

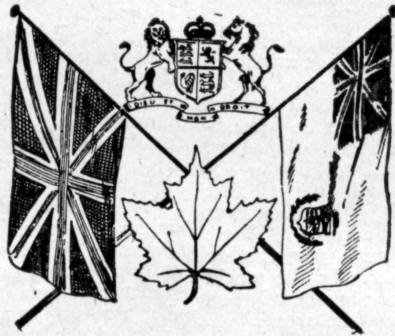
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Father of Nations! Help of the feeble hand,
Strength of the strong! to Whom the nations
kneel!

Stay and destroyer, at whose just command
Earth's kingdoms tremble and her empires
reel!

Who dost the low uplift, the small make great,
And dost abase the ignorantly proud:
Of our scant people mould a mighty state,
To the strong stern, to Thee in meekness
bowed!

Father of Unity make this people one!
Weld, interfuse them in the patriot's flame,—
Whose forging on Thine anvil was begun
In blood late shed to purge the common
shame;

That so our hearts, the fever of faction done,
Banish old feud in our young nation's name.

—Charles G. D. Roberts.

SERMONETTE.

PEACE AND VICTORY.

Rev. J. Maurer, M.A.

Text: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."—John 16: 33.

In His farewell discourse our Lord revealed some precious secrets to His disciples. One was the secret of *communion*. "Abide in Me." Another the secret of *joy*. "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Another was the secret of *steadfastness*. "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended." Another was the secret of *prayer*. "Hitherto ye have asked nothing in My name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Another was the secret of *peace and victory*. "These things have I spoken unto you that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

I. The Believer's Peace.

I. It is spiritual peace. This is plain from the fact that it can be enjoyed in the midst of tribulation. Christ said that in the world His followers should have tribulation. Yet at the same time they are to have peace. This may seem to be contradictory, but it is not. In the Pitti Palace, in Florence, two pictures hang side by side. One represents a stormy sea with its wild waves, and black clouds, and fierce lightning flashing across the sky. In the waters a human face is seen, wearing an expression of the utmost agony and despair. The other picture also represents the sea, tossed by as fierce a storm, with as dark clouds; but out in the midst of the waves a rock rises, against which the water dashes in vain. In a cleft of the rock are some tufts of grass and green herbage, with sweet flowers, and in a sheltered place in the midst of these a dove is seen sitting calmly on her nest, quite undisturbed by the wild fury of the storm. The first picture represents *Distress*, and fitly shows forth the sorrow of the world, when all is helpless and despairing. The other is a beautiful representation of *Peace*, fitly showing forth the sorrows of the Christian, no less severe, but in which he is kept in perfect repose, because he nestles in the bosom of God's unchanging love.

When John Wesley sailed across the ocean the ship was overtaken by a severe storm. Upon the deck the roar and

confusion was terrific. He was filled with fear and despaired of his life. In his despair he went into the hold of the vessel among the steerage passengers. There he saw a group of Saltburgers reading their Bibles and singing hymns. It was a picture of the peace that can reign in the soul while storms and tempests roar without.

2. This peace is a peace peculiar to the friends of Jesus. "In Me ye shall have peace." He is speaking to His friends only. Those who are not Christ's friends are strangers to this peace. "There is no peace, saith God, to the wicked."

II. The Believer's Victory.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." This means far more than if one, conscious of having attained the mastery, should turn to a friend, still struggling against difficulties, and say to him, "Be of good courage; see what I have done!" It means more than when one man has solved a problem turns to his friend and says: "I have solved it; and you may also." It means far more than if two men were climbing a mountain and one of them, having reached the summit, should wave in triumph to the other, half way up the rugged steeps, and cheer him on with the assurance that the ascent is feasible. It means, not encouragement, but assurance of Divine help. It is a promise of rescue. It is a promise of final victory.

As a matter of fact; Christ did overcome the world, in His life, on the cross, in His resurrection. Through participation with Him Christians share His victory. Through faith in Him and the help He gives they shall have a similar victory. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

A YEAR'S WORK AT WATERLOO COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.

Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D.,
President.

This year has been an exceedingly busy one for all,—the patrons in gathering funds, the students in mastering their tasks, and the instructors in explaining the lessons and in stimulating thought.

The year was not without its problems. The Board was confronted with many difficult situations which had to be met. The students during the first half of the year had to labor under many unfavorable surroundings. The faculty of education realized that it was no easy task to inaugurate the College curriculum and arrange it so that it

would serve as a real foundation for the subsequent work in the Seminary.

When the new dormitory was ready for occupancy, the House Committee spent considerable time in selecting and installing the furnishings. Last but not least, the Ladies' Auxiliary, with their noble co-workers in the different congregations of the several synods of Canada, put everything in good order for the comfort of the students.

Under these surroundings, the senior class finished its work. The Dean was urged by the Board to prepare the class for graduation with all possible speed, as they were greatly needed in the vacant congregations. Accordingly, on the fifth day of May the faculty examined the results of the examinations, the theses and the general character of each member of the senior class, and recommended them to the Board for graduation.

The recitations and examinations for the rest of the Seminarians will be continued during the month of May. No subject is slighted. The graduates of the Waterloo Seminary must have the same thorough course that is offered at other seminaries.

The results of the first year's work in the College demonstrate the fact that such a department is greatly needed, and that with proper support, it can be conducted successfully in connection with the Seminary. A good beginning has been made in the systematic study of the Bible. A good course is offered in languages. Not only for the sake of the language, but the thought and spirit of the language is studied. This is especially true in the study of the English, German, Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

Under History and Economics, there are studied the discoveries, experiences and ideas of the human race. The theoretical basis must have a practical aim. Social efficiency is not emphasized at the expense of the faith from which it ought to take root. The training in mathematics and philosophy aims at quick perception, broad sympathies, wide affinities, self-reliance and love of truth.

