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Rev. J. Maurer, D.D.

Committee to Confer with Canada Luther League

Pastors W. A. Schmidt and R. Geelhaar.

Time and Place of Next Convention.

Wednesday after Trinity Sunday, June 15th, 1927, in St. Peter's
Lutheran Church, Milverton, Ont.

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The opening service of the Sixty-fourth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada was held in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday, June 2nd, 1926, at 8 p.m. The German Sermon was preached by the Rev. O. Stockman, using as text, Matthew 28:20. The English Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. C. H. Little, from the text, Colossians 3:24. The Liturgy was conducted by the Secretaries of Synod.

FIRST SESSION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Thursday, June 3rd, 1926,
9.00 a.m.

The President of Synod formally opened the Synod, using the Order of the Kirchenbuch. Immediately thereafter he introduced the Rev. J. R. Strock, D.D., Missionary from India, who addressed the Synod, pleading for renewed support of the Missionary cause, and especially for the Andhra Christian College.

The Roll of Pastors was called.

Pastor.	Ordained.	Address.	Delegate
1. F. Veit, D.D.	May 29, 1872	19 Vernon Av., Kitchener, Ont.....	
2. J. Strempler	Oct. 25, 1873	746 Grant St., Denver, Col., U.S.	
3. E. Neudoerffer (em) .	Dec. 5, 1875	Moorestown, New Jersey, U.S.A.	
4. C. Schroeder (em) ...	June 17, 1880	Pembroke, Ont.	
5. J. Langholz	June 17, 1883	Ayton, Ont., Box 215	
6. A. Blunck (em)	May 9, 1884	Milverton, Ont., Box 132	
7. L. M. McCreery	Aug. 31, 1884	484 Gilmour St., Ottawa, Ont.	Garnet Casselman
8. C. C. J. Maas	June 28, 1885	Chesley, Ont., Box 435	Geo. Krug
9. E. Schuelke	Nov. 15, 1885	103 Brubacher, Kitchener, Ont.....	
10. H. Rembe, Sr.	April 22, 1888	Hamilton Beach, Ont.	
11. J. Maurer, D.D.	May 28, 1888	49 Irwin St., Kitchener, Ont. .	J. C. Klaehn
12. E. Holm	May 29, 1888	Conestoga, Ont.	
13. H. Weigand	May 29, 1888	Ridgefield, N.J., U.S.A.	
14. G. Brackebusch	June 6, 1888	Ayton, Ont., R.R. 1	Fr. Liesemer
15. H. Twietmeyer	June 16, 1889	Hanover, Ont.	E. Winkler
16. P. Kleine	Dec. 21, 1891	Petawawa, Ont.	
17. P. W. Mueller	Mar. 16, 1893	52 Warren Rd., Toronto....	W. G. Berner
18. C. Zarnke	June 6, 1894	Pembroke, Ont.	E. B. Christiansen
19. H. L. Henkel, Prof. .	Aug. 14, 1895	14 Jefferson St., Waterloo. .	John Guelcke
20. O. C. D. Klaehn, D.D.	July 21, 1897	87 Osborne St., Montreal, Que.....	
21. M. Voss	July 10, 1898	Eganville, Ont.	
22. E. Neudoerffer, Missionary	June 17, 1900	Rajamundry, India	
23. H. Schorten, Prof. .	Dec. 19, 1900	170 Albert St., Waterloo, Ont.	
24. C.H. Little, D.D., Prof.	June 3, 1901	Waterloo, Ont.	
25. H. F. Gruhn	June 18, 1903	66 Centre St., Stratford, Ont. .	H. Pauli
26. C. Ziegler	Aug. 30, 1903	Baden, Ont., R.R. 2.....	J. Schmidt
27. J. Kutter	May 3, 1905	Arnprior, Ont.	Ernst Wolff
28. H. R. Mosig	June 25, 1905	New Hamburg, Ont.....	V. Zoeller
29. H. J. Lamack	Jan. 28, 1906	Heidelberg, Ont.	J. Otterbein
30. W. H. Knauff	Dec. 8, 1906	Preston, Ont.	
31. J. Alberti	Oct. 15, 1908	Bornholm, Ont., R.R. 1	L. Becker
32. J. Reble	Feb. 10, 1909	104 Hughson St., Hamilton, Ont.	A. Ramsperger
33. H. A. Sperling, Ph.D. .	Oct. 3, 1909	49 Queen St. N., Kitchener, Ont.....	
34. O. Stockman	Oct. 4, 1909	Tavistock, Ont.	W. Peppler
35. J. Schmieder	June 12, 1911	43 Alma St., Kitchener, Ont. .	A. L. Bitzer
36. E. Tuerkheim	May 11, 1911	Desboro, Ont.	J. Lembke
37. E. Gomann	May 18, 1913	Walkerton, Ont., R.R. 1	Geo. Pfeiffer
38. R. Pfeiffer	June 18, 1913	Linwood, Ont.	C. Schlueter
39. J. O. Schmidt	June 7, 1914	Tavistock, Ont., R.R. 1	H. Brodrecht
40. P. S. Baringer	June 8, 1914	17 Victoria Av., S. Hamilton	
41. N. Willison, Litt.D., Prof.	June 22, 1914	Waterloo, Ont.	E. B. Westcott
42. C. F. Christiansen ...	May 30, 1915	389 Woodbine Av., Toronto. .	H. Lidkie

Pastor.	Ordained.	Address.	Delegate
43. R. F. Kasdorf, Ph.D.	May 30, 1915	Eganville, Ont., Box 253	
44. H. Rembe, Lit. B.S.	May 10, 1916	Zurich, Ont.	F. Kalbfleisch
45. Theo. Iseler	June 17, 1916	Williamsburg, Ont.	C. M. Whittaker
46. C. S. Roberts	Oct. 1916	Waterloo, Ont.	J. Ziegler
47. A. A. Zinck, D.D., Prof.	Dec. 23, 1917	Waterloo, Ont.	
48. S. W. Hirtle, Prof.	Feb. 24, 1918	Waterloo, Ont.	
49. L. Irschick, Missn'ry.	June 22, 1919	Talapudi, Kistna, India	
50. A. C. E. Grotke	Mar. 7, 1920	Hespeler, Ont.	Dr. G. L. Prestien
51. R. B. Geelhaar	June 6, 1920	Listowel, Ont.	Hy. Nuhn
52. S. Cooper	June 8, 1920	366 John St., Sault Ste Marie, Ont.	J. Kleberg
x 53. C. Blohm	May 25, 1921	Ladysmith, Quebec	F. Sach
54. A. Grunwald	May 29, 1921	Conestogo, Ont.	Geo. H. Dahmer
55. F. L. Howald	May 29, 1921	New Dundee, Ont.	W. Egerde
56. A. G. Jacobi	June 26, 1921	Morrisburg, Ont.	Jesse Casselman
57. C. P. Boerner	June 3, 1923	Brunner, Ont., R.R. 1	
58. J. Mangelson	June 3, 1923	Milverton, Ont.	
59. W. A. Schmidt	June 5, 1923	Port Colborne, Ont.	W. L. Kramer
60. L. Kalbfleisch	June 5, 1923	Elmira, Ont.	A. Lorch
61. M. O. Heller	June 5, 1924	285 Clark Av., Westmount, Que.	J. C. Casselman
62. E. J. Fischer	June 22, 1924	Gadshill, Ont., R.R. 1	C. Quehl
63. L. Kirchhofer	June 22, 1924	Wiarion, Ont.	Chas. Reckin
64. C. R. Cronmiller	June 14, 1925	16 Fleet St., Brantford, Ont.	A. Borger
65. J. C. Jannau	June 14, 1925	Palmer Rapids, Ont.	
66. J. Koehle	June 14, 1925	Massey, Ont.	
67. S. J. Wittig	June 14, 1925	Walkerton, Ont.	V. Fischer
68. Wm. Schultz	June 6, 1926	Rankin, Ont.	
69. J. F. Vorkoper	June 6, 1926	Galt, Ont.	J. Herman
70. ....	.....	Baden, Ont.	C. Heipel
71. ....	.....	Welland, Ont.	A. Mehlenbacher
72. ....	.....	Dunbar, Ont.	E. Miller
73. ....	.....	St. Jacobs, Ont.	Gordon Holdingner
74. ....	.....	Unionville-Sherwood, ...	A Summerfeldt
75. ....	.....	Guelph, Ont.	A. Gordier

The Report of the Credential Committee.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Your Committee reports that they have examined the Credentials submitted by 47 congregations, and find them correct and in order. It is gratifying that out of fifty-six parishes, so large a number responded.

Respectfully submitted,

R. PFEIFFER,
P. S. BARINGER,
J. L. LEMBKE,
W. H. KNAUFF.

LIST OF LAY-DELEGATES

1. St. Paul's, Guelph	G. A. Gordier	No Alternate.
2. St. Peter's, Ottawa	Garnet Casselman	" "
3. St. John's, Arnprior	Ernst Wolff	" "
4. St. James', St. Jacob's... ..	Gordon Hollinger	" "
5. First English, Kitchener.	J. C. Klaehn	A. J. Grosz.
6. Peace, Breslau	John Guelcke	No Alternate.
7. St. Matthew's, Brantford.	A. Borger	Fred. Warning.
8. St. Matthew's, Conestogo	Geo. D. Dahmer	Valentine Gies.
9. Trinity, Walkerton	Val. Fischer	No Alternate.
10. St. Paul's, Wellesley	C. Quehl	Peter Seyler.
11. Zion's, Stratford	H. Pauli	F. Pauli.
12. St. Matthew's, Hanover..	W. Winkler	No Alternate.
13. St. Peter's, Heidelberg..	J. Otterbein	Geo. K. Schaefer.
14. St. Paul's, Hamilton	A. Ramsperger	Oscar Bartman.
15. St. Paul's, Toronto	W. G. Berner	E. Menges.
16. St. Peter's, Linwood	C. Schlueter	A. P. Dammeier.
17. St. Matthew's, East Zorra	H. Brodrecht	Wm. Kaufman.
18. St. Peter's, Wiarton	C. Reckin	Frederick Schroeder.
19. St. James', New Dundee..	W. Egerde, Sr.	Wm. Goetling.
20. Trinity, New Hamburg..	V. Zoeller	Fr. Burchutki.
21. St. John's, Ladysmith ..	F. Sach	Karl Sach.
22. St. James', Hespeler	Dr. G. L. Prestien	K. Wiechers.
23. St. Peter's, Desboro	J. Lembke	A. R. Lange.
24. St. Peter's, Zurich	F. Kalbfleisch	W. Johnston.
25. Philipsburg, St. Agatha..	J. Schmidt	Geo. Lantz.
26. First Luth., Humberstone	W. L. Kramer	H. H. Knoll.
27. Brant-Elmwood, St. Peter and St. John...	Geo. Pfeffer	F. Monk.
28. St. Peter's, Williamsburg	C. M. Whittaker	Frank Casselman.
29. St. Luke's, Dunbar	E. Miller	Bismark Barkley.
30. Redeemer, Montreal	J. C. Casselman	J. E. Christoffersen.
31. Trinity, Hamilton	E. B. Westcott	Geo. F. Kiehl.
32. St. Paul's, Ayton	F. Liesemer	C. Peter.
33. St. Jacob's, Elmira	A. Lorch	Wm. Rahn.
34. St. Matthew's, Kitchener.	A. L. Bitzer	A. F. Kleeyman.
35. Logan, St. Peter's	L. Becker	F. Hinz.
36. Trinity, Sebastopol- Tavistock	W. Pepler	John J. Wilker.
37. St. Paul's, Morrisburg..	J. F. Casselman	Henry Shennet.
38. St. Mark's, Chesley	G. Krug	Robt. Lipske.
39. Bethesda, Unionville	A. Summerfeldt	W. H. Pingle.
40. Zion, Pembroke	W. Siegel	E. B. Christiansen.
41. St. John's, Waterloo	J. Ziegler	Ed. Beringer.
42. St. Paul's, Listowel	N. Nuhn	C. Prueter.
43. St. Paul's, Galt	J. Herman	Benj. Curtis.
44. St. James', Baden	C. Heipel	Henry Heipel.
45. First Lutheran, Toronto.	H. Lidkie	No Alternate.
46. St. Matthew's, Welland.	F. A. Dubrindt	V. A. Esser.
47. Zion's, Sault Ste Marie..	Jno. Kleburg	No. Alternate.

This report was adopted, and Synod directed that the Roll be made therefrom.

The President appointed as a Committee on Excuses: Pastors Ziegler, Iseler, Kutter, and Delegates W. G. Berner, E. B. Christiansen and L. Becker (Logan).

The President welcomed to the Convention: Rev. Paul Ludwig, Mission Superintendent of the Board of Northwestern Missions; Rev. A. Grauer, Miss E. Szember, returned missionary from India, and Rev. Dr. Keck, President of the Michigan Synod.

The time of sessions was set at 9 to 11.30 in the morning and 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

The President presented his annual report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Brethren:—

A day of historical and far-reaching importance, yes, a turning point in the history of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada, was Friday, June 12th, 1925, when at Sebastopol in Trinity Church, Rev. O. Stockmann, pastor loci, the careful, well considered and diligent endeavors of the Joint-Merger Committee were brought to a successful close: the merger of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada. We have worked together one year. The following report shows that pastors and congregations have been very active, that many jubilees and re-dedications of churches have taken place, but also that sickness and death occurred causing anxiety and sorrow. The word of St. Paul, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep" was fulfilled.

Although the past Synodical year was more or less a year of transition it has been a year of peaceful, harmonious activity and with heartfelt humble thanks and praise towards the Lord of the Church we meet in these days to discuss and consider the welfare of our beloved church.

Permit me to submit to you in the usual form and order a report of the work and activities within the Synod.

1. RESIGNATIONS AND CALLS.

On August 10th, 1925, Rev. C. Zarnke, Conestogo, informed me that he had received a second call from Zion's Church, Pembroke, and that he had resigned his pastorate in Conestogo, and that the resignation had been accepted.

On August 18th, 1925, Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn, D.D., notified the undersigned that he had accepted a call from the Inner Mission Board of the U.L.C. and of his resignation as pastor of Zion's Church, Stratford, and that he would commence his work as Immigrant-pastor in Montreal, on Oct. 1st, 1925.

On Sept. 6th, 1925, Rev. A. Grunwald resigned from the Petawawa Parish to accept a call to Conestogo. On Oct. 11th, 1925, he preached his farewell sermon in Petawawa and Alice.

At the end of Oct., 1925, Rev. H. L. Schildroth resigned from St. Paul's Church, Guelph, to accept a call to Trinity Church at Windsor, Ont. As Trinity Church is connected with the Synod of Michigan, Rev. H. L. Schildroth, upon his request, has been honorably dismissed to the Michigan Synod.

On Oct. 22nd, 1925, Rev. S. Cooper informed me of his resignation as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Galt, and that he would commence his work as pastor of the Lutheran Church at Sault St. Marie, on Dec. 1st, 1925. Like Windsor, this congregation is also a member of the Michigan Synod. Rev. Cooper did not ask for a letter of dismissal; on the contrary he wishes to remain a member of the Canada Synod.

On Oct. 26th, 1925, the Petawawa Parish extended a call to its former pastor, Rev. P. Kleine. The latter accepted the call and resigned from the Ladysmith Parish on Dec. 7th, 1925.

At a meeting on Nov. 22nd, 1925, Rev. Prof. H. Schorten, presiding, the Sullivan Parish extended a call to Rev. E. Tuerkheim, Edmonton, Alta. Soon afterwards the call was accepted by Rev. E. Tuerkheim, who commenced his pastorate in Sullivan and Williamsford early in February, 1925. For 15 years Rev. E. Tuerkheim has been a faithful pastor of the Manitoba Synod and comes with an honorable dismissal from that Synod. He is herewith recommended for membership into this body.

On Dec. 3rd, 1925, I was notified by Mr. E. B. Westcott, that Rev. H. Gruhn had resigned from Trinity Church, Hamilton, and that the resignation had been accepted by the congregation. Rev. H. Gruhn accepted a call to Stratford.

Soon afterwards Trinity Church sent a unanimous call to Rev. P. S. Baringer, Sherwood, Ont. On Jan. 3rd, 1926, Rev. Baringer resigned from the Sherwood Parish and took charge of his new field on February 1st, 1926.

On Jan. 31st and February 7th respectively, 1926, Rev. K. Blohm resigned as pastor of the Rankin Parish, Renfrew Co., to accept a call to the Mission Parish, Ladysmith-Schwartz, Que. He moved to Ladysmith the week of February 7th.

Student Schultz of Waterloo-Seminary has been called by the German Mission Committee as pastor of the Rankin Parish, and Student Vorkoper has received a call from St. Paul's Church, Galt.

After an examination by the Examining Committee of Synod, both candidates will be received into membership of this body and soon after Synod take charge of their respective fields.

It is also to be reported that on April 11th, 1926, the independent congregation of Rev. H. Hamfeldt, Toledo, Ohio, decided to join the Ohio Synod (U.L.C.), and therefore Rev. H. Hamfeldt is obliged to resign from the membership of the Canada Synod. He has been honorably dismissed to the Ohio Synod.

2. INSTALLATIONS.

The following pastors have been solemnly installed according to the prescribed order of the Church:

On July 5th, 1925, Rev. C. R. Cronmiller in Brantford by Rev. S. Cooper.

On July 12th, 1925, Rev. S. J. Wittig in Mildmay, by Rev. C. C. Maass, and on Aug. 2nd, 1925, in Walkerton by Rev. H. Rembe, Sr.

On July 12th, 1925, Rev. J. Jannau in Raglan and Denbigh by Rev. C. F. Christiansen.

On July 26th, 1925, Rev. J. Koehle in Massey, by Rev. H. J. Mangelsen.

On Oct. 18th, 1925, Rev. C. Zarnke in Pembroke, by Rev. M. Voss.

On Oct. 25th, 1925, Rev. A. Grunwald in Conestogo by the President of Conference, Rev. Prof. H. Henkel.

On Dec. 13th, 1925, Rev. P. Kleine in Petawawa and Alice by Rev. C. Zarnke.

On Jan. 3rd, 1925, Rev. H. Gruhn in Stratford by Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn, D.D.

On February 7th, 1926, Rev. P. S. Baringer in Trinity Church, Hamilton, by the President of Synod.

On February 14th, 1926, Rev. K. Blohm, in Ladysmith and Schwartz, Que., by Rev. J. Kutter.

On February 21st, 1926, Rev. E. Tuerkheim in Sullivan and Williamsford by President of Conference, Rev. E. Gomann.

3. FOUNDING OF CONGREGATIONS AND COMMENCEMENT OF NEW WORK UNDERTAKEN.

May 1st, 1925, saw the union of Holy Trinity Church at Port Colborne and St. Paul's Church at Humberstone, the latter once a member of the Canada Synod, but since 20 years ago serv-

ed by the Buffalo Synod. Rev. W. A. Schmidt, at the time a member of the Synod of Central Canada was unanimously called as pastor of this new First Lutheran Church, and consequently gave up his pastoral work in Welland.

