

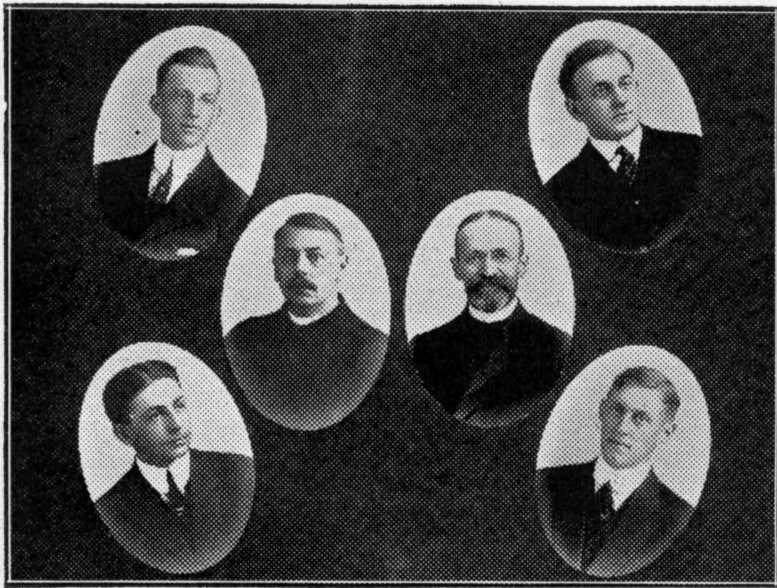
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Ps. LXXI. 13. "Be thou my strong habitation whereunto I may continually resort."

David wrote these words in old age, and was apparently in great affliction. It is thought that he was suffering from the rebellion of his son Absalom.

This psalm begins with the words, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust;" and in the latter part of the third verse gives his reason for that trust: "Thou hast given commandment to save me: for thou art my rock and my fortress." In his great trial, therefore, he comes to the Lord with this pathetic appeal "Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort. It is well to take advantage of our present feelings and circumstances to aid us in our communion with God. Behold David, gray-headed, the fire of youth that had heroically encountered and triumphed over the lion, the bear and the giant Philistine, now chilled by age, his chief counsellor betraying him, the hearts of his people stolen from him, his army inadequate to his defence, himself forced from his palace, fleeing from place to place an exile in his own country, and full of uncertainty as to the end,—at such a time how natural and suitable and satisfying must it have been to realize God as his hiding place, resting place and dwelling place—the strength and home of his heart. It is indeed pitiable to be homeless; but the child of God can never be homeless. In the condition of the Christian, rest is to be found in the bosom of your God and Savior; and the less happiness you have in the creature the more you should repair to His all-sufficiency. Your distresses are designed to urge you to Him, and if they have this effect, it will be good for you that you have been afflicted.

David would find and enjoy God, not only as his habitation, but his strong habitation—such as would not fall by decay, nor be thrown down by violence, nor be entered by any enemy, in which the inhabitant would not only be free from danger but feel himself secure. But every earthly stronghold, however befriended by nature, or indebted to Art, is only a shadow of the safety the believer finds in the perfections and covenant engagements of God. No force, no strategy of men or devils can prevail to destroy or injure him who has made the Lord his trust. He is kept

by the power of God through faith unto salvation; and when he realizes it by faith, his soul dwells at ease, and he is quiet from the fear of evil.

David would also make use of Him under the character of his strong habitation permanently. "Whereunto I may continually resort." Would he then want to repair to God always? Our necessities, our work, our danger require it constantly. We are commanded to pray without ceasing, and if, while we acknowledge and feel the obligation, we are renewed in the spirit of our mind, we shall not lament it. Loving him as well as depending upon him, we shall find it good to draw near to God, and delight ourselves in Him.

And we shall never find Him inaccessible when we want Him. There is a way to our strong habitation, and we know the way. There is a door and we have the key. No guard keeps us back; the dwelling is our own. No one dares forbid us the accommodations and contents. The King of Kings allows us to come boldly to the throne of grace; and enjoins us in everything, by prayer and supplication, to make known our requests to Him. We cannot be too importunate or by our continual coming, weary Him. May the Lord teach and enable us to improve our privileges.

PATRIOTISM.

Rev. Milton J. Bieber, M.A., D.D.

(Paper prepared for the convention of the Canada L. L. at Hamilton, Ont., May 24, 1912.)

Patriotism is love of country. It is love of the Fatherland or the Motherland. Who does not love his mother? "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself has said, This is my own my native land!" A few years ago some said "Patriotism is dead." Patriotism dead? *Patriotism never dies!* as long as there is a country and a flag so long will patriotism grip the heart, fire the eye, quicken the step. Patriotism has three predominant elements, Love, Sacrifice, Service.

All nations exhibit love and passion for country—enemies as well as allies. It is the same love though for a different flag. Why do men die for a piece of bunting? It represents "Mother," home. To the Canadian it means liberty, justice, righteousness.

Our flag belts the earth. The sun continually gilds its folds. It is a beacon light in almost every harbor and clime—among many peoples. It is the red,

white and blue that gracefully waves o'er ocean, sea, continent and island. It is saluted and loved by far more people than any other ensign. It represents a language that is destined to become the language of the world. Empire Day! Its celebration thrills us as never before! The devotion of fathers, sons, husbands and lovers impels them to devote this day for nation and empire. There are tears and heartaches and longings for the absent ones, some of whom will never return. That sacrifice sanctifies Empire Day! Patriotism Dead? Why then still the martial music, the drum's roll, the bugle's call, the tramp, tramp, tramp of the thousands in khaki? Whence do these men—strong, handsome, robust—come? From the home, the school, the market, the bank, the court, the factory. From the ranks of the physicians, the lawyers, editors, clergymen, statesmen. They are willing to incarnate Empire Day. But this devotion is not confined to the men. Mothers, wives, sweethearts like the spartans of old exclaim. "Go and do your full duty and God be with you! Come back, O come back to us, but with your shield or on it." No, patriotism burns not only in men's hearts. Woman, clinging, brave, godly woman shares it and inspires it in the man she loves. She, too, sacrifices. While man is in the trenches woman grieves and prays and hopes. But in her sorrow she in addition rears her family, tills the soil, sows and garners. She takes the soldier's place at home while he carries and plants his and her flag on the firing line, in the trenches, amidst disease, wounds, death.

There is no love and no sacrifice without service. Service is love's flower and its fruit. Acting, giving, suffering, dying—that is service. No matter what a patriot's other duties may be—no matter what his circumstances—no matter what his individual ideas even re the cause itself—all are subdued by the passion that draws him to his flag and follows it to the ends of the earth.

What about the patriot who fattens on his country's woes? Who takes advantage of her crying needs? Who supplies his soldier countrymen in the danger zone with equipments that diminish their comforts, impede their progress, and clog their chariot wheels? Patriot? He is a *traitor!* He is a craven. He fights against his country. *He sells her flag for gold!* He is an assassin. Thank God that he is the exception in the nation's population!

