

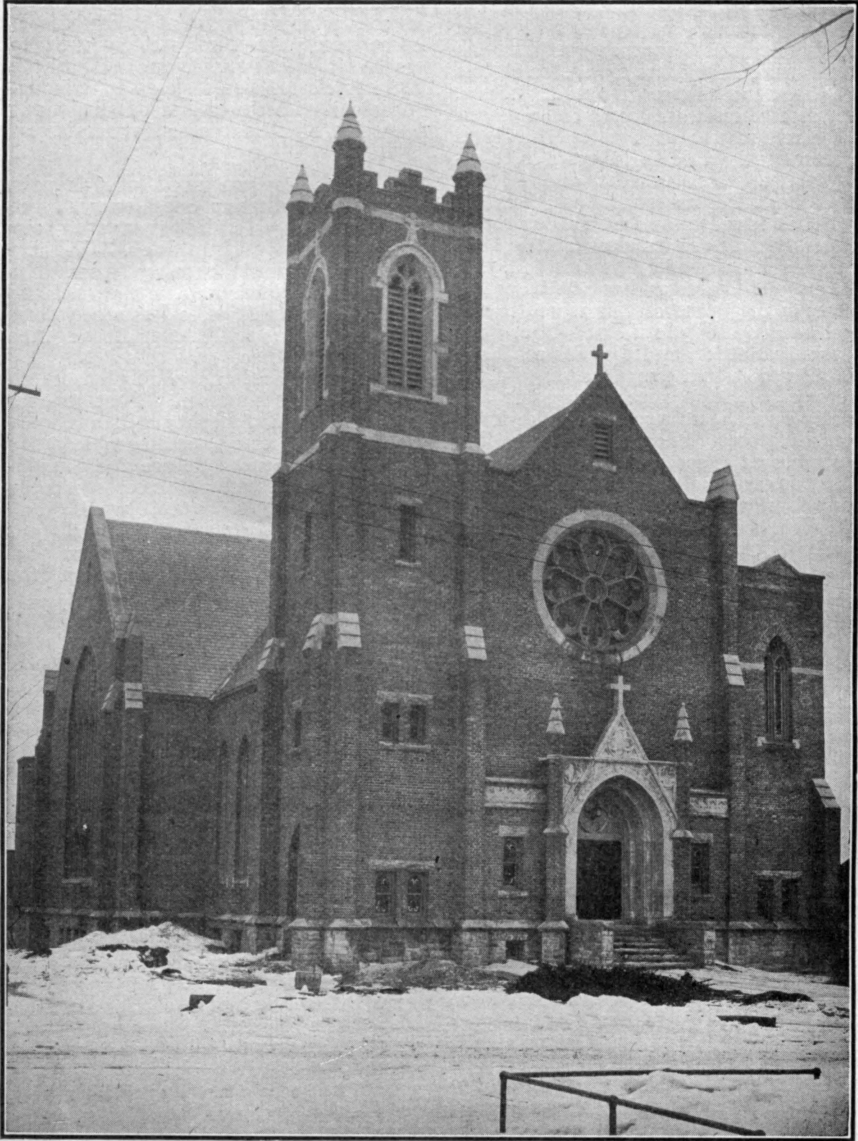
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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Berlin, Ont., Rev. C. H. Tappert, Pastor.
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SERMON DELIVERED AT LAY- MEN'S MISSIONARY CON- VENTION

Berlin, Dec. 10th, 1915.

Text: St. Luke 12, 32: Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

After extending greetings to the laymen assembled on behalf of St. Matthew's congregation and bidding them welcome, the speaker dwelled briefly on the depressing conditions under which the Lutheran Church has to labour in these troubled times. Whither should we turn for comfort and encouragement but to Him Who is abundantly able to revive our fainting souls. Our text is one of the most beautiful consolations given us by the love and faithful witness, whose word cannot fail and whose promises must surely be fulfilled. He directs our hearts and minds from the warring kingdoms of this world to the everlasting kingdom of God, our heavenly Father, and dispells all fears, whether we shall prevail and gain the victory in life's sore struggles and finally succeed to press into the kingdom of glory. There are two leading thoughts in the text:

1. We are helpless when we look upon ourselves.
2. We need not fear while we trust in the Lord.

I.

By comparing the Christians to a flock of sheep the Lord wants to indicate that they are not only inoffensive but really defenseless creatures. What the Bible praises in the children of God is their humility, lowliness, patience, contentment and submissiveness. They are the "quick in the land," overcoming the world rather by patience and prayer than by wisdom, wealth and power. Of these weak and timid sheep there is only a little flock. The Church of Jesus is not large. If numbers count, she does not amount to much. Many are called, few are chosen. When the deluge came, only eight were saved. When Sodom was destroyed, not more than three escaped. Jesus succeeded to attract but 70 disciples. 5,000 were converted at Jerusalem, among all the millions of unbelievers only a drop of water in an ocean, a grain of sand in the boundless desert. To-day not even the third part of mankind has been brought to the knowledge of Christ after 1900 years of missionary efforts, and if we would subtract all those who are only Christians by

name, the hypocrites, time-servers and turncoats, this number would still melt down and dwindle away. It is a little flock.

And this little flock of timid sheep has to face great struggles, tribulations and persecutions. Jesus said to his disciples: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves." Public opinion, the spirit of the age, are hostile to true Christianity, and whenever any movement begins to become really popular we do well to watch it with suspicion. Thus the little flock of Jesus' sheep stands defenselessly in the midst of suspicious wolves who threaten to devour it.

II.

Nevertheless we need not despair, if only we put our confidence in the Lord. It is He, Who says in our text: "Fear not, little flock." What a comforting word coming from His lips! Even if we believe not, yet He abideth faithful, He cannot deny Himself. He will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. That means: it is His firm almighty will and purpose. Who can overthrow it? He made up His mind before the foundation of the world and now it stands for all eternity. Satan, world and flesh cannot frustrate His will nor bring His purpose to naught for "His is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever."

Yea more: it is His good and gracious will to give us the kingdom. Our Father's good pleasure. He could not be happy without making us happy. That we were born in a Christian country, that we had parents and teachers who taught us the way of life, that all our own attempts to work out our salvation failed and we had to acknowledge that "the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong," that at last we found Christ and in Him forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, what does all this prove but that it is our Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom.

Of course this good pleasure is not mere arbitrariness. It is Jesus Who says, addressing His disciples: "Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." If it were not for Jesus we would not enjoy the heavenly Father's good pleasure, but for His sake the kingdom has been allotted to us Who are His disciples through faith.