Thus the problems of thought and life received careful attention under the direction of the different instructors. Without their enthusiastic co-operation the year's work would have ended in failure. If the same interest is manifested in the future, our college graduates will rank favorably with the graduates of other classical institutions.

So far as the course of the Seminary is concerned, the work is adapted more to the vocational. The problems

studied have to do with those which confront the Gospel ministry. The great textbook is the Bible, its language, its history, its contents, its doctrines and spirit.

Along with these subjects, the students familiarize themselves with the history of the Church, the attacks upon the same, and the principles of Christian morality. They study how to prepare and deliver a sermon, how to make pastoral visits, how to conduct catechetical classes, how to direct a Sunday School, a teachers' meeting, Luther League and Mission Study Class, and how to conduct the services of the Church.

Thus, Dear Reader, your institution at Waterloo is endeavoring to fulfil its mission to the Canadian Lutheran Church. The graduates who go forth are the best testimony of the work. The present students are earnest and devoted. Help us to increase our facilities as the work expands. Books of reference are sorely needed. The books are our tools. Without them our work is hampered. With your loyal support, the institution will be able to do its part for the Lutheran Church of Canada.

THE NEW BIRTH—CONDITIONS AND EVIDENCES.

By regeneration, or the new birth, or born of the spirit we mean the implanting of the germs of the new or spiritual life. This implanting or first starting of the new life must be done by the Holy Spirit. He works ordinarily through His own divine means, which are Word and Sacrament. The spirit of God is the author of the new birth, human beings are its subjects.

We distinguish between the regeneration of an infant and that of an adult. In the former there is no resistance to the operation of the Spirit. Through the sacrament of Baptism the Holy Spirit implants the germs or beginnings of the new life. When an infant is baptized with that baptism which is "not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command and connected with God's Word" that infant is born of water and the Spirit.

The unbaptized adult can be reached by the Holy Spirit through the Word. The Word can be and must be brought to bear on him. In the form of Law it awakens in him a sense of sin and guilt, brings about true sorrow for sin, penitence, contrition. In the form of Gospel it enkindles faith in the penitent heart, the penitent one becomes a believer. Penitence and faith are the ele-

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EDITORIAL.

SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.—In many respects the Synod of Central Canada has concluded the most successful year in its history. All congregations have been faithfully served and our people have responded nobly to the many demands that have come to them. The Treasurer's statement is particularly gratifying. When Synodical apportionments are overpaid there is a proper spirit at work and our receipts exceed our apportionments to the extent of more than half a thousand dollars. In some ways the past few months have been times of testing but our people have stood firm and have learned again the old truth that fire is a refining as well as a destroying agent.

Because we believe the Lord is with us according to His promise we face the future with confidence. We know that the word of God is still the power of God unto Salvation and the only absolutely trustworthy canon of religious life. We know from that Word that the plan of God for the redemption of man is still the tried course of justification by faith in Christ Jesus. We are sure that the Evangelical Lutheran Church, applying the Reformation principles in Canada, must bear fruit commensurate with the fidelity and skill with which the Master's instructions are carried out. Canada is fair because God made her so. Her people will be fair only as God is permitted through the agency of His means of Grace to purge them from sin and

build them up in Godliness and Christian charity. Much is offered to our people at this time that is called up-to-date Christianity, but lacks apostolic characteristics. Our people are obsessed with the attractions of new things and Christianity seems to require a new phase. That church which can adapt herself sympathetically to the yearnings of a people who are in danger of being misled by their very virility, and yet stand firm on the old foundations that have weathered all the storms of the ages, is the church with obligations that may not be trifled with. To allow minor matters such as language and race problems to shorten her reach is to risk harm to the great advantage that has been thrown in her way. If the Synod of Central Canada can best serve the interests of that church as at present constituted let the work continue, but if more power can be given to Lutheranism in Canada through amalgamation with some other synod or synods or by joining in a general federation of Lutheran bodies at present operating in Canada let us be willing to surrender all petty interests to the great common cause. Much has already been done to bring several of our synods closer together. No formal instrument of union exists between the Synod of Central Canada and the Synod of Canada, yet there has been close co-operation through the medium of a Seminary supported by both synods and controlled by a joint Board of Governors. The Synod of Nova Scotia and the Synod of Manitoba have sent students to Waterloo that have brought us much closer to both east and west. To these four synods an instrument of federation might only be a concrete expression of an already existing bond. Then we have also the Canadian Conference of the Augustana Synod besides the Icelandic Synod and other bodies and independent congregations outside the General Council.

A common need of which Canadian Lutherans hitherto have been but vaguely conscious has brought us all closer to each other. Is the time opportune for a mutual acknowledgement that common interests can be served best by common, united effort?

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—We are in receipt of a special letter of appeal on behalf of the shepherdless Lutheran Missions of British India. As one result of the great war the British Government, the historic promoter and guardian of missionary enterprise throughout the world, has deemed it necessary to remove all German missionaries in India—

Lutheran, Reformed and Roman Catholic—from their fields of labor. The consequent need of our Lutheran missions is great and help should come at once from some source. Practically, Scandinavia, the United States and Canada, are the only countries that are in a position to respond to the appeal and to the Lutheran Church of this continent has come an opportunity for missionary service of unparalleled importance. If she rises to the occasion with workers and funds all posterity will bless her. As British subjects we in Canada have special obligations to the British subjects in India of the Lutheran faith. Just now the native force cannot cope with the situation. Men and means must come from America. About \$5,200 per month is required. Shall we have a share in sustaining these Indian brethren in their trial? The situation impresses more than any in history the great need of the nationalization of missionary forces and of concentrating all possible efforts on the establishment of a native pastorate.