Welland was served during the summer months by Student A. Mehlenbacher, who revived the work begun by Rev. Schmidt in Bridgeburg, and under the direction and with the co-operation of Rev. Dr. Maurer, D.D., chairman of the English Miss. Committee, founded a congregation of 28 members on Sept. 8th, 1925. Welland and Bridgeburg are now to form one parish. Unfortunately the efforts of the English Miss. Committee to find a suitable man for this field have up to the present time been without success.

Rev. S. Cooper, since Dec. 1st, 1925, pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sault St. Marie, informed me during Conference in Toronto that his congregation, which belongs to the Michigan Synod, had on February 14th, 1926 unanimously resolved to join the Canada Synod. Rev. Dr. Maurer attended the Convention of the Michigan Synod in October, 1925, which already at that time expressed itself as willing to transfer the congregations at Windsor and Sault St. Marie to the Canada Synod, at their own request. Through the kindness of Rev. A. H. Steck, D.D., President of the Michigan Synod, Rev. Dr. Maurer was able to participate in the installation of Rev. S. Cooper on Jan. 31st, 1926. We rejoice that Rev. Cooper remains with us, and that his congregation will join the Canada Synod. The Synod hopes and wishes that Rev. Schildroth will be similarly successful.

An entirely new work of the Lutheran Church in Canada can be reported: Immigrant Mission. Rev. Dr. Klaehn and also the Women's Missionary Society for some years recognized the necessity of this work and repeatedly called the attention of the Church to it. Not being in a position to undertake it alone, the Synod sought the assistance of the Inner Mission Board of the U.L.C. Soon after the close of last year's convention of Synod we were notified of the willingness of the I.M.B. to assist this work. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee Rev. Dr. Klaehn was called by the I.M.B. of the U.L.C. as Immigrant-pastor for Montreal and other eastern ports of Canada. This is an important branch of church activity and should prove a great blessing for the Church. The Inner Mission Committee appointed by the Executive Committee will report to Synod, and Rev. Dr. Klaehn will at the proper time speak on his various activities.

4. DEDICATIONS OF CHURCHES AND OTHER FESTIVALS.

On June 28th, 1925, the 3rd Sunday after Trinity, St. John's Church at Ayton, Rev. J. Langholz, pastor loci, celebrated the 25th jubilee of the dedication of its church. In the morning service Rev. Dr. Hoffmann preached on Psalm 81, and Rev. Dr. Zinck, spoke in English on the union of the two Canada Synods. At the evening service Dr. Zinck was the speaker of the occasion (Text Eph. 1:7), and Dr. Hoffmann spoke on "Our Seminary and College." The choir of Elmira church contributed to the beauty of the services by several anthems.

On July 12th, 1925, the Mission congregation Bethlehem of Woito, Renfrew Co., 20 families strong, was privileged to dedicate its new church. The dedication was performed by the pastor loci, Rev. K. Blohm, with the assistance of Pastors Schroeder, Henkel, Voss, Kutter, Grunwald and Grauer. Rev. Prof. Henkel preached the dedication sermon, and conveyed to the congregation the greeting and felicitations of Synod. The collection amounted to \$800. The new church is built of cement blocks, at a cost of c. \$13,000, of which \$8,000 are paid.

Trinity congregation at Walkerton reopened its simply and tastefully renovated church, the altar of which is now adorned by a Christus statue donated by the Ladies' Aid Society, on the 8th Sunday after Trinity, August 2nd, 1925. At that day also the installation of the new pastor, Rev. S. Wittig, took place. Rev. H. Rembe, Sr., preached at the morning service, and Rev. A. A. Zinck, D.D., preached in English in the evening.

On August 9th, 1925, St. Peter's Congregation at Heidelberg, (Rev. H. L. Lamack), conducted a jubilee service of its 80 years of existence, in the church dedicated 55 years ago. At the morning service two former pastors preached, Rev. E. Schuelke and Rev. R. Geelhaar, in the evening Rev. C. Zarnke, a son of the congregation, and Rev. Dr. Zinck. The male choir of St. John's Church, Waterloo, and the church choirs of Erbsville and Heidelberg also took part in the service.

August 16th, 1925, was an especially happy day and festival for St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener, Rev. J. Schmieder, pastor loci. The renovated and artistically decorated church was reopened. A Christus-statue (Thorwaldsen) adorns the altar and the walls of the altar-niche are panelled in oak. At the same time a set of organ chimes, donated by Mr. Fr. Daub in memory of his wife, Louise Schmidt, were set apart for sacred use, and two artistically engraved collection plates were presented to the Church by the Catechetical Class of 1925. At the morning service Rev. C. Zarnke preached, and in the evening Rev. F. E. Ober-

lander, D.D. At a service on Monday evening for the neighboring congregations the undersigned conveyed the Greetings of Synod; Rev. C. S. Roberts spoke as pastor of the neighboring congregation, and Rev. Dr. E. Hoffmann as founder, and first pastor of St. Matthews congregation. The Revds. E. J. Fischer and S. Wittig officiated at the altar.

After many improvements and embellishments especially on the church lot, had been carried out at St. James church, Hespeler (Rev. A. C. E. Grotke), also the interior of the church was suitably re-decorated last summer and the work of renovation therewith concluded. The congregation now possesses a beautiful, inviting church. Especially the church-lot and the situation of the church affect one in a friendly and inviting way. The re-opening occurred on Aug. 23rd, 1925. The festival preachers were Rev. Prof. H. Schorten and Rev. Prof. C. H. Little, D.D.

St. John's Church, Waterloo, Rev. C. S. Roberts, pastor, entered the ranks of celebrating congregations on Sept. 20th, 1925. After services had been conducted in the Sunday School Room for three months, the congregation was privileged on the above date to re-enter its completely renovated church, which had been beautifully re-decorated at a cost of \$6000. New electric lighting and fixtures had been installed, two brass vases had been donated by the Luther League, an altar-cross by the Bible-Class, a carpet for the altar-space by the Ladies' Aid, new collection plates by the Church Council, and several dozen new Common Service Books by the Men's Society. Rev. H. Sperling, Ph.D., preached at the German service, and the pastor loci at the evening service. Let it be mentioned here also that some improvements were made on the parsonage.

On the same Sunday as St. John's, Waterloo, St. John's in Petawawa celebrated an unusual festival: the dedication of the first rural parish hall within the Synod. A large festival congregation and friends from the neighboring congregations gathered before the parish-house in the afternoon. After the singing of hymns, scripture-lesson and prayer the door was opened by the pastor loci, Rev. A. Grunwald, and the building set apart for its purpose by a further service in the assembly hall. Addresses were given by Rev. K. Blohm and the President of Synod. In the evening Rev. Ebinger, of Ottawa, spoke to the young people and the pastor loci gave an illustrated lecture on Dr. Martin Luther's life. The parish hall is built in the style of a modern school, 40x60 ft., and consists of hall, auditorium and platform. The kitchen is located in the basement.

On Oct. 25th, 1925, St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, Rev. A. G. Jacobi, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the dedication of

its church. On this day two altar-chairs and memorial-windows were dedicated. Rev. Prof. N. Willison, Litt. D., preached on Luke 5:4 at the morning service. In the afternoon Rev. L. McCreery spoke on the work of the pastors and the congregation during its 50 years of existence, and at the evening service Rev. Theo. Iseler spoke on "The Church."

On Nov. 22nd, 1925, Zion Church, Massey, Rev. J. Koehle, was privileged to dedicate its village church, purchased from the Presbyterians and completely changed and renovated. Rev. G. Brackebusch and General Secretary P. Ludwig, who were on a tour through the Mission fields, were the Festival speakers.

St. Peter's Church, Ottawa, Rev. L. McCreery, has undertaken considerable changes on its church property. The basement has been changed so that it meets all requirements of the Luther League and Sunday School. The Luther League presented a piano to the congregation.

On March 25th, 1926, Rev. L. Kalbfleisch, Elmira, informed me that the St. James congregation had sold its old parsonage for \$2575.00, and that during the summer a two-storey modern parsonage would be erected beside the church. Building is now in progress and is to be finished in September.

5. PERSONAL.

1. Marriages: The following pastors were married by Rev. J. Schmieder:

On June 17th, 1925, Rev. S. J. Wittig and Miss Delphine Louise Kraemer, Kitchener.

On June 18th, 1925, Rev. Edgar J. Fischer and Miss Irene Christine Heldmann of Kitchener.

On June 23rd, 1925, Rev. Carl Raymond Cronmiller, and Miss Martha Auguste Margaret Schaefer, of Kitchener.

On Oct. 6th, 1925, Rev. C. Zarnke, and Miss Delphine Marie Scheifele of Conestogo.

On Nov. 9th, 1925, Rev. Hans Mangelsen and Miss Katherine Schmidt of Milverton, were married in the parsonage at Listowel by Rev. R. Geelhaar.

2.—Jubilees: On June 17th, 1925, Missionary Rev. E. Neudoerffer, India, celebrated his silver jubilee. The congratulations and felicitations of the Synod as also a jubilee gift from the brethren were transmitted to him by cable.

On Sept. 23rd, 1925, Rev. and Mrs. Schroeder, of Pembroke, were permitted to celebrate the rare, but happy festival of their golden wedding. Rev. P. Kleine, President of the Eastern Conference, conducted the church service in Zion Church. May our Heavenly Father grant the venerable Jubilee couple a peaceable eve of life!

On Dec. 5th, 1925, it was 50 years since Rev. E. Neudoerffer, Sr., was ordained to the holy office of the ministry. Rev. Neudoerffer resides with his daughter in Mooretown, N.J. Greetings and felicitations of the brethren were sent to him by wire, and the usual jubilee gift by letter through Rev. E. Holm.

On Dec. 17th, 1925, there gathered in Waterloo in spite of the approaching Christmas Festival, 24 pastors in order to celebrate in the Seminary chapel, among the professors, a number of students, and the befriending families, the 25th jubilee of ordination of Rev. Prof. H. Schorten. Rev. Dr. Hoffmann and the undersigned delivered addresses befitting the occasion, and Rev. Dr. Maurer and Rev. Prof. Henkel acted at the altar. Rev. Holm presented the Jubilee gift in the name of the pastors and Rev. R. Geelhaar the greetings and also a present from the Listowel parish.

Toward the end of February, 1926, the St. Matthew's congregation at Hanover commemorated the close of the 30th year of the pastorate of Rev. H. Twietmeyer. Of the active pastors of the Synod Rev. Twietmeyer is now the longest at one and the same church.

3.—Distinction: An especial honor and well merited distinction was given to the senior of our Synod, the Rev. Fr. Veit, Kitchener. On the recommendation of the Faculty of the School of Arts at Waterloo, A. O. Potter, Ph.D., Dean, the Rev. Fr. Veit was granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Western University, London, Ont. The Synod rejoices with its senior, accords him cordial greetings and expresses its gratitude for his many faithful services.

4.—Sickness and Death. With joy we can report that Rev. H. Hamfeldt has since a few months back completely recovered from a long illness, and Rev. K. Blohm also, looks with more hope and courage into the future and feels stronger again, now having a less arduous field of labor. Pastors W. A. Schmidt and A. G. Jacobi were also afflicted with sickness.

Unfortunately also the parsonage inmates of Kitchener (St. Matthew's), Sebastopol and Ellice have had hard and dread battles with disease which are not yet entirely won. In our prayers

we will remember the pastors' wives and families before God's Throne of Grace and pray Him to let His Mercy be new each morn, and to help.

With deep sorrow and sadness the entire Synod, pastors and congregations, received the message of the passing of its greatest leader and teacher, Rev. Dr. E. Hoffmann. Seized with a chill at the time of preparation of his Easter sermon for his little congregation in St. Jacobs, he had to take to his bed during the afternoon, and soon pneumonia set in. On Sunday, April 11th, 1926, at half past ten in the evening, surrounded by his family, he was privileged to enter into the joy of his Lord. With our late highly respected Dr. Hoffmann, a noble, highly talented figure has passed on. None did and could serve the Lutheran Church in Canada in so many various offices and in so many ways as Dr. Hoffmann. He was also well-known beyond the boundaries of Canada, and his word and appearance were of great influence. The funeral service took place on April 14th. A private service for the family was conducted in the home at 1.30 p.m. by Rev. C. S. Roberts, and a public service was held in St. Matthew's church, founded by the deceased, in which the pastors of Synod, the Seminary Board, the Faculties, and Student body took part. The English oration was delivered by Rev. Dr. Zinck, President of the Seminary and College, and the German sermon by the President of Synod. The church has suffered a great loss, but we submit under the Almighty Hand of God Who is Providence indeed, and we pray with the Psalmist: "Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

A few days later the parsonage in Toledo was placed in mourning through the death of a grandchild.

Let it be also mentioned here that Rev. J. Badke, for many years a member of the Canada Synod, died at an advanced age, toward the end of February, 1926, in Brantford, and was buried by Rev. Cronmiller.

The cordial sympathy of the Synod is hereby extended to all in their sorrow.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On June 15th, 1925, the undersigned attended as delegate of Synod, the 135th meeting of the New York Ministerium at Niagara Falls, N.Y., Rev. H. Brezing, pastor loci. Your President enjoyed the privilege of addressing the convention and of conveying to it the greetings of the Canada Synod. This day was

exclusively devoted to the merger-question. The result of the discussion was the resolution to table this matter until the special meeting to be held in the fall of 1925. At this special meeting on Nov. 10th and 11th, 1925, some alterations of the submitted constitution were made and then the proposed constitution adopted. Therefore the merger of the New York Synod and the New York and New England Synod with the Ministerium of New York may be expected in the near future.

Your President, together with Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn, D.D., and Rev. H. Sperling, Ph. D., also attended the German General Conference of the U. L. C. in Mt. Vernon; Rev. G. V. Bosse, pastor, on Oct. 20th and 21st, 1925. For the information of this body may it be said that this Conference is sanctioned by the U.L.C., but is without legislative authority, and submits its resolutions and recommendations through the Committee on German Interests to the U.L.C. It concerns itself with the problem of German Education, Publications and Mission interests. 150 delegates were present. The convention was honored by the presence of Rev. Dr. F. H. Knubel, Rev. Dr. W. J. Morehead and Rev. Dr. F. G. Gottwald.

On July 23rd, 1925, a letter was received from Rev. M. Voss, then President of the Eastern Conference, stating that a free-conference between the pastors of the Canada and Missouri Synod was held and that the wish had been expressed to ask the Executive Committee of Synod to appoint a committee that should meet a committee of the Missouri Synod at the close of the convention at Dashwood. As we were informed that the Committee on Co-operation had planned to go to Dashwood, the matter was referred to this committee with the request to give it the proper attention. Rev. Dr. Klaehn, chairman of above committee sent into the Executive Committee a comprehensive report. We assume that this Committee will also submit a short report to the Synod.

On Dec. 16th, 1925, I received a letter from Rev. Prof. C. V. Pilcher, D.D., Wycliffe College, Toronto, in which I was requested to appoint a committee to discuss with a committee of the Anglican and United Church the organizing of a Canadian Council of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches." In order to furnish sufficient information to the Synod the Revds. J. Maurer, D.D., Vice-President of Synod; P. S. Baringer and C. F. Christiansen, were appointed such a committee, and Rev. Pilcher notified that this committee would participate in order to obtain further information.

Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn, D.D., attended the opening of Parliament at Ottawa, on Jan. 7th and 8th, 1926, as representative of

the Lutheran Church. This afforded him as he reports, an opportunity to meet the Consul-Generals of the Lutheran countries and discuss the Immigration work.

In Oct. 1925, Rev. Dr. Hoffmann resigned as President of Waterloo College and Seminary. Rev. Dr. Zinck was appointed by the Board of Governors as his successor, and took charge of this important position on Jan. 1st, 1926. May the Lord of the Church bless him in his high, responsible office, and may the Synod, pastors and congregations faithfully support him!

7. RECOMMENDATIONS.

As the work and obligations of the Synod are continually expanding and becoming more important, and this means the utilization of our whole strength, it would be advisable to create alongside of the Young People's organization and Women's Missionary Society, also a men's organization. Your President recommends to the honorable Synod the appointment of a committee for the purpose of uniting the local men's organizations into a Synodical Brotherhood.

As is generally known, a campaign for the Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund is to be initiated on Reformation Sunday, 1927. For two years plans have been made and discussions taken place. When it is put into effect it should be made a complete success. It is the duty of the Church to support this cause energetically. It is doubly the duty of the Lutheran Church because she does not place her pastors in as favorable a position financially, as other denominations, which above that grant also a higher pension. The Co-operating committee named for this purpose, will suggest to Synod a certain plan. The undersigned would earnestly request at this time that the pastors lay aside all false modesty as to presenting the work to their people, but above all give the Board all information desired; that our lay delegates give this plan full publicity in the congregations, talk about it, and make this drive as easy and unembarrassing to the pastors as possible; that every congregation participate in this drive; and that the Synod set apart one evening of its convention of 1927 for this purpose.

As in former years, the Synod should this year also request the Conference to hold joint Reformation Services in their districts.

The wish has been expressed that a Hoffmann Memorial volume be published. Besides a biography and testimonial of his services also a selection of his sermons and literary works should be included. Such a Memorial volume would render decided as-

sistance to the Seminary Board in the collection of a Hoffmann Endowment Fund.

Other matters which await the decision of Synod will be brought forward by the Committee on Correspondence.

Herewith I have reached the end of my report and hope to have given an account of the outstanding occurrences of the last year. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be among us with His Blessing, direct us through His Holy Spirit, and strengthen us in brotherly communion. We commend our dear Church with all her needs, cares and problems to Him, the Thrice-Holy, for His is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory.

J. REBLE,

President, Canada Synod.

Hamilton, Ont., June 3rd, 1926.

This report was received and handed to a committee on President's report, to which the President appointed the following brethren: Pastors Henkel, Baringer, Kutter, Alberti, Gomann, and Delegates Bitzer, Klaehn, Ramsperger and Summerfeldt.

On motion the chair was authorized to appoint a Press Committee for the daily and Church papers. Pastors Grotke, Little and Alberti and Delegate Lidkie were appointed to this committee.

The President appointed as a Committee on Conference Minutes: Pastors Maas, Mosig, Dr. Sperling, W. A. Schmidt, Jacobi, and Delegates Wolff, Kalbfleisch and Pfeffer.

At this time the President introduced to Synod, Mayor Treleven of Hamilton, who addressed the Synod, welcoming the pastors, delegates and visitors. Rev. Dr. J. Maurer, Vice-President of Synod, made a suitable reply. It being the King's birthday, the English Secretary of Synod offered prayer in behalf of the King and Empire, after which the Synod joined in singing the National Anthem.

The President appointed the following committees:

Committee on Proceedings of Sunday School Conventions—
Pastors Rembe, Jr.; Grunwald, Howald, Heller, and delegates G. Casselman, Westcott (Hamilton), and Fischer (Walkerton).