With this consolation let us enter upon our work. We are troubled on

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**TO THE CONGREGATIONS OF
THE SYNOD OF CENTRAL
CANADA,**

GREETINGS:

By the time these lines reach you the year 1915 will have grown old, infirm and lain down on its wintry death bed. It has bequeathed to its successor all that it possessed—the good and the bad. It has been a year of tempest and strife. It has staggered the world by the gigantic loss of life, waste of wealth and misery. It has filled men with fear and perplexity. Men's hearts have failed them. The enterprises of the Church have suffered terribly. It has left tremendous problems unsolved. We have been spared through it all, and have the privilege and duty to help solve them. For this we are thankful to our Lord and God. We look hopefully into the coming year and ask: "Shall we grow more spiritual? Shall we increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Shall our faith become firmer, more able to withstand the assaults of doubt, misgiving and despair? Shall we overcome the world through faith? Shall our love for Christ and His Church be purified of dross, of self-seeking and self-exaltation? Shall we see more and more of His excellency? Shall we, like Enoch of old, walk with God every day and all the way? Shall we be more faithful witnesses for Him Who is our Lord and Redeemer?"

In view of these questions permit me to direct your attention to the following considerations:

First—Our home life. The Church of Christ must have its beginning in the home. Parents are the natural teachers of religion. This fact creates an obligation which cannot be shifted to the church or school. We NEED a better home life. As the home is, so will be the state.

Second—The unwholesome and degenerating influences of the abounding and increasing desire for pleasure and amusement. "Life is real and life is earnest." We need to be watchful in this respect, if we desire to secure the higher grade of Christian character.

Third—Church loyalty. As citizens of our country we have learned as never before, the meaning of the words Loyalty and Patriotism. We have rallied to our country and flag. Our sons and our money has been placed at the country's disposal. All this was done freely and gladly. We

have also shown a noble loyalty to our Church, both in financial support, benevolence and giving our sons for the ministry. Our people have most loyally rallied to the needs of our Seminary at Waterloo. God has opened to us a wonderful door of opportunity by this institution, and we have made an effort to meet it in the spirit of true Christian loyalty. Nor have we failed to reap the fruits. At least four of our churches would have been closed, and would, in all probability, be closed now, had it not been for this institution. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for all He has done for us and through us. Yet we deplore whatever indifference there is—and there is not a little. Much more might have been accomplished if all our members had been loyal. There has been a great deal of indifference in regard to church attendance and devout worship in God's House. Waiting on the Lord in His House on the Lord's Day is absolutely necessary to the true Christian life. A churchless community is a community in great danger. Therefore, let me appeal to you to be conscientiously regular at your appointed church services. See that your children and friends are with you. Despise not the means of grace—the Word and Sacraments. It is here where sincere worship is offered and the greatest benevolence are wisely stimulated, planned and effected. All these treasures have been purchased for us through the suffering of our Lord.

Fourth—The matter of engaging often in prayer for those not yet in fellowship with Jesus Christ at home and abroad. Permit me to summon you to the task that He laid upon the early church of winning men, one by one to Christian discipleship.

Your pastors in Christ have only your highest interests at heart. May we not depend upon you, then, to support us in our efforts by your prayers and co-operation. May we not each and all seek by the grace of God to be more faithful to Him, that we may grow more spiritual as well as more liberal with our means. We cannot believe that you will be heedless of this kindly message: and heeding it I am sure that the results will be a purer, higher, more hopeful and prosperous New Year. As we think so we are. For "The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

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EDITORIAL. UP AND ONWARD.

R. W. Emerson.

We do not believe there is any force in to-day to rival or recreate that beautiful yesterday. We linger in the ruins of the old tent, where once we had bread and shelter, and organs, nor believe that the spirit can feed, cover and nerve us again. We cannot find ought so dear, so sweet, so graceful. But we sit and weep in vain. The voice of the Almighty saith, "Up and onward for evermore!" We cannot stay amid the ruins.

Dear Christian Friends: The old year is history and has recorded blessings as well as losses and failures. A retrospect is simple, sometimes amusing, sometimes sad.

It found many men very busy, some doing something, some idle. What will 1916 bring to us? What measure of faith, of thrift, of earnestness and of sympathy shall be recorded to our side of the ledger account with God and our fellowmen? How much of our time shall go to things religious, humane and eternal? How much merely for the world? "Why stand ye here idle?" will be asked of each one of us again for the New Year. "Go labor in My vineyard" is still the dear Lord's patient and earnest com-

mand. "Up and onward" Christian soldiers is surely a motto for all men of all nations and creeds. There is no excuse. All have some gifts. Dr. James M. Speers in his fine address delivered at the great National Missionary Convention recently on "The Laymen's Opportunity," gives us the following:

Perhaps some one is saying, "Oh, I have no experience, no capacity for doing Christianity's duty or work. I cannot undertake to do personal evangelism, etc." Well, that is the way, as Dr. Bushnell says, to keep your incapacity forever. To overcome it just be a true Christian. Undertake whatever task God gives you cheerfully and courageously and thereby gain ability to do your duty by doing it. Of one thing we may be certain, that obligation is not measured by our own ability, but the power that God is ready to give when we undertake our duty. His promise is that "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." That is, be supplied with strength for every new duty. The blue flag with the white cross is the only flag, the banner of righteousness, that we allow to float above our nation's flag. We are glad that all the world shall know that we salute the ensign and acknowledge the rule of King Jesus.

Let us meet the call of God and of the world; let us take advantage of our opportunity for service; let us fulfill our obligations as Christian men by swearing anew our allegiance to Jesus Christ by making Him King in our home life, in our business life, in our civic life in our church life, as He has never been before, and in that way remove the impotence and disarm the criticism aimed against His Church.

These earnest men of God have paved the way, let us walk therein. They have built the foundations and laid the corner stones, let us erect the superstructure, adorn the houses of worship and gather the lambs into the fold. The soldiers have responded to the King's call and are marching down the avenue while these words are penned. They heeded the call; they are willing to go into training and obey the command, "Go and conquer the foe." Millions of soldiers and billions of dollars are now placed upon the altar of the battlefield. What a picture of loyalty!

The Captain of our Salvation, the Lord of lords and King of kings gave the command, "Go ye into all the world." We have a common foe—

Satan, the author of ruin and shame. Let us be "Up and onward." "Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on."

America has Lutheran Church papers published in the following languages: Danish, English, Esthonian, Finnish, German, Icelandic, Lettish, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Slavonian, Swedish.

There is a movement under way for the consolidation of the churches of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. A Copenhagen paper, the "Berlingske-Tidende," is leading the way. Archbishop Soederblom, of Sweden, is in favor of the plan.

From the beginning of the New Year, "Lutheran Boys and Girls" is to appear as a weekly. This is a fascinating paper for our young people.