ARE WE GROWING BETTER?—In these times of tremendous stress the world over one would expect to find a corresponding seriousness in the life of the individual and the nation. We are told at times that there has been a great religious awakening in some parts of the world and we believe it in part. We believe that thousands of soldiers who never uttered a devout prayer since the time they knelt at a mother's knee have opened their hearts to Him who alone can give peace in the midst of wars alarms and have found comfort in the assurance of pardon through the blood of Jesus. We believe that in thousands of homes whence dear ones have gone to the battle-front intercessory petitions rise like sweet incense to the Throne of Grace. But apart from its influence on those directly concerned has the world war wrought the effects that we looked for? Our experiences are not reassuring. Cursing and swearing are still heard on the street; strife and contentions still prevail; jealousy, hatreds and gross offences against all the commandments of the law do not seem to have abated. In high as well as low places dishonest business seems to flourish. Why is it? Canada as a nation has entered into the war because of no external pressure but from conscientious devotion to duty, yet some even of our people seem to be waving a flag with one hand and pocketing means intended for the support of that flag with the other. These things ought not so to be but they impress upon us the old fact of human perverseness and the truth that phenomena of nature and of history are

not in themselves means of grace and have no regenerating power. Unless men are induced to turn to the Word of God and the Holy Sacraments they will find no power in all the universe to transform them. We cannot afford, even under present conditions, to suspend the preaching of God's Word that "weightier matters" may be attended to. The pity of it is that we have been so engrossed with the business of the moment in its external features that we have not given due attention to the power within. There is still no salvation from sin in all its forms but in the name of Jesus and there is no power to deliver but that of our God, the Holy One of Israel.

LATIN AMERICA. — The Lutheran Church does not proselyte but she should be responsive to appeals for help from whatever place they come. To give the word of life to a soul to whom it does not come from other sources does no violence to denominational comity and is our only choice in obedience to the Lord's command. If, therefore, Latin America is not receiving true spiritual nurture from that portion of the church which claims exclusive rights there we should do as we have done in Porto Rico, establish missions and do what we can to help a neglected people.

The following plans for Latin America, suggested by the Lutheran delegates to the Panama Congress, appeal to us: "First, that in order to do effective work, a strong effort should be made to unite all the forces possible in our Lutheran Church in North America, for the purpose of sending missionaries with a view of gathering our people into the church, and establishing institutions for the training of a native ministry as rapidly as possible; Secondly, that for the present a volunteer association of all our Lutheran people interested in Christian work in Latin America, without synodical distinction, should be formed, which shall gather funds and send missionaries and establish schools, and hold the work in trust for those bodies of our Lutheran Church in America which shall agree to accept the transfer of and the responsibility for the work; Thirdly, that a Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society for Latin America be chartered, for the purpose of carrying on the work, until at least three of our now so-called General bodies shall federate to take charge of the same. It is understood that equal opportunities shall be given to all our Lutheran General bodies and independent synods to take part, in both the temporary and the permanent conduct of the work."

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Brantford.

The Sunday School is making a fine showing. On Easter Sunday we attained a record, namely, 38 in attendance and offering \$3.45. The mission box was opened and the sum of \$7.00 was found therein. The Sunday School attendance for April, 150; average per Sunday, 30; total offering, \$11; average, \$2.20. On Sunday, May 7, the record was again broken, this being the occasion of Rev. Knauff's visit, when our attendance was 39.

On Sunday, April 30, we were glad to welcome Mr. C. H. Albright, of Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit, who was in the city for a few days only.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was held recently at the home of Mrs. Borger. The old officers were re-elected, viz.: President, Mrs. F. Clarke; Secretary, Mrs. G. Keil; Treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Oliver.

Sunday, May 7th was indeed a red letter day. Rev. W. H. Knauff was with us and officiated at the evening service, when he confirmed the class of catechumens who had been under instruction all winter. Nearly 100 people were present. The class consisted of Miss Olga Hansen, Miss Halfrid Hansen, Miss Olive Borgerson, LeRoy Nicholls, Jesse Lewis and Mr. H. F. Oliver. The acting pastor conducted the examination after which Rev. Knauff preached to them an inspiring sermon based on 2 Tim. 1: 13. When it came to the solemn "laying on of hands" by Rev. Knauff the audience was visibly affected. Another impressive part of the ceremony was at Communion when the acting pastor knelt with three of the catechumens on either side of him. In the afternoon Rev. Knauff baptized Alma May, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Peterson. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Oliver.

Galt.

The Luther League held the April meeting at the home of the Misses Leutwein. It was decided to give a supper in honor of the graduating class of our Seminary and to invite our students to attend in a body together with Rev. Dr. Laury. In the first Sunday of last month the entire Sunday School remained for the morning church service when the student-in-charge preached a special children's sermon. The Silver Star

Sewing Circle of the Sunday School donated a beautiful set of black altar hangings to the church for Holy Week. They are also busily working for our Seminary at Waterloo.

The Ladies' Aid has had the memorial picture framed and hung in the S. S. room. They donated the material and work for a set of white altar hangings and white altar cover. The Friendly Bible Class undertook, at the beginning of the year, to decrease our church debt by \$400 this year. Last month the first \$75 was paid off.

The congregation has paid its full apportionment to Synod. At a special congregational meeting, held April 16, the members, without a dissenting voice, decided to contribute an average of 25c. per member towards the local work and 5c. per member for missions. On April 30 an every-member canvass will be conducted for the purpose of securing the pledges. Nightly meetings were held throughout Holy Week.

Hamilton.

Rev. Miller, of Detroit, supplied at both services on March 26th and at the evening devotional meeting of the Luther League Rev. Miller gave a talk on his trip to California. On Sunday, April 2nd, Student Huenergard supplied and on Sunday, April 9th, Student Sorensen supplied.

On Monday evening the teachers and officers held their business meeting and are making arrangements to hold the annual Sunday School picnic on the last Saturday in June. The following were received as teachers at this meeting: Mrs. J. Holmes, Mrs. A. Cosgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Meilke, Miss Q. Schrader and Miss E. Paulsen. It was decided to begin holding the Sunday School session in the morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. commencing with the first Sunday in May and to continue during the months of June, July and August.

Humberstone.