Committee on Meetings of Church Councils— Pastors Lamack, J. O. Schmidt and Schuelke, and delegates Reckin, Krug and Egerde,

Committee on Apportionment—Pastors Pfeiffer and Kalbfeisch; delegates Hollinger and Lorch.

Committee on Correspondence—Dr. Klaehn, Pastors McCreery, Schmieder, Grotke, Stockman, Cooper, and delegates Miller (Dunbar), Whitteker (Williamsburg), Pepler and Pauli.

Tellers—Pastors Mangelson, Blohm, Wittig, Kirchhofer, and delegates Lidkie, Gordier and Dahmer.

ELECTIONS:

President	Rev. J. Reble
Vice-President	Rev. J. Maurer, D.D.
German Secretary	Rev. H. Schorten
English Secretary	Rev. A. A. Zinck, D.D.
(Prof. H. Henkel was elected as assistant to the German Secretary.)	
Treasurer	Rev. E. Holm
Reporter to Lutherische Herold	Rev. J. Alberti
Reporter to The Lutheran	Rev. N. Willison, Litt.D.
Archivist	Rev. H. Henkel
Statistician	Rev. O. Stockman
Necrologist	Rev. H. R. Mosig

The President now welcomed Rev. E. H. Boettger, fraternal delegate of the New York and New England Synod, who brought greetings from that body, to which the President made suitable response.

He also welcomed Rev. E. F. Bachman, D.D., President of the Board of Inner Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, who addressed the Synod, assuring it of the interest and support of the United Lutheran Church in its Inner Mission Work. He also pleaded for young women to become deaconesses. The President expressed the gratitude of Synod for his address.

At 11.40 a.m. Synod adjourned, using the Lord's Prayer.

MEETING OF THE MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium met in St. Paul's Church at 2.00 p.m., June 3rd, 1926.

Report of the Examining Committee.

We, the undersigned, have the honor to present to the Reverend Ministerium of the Canada Synod, the following report:

1. That we investigated the dismissal of Rev. Ernst Tuerkheim, of Edmonton, Alberta, former member of the Manitoba

Synod, and the testimonies of the candidates of Theology, Messrs William Schultz and James Vorkoper, of Waterloo Seminary.

2. That the results of consultation and examination of the respective gentlemen have proved to be satisfactory.

3. That we recommend to this reverend body the Rev. Ernst Tuerkheim, stationed at Sullivan, for Synodical membership, and the Candidates Schultz and Vorkoper for ordination and reception into the membership of the Canada Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. J. MAURER,
DR. H. A. SPERLING,
C. C. J. MAAS,
S. W. HIRTLE,
L. M. McCREERY,
E. GOMANN.

The report was adopted.

Rev. E. Tuerkheim was recommended to Synod for reception into full membership. Candidates Schultz and Vorkoper were recommended to Synod for Ordination at the Service on Sunday Morning, June 6th, and reception into full membership on the following morning.

The Ministerium adjourned at 2.15 p.m., the President pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

FIRST SESSION (Continued)

Thursday, June 3rd, 1926, 2.15 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hamilton.

The President declared the session open for business. The Minutes of the morning session were read in both German and English, and adopted.

Rev. H. Henkel resigned as assistant to the German Secretary. Rev. E. Schuelke was elected in his place.

The Report of the Ministerium.

Mr. President:

The Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada having heard the report of the Examining Committee hereby recommend to Synod:

1. That the Rev. E. Tuerkheim, of Sullivan Parish, who comes with a letter of honorable dismissal from the Manitoba Synod, be received into full membership with this body.

2. That Candidates Schultz and Vorkoper, who have graduated from the Waterloo Seminary, and received calls to congregations in this Synod, be ordained at the Sunday Morning Service, June 6th, and received into full membership with Synod on the following morning.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. ZINCK,

Eng. Secretary.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Maurer introduced the Rev. E. Tuerkheim to Synod, and the latter signed the Constitution of Synod.

Dr. Little reported that he had a matter concerning the German-English Catechism of the Synod to which he desired to call the attention of Synod. Rev. J. Alberti stated that he was ready to report for the Committee on the German English Catechism.

Rev. P. W. Mueller stated that he had a matter on which he requested information, and that he desired to raise some questions concerning the constitution of Synod.

Rev. P. S. Baringer stated that he proposed to present resolutions regarding entertainment of Synod, a change in the time of meeting of Synod, and a syllabus of all reports to Synod. He also gave notice of a motion regarding a Dr. Hoffman memorial.

Rev. M. O. Heller asked information regarding Legal difficulties in the Province of Quebec, and some difficulties in the Eastern Conference.

Rev. E. Holm reported that he wanted information concerning the payment of travelling expenses.

Mr. W. G. Berner reported that his congregation (St. Paul's, Toronto) had forwarded a letter to Synod seeking information on certain points.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA

Dear Brethren:

Your Executive Committee has met four times since the last Synodical Convention, July 3rd and November 3rd, 1925, and

May 5th and June 2nd, 1926. Each meeting, except the last, was held in the Seminary office at Waterloo, the last meeting was held in the Parsonage, 104 Hughson St., Hamilton. The following matters are brought to your attention.

1. At the meeting on July 3rd, 1925, a letter dated June 12th, 1925, was read, written by Dr. Freas, Executive Secretary of the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church, regarding Immigrant Mission Work in Canada. The Executive Committee gratefully accepted the offer of the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church to provide \$2,000 as salary for an immigrant Missionary, the Synod to provide a suitable residence for him in Montreal. The yearly appropriation for such residence should not exceed \$800. In order to meet this expense until January First, 1926, the President of Synod was authorized to send a circular letter to all the pastors and congregations explaining the matter and asking that a special offering be devoted to this purpose.

A Synodical Committee on Inner Missions was elected to look after this work, namely, President Reble, Pastors M. Voss and M. O. Heller, with Messrs J. C. Casselman, (Montreal) and A. Loa (Ottawa).

Pastor O. C. D. Klaehn, D.D., was recommended to the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church as a suitable Immigrant Mission Pastor for Canada. He was called by that Board for this work, and since October First, 1925, has carried on his work among the immigrants at Montreal and other Canadian harbours.

At the Executive Meeting of November Third, it was decided to include \$1800 in the Synodical Budget to be used for Inner Missions, and to instruct the Inner Mission Committee that it could expect not more than \$1200 of this sum. The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to forward these funds to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Synodical Inner Mission Committee.

The Synodical Treasurer was authorized to borrow, if necessary, not more than \$800 from the Mission Fund until January First, 1927.

2. On July 3rd, 1925, a letter from the Women's Missionary Society of Canada was received by your committee containing two requests:

(a) The establishment of a Young Women's Hospice in Kitchener.

(b) The appointment of a deaconess at Montreal, who could assist in Port Work. The former request was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Lutheran Pastors of Kitchener and Waterloo, to consider and report on at a later meeting. The latter request was referred to the Inner Mission Committee of Synod.

3. The question of calling a Mission Superintendent for Synod was discussed. Dr. Maurer was appointed to take the matter up with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church, in order to ascertain what assistance they would give in this project. The correspondence in the matter is not yet complete.

4. At the July meeting it was decided that either the President or Vice-President of Synod should visit the Michigan Synod and discuss with it the dismissal of the congregations at Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie to the Canada Synod. Dr. Maurer, the Vice-President, visited the Michigan Synod, and reported at the November meeting of your Committee, that the Michigan Synod stood ready to dismiss both congregations to our Synod, so soon as these congregations expressed their desire to be so dismissed. At the Executive meeting of May 5th, 1926, Dr. Maurer reported that he had assisted at the installation of Pastor Cooper at Sault Ste. Marie, and that this Congregation had decided to join the Canada Synod.

5. At the July Meeting a committee was named to prepare the Synodical Budget for 1926. At the November meeting this committee presented the following Budget, which was adopted.

Seminary	\$ 18,000
Synodical Treasury and Aid Fund	7,000
Sinking Fund	5,000
Building Fund	500
Montreal Inner Mission Fund	1,800
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Total	\$ 32,300
United Lutheran Church Apportionment	34,984
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	\$ 67,284

It was also decided that the system of distribution of apportionment to the Congregations hitherto in use in the Canada Synod be continued for the present.

6. At the November meeting a report of the Committee on Co-operation with other Lutheran Bodies was read. This report is left for disposal by the Synod.

7. The Synodical Committee on Education reported to the November meeting, recommending:

(a) That aid to the extent of \$200 be granted to Student Irwin Gross of the Waterloo Seminary.

(b) That Art. 7, Sec. 1, Sub. Sec. 1, of the Constitution be changed to read: "This Committee shall consist of three pastors and two laymen to be appointed annually by the Synod."

This Report was adopted and part (b) referred to Synod for action.

Treasurer Holm recommended the following change in the By-Laws: "That in By-Law 2, Section 5, the word "Quarterly" be changed to "Semi-annually", and the words "Seminary Board" be changed to "President of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada". This was approved by the Executive Committee and referred to Synod.

8. At the May meeting a letter addressed to the President of Synod by Student Irwin Gross was considered and the following actions taken:

(a) That Student Irwin Gross be given no further opportunity to preach or supply pulpits in this Synod, because of his theological position which would prevent him from signing the constitution of Synod.

(b) That Mr. Gross be notified by the President of Synod that the Executive Committee of Synod held him morally obligated to return the \$200 previously advanced to him by the Treasurer of Synod.

9. A Committee appointed by the President of Synod to seek information concerning the formation of a "Canadian Council of the World Alliance for promoting international friendship through the churches" reported on May Fifth, 1926, to the Executive Committee. This report was returned to the Committee with instructions to present it at the Synodical Convention.

10. The Executive Committee recommends that the Delegates to the meeting of the United Lutheran Church be nominated by the Nomination Committee, and elected by Synod.

11. A recommendation of the Synodical Inner Mission Committee concerning necessary Pastoral care for the many Finlanders now immigrating to Canada was adopted at the May meeting and referred to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, by whom it was handed to the Board of Immigrant Missions of the United Lutheran Church.

12. The President was authorized to secure a Synodical Seal bearing an inscription in English.

13. The following committees were named by the Executive Committee during the year.

(a) Auditors for the books of the Synodical Treasurer: Pastors H. L. Henkel and A. Grunwald, and Delegate Geo. Dahmer.

(b) Mission Fund Committee: Pastors H. Twietmeyer and E. Holm, and Mr. H. N. Huehn (Heidelberg).

(c) Pastor E. Gomann was elected to the Examining Committee in place of Pastor J. Alberti who resigned.

14. At the meeting of June 2nd, 1926, applications for admission to Synod were read from Zion English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sault Ste. Marie, and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wallace Township, Perth County. Both applications were accompanied by the Constitutions of the congregations concerned, which constitutions were found to be in harmony with the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

The Executive Committee therefore recommends that both these congregations be received into membership with this Synod.

By authority of the Executive Committee of Synod,

A. A. ZINCK,
English Secretary.

On motion the report was received, and items 4 and 14 given first consideration.

Dr. A. H. Keck, President of the Michigan Synod, brought greetings from that body and also from the United Lutheran Church in America. He reported on the organization of the congregations at Windsor and the Sault, and declared that the Executive Committee of the Michigan Synod had recommended to both congregations that they should join the Canada Synod. A suitable reply to Dr. Keck was made by Dr. Willison.

A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Keck and to the Michigan Synod for the kindness and splendid spirit which they have manifested.

Points 4 and 14 of the report of the Executive Committee were now adopted. The remaining points were adopted in order. The report was adopted as a whole.

At 4.00 p.m. Synod adjourned until 9.00 a.m., Friday, using the Lord's Prayer.

At 4.00 p.m. a memorial service was held for the late Dr. E. Hoffmann, a former President of this Synod, and formerly President of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, who died April 11th, 1926. Beautiful addresses were made by Rev. H. Hamfeldt and Rev. N. Willison, Litt.D. Dr. O. C. D. Klaehn acted as Liturgist.

SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 4th, 1926, 9.00 a.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hamilton.

The Matin Service was read by Rev. J. Maurer, D.D., Vice-President of the Synod. Roll was called. The German and English minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

On motion it was decided that the address of Pastor Hamfeldt at the Hoffmann Memorial Service be printed in the Lutherische Herold and the Canada Lutheran, and that it be printed in Pamphlet form and distributed among the congregations.

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Committee begs leave to report its activities and the work under its supervision, as follows:

This Committee as appointed in the late summer of 1925, by the Executive Committee of Synod, numbers five men: Pastors Reble, Voss and Heller, and Messrs. Loa (Ottawa) and Casselman (Montreal). This committee met for its first meeting at Ottawa, Sept. 11th, 1925, its second at Montreal, April 27th, and its third in Hamilton, June 2, 1926. At the first meeting the Inner Mission Board of the U.L.C. was represented by Rev. Siever, Sec. of Immigration, and at its second meeting by Rev. Freas, Secretary of the Board. The Committee officers are Rev. Reble, Chairman, and Rev. Heller, Sec.-Treas. The work of the Committee involves two fields of activity, (1) Immigration, (2) Institutional.

As for the former, definite steps were taken last summer. Dr. Klaehn was called from his parish at Stratford, Ont., by the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church, to become Immigrant Pastor in Eastern Canada, with headquarters in Montreal. He assumed charge officially Oct. 1st, 1925. His experience and contacts as President of the Lutheran Immigration Board of Canada, serving as a groundwork upon which to build without delay. As arranged between the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church, and the Executive Committee

of our Synod. Dr. Klaehn's salary is being paid by the I.M.B., while all the expenses involved in the work, including house rent for the pastor, are to be met by the Synod. The Committee estimated a budget of \$150 per month to cover all needs. For the months just passed this was reduced to \$100 by the action of the Executive Committee.

It may be noted that in method of operation Dr. Klaehn is responsible to your Committee, to whom he makes monthly reports, while your Committee is responsible to the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church and the Executive Committee of our Synod, to whom they in turn make monthly reports of Dr. Klaehn's activity, and to whom also they present copies of the minutes of their meetings.

In these eight months of activity such commendable progress has been made by your Immigrant Pastor, in laying the foundation of general Lutheran Immigration work in Canada, that your Committee voices its sentiment in hearty approval of the selection of Dr. Klaehn to fill this important post. His natural inclination to be incessantly active stands him in good stead in meeting the many demands on his time which this position requires.

The estimated annual Lutheran immigration is 20,000 per year. All third class immigrants disembark at Quebec, St. John and Halifax, and continue to Montreal by rail. Through the co-operation of the immigrant workers of the United Church of Canada at these ports of entry, the names and points of destination are forwarded to Dr. Klaehn at Montreal and cases needing attention specifically noted. These names are in turn forwarded by Dr. Klaehn to the N.Y. office, for further distribution to the pastors in the neighborhoods where the immigrants settle. Your Committee would emphasise that all of us in our respective communities face a tremendous responsibility in looking after the welfare of these new comers to our shores. In this connection, as a special matter of interest, it may be noted that this recent entrance into the work of the Inner Mission field has been the means of acquainting us with Home Mission problems, affecting our Scandinavian and Finnish brethren in particular, which constitute a real challenge to our Church. We would urge your close attention to these matters as they occur in other reports and also on the floor of Synod.

As for the second field of activity coming under our supervision, namely institutional work, little has been done. A survey of our Synodical field was attempted by mail last fall, but met with little response. The Committee will attempt to formulate plans to coincide with the peculiar conditions in our Synod, but

their success of operation will depend entirely upon the support and co-operation given by our pastors. Aside from caring for our own constituency, Institutional work is our most fruitful opportunity for reaching and ministering to the great body of the unchurched.

M. O. HELLER.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income

Inner Mission Board Salary Checks	\$1333 28
Synodical Expense Checks	900 00
To Dr. Klaehn's Moving Expense	180 00
Special Contributions	33 87
Interest	55
	\$2447 70

Disbursements

Rent	\$ 66 66
Salary	489 96
Stationery	1333 28
Moving	34 39
Committee Expense	180 00
Missionary's Expense	20 62
Almanac, Lutheran	121 66
Exchange	2 00
Postage	2 85
Telephone	3 80
Book (Treas.)	12 29
	65
	\$2268 16

Balance, June 1, 1926 \$ 179 54

M. O. HELLER.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Bachman, Chairman of the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church addressed the Synod on its Inner Mission problems, congratulating its Inner Mission Committee on its activity. Dr. O. C. D. Klaehn, gave an excellent review of the work which he is carrying on at the Port of Montreal. He asked that the members of Synod take an individual interest in his work, and assist him in an effort to place Lutheran immigrants in Lutheran communities. He answered several questions asked by the brethren.

The President was authorized to appoint a committee to formulate resolutions to stimulate interest in the Inner Mission work at Montreal. He referred the matter to the Inner Mission Committee of Synod.

On motion it was decided to defer until next year, action on the change in Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution of Synod as proposed on page 24 of the printed English Minutes of 1925.

The report of the Nominating Committee was now received and voting took place. The session was extended ten minutes.

Rev. P. S. Baringer introduced to Synod the Rev. Dr. I. Chantry Hoffman, Eastern District Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America, Dr. C. S. Bauslin, College Secretary of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America, and Mr. Grant Hultberg, Manager of the United Lutheran Publication House at Philadelphia. The President heartily welcomed these brethren to the Convention.

Delegate Pauli of Stratford, and Delegate Westcott of Trinity, Hamilton, were excused for Saturday's Sessions.

The Synod adjourned at 12.00 noon, the President pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

SECOND SESSION (Continued)

Thursday, June 4th, 1926, 2.00 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Hamilton, Ont.

The President declared the meeting open for business.

The minutes of the previous session were read in German and English, and adopted.

Dr. Bauslin addressed the Synod stressing the importance of religious education throughout the entire school life of our young people. He appealed for greater consecration and more united effort in prosecuting the work of the Church. The President expressed the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Bauslin. Dr. I. Chantry Hoffman of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension brought greetings from his Board and also from the United Lutheran Church. He commended the work of the Synod, and gave brief reports of the Jewish Mission Board, the Immigrant Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, appealing for united effort in evangelization. President Reble thanked him and asked him to convey the greetings of the body to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

Rev. Paul Ludwig, superintendent of the Board of Northwestern Missions of the United Lutheran Church brought greetings from that body, and spoke of his recent trip of visitation to Texas, the Northwest Provinces and to Ontario. He urged self-

support on the part of some of the congregations at present receiving aid. He announced that during this year the newly organized Board of American Missions would likely begin to function.

Mr. Grant Hultberg, Manager of the United Lutheran Publication House of Philadelphia, spoke of the work of the Parish and Church School Board, and of the Board of Publication. He reported the revision of the Graded Course to be known as the Christian Life Course, and the preparation of a new Sunday School Hymnal. The Board of Publication issued last year 200,000 books, 600,000 tracts and 28,000,000 pieces of Sunday School literature and similar tracts. He brought the personal greetings of the Rev. C. R. Tappert, Editor of the *Lutherische Herold*.