But patriotic service does not only require blood. It expresses itself not only in war. True patriotism is coupled

with true citizenship, broad statesmanship, integrity in all the walks of life. True patriotism concerns itself about the true education of all classes; justice (not charity) to the sons of toil. Pure patriotism keeps the nation upright, law-abiding, sober, God-fearing. It is consecrated to God. It burns incense on the family altar. It rears the rising generation in the fear of the Lord. It supports the church, the only bulwark of the nation and of freedom. It takes no bribe and gives none. It places principle above party. It sings "God Save the King," with the emphasis upon God.

What relation has the Canada Luther League to this subject? The Luther League is an army. Its members are among the flower of the nation. They have sworn allegiance to King George and to King Jesus Christ. They are true patriots because they are true Christians. They are loyal to the flag because they are loyal to the cross. They are of the nation and the church, by the nation and the church and for the nation and the church. Of each they sing:

"For her our tears shall fall,
For her our prayer ascend,
Of her our cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end."

The Luther Leaguer has enlisted in the League army and is willing to drill, be under discipline, respond at roll call. He sounds the bugle, beats the drum and also falls into line when they call. He is willing to do scout and sentinel duty (committee work of any kind.) He is willing to become an officer or remain a private. He obeys all rules. He wears the society's khaki—the colors of the League—the uniform of a true Christian character.

He will not shirk. He will not be a traitor by fighting in some other army. He will not be found in the market place, or the pleasure hall or the club or stand in the rings of sinners when he should be at the armory—the devotional and business meetings of the League—leading the meeting, discussing the topic, reading, serving in any form.

He is ever alert in enlisting new recruits, visiting them in hospitals, even those in the guard house and bringing back the "deserters." He is ready to serve on any part of duty—the church council, the Sunday School, the Missionary Society, the Junior League, the Mission Study Class, as usher, on the altar and flower committee—anywhere where duty calls.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR STAFF—With our new mandate from the Synod of Central Canada, we greet you dear readers. The Editor is not a stranger to you. You know his weaknesses and limitations but you have also accepted his word in service. Our esteemed associate is a charter pastor in the Synod of Central Canada who has grown up with our Canadian church and not been found wanting. The Business Manager and Treasurer is a young man of sound business training and wide experience. Devoutly interested in our church he will not spare himself in serving in the office to which he has been elected. We are all Canadians. We have been called to serve a Canadian Lutheran constituency. We pledge ourselves to such service and we pray that the day may come when we shall be able to say that we are serving "The United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada."

DOMINION DAY—The year 1867 is a memorable year for our Canadian people. Until that time this country was divided up into a number of separate British colonies with very few common interests. In that year these colonies were brought together and the Canadian Nationality had its birth. It has taken time for our people to fully appreciate this free unity but our national consciousness is finding itself and our people today as never before

are becoming aware of the fact that they are not colonials, that they are not an aggregation of diverse elements, that they are not English or French or German or Scandinavian, but Canadians holding a respected position in the greatest federation of free states with which history is familiar—The British Empire.
"God save the King and heaven bless
"The Maple Leaf for ever."

CONGRATULATIONS—We rejoice most heartily over the honor conferred by Muehlenberg College upon our esteemed and well-beloved friend, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, M.A., D.D. We congratulate Dr. Bieber and we congratulate the Synod of Central Canada. The honor comes to our field missionary as a master workman in our Canadian church and therefore it comes to us also through him. We know he will bear the honor in humility and will exert himself to the utmost as heretofore to extend and consolidate the Canadian Lutheran church.

A WARNING—A great magazine appealing for a Canadian circulation will find little gain in going out of its way to misrepresent Great Britain and British policies. To be continually writing about: "The sordid policies of Great Britain," "The colossus which for ages has dominated the world," "The iron grasp of England," "The long-headed selfishness of the British-Canadian policy," "British domination," "The iron rule of England, etc., etc." is to alienate not only Canadians but all fair students of history and modern politics.

NO REPRESENTATION—We notice that Canada has received no representation on the joint quadri-centennial committee nor on any of the sub-committees. We are surprised at this but it may be a hint that we Canadian Lutherans develop our own resources and carry out our own programme. Another reason why we should get closer together.

OUR SEMINARY—The new Seminary building at Waterloo is dedicated, the first commencement exercises have been held in the beautiful new chapel, the first oratorical gold medal has been awarded, a class of two have graduated into the seminary and a class of four have passed out of the Seminary into the active ministry! What progress! What significant events! What promise for our Canadian Lutheran church! We con-

gratulate Dr. Laury and his associates, we congratulate the students, we congratulate the President of the Seminary Board of Directors, and the entire Lutheran population that has prayed and worked and given that these things might be. We give thanks to Almighty God and commend the institution to His constant care. Where would our church be now without the Seminary and to what an exalted plane of usefulness can it not rise if our people continue to support that institution as they best are able? Many a time before this pessimists have said the work could not be done but the work has gone on. Some are saying now we dare not add to our expenditures no matter what be our need. Think you God will demand of us a service and not provide the means? There are congregations who hitherto have done very little for the Seminary that could endow professorships if they would. Let them look at the need and rise to their opportunities. Think of the Canadian mission fields. Shall our Lutheran people be left to the care of other churches or to worldliness and sin? Canadian Lutheran missionaries are required. Our Seminary must train these men and our congregations furnish the boys, the teachers and the support. The need of the movement is an additional professor. To find such a professor and the wherewithal to pay his salary is a problem that may seem hard to solve but every step in the establishment and extension of our Seminary, has, in anticipation, seemed hard to take. If the orders are to go forward we dare not hesitate. He who commands can furnish strength to obey. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

CANADIAN LUTHERAN HEROES—Fighting bravely "Somewhere in France," Charles Ernest Cossman, grandson of the father of Lutheranism in Nova Scotia, gave his life for his country's cause. He and two other Lutheran boys were the first from Lunenburg county to lay down their lives on the battlefield. Others from all parts of Canada have also fallen. We honor their memory and pray that they may not have died in vain.

OUR CONVENTIONS—At no time in the history of the Canada Luther League, the Synod of Central Canada and the Women's Missionary Society of Central Canada have more satisfactory reports been presented

at the annual conventions than those given this year. Increased memberships, increased receipts and enlarged plans for the future were reported by all departments and we should rejoice and thank God. There is no ground for discouragement anywhere, no reasons are apparent for hesitating to do aggressive work during the coming year. Victories over many obstacles during the past year should inspire us with new confidence and give us courage to continue with renewed energy the great work entrusted to us.

LEST WE FORGET—Our motto: "The CANADA LUTHERAN in every home" means more than ever before. We want every friend to help us realize our aims. Send subscriptions to the treasurer, Mr. O. Summerfeldt, Unionville, Ont.

SYNODICAL SECRETARY'S NOTES.

