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God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save our King;
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save our King.

SERMONETTE.

A POST EASTER PRAYER.

Rev. John Keehley, B.A.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever. Amen." Heb. 13: 20, 21.

Christ's sufferings, death and resurrection are not simply great facts to be accepted merely, but these facts are to produce in us great effects and lasting results.

Such effects come to us when we realize in the first place what God has done for us. He "brought from the dead our Lord Jesus." Hence we worship not a dead Christ but a living Christ. What God has done for Christ He will do for all who live in Christ. In doing this for Christ, He has made Himself the "God of peace" which has secured our peace with Him, and imparts peace to us. Man is therefore no longer an enemy of God, but being reconciled through the Blood of Christ, God may be approached and appealed unto with the assurance that He will hear and answer. The cheque is presented to the Paying Teller at the bank. The same is examined carefully. If a doubt arises in his mind as to the account of the one whose signature appears on the lower right hand corner, the bookkeeper is consulted. Finding sufficient funds on hand the endorsement on the back of the cheque is examined, which may require a voucher from some one known to the Teller before the amount is paid over. What care is thus exercised and what embarrassment is sometimes experienced. Not so with God, and our business dealings with Him. We present our claims through Christ. Our petitions bear His signature which is recognized by "the Paying Teller of heaven" and we receive their face value which is "peace with God through our Lord Jesus."

We next consider what God will do in us, and find Him "working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight." The blessed Easter Fact must work in us and change us from evil doers to good, making us to be well pleasing to Himself. Old things must pass away and all things become new, by the renewing of our hearts and minds. This change is wrought in us by the work of the Holy Spirit Who comes to us through the Word and Sacraments, and makes us new creatures

in Christ. Thus our post Easter prayer, based upon the resurrection of Christ, must work in us a change, "That like as He is risen from the dead, even so shall we also walk in newness of life," "That we may put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and that we put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Let this conception become as strong to us as it did to Luther who used to say, "When any one comes and knocks at the door of my heart and asks, 'Who lives here?' I reply, Martin Luther used to, but he has moved out, and now it is Jesus Christ who lives here."

One more thought is expressed in the above text, namely, What will God do by us? and the answer is He "will make you perfect in every good work to do His will."

Thus renewed through the working of the Holy Spirit, we shall find ourselves impelled to do better things in God's service. A good work is that whereby God is served and honored, the Church advanced and the world made better by our living in it. Nor shall we be concerned about a few good works only, but we shall engage in "every good work" in all of which we are to aim at perfection: "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect." God alone "can make us perfect" in life and in service. To this end we need His grace. Prayer being the means unto grace, we need to engage in prayer frequently. Says Guthrie: "Prayer is our refuge in trouble, our strength in weakness, our armour in battle, our comfort in sorrow, and the wings by which we rise to God." May we all appreciate our high calling; realize our great responsibilities and make the above text our prayer in life. Amen.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN GENERAL AND IN CANADA.

Rev. Milton J. Bieber, M.A.,
Eastern District Superintendent of English Home Missions.

The Lutheran Church is the mother of Protestantism. Luther's protests in 1517 against the abuses, then prevalent in the Roman Church awoke Europe. They also secured to the world an open Bible, civil and religious liberty, public education.

The Lutheran Church became a distinct communion in 1530 by the adoption of the Augsburg Confession (the first Protestant confession of faith).

She also became the pioneer of Protestant Foreign Missions by sending Ziegenbalg to India in 1706.

The Church of the Reformation is the largest Protestant Body in the world, numbering 75,000,000 souls—a membership equal to all the other Protestant bodies combined. She is represented in almost every country and island upon the globe. The sun does not set upon her church spires. She is truly a polyglot church preaching the Gospel in almost every language under the sun.

She is the *Evangelical* Lutheran Church, the term Lutheran having been originally applied to her in derision by her enemies, as the name Christian was also at first a term of reproach.

She stands squarely upon the inspired Word of God. Her central doctrine is "Justification by Faith." She holds to two sacraments, believing in the "Baptismal Regeneration" of infants; and in the "Real Presence" in the Lord's Supper. She practices Confirmation.

FRUITS.

Lutherans were among the first settlers in North America (in the United States and in Canada), and to-day rank third in numbers among Protestants in the United States and fifth in Canada. They number 2,500,000 communicants, 3,500,000 baptized members and over 5,000,000 adherents in North America. They are found in all the walks of life—from the farm, through the various trades, callings and professions, to the legislative halls, the government chairs and the judges' bench. They are characterized by their industry, thrift and integrity.

In North America Lutherans support 28 theological seminaries, 50 colleges, 58 academies, 61 orphanages, 45 homes for the aged, 9 deaconess mother houses, 46 hospitals, 19 hospices, 19 immigrant and seamen's missions and numerous homes for defectives, epileptics, Inner Mission societies, home finding societies, rescue leagues. Her 10,000 ministers supply her more than 15,000 congregations. She values her property at over \$100,000,000, and she annually gives to benevolence over \$3,500,000.

IN CANADA.

The Lutheran Church is a charter member in Canada. Sixty-three graves on the shores of Hudson Bay near the Churchill River attest to her early attempt at exploration and colonization. Captain Jens Munch with 66 men, including Rasmus Jensen, a Lutheran Pastor, in the summer of 1619, arrived on the shores of Greenland and Hud-

son's Bay in two ships in the service of Christian IV of Denmark. Three survivors including the captain returned to Denmark the following year in one of the vessels and rendered their sad report to the King, though apparently a failure this attempt led to the sending of the first Protestant missionary to India by a later Danish king almost 100 years thereafter.

The Lutheran Church figured prominently in the beginnings of Halifax, 1750, and in the founding of Lunenburg, N.S., 1753. The first Protestant Church in Upper Canada was Lutheran, founded in 1784, on the banks of the St. Lawrence, now Riverside, by United Empire Loyalists from New York State. When Toronto was but a blacksmith's shop, a trading post and a hut, other Lutheran U. E. L's trudged through the deep snow in the winter of 1792, 21 miles farther north to the present Sherwood, Buttonville and Unionville. Lutherans and Menonites from Pennsylvania were among the first settlers in Waterloo County, Ont., early in 1800.