The Rev. H. Hamfeldt, who previously at his own request, was honorably dismissed to the Ohio Synod of the United Lutheran Church in a few well chosen words of farewell, expressed his gratitude for the fellowship with Synod of the past years, and prayed the Divine blessing upon the Synod for the future. President Reble thanked Pastor Hamfeldt for his interest in and support of the Canadian work and wished God's richest blessing for him and his congregation in their new relationship.

The President welcomed Dr. Potter, Dean of Waterloo College.

Miss E. Szember, Canadian Missionary on furlough from India, spoke of the work in India, its methods, and the wisdom of supporting the Christian Education Programme in the Indian Field. President Reble thanked her for her address.

Mrs. M. Hagey, representative of the Women's Missionary Society of the Canada Synod, presented the report of that organization. On motion this report was received and ordered spread on the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Waterloo, June 1st, 1926.

To the President,

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Dear Sir:—

On behalf of the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada, I beg leave to submit the following report:

We are pleased to state that there has been a steady growth in every department of our work. A few societies, both senior and junior have been added.

Practically every church in your Synod has been approached, urging organization of a W.M.S. and we are pleased to report gratifying interest in most cases.

A special effort has been made to form Young Women's Missionary Societies to prevent a break in the work between the Light Brigade, the children's Society, and the Women's Missionary Society.

We congratulate you in obtaining so capable a port worker in Montreal, as Dr. Klaehn, and we trust that in the near future he may have a deaconess to assist him to welcome and advise the Lutheran Women as they enter our country.

Enclosed find our Financial Statement from January, 1925-January 1926:

Quarterly Dues	\$ 592 20
Synodical Dues	65 00
Offerings at last Convention	54 42
Interest	18 22
Thank-Offering	226 25
Life Membership and In Memoriam	135 00
Bien. Convention Expense Fund	28 20
Canada Lutheran	38 00
Self-Denial Offering	204 89
Foreign Missions	81 00
Indian Lace Industry (thread money)	26 50
Girls' School in Japan	17 50
Light Brigade Work	157 08
Patron and Protege Work	90 00
Seminary Auxiliary	1,294 20
Total	<u> </u> \$ 3028 46

Thanking you for past favours and hoping for your continued support, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. BORNHOLDT,

President, W.M.S.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CATECHISM

Your Committee was not in a position to report to the Convention of the Synod held in Sebastopol in 1925. This year, however, we wish to submit the following report:

(1). The manager of the Lutheran Book Room in charge of sale of the catechism, reported to your committee that May 1, 1926, 57 copies of the first 1000 copies were on hand.

(2) The second 1000 copies were in the hands of the binder, in preparation for future sale.

(3). The proceeds of the sale of 943 copies, deducting the sum of \$100.00 received by your committee on January 29th, 1924, have not been transferred by the manager of the Book Room to your committee.

Your Committee recommends that the financing of the catechism be turned over to the hands of the Executive Board of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

O. STOCKMANN,
C. ZIEGLER,
J. ALBERTI.

The report was adopted.

The President appointed as an auditing committee for the books of the Canada Lutheran: Messrs. Casselman (Morrisburg) and Gordier (Guelph).

Rev. O. Stockman, Statistician of Synod, reported for the year 1925. The report was adopted.

(See Pages 36, 37, 38, 39, 40)

The following ruling was adopted to apply in cases of non-synodical congregations, which fail to respond to the Statistician's request for a report: "Be it resolved that when a congregation nonsynodical, fails to send in a report, the statistician be instructed to leave such congregation from the list of congregations named on the statistician's report."

On motion the Synod expressed its hearty thanks to the Statistician for his careful and painstaking work in gathering the statistics.

The tellers reported the following elections:

Executive Committee—Pastors Schmieder, Baringer, Stockman; Delegates Bitzer, Casselman (Montreal), Klaehn (Kitchener).

German Home Mission Committee—Pastors Reble, Brackebusch, Christiansen; Delegates Dahmer (Consetogo) and Zoeller (New Hamburg).

English Home Mission Committee—Dr. Maurer, Pastors W. A. Schmidt and Gruhn, and Delegates Casselman (Ottawa), and Westcott (Hamilton).

Educational Committee—Pastors Cooper, Wittig, Howald, Lamack, Pfeiffer, and Delegates Fischer (Walkerton), Borger (Brantford), Liesemer (Normanby), Krug (Chesley), Schmidt (Philipsburg).

Examining Committee—To serve three years: Pastors McCreery and Schorten.

Trustees of Mission Fund: Pastors Holm and Twietmeyer and Delegate Gordier.

Nomination Committee: Pastors Little, Alberti, Mosig, Willison, and Delegates from Waterloo, Hamilton (Trinity), Stratford, Ottawa.

Legal Committee: Pastors Little, Reble, Maurer and Delegates Bitzer and Peppler (Tavistock).

Committee on Care of Orphans: Pastors Kirchhofer and Kalbfleisch, and Delegate Becker of Logan.

Directorate of Book Room: To serve two years: Rev. A. C. Grotke and Delegates Klaehn (Kitchener), and Ziegler (Waterloo).

Seminary Board: Two pastors for three years, and two laymen for two years; Pastors Maurer and Alberti, and Delegates Casselman (Montreal) and Zoeller (New Hamburg).

Trustees of Ministers' Aid Fund: For three years, Pastor Twietmeyer, and Delegate C. M. Whittaker (Williamsburg).

Music Committee: Pastors Schmieder and Schorten, and Mr. O. Smith, Kitchener.

Committee on Church Architecture: Doctors Little and Sperling, and Delegates Pfeffer (Elmwood) and Egerde (New Dundee).

Officers of Canada Lutheran:

Editor in Chief—Dr. N. Willison.

Managing Editor—Rev. J. Koehle.

Associate Editor—Rev. W. H. Knauff.

Business Manager—Rev. F. L. Howald.

Advertising Manager—Rev. F. L. Howald.

Rev. F. L. Howald resigned as Business Manager and Advertising Manager of the Canada Lutheran, and Rev. J. Mangelson was elected in his place.

TOTALS FOR 1925.

68 Pastors, 92 Congregations.

Baptized membership 26,360, increase 1,333.

Confirmed membership 17,647, increase 1,008.

Communing members 14,121, increase 742, or 80% of confirmed membership communing in 1925.

In 92 congregations are 80 Sunday Schools with 827 officers and teachers and 6,223 scholars,—against 1924 an increase of 3 S Schools, 37 teachers and 670 scholars.

Total valuation of Church Property amounts to \$1,355,430, with an indebtedness of \$104,673.

Congregational expenses \$172,355, increase \$24,971.

Average per confirmed member \$9.76.

Apportioned benevolence paid \$23,709, deficit \$35,217, excess \$26.00, decrease against 1924 of \$1,873 paid. 42½% of appt. paid.

Total benevolence \$35,811 or \$2.03 per conf. member, a decrease against 1924 of \$5,571.

Total expenditures \$208,166 or \$11.79 per confirmed member. Against 1924 increase of \$19,400.

Full apportionments were paid by the following congregations:—

St. Matthew's, Conestogo, Rev. A. Grundwald, pastor.

St. Paul's, Morrisburg, Rev. A. G. Jacobi, pastor.

St. Peter's, Ottawa, Rev. L. M. McCreen, pastor.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

Dear Brethren:

It is the sad duty of your necrologist to report the deaths of the Rev. Emil Hoffmann, D.D., and the Rev. Julius Badke.

The Rev. Emil Hoffmann, D.D., was born March 1st, 1862, at Oebisfelde, Province Saxony, Germany. He died at his home, Waterloo, Ont., after an illness of one week, April 11th, 1926.

Dr. Hoffmann's preliminary education was received in the schools at "Halle". Graduated from the Theological Seminary at Kropp in 1886, and, on coming to Canada shortly thereafter, accepted a call to the North Easthope-Wellesley-Gadshill Parish.

In Nov. 1887 he married Miss Pauline Treusch.

In 1888 he accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. During his pastorate, at Hamilton he was elected President of the Synod of Canada, which position he held for sixteen years.

In April 1904 he accepted a call to St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener, which he had previously organized.

In 1911 he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination, and in the same year received the degree D.D., from Thiel College in recognition of his services to the Lutheran Church in Canada.

In 1912 he accepted a call to First Lutheran Church, Toronto. He was elected, at its organization, first President of the Board of Governors of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

In 1920 he resigned his pastorate in Toronto and accepted the Presidency of the Seminary to which the Board of Governors had called him, which position he held until Jan. 1, 1926, when he resigned the Presidency, but retained his professorship in the Faculty.

In 1923 he was appointed delegate to represent the Lutheran Church in Canada at the "Eisenach" convention in Germany.

In addition to his work at the Seminary he was also Pastor of St. James' Lutheran Church, St. Jacobs'.

In his death a life full of activity in the cause of the Master has ended. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Survivors are his widow, three sons, Frederick G., Walter J., and Paul H., and one daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) H. L. Merscher, four grandchildren, one brother, and two sisters.

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From the evil to come he is taken away and his memory shall be in peace.

The Rev. Julius Badke was born at Evanbusch, Preussen, Germany, May 19th, 1850. With his parents he came to Canada in 1864, the family establishing their home in Kitchener (then Berlin). He lived at Kitchener for six years. Leaving Kitchener he went to Chicago, and in 1875 entered Concordia Theological Seminary at Springfield, Ill., graduating in 1880. Oct. 21 of the same year he was married to Miss Elizabeth Rittinger of Kitchener, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The first seven years of his ministry were spent in Wisconsin. In 1887 he returned to Canada where he served the congregations at Conestogo, Bridgeport, Breslau, 1887-1889; Humberstone and district, 1889-1904; Brantford 1904-1907; Auburn 1907-1911. In 1911 he retired and until the time of his death resided in Brantford.

He died at his home the evening of April 30th, 1926. Services were conducted at the home and Church by his pastor, the Rev. C. Cronmiller, assisted by the Rev. A. C. E. Grotke, of Hespeler, after which the body was interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Brantford, May 3rd, 1926.

Besides his widow he leaves one daughter, Mrs. E. S. Neff, of Brantford, and one son E. F. Badke, of Toronto, and seven grandchildren.

We would recommend that Synod pass the following resolution:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His unsearchable wisdom to call from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, His servants, the Rev. Emil Hoffmann, and the Rev. Julius Badke, be it therefore resolved:

"That at this, the first meeting of our Synod following the deaths of these servants, we bow in submission to God's will, in prayer show our gratitude to God for the years of service rendered to the Church and ask Him for guidance and implore His comfort and mercy upon the Church and families in their sorrow and loss.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. E. GROTKE,

Necrologist.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Sperling and Delegate Schmidt, of Philipsburg, were excused for Saturday and Sunday.

At 5.15 p.m. the Synod adjourned, using the Lord's Prayer.

THIRD SESSION

Saturday, June 5th, 1926, 9.00 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Hamilton, Ont.

The Matin Service was conducted by Pastor C. P. Boerner.

Roll was called. The German and English minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

A Telegram was read from Rev. Neudoerffer, Kotagiri, India, conveying greetings to Synod and sympathy because of the death of Dr. E. Hoffmann.

The Ministerium was called to meet at the close of the morning session.

On motion the Lay Delegates were called to meet at the close of the afternoon session.

Mr. K. Homuth, M.P.P. for South Waterloo, was welcomed and given the privilege of the floor. He gave a report for the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief, as follows:

Hamilton, June 2nd, 1926.

The Synodical Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief met in St. Paul's Church with the following members present:

Rev. Mosig, New Hamburg; Rev. Holm, Conestoga; Mr. Kalbfleisch, Tavistock; Mr. Reckin, Wiarton; Mr. Westcott, Hamilton; Mr. Homuth, Preston, Mr. Casselman, Montreal.

Mr. Westcott was elected chairman of the Committee, and Mr. Homuth, Secretary.

Moved by K. Homuth, seconded by Mr. Kalbfleisch, that the representative of each conference be chairman of the organization of such conference, to be responsible for the organization in each congregation, and the collection of funds, and to cooperate with the chairmen of the other conferences in every way. Carried.

Moved by K. Homuth, seconded by Rev. Mosig, that Mr. Kalbfleisch of Tavistock be appointed special treasurer to administer the specially collected campaign expense funds. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Casselman, seconded by Mr. Reckin, that Rev. Mosig supply each chairman of a conference with a list of congregations, and the address of the pastors right after Synod. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Casselman, seconded by Mr. Kalbfleisch, that the Secretary write a series of articles on Ministerial Pensions and Relief, to be published in The Canada Lutheran. Carried.

The report was adopted.

It was resolved that we enter wholeheartedly into the campaign of the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief, and that our Synodical Committee be asked to co-operate fully with the General Committee in order that the \$5,000,000 be fully raised.

Rev. J. Koehle resigned as Managing Editor of the Canada Lutheran. Rev. W. H. Knauff was elected in his place. Rev. Knauff resigned as associate Editor of the Canada Lutheran, and Rev. J. Alberti was elected in his place.

Mr. A. Gordier resigned as Trustee of the Mission Fund; Mr. Edwin Winkler, of Hanover, was elected in his place.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SEMINARY OF CANADA

As English Secretary of the Board of Governors of the "Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada", I have pleasure in submitting the following report for the year 1925-26.

The Board held four regular meetings, and two adjourned meetings, throughout the year. In addition to the general routine business which naturally comes before the Board in ever increasing detail, owing to the growth of the institution other matters of vital importance were transacted. Dr. Willison was granted a year's leave of absence to do work at Queen's University, to qualify for the academic standard requisite for professor in our College of Arts. The Board congratulates Rev. Willison on the high standing attained throughout his course at Queen's, and for the competitive prize for poetry, which he won.

Mr. Valentine Zoeller of New Hamburg was elected by the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Louis Peine. There was no other change in the personnel of the Board throughout the year. The officers of the Board are: Rev. J. Maurer, D.D., President; Rev. J. Schmieder, German Secretary, and Rev. P. S. Baringer, English Secretary; and Mr. A. L. Bitzer, Treasurer.

At the September meeting Dr. E. Hoffmann resigned as President of the Institution, expressing the wish to be relieved of the very increasing and arduous duties of administration. He, however, continued as professor until he was called to his eternal reward on April 11th.

The resignation of Dr. Hoffmann from the presidency of the institution called for the immediate selection of a successor. Happily, after only a few months, the Board received the welcome news that Dr. A. A. Zinck would accept the call extended him by the Board.

Our institution functioning under a three-fold development has made marked progress throughout the year. The total enrollment of the institution was 84, distributed as follows: Seminary 11, College 38, College School 35.

The reports of the heads of the departments to the Board show marked progress.

Next year will be held the first graduation exercise of Waterloo College when the graduates will receive the degree of B.A. from Western University. Truly we are training up a more educated ministry through the functioning of a B.A. Course.

Naturally the matter of finances receives and needs to receive a great deal of earnest and careful consideration. While it is within the scope of the Secretary's Report to present an abstract of the Treasurer's Report of the Seminary Board, the full printed report which will be submitted will be much more adequate.

It is sufficient to state that every congregation should meet its apportionment in full so that the cause of our institution may not suffer.

For the first time in the history of Waterloo Seminary the Board was obliged to charge a nominal fee for room rent from the College and College School students, Seminarians being exempt, in order to augment our income. This has helped greatly. Beginning with Sept., 1926, there will be an increase in tuition from \$50.00 to \$70.00 per year in the College. This likewise will provide an increase. Yet all this is not sufficient to maintain a proper balance without the utmost that we can do.

We are face to face with the need of securing an endowment for our school. We must think and act along this line shortly.

The Board has taken action in instructing the Secretary to present to the Synod, a resolution for the establishing of a fitting memorial to the late Dr. Hoffmann.

Action has also been taken by the Board looking to the filling of the vacancy in the professorship caused by the death of Dr. Hoffmann. The Board is desirous of calling Rev. E. Neudoerffer to this vacancy provided the Mission Board is willing to relinquish his services. The Board of Governors is in communication with the Foreign Mission Board and may be able to report more definitely to the Synod before its close.

The Board notes with great pleasure the granting of the degree of D.D. to Pastor Fred. Veit, pioneer of the Lutheran Synod of Canada, and faithful laborer in the vineyard of our Lord.

The Board expresses its appreciation for the great fidelity of its faculties for the efficiency of the heads of the departments, for the excellent discipline of the student body, and for the moral and financial assistance which the constituencies of the Lutheran Synod of Canada have rendered in making our institution a going and growing enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. BARINGER, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution of the Board of Governors of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, adopted at a meeting June 1st, 1926, was presented to Synod by the Rev. P. S. Baringer, Secretary of the Board:

"That we attempt to raise \$75,000 to build and endow a Seminary building to be known as Hoffmann Memorial Hall, but that no building operations be begun until \$50,000 have been pledged and not less than \$30,000 cash is on hand."

Delegates Lembke of Desboro and Summerfeldt, were excused from Sunday afternoon.

Synod adjourned at 11.30 a.m., using the Lord's Prayer.

MEETING OF MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium met on Saturday, June 5th, 1926, at 11.30 a.m. in Trinity Church. President Reble opened the meeting with prayer.

Dr. Little presented the following matter for consideration by the Ministerium.

In re of the Canada Synod Catechism, I desire to point out serious doctrinal error in Questions 238 and 240—in the answers given both in the German and English languages. Question 238 reads: What is meant by the Humiliation of Christ? Question 240 reads: What is meant by the Exaltation of Christ? The English answers to these questions are: I. "The Son of God put off His Divine form, power and glory and took upon Him the form of man."

II. "Jesus resumed His Divine form, power and glory, and glorified His human nature into the same."

In these answers a totally unlutheran conception of the Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ is taught. And inasmuch as this Catechism is issued under the authority of Synod it becomes a serious question.

The correct answer to question 238 would be: "Jesus Christ laid aside the full use of His divine power and assumed the form of a servant.

The correct answer to question 240 would be: "Jesus Christ resumed the full use of His divine power and glory and was glorified according to His human nature."

A foolish question is that numbered 499, viz.: Why can you not see the Body and Blood in the Sacrament? To which the absolutely incorrect answer is given: "Because Christ is glorified."

A manifest misprint is found in the English text on page 61, where in describing in what the image of God consists, this statement occurs: "Man's reason was now darkened, his will enslaved."

It was decided that all questions concerning the revision of the Catechism be referred to the Committee on Catechism, and that such a Committee be continued.

It was also decided that all necessary corrections to the text of the Catechism be inserted in the present edition of the Catechism.

The Ministerium adjourned at 12.00 noon, the President pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

THIRD SESSION (Continued)

Saturday, June 5th, 1926, 2.00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Hamilton.

The Minutes of the previous session were read in German and English, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium met at 11.30 a.m., June 5th. It recommends: (1) That all questions concerning the revision of the Catechism be referred to the Committee on Catechism, and that such a committee be continued.

(2) That necessary corrections to the text of the Catechism be inserted in the present edition of the Catechism.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. ZINCK.

The report was adopted.

The President was authorized to appoint a Committee on Catechism. He appointed: Rev. Stockman, Dr. Little and Rev. Ziegler.

