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LUTHER.

“THE greatness of some men only makes us feel that though they did well, others in their place might have done just as they did. Luther had that exceptional greatness, which convinces the world that he alone could have done the work. He was not a mere mountain-top, catching a little earlier the beams which, by their own course, would have soon found the valleys; but rather, by the divine ordination under which he rose, like the sun itself, without which the light on mountain and valley would have been but a starlight or moonlight. He was not a secondary orb, reflecting the light of another orb, as was Melancthon, and even Calvin; still less the moon of a planet, as Bucer or Brentius; but the centre of undulations which filled a system with glory.

“Yet, though he rose wondrously to a divine ideal, he did not cease to be a man of men. He won the trophies of power, and the garlands of affection. Potentates feared him, and little children played with him. He has monuments in marble and bronze, medals in silver and gold; but his noblest monument is the best love of the best hearts, and the brightest, purest impression of his image has been left in the souls of regenerated nations. He was the best teacher of freedom and of loyalty. He has made the righteous throne stronger, and the innocent cottage happier. He knew how to laugh, and how to weep; therefore, millions laughed with him, and millions wept for him. He was tried by deep sorrow, and brilliant fortune; he begged the poor scholar's bread, and from Emperor and estates of the realm received an embassy, with a prince at its head, to ask him to untie the knot which defied the power of the soldier and the sagacity of the statesman; it was he who added to the Litany the words: 'In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, help us good Lord'; but whether lured by the subtlest flattery or assailed by the powers of hell, tempted with the mitre or threatened with the stake, he came off more than conqueror in all.”—Dr. Krauth.

SERMONETTE.

Fulfilling the law of Christ.

—P. A. Lowry, D.D.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.—Gal. VI. 2.

"Every man for himself and God for all," is the cry of the selfish man. This is selfishness which is not only blind to the cares, trials, and distresses of others, but also shuts God out of one's own life. On the one hand, it is sinful; on the other, it fails to fulfil the Law of Christ.

"To Bear" means to carry, uphold, help, endure. By the Grace of God, we have been delivered from the guilt of sin and the wrath of God. Out of love for God's forgiveness and with the aid of His Spirit, we endeavor to follow the example of Jesus who went about doing good. Hence we will bear with the weaker brother; we will uphold him where he is unjustly blamed; we will help him in the hour of need, and we will endure his faults so that together we may obtain Eternal Life.

By "burden" is meant not merely the wearisome labor of the day with its attendant suffering, sickness, and poverty; but the troublesome faults of others. Those who are caught with a hasty temper before they are really aware of its terrible consequences, who lament their weakness in taking the right stand at the proper time, who suffer from the misdeeds of others, who are under a cloud of suspicion—those must be regarded as bearers of burdens.

"One another" is used in a reciprocal sense. The service is mutual. We ourselves also are bearers of burdens. Just as little as we should offer our help in a patronizing manner so little should we show our pride by refusing the proffered assistance. We should give with humility and receive with meekness. This is real brotherhood.

The "Law of Christ" is the law of Christian life. It is the Royal Law, because it is commanded by Christ—our King. It is the Law of Love, because love is the fulfilling of the law.

Here then we have true social economy. Genuine Christianity is not an empty social system. Our sympathy begins where there are trials, troubles and cares. Where sympathy expresses itself not in words only, but in real service for the comfort of the distressed brother; there the Law of Christ is in process; and where that law is in process, there it is being observed and fulfilled. The fulfillers of the Law of Christ have the promise—"They shall come home rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them."

IS PROTESTANTISM A FAILURE?

(Excerpts from the address by Philip Brooks delivered in New York, Oct. 13, 1883.)

" . . . So Luther went when the long, weary work was over and he lay at last calm and dead at Eisleben. What shall we say of that great marching of his soul, that power of his influence which has had so much to do with the making of the modern world? He was the great Reformer. Is then the world reformed? He was the great Protestant. Is then his Protestantism a failure or a success?

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 These centuries of Anglo-Saxon life made by the ideas of Luther answer the question. The Protestantism of Milton and of Goethe, of Howard and of Franke, of Newton and of Leibnitz, of Bunyan, and of Butler, of Wordsworth and of Tennyson, of Wesley and of Channing, of Schleiermacher and of Maurice, of Washington and of Lincoln, is not a failure. We may well dismiss the foolish question and with new pride and resolve brighten afresh the name of Protestant upon our foreheads.

Have we not seen to-day something of what Protestantism really is—the Protestantism which cannot fail? Full of the sense of duty and the spirit of holiness there stands Luther—moralist and mystic. Conscience and faith are not in conflict, but in lofty unison in him. Through him, because he was that, God's waiting light and power stream into the world, and the old lies wither and humanity springs upon its feet. Ah, there is no failure there. There cannot be. The time will come—perhaps the time has come—when a new Luther will be needed for the next great step that humanity must take, but that next step is possible mainly because of what the Monk of Wittenberg was and did four hundred years ago. There is no failure there. Only one strain in the music of the eternal success—fading away, but to give space for a new and higher strain.

It may be that another Luther is not likely. It may be that the freer atmosphere in which the world is henceforth to live will give no chance for such explosions as in the sixteenth century burst open the tight walls of papal power. Perhaps not by the apparition of one great leader,

but by the steady, upward movement of the inspired whole, the future great advances of humanity are to be made. No man can say; but this at least is sure, that the great principles of Martin Luther's life must be the principles of every advance of man on to the very end. Always it must be by a regeneration of humanity. Always it must be by the power of God filling the soul of man. Always it must be religious. Always it must be God summoning man, man reaching after God. Always it must be the moralist and the mystic, conscience and faith, meeting in the single human here or in humanity at large, which makes the Reformation. And however it shall come, all human progress must remember Martin Luther."