Lutherans from Europe and from the United States are materially and substantially assisting in the development of the Canadian West. The Lutheran Church in Canada numbers 300,000 souls and 500,000 adherents, and in the last census decade (1901-1911) increased by 148 per cent. The Church is represented in all the walks of life—in the Dominion and the provincial parliaments and on important government committees. The late Hon. George A. Clare, the first Canadian member in the Lower House to be made a Canadian Privy Councillor was a Lutheran. *The Lutheran Church represented in every country naturally adapts herself to any and every form of government. She accepts and obeys the Scriptural injunction, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but of God. The powers that be are ordained of God."* She therefore always obeys the laws of her country and honors the flag whose protection she enjoys, be it in a republic or kingdom or an empire. Right royally is she giving proof of her patriotism in Canada. Her sons are in training, on the firing line, among the wounded and the dead. In proportion to her membership she does not lack in her full complement. Every congregation has vacant pews whose members are in the barracks, the trenches, the hospitals or on the honor rolls. Khaki is in evidence at her services. She holds services and receptions for her

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EDITORIAL.

APPRECIATED.—“I wouldn’t be without the CANADA LUTHERAN,” was the testimony of a friend in Sherwood and he emphasized his words by turning in seven new subscriptions. Two other friends in the same parish paid their subscriptions two years in advance. Such expressions of appreciation make our heart glad. Our service is no doubt humble. The CANADA LUTHERAN is not a big magazine and makes no pretensions to greatness. Its publication is authorized by only a small synod. But may not “mighty oaks from little acorns grow?” We do not want to restrict our influence to the territory of one synod. We yearn to speak for Evangelical Lutheranism in Canada. We want to bring our brethren of all synods and congregations closer together. We want to help them see the opportunities and the grave responsibilities of the Lutheran Church in Canada. We want to help them develop and maintain a good Canadian Lutheran consciousness. We would help them become truer disciples, more patient cross-bearers, more efficient and devoted representatives of the blessed Lord Jesus in this glorious Canadian land. Friends, will you further help us realize our aims?

EMPIRE DAY.—Empire Day, on May the 23rd, will be celebrated in Canada this year with more than ordinary solemnity. Never before has the thought of Empire come home to our Canadian people with so great significance as at the present time. We have always loved the flag of Britain as our flag and we have always delighted in sharing the glories of British history, but now it is all very much more real. During the past twenty months Canada has learned to know as never before, her place on the theatre of world events,—it is at Albion’s right-hand side,—to-day she realizes, in fuller measure, the mediate source, by the grace of God, of her security and privileges and she has been permitted to feel in a new way the stern weight of attendant responsibility. For twenty months the blood of her sons has flowed, a steady stream, into the cup of a common imperial sacrifice as, side by side with sister colonies and the Motherland she has helped to weld upon the anvil of a world war a form about to be infused with a life of new world possibilities. What some of these possibilities are we do not know. What internal readjustments of empire are wise we will not discuss but we pray God for a spirit of humility, that in the lime-light of the world’s attention we may be restrained from haughtiness and boastful pride. Chastened by the anguish of travail may our joy at the sight of the newly born be in God. Blessed only is that nation whose God is the Lord.

OUR SEMINARY.—We are looking forward to the dedication of our new Seminary building in Waterloo on June 1st with very great interest. It will mark the completion of one of the most important chapters in the history of our Church in this country. When five years ago we founded this institution and began our work to train a native Canadian ministry we little realized how soon, in the providence of God, the importance of our actions would be borne home upon us. When our class graduates on the 31st of May we will have supplied to our Canadian Church through this institution, enough pastors to make an entire synod as large as some now organized in America. They will be serving in different parts of Canada and thus disseminating throughout the country an influence that must react to the advantage of the Seminary and our Canadian Lutheran Church. To support this institution is to show in a very practical way our devotion to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and our loyalty to Canadian interests.

THE LUTHERAN BOOK ROOM.—We hope our people everywhere are patronizing the Lutheran Book Room in Berlin, Ontario. It is an enterprise of the Canada Synod that has played no small part in facilitating on home ground the supply to our Church of that equipment of literature and pastoral and congregational supplies without which she cannot do aggressive work. It is a Canadian institution under Canadian management, established to serve the interests of our Canadian Church. The net profits of the business are used for the support of our Seminary.

THE REFORMATION QUADRICENTENNIAL.—Great preparations are being made throughout North America for a worthy celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. A Joint Committee representing five Lutheran Synods with a combined membership of one million, has opened an office in Philadelphia and has called the Rev. Howard R. Gold, of Madison, Wis., as executive secretary. The plans of the committee are being worked out by the following sub-committees, the names of which will give an indication of the lines of work:—Literature and Publicity, Public Meetings and Programmes, Medals, Moving Picture Films, Statistics, Finance. Special Reformation literature, monograms and tracts will be produced and a speaking and lecture bureau will be established. What shall we do in Canada? Of course we shall have a share in the general movement, but can we not do something in a very special way in our churches here to commemorate the great event? A Jubilee Fund for the Seminary has been established by our laymen. We hope energetic steps will be taken to raise the full amount of this fund. What about a federation of Lutheran Church bodies in Canada? Could not a closer co-operation of the Synods of the General Council in this country be effected as a step in the direction of a United Canadian Lutheran Church? Possibly such federation would commend itself to many outside of the General Council. The time seems opportune for a movement in this direction.

OUR CONVENTIONS.—On Victoria Day, May 24th, the Canada Luther League meets in annual convention in St. Paul's Church, Toronto. We have no doubt it will be a most profitable convention, but we would like to impress upon our readers the fact that the power of a

convention rests in no inconsiderable degree with the delegates themselves who by their presence create a congenial atmosphere for each other. Come to receive inspiration but come also to furnish it. We look for good meetings of our Synod in Unionville on June 4th and of the Women's Missionary Societies in the same place on June 7th. Keep all these dates clear.

Are you a paid-up subscriber to the CANADA LUTHERAN? Remember: "The CANADA LUTHERAN in every home."

SYNODICAL SECRETARY'S NOTES.

1. **ONE FINAL APPEAL.**—Have you paid up all your apportionments? Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Seminary, etc.? Will your parochial report, which we hope you will fill promptly, show all paid? We believe *with due effort every congregation can do it*. The Treasurer will close his books on May 6th. Please see that he has received your share in full. What joy will come to us all at meeting of Synod to find a fully paid up budget! Remember the great need for every dollar. The totals due are (not including the Seminary and patriotic and local charity funds):—Guelph \$85, Toronto \$275, Dunbar \$57, Riverside and Morrisburg \$439; Buttonville and Unionville \$135, Berlin \$185, Humberstone \$170, Montreal \$105, Hamilton \$185, Ottawa \$120, Welland \$52, Williamsburg \$424, Galt \$130, Brantford \$27. Total \$2,389.