Willard Public Library, Battle Creek, Michigan, is receiving the "Survey" by the courtesy of St. Paul's Luther League. This example should be followed by our leagues in every town where a public library is maintained.

"My Church," an illustrated Lutheran Manual, pertaining principally to the history, work and spirit of the Augustana Synod, edited by the Rev. Ira O. Nothstein, M.A., Rock Island, Ill.

This is a very neat little volume, attractive in appearance, fascinating in style, giving a wide and complete scope of the Augustana Synod and her great work. Such authors as Dr. L. A. Johnson, Dr. T. N. Hasselquist, Dr. E. Norelius and the great Rev. Chas. P. Krauth, D.D. Their splendid mission is well outlined. This volume should be in every S. S. library.

"Our First Decade in China," 1905-1915, published by China Missions Board of Augustana Synod, telling about the Augustana Mission in the Province of Honan, has also reached the editor's desk, but time did not permit careful reading in time for this issue of "Canada Lutheran."

The Icelandic Synod opened a temporary "Old Folks' Home," in Winnipeg, Manitoba, last March, which has ten inmates—and a waiting list. A property has been purchased at Gimli, Man., and is to be remodeled to accommodate thirty to forty people.

The General Council Home Mission Board reports for the Canadian Northwest, four missions in Manitoba, eleven in Saskatchewan and six in Alberta.

The General Council's Church Extension Society now reports a capital of \$275,000. For the past year the additions to it amounted to \$30,884. The work of this Society reaches out to British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

The "Muhlenberg Tidings" comes from Africa as a new Lutheran publication, issued by the Industrial Department of the General Synod's mission.

Thirty foreign missionaries are this fall being sent out by the Norwegian Mission Society. Of these, three go to Zululand, 18 to Madagascar and 9 to China.

THE SYNODICAL SECRETARY'S NOTES.

1. Remember the Epiphany Foreign Mission Offerings.

2. Student Aid apportionments have not come in as fast as the demand has required. Please pay them early.

3. Home Mission apportionments should be paid monthly to the Synodical Treasurer and all apportionments should be paid early in the New Year. Will not all our congregations make a special effort this year to meet all their apportionments? Do not leave their payment until the last month or so of the Synodical year when their aggregate sum will seem big. Pay them by instalments and begin early.

4. A Happy New Year to all our congregations.

N. WILLISON,
Sec., Synod of Central Canada.

THE CANADA LUTHERAN.

We are now printing 600 copies of our little paper and we are happy to note the continued and increasing interest of our readers. Our circulation has increased since last writing but we are still looking forward to more extensive increases. The committee believes the paper has a mission and wants every reader to feel that way. We are doing our work gratis and so are you but let us have a common vision of our opportunities for service. We believe we are doing a favor by urging "The Canada Lutheran in every home."—N. Willison.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Edited by Ernie H. Beckman, Waterloo, Ontario.

Berlin.

The First English Lutheran Church has opened the new church year with a splendid record in attendance, the members and friends taking advantage in their usual manner of hearing a series of sermon lectures, particularly to young men, delivered by the pastor. The first three, "A Young Man's Ideal," "A Young Man's Friendships" and "A Young Man's Books," have already been delivered. The increasing audience is all that is required to show the appreciation of these sermons and the four remaining subjects, "A Young Man's Temptations," "A Young Man's Amusements," "A Young Man's Religion" and "A Young Man's Choice of a Wife," are all very promising subjects.

Sunday, Dec. 12, communion and confirmation service was held, three members were received by confirmation and one by baptism and confirmation. Besides these 36 adults were received by card.

The Luther League, as well as all other organizations of the church, are progressing as usual, showing marked increase in interest as well as attendance.

The Sunday School is very busy preparing their Christmas programme which is to be given Monday evening, Dec. 27th. The teachers and scholars are heartily co-operating with the pastor in endeavoring to prepare a most excellent programme.

The choir is at present preparing a cantata entitled "The Light of Life" to be presented some time in January. The object being to supply the choir with sheet music.

During the past month lectures were held in this church under the auspices of the Lutheran Club. The first was "A Plea for the Heart," by Rev. Prof. Laury, D.D., the second "How to Make Marriage a Success," by Dr. L. H. Schlus, of Toledo, Ohio. Both these men are very able speakers and gave the large audience which was present, some valuable information to take home. There will be two more addresses in January by Dr. S. P. Long, of Mansfield, Ohio. The subjects are: "God's Gold" and "The Power of a Prince." Dr. S. P. Long

is known in this district and we feel assured that his lectures will be both interesting and instructive.

Brantford.

We beg to congratulate the staff on the fine edition of the "Canada Lutheran" that is appearing each month. Sample copies have been received and steps will be taken immediately after Christmas to treble our subscription list.

On the 19th November Mr. and Mrs. F. Clarke celebrated the 19th anniversary of their wedding. Unknown to them, a large crowd of their friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Clarke in the evening and a very enjoyable time was spent.

A Catechetical Class of seven is being instructed each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. An adult class of a like number could easily be organized if the acting pastor had the necessary time to spend in Brantford to do it properly.

We are happy to report the acquisition of one new member, Miss L. Stepler, formerly of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Berlin.

On the 12th of December, the S. S. which has an enrollment of 28, had an attendance of 25. The evening service of the same day was attended by 50 persons, with a number of strangers present.

The Church Council has recently put up a new sign on the front of the church, which is a decided improvement. On Sunday morning, Dec. 12th, we were treated to a fine surprise. The ladies had been busy and the church presented a fine appearance. All the chairs were newly varnished and the floor was scrupulously clean. Visitors will hardly recognize our church from that of a year ago.

Improvements will be made from time to time until we have one of the nicest and cosiest churches in Brantford. Mr. Otterbein is very grateful to the members for the kind interest they have shown in the work, and hopes it will keep up throughout the winter. It is one way they can show that they are interested in the Master's work.

The S. S. has been working hard on the 'Xmas programme, which will be given on Monday evening, Dec. 27th.

The choir now consists of 13 members and is getting along splendidly.

We have recently heard of the fine success that has attended Rev. Fiebelkorn with our sister congregation at Hespeler and our best wishes go with them for their future welfare.

We have three or four applicants for baptism which will be attended to shortly by one of the visiting clergymen.

If our plans do not go awry the young people expect to entertain the members and friends of the Galt and Hamilton Luther Leagues at Brantford on Monday evening, Jan. 24th. Music, games and refreshments will be the order of the night and a right royal good time is promised to all who come. We trust Mr. E. H. Beckman and Rev. H. A. Kunkle will bring large crowds. A nice surprise is in store for all who come.

Galt.

