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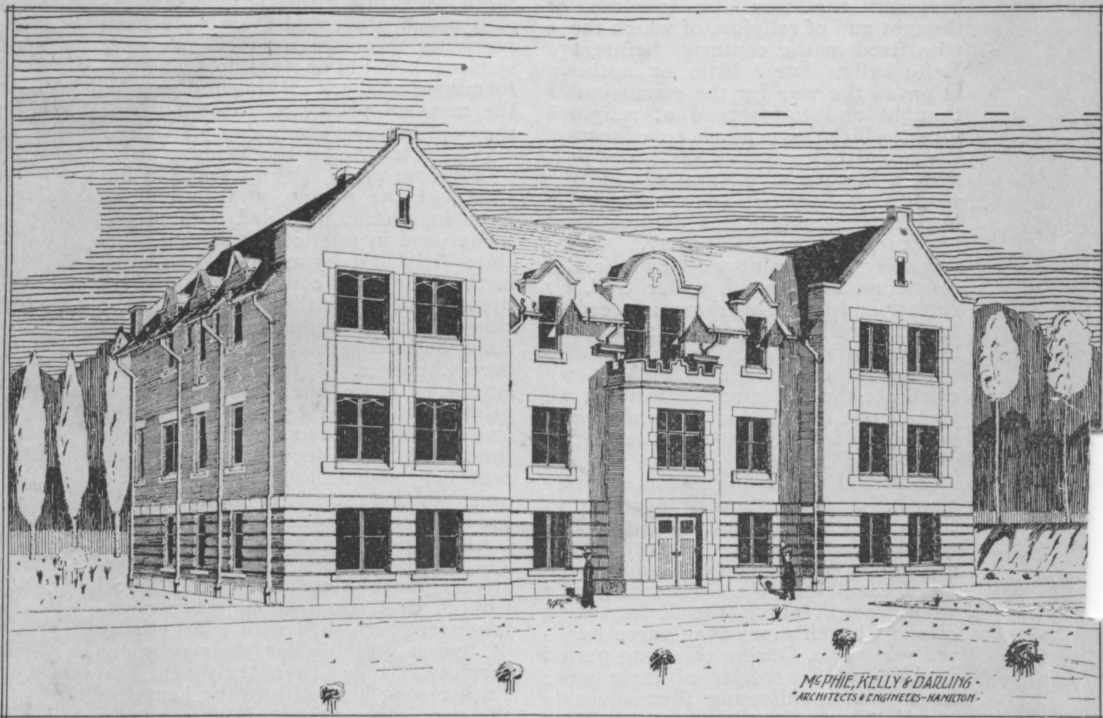
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THE REFORMATION.

(By the Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.)

The Reformation of the sixteenth century was an epoch-making event. It was of great importance for all time. All that preceded belonged to the past ages and all that succeeded to modern times. It was the turning point of the ages. It opened the way for the progress, the results of which we of the twentieth century have inherited and on the basis of which we can build for future generations. It prepared the way for freedom of thought and of religion, of which those who lived in the centuries before the Reformation knew little or nothing. It paved the way for the expansion of thought and the spread of religious ideas, which have given to education the broad culture that has made possible a literature unparalleled in the world's history, and to religion a breadth that makes it a dominant influence in the world to-day. From whatever standpoint we view the Reformation as effected, under God, by Luther and his co-workers, it presents food for reflection and cause for unbounded gratitude to God.

When, therefore, in October, we celebrate the Reformation festival, we should not forget that the underlying principle of that great event is that of progress along every line in the life of mankind that tends to the suppression of evil and the advancement of that which is good and uplifting. The world is better to-day because of the great and noble work done by the good, the heroic, the God-fearing men who brought about the Reformation of the Church more than three hundred years ago. During this long period of history the results of their work have been manifesting themselves in manifold ways in the advancement of the Christian religion and in establishing a higher state of civilization among the nations of the world.

It is hardly possible to enumerate all the blessings and benefits that have come to us by reason of this great work. We must content ourselves by calling attention to only a few. But these are so great, so important, and so far-reaching that we can not emphasize them too strongly, especially in view of the fact that there are those who seem to be losing sight of some of these. We are living in a materialistic age, when the minds of men are liable to be turned away from spiritual things to those which are purely material and for this life only. We need to remind ourselves

that there are higher things than the business affairs of this life, and that we only live truly when we pay attention to those things that pertain to spiritual and eternal things.

Among the blessings that have come to us through the Reformation may be mentioned the freedom to worship God in the language of the people. Centuries before the Reformation worship was conducted largely in a foreign language, which few of the common people understood. And there were other restrictions in worship which prevented the people from receiving what we now consider the spiritual benefits of worship. The Reformation changed all this and gave to the mass of people a freedom which they did not previously enjoy. Luther began by changing the Liturgy so as to conform more fully to the spiritual wants of the people, and to publish German hymns, provided with music, to be used in public and private worship. His first hymn-book, published in the year 1524, contained only eight hymns; but it was the beginning of the congregational singing which has ever since been characteristic of our German Churches. A few years ago the author of these lines published a reprint of this first hymn-book, (*) in order to illustrate to the people of our time the humble beginning of our present magnificent hymnological treasures. This first small book was followed in quick succession by others, consisting of hymns written by Luther and his co-workers, and in a comparatively short time the Evangelical Church of Germany and other countries were furnished with a large body of hymns suitable for their religious services. It has been truly said that Luther sang himself into the hearts of the people by means of his evangelical hymns. If the reader will examine our excellent "Church Book," many of these early hymns will be found in English translations, many of which are used in our services to-day; or the equally excellent "Kirchenbuch," in which many of these hymns are found in the original German.

Another benefit was the translation and publication of the Bible in German and then also in English, and later in nearly all the languages of the world. The important fact that we have the Bible in the language we daily use, we owe to Luther and other reformers in Germany, England and other countries. In Roman Catholic times the people did not enjoy the free use of the Bible as we do. One

reason for this was that it was written in a language which few understood; but with its publication in the language of the common people it became an open book in the homes of the people, in their schools, and in their churches. This priceless treasure is now published so cheaply and spread abroad so widely that every one can afford to have a copy and can read and study its precious truths. Nobody can hinder him from enjoying this blessed privilege:

Another privilege we enjoy in the

The financial support which our people give their pastors cannot begin to pay for the service they render in the Church, the school and especially in their homes.

We have mentioned only a few of the benefits that have come to us through the Reformation, but these are sufficient to cause our hearts to overflow with gratitude to God for the inestimable blessings and privileges that have been handed down to us for our use and enjoyment. When we celebrate the festival of the Refor-



REV. PROF. PRESTON A. LAURY, M.A., S.T.B.
New President of our Waterloo Theological Seminary.