2. Synod meets at Unionville on June 4. Reports for publication in CANADA LUTHERAN should be in Editor's hands *not later than May 15*. Statistical reports should be in Secretary's hands *not later than May 31*. Every congregation is entitled to send one lay delegate and pastor. Student acting pastors can only attend as lay delegates and therefore vacant parishes are only entitled to one delegate. Come to Unionville, friends. We have broad fields and big hearts.

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

The world does not care anything about our creed. The world is understanding our creed according to the life that we live among our fellows. Our profession is valued or discredited according to the way that we express it in the life that we live.—*Lew G. Broughton*.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

NOTE. — Pastors and correspondents will kindly send their news items to the Associate Editor, until further notice. And please have them in his hands not later than the 15th of the month preceding the date of publication.

Berlin.

The cork linoleum for the aisles of the church, which Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Huether purchased as their thankoffering on the third anniversary of the organization of the congregation, has been laid. The appearance of the church is greatly improved thereby. The Ladies' Aid has purchased linoleum for the floor of the Church Council room, a much needed improvement. There has been a great deal of sickness during the past month. Mr. H. Glasser, President of the Luther League, was operated upon for appendicitis in the Berlin-Waterloo Hospital. We were glad to see him at church again on April 16th. Mr. Wm. Kimmel was also operated upon for appendicitis at the same place and is doing nicely. Mrs. P. Shantz was also a patient at the hospital, but will soon be able to be at the services again. We give God thanks for the recovery of these faithful members. On March 18 Lorne Carl, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierwagen died very suddenly, aged 1 year, 6 months and 21 days. His twin brother died about a year and five months ago. On March 23rd the little infant, Howard Edwin, child of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cole, passed away. The pastor officiated at the funerals of both of these children. May God comfort the parents in their bereavement.

The pastor baptized the following infants during the past month:—Edwin Valentine, child of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine C. Berlet; Howard Edwin, child of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cole; Mildred Louise, child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Musselman; Myrtle Irene, child of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lipskie. The following persons have removed from our city during the month and hence have had to sever their connection with our congregation. Mr. W. W. Manz and Mr. E. Niergarth have gone to Detroit, Mr. Harvey Zinkham has gone to Akron, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Wagner have gone to Williamsport, Pa. All these persons were faithful members and will be very much missed in our congregation. Mr. Niergarth and Mr. Zinkham were very active members of the Luther League. Mr. Zinkham was a member of the

choir and an efficient teacher in the Sunday School, and was the agent of the CANADA LUTHERAN in the congregation. We wish all of these persons success in their new homes, and trust they will be as useful in the Church there as they were here.

The pastor reports growth in all the organizations of the church. At the last business meeting of the Luther League five new members were added, \$10 was voted for Students' Aid Fund. Fifteen new scholars were added to the Sunday School during the month. The Woman's Missionary Society received two new members at its last meeting.

The Ladies' Aid at its March meeting added ten new members and voted to pay off \$100 on the parsonage mortgage on April 1st, to this the Church Council added \$150 from the Parsonage Fund, raised last fall, and thus was able to pay \$250 on the parsonage.

The Church Council had book shelves placed in the pastor's study in the parsonage, which is very much appreciated by the pastor and a great convenience to him. The spiritual life of the congregation has been deepened by the meditation on Christ's suffering in the Lenten season. The services on Sunday and on Wednesday evenings have been well attended and the attendance is growing. Students have been assisting the pastor in the busy Lenten season by preaching at the morning services. Their sermons have been very much appreciated by the pastor and the congregation. Student C. Sorensen occupied the pulpit March 26th, Student S. Hirtle April 2nd, and Student H. Wahl April 9th. On Palm Sunday the pastor confirmed the class which had been under instruction since October. The altar was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers for the occasion. A large congregation was present, the large church being almost filled. The pastor's sermon to the confirmation class was based on John 8: 31, 32. Nineteen persons gathered about the altar, four adults, and fifteen young people, to confess their faith and confirm their baptismal vows. Two of the number were baptized in connection with the confirmation service. At the close of the confirmation service Miss Lorraine Frickey presented the pastor with a beautiful bouquet of carnations and a purse and Master Edwin Lossing made the presentation address on behalf of the class. The pastor was very much moved by the class' appreciation of his

instructions and efforts, and in a few words expressed his appreciation of their kindness, and said "that he would appreciate even more than these tokens, the faithful Christian life of the members of the class." The following were confirmed: Mrs. Elnore Wellein, Mrs. Elizabeth Witzel, Mr. A. Hefford, and Mr. Ivan Barr, Lorraine Frickey, Verlie Hillgartner, Florence Bindernagel, Ellis Lowry, Edwin Lossing, Oscar Sass, Arthur Sass, Harry Delion, Carl Delion, Hartley Wolfe, Orvel Wolfe, Carl Conrad, Clifford Bock, Walter Baetz and Carl Bindernagel. One of the members, Harry Delion, was confirmed in the King's uniform. The following persons were received into membership by card: Mr. and Mrs. H. Shade, Mrs. J. Grasser, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kreiner, Mr. and Mrs. E. Esch, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grosz, Mr. and Mrs. Armo Delion, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Pinke, Mrs. H. Hoffman, Mr. A. Wellein, Mr. Wm. Kimmel, Mrs. J. M. Schwoob, Miss Ida Yundt, Mr. A. R. Brandt, Miss Clara Gartung, Mr. W. A. Witzel, Miss Christena Lipskie, Miss Minnie Kress, Mrs. Albert Kehl, and Mr. Otto Kern. Miss Stella Brubacher was received into membership on April 5th by confirmation, and Mr. Albert Kehl was received on the same date by baptism and confirmation. A total of 48 new members was added to the communicant membership of the congregation, which is now almost 300. And yet there were some people that believed that an English Lutheran Church was not needed in Berlin.

Eight young men of the congregation have answered the call of their King and country and are now wearing the khaki, one of them, Lieut. J. H. Barkley, was the secretary of the congregation.

Congratulations to pastor and people and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the wonderful progress of First English Church.—Ed.

Brantford.

The Sunday School during the month dropped two scholars from the roll and four new ones were added making a total enrollment of 33. On Sunday, April 9, with an attendance of 26, the offering amounted to \$1.96, with an additional forty cents for the mission box. Another good point of our School is that 60 per cent. of the scholars attend the church services. This shows the right spirit.

The Catechumens who have been under instruction since last October expect to be confirmed at the evening service on Sunday, May 7th. Rev. W. H.