1. Thank you, dear contributors, for your devoted support during the past year. Is there not a satisfaction in the consciousness of having played a part in making such excellent reports possible? Our Synod has been placed on the honor roll of our Home Mission Board for meeting and exceeding its full apportionment to Home Missions. Only one other Synod has this distinction. And you do not feel any poorer, do you? No, you feel richer and happier. The past year did not promise well but you left developments in God's hands and it ended well. You prayed more, you worked harder, you gave with more earnestness. The result is we are all happy and grateful.

2. A new year is before us just as full of opportunities and obligations as the past. What shall we do with it? If we are wise we shall keep our hands on the plow and "face front." Home Missions? Yes, let us begin making payments now and regularly every month to the central treasury. Seminary? Yes, unpaid subscriptions are expected and every communicant member is asked to contribute at least \$1.00 during the year to our maintenance fund. We can all do that and do it at once. Foreign Missions? Yes, because the world spent more money in preparing for war than in promoting the interests of God's Kingdom judgment overtook the nations. Let us repent and do more for foreign missions.

N. WILLISON,

Secy. Synod of Central Canada.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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

NOTE:—Parish news, general news notes and all miscellaneous contributions should be sent direct to Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont., *not later than the 15th of the month preceding publication.*—Ed.

Berlin.

(Too late for last issue.)

On Sunday evening, May 14, after a song service, the annual congregational meeting was held. The reports of the officers and organizations of the congregation showed phenomenal growth in all directions. One hundred new members were added to the communicant roll during the year, twenty-eight by confirmation and seventy-two by card, fourteen infants and five adults were baptized. The pastor officiated at the funerals of five non-members. Nine couples were married at the parsonage. About 160 scholars and teachers are enrolled in the Sunday School. There are thirteen teachers, but more are needed. The highest attendance for any one Sunday was 129. The teachers and officers have organized themselves into a Teachers' Council and hold monthly teachers' meetings to discuss the needs of the school and to study the Teachers' Quarterly. One of the items of their constitution is that every teacher must attend the teachers' meetings, and if absent three Sundays in succession, without a good reason, forfeits the class.

The Treasurer of the Congregation reported that he had received for the current expense fund through the duplex envelopes \$1,671.18; from loose plate offerings \$442.39; for building fund, \$940.53; missions and benevolent objects, \$453.75; seminary, \$845.10; a total of \$4,220.71. The congregation authorized every member canvass. The publication of a monthly parish paper, to be called the *English Lutheran Messenger*, was authorized. It is not to take the place of the CANADA LUTHERAN, but to create interest in the CANADA LUTHERAN. When the regular business had been transacted, the Secretary requested the pastor, Rev. H. J. Behrens, to vacate the chair and leave the church until called for. When called back, he was informed that the congregation had increased his salary \$200 per annum, in appreciation of his hard and faithful labors.

The officers and Church Council for

the ensuing year are: Messrs. Herman E. Wellein, Secretary; C. E. Lossing, Financial Secretary; J. Knorr, Treasurer; J. Rosenberger, W. T. Sass, A. J. Bock, C. A. Kern, R. J. Dean, and A. Grosz. Delegate to Synod, C. A. Kern; alternate, W. T. Sass. Mrs. Alfred Boehmer presented the church with a pulpit lamp as a birthday remembrance on the pastor's birthday, April 26th.

On Monday evening, May 15, a congregational reception was held in honor of the boys from our congregation who have enlisted in the 118th Battalion. A prayer book, "The Little Treasury of Prayers," and a pair of socks were presented to each of the soldiers. The following are the names of our soldier boys: Lieut. John H. Barkley, Ernest Schmidt, Allister Huehnergard, Arthur Rosenberger, Norman Rosenberger, Percival Shantz, Harry Delion, and Frank Lossing. May God watch over and keep these young men.

Brantford.

Preparations are being made to hold our annual Congregational and S. S. Picnic at Mohawk Park, Saturday afternoon and evening, June 24th. We have had the pleasure lately of welcoming several Lutheran newcomers to our city and trust they will in due time unite with us. Mr. F. W. Otterbein represented the congregation at Synod. Brantford was able to pay 75 per cent of its apportionment and we hope next year to be able to pay it in full. The people of Unionville were indeed very hospitable and after the business sessions we found the "good roads" of York County very fine to motor on, on June 4 and 11.

Mr. E. B. Westcott filled the pulpit at Brantford very acceptably and we are grateful to him for his kind help. Our congratulations and good wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. F. Cosby into whose happy home a son was born recently. The Duplex Envelope system has been installed. Through the generosity of our members we were able to contribute \$16.50 to the Luther League Students' Aid Fund and hope to raise this amount to \$25.00.

Galt.

The CANADA LUTHERAN becomes more dear to us with each issue. Our little church here is beginning to look as it ought. It received a new "spring bonnet" of shingles, and is soon to be ar-

ranyed in a new coat of paint. The front lawn has been greatly improved. The walks, yard and other surroundings have been put into much better shape. While the men worked on the outside the women cleaned up the interior and also added greatly to the appearance of the chancel by providing new altar coverings and hangings for the various seasons of the church year. The black set was donated by our Silver Star girls, the white by our Ladies' Aid, the red by the S. S. and the green is being provided for by some of our members. The violet set has also been promised. The annual meeting was certainly a time for thanksgiving. Only once before did the congregation raise as large funds as during the past year. Every organization presented a good report and the congregation's receipts amounted to \$1,682.42. Of this sum about \$420 was contributed to benevolence and almost \$40.00 to patriotic causes. The church and parsonage properties are valued at \$7,500.00, with a debt of only \$4,300.00. The Sunday School teachers and officers also held their annual meeting, presented excellent reports for the year and elected the following officers: Superintendent, James Kent; Secretary, W. H. Bernhardt; Assistant Secretary, Miss A. Dalgleish; Treasurer, Miss C. Schoenfeld; Librarian, Miss E. Miller; Organist, Miss E. Van Every; Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. G. Fletcher; Superintendent of Primary Department, Mrs. P. Maule; Superintendent of Home Department, Herbert Seyffert. The Junior Society of the congregation was discontinued. The Women's Missionary Society, however, has taken over the work and placed it in the hands of Mrs. C. B. Curtis who will reorganize these willing young workers into a Junior Mission Band. The Silver Star Sewing Circle, which had existed independent of the church, has now become one of our organizations under the capable leadership of Mrs. C. H. Van Every. In addition to working for the local church, these young ladies are at present making a very pretty quilt for our Seminary. On June 2, these young ladies also entertained the students of our Waterloo College to a supper in Galt, in honor of the first graduating class of that new institution. The Luther League, on May 3rd, gave a supper to Dr. Laury and the theological students of our Seminary. At the annual meeting of the League, the following officers were elected for this term: President, Miss L. Vollmer; Vice-president, Miss H. Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Stoltz; Treasurer, Miss E. Leutwein, and Organist, Miss D. Kent. The

Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society has also enjoyed a very successful year. Its newly-elected officers are: President, Mrs. C. H. Van Every; Vice-president, Mrs. C. B. Curtis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. Fletcher; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Rush; Corresponding Secretary and Organist, Mrs. W. H. Bernhardt.