CO-OPERATION IN CO-ORDINATION.

"There are certain conditions and problems in our American life which demand the concentration of Christian forces, and in order to effect concentration it is necessary also to provide for conservation.

"Federation for the sake of full official co-operation does not seem to be possible, but it is possible for all Protestant Christians to co-operate along certain broad lines for the co-ordination of forces which will provide for conservation. Any degree of co-operation in co-ordination requires mutual recognition on the part of the parties co-operating. The recognition required for such co-operation is already freely extended by all Christian bodies, the recognition of that faith which entitles those who profess it to the name Christian, even though it denies the possibility of official federation or ecclesiastical fellowship.

"By co-ordination we mean that direction of forces which will prevent conflict, counter action and profitless duplication, and will secure a solid front, and concentrated action in warfare against the evils of the world, especially of unbelief.

"The co-operation which will result in such co-ordination requires each separate body of Christians to at least acquaint itself with the strength, purposes, plans, and lines of activity of other bodies of Christians, and, under certain conditions, and to a certain degree, requires conferences and specific understandings.

"There are certain associations and organizations in existence which are aiming to bring about this very thing. If they have not been projected along feasible and consistent lines it is at least the duty of all of the Christian bodies of this country to study them for the purpose of discovery and the removal of the defects, and to work out a feasible and consistent plan which will make such co-operation in co-ordination possible.

"Much has been accomplished along this line in connection with the effort of American Christians to do their part toward the evangelization of the heathen world. The time is at hand when much must be done by American Christians along this line in relation to Christian education, and the need was never greater than now for such co-ordination and concentration of Christian forces in relation to our social and civic problems. It is evident that much more can be done than has been done, or is being done, without making doctrinal or practical compromises which involve the integrity and consistency of those who stand conscientiously for Christian doctrine as taught in the inspired word of God.

"Such a movement as this would require must be led by conservative, discriminating and consecrated men. To go further than conscience and conditions admit may be worse than not to go as far as conditions permit and seem to demand. Consistency counsels caution, while necessity calls for co-operation. To determine what is consistent and feasible is difficult. To bring it to realization is more so, but difficulties challenge both courage and consecration, and as long as it is evident that federation for co-operation is impossible, we must at least labor for co-operation in co-ordination."—*American Lutheran Survey*, July 5, 1916.

The theological seminaries are opening. Within a very short period all of them will have begun another year of work in the training of young men for the ministry in our Church. Has the Church prayed that their halls may be filled with talented and consecrated young men? Shall we not pray that the young men who are preparing may be spiritually minded and when equipped be willing to go wherever the Lord calls, irrespective of material rewards —The Lutheran.

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EDITORIAL.

LUTHER AT WORMS.—“Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.” These noble words showed Luther’s entire devotion to Christian duty. He could not surrender his faith nor could he compromise it. Death was easier for him than a violated conscience. Behold in Luther at Worms a true Christian in the world.

THE REFORMATION FESTIVAL.—As Moses became the instrument in God’s hand to lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage back to the land promised unto their fathers so Luther received a divine commission to lead an enslaved church back to evangelical liberty. As the children of Israel were commanded to remember how God led them forth with a mighty hand out of the land of Egypt by His servant Moses so we believe it right that we should commemorate the even greater spiritual liberation from the yoke of mediaeval Rome that God effected through His servant Luther. But let us ever see God’s hand. Luther was but an instrument in that hand. His work was great because he was endowed with divine power and his honor is great because he was a co-laborer with God. He began a mighty movement with an energy that God will still furnish to all those who are concerned to see that movement roll forever onward. As Lutherans let us seek that power first

and then in the consciousness of its possession we will properly honor him who, by the grace of God, wielded it so well.

OUR CHURCH SERVICE.—A non-Lutheran said to a friend recently: “The Lutheran Church Service is the most beautiful service I have ever heard.” We have often thought so ourselves but this unsolicited remark from a stranger made us wonder whether we as Lutherans place a high enough estimate on the beautiful liturgy of the common service. There are some among us who prefer to dispense with this liturgy altogether in public worship. They complain that there is too much form about it and not enough spirit. To them it smacks of “Romish” or “High Church” ceremonialism. Surely such an attitude is to be regretted. Form without life has little value but the most perfect life clothes itself in the most beautiful forms. That is the rule in nature and we believe that to be the rule in worship. Anyone who has paused to examine our liturgy must have seen how beautifully it offers the sacramental gifts of the Triune God whom Christians adore and also how well it presents the sacrifices of penitent and believing souls. It is a double avenue of communion between the worshipper and his God. It is an Aaron to the slow-speaking Moses and a pentecostal power to a waiting church. Our service is so perfectly scriptural that no person who loves to have the scriptures used in public worship can fail to enjoy it when his eyes are once opened and he beholds a ladder on which the angels of God ascend with his prayers to the heavenly throne and descend again into the depths of his heart with the gifts of God’s love.

THE SURVEY AND ENGLAND.—We range ourselves with multitudes of admirers of *The American Lutheran Survey*. Every number of that great magazine is a treasure store of good things and the general purpose of the paper to review “World progress and problems from the positive Christian standpoint” is so well realized in every issue that we cannot but congratulate the management on the marked success with which their work is being done.

