's, Guelph; (12) Trinity, Hamilton, (13) St. Peter's, Ottawa, First English, Berlin, (15), the revival of St. Matthew's, Welland, (16) the supplying for a season with pastoral services of Zion Church, Sherwood; (17) the prose-

cution of English Lutheran work in St. Matthew's church Brantford, (18) the supplying of the Lutheran congregations in Unionville and Buttonville; (19) also of the Lutheran congregation in Port Colborne; (20) the organization of a Canada Luther League; (21) the calling of a field missionary for Canada alone; (22) the organization of the Synod of Central Canada; (23) the founding of the first Lutheran Theological Seminary in Canada, at Waterloo, Ont; (24) the inauguration of the Lutheran laymen's movement in Canada; (25) the organization of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Central Canada, and (26) Sunday School conventions; (27) The Canada Lutheran; (28) the issuing of a Canada number of the Home Missionary, (29) closer co-operation of the Lutheran forces in Eastern Canada; (30) the calling of the attention of the Lutheran Church of North America to the marvellous losses, of opportunities and possibilities of the Lutheran Church in Canada! Each of these results again becomes the centre of new forces, inspirations, endeavors for the extension of the Lutheran Church in this and in other lands, and for the salvation of immortal souls in every portion of the habitable globe.

M. J. BIEBER.

Notes and News

NEW PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

With the assistance pledged to our paper by the Luther League of Canada, at Ottawa, and the Synod of Central Canada, and the Women's Missionary Society, at the conventions held at Berlin, the newly-elected Publication Committee of the Canada Lutheran feels confident that better days are ahead. It hopes that the members of our churches and the Societies mentioned above will loyally support the paper and assist their delegates to fulfill the resolutions which have been made. Let an agent or a committee be appointed in every parish, to secure new subscribers and the renewal of old subscriptions. This should be done without delay, as some subscriptions have now expired. We will, however, continue to forward the paper to old subscribers until new subscription lists have been forwarded to us, or notice is sent informing us that the paper is no longer wanted.

The Editor would kindly request our pastors and people to send in items of news or notes of general interest for publication. These should be sent to him not later than the 15th day of each month. Let each parish and Society appoint a reporter for the Canada Lutheran, and let us have an item of interesting news every month from each reporter. Be brief.

By co-operation we shall succeed. Kind reader, do your share to help us.

MISS MELLANDER OF PORTO RICO.

All our congregations which had the good fortune to be visited by Miss May Mellander were delighted. Her simple, interesting and instructive message was appreciated and we hope to see the fruits thereof in increased interest in the mission work which is being done by our Church in Porto Rico. We are sure that our people at Berlin, Galt, Preston, Guelph, Toronto, Hamilton, Unionville, Ottawa, Montreal, Morrisburg, and Williamsburg unite with us in expressing our appreciation of Miss Mellander's visit to our Synod, and our thanks to the P. R. Mission Board for sending her to us.

SEMINARY'S FINANCIAL AGENT.

We have just been informed that the Seminary Board has appointed the Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Berlin, as financial agent to canvass our congregations in the interest of our Waterloo Theological Seminary. He has been requested to visit the Eastern Conference congregations, during August, as follows: Williamsburg, Aug. 2nd; Morrisburg, Aug. 9th; Montreal, Aug. 16th; and Ottawa, Aug. 23rd.

NOVA SCOTIA SYNOD.

The Nova Scotia Synod held its Twelfth Annual Convention in Grace Church, First South, W. M. Weaver, pastor, June 25th to 28th.

This Synod consists of 27 congregations, has church property valued at \$102,000.00, 2,900 communicant members, 1,600 scholars in its Sunday schools, and a baptized membership of 6,641.

The officers of the Synod are: President, the Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., Bridgewater; Secretary, the Rev. G. B. Pifer, Bridgewater; Treasurer, the Rev. W. E. Buchholtz, Bridgewater.

The W. M. S. of the Synod held its Annual Convention preceding the Synodical Convention on June 24th. There were 50 delegates in attendance. Three sessions were held.

EASTERN CONFERENCE NEWS.

It is reported that the Rev. E. L. T. Engers, the pastor-elect of the Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, is to be installed by the President of Synod on Sunday evening, July 19th.

The Rev. L. M. McCreery, formerly pastor of the Morrisburg-Riverside parish, who is now serving a parish near Erie, Pa., was on Sunday, July 12th, called to become the pastor of our vacant mission at Dunbar. It is confidently expected that he will accept this call, and, therefore, soon return again to Canada, where his many friends will be glad to see him, as well as his esteemable wife and daughter, again.