A large number from here attended the first annual oratorical contest at Waterloo College on May 26, and also the dedication of the new Administration Building on June 1. The congregation was also represented at the meetings of Synod in Unionville, June 4-6, by its student pastor, Ernie H. Beckman and at the Women's Missionary convention, June 8, by Mrs. C. H. Van Every and Mrs. George Fletcher.

On June 4 the catechetical class of four young ladies was publicly examined at the morning service. In the evening a special sermon to these catechumens was preached on the text, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." On June 11, Rev. Dr. Laury preached an inspiring sermon to a large congregation. His text was, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Following the sermon the newly elected deacons of the church were installed; they are: Messrs. F. Schoenfeld, L. Jones and H. Seyffert. The four catechumens were then confirmed; they are: Violet Despond, who was also baptized at the same time, Elizabeth Miller, Eva Jones and Marjorie Jones. Dr. Laury then conducted the preparatory service and administered Holy Communion to 52 persons. The following evening the class surprised Mr. Beckman and presented him with a beautiful watch fob.

On Friday evening, June 9, Mr. Beckman addressed the Luther League and members of Zion Church, Sherwood, on "Enthusiasm." As a result of this meeting we hope to see at least one young man from this congregation join our student body at Waterloo in September. May others follow him!

Hamilton.

Rev. E. Huenergard, our new pastor here, was ordained for the holy ministry of the Lutheran Church in First English Lutheran Church, Berlin, Sunday evening, June 11th. He will be publicly installed in Trinity Church, Hamilton, June 21st. The brother reports that until he gets the reins of office well in hand, there will not be much for him to report. He states, however, that the work is moving and progressing and that "Trinity, Hamilton," is getting ready for a great "offensive." The annual congregational meeting will be

held June 21st. We have the promise of Pastor Huenergard for a complete report for next issue.

Port Colborne.

Those who attended the Luther League convention in Hamilton, Victoria Day, as representatives of the local league are: Pastor Knauff, Mr. O. C. N. Kanold, Mrs. Kanold, Mr. Carl Kanold, Miss Lorena Mehlenbacher, Miss Gertie Cronmiller, and Signaller Jack Ellis. All report a successful convention and hospitable entertainment by the good people of Hamilton. We regret that circumstances were such that our congregation could have no representatives at the conventions in Unionville. Our duly elected delegates were desirous to attend, but were prevented by business circumstances at the last moment from being present. Mrs. Knauff who accompanied the pastor to Waterloo, to attend the Seminary Graduation Exercises and the dedication of the new dormitory, expected to follow to Unionville for the Women's Missionary Society convention, but was prevented by an attack of la grippe and tonsillitis and needed medical attention. The monthly meeting of the Luther League met at the home of the Secretary, Miss Irene Reichman, June 13th, with 23 members present. The membership committee presented two young people of Easter's confirmation class, Clarence Kanold and Bertha Funkhouser and recommended them to membership. They were heartily received. Sorry to report that four resignations were received all because of removal from the bounds of our congregation. Interesting reports of the convention at Hamilton were given. The League appointed a committee to have charge of the effort to have every member present at a church service and quarterly congregational meeting to be held July 9th. A personal letter will be sent by the League to every member urging his or her presence. Instead of an evening service, a service will be held in the afternoon followed by the congregational meeting. The congregation had so decided and left the arrangements in the hands of the Luther League. On the evening of May 23rd members of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society with their husbands gave a farewell surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fess, previous to their removal to Hamilton. Mr. Fess arrived home from Hamilton, where he has been employed all winter, at 10:45 P. M. and found his house invaded. He came for the purpose of assisting to move his house-

hold effects. The family has been transferred to Trinity, Hamilton. We regret to see them go as they have been most active in all branches of congregational work, Mr. Fess being a member of the Church Council for some years. Our loss is others' gain. Trinity Sunday, June 18th, opened with a busy day for the pastor. Holy Communion was administered at the morning service. Also three children were baptized at this service: Herman Julius, infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barrick, and the young boys of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, viz. Ralph Burton, and George Wilfred, nephews of Mrs. J. E. Berrick. We hope soon to receive the parents of these young baptized members of the church. God give to all His grace!

Montreal.

Though the field missionary supplied at Ottawa during the month, services were held each Sunday and the Sunday School and the Luther League had their sessions regularly. On May 14th, Mr. L. Shennette, B.A., Williamsburg, a recent graduate from Toronto University, preached very acceptably at both services. On the 21st Mr. Bailly, Lunenburg, N. S., accountant in the Bank of Montreal, this city, supplied the pulpit in an able manner at the morning service and Mr. Douglas Whittaker had the Luther League topic in place of the evening service. On May 28th, Mr. Roberts, general secretary of the Dominion Alliance, spoke at the morning service and the League met in the evening. On June 4 Mr. Bailly again held the services and on the 11th Mr. Shennette. The Tag Day proceeds for the Protestant Home were over \$7,000. Our congregation took active part in "decorating" the public. The Luther League was represented at the annual convention at Hamilton, May 24, by Rev. M. J. Bieber. The League paid its full per capita apportionment. Mr. J. C. Casselman was the delegate to Synod at Unionville, June 4-6, and was reappointed by the Synod as its representative on the Protestant Home, Montreal, to which the Synod again appropriated \$50.00. He is also a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. H. Bjorklund was made a member of the Jubilee Committee. Mrs. J. C. Casselman, the efficient president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Canada, was the local secretary's delegate to the annual convention at Unionville and was again elected President of that body. The convention was enthusiastic and the benevolent receipts eclipsed those of last year.

Ottawa.

The field missionary supplied St. Peter's during May. The annual congregational meeting was held on May 17th, when the ladies furnished supper in the basement to all the members. The total current receipts during the year were \$1,451.87 and for benevolence \$227.50, an average of \$13.96 and \$2.18. All the organizations reported excellent progress during the year, with a balance in each treasury. The Church Council now consists of C. Whittaker, C. Olsen, C. M. Sternberg, I. Lindblad, J. Uibe, A. J. Barclay. They were installed on Sunday, May 21st. Mr. K. L. McIntosh was elected Sunday School superintendent, Miss Roeske church organist and A. J. Loa chorister. Holy Communion was administered on the 21st. The Church Council elected Mr. C. Olsen secretary, and A. Barclay treasurer. The Sunday School appointed a permanent mission committee to prepare programmes for presentation on the first Sunday in each month. Miss Mary Roeske and Miss Allenius were Luther League delegates to the convention at Hamilton and brought home excellent reports. Miss Roeske was a member of the nominating committee at the convention. Mr. A. J. Loa was elected a Trustee and again a member of the Students' Relief Fund Committee of which he is Secretary. Mr. C. M. Sternberg was elected delegate to the Synodical convention and Mr. I. Lindblad, alternate. Mr. McIntosh was made a member of the Jubilee Committee of the Synod, and Mr. Sternberg served on the committee of tellers. Mr. Sorensen who supplied the congregation so acceptably last summer has again been called as supply until a permanent pastor is secured.

