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IF WE KEEP LENT.

Spiritually: By real sorrow for sin and struggle against it.

"There is no immunity from sin for any of us. The daily presence of sin, the daily need of forgiveness, oppress the soul at times with an overwhelming sense of weariness, almost of hopelessness. But there are two great comforts to dwell upon. One is the conversion of the Apostles. Even they fell into sin. The denial of Peter, the cowardice of the eleven, the persecutions of the early Christians by Paul and the subsequent strength as shown in their inspired writings and martyrdom bring hope and strength to every sinner. A second and far greater comfort is the knowledge of Christ's help. For the Apostles He prayed; for all the world He pleaded on the cross; in heaven He makes perpetual intercession for us. As He prayed for Peter before his denial, so the ever-present aid of Christ provides for our needs and weaknesses even before they have come to pass."

Mentally: By abandoning light literature and, instead, reading God's Word and books that help to devotion.

"Five minutes a day seems of little value viewed as a period of time, but, small as it is, when devoted to the study of the Holy Bible and other good books, it may prove long enough to enable us to touch the spring of Divine communication between heaven and earth."

Socially: By entirely withdrawing from ordinary amusements and gayeties.

"Christ left the turmoil of the world behind Him to fast and pray for forty days, but not for a time of rest. Imagine Him saying, as many now say, 'I am glad Lent has come; I shall now get the rest I so much stand in need of; it is a happy release from parties and social calls.' What a mockery! Is Lent only a cloak behind which to hide from the calls of society and obtain rest? When Christians so speak, well may the world mock at our Lenten fast."

Bodily: By real self-denial in meat and drink.

"When we fight against fleshly appetites, we are fighting against an alien. And when we call Reason and Conscience and Will to our aid, we sacrifice passion to principle and enoble and enthrone ourselves. So to gain in self-denial is to gain also in

self-respect. Self-denial is the complete triumph of the spiritual over the animal—the victory which God gives us through Jesus Christ."

On Easter Day we shall have a livelier sense of our position as sinners; a warmer love for Jesus Christ who died on the cross to save us; a life in many respects nearer to God and quickened by holy affections.—Tract.

CANADIAN LUTHERANISM.

(By Rev. N. Willison.)

A year or so ago I dined with a prominent and highly cultured family and in the course of the conversation remarked that my church work was all done in the English language. "O," said the lady, "then you don't preach in the language of the Lutherans." Her words astonished and almost amused me. Imagine a person of intelligence saying to you, "So you don't preach in the language of the Christians." In the middle ages when Latin dominated Christendom such a question might have seemed proper but at the present time it would puzzle many and amuse not a few. It would reveal an ignorance almost pitiful in its simplicity.

It would be interesting to ask what was the language of the Christians even on the day of the birth of the Church, that great pentecostal day when Parthians and Medes and Elamites and dwellers in Mesopotamia and in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontius and Asia, Phrygia and Paphlagonia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians all heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their own tongue. In view of the fact that the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is simply that same pentecostal apostolic church restored to the people through God's chosen instrument Luther, preaches the gospel in German, Swedish, English, Norwegian, Danish, Icelandic, Finnish, Esthonian, Hungarian, Lettish, Slovakian, Polish, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Lithuanian, Russian, Wendish, Bohemian, Lapp, Indian, a number of Asiatic languages and also African languages the "Lutheran language" becomes somewhat composite in its character and if any denominations, in this country or elsewhere, can lay claim to any linguistic exclusiveness it is time some one woke them out of their sleep and reminded them of the world-wide commis-

sion of our Lord. Language after all is only a medium through which gospel truth is conveyed to human hearts. Shall we cross the oceans in wheeled coaches or traverse the continents in ocean steamers? The suggestion is interesting but not very profitable or practicable.

Can we then rightly say that Lutheranism has as good a claim to being a Canadian Church as any other religious body in the land? In a sense Christianity, and hence Lutheranism, is a "foreign" influence in this world for the kingdom of Christ is not of this world and the children of God are strangers and pilgrims on the earth. With this application we are quite content to be styled a "foreign church" not only in Canada but also in other parts of the world. But if we are designated "foreign" because many of our congregations worship in a tongue that is "not Canadian" we might ask, "Is there a 'Canadian' language?" Officially the Canadian language is English and French and according to our constitution must remain so, but practically the "Canadian" language is any language used by British subjects in Canada and varies with the character of the population. The British subject in Canada who is able to express his thoughts not only in the English language but in one or several others as well is surely no less real and valuable a Canadian from the language standpoint than he who must lament that his education embraces the use, often imperfect, of English alone.

It is true nevertheless that diversity of languages is not conducive to harmony and progress and the interests of our people, as citizens of this country, as well as the wider interests of our country and Christianity invite a fusion of races and peoples with at least one common language. This process of fusion is no theory of the imagination. It has been in progress since the earliest colonial times and under modern conditions develops very rapidly. Undoubtedly if such a movement is proper and in accord with Christian ethics, the Christian forces of our land ought not to follow in the wake of the tide but rather remove the obstructions to its flow. No church can more truly serve Canadian ideals in this respect than our own simply because of her intimate relationship with all classes of citizens. The Lutheran Church, while forever continuing to honor the noble language in which Luther addressed the common people, and never ignor-

ing the language and racial sentiments of any of her children must and will recognize the national movements of the countries in which she labors. By placing herself in the van of these movements in Canada, rather than following reluctantly in their rear, she can direct them in channels of righteousness and become in the truest sense a nation builder and a real Canadian Church. She holds a position of vantage enjoyed in this country by no other Protestant church. She can appeal to all classes and nationalities for she understands them all and they all have a place on her bosom. She has a hand on the pulse of every racial instinct and with a true mother's intuition can soothe the sorrows and direct the aspirations of every soul. As a church her mission is world-wide for she believes that the gospel of Jesus Christ is no respecter of persons and is intended for all sorts and conditions of men. She teaches her people to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." She regards both church and state as institutions of divine origin and preaches allegiance to "the powers that be." She rejoices with her children when they are happy and weeps with them when they are sad, but her advice to them all is to play with religious devotion the part they have been called of God to perform no matter what earthly privations or heart-aches may be involved.

Can we speak, then, of a "Canadian Lutheran Church"? That church which uses its influence, in this country, in the interests of national harmony, mutual good-will and fulness of religious life in Christ and yet does not burn its bridges of language and sentiment till even the weak and the backward have been enabled to cross has the best claim to being a truly Canadian Church.

HYPHENATED CANADIANS.