On Thursday evening, April 27th, the Luther League gave a variety shower to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Boneberg on the event of their recent marriage. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society met May 3rd. An interesting meeting was held. The topic for April was studied with much profit. The Luther League met the evening of May 9th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hesler. Good attendance and much interest was manifest. The pipe organ proposition

was again discussed and decided to submit to the congregation. Five delegates and five alternates to the convention at Hamilton were elected. May 7th, Student Sorensen very acceptably supplied here during Pastor Knauff's absence to Brantford. May 14th, a military service was conducted by the pastor in the evening. "D" Co. of the 176th Batt., stationed at Humberstone, attended in a body. The pastor took occasion to present to the large and interested congregation the "Attitude of the Lutheran Church of Canada towards the War," based on Rom. 13: 1, 2. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers," etc. The officers of the Luther League at this service presented two of its members who have enlisted for overseas, each with a "Luther Signet Ring," after the reading of an address, viz., Pte. Ferdinand Knoll of the 176th Batt. and Driver Harold Hesler, 3rd Ammunition Column now in camp in England. Sergt. Neff, Humberstone's Reeve, acted as proxy for the latter. Fitting replies were made by both. The interior of the parsonage is being redecorated.

Morrisburg.

On Palm Sunday, April 16, the soldiers of the 154th Battalion, stationed at Morrisburg, attended the service of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in a body. The Pastor, Dr. Little, confirmed a class of seven catechumens in St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, on Easter Sunday, April 23rd. The congregation at Morrisburg at a congregational meeting some time ago voted to expend about \$450 on interior decorations of St. Paul's Church. Before this announcement appears the work will probably have been done. At the beginning of the secular year St. Paul's congregation increased the pastor's salary by \$100. The "Willing Workers," Young Ladies' Junior Society of St. Paul's congregation, recently gave a supper and reception to the soldiers stationed at Morrisburg. This reception was held in the parsonage.

The Lutheran soldiers of the 154th Overseas Contingent were entertained by the Willing Workers, Junior Society of St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, on the evening of May 10th, at the residence of Mr. A. H. Casselman. The number of Lutheran soldiers of the 154th battalion at Morrisburg is 14.

Mrs. James Larkey, nee Mary Anna Barkley, died in her 62nd year at her late residence, Morrisburg, and was buried by her pastor in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, May 12. Funeral from St. Paul's Church.

Montreal.

Our congregation has six members overseas and two or three contemplate enlistment. On Sunday, May 7th, the resolution of the Protestant Ministerial Association of Montreal was carried out by referring at the service to the need of more recruits for the army. Lenten services were held during the Passion Season, Holy Communion was administered on Palm Sunday and on Easter, 57 out of 60 members communing during the year. From "Joseph's Tomb to Olivet" was rendered on Easter Sunday evening when a special pyramid offering was taken; also a special Home Mission offering under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society was received. In spite of the fact that the congregation had no pastor during the year \$1,831.47 was raised for current and \$364.17 for special expenses, a total of \$2,196.64, an average of \$36.61 per member. The benevolent offerings were \$330.72, an average of \$5.51 per member. It is hoped that a permanent pastor will soon be secured. During the month Rev. Mr. McCreery, Pres. Maurer, Mr. Shennette, and lay members of the congregation occupied the pulpit during the Field Missionary's stay at Ottawa. The cause of the Dominion Alliance was presented to the congregation on May 28th, by the General Secretary, Mr. Roberts. The congregation is interested in prohibition for the Province of Quebec. The Roman Catholic "Anti-Liquor League" is joining with the Dominion Alliance in the general crusade against the bar in the province. On Easter Monday evening the congregation enjoyed a delightful "Reunion" of its members and friends. A pleasing programme was rendered, dainty refreshments were served, the decorations were artistic, and a pleasant social hour was spent. The Protestant Home is in a hopeful condition. The Government granted \$1,000; a tag day, May 20, was decided upon by the Board in which all the Protestant denominations will take part. Mrs. J. C. Casselman is our efficient representative. The Home welcomes immigrant and local unemployed girls and secures situations for them. The demand for girl domestics is greater than the supply. The Home is supplying a need and proves a friend indeed. The thanks of the Board were expressed to our Synod for the \$50 donation. The societies all held their annual meetings and presented their annual reports. All reported progress along various lines, all have balances in the respective treasuries; officers were elected, and

delegates to the various conventions were chosen.

Ottawa.

During the month Dr. Little supplied the congregation one Sunday, while the laymen were in evidence at the 9 a.m. service and the Luther League held forth in the evening during the other Sundays. The Luther League held a public annual meeting on May 11th. The decorations consisted of roses, palms, and flags. An elaborate supper was served in the basement of the church to the members and friends and a pleasing and profitable programme was rendered in the church auditorium. The League Orchestra, a prominent soloist, and the rally hymn by the League constituted the musical part of the programme. Mrs. Woods, president of the City Young People's Union, spoke on "Efficiency," and Miss Whiteaves presented the cause of the city foreigners. Pastor Bieber also spoke. The annual reports were read, officers were elected and delegates to the annual L. L. convention at Hamilton were selected. The League has had a busy and successful year. In the afternoon of the same day the Ladies' Missionary Society met in annual session, heard reports, elected officers; also delegates to the convention at Unionville; took a special offering for Slav Missions and discussed the "Female Diaconate."

The Society has had a satisfactory year contributing to the various causes. It was likewise interested in Red Cross work, making a number of garments, &c., for the Canadian Red Cross Society. The Society was the Luther League's guest at its supper in the evening. The Sunday School is continually adding new members to its roll. The Primary Department has been re-organized. It is holding its meetings in the basement of the church, has its own exercises, and has the pupils of its three grades separated from each other by curtains. On Sunday evening, May 7th, the quarterly public examination of the various S. S. grades by their respective teachers was held and proved a revelation to all present. Truly the congregation has its children in good hands. Mr. C. H. Sternberg, the noted palaeontologist, superintendent of the school, and for four years a prominent and useful member of the church, has resigned his position with the government and will return to his home in Lawrence, Kansas. His departure (and that of his youngest son) is a distinct loss to the school, the congregation, the city, and the government. On Sunday evening, May 7th, after the evening service at a

special congregational meeting, an attempt was made to raise the full apportionment to Synod and in less than fifteen minutes \$55 was subscribed and the \$10 lacking of the \$120 was contributed later. The congregation comes to Synod with a clean record.