We feel constrained, however, to offer some friendly criticism. From the prospectus of the enterprise we had hoped that the *Survey* would have been more truly “American” in the proper sense of that word. We had hoped for a continental or, shall we say, Western outlook that would have regarded Can-

adian and Latin American Lutherans and their many problems with a sympathy equal to that shown those who reside in the United States. Possibly that sympathy is intended but we do not always find it. We have read so many reviews of world problems in the pages of the *Survey* that so manifestly ignored the feelings of Canadians and so grossly misrepresented institutions that to us are as dear as life itself that we have wondered if such reviews—by one of the editors only—were not written from the standpoint of national jealousy and race hatred rather than from that of positive christianity. It is not easy for us to read uncalled for asseverations about the "Sordid policies of Great Britain," "The long-headed selfishness of the British-Canadian policy," "The iron rule of England," "British domination," etc., etc., and believe that personal prejudice has not warped good judgment and sound Christian sense; and when we find vituperation against England and things British, becoming ever more bitter and more frequent, we can no longer refrain from definite and emphatic protest.

What basis in a positive christian attitude can there be for such language as is used in "America not an Imitator of England" and "An Un-American Defense of England?" Our indignation rises almost beyond words when we read: "How any sane American can find it in his heart to admire the English social and political system of force, the adulation of the Superman, the ruthless exploitation and oppression of teeming populations upon which 'the sun never sets,' as the English boast, is inexplicable only upon the theory that a man has not grasped the first principles of Americanism. . England stands for brute force without parley or argument." Let the writer cross over into Canada and study at first hand how England applies the thumb-screws of "brute force" to an "exploited" and "oppressed" Canadian people before he makes such rash statements in *Survey* editorials. Of Canadian liberty a prominent member in the United States government said recently that it was more real than that of the United States itself. We would like to know in what way we have been exploited and oppressed by the mother of parliaments, by the nation that was half-a-century in advance of the United States in setting free her slaves, by the empire whose integral parts know of no other bonds of imperial union than the subtle ties of intelligent patriotic love. Again

we read "just why a few thousand English families, comprising the so-called aristocracy should control, not only England but Ireland and the entire British Empire, is explicable only upon the anomaly of the fact that wickedness has a way of maintaining itself in history." Our study of history had left us under the impression that though England too has made mistakes for which her statesmen are heartily sorry the average of her influence had been strongly exerted against 'wickedness' and for the protection of the weak and the promotion of real liberty, and righteousness. As Canadians we are quite unwilling to exchange our "exploited" and "oppressed" political condition in the "wicked" British Empire for any form of liberty that we have yet seen.

The CANADA LUTHERAN is not concerned about whether the United States imitates England or adopts English institutions but we are concerned to plead that the *Survey* shall base all its great influence on the positive Christian standpoint and shall be courteously fair in reviews affecting the comity of nations.

COMMENDATION.—A number of oral and written expressions of approval of our work received during the past month have cheered us greatly. The CANADA LUTHERAN will try to do its duty whether commendation attends our efforts or not but after all we are not an insensible machine that does not feel the sting of ingratitude when hard labor gratuitously performed is not appreciated. It is natural with us all to keep silent when acceptable service is rendered and to criticize harshly when things don't look quite right but we would take a long step in bearing each others burdens if the words we uttered contained more cheer and less discouragement.

SYNOCDICAL SECRETARY'S NOTES.

1. Harvest Home, Thanksgiving and Reformation Services are following each other closely. How about forwarding Home and other missionary offerings to the Synodical treasurer?
2. The minutes of Synod are in the hands of our congregations. Please read them and note the resolutions to which you have obliged yourselves. Note the various apportionments and please see that yours are paid in early. Seminary moneys are needed. He who pays first pays best.

N. WILLISON,
Secy. Synod of Central Canada.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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

Brantford.

The annual meeting was held on July 30th. Excellent reports were presented by the various organizations. The S. School reported an attendance of 1088 with an offering of \$64.18. The enrollment is now 31. Last year it was 24. Fifty-two church services were held at which 2008 persons attended. 10 new members were received during the year, 4 were lost through removal, a net gain of 6, making our communicant membership 37. Last year it was 31. Holy Communion was administered 3 times, twice by Rev. H. A. Kunkle and once by Rev. W. H. Knauff. Four were baptized and six confirmed. The offerings amounted to \$291.24 which with the S. S. \$64.18 amounted to \$355.42. After all accounts were paid \$25.00 was given to Mr. Otterbein, who wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the members for their kindness. The Ladies Aid Society did splendid work during the year. They were instrumental in keeping up the good church attendances by relieving the acting pastor in visiting various people connected with the Church, and in many other ways helped the work. To the Choir also belongs a share of the credit for the work of the past year, the leader and members were at all times ready and willing to help in the services of the Church. The Church Council is to be congratulated on the way they handled the work during the year, the way difficulties were met and overcome shows that these men have the work of the Church at heart. During the year a new sign was placed on the outside of the Church and the chairs all re-varnished. In conclusion we feel that the Lord has been very good to us, and hope the members will place still greater faith in Him. Then success is assured for the coming year.

During the month Rev. E. Huenergard baptized Leonard Geo. Matthew, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Cosby.

On Sunday Sept. 10th the S.S. opened the Mission Box which was found to contain \$8.00, an increase of \$1.00 over last period. The money was immediately remitted to the Synodical Treasurer for Foreign Missions.