Church of the Reformation is the spiritual ministrations of the pastoral office. The pastor is the servant of God, sent forth to proclaim the Gospel and to serve the people in spiritual things. He loses himself in the service of the Master and ministers to the spiritual wants of the people in all the varied conditions of life. The value of this service cannot be calculated and cannot be paid with money.

mation let us not be unmindful of them, and then thank God that He has cast our lines in pleasant places where we can worship and serve Him as becomes the people of God.—“The Lutheran.”

*Luther's Erstes Gesangbuchlein, 1524-1898, by S. E. Ochsenford.

NEWS AND NOTES.

THE WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Berlin.

First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, continues to progress. The attendance, both morning and evening, are increasing each Sunday. In connection with the Holy Communion Service, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, nine new members were received, including the Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, the new President of our Seminary at Waterloo. The teachers of the Sunday School have begun to hold monthly meetings for the study of the Teachers' Training Quarterly. The Luther League has begun holding mid-week topic meetings at which the students of the Seminary will give a series of addresses on the "History of Lutheran Missions." The members of the League are also preparing to give a humorous play in aid of the Building Fund. At the Thanksgiving and Harvest Festival on Sunday, Oct. 11th, the chancel of the church was prettily decorated with various fruits of the earth, and the pastor, Rev. H. J. Behrens, preached an excellent Thanksgiving sermon. On Oct. 15th, Pastor Behrens was called home to Lancaster, Ohio, to the bedside of his father, who was very low. We trust that ere this report is read, his parent may be well advanced on the way to recovery and that the Lord may bless him with life and health for many years to come. Rev. P. A. Laury supplied for Rev. Behrens during his absence.

Brantford.

Brantford, under the careful guidance of Mr. F. W. Otterbein, of Hamilton, continues to forge ahead. At this writing, preparations are being made for special Reformation services.

Galt.

Rev. Wike, at Galt, performed the marriage ceremony, during the month, which united Miss Laura Martz and Mr. Mans in holy wedlock. Mrs. Mans was one of the most faithful workers of our congregation at Galt and as she has gone, with her husband, to live in Elora, we join the members of the Galt congregation in their regret at her loss. Rev. Wike also officiated at the baptism of the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Galt.

Hamilton.

We hear both good and bad news from Trinity, Hamilton. The former is that a son was born to Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, on Oct. 7th, and we take this opportunity of extending to them our most hearty congratulations. The latter is that Pastor Miller has tendered his resignation to this flourishing congregation. We hope that, if it is true, our good people at Hamilton will refuse to accept it.

London.

The congregation at London has called the Rev. W. C. Miller, of Zurich, Ont., to become its pastor.

Waterloo.

Our Seminary at Waterloo re-opened its doors for its fourth scholastic year on Sept. 30th. Rev. Prof. Laury had charge of the opening services and after delivering his opening address to the student body, he called upon the following pastors, who were present and who each spoke a few words of encouragement and advice to the students: Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., Toronto, President of the Seminary Board; Rev. H. J. Behrens, Berlin, English Secretary of the Board; Rev. E. Bocklemann, Waterloo, Chairman of the House Committee of the Seminary; Rev. Prof. O. Lincke, Waterloo, and Rev. Prof. P. C. Wike, Galt.

In the evening of the same day, the Rev. Preston A. Laury, M.A., S.T.B., was publicly installed in St. John's Church, Waterloo, as President, Dean, Housefather and English Professor of the Seminary. On this occasion the Rev. H. J. Behrens preached the English sermon and the Rev. M. Voelker, of New Hamburg, the German. The Act of Installation was performed by the clerical officers of the Seminary Board, Revs. Dr. E. Hoffmann and H. J. Behrens. Rev. Prof. Laury then made a very enthusiastic and inspiring address.

The student body for this year is as follows:

Senior—C. F. Christiansen, Waterloo, Ont.; R. Kasdorff, Ph.D., Pomerania, Germany.

Middle—A. Goos, Edmonton, Alta.; G. Weidenhammer, Spruce Grove, Alta.; H. Rembe, Hamilton, Ont.; E. Huehnergard, St. Jacobs, Ont.

Junior—C. Sorensen, Randers, Denmark; E. H. Beckman, Hamilton, Ont.

Preparatory—H. Wahl, Waterloo, Ont.; J. O. Neeb, Waterloo, Ont.; L. P. Klopp, Stratford, Ont.

Collegiate — F. Howald, Zurich, Ont.

At a meeting of the "Ministers in Training" (the students' organization) on Oct. 2nd, C. F. Christiansen was elected President and at a meeting of the Student Missionary Society of the Seminary, on Oct. 6th, C. Sorensen was elected as Chaplain and plans for the year's work were outlined. It is planned to hold weekly meetings for the study of Heathen Religious Systems. It is also planned to hold public missionary services in the churches of the community and to support a scholarship in one of our mission schools of India.

Seminary Day, Oct. 12th. was a Red Letter Day in the history of our Seminary. It was the occasion of the cornerstone laying of the new dormitory. The services began at 2.30 p.m., at which time a large assembly had gathered on the Seminary grounds, and were conducted by the Rev. E. Bockelmann. Rev. Dr. Hoffmann delivered the German address and Rev. Prof. Laury the English. Telegrams were read from Revs. Hamfeldt, of Toledo, Ohio, and M. J. Bieber, of Montreal, who both regretted their inability to be present on this great occasion. The act of laying the stone was then performed by the clerical officers of the Seminary Board, Revs. Dr. Hoffmann and H. J. Behrens. The students then collected the offerings, which by their liberality, showed the great interest that our Canadian Lutherans take in this school of the prophets.

In the evening a Seminary Rally was held in St. John's Church, Waterloo, at which the Rev. M. Voelker, of New Hamburg, spoke in German and the Rev. N. Willison, the first graduate of our Seminary, in English. The choir of St. John's Church, under the able leadership of Chas. Froehlich, furnished excellent musical selections at both these services.

Our students, in addition to their studies and Sunday School work have offered to give a series of addresses on "American Lutheran Church History" to St. John's Luther League, Waterloo, and a series on the "History of Lutheran Missions" to First English Luther League, Berlin, during the winter. They are also supplying the London pulpit at present.

In connection with the Seminary Services on Thanksgiving Day, the Jugenbund (Young People's League), of the German Canada Synod, held its annual convention in St. John's

Church, in the morning. One of the items of business transacted was the starting of a "Students' Aid Fund" for German students in our Seminary. This fund is to be separate from the present "Students' Aid Fund," which is in the hands of the Financial Committee of the Seminary, and is to be conducted and managed by the young people of the German Synod. We commend this step and hope that our Canada Luther League will do likewise. Hitherto, the chief aim of the Financial Committee of the Seminary has been to raise money for the support of the institution and the Students' Aid Fund has been sadly neglected. If our young people would take this Fund in hand, we are sure that it would be promoted and boosted as it deserves to be and in a short time would amount to something worth while. We would suggest that our leagues consider this matter and send their delegates to Toronto next spring prepared to act intelligently in this matter.