Hyphenated Canadians, especially those of German birth or extraction, have good reason to be interested in the excellent address delivered by Mr. W. G. Weichel, M.P., of Waterloo, at the opening of parliament, Feb. 8th, in reply to the speech from the throne. We quote the following from the Hansard report of the same:—

"For many years you have had in your midst a great many people of German origin, thrifty and frugal in their habits, possessed of energies and business abilities that have aroused

the admiration of all classes in Canada. They have always been looked upon as desirable citizens, thousands of them have settled in this fair country along with immigrants from every other part of the globe, and very few of them would leave Canada to-day for any other country of the world should opportunity offer. Since the outbreak of hostilities a few—a very few—newspapers in Canada have been trying to discredit and cast suspicion on the German-Canadians of this country, but, be it said to the credit of the great majority of the Canadian people and of the press of Canada, these insinuations have not carried any weight, and the spirit of British fair play and justice is just as much alive to-day in the hearts of the English, the Scotch, and the Irish, as it was during the days of peace.

"Mr. Speaker, I am not here to-day to make any apology for the German-Canadians in Canada; but this I do say, and am pleased to say it with all the energy that I can command at the present moment, that the people of German origin in this country are loyal to their King and loyal to the Empire, and that they have, since the outbreak of hostilities given ample evidence to this effect, and evidence of such a nature as cannot be denied. True it is that in certain isolated cases some have been indiscreet, and naturally have had to suffer for their indiscretion; but the rank and file of the German-Canadians in Canada to-day are as true as steel, and, as I stated, are daily giving evidences of their loyalty to the flag and to the Crown. The liberties possessed by those of English, Irish, Scotch, and French descent are theirs as well, and they appreciate to the fullest extent British laws and institutions which guarantee to them freedom of speech and liberty of conscience. Should the German-Canadian, in Canada, be asked to forget the land of his forefathers, its traditions and past history? Let me ask him of Scotch descent, will he ever forget the land of the heather and the rugged scenery of the highlands immortalized in song and poetry by the beloved Scotch poet Burns? Does not the heart of him who boasts of Irish blood beat faster when he thinks of the land of the Shamrock, the "Emerald Isle," with its hallowed association and pleasant memories? Would it not be too much to ask the French-Canadian to forget the history and glorious traditions of old France? Would an Englishman ever think for one moment of renoun-

cing the land of Shakespeare, Milton and Bacon?

"Sir, I would not give a snap of the finger for the man who denies his ancestry and who is ashamed of the name his father and mother gave to him.

"German-Canadians are proud of the race from which they sprung; proud of the progress that country has made in science, in art, in music, in literature, in philosophy, in chemistry; gratefully remembering the splendid literary works of Schiller and Goethe; proud of the wonderful compositions of Mendelssohn, Mozart, Hayden, Bach, Liszt and Wagner. But, Sir, they are not proud of the violation of the neutrality of Belgium, of the burning of Louvain, nor of the destruction of the Rheims cathedral. German art, German music, German science, is one thing; but Prussian militarism is another; and the reason why so many people of German origin have left their old fatherland was to escape military domination; and to-day they are just as eager and anxious as you are for the obliteration of this curse which has been weighing so heavily on Europe for so many years."

Significant also are the words which fell from the lips of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the leader of the opposition, in the House of Commons, on the same day and occasion referred to above:—

"Sir, to my mind the one thing remarkable in the debate to-day is that the motion for an address in reply to a speech from the Throne devoted altogether to the proposition that the war must be continued, should come from one of His Majesty's subjects of German origin. If there be anything significant, anything which justifies the very eloquent periods of my hon. friend from North Waterloo, it is the very fact that he, a British subject of German origin, should speak as he speaks and occupy the place which he does. There could be no better justification, if justification were needed, of British institutions. In the trying times in which we live the situation of our German fellow-citizens must certainly be a trying and painful one. "Blood is thicker than water," is an English proverb of universal application, and people of British origin certainly apply it to others as they claim it for themselves. No one in this country would think of claiming from our fellow-subjects of German origin the same measure of sacrifice which we expect from

others; but all that could be expected from our German fellow-citizens towards the end which we all have at heart has been done by them, and well done and cheerfully done."

Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, speaking as the mouthpiece of the government, gave utterance to his appreciation of the hyphenated Canadians, whose name or speech indicate their more or less remote relation to the Fatherland. He said:—

"My hon. friend from North Waterloo has spoken of the part which has been taken by the citizens of German descent in the upbuilding of this Empire and particularly in the upbuilding of this Dominion. We have had good reason to know and understand, especially since the outbreak of this war, the patriotism, the loyalty, the devotion of the citizens of German origin to this country. As my hon. friend has well said their position was not free from embarrassment, but their appreciation of the land from which they came, of its institutions and of all it represents in the world, has been wholly consistent with their loyalty to the land of their adoption and the institutions of our Empire. We have those in Canada who although of German descent, were born in Canada and are Canadians as we are ourselves, understanding as we do with perfect appreciation the liberties which are ours of right. We have also in this country those who were born in Germany or in Austria-Hungary, who have been asked to come to Canada as immigrants and to join with us in the task of upbuilding this Dominion. So far as the first-named are concerned, not a word need be said; the earnestness and the zeal with which they have joined in all that appertains to the welfare of the Dominion and of the Empire in this war speak for themselves. So far as the others are concerned, I repeat what I said in August last when we were considering matters connected with the war, that those of German birth and those born in the Empire of Austria-Hungary who have come to this country to be citizens of Canada have with very few exceptions borne themselves worthily and well. I believe that I can speak with peculiar knowledge as to this because it has been part of my public duty to make myself acquainted with their sentiments and with the part which they are taking at this juncture of our affairs."

NEWS AND NOTES.

EASTERN CONFERENCE.

DUNBAR.

Delinquent! Yes, we acknowledge the charge. However, we are thankful to the editor for his kind apology for us.

It is no small matter to move and get settled into a new parish, and doubly so to move twice in six months.

In addition to our own exhaustion, we found a very much discouraged congregation, and not entirely without cause. Not having a regular pastor for so long, and being at the expense of building a new parsonage without knowing whether they would have a pastor to live in it, created a feeling almost of despair, and it has taken quite a little effort to arouse the proper interest in the church.

But we are glad to report a seeming new life in the congregation. The church attendances, both morning and evening, have been increasing both in numbers and interest.

At our last council meeting the financial reports made a much better showing than any one anticipated. The treasurer of the parsonage building committee reported receipts, including \$500 borrowed money, of \$1,325. Expenditures, \$1,307; leaving a balance of \$45. The lot, costing \$250, having been previously paid for. In addition the ladies bought window shades, range and cistern, at a cost of \$82. Making the entire cost in cash \$1,639, besides quite an amount of donated labor.

We had to build a barn, on which is a deficit of \$72. The whole deficit is about \$542.

It was resolved to make a canvass for unpaid subscriptions and what may be otherwise gathered and report by March 17th, when our note becomes due. The congregation is also meeting its synodical dues.