Toronto.

The annual report reveals unusual conditions. A large number of losses confront us. Many have enlisted and a larger number has left the city. Several have been dropped from the roll. Our present membership is therefore but ninety (90). But what a splendid report this little number presents. The amount raised for current expenses is \$1,673.00 and for special expenses \$721.00 or a total of \$2,394.00. In addition to this \$91.00 have been raised for benevolences. This shows a grand total of \$2,485.00 or an average of \$27.50 per member. And all this during these strenuous war times. Surely "God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

The various organizations have also made a splendid record. The Women's Missionary Society, though quiet for a season, has taken on new life and will make its power for good felt again. So also the Luther League, though unable to entertain the convention as originally planned, because of the lack of homes to entertain as well as the absence of an active organization, has resolved to redeem itself and again to renew its old time vigor. Hence these societies will take their accustomed place amongst the active organizations in the Church.

The little Sunday School is deserving of more than a passing comment. The service, "The Prince of Life," was beautifully rendered on Easter Sunday evening and greatly delighted the large congregation present. The offering brought in by the children ran beyond the fondest anticipations, having reached the sum of \$43.00. The ones having captured the prizes were justly deserving of them because of the amounts brought in. All were rewarded, however, with a chocolate egg, which was greatly appreciated.

The choir under its new organist and director rendered the Easter anthems in the most creditable manner. The regularity in attendance both at rehearsals and Sunday services and the splendid spirit amongst the members bear testimony to their zeal in "The King's Business."

Every branch of the work is moving along quietly but effectively, and though the congregation can not hope to do anything startling during these times,

yet all are pleased to be able to hold our own until this dread war is past.

Unionville.

The every member canvass conducted in Unionville on April 30th had very gratifying results. A large increase in envelope contributions was promised. Our Palm Sunday and Easter services were in keeping with the season. The largest pyramid offering in the history of the parish was received in both congregations. Both congregations have paid up all their apportionments. We are all looking forward to meetings of Synod and W. M. S. At a special congregational meeting held on May 8th Buttonville adopted a new constitution in harmony with the General Council draft and on May 17th Unionville did likewise. A little girl has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith. All meetings of our organizations continue with unabated interest. We regret to note that Mrs. Mary Ann Quantz has been very poorly for some time. She is 87 years of age and the oldest member in our parish. Willis Reynar has recovered from a serious illness.

Welland.

Sunday morning, April 30th, Pastor Knauff administered Holy Communion. Sunday, May 7th Student Sorensen very acceptably occupied the pulpit at the evening service during the absence of Pastor Knauff. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Vanderburg, April 4th. The missionary money on hand was distributed among various causes. An interesting topic discussion was held. The Luther League met at the home of Miss Flossie Cronmiller, May 8th. Interesting reports were heard and plans laid for the future. The annual congregational meeting was held May 14th. Reports of the various organizations were heard as far as possible. Delegates to meeting of Synod elected are: Mr. John Kottmeier and Mr. Wm. Guey, alternate. Another meeting will be held after the meeting of Synod. Baptized at the service, May 14th, John, infant of Mr. and Mrs. P. Shurek.

Williamsburg.

Rev. Maurer was in Montreal, Sunday, March 19th, Rev. Little preaching for us in the evening. The funeral of Mrs. Adam O'Shaughnessy was held on March 30th. The pastor, who was attending the Executive Committee of Synod at Toronto, being called home to take the service.

On Monday evening, April 3rd, the members of the choir along with the pastor met at the home of the organist, Miss Ethel V. McIntosh, and presented her with a beautiful music cabinet and jardiniere stand. After spending a very pleasant evening all joined in singing "God Save the King" and returned to their homes.

Carl Maurer is spending a few weeks at his home here. On April 9th Rev. Maurer preached in the afternoon at Riverside, and Morrisburg in the evening. The Ladies' Missionary Society met on April 12th. At this meeting the sum of \$33 was voted to the different missionary causes. We regret to report the serious illness of Mrs. Preston Barkley.

The following resolution was passed by the Luther League upon the passing away of Rex, son of Mrs. O. P. Becker, the worthy president of our League:—"Whereas God in His alwise Providence has brought sorrow and bereavement into the house of our worthy president. Be it resolved that we bow in humble submission to the Divine Will and thank the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ for His rich grace and mercy, and that we express our Christian sympathy to the sorrowing family and relatives and commend them to the kind heavenly Father for comfort and consolation. That we admonish ourselves of the uncertainty of life and be exhorted to greater zeal in the work of the Master and His Church.

That a copy of this resolution be placed on our minutes, one sent to the family, and one be sent to the CANADA LUTHERAN for publication."

EVA BECKSTED, Sec.

GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Frederick L. Schreckenber, for two years a student at Waterloo Seminary, has just graduated from Chicago Lutheran Seminary at Maywood with the degree of B.D.

Rev. W. C. Miller, for several years pastor of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, reports the remarkably large number of 163 accessions to his pastorate of St. John's Lutheran Church, New Castle, Pa., in less than a year's time.

Rev. H. A. Kunkle, M.A., recently pastor of Trinity, Hamilton, and Editor of the CANADA LUTHERAN, is now pastor of a Lutheran Church in Moundsville, W. Va.

Rev. F. Kuegele, of Waynesboro, V.a, a member of the Missouri Synod and author of several well-known volumes of sermons, died, April 1st, at the age of 70 years.

The Lutheran Sunday School at Guntur, India, is said to be the largest Sunday School in India.

