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co-operation during her term of office.

The fellowship dinner was held in the college dining hall and gymnasium. A delicious turkey dinner was served by the women of St. Peters church, Kitchener. Mrs. Henry Nuhn presided at the Banquet. Soloist was Mrs. Russel Miller, accompanied by Mrs. Eydt. The Rev. Albert Lots on behalf of the Board of Governors commended the ladies for the work they have done in the past. In gratitude to Mrs. Doerr for her work as president he presented her with a bouquet of roses.

The Rev. Robert Langen, in charge of Student Service Work for Eastern Canada was the guest speaker. Pastor Langen explained that his work was to minister to University students. He pointed out that in 10 years there probably would be 125,000 students in our Colleges and of these, 75,000 would be nominal Protestants. At the present time 1200 Lutheran young people are in Canadian colleges. In ten years there probably will be 3200. There are a number of general things one observes about these students. First of all, one finds a great many religious illiterates. That is to say, that our students are not growing religiously as they are growing technically. Potentially our students can be very dangerous or beneficial to us, depending on their religious training. Secondly: our students are rebels at heart. This is their first fling at freedom at University. They feel free to rebel at their childhood religions and guidance. Thirdly:- They are like displaced persons. This is their first real break with their friends and families. One meets an entirely new group of people and spends very little time with the family during the years spent at University. Life is lonely as a result, particularly for the shy person. Church life also is displaced. Many times his professors add to the confusion because of their agnostic ideas. This creates real confusion in the mind of the student. As Pastor Langen stated, this might be termed a "session in Purgatory", neither Heaven or Hell.

Universities are no longer communities as in the past. No longer search for truth. No longer give students a unified approach to life. Their emphasis is on the training of specialists. We do not want to deprive our students of University Life but we cannot forego religious education that will aid our children. This is a real problem- so real that it has united all Lutherans in trying to solve it.