We are told that Missionary Schaefer who is home on furlough, from India, is to make a ten-day itinerary through some of our Canadian churches, beginning about Oct. 25th.

A Luther League was organized in Zurich on Oct. 9th.—ERNIE H. BECKMAN.

Welland.

St. Matthew's Evangelical English Lutheran Church, Griffith Street, Welland, H. A. Kunkle, M.A., Pastor. As usual, after the storm follows the calm. The coming of the new pastor and family, the public reception, the solemn installation service, the pastor's introductory sermon, the departure of Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Bieber, and the moving of the pastor's household goods, all combined, had created quite a stir. This, however, from the nature of the case, could not keep on nor could the new teams keep up the frequent calls, the repeated requests for a large average and increased attendance and the high pressure as did Pastor and Mrs. Bieber, who are professionals in the business and hard to be equalled and difficult to follow, hence attendance will diminish and enthusiasm drop a few degrees by the time the new man gets the ropes and is equal to the situation.

This is no pessimist's note, but simply stating a few facts. Following this, the Luther League had a meeting at the home of Miss Ott, thirty present, five new members received, offering \$3.50, and decided to purchase the new chairs for the newly organized choir.

The new choir, twelve strong, made their first public appearance, Oct. 4th, in connection with the Communion Service and rendered their first anthem. They use "The Volunteer Choir" for their special music. They elected the following officers: Pres., Mr. R. Schultz; Sec.-Treas., Miss Flossie Cronmiller; Organist, Miss Elizabeth Reicheld; Director, the Pastor. This is the first choir in the history of the congregation.

The S. S. has purchased twelve more copies of the S. S. Hymnal with notes, and are now preparing for the Reformation Service to be rendered on the first Sunday in November. The membership is slowly increasing. A movement is now on foot to organize a Young Ladies' Bible Class.

The Ladies' Aid held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Hill, 248 East Main St., Friday, Oct. 9th, at 3 p.m. Twenty members and friends were present and \$12.50 realized. One new member was proposed. The Seminary contribution was discussed and the spirit renewed. We trust good results may soon be reported.

Our people were well pleased with the September issue of the Canada Lutheran and we hope to have the names of some of our St. Matthews' people on the contributors and subscription list by the time the October and November numbers come to us.

We rejoice with those who were so much pleased and so greatly benefited by Dr. C. L. Fry's excellent presentation and regret exceedingly that his programme had to be shifted and Welland cut out.

Preston.

Re the lecture Dr. C. L. Fry delivered in Preston, on Friday, Sept. 25th, Pastor Yost Brandt writes as follows:—"To my mind it is far superior to any "Revival Service," lacking none of the good points such a service may have, but having no trace of its objectionable features. It has a tendency to broaden the interest and sympathies of our people in the work of the Church at large and to quicken interest in mission work. It would be of great blessing to our congregations and the general work, could

we have such sanctified addresses of terner.

We expect good results to follow Dr. Fry's visit. An attentive, as well as a large audience, greeted Dr. Fry. It gave evidence of their appreciation by their offering."

Rev. P. C. Wike, of Galt, also writes that "Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D., was with us and has passed on. He was favored with a good congregation for mid-week. His lecture on the Reformation was good and listened to by old and young with marked attention. Let us hope that it will bear its good fruit in quickening in us the true spirit of the great reformer. It is needed in all our churches in Canada."

Sir Adam Beck has written to the Secretary of Synod acknowledging the letter of congratulation sent to him. In his letter Sir Adam says:—"I need not tell you that I highly appreciate the kind resolution embodied in your letter, congratulating me upon the honor conferred upon me by His Majesty, the King. You will please convey to the Synod my appreciation of the same."

In "The Monthly Bulletin" for Oct. Rev. Herold, Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, writes:—"Another hope has been fulfilled and our beautiful pipe organ stands completed ready to be consecrated to the service of the Lord.

The choir, under the diligent leadership of Mr. C. H. Fierheller, has made preparations for special musical services in connection with the consecration. Dr. A. S. Vogt, of the Toronto Conservatory, a man of international fame, will be with us on Sunday evening, Oct. 18th, and Mr. A. H. Lye, organist of St. Luke's Anglican Church, and a member of the firm of Lye & Sons, will be with us in the morning and afternoon. A rare musical treat is in store for us."

A beautiful and very elaborate programme of the special musical services in connection with the "consecration of the new pipe organ and harvest home supper," has been received by the editor, who congratulates and extends his best wishes to all concerned.

Unionville-Buttonville.

From Unionville-Buttonville, Pastor Willison writes:—"This has been a good season for our farmers. Crops

have been heavy the harvesting weather was excellent and prices are good. No signs of hard times among the tillers of the soil. War or no war the farmer is the most independent and the most happy of all men and if our young people who are often so eager to get away to the cities and towns were as wise and farseeing as their best friends would like them to be they would remain on the land in much larger numbers than has been the case in recent years. Our congre-

Oct. 4th the Buttonville congregation celebrated "Harvest Home" with an attendance of 115 people. The Unionville choir furnished the music. On Sunday, Sept. 27th, the pastor baptized in the Buttonville church, Helen Laura, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fierheller. Well attended meetings of our Ladies' Aids were held at the homes of Mrs. William Stiver and Mrs. D. Quantz. On Sept. 20th we listened gratefully to the inspiring address of Rev. Dr. Fry. Our



FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF OUR SEMINARY, 1913-1914.

Top Row—C. Sorensen, A. Goos, H. Rembe, E. Beckman.

Middle Row—E. Huchnergard, F. Christiansen, N. Willison, F. Schreckenber, G. Weidenhammer.

Front Row—Revs. C. R. Tappert, M. Voelker, Prof. O. Lincke, H. J. Behrens and P. C. Wike.

gations are prosperous and happy. On September 13th we held an open air service in our Lutheran cemetery. It was attended by 120 people and an offering of over \$17 was received for the cemetery fund which is devoted to the upkeep of the cemetery. Sept. 27th we held our "Harvest Home" services at Unionville, morning and evening and the aggregate attendance numbered 186. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. On

Luther League was organized with twenty-eight members and the meetings are well attended and profitable. Our laymen held a meeting during the month to take steps to raise funds for the Seminary. They arranged to cooperate with the Luther League in preparing for a social gathering of all members in the parish to discuss the Seminary question and other matters of interest. Our Ladies Aids are contributing their share to the Wo-

man's Auxiliary Seminary Fund. Our new pipe organ is to be installed this month. Our average morning attendance at Unionville for the month of September was seventy-one and at Buttonville seventeen. Our Sunday School average was forty-two.

EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Things are "looking up" in the Eastern Conference. With all vacancies now filled better days are ahead.

Morrisburg-Riverside.

The Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., has arrived and taken charge of the Morrisburg-Riverside parish. A very hearty and welcome reception was tendered Pastor and Mrs. Little and their four children by the kind members of the parish, on Friday evening, October 9th. Dr. Little was installed by President Maurer, on Sunday, Oct. 11th. Pastor Clemens, of Ottawa, gave his illustrated lecture on, "The Polyglot Population of Canada," in Morrisburg, Monday evening, Oct. 12th. After having delivered it on the previous Sunday evening at the Areohagus, in the Imperial Theatre, Ottawa. He was ably assisted by Mr. Whitteker, who operated the electric lantern and played the organ, and Mr. Henry Shennett, who rendered much general assistance. The kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fetterly was very much enjoyed, as was also the short visit made to Williamsburg, where the lecture could not be delivered for want of proper light for the stereoptican.

Dunbar.

The Rev. L. M. McCreery and family have returned to Canada and taken up their new work at Dunbar. Pastor McCreery was installed by Pres. Maurer on Sunday, Oct. 18th.

Our hearty welcome and best wishes are extended to these fellow-workers in their new sphere of labor.

Ottawa.

The most encouraging item of news from Ottawa is that the Treasurer of St. Peter's Church, Mr. A. Johnson, reports the largest receipts for current expenses in one month since the church was organized—for the month of September, \$157.78. With the return of some of its members, who have been absent during the summer, new life is being infused and activity increasing. The Areopagus (mission) meetings in the Imperial Theatre on Sundays, after evening services, are being continued with success. Nine

Catechumens have been enrolled in the pastor's Catechetical class.

Montreal.

The Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, is eagerly awaiting the advent of its pastor-elect, the Rev. John Keehley. The Buffalo congregation tenders Pastor and Mrs. Keehley a "Farewell Reception" on Tuesday, Oct. 27th, and on the 29th they expect to arrive in Montreal. Sunday, Nov. 1st promises to be a memorable day in the history of the congregation. The services will assume a three-fold character: consecration of the church, installation of the pastor-elect and the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the beginning of regular services by the English Home Mission Board through the field missionary. An effort will be made to raise \$1,000 towards the mortgage indebtedness. The congregation will tender Pastor and Mrs. Keehley a "Welcome Reception" on Friday evening, Oct. 30th.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society held an important monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6th. The topic, "Slovaks," was thoroughly discussed; "the Lutheran Home at Montreal" received its share of attention, and a "Birthday Social" is to be held in the beginning of December.

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 14th, the Rev. J. J. Clemens, of Ottawa, delivered a very interesting and instructive illustrated lecture on "Canada's Polyglot Population," in the church, to an appreciative congregation. Mr. G. W. Brooks handled the stereoptican and Miss Ella Tonnerson had charge of the music.

During Rev. Clemens' stay in Montreal the committee on "The Montreal Lutheran Home" met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Casselman, who together with Rev. Clemens and Pastor M. J. Bieber constitute the committee (Mrs. Casselman representing the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society), and initial steps were taken relative to the Name, Object, etc., of the institution. The committee is to co-operate with a similar committee of the Canada Synod, and also with other Lutheran bodies and individuals outside and in the city of Montreal. The various organizations of the church as well as the church attendance are showing renewed life. The Luther League will be re-organized at a special meeting on Oct. 21st, and delegates are expected to represent these organizations at the various conventions at Williamsburg during Nov. 3-5th.

Mr. G. W. Brooks is the efficient solicitor for the Canada Lutheran among the members of the congregation. His aim is to secure fifty subscribers for the paper. — M. J. BIEBER.

Eastern Conference Conventions.

The Eastern Conference will convene in St. Peter's Church, Williamsburg, Rev. J. Maurer, pastor, Tuesday, November 3rd, 1914, at 3 p.m. Rev. L. M. McCreery, Dunbar, President of the Conference, will preach the opening sermon, at the Holy Communion service. At the 7.30 p.m. Vesper service addresses are to be made by the Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., Morrisburg, on "The Church and the Present Crisis." Mr. C. H. Sternberg, M.A., Ottawa, on "The Lutheran Church and Her Menhood." Wednesday, at 10 a.m., the conference meets for transaction of business, after which a meeting of the Ministerium will be held.

The Sunday School Association meets Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. After the transaction of business Mrs. J. J. Clemens, of Ottawa, will read a paper on "The Importance of the Kindergarten and Cradle Roll Departments in the Sunday School." A Sunday School Institute will also be held. In the evening at 7.30, the Rev. P. W. Rath, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is to speak on Deaconess Work.

The Luther League convention will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5th, 1914. There will be three sessions, at 10 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. In the morning, besides transaction of business, there will be reports from the L. L. conventions at Ottawa and Baltimore, by Rev. M. J. Bieber, M.A. In the afternoon papers and addresses will be presented as follows "What We Owe to the Reformation," by delegate from the Morrisburg League; "One Hundred and Thirty Years of Lutheranism in Canada," by the Rev. J. Maurer, Williamsburg; and "The Luther League and Loyalty," by the delegate from the Montreal League. The rally address will be delivered in the evening by the Rev. John Keelhey, Montreal.

Special music will be rendered at these services by the local choir and other talent.

Rev. P. W. Roth's Itinerary.

The Rev. P. W. Roth, of the Milwaukee Motherhouse for Deaconesses, will make an itinerary through our Synod in the interest of deaconess work, and expects to visit our parishes

as follows: Nov. 1st and 2nd, Unionville, Sherwood, and Toronto; Nov. 3rd to 5th, Eastern Conference, Williamsburg; Nov. 8th, Ottawa and Montreal; Nov. 9th, Hamilton; Nov. 10th, Welland; Nov. 11th, Port Colborne; Nov. 12th, Guelph; Nov. 13th, Galt; Nov. 15th, Preston and Berlin.

Morrisburg.

Lucy Grey Ryerson, wife of Dr. Percy L. Casselman, of Morrisburg, died at the home of her mother, whether she had gone a visit, in Toronto, Oct. 14th, 1914. Her remains were brought to Morrisburg, where funeral services were conducted from St. Paul's Church, by her pastor, Rev. Dr. C. H. Little, on Oct. 16th, interment following in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Morrisburg. Much sympathy is felt for Dr. Casselman and his two little children in their bereavement, and the unusually large congregation attending the funeral services attested the esteem in which this lamented lady was held in the community in which she lived.