Sherwood.

This independent parish is still without a pastor. On June 11 two special anniversary services were held. Rev. N. Willison preached in the morning and Rev. Mr. Robinson of Maple, in the evening. Special music was furnished by Mr. Webb's choir, Toronto. At a special meeting of the Luther League an address on "Enthusiasm" was given by Student Beckman. Sunday School and League work is carried on very faithfully.

Unionville.

Our parish was represented at the Luther League convention in Hamilton by Mr. Ewart Stiver and the pastor, at Synod by Mr. A. Summerfeldt and at the Women's Missionary convention

by Mrs. Willison, Mrs. F. L. Stiver, Mrs. C. H. Stiver, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Frisby and Miss Laura Fierheller. On Sunday, June 11, the pastor preached in Sherwood and Student O. Neeb supplied very acceptably in this parish. The following week the pastor attended meetings in London and Waterloo. Much concern is felt by some of our farmers on account of continued rains.

Waterloo.

Communion services were held in St. John's Church on Whitsunday. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Mr. Holm of the Seminary staff. The Women's Missionary Society sent Mrs. Germann as their delegate to the Missionary convention at Unionville. The secretary of the society also attended. Rev. J. Schneider of Russia, a former pastor of St. John's, passed to his reward in March. Rev. and Mrs. Schneider were both natives of Russia and after seven years of faithful work in Waterloo returned to their native land at the request of Mrs. Schneider's father who also was a minister. His parish was in the district east of the Volgas, where he worked in the Lord's vineyard for 35 years.

Welland.

When Pastor Knauff entered St. Matthew's Church here Sunday morning, June 11th, after returning from the conventions at Unionville, he had a pleasant surprise. A cleaner and improved church interior welcomed him. Members of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society with willing and ready hands had been busy during the pastor's absence to make the appearance of the church as inviting as possible. The Misses Cronmiller have donated a fine palm which has been given a prominent place next to the pulpit and will remain there until the coming of cold weather. Mr. Sankey had been busy with lawn mower, shears, etc., to make the lawn about the church appear inviting and respectable. This, together with a good attendance at the church service Sunday morning, afforded a pleasant "welcome back" to the Pastor. Well done, faithful few! Keep on. Baptized and made children of grace, Sunday afternoon, May 28th, Laura Mildred, and Marion Bieth, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dryden, formerly of Preston, Ont. Sponsors were Miss Ida Bieth and Mrs. M. Volkert of Preston, Ont. God grant many blessings under the baptismal covenant! While our congregation has been saddened through the loss by removal of several of its

most active members, we take courage from the fact that the past few Sundays we greeted at our services Lutheran newcomers to Welland. We commended them upon their loyalty to their church by seeking out the Lutheran Church, and we hope and pray that they may soon unite with us. The monthly meeting of the Luther League was held at the home of Miss Amy Voltz, Hellems Ave., June 12th. An interesting meeting was held. Mr. Pushinski and Pastor Knauff who were delegates to the Luther League convention in Hamilton, gave interesting reports. The newly elected officers of the Luther League are: Hon. President, the Pastor; President, Miss Annie Hoffman; Vice-president, Mr. H. Pushinski; Recording Secretary, Miss Florence Ott; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Weaver; Treasurer, Mr. Harold Cronmiller. The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was held in the church June 15th. Instead of studying the topic, the Pastor gave an interesting report of the convention in Unionville. We are sorry to report Mrs. Abell as seriously ill. The Pastor administered Holy Communion to her in her home June 15th. Her sister, Miss Stahlschmidt of Buffalo is waiting on her.

Williamsburg.

(Too Late for Last Issue.)

On April 14th there passed peacefully away at her home at Bouck's Hill after a short illness, Mrs. Preston Barkley. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband (who but three weeks before was called upon to mourn the loss of his mother) and her aged father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Maline Tupper, who resided with her and a sister and two brothers. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved. The Junior Missionary Society met April 29th. The sum of \$15 was voted to the Zenana work. The following persons were appointed as a flower committee: Ruth Maurer, Mary Beckstead, Ross Beckstead, George Strader, Irwin Empey.

On Easter Sunday the Holy Communion was administered to about 115 persons. The Pastor confirming the following persons: Mary Beckstead, Sadie Shennette, Nina Merkley, Agnes Whitteker, Reta Casselman, Flo. Casselman, Ross Beckstead, Garnet Merkley, Clifford Casselman, Roy Casselman. Mr. Paul Maurer, who has been in Toronto for some time, has returned home and has taken a position in the Molson's Bank here.

Rev. Maurer preached at Dunbar Sunday, May 7th and on May 8th left for Philadelphia to attend the meeting of the Home Mission Board. Mr. Linden Shennette has returned home from Toronto to spend the summer. Mr. Linden Shennette preached in Montreal Sunday, May 14th. During the past month the parsonage has been painted. We regret to have to report the death of Gladys and Cassie Casselman aged 14 and 12 eldest daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Casselman which occurred under very sad circumstances on Wednesday, May 24th at the railway crossing Morrisburg. Mr. Casselman, who was taking his three girls to the celebration at Morrisburg, was caught by the train. The two girls were killed and Mr. Casselman and youngest daughter Olive seriously injured. The injured were at once taken to Brockville Hospital where they are doing as well as can be expected. The funeral of Gladys and Cassie, which was very largely attended, was held on Friday, May 26th at the church. The Pastor taking for his text John 13:7. The pall bearers being six uncles and six cousins of the deceased. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved. During the Pastor's absence at the Seminary exercises and Synod the pulpit was filled on Sunday, June 4th by Mr. Linden Shennette morning and evening and on June 11th by Rev. Little of Morrisburg in the morning, while no services were held in the evening. Mr. Melvin Barkley attended Synod as lay delegate and Mrs. O. P. Becker attended the Women's Missionary Society.

CANADA LUTHER LEAGUE.

Ninth Annual Convention at Hamilton, May 24, 1916.

Hamilton extended a royal welcome to the young Lutherans of Canada on Wednesday, May 24th at the Ninth Annual Convention of the Canada Luther League held in Trinity English Lutheran Church, the Rev. E. Huenergard, pastor. The convention motto was "Patriotism." The convention proved to be one of the most successful meetings this organization has ever held. At the morning session after devotional exercises by the pastor. The Rev. M. J. Bieber, M.A., brought greetings from the Nova Scotia Luther League which was in session at the same time and which was celebrating its first anni-

versary. Rev. J. A. Miller, B.A., a former pastor but now field missionary of the General Council, for the City of Detroit, and Mr. B. Knauff, President of the Western District, also brought greetings. The Rev. W. H. Knauff, Humberstone, President of the Western Conference responded to these greetings.