Knauff, President of the Western Conference, will officiate. The following are the names of the scholars: Miss Olive Borgerson, Miss Olga Hansen, Miss Marie Hansen and LeRoy Nichols. In addition there may also be an adult confirmation along with several infant baptisms.

The Ladies' Aid, of which Mrs. F. Clark is president, reports that four subscribers have been received to date for the *Mission Worker*, and through the splendid efforts of Mrs. Warningten subscribers have been secured to the CANADA LUTHERAN with more to follow. To the Ladies' Aid Society a large part of the credit is due for the continued success of our little mission church. The choir, under the able leadership of Mr. H. F. Oliver, is progressing. The splendid rendering of the hymns and the bright and hospitable church services are attributed to the fact that our choir is always on duty. On Sunday, April 2, we had the extreme pleasure of greeting one of our old friends and co-workers, Mr. D. Goldhang, of Trinity Church, Hamilton. Mr. Goldhang spent the day in Brantford and in the morning addressed the S. School in words of praise and encouragement. On March 19th the congregation was disappointed in not being able to hear Rev. W. Krumwiede, of Buffalo, N.Y. Owing to the illness of his wife he was called home, consequently could not come to Brantford. We expect to have him with us in May. We are indeed grateful to God for His many blessings and pray for a continuance of same.

The duplex envelope system is being introduced and we trust the members will all co-operate with the Council to make it a success. At the time of writing the two brothers of Mrs. F. Lipsky, Gunners C. and F. Brill, who are with the artillery branch of the C.E.F. in France, were both safe and in good health. We pray that they may both return safe and sound to their loved ones on this side of the water.

Guelph, St. Paul's.

We must report with sorrow in our hearts, and at the same time purest gladness, the peaceful homegoing to the Heavenly Father of one of our beloved members, Mr. W. B. Allan. He has been ailing quite severely for about a year, but always bore his cross with patience like a true child of God. Often we went to comfort him, and came away comforted and refreshed ourselves. He passed away in his 71st year, leaving his faithful wife, five daughters and one son to follow after him into the haven of eternal rest. One of these daughters

Mrs. Ira Pender, is also sorrowing for her husband, who passed away just a week and three days before Mr. Allan. May the merciful God in heaven, the Father of the widow and the orphan, shower His blessings upon these faithful children, and let them be wanting in no good thing! On Sunday, April 9, in the evening, St. Paul's had the pleasure of meeting and hearing an excellent sermon from another of the Seminary students, Mr. S. W. Hirtle, B.A., from Nova Scotia. Palm Sunday was the day set aside for Confirmation and Holy Communion. Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., preached a very forceful sermon on 2 Cor. 13: 5 on the theme: "Examine and prove yourselves." After the sermon, the baby daughter of Mrs. I. Pender was received into the covenant of Christ's grace through Holy Baptism. Then the Catechumens, five sturdy young souls, corroborated and confirmed their baptismal vows and cheerfully pledged themselves to be Christ's forever. Thereafter Holy Communion was received by the class, together with their instructor and many of the members, to the number of 63 in all. Rev. Dr. Laury officiated in all these acts, assisted now and then by the pastor-in-charge. The music rendered was beautiful and excellently suited to the occasion. Palm Sunday morning, Student Geo. C. Weidenhammer preached his farewell sermon to his class and the members of St. Paul's. He has but one regret, viz., that he must leave these faithful people, who have grown so close and dear to him for another field of labor. May God bless and prosper them, Mr. H. Wahl, who assumes charge on Easter, and all the members of his flock! A very pleasant surprise was given to the leaving acting-pastor after the beautiful evening services were ended; a touching address, read by Mr. J. Batterby, Supt. of the S. S., together with the presentation of a purse of gold, made by Miss Adrienne LeGrande. Mr. Weidenhammer will cherish the love shown him both throughout the year and now at the parting. We can but say again: God bless and prosper them!

Humberstone.

At the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, held in the Church Annex, April 5th, three new members were received,—Mrs. D. McDonald, Mrs. Frank H. Hesler, and Mrs. J. Babion,—and were properly welcomed by the president. The altar vestment committee was empowered to add to the supply of altar draperies, and it is hoped that we will soon have the complete set for the entire church year.

The monthly meeting of the *Luther League was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hanham and was the best attended and perhaps the most interesting meeting held for some time. The membership committee reported having received three applications for membership, and the League quickly accepted the recommendation. The names of those received are: Mrs. Frank H. Hesler, Mr. Stanley Chambers, Mrs. Rosa White. Ways and means to secure a pipe organ were discussed at length and very favorably. It was decided that a committee wait on the Ladies' Aid Society and on the congregation with a view to presenting the proposition. The choir received an addition of five new members who sang for the first time on Palm Sunday. One new member was received on Palm Sunday by letter—Mrs. Ezra Seitz. Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. G. Hesler that their son, Harold, who had gone overseas with the "artillery" mobilized at Winnipeg, had arrived safely in England. Mr. F. J. Quin, whose serious illness was reported in last issue, departed this life March 24th. The end came suddenly and peacefully. The funeral was held March 27th with a public church service. Mr. Quin, who was an Episcopalian, was received into membership with our Church five years ago and was a most faithful and regular attendant. He reached the advanced age of 84 years less one month. Of the near relatives which survive only one nephew, living in Buffalo, is to be mentioned. Interment was made at Oakwood cemetery. Born on April 2nd to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barrick, a son and heir. May God grant that he may soon be made a child of grace through Holy Baptism. On Palm Sunday morning the pastor confirmed the junior catechetical class which has been under instruction for the past two winters. The names of those confirmed are: Fred C. Cronmiller, Clarence E. Kanold, Bertha C. Funkhouser, Marjorie C. Snider, Loretta A. Neff, and Louise F. Gamm. The altar was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, Easter lilies and cut flowers. The pastor's sermon to the young Christians was based on the Palm Sunday text, Zech. 9: 9: "Thy King cometh unto thee." The enlarged choir contributed largely to the beauty of the service by rendering two beautiful anthems. Besides these a class of two adults, Mr. Ezra Seitz, and Mr. John Babion will be baptized at the service Good Friday evening. May God grant that all of these who profess their faith in the Saviour may be faithful to the vows of discipleship. Mr. Kanold

safely returned from his trip to Bermuda April 5th much improved in health.

Montreal.