With the Management.

The campaign for new subscriptions is on. Scattering returns, as the news bulletins are wont to say on election night, are coming in. Williamsburg was the first to make a report. We are fortunate in having a president who not only commends the work of the Church to his brethren at Synodical sessions, but one who sets the right example on his return home. Rev. Maurer and his good people have made a whirlwind canvass and sent in 56 subscriptions for the Canada Lutheran. Thank you! Guelph, without a regular pastor on the field, comes second. Miss R. Scriven, the local representative, has made a canvass and sends a list of 16 subscriptions. Three new subscriptions were received from R. A. Schultz, of Welland. This makes a total of 75 for the month. Who will be first to report next month?

With this issue we start the new volume, Volume No. 3. All subscriptions should be paid in advance. We are publishing the names of the congregational representatives as far as we have been able to secure them. Make the work of the local representative as easy as possible. We make an earnest appeal to every reader to help in placing the Canada Lutheran in every home of our Synod. The country is flooded with pernicious, religious literature. What are you doing to stem the tide?

Local representatives:—Berlin, J. Rosenburger; Brantford, F. W. Otterbein; Guelph, Miss R. Scriven; Montreal, G. W. Brooks; Ottawa, Mrs. J. J. Clemens; Port Colborne, Rev. W. H. Knauff; Toronto, C. A. Bleil; Unionville, Rev. N. Willison; Welland, R. A. Schultz; Williamsburg, Rev. Maurer.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY PAGE.

(News for this page should be sent to Mrs. J. S. Herold, 347 Brunswick Ave., Toronto.)

The season for active church work is here. Our women are busy with the local work and in the meantime they are also planning and working for the larger work of the Kingdom. Let us hear from you and we will tell others of your work. In this way we can be an incentive and inspiration to one another. The Corresponding Secretary in making her appeal to the societies for the proper support of this page puts it so well that we take the liberty to quote her:—"This will help to increase interest in our societies and aid us to keep in touch with one another throughout the year." Four societies have been kind enough to send news for this issue. We hope to hear from you next time. You are all interested in the new societies which joined with us at the last convention. One of these, the Society of St. John's, Waterloo, reports through Miss E. R. Roos, as follows:—The Missionary Society of St. John's Lutheran Church was organized October 17th, 1913, with thirty charter members. This membership has been increased to forty-eight. The Society has made contributions to our India Mission, the German Mission in the Canadian North-West, the Orphans' Home at Bridgewater, N.S., and to our Porto Rico Mission. She adds—"In response to the earnest plea made by the convener of the Women's Seminary Auxiliary at the convention we decided to have a voluntary collection at our monthly meetings with good results." This is certainly good news. They are also planning a public missionary service for the evening of Sunday, Oct. 25th, Rev. Prof. Laury will address them on this occasion.

The Morrisburg Society, at the October meeting, voted \$40 for the Seminary and \$10 for the Montreal Hospice. On Sept. 30th they held a supper at the parsonage at which they realized \$12.60. Mrs. A. H. Hunter in reporting for the Society says:—

"God in His own good time has again seen fit to answer our prayers and has sent us a pastor in the person of Rev. C. H. Little, of Nova Scotia. He and his good wife and children arrived Friday evening, Oct. 9th, expecting to find their new home in darkness, but to their great surprise, the doors were open, the lights all turned on and a goodly number from St. John's, Riverside, as well as from here had gathered to greet them on their arrival. We all take courage, once again, feeling that we have secured the services of an earnest adviser and capable leader."

The Montreal Society, in spite of the fact that they have been without a pastor for a year or more, are doing excellent work. They were delighted to have had Rev. Bieber with them at the last meeting. The Society appointed a committee to arrange for the reception to be given to Rev. and Mrs. Keehley, who are expected to arrive Nov. 1st. They are also planning for a birthday party in December. An offering for the Montreal Hospice will be taken up at this gathering and they also expect to raise the balance of the indebtedness on the fine church pews which they have placed in the new church.

At Toronto the Missionary Society is arranging for an illustrated missionary service on the evening of Nov. 19th. A programme of readings and recitations will be interspersed by views from our India Mission. An offering for the Montreal Hospice will be lifted at this time. The Junior Band at its last meeting voted \$5.00 for the Porto Rico work. Miss Mellander's earnest plea made such an impression on the little folks that they were anxious to do something for her work.

The November Meeting.

Do you use the Missionary Topics? The programme for November is especially interesting. It is an Inner Mission Study. How appropriate to consider the appeal of the chairman of our Inner Mission Committee at this time. For the information of the many women who do not attend the missionary meetings and also for the men who will read these pages we will print the appeal which Mrs. Caselman, who has this work so much at heart, has sent out.

To the Women's Missionary Societies:—

I esteem it a pleasure to again present the cause of the Montreal Home to the liberality of your members.

Every day brings the attainment of our cherished hopes nearer.

With the advent of the Rev. Mr. Keehley to the pastorate of the Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, a new impetus will be given our cause, and the committee hopes soon to begin the launching of this laudable and much needed enterprise. If this Home was ever needed it is especially needed now. It is reported that there are three thousand Scandinavians in Montreal, and how very few of these have been brought in contact with our Lutheran Church. Many of them are without friends or even subsisting employment while others are here temporarily and all need the helping hand and glad welcome from the mother church. Then, too, when the war clouds have cleared away there is bound to be a great influx into Canada.

Will you kindly send your contribution through your Societies and congregation treasurers to our Synodical Treasurer by the first of December.

Please let your contribution be as large as possible for "the Lord Loveth the cheerful giver" and "He who gives quickly gives twice."

Praying that the Great Head of the Church may bless this enterprise which has begun in His name—MRS. J. C. CASSELMAN, Chairman of Inner Mission Committee.

Missionary Notes.

A Toronto Daily brings the news that the Presbyterians are about to organize Swedish and Finnish congregations in New Ontario. Why should it be necessary for others to care for the spiritual needs of our fellow Swedes and Finns?

Our Porto Rico work is developing rapidly. Two lady missionaries have been added to our force. Two new churches have been erected this past summer and are now ready for dedication. Rev. Marciano Topez de Alda, an ex-priest, has received Lutheran ordination.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

Rev. M. J. Bieber.

The Eleventh Convention of the Luther League of (North) America was held in the beautiful city of Baltimore, (population 600,000) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September, 1914. The Canada Luther League was represented by the Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Bieber. Eight hundred and

twenty-seven delegates and visitors attended from almost all parts of the United States and from Canada. The League numbers fifteen 15 State organizations (including Canada), 69 district and 864 local Leagues, of which 139 are junior and 725 senior leagues. The junior members number 6,214, and the seniors 30,229, a total of 36,443. Of these Canada is credited with two junior, and twenty senior leagues and 800 members.