Nov. 19th, a Laymen's Brotherhood was organized in connection with the congregation and plans are being made for interesting meetings during the winter.

Nov. 24th, a happy event took place when Miss Alberta Gehman became the wife of Mr. Robt. Schoenfeld, both of St. Paul's congregation. The marriage was performed by Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., of Waterloo Seminary, at the home of the bride's parents where about 100 guests had gathered for the occasion. After the ceremony a very sumptuous wedding dinner was served. May the young couple ever be as happy as they were on their wedding day.

Nov. 25th the Ladies' Aid Society held a sale of work which proved very successful in every way.

Nov. 26th the "Friendly" Bible Class met and transacted much important business. Among other things a membership contest was started to run for ten weeks at the end of which time the losers will banquet the winners. It was also decided to conduct a human calendar during 1916.

Nov. 25th the city of Galt suffered a great loss in the death of the Rev. Canon Ridley, the highly respected pastor for many years of Trinity Anglican Church, and chaplain of the 29th Regiment. He was buried on Nov. 27th with military honors, the clergy of the city attending in a body. The funeral was very large and the streets from the church to the cemetery were lined by the thousands of citizens who mourned the loss of this

grand old man who remained poor himself by giving of his means to help others who were in need.

Dec. 3rd, the Ladies' Aid met and decided to co-operate with one of the other smaller churches of the city in providing a supper at the Y.M.C.A. some Sunday evening during the winter for the soldiers stationed here. It was also decided to again take up mission study during 1916.

In the evening of the same day the Sunday School teachers and officers met and made final arrangements for the children's Christmas service on Monday, Dec. 27th.

Dec. 6th, the Luther League met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Schoenfeld and among other things decided to drop the study of the topics at the devotional meetings but to study Gerberding's "Way of Salvation" instead. It was also decided to push the student aid work as vigorously as possible.

Dec. 7th, the Church Council transacted much important business. It was decided that during January all the loose plate offerings should be devoted to Red Cross work.

Dec. 8th, the members of the "Friendly" Bible Class surprised Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Schoenfeld with a granite shower after which a pleasant evening was spent in games and refreshments.

Dec. 5th, the Rev. W. H. Knauff, of Humberstone, President of the Western Conference, paid an official visit to St. Paul's. All were very well pleased with his services.

Guelph.

It is a great delight to witness the cheerfulness with which our good people here face their difficulties and trials. Such faithfulness will surely be rewarded by a sunny future. With a little timely assistance, we are convinced the present trying crisis cannot fail to be successfully tided over. The attendance at our services, though not startlingly increasing, can be said with perfect truthfulness to be holding their own. Owing to his duties at the Seminary, the acting-pastor has found it difficult to do full justice to his work here, especially since a catechetical class has been added and requires careful attention. To relieve this situation, the services of fellow-students have been secured by him on three occasions thus far, and our good people have had the benefit and pleasure of very able sermons by Messrs. Soerensen, Rembe and Huenergard.

The Ladies' Aid concert in behalf of the Red Cross was a very good success. There was a large audience and a neat sum was realized out of the silver collection taken up. Miss Kaempf, who acted as accompanist, was very suitable to the position. The following was the programme of the evening: Piano solo, Miss Liphardt; chorus, Ladies' Aid; vocal solo, Mr. F. Kaempf; vocal solo, Miss Hare; duett, Alice and Laura Keil; vocal solo, Mrs. Sherwood; recitation, Miss Roos; piano solo, Gladys Rothmel; vocal solo, Miss McLaren; vocal solo, Miss Hare; recitation, Miss Roos; chorus, Ladies' Aid; "God Save the King."

The teachers and scholars of the Sunday School are busily preparing for the Christmas festival under the able direction of Mr. Batterby.

The Luther Leagues, both senior and junior, are continuing to do good work, which augurs well for the future of our congregation.

It is with great pleasure that we announce here the birth of a much-needed new organization in our midst, or rather the resurrection of an old, to wit, the choir. With this splendid addition, our services are very much beautified.

Hamilton.

To all our members and friends, our Church Council, S. S., L. E., Ladies' Aid, Men's Brotherhood, S. S. Orchestra, the Catechetical Class, Teacher Training and the organized classes, a most Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Schnabel, and Miss Emma E. Allam into our midst and add their names to our membership roll. We trust that they may be of great service in the Lord's vineyard and that the church may do them much good.

Holy Communion, Sunday, Jan. 9, 1916, at 11 a.m., "Therefore be ye also ready."

The annual meeting of the S. S. Association was held Dec. 13th, 1915, when the old officers were unanimously re-elected and a harmonious spirit prevailed. The reports given by the superintendent, the secretary, treasurer, and the librarian were all encouraging. Reports for 11 months as follows:—Total attendance, 5,850; average attendance, 112.5; total offering, \$248.20; average per Sunday, \$4.77; new members enrolled, 51; visitors, 133. The full graded system is

in use, and a Teacher Training Class organized.

Nov. 29th was a day or an evening in Trinity long to be remembered by our Scandanavian friends, and all who were present.

"The Land of the Midnight Sun" was the theme of an illustrated lecture given by the Rev. C. Thurstone, Swedish Lutheran missionary. Vocal and instrumental music, exercises illustrating manners and customs, and the Swedish national anthem constituted the varied and interesting programme.

The Pastor, Mr. F. Otterbein, Mr. Geo. Kiehl and Dr. C. J. Johannes attended the 2nd annual Laymen's Convention at Berlin, Friday, Dec. 10th.

The junior and senior choirs are showing signs of re-awakening and are doing earnest work for Christmas and the special events. Our orchestra is likewise making good use of their time and we are making good use of them.

"The Canada Lutheran," yes, subscribe for it. Read it carefully. Tell others about it. Encourage it and help your own great work.

Pastoral Acts.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 21, 1915, Adolph William Gibb, infant son of Otto William George Gibb and wife Amelia M. (Gompf) was brought into covenant grace by Holy Baptism. The child was born on Trafalgar Day, Oct. 21, 1915. Baptism after morning sermon. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Ebert and the parents.

Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915, George Walter, son of George C. Schnabel and wife Flora G. (Allam), was baptized and made a child of grace. The ceremony was performed at the home of the parents, 301 East Avenue N., at 3 p.m. Witnesses, Miss Emma E. Allam and Mrs. H. A. Kunkle.

Sunday, Dec. 5th, 1915, at 11.15 a.m., John Henry, son of George Nelson Hanke and wife Pauline E. (Gerhardt), born Aug. 20, 1915, 120 Ray St. S., was baptized in the Lutheran Faith, in Trinity English Lutheran Church. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Riehl and the parents.

Three sons—three new members for the Cradle Roll. May all three grow up in grace and the Lutheran faith and enter the Gospel ministry.