During the absence of Field Missionary Bieber at Ottawa during the month of March the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. L. M. McCreary, twice, and by President Maurer. The laymen had charge of the service on the second Sunday. The Sunday School has been steadily growing, the "star system" for regular attendance is in vogue, the attendance during the second Sunday in April eclipsed the March attendance by two, and the standard of attendance has been raised. The monthly S. S. mission programme as outlined in the *Mission Worker*, are used. The School will render "From Joseph's Tomb to Olivet" on Easter evening when the Church extension pyramids will be laid upon the altar. The congregation is interested in the discussion of the Luther League topics and usually all attending the evening church service remain for the Luther League meeting. Holy Communion will be administered on Palm Sunday evening and on Easter Sunday morning. It is hoped that a permanent pastor may soon be secured. The Woman's Missionary Society held its monthly meeting, discussed the missionary topic and appropriated funds for Porto Rico, India Hospital, Medical Missions, the Protestant Home, Montreal, besides what was appropriated at previous meetings. The Home Mission envelopes will be handed in at the evening Easter service. The Protestant Home expects to have a Tag Day in the near future. A city missionary institute held in the Calvary Congregational Church, was interesting and profitable and was attended by members of the Society. The congregation expects to hold a re-union of all the members and the non-member Lutherans in the city, on Easter Monday evening.

Ottawa.

The Field Missionary spent March in this city in St. Peter's congregation. The church attendance has been excellent and an optimistic spirit prevails. The members have a mind to work. On March 26th, 12 men were commissioned at the morning service and they conducted an every member canvass in the afternoon. The result of this canvass was reported at the special congregational meeting held on March 29th, and while the financial outcome was not just what could have been expected, the effort resulted in good to the canvassers

as well as to all the members of the congregation. It revealed the need of greater co-operation and marked the beginning of greater liberality and service. The congregation prays that an energetic pastor may soon be called and installed. The Sunday School is making excellent progress. The attendance is steadily increasing. The Cradle Roll is nearing the 40 mark. The Primary Department will have the three grades and have its own sessions in the basement of the church. The button system has been introduced. The monthly mission programmes and offerings have a place on the first Sunday in the month. Monthly teachers' meetings are held, the School and congregation use the church extension pyramids during Lent. The Missionary and Aid Society meets monthly to discuss the topics, attend to business, contribute to the various benevolent causes of the Church, and engage in Red Cross Work. It visits the sick for whom it has a flower fund. It aims to increase its membership. The Luther League is not the least energetic. Its meetings after the evening services are largely attended, the topics are well discussed and a musical number is usually added to the programme. When pulpit supplies cannot be secured, the laymen take charge of the morning service and the League holds its sessions in place of the evening service. The Students' Aid Fund is not forgotten in the contributions. All the organizations and the congregation hold their annual meetings for the presentation of the annual reports and the election of officers early in May.. On April 9th, Dr. C. H. Little supplied the pulpit.

Sherwood.

The pastor of the Unionville-Buttonville parish was invited to preach in Zion Lutheran Church, Sherwood, on Palm Sunday evening. He was most cordially greeted by a congregation of 82 persons at the service. No services had been held in this church since January but the various organizations of the congregation are active. The Sunday School, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Cooper, is held every Sunday morning and is doing very well indeed, the enrolment numbers about one hundred including a fine Bible class. The Luther League also meets regularly. It will be remembered that Zion congregation contributed nobly to the Seminary Building Fund. The people are also taking kindly to the CANADA LUTHERAN and we expect a good circulation in the parish before long. May God continue to bless and keep these people.

Toronto.

The supper given to 100 of the members of the 81st Overseas Battalion, on the evening of March 16th, was pronounced a success in every particular. The tables groaned with good things and the men did themselves justice. The splendid spirit and the many expressions were significant of the good accomplished. Several of the men from this Battalion have found their way to the Church as a consequence of this little act of kindness, and incidentally the feeling of loyalty and patriotism was splendidly attested. The address of the evening was made by the Secretary of the Synod of Central Canada, and really should find its way into print, that all readers of the CANADA LUTHERAN may learn to appreciate more fully the relation of the Lutheran Church in Canada to the government of Canada, as also to other countries affected by the war. The address was received with hearty applause and words of commendation from all sides. Very favorable comments were also found in all the daily papers of the city the day following. May we not hope to learn of more occasions similar to this one, amongst our Lutheran churches in Canada.

On Palm Sunday the pastor confirmed the smallest class in all his experience. What was lacking however in quantity was made up in quality, since the two young girls confirmed were exceptional in their grasp of the Catechism and the significance of the rite of confirmation. An appeal is being made for an Easter offering of \$388. Such is the amount required by the congregation for local and synodical work. The amount is large but the hope is entertained that the same will be materialized and the obligations met. In compliance with the action of Conference and endorsed by the Executive Committee of Synod, the Summer School question is being prosecuted vigorously. The Committee is endeavoring to secure the very best talent possible, and should we be successful in this the School will be launched this summer. The aim is to hold it for three days only, and if a success this year, plans may be made for a longer period next year. More about this summer school later.

Unionville.

Our Lenten services were well attended and in spite of many drawbacks during the past month all the activities of the parish have shown deep interest and devotion on the part of our people. The Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid of Buttonville met for its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. A. L.

Scott. Good reports were presented. The W. M. S. of Unionville Church met in regular session at the parsonage. This Society is doing very good work. We rejoice to state that one of our young women has offered to organize a Junior Missionary Society in the near future. The Church Council has recommended the adoption of a new constitution that shall be in harmony with the form suggested by the General Council. An every member canvass will be carried out on April 30. The Luther League meetings have been held during Lent at the parsonage and have been very profitable. It may interest our readers to know that the pastor's oldest brother has enlisted in the Canadian army for overseas service, as also a cousin of his. The pastor's wife has two close relatives in the army. Two other young men from this parish are in the army. May the good Lord hasten the time of peace.

Welland.