The attention of societies and individuals who contemplate presenting or purchasing altar cloths and coverings for their churches is called to the fact

that this work is done by Mrs. J. B. Pickering, 315 Colborne St., Brantford. Mrs. Pickering is a member of our Church at Brantford and has done work for many of our Lutheran Churches and also for some of the finest and largest Protestant Churches in Canada, but will always give our Church the preference.

Galt.

On Sunday, August 20 we celebrated our ninth anniversary. Rev. Prof. Preston A. Laury, D.D., was present and preached an edifying sermon. After this a class of three adults was confirmed. They were: Mrs. Bryan and Messrs. E. B. Henderson and O. Gorsalitz. Four members were also received by card, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Doerfling, Miss Gladly and Mrs. Wilbert Despond. Rev. Dr. Laury then conducted the Preparatory Service and administered Holy Communion.

In the afternoon of the same day three homes were visited and the following infants became children of Grace through holy baptism: Margaret Jean, child of Geo. Alex. Wood and his wife Sophie, (Wieland) born March 18, 1916, sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bernhardt. Arline Ruth, child of Chas. H. Carlson and his wife, Marlea Evangeline (Wilbur) born Nov. 5, 1915, sponsors, the parents. Mildred May and Winifred Elizabeth, twin children of David Smith and his wife Annie (Smith) born April 9, 1916, sponsors, the mother and Miss Adeline Smith. Rev. Dr. Laury officiated in each case.

In the evening, despite the heat, the church was filled and Dr. Laury was at his best as he delivered his anniversary message in his characteristic eloquent manner. Another very interesting feature of this service was the musical numbers contributed by the Maple Leaf Quartette. In connection with this service the Student Pastor read a brief sketch of the congregation's history since its organization nine years ago.

The following evening the anniversary celebrations were continued when our ladies gave their second annual Birthday Social in the Foresters' Hall. The Maple Leaf Quartette had full charœ of the program and this was certainly a musical feast. The sociable spirit that prevailed pleased us very much.

Our ladies have decided to give up holding socials for raising money and in future will give them merely to promote sociability among the members.

The Student Pastor left the following day on his vacation which was spent with friends at Waterloo, Conestogo and Puslinch Lake. During his absence on Sunday August 27, the pulpit was very acceptably supplied by student J. Oscar Neeb of Waterloo Seminary.

It is with much regret we report that our faithful choir director, Mr. W. H. Bernhardt, has resigned. The Church Council have engaged Mr. A. B. Dykeman to fill the vacancy thus created. Mr. Dykeman for many years led the choir of the local Baptist Church and we hope to see his efforts crowned with just as much success in our church.

Mrs. Van Every, Miss Laura Vollmer and the Student Pastor represented St. Paul's, Galt, at the convention recently held at Humberstone.

Hamilton.

Those who attended the convention from Trinity congregation, which was held in Port Colborne returned home well pleased with what they saw and heard.

BAPTIZED.—During the month the following were baptized:—Arthur George Robert, child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frederick Linke; Thomas Harold Clifford, child of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Whitney; Edna Eugenie, child of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Albert Smith. Four children were also added to the Sunday School since our last report.

At our last Council meeting it was decided to hold an Every-Member Canvass in our congregation. The scheme is well under way. The men are enthused with the plan and have volunteered to make a thorough canvass on Oct. 1 in the afternoon. The teams are at the present time under training, while the Pastor is preparing the congregation for the canvass through a series of four sermons. The first of the series was delivered to a large interested audience on the evening of Sept. 10th. With God's aid and blessing we hope that great results will come from the canvass. We hope to be able to give a full report of our returns to the CANADA LUTHERAN at our next writing.

On the evening of Sept. 13 the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society gave a right royal entertainment to the members of our Senior Choir and their friends. In all sixty members and guests sat down to the table. The evening was spent in games and speeches.

On Tuesday, September 5, Stanley

Anton the three year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nelson was buried in Hamilton cemetery. The parents and friends have the sympathies of our congregation in their sad loss.

On Sept. 12 Rev. Richard, of Rochester, N.Y., paid a visit to the Pastor Loci.

Humberstone.

The Fall Conventions held here over Labor Day have now passed into history. Much has been said and done. May we all carry out the resolutions and put into force the suggestions received. Many of the delegates have written us telling how much they enjoyed being here. We are glad but feel that perhaps we lacked in many things which might have been done, but owing to the fact that Pastor Knauff returned from his vacation only Thursday before Labor Day and the committee waiting on him the necessary arrangements were made hurriedly but carefully.

Upon his return home Pastor Knauff found considerable sickness among his members. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. White both were seriously ill, but have by this time sufficiently recovered to be about a little. Little Gertrude Rathfor, who has returned from a Buffalo hospital and who has been bed-ridden for 12 weeks, is recovering slowly. Miss Irene Reichman, the L. L. secretary, and a valued worker in Sunday-school and choir, is spending her vacation in a Buffalo hospital. Her condition is favorable and she expects to return home in a week or ten days.

The members of the Luther League gave a miscellaneous shower Monday evening Sept. 18th to one of their number who is soon to be married—Miss Pearl Cronmiller, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Cronmiller.

Kitchener.

The Pastor returned, from his vacation on August 8th much refreshed. Most of the three weeks was spent at his old home in Lancaster, Ohio, with relatives and friends. Rev. C. Maas and Student H. H. Wahl supplied the pulpit very acceptably during the Pastor's absence.