Baptisms:—On Oct. 25th, Elbem Emerson, son of Christopher and Hellena Barkley, born March 6th, 1914; Dec. 3rd, Robert Clifton, son of Edoel and Bessie Merkley, born March 4th, 1914; Dec. 7th, Walton Talmage, son of Samuel and Ethel Merkley, born Jan. 8th, 1914; Dec. 13th, Vera Maud, daughter of Andrew and Lydia Barkley, born Feb. 6th, 1913.

Confirmation—Nov. 14th, John A. Barkley.

Mrs. Nathan Barkley receives subscriptions for the Canada Lutheran. We hope to be able to get a copy into each home.—L. M. McCreery.

OTTAWA.

Parish and church work goes on "as usual." Three series of sermons are being preached by the pastor of St. Peter's church: on Wednesday evenings during Lent the characters of some of the principal persons connected with the passion history are being considered; at the Sunday morning services the petitions of the Lord's Prayer are being applied to the gospel lessons for the various Sundays, and on Sunday evenings the Ten Commandments are being considered.

On Sunday, Feb. 14th, the two children of Mr. and Mrs. H. Waldmeyer were baptized. On Feb. 22nd Mr. Frank Flint was buried in the Billings Bridge Cemetery.

The Luther League met Feb. 4th at the home of Mrs. Georgena Olson, on Creighton street, and the W.M.S. held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. M. Stemberg, 601 O'Connor street, Feb. 11th.

One of the members of St. Peter's, Mr. Hugh Rhidner, a lieutenant in the Swedish army, has enlisted in the Canadian army and will go to the front with the second contingent.

The congregational receipts for current expenses and benevolence for January, 1915, were over \$27 in advance of the receipts for the same month last year.

Our Lutheran Church in the capital is gaining recognition more and more. She was represented this year, officially, at the recent opening of parliament, where her clerical representative, by special invitation of the gentleman usher of the black rod, was given a place on the floor of the Senate among the ecclesiastical dignitaries representing the leading church bodies in the Dominion. She has also been represented on several commissions and delegations, which have lately waited upon both the local and the Dominion governments in the interest of matters of a moral and social nature.

HALIFAX.

Rev. Bieber is letting the Lutheran light shine in Halifax. The work of establishing a church is going through the usual processes. The recently organized Luther League has placed in the public library the American Lutheran Survey, and in the Y.M.C.A.

reading room the Weekly Lutheran and the Nova Scotia Lutheran. Peace Sunday was celebrated Feb. 14th.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

(All Western Conference news should be sent to Ernie H. Beckman, Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo, Ont., not later than the 15th of each month.)

BERLIN.

First English Lutheran Church continues to go forward. During the past month the series of sermons on the Ten Commandments came to an end, but the large attendances continue. The pastor, Rev. H. J. Behrens, has promised a new series soon. Lenten services are being held on Thursday evenings.

The Luther League has been especially busy during the past month. On January 28 they presented their comedy known as "Miss Topsy Turvy," in the New Concordia Hall. The hall was crowded by the audience of over five hundred and the entire programme and play was a fine success.

Between the various acts and scenes the audience was delighted by the Lutheran Club Orchestra, under the able leadership of Mr. Huehnergard, by the vocal numbers rendered by the Nightingale Quartette, and the piano solos by Miss Beatrice Stumpf, organist of First English Lutheran Church.

The play, which was given in aid of the Building Fund of the Church, was repeated, the following week, under the auspices of the Relief Committee of Berlin, in aid of the poor of the city. It was again repeated in Elmira on Feb. 16 in aid of our Seminary, and arrangements are being made to have it repeated, after Lent, in Waterloo, Preston, Galt, and perhaps Hamilton, in aid of the Seminary.

At the Business and Social Meeting of the League on Feb. 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bock, at which a very pleasant evening was spent, the young people officially resolved to raise at least one dollar per member for our Seminary within the next few months. This League has also paid its apportionment to the Student Aid and other funds. Our young people everywhere should be interested in our seminary, and show their interest by their support and gifts.

Rev. Behrens was away in Welland and Humberstone on Feb. 7 and the following week presenting the cause of our Seminary and collecting for it. Despite the "hard times" the results were very encouraging. During the pastor's ab-

sence on Feb. 7 the pulpit in Berlin was supplied by Student E. Beckman in the morning and Rev. Prof. Laury in the evening. On Sunday, Feb. 14, Student E. Huehnergard supplied the pulpit at the morning service.

St. Matthews' German congregation Rev. C. R. Tappert, pastor, is making preparations for a big Lutheran celebration in connection with the dedication of their beautiful new church home on March 7 and during the week following. Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., of Lebanon, Pa., President of the General Council, and a number of other able speakers are to be secured, if possible, in connection with this great occasion.

BRANTFORD.

From Mr. F. W. Otterbein comes the following encouraging report of the progress of St. Matthew's, in the Telephone City:

Brantford reports slight progress during the past month. We have several new members in view and are very thankful to God that he has blessed our little congregation so bountifully. We are all the more thankful when we consider the many difficulties and tremendous obstacles that we have had to overcome. In the absence of a regular organist, Mr. D. Goldhang, of Hamilton, is supplying in that capacity. However, we have one of the young ladies of the congregation preparing to take over this work. Commerce and industry are again on the upward trend in Brantford, for which we are thankful as it will indirectly have a good effect on church work in general. We were very sorry to hear of the loss of Rev. Wike to our sister congregation at Galt. Our hope is that Galt may soon receive another pastor and our best wishes go with Rev. Wike for success in his future parish.

We are looking forward to increased activity in our congregation in the spring.

GALT.

It must be a source of great joy to Rev. Wike of St. Paul's, Galt, to notice how well the attendance keeps up in face of the fact that he will soon be leaving these good people. Thus they show the good-will and high esteem in which they hold their beloved departing shepherd.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, mid-week Lenten services are being held on Wednesday evenings. They are likewise well attended. On Monday, Feb. 15, a congregational meeting was held at which the pastor's resignation was accepted with regret. These members of St. Paul's, like all who knew him, have learned to love Pastor Wike, and we can

readily realize how badly they must feel to see him go back to his native land. However, they are proving that they are wide awake by their enthusiasm in trying to find a suitable successor as soon as possible.

Rev. Wike and family will probably leave Galt about the 15th or 16th of March. Pastor Wike will go direct to Oak Park, Chicago, to take charge of his new work there and get things in shape, while Mrs. Wike and the children will take a trip through Indiana, visiting friends in former parishes at Colborne, Mulberry, etc.

The Sunday school is in good normal condition and is doing excellent work. On Feb. 7 Mr. Herbert Seyffert, formerly a member of Trinity, Hamilton, where he was an active worker and made many friends, was elected to the office of Assistant Superintendent.

Pastor Wike is meeting his catechetical class twice a week in order, if possible, to have them ready for confirmation before he leaves. He is also catechizing a family twice a week, the wife and mother of which he hopes to receive into the Church by adult baptism before leaving.

