

Into what an unearthly and holy fellowship it puts us! What hopes it inspires! What comfort it yields, and to what a radiant goal it bids us press our way!

"It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Surely this is not a relation to be lightly esteemed. Our grandest, truest life is in it; it is the conserver of any good hope of heaven we may have through grace. O, let us see to it that no man rob us of its crown!

(To be continued.)

### NEWS AND NOTES.

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE.

##### Consecration and Installation in Montreal.

Montreal English Lutherans mark November 1st as a red-letter day in the history of the Church of the Redeemer. On this Sunday their church was consecrated and their new pastor, the Rev. John Keehley, installed.

The present church building which was purchased from the Congregationalists in April, 1913, at a cost of \$23,000, is in a splendid residence section known as Westmount. It combines church, chapel and parsonage and furnishes a very superior and well-located plant for the development of our work in Montreal.

The service of consecration was conducted by the Rev. Jacob Maurer, president of the Central Synod of Canada, who preached the dedicatory sermon. This was followed by a 10th anniversary sermon delivered by the Rev. M. J. Bieber, our field missionary. A \$1,000 special offering was requested for the day. At the vesper service, Pastor Keehley was installed by President Maurer, Rev. Bieber preaching the sermon.

The Church of the Redeemer is the result of the missionary enterprise of the Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, who as pastor at Morrisburg visited Montreal to follow up members of his congregations who had removed thither. He preached and did preliminary work, directing the attention of the Mission Board to the field. Rev. Bieber was sent in, preaching his first sermon in November, 1904. Services were held in several halls until October, 1905, when an old mansion on Mountain street was purchased and converted into a home for a pastor and a place of worship for the congregation.

The congregation was organized with 71 charter members, January 15, 1905. The Mountain street property cost \$17,500 and \$1,000 were spent in improvements. This property was sold on March 13, 1910, for \$25,000. If owned to-day it would bring double this sum. April 1, 1910, the mission became self-sustaining. On October 8, 1911, a property was bought on Essex street for \$10,000. This property was exchanged at a valuation of \$12,000 in the purchase of the present valuable church home in April, 1913. Due to the long vacancy the consecration was postponed until the present time. It will be seen from the above statements how much increasing real estate values have helped the Montreal work and how independent they would now be, if they could have reaped all the benefits resulting from the rapid advance in real estate in that section of Montreal. These facts have their wholesome and pointed Church Extension lessons.

The first regular pastor of the Church of the Redeemer was the Rev. Charles G. Beck, who came from Nova Scotia and was installed in April, 1905. During his pastorate the work prospered greatly. He vacated the field January, 1909, removing to North Wales, Pa. Rev. Dr. J. J. May served the congregation for a few months; but poor health compelled his resignation. He died shortly after leaving the parish in 1910. Rev. H. J. Croushore took charge next, first as a supply and later as regular pastor. The Essex street property was bought and \$3,000 added to the property fund during his pastorate, which ended May 3, 1912. The Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, of Lancaster, Pa., succeeded him. The present church property was secured during his pastorate which terminated September 1, 1913. The congregation has been kept together since that time by the members themselves, laymen reading sermons when regularly ordained ministers could not be secured as supplies. The present pastor has come from Buffalo where he was the first pastor of what is to-day a very active and prosperous self-supporting parish, namely, the Church of the Resurrection, in the northeastern section of the city.—W. L. H. in *The Lutheran*.

##### Conventions at Williamsburg.

The Eastern Conference of the Synod of Central Canada, the Sunday School Association and the Luther League of the Eastern District met in