The Ladies Aid held it's picnic in the Waterloo Park on August 23rd. The weather was ideal and all those present had a good time.

Mr. Harvey Zinkham, formerly of our Congregation, now in Arkon, Ohio, will be with us again by the time you read this news. Mr. Zinkham will enter our College at Waterloo when it opens Sept. 7th.

Mr. C. A. Kern, one of our faithful Sunday School teachers and a member of the Church Council, left Aug. 17th for a three months business trip to Winnipeg, Saskatoon and other places in the Canadian West.

Mr. H. Huehn, one of our active Luther Leaguers, has accepted a position with a firm in Hamilton, and is leaving us to join Holy Trinity in Hamilton. Our loss is their gain. We wish Mr. Huehn great success in Hamilton.

On Sunday afternoon, August 20, the Pastor and our Male Quartette, composed of Messrs. J. Mahn, W. Wegener, A. Heffard and M. R. Oswald were taken to Kimmel's Fish Pond by Mr. W. T. Sass in his automobile to hold a service for the orphans, who were having their annual three weeks outing there.

Mr. Frank Leonhart of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Behrens' only brother, spent August 28, 29 and 30, at the parsonage.

Montreal.

Pastor and Field Missionary M. J. Bieber, D.D., represented the Nova Scotia Luther League at the Toledo Convention August 15-17, when the Nova Scotia League became a member of the Luther League of America. Pastor Bieber was re-elected a member of the Reception Committee of the L.L. of America.

The Sunday School appropriated \$5.00 towards the support of Miss Annie Rohrer, the Children's Nurse in India. On the first Sunday in the month a mission programme is regularly rendered and the offerings devoted to missions. A vigorous campaign is being instituted to increase the S.S. membership.

The Luther League decorated the Church for the recent conventions, Sept. 3 and 4. The League colors were tastily hung, flags and League pennants were artistically displayed, and a fine large L. L. emblem was painted by Henry Krog. There was a profusion of flowers, potted plants and palms.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at the parsonage and enjoyed a profitable evening. The topic "Family Reunion" was well rendered. Steps were taken towards vigorous winter work. The society has assumed the renovating of the parsonage and found to its surprise that almost all the obligations incurred are rapidly being met.

Two large church service display signs have been erected on the corners of the street leading to the church and they make a fine appearance. Service and Sermon Subject Cards have been

prepared and are being distributed.

The recent conventions brought a blessing to the church. All the delegates were so congenial that it was a pleasure to entertain them. The subjects discussed brought new inspiration to the members of the various organizations.

Chas. I. Sorrentsen and Johann Christensen were married in the church on Saturday, Aug. 26th, 2 p.m.

On Sept. 6th, 8.30 p.m., Walter Kitchener Peistrup, child of Martin and Cora (nee Carlson) Peistrup was made a child of grace by baptism in the church.

On Sept. 14, 1916, Paul Jonas Prethun and Flora Mary Johnson were married in the church by the pastor at 7 p.m.

Sherwood.

Harvest Home services were held here morning and evening Sept. 17. The pastor preached at both services and special music was furnished by the former St. Paul's choir, Toronto. The attendance numbered 136 in the morning and 207 in the evening. The offerings were devoted to Belgian relief.

On Sept. 20 the Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. H. E. Keffer, Maple. It was decided to purchase a new pulpit bible and to prepare a box of clothing to be sent to the fire sufferers in New Ontario.

On Monday Sept. 18 an infant daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lahmer. Mother and child are well.

Unionville.

Student Neeb supplied the pulpit in Unionville on Sept. 17.

The regular meeting of the Missionary Society was held in the church on Sept. 6. The Ladies Aid met at the parsonage on Sept. 20. The Buttonville Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Ed. Pierheller on Sept. 22. This organization will no longer continue the work of a missionary society but its members will join the Bethesda Missionary Society at Unionville. This will ensure a strong joint Missionary Society.

The pastor has begun instructing a catechetical class of five young people.

Welland.

Since Pastor Knauff's return an increased attendance at the services and an increased interest in church work is noticeable, members have returned from the holiday trip.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society held a very profitable meeting Thursday afternoon, Sept. 7th., in the church. The topic "Building with Our Money," was discussed by every member present. It was arranged to have every member contribute something in the topic discussion.

The Luther League has again taken up its usual active work. The monthly meeting was held at the home of Miss Florence Ott. Interesting reports of officers and committees were given. The Luther League will do its part in providing music at the church services. Pastor Knauff gave an interesting report of the Luther League of America convention held in Toledo, Aug. 15-17th. A report of the convention held in Pt. Colborne was also given. After the meeting was brought to a close the members of the League presented its president, Mrs. G. Sibbet, formerly Miss Annie Hoffman, with an electric toaster in honor of her recent marriage. An address was read by Miss Florence Ott and the presentation made by Mr. Harold Cronmiller. Mrs. Sibbet thanked her friends in a few well chosen words. A social hour was then spent.

The choir is now being re-organized. Several new members have been added.

The Church Council held its monthly meeting in the "committee room" at Mr. Kottmeiers's.

Williamsburg.

Baptisms since last reported:—Feb. 14th. Olive Mable, born Oct. 9th., 1915, daughter of Bernice and Emma Merkley.

May 16th. Gertrude Alice, born July 21st, 1915, daughter of Howard and Ethel Merkley.

July 4th. John Hardy, born June 23rd, son of John and Elize Armstrong.