Humberstone.

The Ladies' Aid Society met in the Church Annex, Dec. 1st. A committee was appointed to secure additional

church vestments. A good report of the work done for the Red Cross was given. The ladies are interested in this work of mercy and have already done considerable work. They met again in this capacity Dec. 8th at the home of Mrs. Fred Hesler. The Society secured a "Memorial" picture from Mrs. Fry, Philadelphia, had it framed and has placed it in the Church Annex.

The Luther League met Dec. 14th, when the mite boxes for Students' Aid Funds were distributed. Various items of business were transacted of which report shall be given later.

A sad accident occurred on Nov. 26th, when Mr. Duston Zimmerman was instantly killed while his horses became unmanageable throwing him to the pavement. The funeral which was one of the largest ever held in the community was held in Holy Trinity Church, Monday afternoon, Nov. 29. Mr. Zimmerman was confirmed in this church, Easter, 1914, and is now the second adult of this class of nineteen to be called up higher. Deceased leaves a wife and two children, Lloyd aged 8, and Fern aged 2. May God in His mercy comfort the sorrowing family. The brother reached the age of 37 years, 4 months and 15 days.

Nov. 19th, the china wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. N. Kanold was fittingly observed by the near relatives in giving a surprise at their home and presenting the bridal couple of twenty years ago with a beautiful china tea set. Pastor Knauff read the address while the presentation was being made.

Another of our young men has enlisted for overseas service in the country's cause—Edward Cronmiller, oldest son of Mrs. Dora Cronmiller. Edward will remain in training at Welland for the winter.

Also David Michael, son of Mrs. Rose Michael, the latter a valued member of Holy Trinity since her confirmation four years ago, has been accepted by the military authorities for overseas service in the same battalion.

Mr. Chas. Hansen met with a painful accident on Dec. 6th, while engaged in carpenter work, when a three-inch nail pierced his eye. He was hurried to a hospital in Buffalo where he was operated upon. Hopes are entertained that the eye might be saved.

During Pastor Knauff's visit to St. Paul's, Galt, Sunday, Dec. 5th, Stu-

dent Beckman very ably supplied in Holy Trinity Church.

We wish all who read these columns a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

Morrisburg.

A good coal furnace has been installed in St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, through the beneficence of Mrs. Hynes and Mr. George Dordis. This is a great improvement to the interior of St. Paul's Church as it removes the old stoves and the unsightly pipes which hitherto disfigured it. Other improvements are in contemplation in the early spring. The congregation is deeply grateful to the donors for their splendid gift.

Married—At the home of the bride, Morrisburg, Ont., Nov. 30th, 1915, Herbert Brock Wright, of Brockville, and Grace May Willard, of Morrisburg, by Dr. C. H. Little.

On Sunday, Dec. 12th, 1915, the following officers were installed in St. John's, Riverside, to wit: Wm. B. Castleman, trustee; Simon Schwerdtfeger, and Ova Lane, deacons.

Baptisms have been administered as follows since last report:

St. John's congregation:—Gladys Carrie Elizabeth, daughter of Henry R. F. and Lilly V. Schwerdtfeger; Dorothy Lena Audrey, daughter of James and Lena Vallance; Irwin Colborne, son of Henry and Sarah Hall; Ruth Pearl, Eva May, John Alvin, James Nelson, Bert Andrew, and Dorothy Eileen, children of Herman and Emma Casselman.

St. Paul's congregation:—Clayton Nelson, son of Roy and Letitia Casselman; Albert William, son of Wm. J. and Grace Robertson; Silas, son of Wm. and Effie Becksted; Thelma Albertha, daughter of Corey and Violet Brown.

The Ladies' Aid societies of the St. Lawrence Parish have placed a fine new steel range in the parsonage at Morrisburg. The Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's held a successful social in the parsonage the last Friday evening of November.

Ottawa.

For enthusiasm, pleasure and real merriment the Box Social held Tuesday evening, Nov. 30th, under the auspices of the Luther League, will go down in history as the most successful of its kind ever held by that organization. The object was to secure funds for the organ fund, and the young men as usual displayed keen

rivalry, when the time came to auction of the boxes. Mr. Harnett of Westboro, acted in the capacity of auctioneer in a very pleasing and capable manner, and kept the audience in continuous laughter by his humorous remarks. In addition to the programme, in which Mr. and Mrs. Harnett, and Mr. C. M. Sternberg participated, a very pleasant evening was spent in games and amusements. Of course the real pleasure of the evening came, when the boxes were to be opened, and the way the young people partook of the contents, is sufficient proof of the quality of the goods. The social was held in the Sunday School Hall, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The success of the affair is largely due to the following: Misses A. Holtz, M. E. Roeske, L. Whitteker, Mrs. C. M. Sternberg and Messrs. Chas. M. Sternberg, A. Akerlindh, J. A. Loa and R. A. Loa.

Rev. Dr. Little of Morrisburg, conducted both services on Dec. 5th, and delivered two inspiring sermons.

The young ladies' sewing class, of the Luther League will hold a sale on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, and the many beautiful and useful articles made will no doubt find a ready sale as usual. Miss Allenius is the efficient leader of the Sewing Circle.

The monthly meeting of the Luther League was held on Thursday, Dec. 9th, at the home of the president. Arrangements are being made for a membership campaign to be held in January, with a banquet as the grand finale. The following contributed to the programme of the meeting. Piano duet, Miss A. Holtz and J. A. Loa; vocal solo, Keith Garvock; vocal duet, K. Garvock and J. A. Loa. Mrs. K. L. McIntosh read an excellent paper on "Mobilize."

The approach of the Christmas season is bringing with it all the usual activity, in preparation for the happiest festival of the year, and we rejoice to see the keen interest manifested by one and all in making the Christmas service inspiring and cheery. The choir preparing special music, and the Sunday school children are practising the service which will be rendered on Christmas night, under the direction of Miss Roeske.

Student Carl Sorenson will be with us during the Christmas vacation, and we are exceedingly happy to know that we shall thus have a real old Lutheran Christmas with a pastor in our midst. A hearty reception awaits

him in the capital, where he won so many friends when here during the past summer.

St. Peter's Church takes this opportunity of extending greetings to the other churches in the Synod. May the New Year bring new aspirations and much pleasure to Lutherans everywhere. May the cheerfulness which is born at Christmas continue throughout the year, and make itself to be felt by all with whom we may come in contact.

Baptism—On Dec. 5th, 1915, Gerald Aainslie and Jean Inez, son and daughter, respectively, of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McIntosh, born Sept. 24th, 1915, were baptized and made children of grace at home of parents, 263 Florence St., Rev. Dr. Little, of Morrisburg, officiating.