The Secretary reported for Mr. O. Neeb, Treasurer, and stated that the total receipts to date amounted to \$208.95 and the disbursements \$157.00. A number of the local leagues failed to forward their annual dues. The following committees were appointed by the President: Statistics—Mr. L. Irschick, Mr. E. Stiver, and Miss C. Paulsen. Press—Mr. B. Knauff, Mr. G. Boyer. Resolutions—Rev. J. Keehley, Rev. N. Willison, and Mr. D. Goldhang. Nominating—Rev. N. Willison, Mr. S. Gartung, Miss Schaeffer, Mr. L. Irschick, Mr. D. Goldhang, Mr. O. C. Kanold, Rev. M. J. Bieber, Miss Roeski, Mr. Cooper, and Rev. J. Keehley.

Mr. G. Boyer reported for the Credential Committee and stated that fifty-seven delegates, alternates and visitors were present, representing the following sixteen leagues and congregations, St. Peters, Ottawa; Redeemer, Montreal; St. Paul's, Toronto; Zion, Sherwood; Bethesda, Unionville; Trinity, Hamilton; St. Matthew's, Welland; Holy Trinity, Humberstone; St. Paul's, Galt; St. Paul's, Guelph; St. Peter's, Preston; First English Lutheran, Berlin; St. John's, Waterloo; St. Peter's, Berlin; St. Matthew's, Brantford; St. Matthew's, Berlin. The auditing committee's report was presented and the Treasurer was instructed to forward a complete statement as presented by the committee, to delinquent leagues. The committee on Students' Aid reported through its chairman, Mr. G. Boyer. The total receipts received by the Treasurer, Mr. H. Shennette, Morrisburg, amounted to \$211.78.

The following officers, etc., were elected: President, Mr. E. B. Westcott; Vice-president, Mr. S. Gartung; Treasurer, Mr. H. Shennett, Morrisburg; Recording Secretary, Mr. E. J. W. Wisswaesser; Statistical Secretary, Miss L. Kaempff; Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. Vollmer, Galt; Trustees, Mr. G. Boyer, Mr. J. A. Loa, Mr. C. H. Fierheller. Delegates to the Eleventh Bi-annual Convention of the Luther League of America at Toledo, Ohio: Rev. Sperling, Rev. J. Keehley, Rev. H. J. Behrens, Rev. W. H. Knauff, Mr. E. H. Beckman, Miss

L. Vollmer, Mr. B. Knauff, Mr. E. B. Westcott, Mr. G. Boyer, Mr. F. W. Otterbein. Delegates to Jugenbund Convention: Rev. N. Willison, Mr. L. Irschick.

The Rev. J. A. Miller, Detroit, Michigan, delivered the rally address. His forceful words were indeed very inspiring, the speaker relating many instances in which "Great Things" were accomplished from small beginnings. In the course of the evening, several musical selections were rendered by Trinity Sunday School Orchestra. After the closing service conducted by Rev. N. Willison, the gathering partook of a dainty luncheon, which was interspersed with short addresses.

W. B. KNAUFF,
GORDON BOYER,

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

By Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D.

At the Seminary dedication the Canada Synod was exceedingly well represented. Eighteen of its pastors were in attendance, while all of the neighboring parishes and some from a distance had sent substantial lay delegations. We hope that their attendance will serve as an inspiration to renewed active interest in our institution.

The vacancies in the Canada Synod—thank God—are filled except one, St. Peter's Church of Zurich after a vacancy of almost a year's duration having called the Rev. H. Rembe, Jr., while the Conestoga Parish found a permanent pastor in the person of the Rev. G. Weidenhammer. The former was installed by his father, Rev. H. Rembe of Hamilton, on Rogate Sunday, the latter was also installed in every one of his three churches, Conestoga, St. Jacobs and Bridgeport on the same Sunday. Both of these young brethren were ordained in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on May 10, by the officers of the Canada Synod,

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GENERAL NEWS.

The suit entered by the Evangelical Synod of North America against the Synod of Central Canada in connection with a church in London, Ont., was dismissed by the Supreme Court.

There are now three D.D.'s in the little synod of Central Canada. The Rev. Prof. R. A. Laury, M.A., S.T.B., D.D.; The Rev. C. H. Little, M.A., D.D., and the Rev. M. J. Bieber, M. A., D.D.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION.

The eighth annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Synod of Central Canada met at Unionville, Ont., Thursday, June 8th, 1916, with the President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman in the chair. The secretary was not present so Mrs. Willison was appointed secretary pro tem. An address of welcome was read by Mrs. F. L. Stiver, Unionville and responded to by Miss Roos of Waterloo. Mrs. Ruff of Buffalo addressed the convention in the afternoon on Prayer for greater consecration of ourselves, our Church and our missionaries. At the evening session she spoke on "Home Missions." She showed a very wide knowledge of conditions not only in her own country but also in Canada and pointed out what a vast opportunity for service lay at our doors not only among those of our own faith but also among the unchurched. Christ was a home missionary and He began His work first at home among the Jews. So with the Lutheran church, pure in her teachings, her first work is to evangelize America. Whether she be working under the Stars and Stripes or under the Union Jack her work is one. She showed us that we have 35 millions of people over ten years of age untouched by church work and to the women a great deal of this responsibility belongs in teaching the children. Prof. Laury, D.D., also addressed the convention on "Our Seminary." He spoke of the excellent work done by our students and of how necessary to the life of our church it is to have such an institution. We must have our own Canadian men trained in our own Canadian institution if we expect them to have a Canadian consciousness and do the best work among our Canadian people. He also spoke of the work of the College Department. Here boys can be given as good a classical education as can be obtained at Toronto University and if our institution is to prosper we must not only provide money and means, but men. He showed us how the war had broadened our sympathies. We are no longer a self-centred people but a generous people, giving of our best means for those in distress and also supporting our church and her work as never before. Ten societies responded to the roll

call and the meetings were well attended and very helpful, giving those present a better knowledge of the great work that is being accomplished by a few women in our small and scattered congregations. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That \$10 be paid for having minutes published in the CANADA LUTHERAN; the secretary to use her own discretion in ordering extra copies.

2. That each society pay \$2 or more to the CANADA LUTHERAN so that at least \$50 be paid to the CANADA LUTHERAN for our woman's page.

3. The expenses of one delegate from each society be equalized for one year, the motion to go into effect a year hence.

4. That all collections of convention go into the general fund.

5. That dues of Senior Societies be left at \$3.

6. That time tables be sent to each society so that funds may come in regularly, also that a CANADA LUTHERAN chairman be added to the list.

7. That congratulations be sent to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Fry on their 25th wedding anniversary, June 9th. The President advised societies to follow instructions in sending in moneys so as to get a full report of work done. Much more money was handled this year than showed on the Treasurer's books. The Treasurer's reports showed a very prosperous year with much energetic work. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Montreal; Vice-President, Mrs. N. Willison, Unionville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. Ludolph, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. O. Becker, Williamsburg. Chairmen of committees appointed are as follows: Foreign Missions, Miss Roos; Home Missions, Mrs. Frank Clark; Inner Missions, Mrs. Casselman; Porto Rico Missions, Mrs. C. Olsen; Slav Missions, Mrs. Frisby; Literature, Mrs. Germann; Junior Work, Mrs. MacDonald; Seminary, Mrs. Stahlschmidt; Mission Study, Mrs. Hagey; Lace Industry, Mrs. Stahlschmidt; Life Membership, Mrs. M. Whittaker; Mission Exhibit, Mrs. W. H. Stiver; CANADA LUTHERAN, Mrs. Van Every; Editor Woman's Page in The CANADA LUTHERAN, Mrs. N. Willison. Reports of standing committees will be given from month to month on this page. The convention closed with the singing of our national anthem.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

NOTE:—All contributions to this department should be sent to Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne.—Ed.

SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.

The Synod of Central Canada met in annual convention in Bethesda Lutheran Church, Unionville, Rev. N. Willison, Pastor, on June 4, 5 and 6. In many respects it was declared to be one of the best meetings ever held. Every congregation except Guelph was represented. The statistical report showed an increase in membership from 1781 to 1814. The Treasurer's report showed total receipts of \$8,357.39, an increase over last year of \$4,312.99. The President in his report commented gratefully on the faithfulness of the pastors, the devotion of the people and the supreme goodness of God. He reported two applications for membership, one installation, one dismissal, five vacancies, all with temporary supply. He was grateful to the Home Mission Board for sending Field Missionary Bieber into our field again. Improvements in church properties at Morrisburg, Riverside, Dunbar, Humberstone, Berlin and Galt, were noted. St. Paul's morrisburg, had received a legacy of \$5,000. Pleasure was expressed at the great progress of our educational institutions. Attention was called to publications and periodicals of our church especially The CANADA LUTHERAN which had been very helpful. The President recommended that a part of the convention be devoted to prayer for peace. The Rev. M. J. Bieber was received into our Synod and Candidate Huenergard recommended for ordination. The following officers were elected: Secretary, Rev. N. Willison, Unionville; Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Fierheller, Toronto. The Rev. Dr. Laury reported as delegate to the General Council and the following action was taken: That Synod appoint a representative on the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society. Rev. H. J. Behrens was elected. That teacher training classes be established in our congregations; that we express pleasure over the establishment of a Lutheran College in Saskatoon; that the following constitute a committee to look after orphans: President Maurer, Dr. Little, Mr. J. C. Casselman, Rev. Behrens, Rev. Knauff and Rev. Prof. Laury, D.D.; that consid-

eration of the Jewish question be left to the conferences; that this Synod approves of proposed change of word "Christian" to "Catholic" in our creeds (yeas 12, nays 6). The Rev. N. Willison reported an increase in CANADA LUTHERAN subscribers from 288 to 483 and great improvement in the financial condition of the paper. The following Publication Committee was elected: Editor, Rev. N. Willison, Unionville; Associate Editor, Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne; Business Manager and Treasurer, Mr. Otto Summerfeldt, Unionville, Ont.

The Rev. Dr. Hoffmann, President of the Canada Synod, was present and brought cordial greetings from the Mother Synod. A letter of greeting from Rev. R. R. Durst on behalf of the Pittsburgh Synod was read. Rev. Dr. Little presented an excellent paper on "The Inspiration of the Bible." This was turned over to the quadricentennial jubilee committee to be printed and circulated in tract form. Recommendations by the Executive Committee that Seminary maintenance fund of \$1,500 be apportioned among the congregations and that General Council apportionments be accepted, were adopted.

The following constitute the Executive Committee: Officers of Synod, Presidents of Conferences, Revs. H. J. Behrens and John Keehley and Messrs. C. H. Stiver, E. A. Bartmann, M. A. Barkley and J. C. Casselman. The Equalization Committee reported expenses of \$8.17 for vacant congregations and \$16.34 for all others. The Seminary Board report presented by Rev. H. J. Behrens showed great progress. Rev. H. J. Behrens and Mr. E. A. Bartmann were re-elected to the Seminary Board. Rev. J. Maurer was re-elected as Synod's representative on the Home Mission Board. The following "Quadricentennial" Committee was elected with power to add to their number: Revs. John Keehley, N. Willison, M. J. Bieber and Messrs. C. H. Stiver, F. W. Otterbein, C. A. Kern, L. Messner, Seyffert, Dr. Johannes, C. H. Fierheller, O. C. Kanold, J. Kottmeier, H. Bjorklund, McIntosh, G. W. Brooks, M. A. Barkley, M. J. Casselman and H. A. Hayunga. It was resolved to appropriate \$50 for the use of this committee. A motion was passed to send congratulations of Synod to Treasurer Fierheller on the

occasion of his wedding. A resolution was passed urging the President to take steps to devise ways and means for bringing about a closer federation among Lutheran bodies in Canada. The sum of \$50 was appropriated for the Montreal Immigrant Home and Mr. J. C. Casselman was elected Synod's representative on the board of that home. In addition to appointments for Synodical and General Council purposes \$1 per communicant member was apportioned for Seminary maintenance fund. Six hundred copies of minutes of Synod were ordered printed. The following Examinin^o Committee was appointed: Rev. Prof. Laury, D.D., Rev. H. J. Behrens and Rev. W. H. Knauff. Rev. M. J. Bieber was elected delegate to the Chicago Synod and President instructed to send greetings to all other Synods in General Council. Rev. H. J. Behrens was re-elected archivist. Synod will meet next year in Trinity Church, Hamilton.

N. WILLISON,
Secretary.

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the ordination sermon being preached by the President of the Synod, Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., on John 21:16.

The Rev. J. Schmidt, for the last two years our travelling missionary in New Ontario, stationed at Massey, Ont., has been called by the East Zorra parish, to become the successor of Rev. A. Quintern, who recently left for the United States and joined the Buffalo Synod. Rev. Schmidt's installation will take place on July 2, Rev. Bockelmann of Waterloo, officiating. The Rev. C. R. Tappert, lately of St. Matthew's Church, Berlin, has joined the ministerium of New York e. o. St. after having accepted a call for the congregation of New Rochelle, N. Y., while the Rev. Hansen, who recently resigned the Consetoga Parish and returned to the United States, is still without a permanent field of labor, he at the present time temporarily supplying at Carteret, N. J.

The President of the Canada Synod had the opportunity of attending part of the convention of the English Synod of Central Canada at Unionville, Ont. He was accorded a most cordial welcome and had the pleasure of listening to a most excellent paper on "The Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures," prepared and read by the Rev. Little, D. D., and to an interest-

ing discussion on plans for the celebration of the Quadri-centennial of the Reformation. We are sorry for not being able to reciprocate to our Engl-sister Synod, since the annual meeting of the Canada Synod has been indefinitely postponed, but take this opportunity of assuring it of our good will and best wishes for a prosperous, fruitful and blessed Synodical year.

We were glad to hear, that the Reformation Jubilee Boxes, introduced and so often recommended by our laymen as a means of gathering an endowment fund for our Seminary, recently have found their way in some more of our congregations and prove to be serviceable, wherever they are in use.

COLLEGE AND SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

Milton J. Bieber.
College.