Rev. Mountz, from Pennsylvania, preached at Morrisburg and Riverside on Sunday, July 19th.

A special anniversary service was held in St. Peter's Church, Ottawa, on Sunday, July 19th, in commemoration of the establishment of Lutheranism in Upper Canada in July, 1784. The newspapers in the Capital, with large headings, published the announcements of this service, and the fact that the Lutherans were the first of the Protestant denominations to build a church in Upper Canada (Ontario and Quebec). We are informed that arrangements are being made to hold a special service at Riverside on Aug. 2nd.

Rev. J. J. Clemens, of Ottawa, is spending a brief vacation at Guelph. During the two Sundays of his absence there will be no services. He expects to be in his pulpit again on Sunday, Aug. 9th.

FIGURES WHICH TALK.

The Canadian Presbyterians have sent out some statistics which tell their own story. They report 314,832 communicants, a net gain of 13,367. They gave for missions, education and benevolence a total of \$1,274,040, an increase over the preceding year of \$103,184. For all purposes they contributed \$5,637,099. The average per communicant was \$18.31. They report a circulation of 68,000 for their paper, The Presbyterian Record. The number and the fact of its inclusion in the statistics are significant. These figures, with which some available Lutheran figures would suffer in comparison, sound quite encouraging, yet one of their most influential men, in an address said: "Our Church is in desperate need of more men and more money to meet adequately the home mission situation." He further remarked: "It is a disgrace to the Presbyterian Church to allow present conditions to continue." —(The Lutheran).

THE MOLSON'S BANK

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Reserve Fund - - - - \$4,800,000

W. WALLACE, Mgr., Morrisburg Branch. C. H. JOY, Agent, Williamsburg Branch.

WESTERN CONFERENCE NEWS.

The Rev. N. Willison, the newly-ordained pastor of the Unionville-Buttonville parish, was installed by the Rev. J. S. Herold, of Toronto, on Sunday, July 5th, at the request of President Maurer.

The Rev. J. A. Miller, of Hamilton, has been visiting with his brother, the Rev. W. C. Miller, at Zurich, Ont.

PRESIDENT OF WATERLOO SEMINARY.

The Rev. P. A. Laury, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasio, Pa., for the past 14 years, has received a call to the presidency of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Waterloo. Pastor Laury has specialized in the department of Old Testament and Hebrew, and is an authority on missions. His scholarship and experience commend him very strongly for the new work to which he has been called.—(The Lutheran).

NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TORONTO.

According to The Lutheran, a new Swedish Lutheran congregation was organized in Toronto on Sunday, June 21. Services will be held in the German Lutheran Church in the afternoon, for the present. Rev. M. J. Bieber, field missionary, called the attention of the officials of the Augustana Synod to this important field.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGES.

The Norwegian Lutheran College at Camrose, Alta., is reported to have completed a very successful year's work. A Norwegian College will be opened in the fall at Outlook, Sask., where the first building is now nearing completion. It stands on a forty-acre campus along the Saskatchewan river.

The College of the Manitoba Synod (G. C.), which has just completed a successful year's work at Edmonton, Alta., will open at Saskatoon, Sask., in the fall. A splendid site has been secured at Saskatoon in very close proximity to the Saskatchewan University.—(The Lutheran).

Is it not time that we Lutherans of Eastern Canada are making some move in the direction of establishing a college or some institution of higher learning, for our young people?

A LUTHERAN PATRIARCH AT REST.

The Rev. Jon Bjarnason, D.D., of Winnipeg, fell asleep in Jesus on June 2nd, at his home. We have previously referred in our paper to this highly honored and respected "Patriarch of the Icelandic Lutheran Church in America." The editor of this paper was one of the number of young men ordained to the Gospel ministry by Dr. Bjarnason while he was President of the Icelandic Lutheran Synod of North America. Though not always holding the same opinion on all subjects, we learned to love, honor and esteem this devoted and self-sacrificing servant of God. Our sympathy goes out to his esteemed widow, who was a constant and capable help-meet to her husband.

One of our school-mates at the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, the Rev. B. B. Jonsson, is the capable successor of Dr. Bjarnason, both as President of the Icelandic Synod and as Pastor of the First Icelandic Lutheran Church, at Winnipeg.

At the annual convention of the Icelandic Synod, recently held at Gimli, Man., and at the suggestion of its President, it was decided to raise a fund in honor and memory of the sainted Dr. Bjarnason. This fund is to be used for the purpose of education. The newly-established Icelandic Lutheran educational institute at Winnipeg will become the first beneficiary of this fund. Subscriptions were started at the convention. In less than a half-hour \$25,000 were subscribed. This is a good beginning. These Icelanders do not do anything by halves.

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