Aug. 2nd. Verna Clarice, born April 13th, daughter of Henry and Emily Whitteker.

Aug. 17th. George Arliss, born Oct. 22nd, 1915, son of Claud and Ethel Merkley.

Aug. 28th. Audrey Ruth, born May 31st, daughter of Allan and Elizabeth Barkley.

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St. Peters was represented at the convention at Montreal Sept. 3rd and 4th by the following delegates, Rev. Maurer, Mrs. Phifer, Miss Eva Beckstead, Miss Alice Eastwood, Miss Ruth Maurer, Miss Lizzie Casselman, Miss Sarah A. Whitteker. All the sessions were profitable and inspiring and all reported a good time.

We regret to report the illness of Mrs. George Casselman, Mrs. Blanche Barkley and Miss Grace I. Merkley.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D.

Tuesday, August 22nd, was Thanksgiving Day for Bro. Bockelmann and his congregation and his many friends. It was the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. The president of the Synod had co-operated with the Church Council of St. John's in arranging a proper celebration. A public service was held at 8 p.m., the greatly surprised brother having been escorted to church by members of the Council. Rev. Dr. Hoffmann, president of the Synod, preached an appropriate sermon and made the presentation of a very handsome grandfather clock in behalf of the pastors of the Canada Synod. Dr. Weidenhammer as representative of the Church Council read an illuminated address, giving expression to the appreciation of Rev. Bockelmann's faithful services to St. John's. The latter replied properly, in his usual dignified style. After the service a happy hour was spent in the basement of the church, where the ladies served exquisite refreshments. A dozen or more pastors attended the pleasant event, extending their congratulations to their untiring co-worker in our Canadian Lutheran Zion, and we are sure that many more join in our sincere wishes for a long continuation of Br. Bockelmann's services in the Lord's vineyard.—THE CANADA LUTHERAN extends congratulations.—Ed.

Trinity Lutheran Church of New Hamburg, which has been vacant more than a year, has called the Rev. Flegler, son-in-law of Rev. Bockelmann, to become its pastor. We have not heard if the call has been accepted, but hope so for the sake of our church. New Hamburg so far has been faithfully supplied by the pastors of the vicinity.

Our greatly extended mission field in New Ontario, which has been vacant for the last three months and for which no permanent supply is in view yet, was recently visited by the Rev. Hamm of Ladysmith, one of the former missionaries, who spent several weeks on the field, administering the means of grace at every one of the many and scattered preaching stations, some of which having severely suffered through the recent disastrous bush fires.

The interesting exercises of the laying of the corner-stone of a new house of God took place at Eganville, Renfrew Co., Ont. The pastor loci, Rev. M. Voss, was assisted by some of the neighboring pastors. The old frame building, which has done service for many decades, will be replaced by a handsome and substantial church, that will be ready for occupancy in the near future.

A few weeks ago a new and spacious parsonage was dedicated in our Greenlake parish, Renfrew Co. We rejoice with the pastor loci, Rev. Alberti, who before coming to Canada has been in the service of the Leipzig Mission in East Africa, at the progress made through his efforts. He is surely deserving of the comforts the new parsonage will provide him and his family.

The parsonage of St. Peters church, Zurich, Ont., Rev. H. Rembe, jr., pastor, has been re-fitted and thoroughly modernized to the tastes of its new youthful occupants. Our congratulations on this work of healthy progress and congregational life.

Our little congregation at Breslau, heretofore under the charge of Rev. Zarnke of Berlin, becoming vacant by the latter's acceptance of call to St. Matthews, Berlin, has united with the congregation at Schantz and hereafter will be supplied by Rev. Prof. Luicke.

EASTERN CONFERENCE CONVENTIONS.

Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D.

Montreal entertained its first English Lutheran conventions on Labor Day and did it to the King's taste. There were 27 visiting delegates from Ottawa, Morrisburg, Riverside, Williamsburg and Dunbar. They arrived on Saturday Sept. 2 and left with reluctance on Tuesday. They were thrice welcome and left a blessing to the Church of the Redeemer. The three conventions were profitable from beginning to end. At the Sunday a.m. service the Conference sermon was preached by the President, the Rev. L. M. McCreery, M.A. The President of the Synod, the Rev. J. Maurer, M.A., conducted the service and assisted in the administration of the holy communion. At the morning session of the Sunday School the regular monthly missionary programme was rendered by the school and short addresses were made by the visiting clergymen. The Luther League Rally on Sunday evening was presided over by its president, the Rev. C. H. Little,

D.D. Mr. G. A. Brooks spoke on "The Luther League's Part in the Reformation Jubilee" and the Field Missionary on "Co-operation." Three sessions were held on Labor Day. The conference convened at 9:30 a.m. and discussed "Teachers Training Classes," "The Mission to the Jews," the printing of Dr. Little's tract on "The Inspiration of the Bible," the work of the Jubilee Committee, "The CANADA LUTHERAN in Every Home," the selecting of Morrisburg as the place for the Reformation Mass Meeting in 1917, giving Home Mission Talks by the exchange of pulpits during November 1916, the issuing of a "History of the Lutheran Church in Canada. Mr. I. C. Casselman spoke on "The Every Member Canvass and the Monthly Paying of Apportionments." Mr. J. A. Loa, on the \$100,000 Jubilee Fund and it was decided to use the boxes prepared for raising this fund. Rev. Maurer spoke on the "Unification Plan." Rev. Mr. Creery was re-elected President; Dr. Little, Secretary and Mr. G. W. Brooks, Treasurer.