All the meetings of the convention except those on Wednesday and Thursday evenings were held in the beautiful St. Mark's Church, the Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D., President. Obliging committees met all trains and piloted the delegates to the church, where kind friends and all comforts awaited the delegates. The church is spacious, and the delegates and visitors were made to feel thoroughly at home, in its various and many halls and rooms. The official badge was a gem and the programme was unusually neat and attractive. The convention motto was, "Doers of the Word," based on the XX Article of the Augsburg Confession, and all the subjects were handled by masters. The speakers were well prepared and presented their topics in a pleasing and helpful manner. All papers were limited to fifteen minutes. The hours of beginning the sessions were 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and they were closely followed. Devotional services began each session and the devotional spirit was manifest during the whole convention. No one could attend without being greatly benefitted and inspired in League work. Mr. Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., Lit.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., presided in his usual careful, able manner. The General Secretary, the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, of Omaha, Neb., showed his guiding hand during the whole convention, and the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Harry Hodges, of Philadelphia, was the efficient Secretary. The fine church choir of six voices led the singing at all the sessions in the church. Tuesday the convention opened at 8 p.m. in the exceptionally beautiful auditorium of the church, which was filled. The Revs. Dr. Dunbar, Brown and Heilman conducting the services. "Welcomes" were fittingly extended by Mayor Preston; Carl Destler, President of the Baltimore Central, and the Rev. Harry Manken, representing the twenty-six Lutheran churches of the city. The Hon. E. F. Eilert, the Chairman of the Executive Com-

mitted since the beginning of the Luther League of America, responded in his usual able manner. The Rev. Dr. Granville, President of Gettysburg College, gave the keynote address on "The Visible Church the Cohesive Force in Modern Society." He is a large man and every word has weight. President Stoeber gave his annual address, which contained many fine suggestions, and some timely recommendations. The choir music was exceptionally fine. "Festival De Deum" and "Jerusalem" being inspiringly rendered.

Wednesday.

The convention on Thursday was opened with the regular morning service by Pastor Dunbar, and the sermon, "Christ's Social Touch of the World," based on Math. 28: 19-20, was preached by the Rev. Paul W. Roth, of the Lutheran Hospital and Deaconess Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis. "The Purpose of Christian Social Service" was presented by Prof. Anderson, of Wisconsin University, and discussed by E. Aug. Miller, Esq., of Philadelphia. "The Holy City" and "Seek Ye the Lord" were sung at this session. The Treasurer, Statistic Secretary and Finance Committee also reported. A Resolution Committee to which were referred all resolutions and reports was appointed with the Rev. M. J. Bieber, of Canada, as chairman.

2 P.M.

Dr. Steck, of Baltimore, led the convention in the devotional service, and the Rev. Ambrose Hering, Superintendent of Settlement Work in Philadelphia, soon to have charge of Inner Mission Work in Pittsburgh, Pa., spoke on "The Social Duty of the Modern Church." Miss Annette Kaehler, of Buffalo, N.Y., presented a paper on "The Church's Duty Toward the Poor," both of which papers were very practical and elicited helpful discussion. A tenor solo, "Great Peace Have They," was sung. The Executive, Literature, Topics, and Publication Committees reported. "The Reading Course" and "The Review" were highly recommended to all the leagues and the individual members.

Reception.

From 4 to 6 p.m. the members of the convention were escorted in cars to the Lutheran Deaconess Mother House where they were met on the spacious campus by the House Father of the Home, the Rev. Dr. Chas. Hay, and by other representatives and the

deaconesses. Refreshments were served and the deaconesses escorted the delegates through the fine buildings, which are exceptionally attractive. This is one of the nine Lutheran mother houses in North America. To see it is to become interested and to pray and plan and work for more deaconesses, who are a mighty spiritual factor in institutional and congregational work.

Evening—Lyric Theatre.

At the evening rally the Lyric Theatre, holding 3,000 people, was over-crowded and many more turned away for want of room. The attraction was the convention choir of over two hundred voices, under Edgar Paul, the director, and the "Drama of the Reformation," the leading parts of which were taken by the Lutheran ministers of the city. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. M. J. Bieber, of Canada, and the Rev. Dr. Bell, of Baltimore. "The Watching Over Ismel," from "Elijah," and "The Woods and Every Sweet Smelling Tree," were inspiringly rendered by the chorus, which also led the vast audience in singing "Hark! Hark! My Soul," "Heark the Song of Jubilee," and "Come Thou Almighty King." Miss Williams rendered a solo, "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Power." The principal feature of the drama was "Luther at the Diet of Worms." Dr. Dunbar impersonated the Emperor. Charles V.; Rev. F. W. Gift, the Elector of Saxony; Rev. G. A. Getty, the Cardinal; Rev. A. O. Mullen, Luther. Many others took part in this memorable scene as well as in the choruses, etc. The address of the evening on "The Lutheran Church and the Masses," was delivered by the Hon. G. Beneke, Wheeling, W.V.

Thursday.

The sermon at this session was preached by the Rev. Dr. Fenner, Louisville, Ky., on "Religion the Key to Social Redemption," based on I John 3 16-17. The address, "Christian Social Service, the Agency for Reform in the Community," was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Fritz, Easton, Pa., and the paper was presented by Prof. Rev. Wentz, of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., an "Instruction of Youth in Religion." Mrs. Walters sang, "The Better Land." A great deal of business was attended to at this session.

Afternoon.

Five inspiring addresses were presented during this busy final session. "Lutheran Contribution to Christian Sociology," by Rev. W. A. Lambert, South Bethlem, Pa.; "The Church the Conservator of the Social Order," by Mr. C. A. Rockwell, Utica, N.Y.; "The Preacher, the Child, the Book," by R. W. Pullman, Washington, D.C.; "Boys' Work," Rev. A. J. Michler, Philadelphia, Pa., and there was a general discussion on "Junior L. L. Work." Miss Feldhaus sang "My Redeemer and My Lord."