On the evening of Feb. 16th the pastor and family were taken completely by surprise when the members and friends of the Ladies' Aid, over 50 strong, appeared at the parsonage, expressing their appreciation of all that Pastor and Mrs. Wike had done for them during their stay in Galt, their regret at this separation, soon to take place, and their good wishes for the future. The ladies also presented Mrs. Wike with a very fine tea set as a parting token of esteem and remembrance.

On Feb. 18 the "Seminary family," consisting of Rev. Prof. Laury and the student body, left Berlin on the 5 p.m. car for Galt. On their arrival there they proceeded to the parsonage of Rev. Wike, according to his invitation. Mrs. Wike, in her usual dainty way, served a bountiful farewell supper which was greatly appreciated. After supper, the evening was spent in games and music, and everyone, including the Wike family and friends, Prof. Laury and the students, enjoyed a real good time. In the course of the evening Senior Student Christiansen, on behalf of the faculty and students of the Seminary, made a farewell and presentation address, during which Student Goos, President of the Ministers-in-Training, handed Rev. Wike a fine travelling bag as a token of the high esteem in which he was held at our "School of the Prophets" in Waterloo. Rev. Wike responded in a few well

chosen words, after which Rev. Prof. Laury, as Dean of the Seminary, addressed Rev. Wike and family expressing the regret of the faculty at his departure from our midst as well as their very best wishes for his success in the future in his new field of labor.

Rev. Wike is going, but it will be a long, long time before he will be forgotten as the very efficient pastor, for five years, of St. Paul's, Galt, as the interested teacher and worker in our Seminary since its beginning four years ago, and as the always active, interested and willing worker in our Synod.

GUELPH.

The writer had the pleasure of visiting our good people at Guelph and conducting services for Dr. Snyder in our St. Paul's Church there on Sunday, Jan. 24. The members of the congregation were surely very kind in every way. While making a few remarks to the S. S. in the afternoon we stated that Guelph was conspicuous in our "Canada Lutheran" by the lack of news received and published from their congregation. As a result we are indebted to Mr. Arthur A. Mogk for the following items this month.

Though it seems late to report it, the Christmas service was one of the best ever rendered by the S. S. of St. Paul's and had to be repeated by request.

On January 19th at 1 p.m. a very pretty event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weber, of Guelph, when their eldest daughter, Edna Amelia, was united in marriage to Mr. Girard Altenderfer, of Bellfonte, Pa., by the Rev. H. A. Kunkle, of Welland, who was a former pastor of the Guelph congregation. The groom was supported by Mr. Victor H. Weber, of Canovia, N.Y., brother of the bride, and the maid of honor was Miss Christine Koch, of Guelph. The bridal march from Lohengrin was played by Miss Christine Weber, sister of the bride. The beautiful Lutheran ring ceremony was used. After the service and congratulations were over, the wedded couple attendants and guests, were invited to the dining room, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served and fully enjoyed by all. The following were the guests present: Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weber and sons, Victor and Harold, and a daughter Christine, and the grandmother of the bride, Mrs. John Rickert, from Mannheim, Ont.; Misses Christine Koch, Reta Scriven, Pearl Pfaff, Florence Christie, Louise Kaempf, Sadie Noble, and McCann; Mrs. Geo. Kelly, Mrs. Frank Martin, Mrs. Batterby, Mr. Batterby, and

Rev. H. A. Kunkle, M.A. Many beautiful, costly and useful gifts were presented to the bride, and added much to the joy of the occasion. The honored couple went on a tour via Pittsburg and Buffalo to Bellfonte and are now comfortably located at their home in Cedar Springs, Ont., which awaited them, completely furnished, on their return. The well wishes of their many friends and of the "Canada Lutheran" are herewith extended to them and we trust that their married life will be a truly blessed one. The S. S. of St. Paul's sustained a great loss, by this marriage, for besides her other church activities Mrs. Altenderfer, as Miss Weber, had acted as the very capable sand table teacher in the school.

The Luther League is alive and active. It holds its devotional meetings regularly each week. On Feb. 7 the League started holding these meetings after the evening church services instead of during the week with good results. This gives Dr. Snyder, who has regularly supplied this congregation during its extended vacancy, an opportunity of meeting the young people and taking part in their meetings.

On Jan. 20 the League held a Skating Party. After skating until 9.30 p.m. the young people proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mogk where a very pleasant evening of games was spent. Refreshments were also served and those who failed to attend missed a very good time.

The Sunday school, thanks to the untiring efforts of Supt. Batterby and his excellent staff of teachers and officers, has held together wonderfully during the pastoral vacancy and is doing excellent work, using the General Council Graded System. A Red and Blue membership contest was held from Nov. to Jan. and ended with one scholar more to the credit of the Reds than the Blues. The result, by mutual consent, was that the Blues had to banquet the Reds, which they did on Feb. 15. Supper was served from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at 8 p.m. the children rendered a most excellent programme consisting of recitations, dialogues, duets, and songs. The Children's Choir, which is a credit to their leader, Mr. Batterby, also assisted with the programme. The attendance on this occasion numbered about 70 persons.

HAMILTON.

Trinity, Hamilton, is still without a pastor. The faculty and students of the Seminary continue to supply the pulpit. Since our last reports were sent in to the "Canada Lutheran" the pulpit has been supplied as follows: Jan. 24, by

Rev. Prof. Laury; Jan. 31, by Student E. Huehnergard; Feb. 7, by Student G. Weidenhammer; Feb. 14, Student E. Beckman; Feb. 21, Student A. Goos; Feb. 28, Student C. F. Christiansen. In connection with his visit to Hamilton, Rev. Prof. Laury baptized the infants of Mr. and Mrs. Denkert and of Mr. and Mrs. Neilson.

It was officially announced to the congregation on Feb. 14 that Rev. Fitting, of Oley, Pa., had declined the call extended to him to become their pastor.

The Luther League held a concert on Jan. 25 at which a free-will offering was taken in aid of their piano fund. It was a success in every way. The programme consisted of piano duets, vocal solos, recitations, and a 'cello solo. Those who took part in the programme were: Mr. E. Hitzroth, organist of the church; Mr. E. Catchpole, Miss Esther Paulsen, Miss McVittie, Mr. Biswick, Miss Clara Paulsen, Miss Etta Booker, Mrs. Hagey, Miss Dickenson, Miss A. Otterbein, Miss E. Schoultz, and Mr. E. A. Bartmann. Mr. F. W. Otterbein acted as chairman for the evening.

The League also held a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riehl on Feb. 11 at which a most enjoyable evening was spent. We are told that Mr. and Mrs. Riehl expect to soon leave the city. The members of Trinity will certainly regret their loss, but send their best wishes with them.