The Eastern District Luther League Convention was held in the afternoon Mr. J. A. Loa discussed "The Students Aid Fund" and it was decided to urge this necessary fund upon all our members. Certain changes were made in the L. L. constitution. Interesting reports were received from the various Leagues. Pastor Bieber gave a brief report of the recent Toledo convention which was attended by nine Canadians. Canada was represented on two committees and took part in the programme, and is represented on the Executive Committee. Greetings were exchanged with the Western District League in simultaneous convention at Pt Colborne. A profitable Round Table was conducted by Pastor Bieber. The election resulted as follows: President, H. Shennett, Morrisburg; Secretary, J. A. Loa, Ottawa; Treasurer, Mrs. J. I. Casselman, Riverside. At the Sunday School Convention in the evening Mr. G. W. Brooks presided. The officers were re-elected viz.:—President, Mr. Brooks; Secretary, Mr. H. Shennett; Treasurer, Rev. Mr. Shultes.

Student C. Sorrensen, Ottawa, spoke on "A Sunday School Essential—Love." Five minute addresses were given on "Missions in the Sunday School" by Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Montreal; "The Cradle Roll," by Rev. McCreery; "The Home Department," Miss Whitteker, Ottawa; "The Officers—Their Duties," Mr. Brooks; "The Teachers—

Their Duties" Mr. Shennett; "The Teachers' Meeting" Rev. Maurer. A committee was appointed to present a constitution for adoption at the next convention. Mr. Brooks, Mr. Loa and Mrs. Sherman rendered special music during the sessions. On Monday the meals were served in the Sunday School room and after the L. L. session the delegates were treated to a trolley trip "Around Mt. Royal," which was greatly enjoyed. The church was tastily decorated with the Luther League's colors, emblems, flags, palms and cut flowers in profusion, the work of the Luther League. It was good to meet together.

THE WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Ernie H. Beckman

The regular meeting of the Western Conference was held in Holy Trinity church, Humberstone, on Sept. 5. The opening service took place at 10.30 a. m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5 and was conducted by the President of the Conference, the Rev. W. H. Knauff, assisted by the Rev. H. J. Behrens. The Rev. Mr. Knauff preached the Conference sermon in which he used the words of the institution of the Lord's Supper as his text and using "The Lord's Supper" as his theme he considered (1) "The Host," (2) "The Guests" and (3) "The Meal." At the close of the communion service the various committees were appointed by the President.

At 2.30 p.m. the Conference was formally opened for business by the President and the Rev. H. J. Behrens was appointed temporary secretary. The President presented his report which was very encouraging and contained the following recommendations: (1) That we continue to give our hearty and unflagging support to the CANADA LUTHERAN and to our College and Seminary at Waterloo. (2) That this Conference take some definite steps towards the celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation and (3) that the Conference take definite action of some kind re the conducting of a Summer School within its bounds.

In discussing these recommendations, Rev. Willison, as editor of the CANADA LUTHERAN urged upon all present the necessity of their hearty support in getting new subscribers and advertisements in order to meet the bills as they become due. Rev. Behrens, as secretary of the Seminary Board, urged the pastors and delegates to make an earnest endeavor to pay their Seminary ap-

portionments at as early a date as possible as the institution would soon be re-opening its doors and the funds would be badly needed. It was decided to urge the Quadri-Centennial Committee of Synod to get busy and arrange for the carrying out of its plans as reported to Synod at its last meeting. It was decided to drop arrangements for a Summer School for the present. Rev. Ephraim Huenergard, pastor of Trinity Church, Hamilton, was a new member of this Conference and Rev. H. A. Kunkle and John Keehley had removed from its bounds during the year.

A most excellent paper on "The Theory of Indulgence" which showed great care and labor in its preparation, was presented by Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D. A resolution of thanks was tendered Dr. Laury, and it was decided to turn the paper over to the Jubilee Committee of Synod to be published by them, if possible.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, W. H. Knauff and Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. E. Huenergard. The pastors and delegates present at the Conference were: Rev. N. Willison and Mr. Summerfeldt of Unionville, Rev. W. H. Knauff and Mr. Hanham of Humberstone, Mr. Guey of Welland, Mr. Westcott of Hamilton, Mr. Otterbein of Brantford, Mr. Beckman of Galt, Mr. Wahl, of Guelph, Rev. H. J. Behrens and Mr. Lossing of Kitchener and Rev. P. A. Laury, D.D., of Waterloo, Rev. G. C. Weidenhammer, of Conestogo, a member of the Canada Synod, was also present throughout the Conference and Rev. A. Fiebelkorn, of Hespeler, a member of the same Synod, was present for part of the morning session. Rev. Huenergard was unavoidably absent and Toronto was the only parish in the Conference not represented.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the pastor and members of the congregation for their very kind hospitality in entertaining Conference as they did.

The Rev. N. Willison conducted the Vesper service at the evening session which opened at 7.30 p.m. At this session two excellent addresses were delivered; the first on "Our College and Seminary" by the Rev. H. J. Behrens, in which he showed in his interesting way what this institution has done in the past, what he hoped it would do in the future and what our people in Canada ought to do to help it on. The second address on "The Every Member Canvass" was delivered by Mr. F. W. Otterbein in his usual impressive man-

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Mrs. N. Willison, Unionville, Ont.

MISSIONARY BULLETIN 1916-17.