St. Matthew's has had reverses through the removal of some of its active members, but we have also found new Lutherans. Welland being a great manufacturing town naturally draws others into its boundaries. On March 26th Mr. Herman Pushinski, of Neustadt, Ont., was received into full communicant membership with the Church. Other Lutherans coming to town have "looked up" their church and we trust will soon be received into membership with the church. Owing to the removal of some of our members reported in last issue, vacant offices had to be filled. Mr. Pushinski was appointed Sunday School Superintendent, Miss Annie Hoffman, Secretary-Treasurer, and Miss Carrie Kottmeier, Cradle Roll Supt. At a meeting of the choir Mr. Harold Cronmiller was appointed President and Mr. H. Pushinski Vice-President. The choir voted from its treasury \$5 to the Church Council to be applied on the salary of the organist. Mr. Schultz resigning as secretary of the congregation as previously reported, Mr. John Kottmeier was elected secretary. The monthly meeting of the Luther League was held at the home of Miss Alice Weaver, April 10th. The report of the Committee on Students' Aid Fund reported that \$11.75 had been collected by means of the mite boxes. The League has since last fall voted \$5 towards this Fund, which together would credit the League here with \$16.75 for this worthy cause. The following have been seriously ill: Earl Heffner, Mrs. Wm. Guey, and Mr. John Kottmeier. While the first two men-

tioned are able to be out again, Mr. Kottmeier is still confined to his house. May God be merciful and help all our sick. At the mobilization of the 96th Welland Battalion of the C.E.F., which was held in Welland, April 8th, our Ladies' Aid Society served dinner to 50 soldiers and after the parade gave a lunch to as many more. The soldiers truly enjoyed the hospitality of the ladies of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The spiritual life of the congregation has been deepened through the Lenten services conducted by Pastor Knauff on Thursday evenings. The pastor preached a series of sermons on the passion of our Lord, entitled "Gethsemane." The services have been well attended.

TOO LATE.

Parish news notes from Galt, Hamilton, and Williamsburg reached us too late for publication in May issue. Sorry. Please have notes in hand of Department Editor by the 15th of month preceding publication.—Ed.

REPORT OF STUDENTS' AID COMMITTEE OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF CANADA.

The Students' Aid Committee of the Luther League of Canada, beg to submit to all who are interested in this work, the following report of what has been accomplished by this committee, since its organization, at the last convention of the Luther League of Canada, held in Berlin on May 24th, 1915. The committee heartily appreciates the ready response of the various Luther Leagues, to the appeal sent out by the committee, but feel disappointed that the amount obtained does not reach the mark which was anticipated. A number of the societies have not yet sent in their remittances to Mr. Shennett, but from present appearances, everything seems to point to the fact that at least \$200 will have been secured for this worthy object before the Luther League of Canada meets in convention at Toronto, May 24th, 1916. This amount must be raised, and the committee will do its utmost to bring about this result, and with the co-operation and sympathy of the different Luther Leagues the committee feels confident that this mark will be attained. The following statement shows what has been received to date.

Sunday School Association, Eastern Districts \$ 5 00

L. L. Holy Trinity, Pt. Colborne	19 67
" 1st English, Berlin	15 00
" St. Peter's, Williamsburg	10 00
" St. Paul's, Morrisburg	10 00
" St. John's, Riverside	10 00
" St. Matthew's, Welland	17 75
" St. Paul, Guelph	5 25
Zurich	6 00
" Martin's L. L. Waterloo	8 61
" Bethesda, Unionville	5 00
" St. Paul's, Galt	10 00

\$122 28

WE WANT \$200.00. WILL YOU HELP US? Send all contributions to Mr. H. Shennett, Treasurer, Morrisburg, Ont.

In conclusion the committee desires to express their hearty appreciation to all those who have so kindly contributed to this important cause.

Yours in the work,

J. A. LOA, Secretary.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN GENERAL AND IN CANADA.

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own soldiers and their comrades in squads or in companies. The Women's societies have been transformed into Red Cross workers, and special offerings are taken in the churches at concerts, entertainments for Red Cross work, relief or other war funds. At her services patriotic prayers are devoutly offered and the national anthem is feelingly sung. The Lutheran Church of Canada is thoroughly Canadian. She is training her ministers in her own College and Theological Seminary at Waterloo, Ont. (organized in 1911) and she recently founded four institutions of higher education in Western Canada in order to train her young men and women to take their proper place in the home, the church, the nation; she is steadily taking a larger and more prominent place among the forces that make for righteousness and thus co-operates with the other denominations in "exalting the nation" and the Empire. God grant that she may go from strength to strength in the salvation of the nation and the evangelization of the world! Amen.

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. Keep personal standard high. Never excuse yourself to yourself; never pity yourself; be a hard master to yourself, but lenient to everybody else.
—H. W. BEECHER.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

ROGATION, MAY 24, 1916.

Providence in Canadian History.

MILTON J. BIEBER,

In Luther League Review.

The history of Canada is a narrative of God's dealings with a people that are rapidly taking their place in the world's affairs; of a country that offers the golden opportunities of the twentieth century; of a nation that seems raised up of love for a specific purpose.

Canada, larger than the United States, has unparalleled material resources in its vast stretches of grain and of pasturage; its extensive orchards; its unbounded supply of timber; its mineral resources in valley, hill and mountain; its world-eclipsing fisheries. The climate is unsurpassed in healthfulness and vigor, and in consequence the nation raises big men, fine women, and healthy children.

The people observe the Lord's Day and therefore Canada is a nation that worships God. As a result she is a missionary nation and in 1910 held the first national missionary congress in the history of the world, when daily 6,000 people hailing from Nova Scotia to British Columbia crowded into Massey Hall, Toronto, to give and get missionary information and inspiration. As the nation is becoming wealthy she is beginning to pour out her treasures of men and means for the extension of God's Kingdom at home and abroad.

GOD'S SPECIAL PROVIDENCES.

1. *Settlement*—Much depends upon beginnings. Mankind was served in Canada's first settlement (Quebec, 1608) by Samuel Champlain in whose eyes "the saving of a soul was worth more than the conquest of an empire" and who laid the foundations of a future nation by seeking to convert the Indians who were living "like brute beasts, without faith, without law, without religion, without God." Such faith in God and zeal for souls triumphed, the Quebec colony, though beset with enemies without and within, by the grace of God, lived, became the beginning of other settlements, the starting point of Roman Catholic missionaries, who founded schools, hospitals and churches; and of explorers who dis-

covered the Great Lakes, the Mississippi and other portions of North America.

2. *Conquest*—God has destined North America for the accomplishment of His purposes—for great and beneficent achievements. He intended it to become the home of free and enlightened nations, the asylum for the oppressed of all the world. It was therefore necessary that Protestantism hold sway and that Anglo-Saxon institutions prevail. For that reason General Wolfe was Providentially raised up to command the English forces that were engaging the French for mastery in the new world; and on the Plains of Abraham (Quebec, 1759) Anglo-Saxon civilization and Protestantism triumphed over Latin civilization and Roman Catholicism and the northern half of the Western Hemisphere became destined for the development of free institutions.