Toronto.

Work in this field is progressing and the effect is being felt by all who attend church services or who are in any way connected with the church. A very successful "Christmas Sale" was held in a private home on the afternoon and evening of Friday, Dec. 3rd. The proceeds amounted to \$120 clear. The Luther League gave an illustrated lecture on the "History of the Telegraph" to a large and appreciative audience on the evening of Nov. 22nd. The congregation has changed its financial system and has adopted the duplex envelope system. The results show an increase of 30 per cent on the current side and 50 per cent on the benevolent side of the pledged amounts for the year 1916. There are now 105 contributing members whose pledged amount averages 28 cents per member per Sunday for current expenses and 6 cents per member for benevolences. This is an average worthy of commendation.

The congregation is now looking forward with fond anticipations to the inauguration of the early service on Christmas morning. This service will be held at 6.30 a.m. The choir is preparing special music for the occasion as well as for Xmas Sunday. The service of the children will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, when a special Christmas programme entitled, "Christmas Day" will be rendered. The pastor has been preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons on the "Second Coming of Christ." The following subjects were presented to large and appreciative audiences: 1. "The Prophecies Concerning It"; 2. "The Signs Pre-

ceding It"; 3. "The Relation of the Millennium to It"; 4. "Christ's First Coming the Earnest of It."

Unionville.

The church at Buttonville has been re-decorated by the Ladies' Aid of that devoted congregation and looks decidedly pretty. Special re-opening services were held on the 5th of December and were attended by a congregation of 88 people. The cost of decorating is all paid for. At the regular monthly meeting of Bethesda Missionary Society one new member was received making a total membership of ten. The monthly topics are used and a mission study class will be conducted during the New Year. Messrs. F. Frisby, A. Summerfeldt and the pastor attended the Laymen's Convention at Berlin on December 10. Our choir gave an organ recital on Nov. 29th that was much appreciated. Mr. Thos. Nicholls, of Toronto, played very acceptably and vocal selections were given by Mrs. Bell, of Markham, and Miss Davison, of Unionville. Mrs. J. M. Winkler was unfortunately prevented from taking her part by illness. Anniversary services will be held at Unionville on Sunday January 15th, when the Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., President of our Theological Seminary, will preach morning and evening. Christmas tree services will be held on Christmas eve. On January 19th the annual congregational meeting will be held at Unionville.

Welland.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of St. Matthew's Church held the monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Bielke, the worthy secretary, on the afternoon of Dec. 2nd. There was a good attendance. The committee on Red Cross work reported that 6 shirts and 5 pairs of socks had been handed in to the Red Cross Society. The general demand for material with which to do Red Cross work seems to be so great that our society cannot be supplied with enough goods. After the business session earnest and helpful discussion of the monthly topic was taken up, the members also renewing the subscription to the Topic Book for the coming year.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Fred Ott has so far improved from her recent illness that she was able to attend divine service Sunday, the 12th.

Miss Caroline Moyer, sister of Mrs. Fred Ott, who had been residing in

St. Catharines, died in a Buffalo hospital while undergoing an operation. She was a member of St. Matthew's here up to the time of her death. The funeral was held Nov. 19th from the home of her brother at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Baptized and made a child of grace, at the morning service, Dec. 12th, Albert William, infant son of Thomas Beatty and Estella (nee) Horton.

Student Beckman had charge of the work here during Rev. Knauff's absence, Sunday, Dec. 5th. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

Williamsburg.

The Luther League at their meeting held Nov. 17th, voted \$10 to the Student Aid Fund and have also handed out some of the boxes which were sent to be used for the Student Aid Fund.

The Women's Missionary Society at their monthly meeting voted \$5 for Porto Rico.

The Junior Missionary Society held their monthly meeting on Saturday evening, Nov. 27th.

The Sunday school is practising every Tuesday and Friday evening for the Christmas service which will be held on Christmas night.

The church sheds which were unroofed and damaged considerably on the evening of July 14th, have lately been repaired.

As Rev. McCreery and Rev. Little were at Montreal and Ottawa on Dec. 5th, Pastor Maurer preached at Dunbar in the afternoon and at Morrisburg in the evening.

A highly respected resident of this place in the person of Mrs. Simon Beckstead passed to her eternal rest on Monday, Nov. 22nd, at her home which she had but lately bought. She had been seriously ill during the summer but had recovered, having been on a visit to her children. On Saturday evening after she had partaken of the evening meal she fell asleep from which she never rallied. She was Hannah Casselman. She leaves to mourn her loss two sons and three daughters. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 24th. The Pastor preaching from Psalm 90: 12, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

THANKS.

Many thanks to the kind readers who furnished us with the missing copy of The Canada Lutheran.—N. Willison.

MISCELLANEOUS

Edited by Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont.

A very prosperous and happy New Year to all our readers. May the incoming year be one of much spiritual uplift and marked with earthly happiness and contentment.

LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S CONVENTION.

By Dr. C. J. Johannes.

The annual convention of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement of Canada was held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Berlin, Ont., the Rev. C. R. Tappert, pastor.

For enthusiasm, inspiration, etc., the convention was a decided success.

It was regretted that through force of circumstances our worthy President was unavoidably absent, though in spirit he was with us. The convention met in the auditorium of the fine new St. Matthew's Church, at 10.30 a.m., and was opened by the Rev. C. R. Tappert, pastor of the church, who conducted the devotional services and delivered a most eloquent and appropriate sermon for the occasion.

At the afternoon session the Vice-President, Mr. J. Wellein, of Berlin, occupied the chair.

The meeting was opened at 2 p.m. by singing the hymn, "Thou Art My Portion O, My God," followed by prayer by the Rev. H. A. Kunkle of Hamilton. Dr. Weidenhammer of Waterloo, was then called upon to present the topic, "The call of God to the men of to-day." The topic was presented in splendid form and a lively discussion followed on the various points raised.

The second speaker, Mr. F. W. Otterbein, of Hamilton, also a layman, followed with the subject, "Religion in business and business in religion." The seeming ease with which the vital truths in this important topic were again and again forced home, again demonstrates that Mr. Otterbein is fast becoming a master of his calling.

The audience, time and again, were compelled to accept the all-important, though not generally practised fact, that business and religion go hand in hand and are inseparable to the best interests to both or either, and that those who dare to separate business

and religion are not in possession of the spirit that should be in the heart of every business man.

A business session was held from 4 to 5.30 p.m. at which the business of the Movement was dispatched. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., C. H. Stiver, Unionville; Vice-Pres., J. W. Wellein, Berlin; German Sec., Louis Peine, New Hamburg; English, Sec., C. J. Johannes, Hamilton; Treas., Wm. Conrad, Waterloo.