Those who were privileged to attend the first oratorical contest of our college at the Seminary were not disappointed at the material our congregations are supplying for the future ministry nor at the preparation the teaching staff is giving to the students. The oratorical contest on Friday evening, May 26th, in the new college chapel was a revelation to all. The matter and manner of the contestants were of a very high order throughout. All the addresses were most excellent from beginning to end every feature of the programme merited commendation. The prize (\$5.00) a gold medal, went to Mr. Lambert Klopp.

On Friday evening May 30th, the first college commencement was held. The chapel was filled long before the exercises began, and even the entrance hall was overcrowded. The decorations were chaste. The music by St. Matthew's Choir was of a high Order. Lambert Klopp and Leon Irschick received certificates for completing the college course and were received into the Junior class of the Seminary. Their addresses were thoughtful and well delivered, the Rev. H. J. Behrens led in the service, the Rev. N. Willison the first preparatory teacher in the Seminary and first Seminary graduate (1914) and the Rev. W. H. Knauff, President of the Western Conference, spoke. The Rev. Dr. Laury awarded the diplomas and announced the prizes. Dr. Laury was also the recipient for the college of a complete set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica presented by Mr. Hamacher

and Dr. Weidenhammer for the Church Council of St. John's Church. The gift is timely and valuable. The Ladies' Auxiliary furnished refreshments and a pleasing social hour was spent in making new and renewing old friendships.

Seminary.

The beautiful and spacious St. Matthew's Church, Berlin, was crowded to the doors on Sunday evening, May 28th, when President, the Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D. D., preached an inspiring and uplifting sermon to the third graduating class of the Seminary. The Rev. C. Zarnke had charge of the services and the choir rendered unusually fine music.

On Wednesday evening May 31st, in the first English Lutheran church, Berlin, the class received their diplomas of graduation, and made addresses on timely and comprehensive subjects. They were listened to with marked attention. The sermon was preached by the Rev. M. J. Bieber; Pastor H. J. Behrens had charge of the services, Dr. Laury of the programmes, and Dr. E. Hoffman, President of the Seminary Board, presented the diplomas in a fitting address. The choir rendered the music. The graduates are George Weidenhammer, who has accepted a call to Conestoga, Ephraim Huenergard to St. Paul's, Hamilton; Henry Rembe to Zurich; Adelbert Goos to Winnipeg. The Seminary has thus far sent seven graduates into the ministry, all of whom are giving a good account of themselves. Twenty-two students attended the institution during the past year, one of whom, Allister Huenergard enlisted in the 118th Battalion.

Consecration.

The Red Letter Day occurred on Thursday, June 1, when the new \$30,000 dormitory was consecrated. The officiating clergymen, members of the Board and Faculty with the congregation assembled outside the dormitory at 2:30 P. M. under sunny skies. "Open Now the Gates of Beauty," was sung, the congregation joined in the response. The Rev. H. J. Behrens, chairman of the Building Committee, unlocked the doors and all entered the chapel in gladsome procession, and soon only standing room was available. Rev. M. J. Bieber had the consecration liturgy and the Rev. Dr. Hoffmann performed the act of consecration. Chairman Behrens in a fitting address handed the keys to President Hoffmann who in turn

with eloquent words gave them to President Dr. Laury who in his acceptance outlined the "Place of the Seminary." Mrs. Hagey and the choir of the first church sang. The Rev. Knauff closed the services. Many partook of the supper served by the Ladies' Auxiliary for the benefit of the Seminary. Many were the congratulations and the devout thanksgivings to Almighty God for this happy day of consecration. The Dormitory is ideally located, modern in all its appointments, well lighted and ventilated. It contains the dining room, recitation rooms, chapel and students' rooms, many of which are furnished by individuals and societies and some are asking for patrons and friends. The institution needs your prayers, gifts, sons, influence, co-operation and frequent presence. Truly God has answered prayers, opened hearts and purses and raised up men for his service. May we all be faithful to this worthy and much needed institution for the upbuilding of our church at home and abroad and for the uplifting of the nations and mankind.

The services were brought to a fitting close in the evening in St. John's Church, Waterloo, when Pastor Bockelmann had charge of the services and the Rev. J. Maurer, M.A., President of the Synod of Central Canada, and the Rev. H. Hamfelt of Toledo, preached eloquent sermons. The church choir had charge of the music. The offerings during the day and evening were liberal. The prospects for new students during the coming year are excellent.

CONSECRATION OF BEAUTIFUL NEW ALTAR.

One of the finest and most costly Italian altars in the province is the one which was dedicated April 2nd, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Berlin, Rev. Dr. Sperling, pastor. The new altar is of genuine Italian marble, with a base relief of the Institution of the Lord's Supper. Above the altar appears a dome bearing a large cross, while on each side of the altar the figure of a kneeling angel appears. The net height of the altar is 11 feet and was erected by Caspar Braun Marble and Mounmental Works, Berlin. The structure cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000, which was raised by some members of the congregation. The consecration of this elaborate altar took place at the morning service. Pastor Sperling preached the

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sermon based on Acts 17:23. Rev. Dr. Laury, Dean of the Waterloo Seminary, assisted the pastor in the act of consecration, and the large choir under the able direction of Prof. Heller rendered two anthems. At the evening service Rev. Prof. Laury preached an inspiring sermon based on Rev. 8:3 "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer." The choir rendered two beautiful motettos in masterly style. At both services the large auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity.

PATRIOTISM.

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If perchance the call comes to him to enter the military or naval academy (the College and Theological Seminary) in order to prepare for generalship in the army of Jesus Christ, he is willing to go. Though he may have to endure pecuniary hardships in order to take the course of training, he does it willingly for his King and Country (church). Or the call may come to go overseas—as missionaries to engage the enemies of ignorance, superstition, heathenism. His loyalty to the cross will impel him to leave home, country, worldly prospects, beloved ones in order to win victories for the kingdom.

The call may come to you to become a deaconess, where you, dear sister, can do a blessed work. Many more deaconesses are needed—many more foreign and home missionaries—many more ministers of the gospel—many more workers in the church. Your King and Church need you. Will you go? Some day the soldiers will return home and a grateful nation will welcome them. Their names will be on the honor roll. Some will never return. They sleep on the new battlefields. They sealed their patriotism with their blood. But they can never be forgotten. A grateful nation mourns for them and tenderly places garlands of immortelles upon their graves, exclaiming, "They have not died in vain." Some day the ministers, the missionaries, the deaconesses and all loyal soldiers of Jesus Christ will come home to their heavenly country.

There a royal welcome awaits them. All who have been faithful—from all the nations of the earth—from all races and people—though allies and enemies here—all the soldiers of Jesus Christ will receive the badge of honor, from the great Captain and King, because they fought a good fight—because they were "patriotic" to the end. *Will we be there?*

WHO WILL VOLUNTEER?

The Western District of the Luther League of Canada is meeting in annual convention Labor Day, Sept. 4, 1916. As yet we have no invitation. Will one of our leagues invite the convention? There is much benefit and inspiration in store for the league entertaining the convention. Where shall we meet?

W. B. KNAUFF,

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