3. *Separation*—There came a time when God in His wisdom decreed or allowed this growing people to become divided into two great nations, and, though of the same stock and of a kindred spirit, to work out His will and their destiny separately, though side by side. This division occurred when the revolt of the southern colonies (1775-1783) against the mother country triumphed and the United States of America was formed. The inhabitants north of the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes, however, remained loyal to their foster mother defeated the invaders in 1775-76; and in the War of 1812 when a second strong attempt was made to conquer them again gloriously triumphed in arms, again proved their allegiance to Great Britain and their right as well as their desire to a separate nationality.

4. *Progress*—After repeated struggles for representative and responsible government; after the subduing of the Rebellion of 1837, which uprising, however, resulted in many important and lasting reforms; after the quelling of insurrections in the East and in the West, the nation majestically emerged into the arena of nations through the confederation of the various Provinces into the Dominion of Canada which though an integral part of the Empire, preserves for its autonomy and self-government in all its national affairs,

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MEETING IN MOLINE, ILL.

Miss Zoe I. Hirt.

(Continued from April Issue)

21. Each Synodical Society invited to contribute toward a sum to be used for the purchase of an anniversary gift for Miss Agnes Schade, who first went to India in October, 1890, and has given twenty-five years of splendid service to the Rajahmundry Mission.

22. The appointment of Advisory Boards in all conference societies was recommended, the members of such boards to consist of women who have rendered the organizations efficient service as officers or heads of departments during their terms of office that have expired.

23. Each missionary society asked to appropriate a definite sum annually for missionary books and literature for circulation among the women and girls of the congregation.

24. In co-operation with the Women's Missionary Society of the General Synod, a Secretary of Literature Exhibit to be sent to the missionary conferences at Northfield, Mass., each summer.

25. Financial co-operation with all the other Lutheran Women's Societies in the celebration of the Quadri-centennial in October, 1917.

26. Invitation of the Chicago Lutheran Women's League to celebrate with them in Chicago in October, 1917, the Quadri-centennial of the Reformation, accepted with thanks. All the Lutheran women of America will be invited to unite in this celebration.

27. Plan heartily endorsed to unite with the other Lutheran Women's Societies in the publication of a book for young people to be ready for the quadri-centennial celebration.

28. Urged that all Lutheran girls in colleges and normal schools be reported to the student secretary, Miss Annette Kaehler, 998 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y., and that Lutheran girls in colleges be encouraged to attend Student Summer Conferences, where the General Council women shall be officially represented whenever possible.

29. Importance of the "Life Memberships" and "In Memoriams" to be emphasized in the congregational, confer-

ence and synodical societies. The income from this department meets the expense of the administrative and educational needs of the General Council Society.

30. The organization of Mission Study Classes was insistently recommended and urged in every congregation and Sunday-school. Presidents of Synodical and Conference Societies urged to do everything possible to stimulate the growth of missionary education.

31. The presentation of "A Trial by Jury" was recommended to synodical, conference and congregational societies. The "Trial" is published in pamphlet form by the Literature Department of the General Council Society.

32. Approved statistical blanks to be printed for the Junior chairman, also blanks for the use of Synodical and Conference organizing chairmen, so that all reports may be uniform and easily understood.

33. Chairman of the Literature Committee authorized to employ additional help and secure more room-space to meet the increasing business demands of the literature headquarters.

34. Increasing spirit of co-operation among the Women's Missionary Societies of the various branches of the Lutheran Church noted with keen satisfaction.

35. Cordial thanks were extended to the Lutheran congregations and pastors, the speakers, the musicians, the city press of Moline and Rock Island, and especially to Mrs. J. P. Magnusson and her efficient Committee of Arrangements.

36. With profound sorrow were noted the deaths of Dr. Julia Van der Veer Nuerdoerffer and Mr. H. E. Isaacson in India, and Dr. E. T. Horn, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Lillian W. Cassaday, founder of the Italian Lutheran Mission of Philadelphia, and Dr. R. F. Weidner, president of the Chicago Lutheran Seminary. Deep thankfulness was expressed for the inspiration and example of these lives spent in faithful fulfillment of tasks great in the Master's eyes.

The following officers and department chairmen were elected:

President, Miss Zoe I. Hirt, Erie, Pa.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Walter C.

Weire, Toledo, Ohio; Statistical Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Jensen, Buffalo, N.Y.; Treasurer, Miss Laura V. Keck, Allentown, Pa.; Literature Department, Mrs. C. L. Fry, Philadelphia; Memorials and Life Memberships, Mrs. L. K. Sandford, Lancaster, Pa.; Mission Study, Mrs. F. A. Kachler, Buffalo, N.Y.; Home Missions, Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Zelenople, Pa.; Foreign Missions, Miss Mary A. Miller, Philadelphia; Slav Work, Miss Laura V. Swope, Erwinna, Pa.; Porto Rico, Mrs. Mary Mellander, St. Charles, Ill.; India Laces, Mrs. J. L. Oakleaf, Moline, Ill.; Junior Work, Mrs. Raymond Fenner, New York; Organization, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Deaconess Work, Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, Philadelphia; Missionary Exhibit, Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten, New York; Student Secretary, Miss Annette Kaehler, Buffalo.

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and makes it the largest and the most important overseas unit in the Imperial Union.

5. *Peace*—For over one hundred years under the Providence of God, Canada has enjoyed not only absolute freedom but peace, contentment, prosperity, wonderful development. She has enjoyed the protection of the British flag, and without fort, soldier, or battle ship along an unprotected front of 4,000 miles she has lived without fear and in complete harmony with her Southern neighbor and sister.

When all thy mercies, O my God,

My rising soul surveys;

Transported with the men, I am lost

In wonder, love and praise.

6. *Development*—The exploring of the great West, the Northwest and the North and the opening of these fertile regions to development through wise and liberal provisions for settlers and homesteaders by successive governments; the granting of aid and encouragement to railroads and other public utilities, which have resulted in enriching and unifying the nation; the fostering of the public schools and universities; the coming in for years of over 1,000 immigrants a day to people our cities, man our farms, and develop our resources; the formation and the marvelous growth of the Western Provinces; the continual increase in the acreage of wheat and other products; the vast output of gold and other metals and minerals; the steady multiplication

in manufacturing plants; the loyalty of the people to the nation and of the nation to the Empire as evidenced by the patriotism aroused by the South African and by the present momentous conflict in Europe. All these point to the fact that the hour of God has placed us here to do His will and work out our destiny.

May Canada more and more realize her wonderful possibilities, her boundless resources, her unspeakable blessings from the Father's hand, and in return render her thankful obligations and responsibilities to Him who presides over her destiny and who "hath not done so with any nation."

"We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,

High as the heaven our voices raise;
And earth with her ten thousand tongues

Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise."

THE PROBLEMS OF THE INNER MISSION.