Literature Committee—F. W. Otterbein, Hamilton; J. Vogt, Berlin; Prof. Lincke, Waterloo.

Special Committee on Jubilee Fund—A. C. Wegener, Toronto; J. Wellein, Berlin; F. W. Otterbein, Hamilton.

The evening session was a special feature of the convention. The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Berlin, who after a few preliminary remarks stated that it gave him great pleasure to introduce a man, not at all a stranger to the audience, and no less a person than the worthy Dr. Hoffmann, President of the Synod of Canada. Dr. Hoffman had for his subject "Men and Missions" and after a few introductory remarks delivered a forceful address on the subject allotted to him. "The time had come," he said, "when men were awakening to their responsibility, and did not care to go to heaven on the religion of their wives, and although there was a great improvement along these lines there still was room for improvement, and that there still were great opportunities for men willing to serve their Lord and Master in bringing those yet outside the fold to the feet of Jesus."

"The greatest need of humanity at the present time," he said, "is the consecration of men for the ministry. A man cannot give light to others unless he has first received that light."

Continuing, he said: "The most common error among the people is that religion is not for this world, but for the next. Many think it is a life insurance policy with the premiums paid by another, but the sad expressions and disappointments can only

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Conducted by Mrs. H. A. Kunkle.

Dear Sisters and Friends in the great Cause of Missions:

The year 1915 is now recorded as history, with its many failures and successes. The work accomplished by the few women of our little Synod of Central Canada has again been truly remarkable, especially so under the great and distressing war conditions. We have a large average belonging to our missionary circle. We trust that this will be larger still by the end of 1916, and that the jubilee report for 1917 may be—a missionary Society in every congregation. Canada is a great and important Home and Foreign Mission field. It should therefore be the aim of our Society to introduce more of the monthly missionary topics with their interesting leaflets and strive earnestly to bring the missionary worker, that most excellent missionary magazine so brimful of facts and figures and illustrations, into every home on our Canadian territory. Thus, in behalf of the Society, as your Literature Secretary, and your Staff Reporter, I wish to extend to you my hearty greetings, and hope that a real blessed New Year may be ours, and that the year 1916 may be happy, harmonious, and prosperous.

"We are standing on the threshold,
we are in the opened door,
We are treading on a border land
we have never trod before:
Another year is opening, and another
year is gone,
We have passed the darkness of the
night; we are in the early morn;
We have left the fields behind us
o'er which we scattered seed;
We pass into the future which none
of us can read.
The corn among the weeds, the
stones, the surface mold,
May yield a partial harvest; we hope
for sixty fold.
Then hasten to fresh labor, to
thresh, and reap, and sow,
Then bid the new year welcome, and
let the old year go,—
Then gather all your vigor, press
forward in the fight,
And let this be your motto, "For
God, and for the Right."—Anon.

Having received several inquiries re-
specting officers of our Women's Mis-
sionary Society, and having noticed

also that the old names still stand on
the last number of the Mission Work-
er, I take pleasure in presenting the
list of the newly elected officers,
which are as follows:—

President—Mrs. J. C. Casselman, 10
Winchester St., Westmount, Montreal
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. C. H. Little, Mor-
risburg.

Rec. Sec.—Mrs. W. H. Knauff, Pt.
Colborne.

Cor. Sec.—Mrs. C. Ludolf, 203
Crawford St., Toronto.

Treas.—Mrs. S. Becker, Williams-
burg.

The two important missionary fea-
tures before us for the month of Jan.
are first, the offering for Foreign
Missions during the Epiphany sea-
son, and second, the offering for the
Deaconess work, Septuagesima Sun-
day (Jan. 31st). It seems incumbent
upon us at this time to increase our
offerings for Foreign Missions. The
distress and poverty caused by the
war, makes it necessary for the na-
tions at peace, who are in more favor-
able circumstances, to help out those
who are in great need, and in dire
distress at this time. The Foreign
missionary, at best, is making a great
sacrifice for the extension of the king-
dom. Let us then, in prayers and
gifts, help to make the New Year
more happy and comfortable for our
devoted missionaries.

With reference to the Deaconess
work, which is so important, we wish
to refer to the following: The Im-
manuel Deaconess Institute (Swed-
ish), Omaha, Neb., has 46 sisters. In
the year just past it cared for 1,250
patients, and its receipts were \$79,198.
This included receipts for care of 39
persons in the Home for Aged and
for the 22 inmates of the Children's
Home—all under the management of
the Deaconesses.

Connected with the Deaconess In-
stitute in Omaha is a Deaconess As-
sociation of 500 members, which aims
to spread knowledge of the institu-
tion's work with the hope that this
will spread interest in it and bring
assistance in the way of free-will of-
ferings and membership fees.

Forty millions of people lie down
hungry in India every night upon a
mud floor, who have had only one

meal, or at most two scanty meals a day.

There are 2,273,000 wives in India under the age of ten, and 243,000 under five.

Twenty-six million women of India, or one in every six, is a widow. The heaviest curse of Hinduism falls upon widows.

DEATH OF A FAITHFUL WORKER.

Members of Women's Missionary Societies of the General Council everywhere will regret to hear of the fatal accident which befell on of the most interested and ardent workers among them.—Mrs. Menno A. Reeb, 340 Linwood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y., who was almost instantly killed Tuesday morning, Dec. 7th, in an automobile accident. Mrs. Reeb was for years an active worker in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Rev. F. A. Kahler, D.D., pastor, and her death is keenly felt by the members of the congregation. For the past 25 years Mrs. Reeb had been identified with numerous city philanthropics and was especially active in the missionary and charitable enterprises undertaken by Holy Trinity Church. Mrs. Reeb, besides being president of the Women's Missionary Society of her church, served also as president of the board of managers of the Martin Luther Hospice for Young Women, treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, and as one of the managers of the Buffalo Auxiliary of the McAll Mission. She was a life member of the Church Extension Society. She also was actively interested in the Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and the Home for Orphans both at Buffalo. "And her works do follow her."—W. H. Knauff.

Sermon Delivered at Laymen's Missionary Convention.

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every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed. 'Tis only a little while and the kingdom of heaven is ours with all its treasures and pleasures and the eternal counsels of the Father are fulfilled. Therefore, let us not fear, but sing and say:

Take they ev'n our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife;
When their worst is done,
They yet have nothing won,
The kingdom ours remaineth.

WHO SHOULD GIVE NOTHING TO MISSIONS?

Matt. 28: 19; Rom. 8: 16; Matt. 24:25.