The resolutions as presented by the chairman of the committee were unanimously adopted: (1) Thanks to Almighty God; (2) to the state branches, St. Marks congregation and all who took part; (3) to Hon. Eilert, of the Review; (4) to Reverend Schnur, of the Topic Committee; (5) to Mr. Stoever, the retiring President; (6) Condolence on the death of Mrs. Cassaday, author of the rally hymn; (7) and of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson; (8) Commending the peace policy of the president; (9) Recommending the president of the L. L. of A. to send general letters to the leagues, through the Review and then be copied by the church and parish papers and sent to the leagues; (10) a delegation of three appointed by the president attend the "Lutheran Students' Missionary Conference"; (11) Executive Committee prepare a programme for use by the leagues in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the L. L. of A.; (12) the League have a place on the programme at the jubilee of the Church in 1917; (13) the League rejoices at its members entering the ministry, the diaconate and the foreign fields; (14) the revised Hand Book be published at 75c. per copy; (15) commending the Luther Leagues in India; (16) all leagues meet the 10c. per capita apportioned to them; (17) the association secretary be paid a salary and his duties increased; (18) urge importance of Jr. L. L. work; (19) rejoice at the organization and reception of new leagues; (20) urge prompt and complete reports to the statistician from all the leagues; (21) the topics be simplified and made more practical; (22) urge the reading course upon all the leagues; (23) thanks for all congratulatory messages."

E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa., was elected president of the L. L. of America. Canada received a

place on the Executive Committee. The invitation from Canada to the International League to meet in the Dominion in 1916 was well received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Grand Rally.

The grand finale was held in the Lyric Theatre, Dr. Stoever presiding. Dr. Bauslin, of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, and Dr. Greever, of the Lutheran Church Survey, conducted the devotional services. The Hon. J. M. Nelson, Madison, Wis., gave a powerful address on "The Church in a Democracy." The convention chorus appeared at its best when it rendered "How Lovely Are Thy Messengers," from "St. Paul"; "Lovely Appear," from "The Redemption"; "Ho, Every One That Thirsteth"; "The Heavens Are Telling"; "I Will Lay Me Down in Peace," and a baritone solo by N. G. Horn on "How Long, O Lord, Wilt Thou Forget Me." The chorus led the audience in "A Mighty Fortress," "My Country This of Thee," "The Rally Hymn." Dr. Dunbar pronounced the benediction and one of the most successful L. L. conventions came to a close.

N.B.—Many of the delegates, including the Canada contingent, visited Washington, D.C., on Friday, and saw the sights of that beautiful capital city.

AN HISTORICAL OBERVATION.

Mr. L. W. Rupp.

The Lutheran, issue for 27th of August, notes among its items of "Brief Mention" the 130th anniversary of the Saint Lawrence Parish, Canada, "the first Protestant Church in Uper Canada." Behind this anniversary lies much history.

The founders of this congregation were United Empire Loyalists who migrated to Canada at the close of the American Revolution. When the colonies asserted their independence, it was by no means a unanimous decision. A million people, one-third the population, favored the crown, and, to greater or less degree, lent aid to the British armies. One of the Canadian historians, speaking of these Loyalists, includes among them "the most influential judges, the most distinguished lawyers, the most highly educated of the clergy, the members of council in the various colonies, the crown officials, the people of culture and social position." Perhaps later we shall challenge this sweeping assertion in an endeavor to prove the revolution a

just and necessary revolt against most arbitrary business restrictions and commercial restraints, and also to show that a less worthy policy than loyalty inspired not a few who stood with the King.

Nevertheless the majority of the Loyalist rank and file were sincere in their devotion to the only form of government they could comprehend. To them democracy spelled anarchy, and yet when the war came to an end, upon them, perhaps willing to meet the new conditions, fell the heaviest misfortune that overtakes a conquered people, thanks to the despicable work of the riff-raff among them who by such actions as the Wyoming Valley massacre brought the whole Loyalist cause into disrepute.

And so, exiled from their homes, the loyalists packed what heirlooms they could save from confiscation, and turned their faces either to England, or to the Canadian wilderness.

Among them journeyed Lutherans, not a few in number, people of devout German stock, most of them having come to America in the famous Palatinate migration which gave us our Pennsylvania Dutch. Some of them went to Nova Scotia; some from Pennsylvania settled in Upper Canada near the site of Toronto; some lost themselves in the eastern townships of Lower Canada (south of Montreal); others settled here and there in little groups which long ago lost their identity.

In 1784 the King's Royal Regiment of New York disbanded. Just how the first battalion, which was given the entire front concession, reached Williamsburgh, the writer is not yet certain. The forty families who came down from the Bay of Quinte German settlement were very likely soldiers of this regiment, with their families. Perhaps a few Germans coming up the river joined them, and we know that not a few Germans reached Canada through Ogdensburg, to this day a favorite port of entry for that district.

On July 20th, 1784, the forty families from Quinte landed at Williamsburgh. In August they began to hold German Lutheran services in their homes. In 1787 they began to build a church. They selected for their pastor a man politically in sympathy with themselves, Samuel Schwerdtfeger, a native of Saxony, a signer of the first constitution of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and a founder of

the New York Ministerium. He arrived in Williamsburgh in June of 1789, and celebrated his arrival by completing the organization of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, and by dedicating the church building which the people had already completed.

This, in briefest outline, is the story of the founding of the first Protestant Church, not only in Upper Canada, but in all Canada west of Montreal, and the oldest extant Lutheran church in the Dominion. There came in after years sad times for these faithful people, years when unfaithful shepherds deceived them sorely, when the language question threatened their ruin, when their property seemed lost to them by the trickery of shrewd sharpers. But in 1826 came Father Hayunga to band the flock together again. At this period the name was changed from Salem to Saint John's.

Very naturally old Saint John's sent out swarms. In Dundas county three survive, sole monuments of Lutheranism, this mother church and its three daughters, in a vast territory. From Saint Paul's, which swarmed in 1862, went out in 1903 the influence directly responsible for the organization of the Central Canada Synod in 1909. But of these things, more again.

On the muster roll of the old Tory regiment appeared such names as Ault, Berkley, Casselman, Frymire, Garlough, Loucks, Mattice, Merkley, Reddick, and a good many other names which are found on the records of the present Saint Lawrence parish. Like their ancestors these people are King's men, loyal in every respect to the land they adopted one hundred and thirty years ago. Though in the present crisis, as one of our Canadian pastors has written, the Lutherans must be cautious, because they come of German blood, yet the Loyalists cemented themselves and their children once and for all to the Union Jack, and their loyalty is to-day above suspicion.

Over the grave of a Williamsburgh loyalist a Canadian not so long since wrote a poem, in which these lines appear:

He fought for his country and king,
and naught could he claim
But a loyalist patriot's grave— yet
oh better by far
Than an empty bauble ever vaunting
in Liberty's name.
And a rebel grave upheaved be-
neath Victory's star.

Oh, mourn thou my country, 'tis well
thus a vigil to keep,

And a tribute be paid to one who
 so loved you and blent.
 His being with thine; let him sleep,
 it is well, let him sleep,
 A hill-top his grave, a country his
 monument.