Having studied the nature of the Inner Missions: 1. negatively; 2. positively; and thereby obtained a view of the underlying principles of this part of the Master's vineyard, we would now turn to a brief survey of

THE PROBLEMS OF THE INNER MISSION.

These are two: 1. Internal; 2. external. The *Internal* problems of the Inner Mission are those of bullion and blood, or purse and person.

Money is power. Satan knows this only too well. And he uses it freely. Commercialized vice in Chicago is said to pay a yearly profit of \$15,000,000. The United States spends for liquor some \$2,000,000,000 and receives in return 50 per cent. of the crimes of the country. These two items of hell alone represent a capital of \$35,000,000,000.

But the power behind this bullion is blood. Money is power only when energized by man. Satan is wise again. He employs more agents for destruction than the Church musters for construction. It is said that New York, Philadelphia and Chicago have a working force of about 60,000 men and women in the field of commercialized vice alone.

What the Inner Mission has to wrestle with is the lack of bullion and blood. It needs both, but above all it needs BLOOD, *red* blood, the sanctified common sense of consecrated laymen and women; *blue* blood, the heart specially

gifted and called by God to sacrifice all in the gigantic struggle of righteousness against evil.

O! parents, why are your boy and girl not in God's ranks? O! youth of God's kingdom, why have you not yet said: "Here am I; send me?"

The *external* problems of the Inner Mission are briefly, those of environment, social fabric, and human hearts. The Inner Mission is face to face with the astounding growth of cities, congestion of population, housing conditions, greed of capital with its exploitation of labor; labor, with its growing disregard of vested authority in State and Church,—its growing spirit of anarchism and socialism; the breaking down of the sanctity of the home, the increase of divorces, "free love," corrupt politics, commercialized vice, liquor interests, etc., etc. All these, and countless kindred problems, face us for solution.

But behind these is the *great* problem, basic and fundamental to all problems, sin in the human soul. All the problems of life are here because of the existence of the spiritual problem of the individual sin-sick soul. Life's problems are the soul's heritage and fruitage.

The Inner Mission, therefore, wrestles with principalities of darkness and wickedness in high places, industrial, commercial, political, and social, only as the reflexes of the one great problem of the soul. And in laying the axe at the *root*, i.e., *sin*, it eventually destroys not only the tree, but every hidden root as well, and so prevents the aftergrowth of briars and thorns and tangling thickets.

The colossal problem, then, is to save the soul. And as the soul is saved the State and the Church are assured, vitalized, and eternalized; for whom the Son of God sets free, is free indeed, and the fount of freedom for life.

REV. WALTER KRUMWIEDE, B.D.,
Supt. Inner Missions, Buffalo.

BOOK REVIEWS.

GOD'S WORD AND GOD'S WORKS.

By R. Neuman, Burlington, Iowa.

The admirable, clean cut and attractive booklet from the pen of R. Neuman, Burlington, Iowa, selected from the writings of Dr. Martin Luther issued as a "Jubilee Edition," by the German Literary Board, has reached us in good condition. It is divided into two parts: The first part, covering 3 pages, treats of *God's Word*, the Bible in general. He takes first, "Proofs that the Bible is God's

Word," citing four proofs, the first of which we quote:

(1) "All things that have been, and are, in the world, and the manner of their being, are described in the first book of Moses on the Creation, even as God made and shaped the world, so does it stand to this day." The many topics suggested and explained, "Profit of Bible Study," "The Bible a Spiritual Book," etc.

(2) Special Parts of the Bible. The teaching of the various authors and writers are briefly explained.

3) Value of God's Word. Certainty regarding God's Word. Satan's Argument and Luther's Answer. God's Word a Shield. How to Teach God's Word. The Growing Power of the Gospel. So much briefly for Part I, God's Word.

GOD'S WORKS.

I. Their Wonderful Character. Mystery in God's Works.

"All the works of God are unsearchable and unspeakable; no human sense can find them out; faith only takes hold of them without human power or aid."

"In all things, in the least creatures and in their members, God's Almighty power and wonderful works clearly shine."

Mystery of the Trinity and Incarnation.

Mystery of Hardened Hearts.

Mystery of God's Dealings with His People.

Not Wealth but God Our Help.

Man's Ingratitude. Prosperous Sinners and Suffering Saints.

II. *Their Gracious Character.*—The Future Life.

"God is the God of the living and not of the dead."

"This text shows the resurrection, for if there were no hope of the resurrection or of another and better world after this short and miserable life, wherefore, should God offer Himself to be

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our God, and say He will give us all that is necessary and healthful for us, and in the end deliver us out of all trouble both temporal and spiritual?"

Need of Repentance and Humility. The First Born not Always Accepted. Accepted Sacrifices.

The work is well outlined and well defined, bringing out the spirit of Luther and well deserves a place among the many good "Jubilee" articles to be read and placed into the Lutheran Archives.—Rev. H. A. Kunkle, M.A.

WISE SAYINGS OF OTHERS.

Seek to grow daily more like the blessed Master.

Read some portion of the Holy Gospel every day, and add to your usual devotions some special prayers.

Not success but fidelity, is the great determining factor when we render an account to God.

Trust in God is one thing and trust in self is another; and there will always be as much difference between results flowing from the two as there is between God's Almightyness and man's inefficiency.

It may be a little farther around the corners of a square deal, but the road is better.

Why live the careless life when you may have to meet death without a moment's warning? "To-day if you hear my voice harden not your heart." When God's unselfishness and love is so wonderful to all His children, how can you withhold from Him your love and service?

"Prayer is the tide for which the vessels wait

E'er they can come to port. And if it be

The tide is low, then how canst thou expect

The treasure ship to see?"

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12: 3.

I bury the cares of yesteryear
In peace that is born above,
And rest, and quaff to my heart's desire

From founts of eternal love.

Oh, praise to God, who looks beyond the deed,

Who measures man by what a man would be,

Who sees a harvest in a blighted stalk,
Who crowns defeat with His victorious palms,

And rears upon our marshes of despair
The thrones and mansions of eternity!

—Amos R. Wells.

Let every day see some sin crucified,
some battle fought, some good done,
some victory won; let every fall be a rise, and every step gained become a resting place, but a new starting point for further and higher progress.

"Our hope, when autumn winds blew wild,

We trusted, Lord, with Thee;
And now that spring has on us smiled,
We wait on Thy decree."

"God's ships of treasure sail upon the sea

Of boundless love, of mercy infinite;
To change their course, retard their onward way,

Nor wind nor wave hath might."

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