The Luther League, which has two of its members enrolled and studying at our Seminary at Waterloo, is intensely interested in that institution. Over \$12 was raised by subscriptions on a single evening at a committee meeting of the young people. The Student Aid Committee, together with the Programme and Social Committees, is also arranging for a Special Literary Meeting of the League and its friends the first week in March. Rev. Kunkle, of Welland, is to be the speaker at this meeting. Arrangements are also being made to give a concert after Lent. The offerings on both of these occasions are to go toward the Students' Aid Fund. The League is also considering to have the young people of Berlin give their play "Topsy Turvy" in Hamilton, in aid of the Seminary.

It is an encouraging sign to see the awakening interest in our Student Aid and Seminary Funds, taken by our young people in all our Leagues.

PT. COLBORNE—HUMBERSTONE.

Rev. Knauff sends the following report:

The annual meetings of the various organizations of Holy Trinity congregation have now been held. The work of the past year was reviewed and progress noted in every branch of church work. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society has had a remarkable year, \$132.81 passed through the treasurer's hands during the year. This very active society has contributed liberally to the various benevolent objects and to charity purposes. The Society now numbers 30 members, losing its oldest member by death last summer. Plans have been laid for the raising of the desired \$40.00 for the Seminary. A Box Social was held in the Humberstone Town Hall on the evening of the 12th. While the attendance was not too large, yet the good time spent well made up for the lack of the other. The calling off of the numbers on the lunch-boxes with the corresponding numbers held by the respective gentlemen afforded much amusement. The proceeds of the evening had been voted to the Seminary. The Society also resolved to hold afternoon teas from 3 to 5 at the homes of the members in alphabetical order, the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 5 cents admission will be charged. The ladies bring their own sewing or sew for the Society. Rules and regulations have been laid down definitely limiting the light refreshments to be served by the hostess and also limiting the amount consumed by the members. A transgression of these rules will be punishable by a fine, to be deposited in the Seminary contribution box. We trust the ladies may enjoy good appetites for the refreshments. The first of these gatherings will be held at the new home built by Mr. C. D. Boneberg, Pt. Colborne, Wednesday, Feb. 17th.

The Luther League is still plodding along in its own quiet way. The membership cards, which, by the way, we showed the Leaguer's who attended the convention in Toronto last Labor Day, are proving very effective, both in the systematic way of paying dues and in the active membership. The League at its meeting decided to hold only one devotional meeting a month, on the last Sunday, and to take up the study of Remensnyder's "Lutheran Manual," already begun at the business meetings, but now studied more thoroughly. We have very interesting and lively discussions on the various chapters. At its last business meeting the Luther League voted \$10.00 to the Students' Aid Fund.

Mr. Fred. A. White, whose serious illness we reported in last issue, has since been relieved of all earthly suffering, God calling him home Sunday evening,

Jan. 17th. The Christian funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Church, which was filled to its capacity. Pastor Knauff conducted the service. Deceased is survived by his widowed wife, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reichman, one son Neil, and five brothers. God bless and comfort the sorrowing family. Little Neil, 6 years old, has since had the misfortune of breaking his arm by falling from a bed.

On Jan. 27th Pastor and Mrs. Knauff entertained the choir in the parsonage. The evening was spent in playing parlor games, singing, and music. The hostess served a fine lunch. All agreed that a very enjoyable evening was spent with their pastor and his good wife.

Another treat is in store for the choir on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th, when one of our new members, Mrs. Mosier, who was confirmed in this church last Easter, has invited the choir to her home for a social evening. The choir of a church, especially if it is well trained, adds much to the beauty of the services Sunday after Sunday, after rehearsing week after week. It must indeed be an encouragement to the singers to know that their services are appreciated by the members of the congregation.

On Sunday, Feb. 7th, Rev. Behrens, our energetic pastor, of Berlin, visited this congregation in the interests of the Seminary, and presented the cause and made the appeal for funds in such a business-like way that the response was ready and willing. Pastor Knauff piloted the brother to all the homes of the members and the result is gratifying, exceeding all former contributions from the congregation for our "School of the Prophets."

LONDON.

This is another congregation that is still without a pastor and the people here fully appreciate the aid they are receiving during their vacancy from our Seminary at Waterloo. During the month the pulpit has been supplied as follows: Jan. 24, Student A. Goos; Jan. 31, Rev. Prof. Laury; Feb. 7, Student E. Huehnergard; Feb. 14, Student G. Weidenhammer; Feb. 21, Student E. Beckman.

The latest report from Rev. Storek, at this writing, is that he cannot take charge of the work here before April. The members are holding together despite the repeated disappointments and difficulties they have met and are ready to stand shoulder to shoulder and fight on together until they overcome them all and a good earnest pastor takes charge of them and leads them onward and upward.

WATERLOO.

The work at our Seminary continues to progress. During the past month, from Jan. 24 to Feb. 21, Rev. Prof. Laury and the students conducted and preached at no less than thirty services in congregations of both our Synods.

During the past month the Cossman-Hayunga Missionary Society made a study of "Eddyism" and "Confucianism," the subjects being presented by Students Beckman and Weidenhammer, respectively.

Everyone connected with and interested in our Seminary, including the Board of Directors, the faculty, the students and others, certainly regret to see our beloved Professor, Rev. P. C. Wike, leave Canada and our work here. During his connection with our Seminary, as one of its Professors, since its beginning four years ago, he has certainly won his way into the hearts of all with whom he has come in contact, and he is loved for his genuine Christian character, his cheery disposition, his friendly manner, and the orthodox stand he takes on all teaching of our beloved Lutheran Church. His leaving will certainly be a very great loss to us, but we hope and trust that it will be just as great a gain for Oak Park Mission, Chicago, and Dr. Gerberding seems fully convinced that it will be. The "Canada Lutheran" wishes you every blessing in your new field of labor, Brother Wike, and may the Lord ever be with you and fill you with His Holy Spirit that you may be enabled to spread His Gospel abroad to the saving of many souls.

WELLAND.

From Rev. H. A. Kunkle, M.A., comes the following:

The February copy of the "Canada Lutheran" arrived, which is at once an inspiration. The very appropriate cut of "Christ in Gethsemane," the encouraging reports from the various congregations and societies combine so wonderfully that one feels truly like adding a fervent prayer and a few notes to the good things that are to be printed in the March and Lenten number.

The death of Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D., founder and late President and Head of our excellent Lutheran Seminary at Chicago, adds an international church gloom, and we realize that a "Prince in Israel" has been called from time to eternity. We made mention of this sad fact to our Missionary Society and to the Luther League and exhibited the copy of "Lutheran Church Work," bearing an excellent portrait on the front page. Truly, "his works do follow him."

Our Luther League has arranged plans to enlist the interest of the members to get up better programmes and to advance the treasury account, the surplus to go to our Lutheran Seminary. The last meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Minnis, 265 Hellms Ave., Tuesday, Feb. 9th. One week prior the League had arranged for a sleigh ride to the home of the genial and liberal Kottmeier family, of Crowland, 5 miles north-east of Welland. The League decided to conduct a Lenten programme in the Church on Monday, Mar. 8th, at 8 p.m.