The following resolution was adopted:

"As the Seminary Board wishes to erect a fitting and worthy memorial for the deceased Dr. Hoffmann, in the form of a Seminary Hall, at a cost of \$35,000, and to raise further funds amounting to \$40,000 for endowment to cover running expenses and furnishings,

"Be it resolved; that the Seminary Board be authorized to proceed with the erection of the proposed Hoffmann Memorial Hall after the sum of \$50,000 has been pledged for that purpose, of which \$30,000 is to be in cash receipts; and that this money be obtained through private solicitation, without any general appeal to the congregations of Synod, and only after these sums have been assured, that a general appeal to congregations in the way of collections, or every member canvass can be made."

Moved by E. Christiansen, seconded by A. Ramsperger.

Mr. E. Christiansen reported that Zion Luther League of Pembroke had raised \$300 to endow a prize for a student at Waterloo Seminary, who in the opinion of the Faculty is most deserving of the same. This sum was now presented to the Synod and turned over to the Treasurer of the Seminary Board, by whom interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum is to be paid to the President of the Seminary. The Prize shall be known as the Kohls Memorial Prize, established in memory of Student H. Kohls, who died in 1921. The Synod expressed its thanks for this gift.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SEMINARY BOARD

Revenue and Maintenance Account

By	Canada Synod	\$ 13,410 84	
	Nova Scotia Synod	1,026 66	
	Students' Fees	4,895 00	
	United Lutheran Church	2,083 32	
	Ladies' Auxiliary	500 00	
	Sundry Receipts	1,015 48	
		\$ 22,931 30	
To	Salaries	\$ 20,487 23	
	Fuel, Water and Light	1,140 54	
	Expenses of Board Meetings	117 00	
	Postage, Printing, Stationery, etc.	501 30	
	Telephone	95 03	
	Auditors' Fees	20 00	
	Repairs	843 53	
	Fire Insurance	106 95	
	Taxes ..	601 64	
	Interest	3,140 91	
	Household Expense	389 60	
	Sundry Expense	534 31	
	Chemical Supplies	146 54	
		\$ 28,127 44	
	Deficit	\$ 5,193 28	

Net Assets

Balance 1st June, 1925		\$ 63,270 22	
Building Fund Receipts		3,388 10	
Hoffmann Memorial Fund		1,142 87	
Building Fund Expense	\$ 552 96		
Balance Revenue and Maintenance Account	5,193 28		
Balance ..	62,054 95		
	\$ 67,801 19	\$ 67,801 19	

Assets

Lands and Buildings	\$ 110,632 97		
Furniture and Equipment	6,943 39		
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Savings Account ..	97 89		
Chemical Apparatus	473 55		
Securities for Money	2,000 00		
	\$ 120,147 80		

Liabilities

Bonds ..	\$ 29,800 00		
Bills Payable	9,900 00		
Mortgages ..	15,700 00		
Lincke Memorial Fund	2,045 41		
Canadian Bank of Commerce—Overdraft	647 44		
	\$ 58,092 85		
Balance ..	\$ 62,054 95		

A. L. BITZER,
Treasurer,

Budget, 1926-1927

Estimated Expenditures:

Salaries	\$ 21,000 00	
Expenses of Board Meetings	150 00	
Fuel, Water and Light	1,000 00	
Postage, Printing, and Stationery	500 00	
Telephone	100 00	
Household Expenses	300 00	
Fire Insurance and Taxes	800 00	
Repairs	800 00	
Sundry Expenses	350 00	
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	\$ 25,000 00	
Sinking Fund	5,000 00	
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Estimated Receipts:

Students' Fees	5,000 00	
U. L. C.	2,000 00	
Nova Scotia Synod	1,000 00	
Sundry Receipts	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	10,000 00
Balance to be raised by Synod	\$ 20,000 00	

The report was adopted.

Dr. Maurer, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Seminary expressed the gratitude of that Board to the Pastors, Delegates and Congregations for their interest and support.

Dr. Potter, Dean of Waterloo College, briefly addressed the Synod.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD

Summary of Receipts:

Joint Apportionment	\$ 22256 12
Appt. former Synod of Central Canada	1438 31
Specials	9005 89
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	32700 32
Balance, Canada Synod, 1924	114 22
Balance, Synod of Central Canada	637 80
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	\$33452 34
To U.L.C. in A.: from joint apportionment 20% .. \$	4451 22
from former S. of C.C.	395 00
Specials	330 00
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	\$ 5176 22
To Synod from joint apportionment	17804 90
To Seminary 59.26%	10551 18
To Synod Expense Fund 18.52%	3297 47
To Sinking Fund 18.52%	3297 47
To Min. Aid Fund 2.22%	395 27
To Building Fund 1.48%	263 51
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	17804 90

A. Receipts:

Seminary: Apportionment	\$ 10551 18	
Apportionments, former Synod of C.C.	910 17	
Specials, General Expense Fund	1692 02	
Specials, Building Fund	3442 81	
Specials, Endowment Fund	45 41	16641 59
Synod Expense Fund: Apportionment	3297 47	
Apportionments, Synod of Central Canada.....	130 64	
Specials ..	471 65	
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Balance, 1924—Deficit	3899 76	
Sinking Fund: Apportionment	548 33	3351 43
Balance, 1924	3297 47	
Min. Aid Fund: Apportionment	637 55	3935 02
Building Fund: Apportionment		395 27
Interest, Synod account	263 51	
House of Refuge: Balance, 1924.....	44 10	307 61
Special ..	25 00	
Montreal Hospice: Balance, Synod of C.C.....	5 00	30 00
Specials ..	267 41	
Interest, Seminary Bond	98 56	
Interest, Synod of Central Canada, account..	23 70	
Student Aid, C.C.: Balance, Synod of C.C.....	5 44	395 11
Interest, Synod of Central Canada, account...	318 09	
U.L.C. in A.: Apportionment	6 50	324 59
Apportionments of Synod of Central Canada	4451 22	
Specials ..	395 00	
Nord W. Mission: Specials	330 00	5176 22
Mission F. interest	198 43	
Foreign Mission: General	13 32	211 75
Rev. Irschick	29 00	
Bible Women	464 00	
German F.M., U.L.C.	145 00	
Brecklum F.M.	47 25	
Native worker	35 00	
Miss Ludwig, med. stud.	45 00	
Andhra College	125 00	
China ..	91 25	
Hospital equipment	73 43	
Mission Fund interest	23 44	
	10 42	1088 79
Seminary auxiliary	50 00	
Student missionary society	138 44	
A needy student	18 68	
Student Aid, Jugend-Bund	48 00	
Best German in Seminary	20 00	
Ministerial Relief, Christmas gifts	22 00	
Montreal Immigrant Mission	161 70	
Lutheran World Service	593 00	
German Relief	22 00	
Kropp ..	25 00	
Brecklum ..	30 00	
Woitto, Church Building Fund	203 85	
Orphanage, Sulphur Springs	10 36	
Orphanage, Jerusalem	18 75	
Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto	72 02	
Freeport Sanatorium	20 00	
Hamilton Sanatorium	12 56	
Bethel near Bielefeld	16 75	

Duffield Flower Mission, Hamilton	16 40
Tornado destroyed churches, De Soto and Murphisboro	12 00
Deutsche Konferenz, U.L.C.	5 00
Soc. of Inner Mission and Rescue Work.....	6 50
Kitchener Conference	6 45
Lutheran Church, Hawley, N.Y., steam heat.....	25 00
Equalization	20 00
Upper Canada Bible Society	20 50

\$ 33452 34

B. Disbursements:

Seminary: To the Seminary-Treasurer.....	\$ 16641 59
General Expense Fund; of—:	
Pensions	\$ 800 00
Honorarium: Pres. Klaehn, D.D.	125 00
Secretary Schorten	125 00
Treasurer Holm	200 00
Editor Canada Lutheran	30 00
Managing Editor Canada Lutheran.....	30 00
Business Manager Canada Lutheran	30 00
Travelling and Pulpit Supply	664 71
Charter amendment	100 00
Incorporation, A. L. Bitzer	254 64
Printing: Constitutions	228 93
German minutes	250 64
English minutes	177 26
Synod announcement	5 00
Nomination papers	8 00
Apportionment papers	2 00
Mailing of minutes	14 67
Expenses: Pres. Klaehn	31 90
President Reble	27 89
Conf. Pres. Reble	2 75
Secretary Schorten	30 54
Secretary Zinck	11 86
Treasurer Holm	78 93
Statistician	10 20
Stationery	29 00
Rev. Grauer	50 00
Student Schaus	50 00
Montreal Immigrant Mission	63 30
Collection envelopes	5 50
Express	45
Flowers for Mr. Peine's funeral	10 45
Cable to India	4 09
	3452 71
Sinking Fund; out of—:	
Philadelphia Publishing House	1000 00
Rev. Zarnke, note redeemed	500 00
Interest to note holders	825 87
Lutheran Book Room	300 00
	2625 87
Ministers' Aid Fund: To treas. of	395 27
Building Fund: To treas. of	307 61
Student Aid: Student Schaus	50 00
Student Orth	25 00
Student Gross	100 00
	175 00
United Lutheran Church	5176 22
North Western Mission Board	211 75
Foreign Mission: see receipts	1088 79
Seminary auxiliary	50 00

Students' Missionary Society	138 44
A needy student	18 68
Student Aid, Jugend-Bund	48 00
Best German in Seminary	20 00
Min. Relief, Christmas gifts	22 00
Montreal Immigrant Mission	161 70
Lutheran World Service	593 00
German Relief	22 00
Kropp ..	25 00
Brecklum ..	30 00
Woito, Church building fund	203 85
Orphanage, Sulphur Springs	10 36
Orphanage, Jerusalem	18 75
Hospital for sick children, Toronto	72 02
Freeport Sanatarium	20 00
Hamilton Sanatarium	12 56
Bethel near Bielefeld	16 75
Duffield Flower Mission	16 40
De Soto and Murphisboro, destroyed churches...	12 00
Deutsche Konferenz, U.L.C.	5 00
Soc. of I. M. and Rescue Work, Brooklyn.....	6 50
Kitchener Conference	6 45
Lutheran church, Hawley, N.Y., steam heat	25 00
Equalization ..	20 00
Upper Canada Bible Society	20 50

Total Disbursements	\$ 31669 77
Balance ..	1782 57

\$ 33452 34

Balance:

Sinking Fund	\$ 1309 15
Montreal Hospice	395 11
Student Aid	149 59
House of Refuge	30 00

\$ 1883 85

General Expense Fund—Deficit	\$ 101 28
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1782 57

Loaned from Rev. J. Schmidt	1000 00
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Balance in Bank

\$ 2782 57

Liabilities:

By Balance 31st Dec., 1924	\$ 17275 00
New loan (from Rev. J. Schmidt)	1000 00

18275 00

Paid off: Phil. Publ. House	\$1000 00
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Rev. Zarnke (note)	500 00
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Rev. Holm (note)	600 00
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2100 00

\$ 16175 00

Assets:

New loan (from Rev. J. Schmidt)	\$ 1000 00
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Balance Sinking Fund	1309 15
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2309 15

Balance ..

\$ 13865 85

Securities:

Seminary Bond	\$	800 00
(Montreal Hospital	\$ 431 00	
Endowment Fund	369 00)	
Note, St. Paul's, Toronto (Montreal Hosp.)..		270 00
Students' notes (Synod of Central Canada)...		500 00
Students' pledges since the year 1908		1480 00
(Canada Synod)		
a considerable part of which will prove unredeemable.		

St. Jacobs, Ont.,
Dec. 31, 1925.

E. HOLM,
Treasurer.

Contributions.

	Apportioned	Apportion- ment.	Specials
Arnprior	\$ 434 88	\$ 135 49	\$ 10 75
Northcote	185 29	112 21	.....
Auburn	45 38	19 80	.....
Ayton	616 39	108 35	10 11
Baden	313 88	116 58	95 00
Brant	752 52	314 03	23 30
Elmwood	797 92	546 66	127 05
Breslau	56 73	25 37	53 00
Schantz	105 88	30 63	40 25
Bridgeport	200 43	38 77	.....
Chesley	480 25	120 68	24 25
Conestogo	506 73	507 00	64 00
Denbigh	162 62	26 50	15 71
Raglan	325 22	59 01	13 37
Maynooth	294 96	15 18	20 00
Quadeville	49 16	.....	.....
Bangor	41 62	.....	.....
Palmer Rapids	136 13	28 66	.....
East-Zorra	321 43	169 65	26 15
Plattsville	49 16	4 00	.....
Eganville	1058 82	335 92	100 00
Ellice	1263 03	362 43	51 85
Elmira	1467 22	894 00	250 21
Grattan	355 46	108 60	14 65
Sebastopol	321 43	72 76	11 21
Silver Lake	181 52	32 90	.....
Hamilton	710 92	551 20	98 56
Hanover	1588 23	541 80	71 00
Heidelberg	582 35	260 00	99 28
Erbsville	427 32	140 99	49 60
Kitchener, St. Matth.	6874 78	3677 96	225 35
Hespeler .. .. .	.....	.....	405 00
Ladysmith	457 56	86 00	13 55
Schwartz	381 93	135 50	14 64
Linwood	684 45	129 28	147 00
Wellesley T'p.	374 38	66 13	69 00
Hesson	147 48	35 65	20 00
Listowel	378 15	155 43	14 42
Wallace	450 02	134 92	17 61
Trecastle	68 08	18 25	.....
Logan	1709 24	1182 55	29 36

Massey	397 06	298 48	101 50
Chalk River	181 52	27 07	.....
Milverton	952 94	383 56	100 75
New Dundee	279 83	96 00	201 00
Mannheim	245 82	80 77	102 00
New Hamburg	733 62	560 90	236 74
Normanby, St. Paul	945 38	503 15	36 36
Normanby, St. Jacobus	253 36	232 15	7 00
Carrick	457 56	182 25	5 00
North Easthope	529 42	184 54	43 00
Wellesley	620 18	317 95	155 27
Gadshill	306 30	157 40	25 00
Pembroke	2597 89	421 80	97 11
Petawawa	1107 98	206 70	76 60
Alice	816 82	130 34	33 85
Philipsburg	589 92	196 94	19 68
St. Agatha	109 66	52 15	.....
Pt. Elgin	56 72	.....	.....
Rankin	310 08	186 67	15 65
Bonnechere	294 96	44 60	7 60
Woito	325 22	12 55	13 10
Sebastopol	2136 55	1046 90	1076 72
Stratford	1168 48	152 03	150 00
Sullivan	930 25	247 48	111 00
Williamsford	359 24	97 47	13 50
St. Jacob's	419 75	107 81	33 30
Toledo	4885 72	1800 00	.....
Toronto	642 86	84 20	.....
Walkerton	578 58	165 00	10 00
Mildmay	400 84	202 25	5 00
Waterloo	4405 45	2138 49	1186 93
Warton	313 88	155 10	220 90
Zurich	1221 44	482 62	39 50
Preston .. .. .	.....	.....	589 74
Kitchener, St. Peter .. .. .	.....	.....	1392 40

Apportioned for Six Months:

Williamsburg	748 00	280 00
Morrisburg	359 75	376 85
Riverside	359 75	.....
Union-Buttonville	150 00	.....
Kitchener, First English	631 50	250 00
Humberstone	355 00	200 00
Hamilton	381 50	.....
Galt	235 00	72 10
Weland	88 00	.....
Montreal	161 00	50 00
Ottawa	131 00	139 57
Dunbar	184 00	.....
Toronto, St. Paul	185 00	20 00
Guelph	124 50	25 89
Brantford	117 00	86 00

N.B.: Contributions from Montreal (Jan. 7, \$136), Toledo (Jan. 8, \$1220.00, Riverside, (Jan. 26, \$359.75, and Stratford (April 12, \$240.81) arrived too late for this year's report.

Miscellanea:

Rev. F. Veit—Orphans' Home, Jerusalem	\$ 2 00
Rev. F. Veit—German Relief	2 00
Rev. H. A. Sperling, Ph.D.—Orphans' home, Jerusalem	5 00
Rev. J. Schmidt—Sem. Building Fund	8 00
Rev. J. Schmidt—Montreal Inner, Mission	4 00

Rev. O. Neeb—Loan refunded in full	125 00
Mrs. (Rev.) J. Stremper—Bible woman in India	35 00
Mrs. A. Klinck, Elmira—Andhra College in India	6 00
Balance Western Conference—Seminary	3 34
Balance, Middle Conference—Synod expense fund	1 40
Kitchener Conference—Kitchener Conference	6 45
Interest, synodical account—Building Fund	44 10
S. S. Convention, First district—Sem. Building Fund	51 95
Joint Ref. Festival, Elmira—Sem. Building Fund	44 32
Joint Ref. Festival, Hanover—Sem. Building Fund.....	107 50
Interest, Sem. Bond—Endowment Fund	20 30
Interest, Sem. Bond—Montreal Hospice	23 70
Nuptials, Miss Guelck—Min. Relief (for Christmas).....	2 50
Interest, Mission Fund—Foreign Mission	10 42
Interest, Mission Fund—N. W. Mission	13 32
Women's Missionary Society—Montreal Hospice.....	96 06
Balance Synod of Central Canada	637 80

\$1250 16

Joint Apportionment	\$ 22256 12
Appt. former Synod of Central Canada	1438 31
Specials ..	9005 89

Balance Canada Synod, 1924	32700 32
Balance Synod of Central Canada	114 22
	637 80

\$33452 34

K. C. A. EBERHARD HOLM,

Treasurer.

The report was adopted as information.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Your Committee has examined the books of the Treasurer of the Synod and found them correct.

Your Committee recommends that the Synod grant an honorarium of \$300.00 to its Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee,

H. L. HENKEL,
GEO. D. DAHMER,
A. GRUNWALD.

St. Jacobs, Ont.,
February 1926.

The report was adopted.

**REPORT OF EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE
FORMER CENTRAL CANADA SYNOD**

Kitchener, 1925.

Receipts	\$ 94 50
Total Allotments	91 55
	2 95
Postage	70
	\$ 2 25

M. O. HELLER,
Chairman.

June 5th, 1926.

Report adopted.

Rev. Heller was authorized to turn the balance of \$2.25 over to the Treasurer of Synod.

Zion English Lutheran Congregation, Sault Ste. Marie, was granted permission to continue paying its apportionment to the Michigan Synod until October 1st, 1926.

**REPORT OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION
COMMITTEE**
(Translation)

On request by the President of the Synod of Canada, I beg leave to submit the following annual report on the work of our German Missions. It was my privilege in the past synodical year in company with pastor P. Ludwig, General Secretary of the N. W. Board of Home Missions, to visit almost every individual mission congregation. The quarterly reports of the Secretary of the committee, Pastor C. F. Christiansen, as well as the annual reports of the Missionaries themselves, are at my disposal.

Arnprior-Northcote.