The AMERICAN LUTHERAN SURVEY has completed a compilation of American Lutheran Statistics and reports the total communicant membership of the Lutheran Church in the United States and Canada as 2,404,618, a gain of 79,397 over last year.

SYNODICAL SECRETARY'S NOTES.

1. Congratulations to the congregations of our Synod that have responded so nobly to our appeals on behalf of our Synodical Treasury! Seven congregations paid up all their apportionments and the Synod as a whole overpaid the total apportionment by \$535! This is excellent. Thank you. The percentage of increase in receipts over last year was 107.

2. Special appreciation is due the Lutheran congregation at Sherwood. Though not a member of our Synod this independent parish contributed \$478 to our benevolence fund—the Seminary and Student Aid. Thank you Sherwood.

3. With best wishes for continued prosperity and interest in the great work of our beloved Lutheran Church.
N. WILLISON,
Sec'y Synod Central Canada.

THE NEW BIRTH—CONDITIONS AND EVIDENCES.

(Continued from page 3)

ments of the new life. Whoever has this is born of the Spirit.

To him his subsequent baptism deepens the sense and hatred of sin, strengthens the faith, increases the assurance that he is verily accepted, forgiven and adopted as a child of God.

The evidences of having been born of the Spirit is to walk in the Spirit to let one's light shine, to manifest forth the fruits of the Spirit, which are love—to God and man; joy—a joyful spirit; peace—inward peace, peace with self, peace with fellow man, peace with God, long-suffering—patience under suffering and provocation, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control.

We might sum up the evidences by saying, To the one born of the Spirit, who lives in the Spirit and walks in the Spirit there is a new light in the intellect, a new love in the heart, a new bent in the will. He is a new creature, old things have passed away, all things have become new.—Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., in *The Lutheran*.

WHAT GREAT MEN HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE BIBLE.

COLLECTED BY MR. C. T. WETTSTEIN,
in *The Lutheran*.

JOHANNES VON MUELLER, Historian: Learn to understand the Bible by the Bible, the Old Testament by the New Testament; both from the needs of your heart. Never investigate who the Son was; nobody knows it but the Father. Never try to prove the truth of His doctrine. Whosoever does not accept it as a child, is not susceptible of it. It is impossible to prove it in a human manner. How can we recognize what is not open to our senses? Furthermore, the miracles He did not perform to convince us—else we would have more particulars, but because through them the apostles were convinced and the attention of the people of the country was to be attracted. Now we have Christianity, in itself a miracle enough, and the spirit, which he willingly gives to those who want it and which leads us to the Father.

ROSSEUR ST. HILAIRE, French Historian: I have travelled much in the North and South, and one fact always surprised me. Where the Bible is not the foundation of education, of society, and of life, there is no literature for the children nor for the masses of the people. Look at Spain, Italy, even France—in short, at all countries where the Bible is not read, and we find nothing to read for children and the laborer. However, in England, in Germany, in America, we find a large and complete Christian literature for children and for the people in which the national spirit is reflected as in a mirror.

THOMAS CARLYLE: A noble Book! All men's Book! It is our first statement of the never-ending problem of man's destiny and God's way with man on earth.

PROF. KARL HILTY, Author of "Das Glueck" (Happiness), jurist and statesman in Switzerland:

"If you have the happiness of your life at heart, do not let your Christianity be supplanted by theology, but rather seek it at the source in the Gospels, and in them, mainly in the own words of Christ, which are not equaled by any words of philosophy."

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Production and Thrift

Canada's Call for Service at Home

PRODUCE MORE AND SAVE MORE.—The Empire needs food. If you are not in the fighting line you may be in the producing line. Labour is limited—all the more reason to do more than ever before. Grow food for the men who are fighting for you. The Allies need all the food that you can produce. Every little helps. You are responsible for your own work. If you cannot produce as much as you would like, produce all you can. Work with the right spirit. Put fighting energy into your effort and produce now when it counts. The more you produce the more you can save. Producing and saving are war-service.

MAKE YOUR LABOUR EFFICIENT.—In war-time do not waste time and energy on unimportant and unprofitable work. Economize labour. Put off unproductive work till after the war, and, if possible, help in producing something needed now. Let us not waste labour. Canada needs it all. If possible help to feed the Allies. Make your backyard a productive garden. Cultivate it with a will. Make your labour count for as much as possible.

DO NOT WASTE MATERIALS.—There should be no waste in war-time. Canada could pay the annual interest on her war expenditure out of what we waste on our farms, in our factories, in our homes. Every pound of food saved from waste is as good as a pound of increased production. The way for a nation to save is for every individual to save. France is strong to-day because of thrift in time of peace. The men and women of Great Britain are not only "doing" but are learning to "do without."

SPEND YOUR MONEY WISELY.—Practise economy in the home by eliminating luxuries. Wasting our dollars here weakens our strength at the front. Your savings will help Canada to finance the war. Save your money for the next Dominion War issue. There can be no better investment.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

The Department of Agriculture. The Department of Finance.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

THE INNER MISSION.

In our previous studies we have touched upon the principles and the problems of the Inner Mission and have seen what this activity is, how it differs from many apparently similar works without the Church, and have caught a glimpse of some of its problems.

We would now dwell briefly upon some of the *profits* of the Inner Mission. Here we find no standard of measurement in the terms of dollars and cents, for the service of love has no material equivalents.

The profits of the Inner Mission are many and varied and defy deliniation. Why? Because they are as wide reaching as the material and spiritual needs of mankind. Read that wonderful book by Julie Sutter, *The Colony of Mercy*, and learn how thousands of wrecked bodies, stricken minds, and seared souls are sheltered, comforted, loved, and the darkness of their night of sin's hopelessness turned into the dawn of salvation's good cheer. Read Ohl's masterpiece, *The Inner Mission*, and see how those who fed on ashes are led to the table of the Lord through the ramifications of the various branches of the service of love. Read the statistics of our own *Lutheran Church Almanac for 1916*; read them with the imagination of love's creation and behold the multitudes whose deserts have been made to blossom like the rose.