St. Matthew's was delighted to have the official representative of our Seminary, the Rev. H. J. Behrens, present the worthy cause and give us some direct and valuable information re origin, growth, condition, present and future needs of this "School of the Prophets." Pastor Behrens preached to the members and friends of St. Matthew's, Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 7 p.m., and did some soliciting, by the help of Pastor Kunkle, on Monday. This visit should bring some financial results and inspire some of the young men to study theology.

A series of sermons are being delivered at the Sunday evening services on "The Creed." This has attracted the attention of some strangers and members of other churches and many are availing themselves of this opportunity.

Sunday, Feb. 7th, Mr. H. H. Kottmeier celebrated his 76th birthday by coming to church, a distance of five miles. This became known, and by Monday evening, Feb. 8th, at 9 p.m., 48 people, members and friends of St. Matthew's, had gathered at the large and comfortable country home and completely surprised Mr. Kottmeier. He soon realized the situation and cheerfully met the crowd and felt honored by the large and friendly gathering of young and old. Games of various kinds and friendly chats, greetings and exchanges were the order of the evening. The ladies were in evidence, too, and the excellent and abundant refreshments made full proof of their part of the celebration. Mr. Geo. Cronmiller, the senior member of the party (78 years of age), called upon the pastor for a speech, after which all sang "God Save the King," and afterwards the men encircled Mr. Kottmeier and sang "He is a Jolly Good Fellow," upon which all repeated their good wishes and wended their way Wellandward, long to remember the very fine evening and the good sleigh ride.

The L. L. received an invitation to give the soldiers an evening's entertainment at the barracks. This they

decided to do after Easter. The various churches give them a Wednesday evening, and then services are conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, when the choirs of the town furnish the music.

The Welland S. S. convention is to be conducted in the M. E. Church on Feb. 22nd, for which a good schedule is arranged.

ZURICH.

On the evening of Jan. 29, Rev. Prof. Laury, M.A., S.T.B., of our Waterloo Seminary, delivered a very masterly and scholarly address in the Lutheran Church of Zurich, the Rev. W. C. Miller, B.A., pastor. The subject of the address was "Martin Luther and the Religious Education of our Young People." It was highly appreciated by the large audience of all denominations of Zurich, who flocked to hear it. The people of Zurich congratulate our Seminary on its efficient and able head in the person of Prof. Laury. We regret that we are unable, owing to lack of space, to give a summary of this address.

PRESTON.

On the evening of Feb. 11 two sleigh loads of young people from First English Lutheran Church of Berlin visited Preston and were the guests of the Luther League of St. Peter's Church for the evening. Pastor Brandt and his young people made their visitors from Berlin feel at home at once. After the members of both Leagues had made each other's acquaintance a programme of recitations and songs was rendered by the visiting League. The programme was as follows: Remarks of Welcome, Rev. Yost-Brandt and Pres. Voelkert of Preston L. L. Response by Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Berlin. Mr. E. H. Beckman, chairman of the Programme Committee, announced the various numbers, which were: Recitation, Mr. Allister Huehnergard; recitation, Mr. Clayton Bock; duet Miss G. C. Kern and Mr. A. Huehnergard; recitation, Mr. Huehn; recitation, Miss G. C. Kern. Refreshments were then served by the Preston L. L. which were greatly appreciated by all, after which a pleasant social time was spent. The Preston League was invited to pay a return visit to the Berlin League, and promised to do so after Lent. The young people of Berlin arrived home in the "wee sma' hours" while those of Preston were living over the good time they had had in the "sweet land of dreams."

The following two items are culled from the pages of "Seminarbote," the German Bulletin of our Seminary.

What One of Our Pastors Relates.

The father of a large poor family came to me recently and said: "Pastor, we are unable to give any money towards our Seminary at Waterloo, but nevertheless we want to do something. My wife and I have mutually agreed to contribute our wedding-rings. Take them, sell them, and turn over whatever you get for them to the Seminary Building Fund, for that surely is necessary." That shows a praiseworthy spirit of giving. These people, who give in such a spirit must certainly be very pleasing in the sight of God. But how many of our Christians there are to-day who have unnecessary trinkets of silver and gold, and how many coins there are spent for unnecessary luxuries of many kinds!

The Interesting Conclusion.

A few days later, the pastor mentioned above, came to the writer and said: "The poor people have had their rings returned to them. One of the men of my congregation came to me and said: 'I have heard the tale of those rings. I want to buy them. Here are five dollars. Give the rings back to their owners, and here are ten dollars more for our Seminary.'"

A Request.

Owing to the scarcity of pastors, our students are required to help fill the vacant pulpits each Sunday. There are often as many as three or four students out preaching on the same day and, owing to this, there are frequently not enough gowns to supply them. Should any pastor of congregation have a gown that they are not using and which is still fit to be used, they are hereby requested to make our Seminary a present of it.

UNIONVILLE AND BUTTONVILLE.

Rev. N. Willison writes as follows:

St. John's congregation held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Quantz, Buttonville, on Friday afternoon, Feb. 5. The treasurer reported a balance on hand at the end of the year of \$8.47. The introduction of the envelope system was discussed but left over for future consideration. The offer of the church organ of Bethesda congregation as a gift to St. John's was gratefully accepted and the secretary was instructed to convey a message of thanks to Bethesda. It was agreed that with the opening of spring efforts should be put forth to reorganize the Sunday school. The election of officers resulted as follows: Deacon, E. Fierheller, 3 years; Trustee, A. L. Scott, 3 years; Elder, A. L. Scott, 2 years. The

February meeting of St. John's Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Scott on February 11. The proceeds amounted to \$7.45. The Missionary Society is studying "India Awakening." At the annual meeting of the Markham Township Sunday School Association Mr. A. Summerfeldt, Superintendent of our Bethesda Sunday school, led the discussion on "The Successful Sunday School Teacher," and the Rev. N. Willison gave an address on the General Council Graded System of Lutheran Sunday school text-books and teaching. On January 17 we held our anniversary services and were favored with two excellent sermons from the Rev. Prof. Preston A. Laury, the President of our Seminary. The offerings of the Monday evening meeting connected with the anniversary were devoted to the Canadian Red Cross work. On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the annual meeting of the Bethesda congregation will be held and the Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Berlin, and Mr. F. W. Otterbein, of Hamilton, will give addresses in the interests of the Laymen's Movement. We have now 16 subscribers to the "Canada Lutheran" in this parish. Rally around the "Canada Lutheran," brethren. It is our representative in Canada.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

The Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid of Welland have again conducted several interesting meetings. The last Wednesday in January they took a sleigh ride to the country home of Mrs. Wm. Heffner, did some sewing, talked some once in a while, had refreshments and a general good time. Mr. Heffner gave his time and team to bring and take them. Thursday, February 8th, the regular monthly meeting was held and the following officers elected:—President, Mrs. H. A. Kunkle; vice-president, Mrs. D. L. Weaver; secretary, Mrs. C. J. Bielke; treasurer, Miss Carrie Kottmeier. The president appointed the following committees:—Altar and Pulpit Committee, Miss C. Kottmeier, Mrs. R. A. Schultz, Mrs. J. Kottmeier and Mrs. M. Reeb. Flower and Membership, Mrs. M. Hill, Mrs. J. Toyn, Mrs. J. F. Ott and Miss S. Cronmiller. Sewing Committee, Mrs. J. Toyn, Mrs. Vanderberg, Mrs. Frank Ott and Mrs. J. Kottmeier. Literature Committee, Mrs. R. A. Schultz, Mrs. W. J. Guey, Mrs. C. J. Bielke. Auditors, Mrs. J. Toyn and Mrs. M. Hill.