The Parish consists of 161 conf. members, of which 80 are paying members. They contribute \$740.00 to the support of the pastor. The light frame building of the church at Arnprior, which has been built nearly 40 years ago, is in great need of being repaired, and some of its members are seriously considering the building of a new church. The committee has advised the congregation not to undertake too much, and the congregation in response has acted wisely, and in foresight. The mistake of the

Bethlehem Mission congregation has probably served as a warning. Everyone admits that something has to be done, and this is praiseworthy. The Ladies' Aid and the Young People's Society have set as their goal the gathering of a fund for the necessary repairs. In the near future Northcote will be forced to renovate their church property. In both congregations under the leadership of the pastor the church-life is taking a normal course.

Chesley.

This congregation consists of 129 confirmed and 64 contributing members. These, together with the Ladies' Aid raise \$800.00 as salary for the pastor. This is an advance of \$100.00 over last year's contribution. This affords the committee great joy, because on the one hand it shows greater zeal in the congregation, and on the other because the missionary at last receives his full salary. On activities of organizations one might mention the Young People's Society (of the congregation).

East Zorra-Plattsville.

Confirmed members 98, contributing members 36, annual salary \$540.00.

Notwithstanding the financial increase the missionary does not receive the recommended salary, and in his modesty refrains from making any requests in his behalf. Should a vacancy occur it would be difficult to secure a successor under the prevailing conditions, neither the congregation nor the Mission Committee will be able to render assistance beyond that which they are doing now. Of this my visit has convinced me.

Grattan-Sebastopol-South Algoma.

These three congregations number 230 confirmed members and 60 contributing members who raise \$700.00 of the pastor's salary.

The report of the Missionary does not reveal any essential changes, with the exception that the last and smallest congregation, South Algoma, consisting of 12 members, has renovated their church at a cost of about \$600.00, which is to be commended.

Lady Smith-Schantz.

This parish became vacant at the beginning of December, 1925, by the removal of Rev. P. Kleine. I was present at the time and was able to make recommendations to the congregations. They requested to hear Rev. Blohm of Rankin, which was granted, the same was elected by the congregations, by special consent of the Mission Committee, as it is not the custom to transfer a missionary from one mission to another. In this case the

prospective pastor had asked consideration of his poor health, hoping to find an easier field at Ladysmith than he had had at Rankin. The committee gave heed to this request. We hope that the good brother may be blessed with perfect health so he may soon be able to hold services at both places. Of the 246 confirmed members 71 contribute towards the missionary's salary the sum of \$857.00, so that the same is a little better than normal. On account of the missionary's ill health it has not been contested.

Massey-Chalk River.

Has 123 confirmed and 61 contributing members. These are to raise \$625.00 towards the missionary's salary, according to the missionary's report this amount has not been raised the past year. He will have to urge that the full amount be raised so that the Mission Committee will not be required to act. In general the Massey congregation has been very active. They have acquired a second chapel in the village, and have moved the parsonage from the country into town. In consequence Pastor Koehle will, within a few weeks, move into the parsonage. He officiates at both places regularly in the German and English language, therefore, no reduction in his salary should be made.

Palmer Rapids-Denbigh-Raglan-Maynooth.

The two preaching stations, Quadeville and Bangor, have become extinct. The churchly inclined people have united with the congregations at Raglan and Maynooth, the missionary would have had to divide his strength between the six places and would not have been able to do justice to any of them. As it is, the people have service every third Sunday, as Palmer Rapids and Raglan are in close proximity and enable the missionary to serve both the same day. It still remains our weakest mission station. However, our missionary labors zealously and faithfully in both languages. The four congregations number 270 confirmed and 100 contributing members, these raise \$664.00 of the pastor's salary, as a consequence of the liberally increased contributions of Denbigh. If the other congregations could be supplied with increased services they most likely would follow Denbigh's example. In such a case the support given by the Mission Board could be greatly reduced.

Rankin.

Rankin consists of the three congregations, Green Lake, Bonnecher and Bethlehem. The same day that the vacancy at Ladysmith was filled, Rankin became vacant, although candidates are available, the members do not appear very anxious in filling this vacancy, especially as Pastor Grauer, who during the

illness of Pastor Blohm acted as supply, has also offered his services during this vacancy. Greenlake and Bethlehem have taken advantage of this offer whereas Bonnecher has been cared for during this interim by Pastor Voss of Eganville. The Mission Committee recommended Student William Schultz of the Waterloo Seminary. Mr. Schultz visited the field during the Easter vacation with the result of a mutually favourable impression. The Mission Committee in conjunction with the three congregations have therefore extended a call to Mr. Schultz, and he has accepted. Mr. Schultz expects to enter upon his activities about June 20th. On account of the vacancy the annual and quarterly reports have not been received. The following items have been taken from the report of January 1st, 1926.

The Rankin parish, according to the report, consists of 247 confirmed and 74 contributing members, which raise \$700.00, or slightly more. In addition to this the parish supplies \$200.00 for fuel, and horse feed, so that with the allowance of the Mission Board the normal salary is provided. Within the near future this parish ought to become self-sustaining as the people are willing to assume all responsibilities.

Bethlehem is deep in debt on account of the new church which cost double the amount which had originally been estimated. They were compelled to seek the aid of the Synod, they were granted the privilege to receive contributions, however,, only a few of the synodical congregations have sent in an offering. Pastor and members should have asked contributions of all the congregations. Had this been done and had they responded as liberally as those who sent in contributions, the debt could have been reduced by half and the great need would have been supplied. It will be one of the pre-eminent cares of the new missionary, how to devise ways and means for reducing the debt. We assure him that he will not knock at our doors in vain. Henceforth Mission congregations will be required to submit their plans for new churches to the Mission Committee for approval, in order to prevent the repetition of such a case.

Wiar-ton-Owen Sound.

The last of our Mission stations. Mr. L. Kurdhofer, of the Waterloo Seminary has been called to Wiar-ton with the understanding that he canvass Owen Sound for the purpose of gathering those of our faith into a congregation. This undertaking has been successful, and though the congregation is still very weak, nevertheless, we hope, that the congregation being located in a fairly good size town like Owen Sound, its membership will soon increase. At the present this newly organized congregation is unable to assist in providing for the pastor's salary. For this

reason Wiarton has increased the salary 10%, by this action the Missionary's salary is made about normal. The two congregations number 109 confirmed and 66 contributing members, and have pledged themselves to raise \$440.00.

Auburn, Baden, Bridgeport are not on the list of our Mission stations, and are cared for otherwise.

Port Elgin. Before this congregation dissolved, an attempt had been made to introduce the English language, as advised by the Synod. Rev. Geelhaar was sent to explore the field. His report was not encouraging. The congregation has now ceased to exist; I have, as instructed, protected the interests of the Synod at this dissolution. The church books have been transferred to me, into which a few items still had to be entered, also a Pennsylvania Agenda; and today I received a check for \$300.00 which sum has been realized through the sale of the church, which is to be transferred to the Mission of our Synod. There is also a communion set available for any congregation in need of it. If I am permitted to make a recommendation I would suggest to this hon. body to ask the Mission Committee to pay an annual visit to every mission congregation. This can be done without any synodical expense, and would prove to be of great benefit to our entire mission field.
(Normanby) Ayton, May 31st, 1926.

Respectfully submitted,

G. BRACKEBUSCH.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Committee has decided to make the following recommendations for support to the N.W.M.B., and hereby submits them to Synod for approval:

1. Arnprior Parish	\$ 360 00
2. Chesley Parish	300 00
3. East Zorra Parish	400 00
4. Ladysmith Parish	225 00
The congregations are to make good the reduction of \$50.00.	
5. Grattan Parish	400 00
6. Massey Parish	500 00
7. Palmer Rapids (\$50.00 less than 1926)	500 00
8. Rankin Parish	200 00

The congregations which have not yet contributed to the reduction of the debt of the Bethlehem Church of Woito, are hereby reminded of the resolution of Synod of last year.

9. Wiarton Parish\$ 650 00

Your Committee commends the action of the congregation at Wiarton in raising its salary contribution, and recommends to the Owen Sound congregation that it also make a contribution to the pastor's salary.

G. BRACKEBUSCH, President.
C. F. CHRISTIANSEN, Secretary.
J. REBLE,
GEO. DAHMER,
VAL. ZOELLER.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF LUTHERAN BOOK ROOM COMMITTEE

During the past year meetings have been held at regular intervals, and the best interests of the Synod in this important work have always been carefully considered. The financial condition of the Book Room has improved and your committee hopes in the coming year a surplus will be available.

We desire to thank the congregations and pastors who have made purchases at the Book Room for their patronage of the past year, and earnestly request all pastors and congregations of the Synod to support the Book Room to the uttermost in the purchase of religious book and material for their Sunday Schools.

The Book Room is greatly handicapped at present in its work by the large number of outstanding and overdue accounts. A special committee was appointed which carefully investigated all accounts payable and forwarded a personal letter to all debtors. The results were of a very meager nature. The Synod's attention is now called to this matter and its help and advice sought.

Signed: J. REBLE,
C. S. ROBERTS,
A. C. E. GROTKÉ,
J. C. KLAEHN,
A. L. BITZER,
WM. PEPPLER,
J. LUDWIG.

The report was adopted.

The Book Room Committee was authorized to draw up, or employ assistance to draw up, a series of good collection letters to send out in an effort to collect outstanding accounts.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK ROOM

Honorable Members of the Canada Synod.

Permit me to present to you the report of the Lutheran Book Room. Again a year has gone by and again I stand before you, to give an account of our business transactions during the year. It may be generally known, that the business conditions in general are not what they ought to be, but nevertheless, I can report that our business during the year has been better than the year before.

Your board of Directors, held different meetings during the year, for the purpose of discussing business matters and to find ways and means, to overcome difficulties arising from time to time. The biggest problem we have to deal with is still the same, namely, that we have no reserve fund and, secondly, that outstanding accounts are not paid, within a reasonable length of time. If some of our customers would respond more readily when receiving our statements, it would help us greatly in every way. But we are glad, as mentioned before, to report in spite of this a better year, as our report will show. Before giving you this financial report, may I be permitted to express the wish, that all Ministers and all Lutherans give us their heartiest support, and may I ask you to remind the members of the different congregations to patronize the Lutheran Book Room as much as possible.

I am certain that with such assistance and the good will of everybody I may start the new business year with new hopes, and that with the help of God this year will then be a successful one.

Permit me now to give the financial report.

W. KLEMANN, Manager.

THE LUTHERAN BOOK ROOM

30th April, 1926.

Trading Account.

Inventory Stock on Hand April 30th, 1925	\$ 18183	26
Purchases	\$ 10756	97
Freight and Duty	576	73
	11333	70
Sales	\$ 17221	56
Inventory Stock on Hand April 30th, 1926.....	18175	54
Gross Profit	5880	14
	\$ 35397	\$ 35397
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Profit and Loss Account.

Gross Profit from Trading Account		\$ 5880 14
Commissions		296 62
Discount on Purchases		6 57
Accounts Written off		20 90
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2918 65	
General Expenses	267 58	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising ..	405 46	
Insurance, Rent and Taxes	2315 34	
Light, Heat, Water and Telephone	275 38	
Collection and Exchange	21 22	
Interest and Discount	42 14	
Discount on Sales	14 00	
Balance Loss for period		55 54
	\$ 6259 77	\$ 6259 77

BALANCE SHEET**Assets****Current:**

Cash on Hand	\$ 139 38	
Cash in Bank	165 21	
		304 59
Accounts Receivable	3060 19	
Less Reserve for Bad Debts	302 88	
		2757 31
Inventory Merchandise on Hand	18175 54	
		21237 44

Fixed:

Furniture and Fixtures		1439 10
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Deferred:

Inventory Supplies		67 50
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Suspense:

Cash over and short Account		155 72
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\$ 22899 76

Liabilities**Current:**

Bills Payable—Bank	\$ 500 00	
Bills Payable—Trade	399 40	
		899 40
Advance from Canada Synod		300 00
Accounts Payable	5668 27	
		6867 67

Capital Account:

Balance April 30th, 1925	\$ 16087 63	
Less Loss for Period	55 54	
		16032 09

\$ 22899 76

SCULLY & SCULLY,

Auditors.

Audited,

Kitchener, Ontario,
May 26th, 1926.

The report was adopted.

REPORTS OF THE CANADA LUTHERAN STAFF

1. Of the Editor-in-Chief.

Dear Brethren:

It is my privilege to report to you that The Canada Lutheran has had a very prosperous year. This will appear also from the report of the Business Manager and Treasurer.

Your Committee has published regularly and with efforts to secure promptness in delivery. The work of the printers has been done in fine spirit and with great skill and efficiency.

The members of your Committee have spent a great deal of time and energy in the effort to serve you as well as possible. The retirement of the Managing Editor in December has added to the work of the Editor-in-Chief and the death of Dr. Hoffmann in April has deprived us of the beautiful sermonettes he furnished, and of his counsel and general help.

The Committee appreciates the confidence that you have shown and the efforts you have put forth to furnish copy and increase the circulation of the paper.

We bespeak your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

N. WILLISON,

Editor-in-Chief.

2. Of the Business Manager.

Milverton, Ont.,

May 31, 1926.

To the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Canada,
in Session at Hamilton, Ont.

Gentlemen:—

Your Business Manager for the Canada Lutheran for the year 1925-1926, begs leave to submit the following report:

Total Receipts for the year	\$1606 75
Total Expenditures	1277 62
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Balance on hand May 31, 1926	329 14

During the year 18,600 copies were printed and distributed at a cost of \$1,277.62. Average cost per yearly subscription 82.40 cts. Excess cost per yearly subscription 7.40 cts., which causes a loss in profit per year \$114.70.

New subscriptions during the year totalled 195. During the year 215 subscriptions were discontinued at a loss of \$161.18, but we are glad to report that we were able to recover in arrears \$63.25.

We are, Yours truly,

JOHN MANGELSEN,
Business Manager.

3. Of the Advertising Manager.

Port Colborne, Ont.,

May 31st, 1926.

Rev. J. Mangelsen,
Business Manager, Canada Lutheran,
Milverton, Ont.

Dear Bro.:—

Your Advertising Manager begs to submit the following report for the current year.

Collections on old business	\$ 213 90
Collections on new business	66 50
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Total Collections	\$ 280 40
Expenses ..	8 25
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Net Receipts	\$ 272 15
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Total Contracts in force	\$ 338 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SCHMIDT.

These reports were adopted as read.

The auditors of the Canada Lutheran, J. F. Casselman and A. Gordier, reported that they had audited the Books of the Canada Lutheran and found them correct.

The Synodical Treasurer was authorized to pay an honorarium of \$30.00 to each of the following officers of the Canada Lutheran: The Editor in Chief, the Managing Editor, and the Business Manager.

The Synod authorized the publication of a twenty-four page issue of the Canada Lutheran for one year, and ordered this action to be communicated to the Nova Scotia Synod for sanction.

Prof. Henkel reported verbally on the Work of the Summer School Committee. The Synod voted to pay the expense in excess of Ten dollars on railroad tickets of the Pastors and Delegates of the Eastern Conference, and of Sault Ste. Marie, to the Synodical Conventions.

Synod adjourned at 5.10 p.m., using the Lord's Prayer.

FOURTH SESSION

Monday, June 7th, 1926, 9.00 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church
Hamilton, Ont.

Matin Service was read by Pastor R. Pfeiffer.

On motion the roll call was omitted.

The German and English minutes were read and adopted.

On motion the Rev. J. Alberti was added to the Catechism Committee.

Rev. W. H. Knauff introduced the Rev. H. Brezing of Niagara Falls, who came as Fraternal Delegate of the New York Ministerium. He was welcomed by President Reble. He brought greetings from his Synod, and congratulated the Canada Synod on the success of the first year in the history of the merged body. He expressed the sympathy of the Ministerium over the death of Dr. Hoffman. The President thanked Pastor Brezing and asked him to convey to the Ministerium the good wishes of the Canada Synod.

The newly ordained Pastors Schultz and Vorkoper were now formally received into Synod and signed the Synodical Constitution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Article 5 was stricken out. The report was adopted as follows:

Hamilton, June 5, 1926.

Ev. Luth. Synod of Canada.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Conference Matters begs to submit the following report.

(1) The Books of the Stratford, Hamilton, Kitchener and Hanover conferences were made available, that of the Eastern Conference not being submitted.

(2) According to the constitution of Synod each Conference President should send in a report, but only the President of the Stratford Conference has reported.

(3) From the books of the Stratford, Hamilton, Kitchener and Hanover conferences we note that each of them has held two conferences, namely, Fall and Spring.

(4) As the Hanover Conference has, as yet, not held district conferences, we would recommend that they join in establishing this custom.

(5) We note with pleasure in the minutes of the Kitchener Conference the interest displayed by Mr. Karl Homuth, member of the Provincial Parliament for South Waterloo in presenting the motion that the fees be remitted in the passing of the bill for the changes necessary in the Seminary charter. The Kitchener Conference recommends to this body that the Synod through its Secretary express the gratitude and appreciation of the Synod for Mr. Homuth's action.

C. C. J. MAAN,
H. R. MOSIG,
A. G. JACOBI,
H. A. SPERLING,
E. B. WOLFF,
GEO. H. PFEFFER.

The following resolution was now adopted; that this Synod looks with favour on the meeting of the German Conference of the United Lutheran Church upon the territory of this Synod..

COMMITTEE ON MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCILS.

Your Committee has to report that the Convention of the Church Councillors of the former Central Conference, was held in St. James' Church, New Dundee, Ont., July 1st, 1925. Eight pastors and fifty-one delegates were present. The officers of the Convention were re-elected: President, Rev. O. Stockmann; Secretary, Rev. J. O. Schmidt.

The following subjects were discussed at the meeting: "Christian Unity", essay of Mr. Holz, Mannheim. "Value of the German Mother Tongue", address by Mr. Burschatzky, New Hamburg.

This meeting showed again by the fair number of participants, and the interest taken in the discussions, that it met a

requirement, therefore your committee recommends that Synod encourage the continuation of the same or the formation of new ones, where joining with the existing one is not advisable.

Respectfully your Committee:

CHARLES RECKIN,
GEO. KRUG,
H. J. LAMACK,
J. O. SCHMIDT,
E. SCHUELKE,
WILLIAM EGERDE.

Adopted.

Mr. Klemann, manager of the Lutheran Book Room, made the following request: That Synod advance \$1,000 to the Book Room for one year, for which the Book Room would give a note. The Synod authorized its Executive Committee to raise this amount for the Book Room for one year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES IN CANADA

This Committee, acting under instructions from the President of Synod, visited the Ontario District of the Missouri Synod on August 19-20, 1925, and discussed with them the possibility of further negotiations with regard to holding conferences or a colloquium as requested by the Eastern Conference of the Canada Synod.

On the request of pastors of the Eastern Conference of our Synod, and in view of the cordial reception given your Committee at Dashwood, we recommend that Synod appoint a committee to meet with a similar committee appointed by the Ontario District of the Missouri Synod, to carry on further negotiations looking toward closer relations between the two bodies, and in case it is deemed wise, to arrange for holding the colloquium requested.

C. H. LITTLE,
Sec'y for Committee.

Adopted. The Executive Committee was authorized to appoint the Committee on Co-operation as requested in the above report.