Follow our deaconesses as they go from house to house and see tears dried, hearts cheered, faces lighted with smiles, the frown of anger turned to the glance of affection, the hand raised to injure; yea, perhaps slay, lowered in a caress of love, and the soul, sunk in sin, brought back to Christ by the hand of love and the Word of God.

Go with our city missionaries as they walk the streets at night or visit the jail, the county homes, the city hospitals and lodging houses and you will behold men, dead in trespasses and sin, born anew; you will see the stony heart of the convict soften as wax under the beams of the Sun of Righteousness; you will see the despondent turned from a suicide's grave to the pathway of honor and life, and the friendless clasped in the arms of love.

Or visit our institutions of mercy and there consider the orphan befriended, the aged cared for, the sick nursed, the infirm tended, the defective protected, the homeless sheltered, the betrayed hidden under the wings of compassion, and the fallen healed and raised.

Yea, go with and to these, and then ask, if you can, "Does the Inner Mission pay?"

O hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs, for whom the Shepherd
bled,
Are straying from the fold!

To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angel's work below.

The captive to release,
The lost to God to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,—
It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er we do for Thine, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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

NOTE.—We hope our readers are studying carefully the very excellent articles on the Inner Mission by Rev. Krumwiede. These articles are much appreciated by the CANADA LUTHERAN.—Ed.

There is greater need to-day than ever before of relating the limitless power of united intercession to the missionary enterprise. A time of unexampled opportunity and crisis like the present is one of grave danger. There never has been a time when simultaneously in so many non-Christian lands the facts of need and opportunity presented such a remarkable appeal to Christendom as now.—*John R. Mott.*

For I, as man with men am linked,
And not a brick with bricks; no gain
That I experience must remain
Unshared. —*Robert Browning.*

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION.

The seventh annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada meets in Bethesda English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. N. Willison, Pastor, on June 8th, 1916.

MISSIONS FIRST.

From W. M. S. Leaflets.

Some people think that missions should come last. They say that after we do all the work that is needed in our own churches then it will be time to take up mission work, and that after we take out all of the money we need for ourselves we can give what is left for missions.

The Bible puts missions first.

God's first command to Abraham was a missionary command:

"Now Jehovah said unto Abraham, Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee . . . and be thou a blessing . . . and I will bless thee." Gen. 12: 2.

The first message from heaven after the birth of Christ was a missionary message:

"And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Luke 2: 10.

The first work of the first disciple, Andrew, was a missionary work:

"He findeth first his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias . . . and he brought him to Jesus." John 1: 41-42.

The first work given to the disciples to do after the outpouring of the Holy Ghost was a missionary work:

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1: 8.

After the conversion of Paul, the first message of the Lord to the other disciples regarding his work was a missionary message:

"He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles." Acts 9: 15.

The first message from heaven after the death and resurrection of Christ was a missionary message:

"The angel of the Lord . . . answered and said unto the women . . . He is not here: for he is risen; as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay, and go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead." Matt. 28: 2, 6, 7.

Our risen Saviour's first command to His disciples was a missionary command:

"As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." John 20: 21.

Our Saviour's last commission was a missionary commission:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28: 19.

Should not our Saviour's last wish be our first concern?

HIS LAMP.

"His lamp am I,
To shine where He shall say,
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day,
But for dark places of the earth
Where shame and wrong and crime
have birth,
Or, for the murky twilight gray
Where wandering steps have gone
astray,
And souls are groping after Him.
And as sometimes, a flame is found
Clear-shining through the night,
So bright we do not see the lamp
But only see the light,
So may I shine, His light the flame,
That men may glorify His name."

Jesus, our Saviour, must touch these dumb lips of ours into the perfect speech of His grace. Men once marveled at the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth. Shall they marvel at ours? Not unless we, too, have been filled with that same spirit of holiness that dwelt in Him.—*Edward Arthur Wicher.*

As the stream its channel grooves,
And within that channel moves,
So doth habit's deepest tide
Groove its bed and there abide.

—*Joseph Cook.*

"THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE WAR."

The following address was given by the Rev. N. Willison, Sec'y, Synod of Central Canada, to the soldiers banqueted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Toronto. It is published by special request of that congregation.

Sir: This is a happy occasion. It is happy for the pastor of this church and his good people because it has given them an opportunity of showing in some outward manner how deeply interested they are in the men who at this time, in a very special way, represent this glorious Canada of ours to the world. To me an opportunity has been given as an officer of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada of telling the Canadian army that we bid them God speed in their mission. As Canadians who are privileged to love the finest country in all the world, and as members of the best empire in every sense of the term that history knows anything about we stand united in this great struggle. There are many churches in this Canada of ours and there are many denominations. We do not agree on all things, but we do agree in our prayers for God's blessing upon you men, and the cause you represent.

You will pardon me if I speak briefly about the Evangelical Lutheran Church. She is the first Church of the Reformation, the mother church of Protestantism, the first church and only church to whom the name Protestant was formally applied. At the last census she numbered 76,000,000 members, as many as all other Protestant churches combined. She has spread over all the world. She is above nationality, race or language and contends for justification by faith in Jesus Christ and for the Scriptures as the only rule of faith and life. She rests her case in all circumstances upon the Word of God. But like other churches her members do not always truly represent her and she does not always succeed in maintaining as well-defined a course as her teachings prescribe. If she did she would no longer be a militant church but a church triumphant. Liberty is a foundation stone in her teachings, a liberty bound only by the Word of her God and the will of her Lord. When you men go forth to fight for true liberty you are placing yourselves side by side with the great reformer whose name we bear and contending like Gustavus Adolphus for freedom to worship God.