1. Those who believe that Jesus made a mistake when He said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

2. Those who do not believe that "the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, Jew or Greek." Rom. 1: 16.

3. Those who wish that no missionary had come to our forefathers and would prefer to be heathen.

4. Those who believe that everyone in the world should shift for himself and ask with Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

5. Those who do not care to have part in Christ's final victory.

6. Those who believe that God will not call them to account because of the way they spend their (?) money.

7. Those who are willing to have Jesus say to them "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." (Matt. 25: 45).—Expositor.

The Lutheran Laymen's Convention.

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be imagined when those people come to collect that insurance."

"What does a man give up to become a Christian?" he continued, A life of sin. Sobriety and temperance, etc., are virtues that prolong life. Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Christian life is Christian love. It empties and conquers hell." Altogether this topic was most excellently presented.

The second speaker of the evening was the Rev. Dr. Altpeter, of Buffalo, N.Y. The subject allotted to him was "Personal Victory the Basis of World Victory."

After a few interesting remarks the topic was handled to the entire satisfaction of every one present.

Interspersing his remarks with facts occurring in the daily lives of men, he proved to all that a man must first win the victory over self before much can be done with others.

Laying bare the sins of men occurring in every day life with scriptural proofs in terms that commanded respect, he placed before the men the duties for which they would be held responsible and which they owed to their homes and families, their fellow-men and to their God.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," prayer and the benediction.

THE WORD.

By Rev. John Keehley—Continued.
 teaching people to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded, shall not the Word and the exercising of its power be the motive for all our ministerial labors? Shall we not with renewed zeal enter into a deeper study of the Word, and when inclined to feed the sheep under our care upon the husks of our own words, to recall that the function of the true pastor is to care for the souls of men, which souls require the pure milk of God's Word?

How better shall we meet the damnable heresies of our day and frustrate the plans of the devil and his ilk, but by the Word of God. "This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 He can harm us none,

He's judged, the deed is done,
 One little word o'erthrows him."

In closing permit me to quote from Dr. Jacobs such words as are most apropos for a conclusion to this paper and also as an exhortation to all pastors in the Lutheran Church: "The pastoral office is chiefly a teaching office. Church discipline is exercised only by the application of the Word. Ministers are confined to the single office of preaching the Word, publicly in the church, and privately to individuals. They may, as cultivated men and citizens, be entertaining lecturers on moral and social questions, but in their official positions, as pastors, not science, not politics, not literature, not art, not history, but the Word of God in all its infinite applications to human experience, is their theme. As preachers their themes are not to be drawn from without, and mechanically joined to their texts, but their sermons

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are to be found in the argument of the sacred writer where the text stands. The Word of God is preached only when the meaning intended by God is taught. Prayer is no mere rhapsody of the individual or the recounting of holy desires, but it always springs from and rests upon some Word of God. It holds up to God some promise he has made, and humbly asks, with full confidence in his truth, that this particular promise be fulfilled. God must speak before man can either ask or wish. Hence all worship consists in the activity of man's spirit called forth and energized by God's Word. And to this end all the arrangements of our church for public worship aim at expressing and appropriating, in due order and in their organic connection, the various parts of the one Word of God.' Thus we see, brethren, that in all the activities of the Church, emphasis is ever laid upon the Word as the only source of all faith and practice. We therefore close in these words of Luther: "The soul can do without everything except the Word of God, without which none of its wants are provided for. But having the Word, it is rich, and wants for nothing."—Read at the meeting of the Synod of Central Canada in Morrisburg.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

From the Rev. M. J. Bieber, M.A., Halifax, N.S., we received a programme announcing the corner stone laying for Sunday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., of the English Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. The speakers were:—Pastor Bieber, the Rev. Geo. E. Pifer, the Hon. A. K. McLean, M.P., Mayor P. F. Martin, or Deputy Mayor John S. Parker, and Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner, M.P.P. The following facts are quoted:

The Lutheran Church in Halifax began with the city in 1750. She built the Little Dutch Church, the second in the city, in 1751 or 1752, and in 1761 the Round Church, St. George's. She ceased to exist in 1807. She was "resurrected" on Jan. 10th, 1915, with 46 members and now numbers 86 communicants, 150 souls and besides 75 adherents. Her Sunday School, organized on Dec. 6, 1914, with 19 members, numbers 64, besides 26 on the Cradle Roll and 18 in the Home Department. Her Missionary Society numbers 28 members and the Luther League 35. She worships in

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LUTHERANS OF BUFFALO TO RAISE \$15,000 FOR SEMINARIES.

The Lutheran churches of Buffalo are going to raise \$15,000 as part of a \$500,000 fund, one-half of which has been pledged in Pennsylvania, for the improvement of Muhlenberg College in Allentown and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Meetings to promote the Buffalo campaign, which will start the New York State subscription movement, were held last night and Thursday night. Upwards of \$8,000 already has been promised, leaving a balance of about \$7,000 to be secured in this city.

The 23 Lutheran ministers of Buffalo, some of them graduates of Muhlenberg college and the Philadelphia seminary, and the churches they represent will raise this sum.

Dr. J. A. W. Haas, President of Muhlenberg College, and Dr. A. Steimle, chairman of the finance committee, have been in the city for several days. They have conferred with a local committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. F. A. Kahler, pastor of Holy Trinity Church; the Rev. Dr. S. G. Trexler, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer; Frederick Henrich and Edward Kurtz, spoke at the meeting last night in Holy Trinity church in Main street.

Among the Buffalonians interested in the movement are Henry May, Adam E. Cornelius, John W. Henrich, M. A. Reeb, C. H. Stolzenbach, Frederick Henrich, F. W. H. Becker, Edward Kurtz and Edward Koons.

The money contributed is to be used to erect new buildings and increase the endowment of the two institutions. The property and the endow-

ment of Muhlenberg college now are worth \$1,250,000. The school has 300 students. The Philadelphia seminary has property worth \$750,000. A gift of \$100,000 recently was made for the purpose of building a library in memory of the Rev. Dr. C. P. Kreuth, the first dean.

Dr. Haas declared at the meeting last evening that America's greatest educational asset is to be found in the church colleges of the country. They meet the deepest needs of the nation, he went on, because they emphasize spiritual ideals.

"The church college is the saviour of society because it is neither destructive, nor revolutionary, nor blind to existing conditions. Behind its teachings is put the mightiest motive—religion," he said. "Religion is vital and necessary both for the life of the individual and the community."—Buffalo News, Nov. 20, 1915.

Not Withstanding the War The Molson's Bank is Stronger than Ever.

The Molson's Bank makes the following interesting statement:—The net profits of the Bank for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1915, were 13.9% on its capital, so that after paying the usual dividend of 11% a comfortable balance was carried forward. Last year (1914) the earnings were 15.2%, and the previous year (1913) 17.4%.

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