REPORT ON GERMAN PROTOCOL

Your Committee has compared the Minutes of Synod with the printed report of the minutes and found the same to be correct. A few printers' errors have been noted, and are as follows:

Page 18—"Verloren" should be "erlitten".

" 44—"146 young men" should be "186 young men".

" 70—The word "erlaubt" is printed incorrectly.

" 72—Paragraph 4, the words "unterstützt and beschlossen, den Präses zu beauftragen" are omitted in the printed report.

" 80—\$4219.63 is to read \$4219.83.

" 83 and 85—The Roman figures IV., XVI. are to be changed to IX and XII.

2. In the roll of pastors recorded in the minutes the date of the ordination of Pastor Roberts is omitted.

3. In view of the arduous work of the German Secretary of Synod, and the very careful way in which it was done, your committee recommends that an honorarium of \$100 be given the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

R. GEELHAAR,
A. GRUNWALD,
L. KALBFLEISCH,
H. NUHN,
A. LORCH.

Adopted.

REPORT ON ENGLISH PROTOCOL

Your Committee has carefully reviewed the Secretary's Protocol and compared them diligently with both the English and German printed minutes, and find them correct, with but a slight omission, viz:

1. Protocol has omitted on page 67 to report Synod's acceptance of the invitation of St. Paul's and Trinity's congregations for the meeting of Synod this year (1926), and we recommend that this item be inserted in protocol as per printed minutes, page 27.

2. Your Committee would like to ask, whether the wish of Synod has been carried out regarding the insertion by the secretaries, of the printed constitution and by-laws in the protocol?

3. In view of the pains-taking and faithful efforts of the Secretary in recording the proceedings of the last convention, and the neatness with which this was done, your committee would recommend that an honorarium of \$100.00 be paid the Secretary.

W. H. KNAUFF, Chairman.
C. P. BOERNER,
F. L. HOWALD,
WILLIAM EGERDE,
H. W. PRESTIEN.

Adopted.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' AID FUND

Your Board requests to submit to the venerable synod the following: After examining the books of the Treasurer we found the following status, which was found correct by the Auditors:

Status of the Ministers' Aid Fund, Dec. 31st, 1925

Receipts:

Balance December 31st, 1924	\$ 17167 42	
Apportionments Receipts	395 27	
Bequest of Mr. Fred. Krug, Tavistock	100 00	
Interest	782 02	
		<u>\$ 18444 71</u>

Disbursements:

To the Board of Min. Pensions and Relief, U.L.C...\$	782 02	
Treasurer's Honorarium	100 00	
		<u>882 02</u>
Balance of the Min. Aid Fund, Dec. 31, 1925.....	\$ 17562 69	

The Monies are Invested:

Bank of Montreal, Waterloo	\$ 2612 69
Ontario Government Debentures	4500 00
Mortgage, Hanover	1750 00
Mortgage, Hamilton	700 00
Mortgage, Toronto	3000 00
Mortgage, Stratford	2300 00
Mortgage, Steiss, Kitchener	2700 00

Status of Mission Funds, Dec. 31st, 1925

Balance December 31st, 1924	\$ 950 00
Interest	23 74
	<u>\$ 973 74</u>
Paid to Synodical Treasurer for Foreign and North West Missions	23 74
	<u>\$ 950 00</u>
Balance of Mission Funds, Dec. 31st, 1925	\$ 950 00
Invested in Bank of Montreal, Waterloo.	

Respectfully submitted,

H. TWIETMEYER,
H. R. MOSIG,
CHAS. RECKIN,
E. HOLM.

Adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITORS OF MINISTERS' AID FUND

Your Committee examined the books and receipts of the Treasurer of the Ministers' Aid and Pension Fund, and of the Mission Funds, and found them correct.

Your Committee recommends that the Synod grant the Treasurer an honorarium of \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee:

W. L. HENKEL,
GEO. D. DAHMER,
A. GRUNWALD.

Adopted.

The report of the Committee on President's report was referred back to the Committee for an English Translation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION OF CANADA LUTHER LEAGUE

Hamilton, Ont.,

June 3rd, 1926.

To the Hon. Synod of Canada.

We your Committee appointed to look into the matter of harmonizing the Constitution of the Luther League of Canada, with that of the Synod, beg leave to report:

(1) That the Canada Luther League, as at present constituted is patterned after the plans laid down by the Luther League of America, which is the official Y. P. organization of the U.L.C.

2. That the said Canada Luther League will in all probability unite with the Jugendbund under the name of The Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada, at Kitchener, Labor Day next.

3. We recommend that this Committee be appointed to stand until after said merger, when the Constitution will be finally adopted, as until then no final report can be given.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SCHMIDT,
R. B. GEELHAAR.

Hamilton, Ont.

June 7th, 1926.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

Your Committee has given careful consideration to the correspondence referred to it by the honorable President and begs leave to make the following report.

1. The Canada Synod has been requested to share once more in the work of mercy carried on by the National Lutheran Council. The total amount asked for from the Synods of the U.L.C. is \$50,000, and our share of this amount is designated to be \$1,062.55. Aid is to be given this year chiefly to the crippled Lutheran Church in Russia, and to our orphaned missions in heathen lands. Your committee recommends that our congregations be asked to make an offering for this cause, averaging perhaps ten cents per confirmed member, and that this offering be made as soon after the meeting of Synod as may be convenient to the individual congregations.

2. The Secretary of the U.L.C. calls the attention of the Synod to the necessity of electing at this convention our delegates to the general body. Fifty-eight parishes are on the roll of the Canada Synod at the present time. We are entitled, therefore, to six clerical and six lay delegates. Your committee recommends that this number be elected.

3. With reference to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the U.L.C. (1924 minutes, page 48), your committee recommends that the Canada Synod vote approval.

4. The Executive Committee of the U.L.C. urges active cooperation of Synod in matters of publicity particularly in view of the fact that the U.L.C. has contracted with the N.L.C. for special service which, it appears, is at our disposal. We recommend that our official reporters be charged with the duty of turning news of nation-wide interest into these channels.

5. The Executive Committee of the U.L.C. has taken action stressing the desirability of raising the apportionment in full for the year 1927. Your committee recommends that this matter be referred to our Executive Committee for suitable action.

6. A communication from St. Paul's, Toronto, dated May 31st, 1926, and signed by the Secretary of the congregation, states that at a congregational meeting objection was taken by several members to a number of matters bearing upon the Constitution of our Synod and its adoption at the Merger Convention in Tavistock. While the letter does not state that the objections made by several members received the support of the congregation as a whole, your committee has nevertheless given the subject matter of the letter detailed consideration.

(a) The opinion is expressed that "the constitution should have been submitted to the congregation for approval before being adopted by the convention." Your committee offers the information that the Model Constitution for Synods was accepted as a basis for union in 1923, that the important changes deemed necessary for our local needs were fully discussed in 1924, and action taken thereon recorded in full detail in the printed minutes of the Central Synod of that year, and that a complete copy of the proposed constitution was mailed to the pastors of all congregations one month before the final adoption took place in 1925.

(b) The letter states that "it was felt that all important matters should be presented to the congregations in agenda form before a convention." Your committee recommends that Synod instruct the secretaries to prepare a bulletin containing all important reports of officers and committees and to place the same into the hands of all pastors and delegates two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

(c) The letter further declares that "the apportionment system should be abolished in favour of free offerings", but that if this is not feasible the basis of figuring out the apportionment for each congregation should be so changed as not only to include the number of confirmed members, but also the average contribution for current expenses, the possession of a "manse", the location of the church in city or country and other matters. Your committee were agreed that the apportionment system is not the ideal of genuine Christian benevolence, and we also believe that the basis on which the apportionment for each congregation is figured out, is not fair to all alike, because, while each congregation is apportioned the same per member, the congregations themselves are not the same, but differ from one another in every conceivable way. A system that is efficient in meeting the requirements of our missionary and benevolent operations and at the same time just to all will find, we venture to say, immediate acceptance. We suggest that interested persons seriously attempt to solve this difficult problem and present their findings and plans to Synod.

(d) The letter says of Art. X., Sec. 4, of the constitution that "it appears that the purpose of the article seriously endangers the liberty of the congregation," and asks for an interpretation. Your committee finds that this paragraph of the Constitution embodies the judgment of the courts of Canada and of other countries, and is the law of the land. We can sense in it nothing that endangers the liberty of any congregation belonging to the Synod. On the other hand we cannot understand how, in case of strife or division the Synod could recognize as the lawful

congregation that part which rejects the Synod's faith or revolts against the constitutional provisions or its obligations as a member of Synod.

(e) Our interpretation of Art. X, Sec. 5, as it bears upon congregational constitutions that conflict with the constitution of Synod, and that were in force before adoption of the constitution of Synod is, that congregations should strive to bring their constitution into harmony with that of their Synod, but if it seems to be more desirable to change the constitution of Synod, this also can be done in a manner prescribed by the constitution itself.

(f) Finally the question is asked whether under Art. XI. "inability to pay apportionment amounts to a violation of the constitution." Your committee was of the opinion that such inability does not amount to willful disregard or violation of the constitution. *Ultra posse nemo obligatur.*

When we turn back in the pages of our history and look into the minutes of this venerable body, it so happens that we find a struggling mission congregation of Pioneer Lutherans in the City of Toronto joyfully reporting the raising of \$3.00 per confirmed member for benevolences, in addition to their self-sacrificing contributions for building and current expenses, and this 60 years ago. Brethren, let us be slow to plead inability, but quick to catch the inspiration which the example of the past, rich in faith and good works, holds for all of us.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Correspondence.

JOHN SCHMIEDER,
Secretary.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY CONDITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

This committee conceives the object of its appointment to be to study conditions within the Lutheran Church in Canada with a view to ascertaining the problems of administration and finance that would be involved in the event of a union of the Lutheran bodies in Canada, primarily in Eastern Canada and ultimately in all Canada.

If the conception of the committee is correct, we recommend the continuance of such a committee as a committee of ways and means to this end.

Signed for the Committee,
N. WILLISON,
Secretary.

Adopted.

On motion the same committee was continued.

The Session was extended to 11.50 a.m.

REPORT OF MEETING OF LAY-DELEGATES

Mr. A. Ramsperger was elected Chairman, E. B. Christiansen, Secretary.

1. Group insurance for clergy was discussed. Delegates believed it a great benefit, if congregations would take this up, and thought it would be possible to carry this through if the appeal were made. Resolved, that if such a group insurance plan were desired by the pastors, that the Laymen would take it up in their congregations.

2. Information regarding the Lutheran Brotherhood was requested. Several delegates gave information as to its advantages in congregational work—made possible the formation of a Men's Bible Class, otherwise impossible. One delegate declared that heretofore practical Church work had been left to women, and even the children. The work of the Lutheran Brotherhood could be made a great factor in aid of Pastors' work. Resolved, that the pastors be requested to organize such a work in their congregations where possible.

3. Regret was expressed that response to the apportionment had generally been so poor during the past year. Several delegates reported that Printed annual reports showing individual giving tended toward improvement in this respect. It was respectfully suggested that some pastors might make a greater effort toward this end. General introduction of Duplex Envelopes was suggested as a help toward improvement. Resolved that pastors be requested, to more forcefully and more often present the cause of the apportionment to their congregations explaining its working, the duty of the congregation to make an effort toward its payment in full, the great harm and embarrassment caused by failure to do so, and also the need of regular monthly remittances, and that delegates undertake hearty cooperation toward this end.

E. B. CHRISTIANSEN,
A. RAMSPERGER.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee met on June 5th, 1926, in the parsonage, Trinity Church, Hamilton, and set up the following Budget, which it herewith presents for your approval.

For Canada Synod.

Seminary	\$ 20,000 00
Synodical Treasury	7,000 00
Sinking Fund	5,000 00
Building Fund	500 00
Inner Mission	1,800 00
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Total ..	\$ 34,300 00
United Lutheran Church	32,535 00
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Total ..	\$ 66,835 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. ZINCK,

English Secretary.

Adopted.

REPORT OF MUSIC COMMITTEE

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee respectfully desires to report that during the past year the members of the Committee have given assistance and advice to pastors and organists in musical matters whenever requested to do so. Such requests have been numerous enough to make us feel that Synod is aware of our existence.

A particularly noteworthy service was rendered to St. James Church, North East Hope, when Mr. O. G. Smith, accompanied by the other members of your committee and members of his choir gave a lecture on the music of the hymns and liturgy of the Common Service Book which was illustrated throughout with the help of the choir. St. James' entire congregation were present and your committee received many expressions of appreciation. A real service was rendered which is continuing to bear rich fruits. Your committee is willing to co-operate in a similar manner with other congregations or groups of congregations and welcomes invitations to assist in work of this kind.

Your committee regrets very much that it is necessary to call the Synod's attention to the fact that the public services usually held in connection with conventions and conferences are frequently conducted in such a careless, haphazard and undignified manner as to defeat the purpose of true worship. We are sometimes compelled, particularly on occasions as mentioned, to attend services so poorly planned and conducted in such a manner as to be an offence to God and a hindrance rather than a help to communion with Him. The Committee believes that it is within its province to recommend that Synod deplore this

state of affairs, disapprove of all unseemly and undignified conduct in the public worship of the Church, and urge a more lively realization of our professed purpose to conduct such worship in the Name of God and for the edification of His people.

Respectfully submitted by the Music Committee,

H. SHORTEN,
JOHN SCHMIEDER,
O. G. SMITH.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF ENGLISH HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The English Home Mission Committee of the Canada Synod held a number of meetings during the year at the call of the President. The Mission at Welland-Bridgeburg, has been vacant during the entire year and the Mission at Guelph during the greater part of the year. These missions have been kept supplied by the Seminary.

At the first meeting of the Committee, Sept. 30th, 1925, the Rev. A. C. E. Grotke, was appointed to make a preliminary investigation of Woodstock. This was done. Pastor Grotke's report was to the effect that the situation would not justify the planting of a mission at that point.

At the meeting of the Committee, Nov. 11th, 1925, application was made to the General Board for a supplementary grant of \$5 per service for supplying the missions at Guelph and Welland-Bridgeburg. This the Board allowed.

At the meeting held Nov. 20 the Committee recommended the appointment of the Rev. S. Cooper as Missionary at large for Sault Ste. Marie and North West Ontario. This the Board granted.

On February 18th, 1926, the General Board was requested to pay the taxes on the lots held in trust by Trinity congregation, Hamilton, in East Hamilton. This was agreed to by the Board.

On Feb. 26th the Committee endorsed the request of the Mission at Guelph for a special grant of \$150 from the General Board toward the payment of its taxes. This was granted by the Board.

At a meeting of the Committee, March 19th, 1926, Student E. Heimrich was recommended to the Board to take charge of the North End Mission in Kitchener during the months of June, July and August, at a salary of \$100 per month, and Student

Gerald Ernst to supply the Guelph Mission during the same period at a similar salary, of which the Mission was to pay half and the Board half. These recommendations were both granted by the Board.

At a meeting of the Committee, April 12th, the sale of the lots in East Hamilton, and the rearrangement of the Church building at Guelph into a combined Church and parsonage were recommended. Both these recommendations received the endorsement of the Board.

At a meeting held May 20th, Student A. Gordier was recommended to take the place of Student Gerald Ernst at Guelph, who had decided to go to his home in Nova Scotia. The Board was also requested to add \$500 to its appropriation to the Welland-Bridgeburg Mission.

At a meeting held June 3rd, Student A. Mehlenbacher was recommended to serve Welland-Bridgeburg during June, July, August and September, at a salary of \$100 per month, \$50 from the Board and \$50 from the Mission.

We, your Committee, submit the following budget for the year beginning July 1st, 1926.

	Board	Mission	Total
Brantford, St. Matthew's—C. R. Cronmiller.....	\$ 700	\$ 800	\$1500
Guelph, St. Paul's—Vacant.....	900	600	1500
Montreal, Redeemer—M. O. Heller.....	1020	780	1800
Ottawa, St. Peter's—L. M. McCreery.....	575	625	1200
Sault Ste. Marie, Zion—S. Cooper.....	980	1020	2000
Welland, St. Matthew's—Vacant }.....	1200	600	1800
Bridgeburg, First Lutheran }			
For New Work and Emergencies	2000		
Total	\$7375		

We also recommend that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to write commending pastor and people of Redeemer, Montreal and Zion, Sault Ste. Marie, on having reduced the amounts requested from the Board by \$60 and \$120 respectively.

J. MAURER, Chairman.

W. A. SCHMIDT, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF ARCHIVIST

The papers and documents hereinafter mentioned have been placed in the Archives of the Synod.

1. The Archives of the former Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada turned over by Prof. Dr. Willison.

2. 4 Copies of the Minutes of last year's session, 2 German and 2 English, respectively.

3. A cash-box containing various documents and reports covering a period beginning with the sixties last century, formerly in the possession of the Western Conference, and turned over by Pastor Gomann.

4. The Minute-books of the Western and of the Middle Conference of the old Canada Synod.

5. Important papers and documents covering the terms of the office as President of Dr. O. C. D. Klaehn.

6. The written minutes of the former Ev. Luth. Synod of Central Canada, turned over by the Secretary, Rev. Prof. A. A. Zinck, D.D.

7. The last volume of the written minutes of the old Ev. Luth. Synod of Canada.

8. The report of the Treasurer of the Seminary Board, Mr. A. L. Bitzer, as it is audited by the firm of Scully & Scully.

9. 2 written copies of the Constitution of St. Peter's congregation in Logan Tp., one in German and one in English, handed in by Rev. J. Alberti; also the Minute book of the former 2nd Sunday School District, turned over by Rev. J. Alberti.

10. The Minute-book of the Ev. Luth. Salems-Gemeinde (congregation) of Port Elgin.

The Marriage Register of the same congregation, handed over by Rev. G. Brackebusch.

11. The Lutheran, The Canada Lutheran, and the Lutherische Herold.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. HENKEL.

Adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXCUSE COMMITTEE

Requests from pastors and delegates to be excused from the sessions of Synod have been received. We recommend that the following be excused:

I. Rev. H. Weigand (supplying for a minister who is attending Synod); Rev. Schraeder, Rev. A. Blunck (household duties); Rev. P. Kleine (ill health), Rev. E. Neudoerfer (distance and ill health), Dr. Veit (ill health), Rev. C. Zarnke (Con-

ference decided to keep one minister of the Ottawa Valley at home during Convention of Synod); Rev. John Strempler (long distance); Rev. J. Langholz (ill health); Delegate from Lady-smith (travelling expenses not having been advanced); Delegate from Massey (long distance); Delegate from Palmer Rapids (long distance); Rev. R. F. Kasdorff (pastoral duties).

III. We note with great pleasure the large attendance at Synod of both pastors and delegates.

IV. We recommend that the pastors and delegates who wish to be excused from Synod or sessions thereof hand their excuses in writing to the excuse committee.