The Aid has taken work for the destitute Belgians. Besides this, they

have also decided to do some sewing and work for the benefit of the church.

The Missionary Society is about to celebrate its first anniversary, Thursday, Feb. 18th, at 8 p.m. A suitable service of "Praise and Thanksgiving" is to be conducted in the church, when the reports will be read, music, readings, etc., in harmony with the work and the address of the evening by the Rev. W. H. Knauff, acting President of the Western Conference, and pastor of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Humberston. A silver offering will be lifted. Proceeds to go for the Waterloo Seminary.—H. A. K.

RIVERSIDE.

The Ladies' Aid and Women's Missionary Society of St. John's church, Riverside, held their annual meeting on January 28th, at the parsonage, Riverside, the home of Mrs. Anna Hunter. The officers for 1915 were elected:—Pres., Mrs. Ed. Schwerdfeger, Williamsburg, R.R. 2; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Simon Schwerdfeger, Williamsburg, R.R. No. 2; Sec., Mrs. Wm. Becksted, Williamsburg, R.R. No. 2; Treas., Mrs. Roy Schell, Morrisburg, R.R. No. 1; Literary Chairman, Mrs. H. A. Hayunga, R.R. No. 1.

After the business meeting tea was served. A very enjoyable evening was spent, also a profitable one according to the finance.—S. M. H.

MY DUTY TO THE CHURCH OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER.

DUTY VI.

Invite Others to the House of God.

The sanctuary is a place of great blessing and joy to you if you truly love it, and you should be most anxious to have others share the blessing. Among your acquaintances, possibly in your own home, there are those who do not frequent God's house. Have you faith in God, in the Holy Spirit, and in the Gospel? If so, what might you not accomplish by turning the feet of some unsaved soul to the place of worship? Charles Spurgeon, the greatest of living preachers, when out one Lord's day morning for a stroll, by accident more than otherwise, turned into a church, and heard a sermon from Isa. xlv. 22. It was God's message to his soul, and he went away saved. Will not God honor your effort, if with prayer for His blessing you are the means of bringing others where they may hear the Gospel, which, alone, is God's

power and wisdom unto salvation? O! if you are saved, should you not desire to thus labor for the salvation of others? How such interest on the part of every one would give encouragement to the Church, and bring down God's blessing upon all connected with it, and upon the community in which it is located! This is part of the high vocation to which God has called you, it is an honor and dignity He has conferred upon you; and, if by tact, and sympathy, and gentleness, you succeed, you may attain to what will be a joy throughout all your eternity. Here again the obligation is imposed by God Himself. "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled."—Luke xvi. 23. "Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law."—Deut. xxxi. 12.

DUTY VII.

Sustain the Pastor of the Church.

I do not refer to his financial support. There are other ways of sustaining him more needful and more helpful than this. A minister whose fidelity is appreciated, who has the sympathy, and prayers, and hearty co-operation of his people, will never want for temporal support. And if you were to give very large material remuneration for his services, he would count it all as indifferent compared with your prayers, your love, and spiritual fidelity. Consider his burden of responsibility. The everlasting well-being of every member of his church is identified with his ministry. What anxious care comes with such a charge! How often he might be heard exclaiming, "Who is sufficient for these things!"

"'Tis not a cause of small import

The pastor's care demands,

But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Saviour's hands."

Think it not a small matter, my friend, that you are expected to pray for him; he needs your prayers, and he will suffer without them. He has much to perplex him; he is often weary; and sometimes his heart knoweth its own bitterness—pray for him! He is called to preach the gospel—the highest and most solemn vocation committed to man—and yet he is but an earthen vessel. What can he do without God's help. Pray for him, that he may speak boldly, as he ought

to speak, and that the word of God may have free course, run, and be glorified.

He has many and peculiar temptations; pray for him that he may walk humbly before God, and that he may be faithful to the souls committed to him.

Do not expect too much of him. Remember, if he be faithful at all, he is not an idler. Only those who have borne the responsibility can appreciate the work of a faithful minister. There is always something for his heart, hands and head.

Help him bear the burden. Do not suffer him to go up alone to battle. Hold up his hands, and by your own co-operation bid him God-speed. Do nothing that would wrongly add to his cares, but everything that would endear and sanctify the relation he sustains to you—of God's appointed minister to your soul—and then in his coming you will hear the footsteps of your Lord and Master.

"We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."—1 Thess. v. 12, 13.

(To be continued.)

PATH FINDERS AND FAULT FINDERS.

Pastors and civil rulers are pathfinders. They are shepherds. It is their business to find, and lead their flocks into safe paths. This is their divinely appointed duty. They are not faultless. No man is perfect. That is no valid reason for not paying heed to their counsels, admonitions and commands. They are ministers of God's service (Rom. 13: 6). Those who dishonor and disobey them also dishonor and disobey God.

Fault-finding is easier than path-finding. It is easier to criticize than to create. Fault-finders are more numerous than path-finders. They are also more dangerous,—dangerous to the church, to the state and to society in general.

The following story, recently published in the Lutheran, points to a danger and a moral which needs to be kept before our Canadian people at this particular time, when the authorities need all the moral and material help at our command. The same may also be said about our Lutheran pastors and churches in Canada.

During the Civil War in the United States some gentlemen from the West obtained an interview with President Lincoln at a time when things looked dark for the national cause, and gave vent in an excited and troubled manner, as to the commissions and omissions of the administration.

The President heard patiently all that was said and then replied: "Suppose, gentlemen, all the property that you were worth was in gold and you had put it in the hands of Blondin to carry across the Niagara river on a rope, would you shake the cable and keep shouting to him, 'Blondin, stand up a little straighter—go a little faster—lean a little more to the north or to the south!' No you would hold your breath, as well as your tongue and keep your hands off until he was safely over. The government is carrying an immense weight—untold treasures are in their hands, they are doing the best they can. Don't badger them—keep silence—and we will carry you safely across."

A PARABLE OF A PRODIGAL FATHER.