Yes, peaceful they rest on thy hill-
 tops, O fair Canada,
 The brave on whose valor the dawn
 of thy hope first rose;
 And should glory decline, and thy
 day-star fade slowly away,
 The sunlight of hope would still
 linger where'er they repose.

Strange music for us who perhaps
 had an ancestor with Washington
 when he crossed the Delaware, and
 another who suffered the miseries of
 Valley Forge. But the author of this
 little historical observation has it first
 hand that the poet wrote of his great
 grandfather, a soldier in the King's
 Royal Regiment of New York, a Lu-
 theran, and one of the founders of
 the little Lutheran community on the
 Saint Lawrence.

The anniversary held three miles
 east of Morrisburg, Ontario, on Au-
 gust 2nd, merits more than "brief
 mention." It marked a distinct chap-
 ter in American Lutheran history,
 and as our beloved Church grows in
 power and influence in our neighbor
 nation, more and more will we honor
 the men and women who put Luther-
 anism into Canada, and have kept it
 there.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 1st.

ECHOES OF METHODIST WALLS.

What Joseph Gibson, president of
 the Ontario Alliance called "a melan-
 choly wail of sad despair," but what
 was described officially as the report
 of the committee on the state of the
 work and evangelism, caused a storm
 of argument when it was read at yes-
 terday afternoon's session of the gen-
 eral conference of the Methodist
 Church.

Dealing with conditions in Canada
 and the United States, the report as-
 sings the main cause of the church's
 loss of grip to the higher moral
 standard of the people. Because peo-
 ple are better now than they used to
 be, according to the report, the
 church finds it difficult to convince
 the world of sin.

"Church attendance is declining," a
 paragraph of the report read. "The
 preaching is losing its grip on the
 heart and conscience. Over large

areas religious life is becoming more
 formal and superficial."

What Caused Protest.

Such sections as this were not at
 all well received by some of the dele-
 gates, but they were passed by the
 conference with the rest of the pre-
 amble. What caused many of the
 delegates to raise their voices in pro-
 test was the recommendation that a
 man be set apart "charged with the
 specific mission of conferring with
 pastors, quarterly official board, dis-
 trict meetings and annual conference
 committee on evangelism and other
 groups of avowed Christian workers
 from coast to coast, inspiring them to
 put their powers into this great task,
 until, in time, every follower of the
 Christ in the congregations has been
 enlisted for a lifetime in the cause."

This met with hot resentment. Some
 of the ministerial delegates thought
 the task of inspiring the whole church
 would be rather a big job to give any
 mortal, and others took the recom-
 mendation as a slur on the ministry.

"We don't want to pay a man to live
 in Toronto and tell us to go to work,"
 declared Rev. Dr. M. E. Sexsmith, of
 Whitby. "It is a slur on the ministry
 of our church that we should have a
 man specially endowed with the spirit
 to come to us on our circuits and
 tell us we are not doing our duty."

Rev. Dr. Hugh S. Dougall, of St.
 Thomas, tried to quiet things by ex-
 plaining that the new man would be
 only an organizer, such as are now in
 charge of the various departments of
 the church.

The section of the report dealing
 with this proposed appointment was
 not voted upon, only the preamble be-
 ing carried.

Wail of Sad Despair.

"Never in my life have I heard such
 a melancholy wail of sad despair,"
 exclaimed Joseph Gibson, rising in
 protest against the apparently pessi-
 mistic preamble. Mr. Gibson talked
 of the progress of Christianity during
 the past few years; of the work of
 such institutions as the Lord's Day
 Alliance and the Dominion Alliance.

"While conceding every word Mr.
 Gibson has said," said George Bell,
 of Victoria, "I think it would be just
 as well to face the facts and tackle
 our obstacle."

Rev. Dr. S. P. Rose, of Montreal,
 declared that there is no crisis facing
 Christianity, but that there is a crisis
 facing the church.

THE MOLSON'S BANK

Reserve Fund	- - - -	\$4,800,000
Capital Paid-Up	- - - -	\$4,000,000

W. WALLACE, Mgr., Morrisburg Branch.

C. H. JOY, Agent, Williamsburg Branch.

"It is the organization of the church that needs to go to the penitent bench," he said.

The report that caused so much contention began by testifying that there is much in the state of the work of the church that inspires thankful confidence. Then came the following statistics, registering progress.

Those received on probation during the past four years numbered 82,286. The net gain in membership was 28,901. The total membership now is 368,992. The present number of officers, teachers and scholars in Sunday schools is 459,037. The increase in these during the quadrennium was 81,637.

After that came the "melancholy wail."

"Nevertheless," it read, "It is impossible to be blind to the fact that our church is not showing the aggressively evangelizing power we might expect of a body so strong, so well organized and of such inspiring traditions.

"In common with all the churches of Christendom, she is failing to meet the demands of the age with that all-conquering enthusiasm that has swept her onward in the great periods of the work in the past.

Attendance Declining.

"Church attendance is declining. The preaching is losing its grip on the heart and conscience. Over large areas religious life is becoming more formal and superficial.

"We realize, then, that the problem is world-wide, and naturally assume different phases in different lands.

"Confining ourselves to America, and especially to Canada, we venture to express the conviction that the church is suffering from its success. In two ways:—

"In the first place, and here no church has made greater contribution than our own—it has raised the moral tone of society so that when the church has not fallen back there is in moral standards and conduct less difference between the church and law-abiding, respectable people outside the church.

"Moral power is like water, power, dependent upon different levels. A church not strikingly and indisputably better than the world cannot convince the world of sin.

"(2) She has so diffused the principles of Christianity that she has drawn on herself a severity of criticism never known before. She is condemned, not for her unlikeness to the world, but for her likeness to it."

The report went on to give directions for recovering the declining moral influence.

"Only as she will at once silence this criticism and arouse in men the old sense of moral difference," the report said, will this end be accomplished?

There was a plea for a new ethical advance, for a proclamation against the deadly peril of riches, and for the substitution of co-operation for "the absolutely un-Christian principle of competition."

"The dominant aim of commerce and industry must be, not profit, but service."

The report demanded a "determined assault upon the heathenism entrenched in the business and political life of so-called Christian civilization," and predicts a "great social reconstruction."—The Ottawa Free Press, Oct. 3rd.

MEN FOR THE MINISTRY.

The Kind of Men Needed.

Men of personal religious conviction, born of experience; men of broad sympathies; educated and intelligent men; ready to translate their faith into service; virile and humanly consecrated; not sour, nor haughtily holy; in a word, asking to minister, not to be ministered unto."

How to Get Them.

Get at the head source, that is, the home; reach the high schools, if possible; pastoral appeal and pastoral influence; personal counsel with students; let the Church feel the existing conditions and then, pray the Lord of the harvest."—Rev. Henry C. Minton, D.D.