Signed: THEO A. ISELER,
J. KUTTER,
C. ZIEGLER,
E. B. CHRISTIANSEN.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned at 11.50 a.m., the President pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION (Continued)

Monday, June 7th, 1926, 2.00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Hamilton, Ont.

The minutes of the previous session were read in English and German and adopted.

The President appointed Rev. Geelhaar and Rev. W. A. Schmidt as a Committee to confer with the Canada Luther League on Constitution.

REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE ON DELEGATES TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Your Committee begs leave to make the following recommendations in regard to the delegation of the Canada Synod to the U.L.C. Bi-ennial Convention in Richmond, Va.

(1) That six of the following pastors be elected, the other six to be alternates in the order of the number of votes:

Alberti
Brachebusch
Geelhaar
Klaehn
Maurer
McCreery

J. Reble
W. A. Schmidt
Schmieder
Stockmann
Willison
Zinck.

(2) That six of the following laymen be elected, the other six to be alternates in the order of number of votes:

Casselman (Montreal)	Ramsperger (Hamilton)
Christiansen (Pembroke)	Reckin (Wiarnton)
Hollinger (St. Jacobs)	Summerfeldt (Unionville)
Johnstone (Zurich)	Westcott (Hamilton)
H. Pauli (Stratford)	Ziegler (Waterloo)
Dr. Prestien (Hespeler)	Zoeller (New Hamburg)

(4) That the delegates notify the President of Synod at least four weeks previous to the Convention of the U. L. C. of their ability or inability to attend, and that the President of Synod notify the alternates.

C. RECKIN,
C. F. CHRISTIANSEN,
M. O. HELLER,
H. L. HENKEL,
E. J. FISCHER.

The report was adopted. Elections took place with the following results, in the order named:

Clerical Delegates—Pastors Reble, Dr. Maurer, Pastor Alberti, Dr. Zinck, Dr. Willison, Pastor Schmieder.

Alternates: Pastors Stockman, McCreery, Brackebusch, Dr. Klaehn, Pastors Geelhaar and W. A. Schmidt.

Lay Delegates: Messrs. Casselman (Montreal), Christiansen (Pembroke), Ramsperger (Hamilton), Pauli (Stratford), Westcott (Hamilton), Hollinger (St. Jacob's).

Alternates: Johnstone (Zurich), Prestien (Hespeler), Zoeller (New Hamburg), Ziegler (Waterloo), Reckin (Wiarnton), Summerfeldt (Unionville).

REPORT OF INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Inner Mission Committee begs leave to present the following recommendations for synodical consideration and action:

(1) That our Synod expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Inner Mission Board of the U.L.C. for their financial assistance and most helpful co-operation in establishing immigration work in our Synod.

(2) That our pastors give our immigrant pastor all possible support and co-operation (a) by acquainting their congregations

with the important work that is being done, (b) by urging our Lutheran constituency to avail themselves of the opportunity of securing Lutheran help in their homes and on their farms, (c) by rendering special financial assistance in so far as possible.

(3) That the Inner Mission Board of the U.L.C. be advised that our pastors are not receiving the names of the new arrivals to their communities. Understanding that this matter is being taken care of by the New York office we would urge that they make every effort to have such names distributed within a month after their receipt from our immigrant pastor,

(4) That we express great gratification to Dr. Klaehn, our immigrant pastor, for the progress made to date in the establishing of our immigration work, and commend him especially for the thoroughness with which he has administered the varied duties of his office, and so faithfully attended to the spiritual and temporal welfare of Canada's immigrant people.

M. O. HELLER,

Sec. Com.

The report was adopted. On motion the present Inner Mission Committee was continued.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

The Committee on Church Architecture of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada met on the 5th August, 1925, at 11 a.m., in the Seminary Building at Waterloo, Ont. The following Pastors were present, J. H. Reble (E. O.) Holm, Sperling. No delegates were present.

Rev. Dr. Sperling was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report, Jan. 1st until Dec. 31st, 1925

Balance on hand on Jan. 1st, 1925	\$ 538 23
Income from Apportionment	191 77
Interest	31 05
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Balance on hand, 31st Dec., 1925	\$ 761 05

Expenses

For transfer of cheques received from the Treasurer of Synod in August and October	\$	35
Income	\$ 761 05	
Expenses	35	
Balance on hand 31st Dec., 1925	\$ 760 70	
On 10th Jan., 1924, lent to St. Peter's Congregation in Wiarton, Ont., on 1st mortgage	\$1000 00	
In the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Kitchener	760 70	
Total on hand, 31st Dec., 1925	\$1760 70	

Respectfully, your Committee,

J. REBLE,
C. H. LITTLE,
H. A. SPERLING.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on President's Report begs leave to submit the following report:

1. We note with regret that the Rev. H. Hamfeld is necessitated by the action of his congregation to join the Ohio Synod of the U.L.C., to sever his connection with the Canada Synod, we recommend that to Rev. Hamfeld and his congregation be extended the appreciation and gratitude of Synod for their participation in the work of our Synod.

2. We recommend that in the future the term "Candidate" be employed in referring to the graduates.

3. We rejoice in the fact that Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sault Ste Marie, and St. Paul's, Wallace, have joined our Synod.

4. In regard to the death of Dr. E. Hoffmann we reiterate: "A mighty man in Israel has fallen." We pray Him, who has taken him from us, to grant a true successor that His work in the vineyard of our Lord may continue to prosper.

5. We commend the action of the Board of Governors in calling to the Presidency of Waterloo Seminary, Dr. A. A. Zinck.

6. We recommend that a committee be appointed which is to work out plans for a Hoffmann memorial pamphlet.

7. We strongly recommend that all congregations organize brotherhoods or men's societies.

8. An important and far-reaching work has been established in Montreal in founding the Immigrant mission. May the Lord

grant to our Immigrant Missionary, Dr. O. C. Klaehn, wisdom and grace to direct the work to the best interest of the Church, and to the Pastors and Congregations a proper knowledge for this most important branch of Innermission.

9. We recommend that the matter of the Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund be fully discussed because of its necessity and importance.

10. Especially would we express our appreciation of the active participation of the Lay Delegates in the affair of our Synod.

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge the clear and comprehensive report of our honorable President, and recommend that Synod grant him an honorarium of \$150.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HENKEL,
 J. KUTTER,
 J. ALBERTI,
 E. GOMANN,
 P. BARINGER,
 J. KLAEHN,
 A. RAMSPERGER,
 A. BITZER,
 A. SUMERFELD.

The report was adopted.

Under item 6, the appointment of the committee was left with the Executive Committee of Synod.

Under Item 9 the matter of Ministerial Pension and Relief Funds was referred to the District Conferences for discussion.

Under item 3 the secretaries were instructed to write letters of appreciation to the congregations at Sault Ste Marie and St. Paul's, Wallace.

On motion the Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay an honorarium of \$20.00 to Rev. W. A. Schmidt for his work as advertising manager of the Canada Lutheran.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Your Committee submits to the Honorable Synod the following:

The student body of our Theological Seminary at Waterloo is comprised as follows:

Seniors—Student Bald, Mehlenbacher, Gordier, Ernst.

Middlers—Students Kappes, Heimrich, Miller.

Juniors—Students Baetz, Stosskopf, Keffer, Datars, Lotz.

Two other young men who have taken up the study of Hebrew might take up the full theological course at a later time.

We recommend to this synodical body:

1. That all pastors of our Synod should make it their pleasant duty with renewed interest to work in their respective congregations for the recruiting of capable young men for the Holy Ministry, that they hear and heed the call of the Master: "Go ye also into my vineyard."

2. To grant the application for aid of Student Lloyd Schaus, to the extent of \$100.00 for the scholastic year 1926-27.

Respectfully submitted,

S. COOPER, Chairman.

P. G. RICH. PFEIFFER, Sec'y.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Your Committee has reviewed the minutes of the Sunday School districts, Hamilton, Hanover, Kitchener and Stratford. All report progress and show good interest in the activities of Sunday School work. The Eastern District did not present a report as requested in Art. 13, Sec. 3, page 37 in By-Laws.

The Conventions raised the following sums of money:

Stratford District (for Apportionment)	\$ 367 28
Kitchener District (for Apportionment)	425 46
Hanover District (for Apportionment)	133 00
Hamilton District (for Seminary)	46 84

1. Your Committee finds that the S. S. of Milverton has decided not to attend the Conventions, and the Stratford district seeks the Synod's advice in this matter.

2. That the S. S. of Listowel requests the permission of Synod to form a separate S. S. Convention District.

Respectfully submitted,

H. REMBE, JR.,
F. L. HOWALD,
J. W. CASSELMAN,
E. B. WESTCOTT.

Adopted.

It was resolved that Wallace, Listowel, Milverton, and Ellice be permitted to constitute a sub-district Sunday School Convention.

Synod recommended to the Eastern Conference the holding of a Sunday School Convention.

REPORT OF MISSION FUND COMMITTEE

Your Committee begs to report that Pastor H. Twietmeyer has been elected Chairman, Mr. Edwin Winkler, Secretary, and Pastor E. Holm, Treasurer, of this committee.

H. TWIETMEYER,
EDW. WINKLER,
E. HOLM.

Adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT, MINISTERS' AID FUND

The Board of the Ministers' Aid Fund organized for the new year and elected: Rev. H. Twietmeyer, President; Rev. H. R. Mosig, Secretary; Rev. E. Holm, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. MOSIG, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANADIAN COUNCIL OF THE WORLD ALLIANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE THROUGH THE CHURCHES

Your Committee appointed by the President of Synod to meet similar committees to consider the advisability of forming a Canadian Branch of the World Alliance for the Promotion of International Friendship through the Churches, met such committees from the United Church of Canada, the Presbyterian Church and the Anglican Church, on March 11th, 1926, in the Methodist Book Room, Toronto.

As your committee was vested with no authority, we hereby report only the action taken by the committees, and request the Synod to state its pleasure in the matter.

It was resolved: That this conference, representing various churches of Canada, believing in the principles and objects of the "World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches" would urge upon the Supreme Court of each Communion the importance of the formation of a Canadian Council of the World Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MAURER,
P. S. BARINGER,
CHRISTIANSEN.

The report was adopted, and the Committee discontinued.

On motion the Synod authorized Mr. K. Homuth to attend the United Lutheran Church Convention in the interests of the Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund.

Three changes in the Constitution of Synod were proposed as follows:

I.

Hamilton, Ont., June 4th, 1926.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned members of Synod, beg to submit notice of our intention at the next meeting of Synod, to amend By-law 12, Section 1 C, to read as follows:

"The names shall appear on the ballot in Alphabetical order. The elector shall vote by marking the names of the persons chosen by him with a cross (X), but every elector shall have the right to substitute any other name for those appearing on the ballot, either with or without nominations on the floor of Synod. But the number of candidates added to the ballot shall in no case exceed the number already there.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SCHMIDT,
F. L. HOROALD,
L. H. KALBFLEISCH.

II.

We, the undersigned members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada, hereby move the following amendment to the Constitution of the Synod, to be voted on at the next annual meeting of the Synod:

That Section II. "The Mission Committee", of Article Six of the Constitution be struck out entirely, and the following be inserted in its place:

Section II.—The Mission Committee

This Committee shall consist, besides the President of Synod ex officio, of three pastors and three laymen who shall be elected for three years in such a way that the term of office of one pastor and one layman shall expire every year. It shall supervise and direct all Home Mission work of the Synod, under the rules of the Board of American Missions of the U.L.C. in A. No missionary on the funds of the Board shall be a member of this Committee.

Signatures:

J. MAURER,
C. F. CHRISTIANSEN,
N. WILLISON.

III.

We, the undersigned members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada hereby move the following amendment to the By-Laws of the Constitution of the Synod, to be voted on at the next annual meeting of Synod:

That Section 3, "Committee on the Care of Orphans" of By-Law XII, "Standing Committees" be struck out entirely, and the following inserted in its place:

3. "Committee on Inner Missions"

This Committee shall consist beside the President of Synod ex-officio, of two pastors and two laymen who shall be elected for two years in such a way that the term of office of one pastor and one layman expires each year. It shall supervise and direct the work of the Immigrant Missionary at Montreal; look after

the interests of minor, orphaned and neglected children within the Synod, placing them in orphanages or finding them foster-homes in Lutheran families; and supervise and direct any Inner Mission work which the Synod may from time to time undertake.

Signatures:

J. REBLE,
 A. L. BITZER,
 G. BRACKENBUSCH,
 R. B. GEELHAAR,
 C. P. BAERNER,
 C. F. CHRISTIANSEN,
 J. O. SCHMIDT,
 N. WILLISON.

June 3, 1926.

Rev. H. R. Mosig was elected fraternal delegate to the New York Ministerium. Rev. P. S. Baringer was elected fraternal delegate to the Synod of New York and New England. Rev. Dr. J. Maurer was elected fraternal delegate to the Michigan Synod.

The President was authorized to appoint a committee on Religious Instruction in the Public Schools. He appointed: Pastors A. Grotke, P. S. Baringer, P. W. Mueller, and Dr. Prestien and Mr. K. Homuth.

Rev. J. Mangelson invited Synod to hold its next Convention in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Milverton. The Synod unanimously adopted this invitation. The time for the next meeting of Synod was set as Wednesday evening after Trinity Sunday, 1927.

The Secretaries of Synod were authorized to publish a sufficient number of the minutes of Synod.

The President of Synod was instructed to convey to Rev. Dr. F. Veit, the congratulations of Synod on the recent honour bestowed upon him, and also the prayers of Synod for his health and welfare.

Synod asked the pastors loci, to express to their congregations at the public services on the following Sunday, the thanks of this body for the generous entertainment provided.

The minutes of this session were read in English and adopted.

The Synod was formally closed at 4.45 p.m. by the President of Synod, using the Order of the Common Service Book.

J. REBLE,	A. A. ZINCK,
President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.	English Secretary of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Canada.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Wednesday, June 2nd, 8.00 p.m., opening services of Synod in St. Paul's Church. German sermon by Rev. O. Stockman; Text, Matth. 28:20; English Sermon, Dr. C. H. Little, Text, Colossians 3:24. Liturgy by Officers of Synod.

Friday, June 4th, 8.00 p.m., Public Mass Meeting in the Knights of Pythias Hall. Address by Dr. I. Chantry Hoffmann, of Philadelphia, on "The Protesting Church". The meeting was preceded by a banquet served by the ladies of Trinity Church.

Sunday, June 6th, 10.15 a.m., Confessional Service, St. Paul's Church, English Liturgy by Pastor McCreery. German Sermon by Pastor Alberti, text: Luke 22:14.

11.00 a.m., Ordination Service in St. Paul's Church, German Sermon, Pastor Voss; Text, Matthew 10:16-22. English Sermon, Dr. J. Maurer; Text, Acts 16:9. Liturgy by the Officers of Synod. Candidates Schultz and Vorkoper were ordained to the Holy Ministry.

7.00 p.m., Holy Communion, Trinity Lutheran Church. Sermon by Rev. Dr. N. Willison; text, 1 John 4:16. Liturgy by the Pastors Loci.

On Thursday evening at 5.00 p.m. the Alumni Society of Waterloo Seminary met in Trinity Church. At 8.00 p.m. the members of Synod were entertained at the Bartmann home, 90 Victoria Avenue South, Hamilton.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1927

Synodical Budget:

Seminary	\$ 20,000 00
Synodical Expenses	7,000 00
Sinking Fund	5,000 00
Church Building Fund	500 00
Montreal Inner Mission	1,800 00
Total	\$ 34,300 00
United Lutheran Church	32,535 00
Grand Total	\$ 66,835 00

This joint budget of \$66,835.00 is apportioned according to the confirmed membership of the individual congregations.

At least 20% of all monies received on apportionment go to the U. L. C. in monthly instalments. **Therefore the congregations are requested to remit their contributions for benevolences monthly to the Synodical Treasurer.**

The sum total placed to the Synodical Budget is divided as follows:

Seminary	58.30	per cent.
Synodical Expenses	20.41	" "
Sinking Fund	14.58	" "
Church Building Fund	1.46	" "
Montreal Inner Mission	5.25	" "
Total	100.00	" "

	Membership.	Apportionment
Arnprior	110	\$ 464 20
North Cote	52	219 44
Auburn	10	42 20
Ayton	160	675 20
Baden	89	375 58
Brant Township	199	839 78
Elmwood	241	1017 02
Brantford	71	299 62
Breslau	12	50 64
Shantz	22	92 84
Bridgeport	57	240 54
Chesley	141	595 02
Conestogo	122	514 84
Dunbar	96	405 12
East Zorra Tp.	85	358 70
Plattsville	13	54 86
Eganville	274	1156 28
Ellice Tp.	334	1409 48
Elmira	344	1451 68
Galt	118	497 96
Grattan	94	396 68
Sebastopol Tp.	88	371 36
South Algona Tp.	48	202 56
Guelph	72	303 84
Hamilton: St. Paul's	196	827 12
Trinity	197	831 34
Hanover	424	1789 28
Heidelberg	150	633 00
Erbsville	126	531 72
Hespeler	287	1211 14
Humberstone	361	1523 42
Kitchener: St. Matthew's	1851	7811 22
First English	310	1308 20
Ladysmith	128	540 16
Schwartz	118	497 96
Linwood	175	738 50
Wellesley Tp.	94	396 68
Hesson	36	151 92
Listowel	108	455 76
Wallace Tp.	116	489 52
Treecastle	16	67 52
Logan Tp.	457	1928 54

	Membership.	Apportionment
Massey	82	346 04
Chalk River	42	177 24
Milverton	2 62	1105 64
Montreal	106	447 32
Morrisburg	134	565 48
Riverside	138	582 36
New Dundee	73	308 06
Mannheim	53	223 66
New Hamburg	189	797 58
Normanby Tp., St. Paul's	237	1000 14
Corrick Tp.	126	531 72
Normanby Tp.: St. Jacobi	72	303 84
North East Hope Tp.	149	628 78
Wellesley	165	696 30
Gadshill	93	392 46
Ottawa	84	354 48
Palmer Papids	37	156 14
Denbigh	36	151 92
Raglan	120	506 40
Maynooth	89	375 58
Pembroke	617	2603 74
Petawawa	301	1270 22
Alice	226	953 72
Philipsburg	168	708 96
St. Agatha	30	126 60
Rankin	95	400 90
Bonnechere	77	324 94
Woito	78	329 16
Sebastopol	550	2321 00
Stratford	324	1367 28
Sullivan Tp.	225	949 50
Williamsford	110	464 20
St. Jacobs	112	472 64
Toronto: First Lutheran	192	810 24
St. Paul's	76	320 72
Unionville-Buttonville	60	253 20
Sherwood	125	527 50
Walkerton	165	696 30
Mildmay	110	464 20
Waterloo	1183	4992 26
Welland	44	185 68
Warton	86	362 92
Owen Sound	16	67 52
Williamsburg	284	1198 48
Zurich	329	1388 38

Per Member \$4.22

The Apportionment Committee:

R. PFEIFFER,
L. H. KALBFLEISCH,
A. LORCH,
GORDON HOLLINGER.