A certain man had two sons, and the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of thy time, and thy attention, and thy companionship, and thy counsel which falleth to me." And he divided unto them his living in that he paid the boy's bills, and sent him to a select preparatory school, and to dancing school, and to college and tried to believe that he was doing his full duty to the boy.

And not many days after the father gathered all his interests and inspirations and took his journey into a far country, into a land of stocks and bonds and securities and other things which do not interest a boy; and there he wasted his precious opportunity of being a chum to his own son. And when he had spent the very best of his life and had gained money but had failed to find satisfaction, there arose a mighty famine in his heart; and he began to be in want of sympathy and real companionship. And he went and joined himself to one of the clubs of that country; and they elected him Chairman of the House Committee and President of the Club and sent him to parliament. And he would fain have satisfied himself with the husks that other men did eat and no man gave unto him any real friendship.

But when he came to himself he said, "How many men of my acquaintance have boys whom they understand and who understand them, who talk about their boys and associate with their boys and seem perfectly happy in the comradeship of their sons, and I perish here with heart hunger! I will arise and go to my son, and will say unto him, Son, I have sinned against Heaven and in thy sight; I am no more worthy to be called thy father; make me one of thy acquaintances." And he arose and came to his son. But while he was yet afar off, his son saw him, and was moved with astonishment, and instead of running and falling on his neck, he drew back and was ill at ease. And the father said unto him, "Son, I have sinned against Heaven, and in thy sight; I am no more worthy to be called thy father. Forgive me now and let me be your friend." But the son said, "Not so. I wish it were possible, but it is too late. There was a time when I wanted companionship and counsel and to know things, but you were too busy. I got companionship and I got information, but I got the wrong kind and now alas! I am wrecked in soul and in body, there is no more heart left in me, and there is nothing you can do for me. It is too late, too late, too late."—B. W. G.

LOST! A BOY!

Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and rouse a nation to frenzied searching! Were that the case one hundred thousand men would rise to the rescue if need be.

Unfortunately the losing of the lad is without any dramatic excitement, though very sad and very real. The fact is, his father lost him! Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer trivial questions during the years when fathers are the great and only heroes of boys he let go his hold upon him! Yes, his mother lost him! Being much engrossed in her teas, dinners and club programs she let the maid hear the boy say his prayers and thus her grip slipped and the boy was lost to the home. Aye! his church lost him! Being so much occupied with sermons for the wise and elderly who pay the bills, and having good care for dignity, the ministers and elders were unmindful of the human feelings of the boy in the pew, and made no provision in ser-

mon or song or manly sport for his boyishness, and so the church and many sad hearted parents are now looking earnestly for the lost boy!

He must be found! He can be found! Found just where those two careless, but pious parents enroute from worship in Jerusalem found their lost Boy; in that particular spot in the church where interested men were willing to meet Him and answer in simple fashion the direct questions of His awakening manhood concerning the realities of life and duty. Here is where the lost boy will be found by men who are willing to look for him!—Men at Work.

Sympathy.

Ask Him to increase your powers of sympathy; to give you more quickness and depth of sympathy, in little things as well as great. Opportunities of doing a kindness are often lost from mere want of thought.

Half a dozen lines of kindness may bring sunshine into the whole day of some sick person. Think of the pleasure you might give to some one who is much shut up, and who has fewer pleasures than you have, by sharing with her some little comfort or enjoyment that you have learned to look upon as a necessity of life—the pleasant drive, the new book, flowers from the country, etc.

Try to put yourself in another's place. Ask, "What should I like myself, if I were hard worked, or sick, or lonely?" Cultivate the habit of sympathy.—Ex.

Paying Expenses.

Dr. Carey, the pioneer missionary to India, was a shoemaker before he left his country. He used to go about from village to village teaching, with his soul filled with the love of God.

One day a friend came to him and said: "Mr. Carey, I want to speak to you very seriously."

"Well," said Mr. Carey, "what is it?"

The friend replied: "By your going about preaching as you do, you are neglecting your business. If you only attended to your business more you would soon get on and prosper, but as it is, you are simply neglecting your business."

"Neglecting my business," said Carey. "My business is to extend the Kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses."—Ex.

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THE PRICELESS TREASURE.

"Stevey, my boy," said Uucle Hiram, "one man may have more of talent than another or more courage or more money, but there is one thing that no man on earth can have any more of than you have, and that is time.

"Did you ever stop to think of that? Or may be you haven't come to it yet, that of the most precious thing of all, the same being, I repeat, time, nobody no matter who he is, can have any more than you have.

"There can't be any favoritism or special privilege or gouging or monopoly in time. You get what's coming to you anyway, and no man on earth can take it away from you.

"And isn't this something to be cheerful over? Why, Stevey, it's the grandest thing going to think that of the most valuable thing of all, we've got as much as the man that rides by us in a ten thousand dollar automobile.

But, and now I'm getting down to the sermon, Stevey, this most precious thing of all is the thing of which we are the most wasteful.

"We get our full share of it, sure, but we waste it ourselves shockingly.

"Don't waste time, Stevey, please don't. As you feel now you've got a million years ahead of you, more or less, plenty of time, but time is one of those things that once lost can never be recovered. Don't waste a minute of it. When you play, play; sink the shop; forget it utterly; but when you work, utilize all your time. Don't dawdle it away."—New York Sun.

Dr. Holmes' Repartee.

Dr. Oliver W. Holmes was small in stature. Upon one occasion he was present at a meeting which happened to be attended by large men, thus making his diminutive size rather conspicuous in contrast. One of these men—doubtless wishing to make him feel at ease—came on to him and said, "Well, Doctor Holmes, I should think you would feel rather small among all these fellows." "I do," replied the doctor, "I feel like a three-cent piece among a lot of pennies."

How to Escape.

An amusing story is told of a lay preacher who went forth to preach his trial sermon.

"What was your text?" he was asked when he came back.

"How shall ye escape if ye neglect so great a salvation?"

"A good text—how did you handle it?"

"First I showed 'em how great this salvation is; then I showed 'em how to escape if they neglected it."

Self-Denying Love.

What would be wanting to make this world a kingdom of heaven, if that tender, profound and self-denying love, practised and recommended by Jesus, were paramount in every heart? Then the loftiest and most glorious ideal of human society would be realized.—Krummacher.

His Eye is on the Sparrow.

"Why should I feel discouraged?

Why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely,

And long for Heaven and Home?

When Jesus is my portion,

My constant Friend is He:

His eye is on the sparrow;

And I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"

His tender word I hear,

And resting on His goodness,

I lose my doubts and fears;

Though by the path He leadeth,

But one step I may see;

His eye is on the sparrow;

And I know He watches me.

"Whenever I am tempted,

Whenever clouds arise,

When songs give place to sighing,

When hope within me dies,

I draw the closer to Him,

From care He sets me free,

His eye is on the sparrow;

And I know He watches me.

"I sing because I'm happy,

I sing because I'm free;

His eye is on the sparrow;

And I know He watches me."

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