Because the Lutheran Church is strong in Germany it has been thought

by some who have not studied the situation carefully that the Lutheran Church in Canada would sympathize with Prussia in this struggle. Let me say, Sir, and say it emphatically that there are no good reasons for such an assumption. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada has no organic connection with the Church in Germany and even if it had this would not be the first time that a great church had been split in two as a result of war. When the American Revolution broke out the churches of the colonies divided and did it conscientiously. Because many Lutherans at that time refused to fight against King George they came to Canada as United Empire Loyalists. A large part of this congregation comes from U. E. Loyalist stock and I have the honor to be the pastor of one of the congregations founded by those devoted and patriotic people. In the war of 1812 the Methodist Church of America divided into a United States Church and a Canadian Church. In the great American Civil War the Methodist Church of the States split in two, so did the Lutheran Church and others. In times of peace a certain international unity is possible but in times of war national lines must be drawn sharply and without hesitation. War makes sorer divisions than that. It divides families. It separates father and son, and sets brother against brother. On the Italian front two men contended fiercely against each other with bayonets. Finally the Austrian surrendered and as he did so discovered in his conqueror his own brother-in-law. We know the Lutheran Church of Germany supports the German power at the present time but she does it on patriotic grounds. The Presbyterian Church of Germany also supports Germany on patriotic grounds. The Methodist

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"TO win the war with the decisiveness which will ensure lasting peace, the Empire will require to put forth its full collective power in men and in money. From this viewpoint it is our true policy to augment our financial strength by multiplying our productive exertions and by exercising rigid economy, which reduces to the minimum all expenditures upon luxuries and non-essentials. Only in this way shall we be able to make good the loss caused by the withdrawal of so many of our workers from industrial activities, repair the wastage of the war, and find the funds for its continuance. It cannot be too frequently or too earnestly impressed upon our people that the heaviest burdens of the conflict still lie before us, and that industry and thrift are, for those who remain at home, supreme patriotic duties upon whose faithful fulfilment our success, and consequently our national safety, may ultimately depend."—
SIR THOMAS WHITE, Minister of Finance.

**PRODUCE MORE, SAVE MORE,
MAKE LABOUR EFFICIENT.
SAVE MATERIALS FROM WASTE.
SPEND MONEY WISELY.**

Let Us Produce and Save—

The war is now turning on a contest of all forces and resources—men, munitions, food, money. The call to all is to produce more and more. It may be necessary to work harder. The place of those who enlist must be taken by those at home, men and women, old and young. The more we produce the more we can save. Produce more on the farms and in the gardens. Save more and help to win the war.

Let Us Not Waste Our Labour—

In this war-time all labour should be directly productive or should be assisting in production. Make it as efficient as possible. If your labour is on something that can be postponed, put it off till after the war and make your labour tell now. Making war is the first business of all Canadians. Efficiency in labour is as important as efficiency in fighting.

Let Us Not Waste Materials—

Begin at home. The larger portion of salaries and wages is spent on the home—food, fuel, light, clothing. Are any of these things being wasted? \$20 a year saved from waste in every home in Canada will more than pay the interest on a war debt of \$500,000,000.

Let Us Spend Our Money Wisely—

Are you spending your money to the best advantage? What do you think of extravagance in war time? Tens of thousands of Canadians are daily risking their lives for us at home. Is it not our duty to be careful and economical? Canadian dollars are an important part of the war equipment. Make them tell. Have a War Savings Account. Buy a War Bond.

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Church of Germany does the same, the Baptist Church of Germany does the same and the Roman Catholic Church of Germany and Austria is as enthusiastic in her support of those empires as she can be even though fighting against Catholic France and Catholic Italy where the Pope himself resides. The Lutheran Church throughout the world is loyal to the flag under whose protection she labors for, "The Powers that be are ordained of God."

But Sir, conditions under which the Lutheran Church of Germany has labored for many years have not allowed her full freedom of action. I do not know much about "Prussianism" or things peculiar to Germany, but I have noted that the Lutheran Church in Germany has been shackled by a state control that has deprived her of much of her freedom and lowered the tone of church life. A victory for Prussian arms would probably mean the continuation of such control. Then again that un-Christian philosophy and that destructive Biblical criticism that are responsible for the vicious features of "Prussian Kultur" have infected a large part of all churches in Germany. A victory for Prussian arms would appear to be a triumph for that system and a calamity for the Christian Church.

Therefore, I believe, that when our Canadian soldiers go forth to fight against the Prussian military machine they are not only contending for Canada as a nation and for the integrity of the British Empire but they are contending for great principles that are vital to Christendom. They are indirectly helping to free the Lutheran Church of Germany from the shackles of state control and the cancer of formalism and unbelief. It may be that indirectly they are fighting the greatest battle on behalf of Evangelical Christianity since the days of Gustavus Adolphus.

Is the Lutheran Church in Canada loyal? Sir, I can hardly muster patience to ask that question. Loyal! My being vibrates from head to foot when I say the word. I love Canada, I love the British Empire. For ten years I have taught Canadian and British History to the youth of this land. It is a

history to be glad of, a history for which we owe a deep debt of gratitude to Almighty God. If there are Lutherans in Canada who are Canadians by birth, adoption or sojourn that are not loyal—which God forbid—it is not because they are Lutherans but because they are not true to their Lutheran profession.

We are Canadians and British subjects and whether we are Lutherans or Episcopalians or Presbyterians or Congregationalists, or Baptists, or Methodists or Evangelicals or whatever else you please we stand shoulder to shoulder in this great war, and we plead for the blessing of Almighty God upon our arms.

Precisely as men acquire the culture of civilization do they become capable of democracy, as well as desirous of it. And only as they become democratic can the culture of civilization reach its utmost diffusion. In their perfect realization democracy and the culture of civilization are one and the same thing. In neither is there room for emperor or king. In neither is there place for savagery or war.—*The Independent*.

The stretch of the road may seem mean and prosaic, but we never know at what turn of the road there will break on us the gleaming towers of the City of God.—*Hugh Black*.

Lay aside life-harming heaviness,
 And entertain a cheerful disposition.
 —*Shakespeare*.

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