The Women's Missionary Society of Central Canada at its annual convention held at Unionville unanimously agreed to again support for the coming year the causes which are given below with their chairmen.

Foreign Missions—Our medical work counts much towards reaching the hearts of these people. Our Rajah-mundry Hospital looks to North America for its maintenance. Miss Emma Roos, Waterloo, Ont.

Home Missions—The \$6,000 fund known as the "Women's General Council Field Missionary Fund" aims at large things and deserves our hearty support. Mrs. Frank Clark, Brantford, Ont.

Seminary—When we have a vacant pulpit where is the first place we look for a pastor? Mrs. Fred Stahlschmidt, Preston, Ont.

Inner Missions—This work is at our own doors and requires our earnest attention. Mrs. M. J. Bieber, 285 Clark Ave., Westmount, Montreal.

Porto Rico—Needs are great and call for our help. Contributions to the general fund and Xmas boxes for S.S. children are urged. Mrs. C. Olsen, 87 Second Ave., Ottawa.

Slav—The Slavs in America are eager for preachers. We must educate some of them. Mrs. Frank Frisby, Unionville, Ont.

Literature—Information produces activity and liberality. Mrs. Germann, Waterloo, Ont.

Junior Work—Here are our future workers. Mrs. McDonald, 64 New St., Hamilton, Ont.

Mission Study Classes—The results amply repay labor expended thereon. Mrs. M. Hagey, 94 Spadina Ave., Hamilton, Ont.

Lace Industry—Encourage our foreign converts to help themselves. Mrs. Fred Stahlschmidt.

Life Membership—Do you appreciate the tracts issued by our Women's Gen. Coun. Society? Then support this cause. Mrs. Miles Whitteker, Morrisburg, Ont.

Mission Exhibit—An educational factor. Mrs. W. H. Stiver, Unionville, Ont.

Canada Lutheran—Are you patriotic? Loyal support our own Canadian church paper. Mrs. Van Every, Galt, Ont.

Schedule of Offerings

Seminary—September.
 Inner Missions—October.
 Canada Lutheran—November.
 Porto Rico—December.
 Foreign Missions—January.
 Home Missions—March.
 Slav Missions—April.

The chairmen of the other committees should present their work to the local societies early in the year so as to ensure a good year's work.

Kindly send all monies to our Synodical treasurer, Mrs. Becker, Williamsburg, Ont., and write the chairman of the committee concerned to that effect.

Mrs. Clinton Casselman, Pres.,
 10 Winchester Ave., Westmount,
 Montreal, Quebec.

Mrs. Casselman has received an invitation to speak at the Pittsburg Synodical meeting at Pittsburg, Oct. 6th on her way back from attending the Executive Committee of the Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran General Council which will be held at Erie, Pa., on October 4, 1916.

Report of the Slav Missionary Chairman.

Receipts:—Hamilton \$5, Welland \$1, Berlin \$5, Williamsburg \$2, Montreal \$5, Ottawa \$2, Unionville \$2, Total \$22.
 Expenditure, 45 cts.

Did you experience any lassitude during the hot weather? With a return of cooler temperatures can we not all work real hard?

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INDIFFERENCE.

We were recently asked why so many of the rising generation are indifferent to the church, its service, and kindly ministrations?

1. I believe it is on account of lack of faith; such have not learned to apprehend Christ.

2. They have not been lifted up into that high scale of being in which Christ moved, nor been able to form a concept of "Love so amazing, so divine," which He so eloquently demonstrated by dying. What answer do you give to the question,

MISCELLANEOUS

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

THE PASTOR AND THE CITY PROBLEM.

By Rev. Walter Krumwiede, B.D.

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Moreover, an examination of the replies received would seem to substantiate a belief that the problem of lack of co-operation is widespread among city pastors and congregations. One pastor replies: "The business of the pastor is to be the shepherd of his own flock." Admitted, cheerfully, but why the emphasis on "his own flock" to the exclusion of the wider work as represented in the sum total of all the congregations? Another pastor writes that he is face to face with the lack of "an efficient organization which will reach out for the unchurched." Is it a misinterpretation of this statement to say that the fellow pastors of this city could, with their congregations, if they would, originate such "an efficient organization?" Still another pastor writes: "We are fighting for our very existence." This last from a city where there are 64 sister congregations.

Again in a certain city THE historic Lutheran church was abandoned a few years ago, and has since become the meeting place of an anti-Christian secret organization. What was the cause? Some say, "The lack of a proper appreciation on the part of the congregation of the work to be done in this important down town section." But the question arises: "Could not this appreciation have been aroused and a decided and effective effort made to save this church had the pastors and congregations of the said city risen up and said, 'We will not permit the closing of this historic and important down town church?'" According to official statistics there were 179 Lutheran pastors in this city at the time the mother church was abandoned. Surely such a force should have proven sufficiently large to save that strategic and historic centre of Lutheranism! And does not the failure spell "Lack of co-operation?"

How shall we go about the curing of this ill? The whole solution can be summed up in one sentence, "By a larger vision received through prayer." Says the inspired writer:

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." And how is this saving vision to be achieved by our city churches? Only through a knowledge of one another's problems and an insight into the problems common to all. How shall we secure this knowledge? By frequent exchange of pulpits; by frequent joint meetings of city congregations in each parish in turn; by the institution of summer schools where the leaders of our congregations may study the Church's problems; by establishing unions of church councils; and by general city pastoral associations. Out of such coming together on the part of people and leaders, with frank, open, brotherly discussion of peculiar and universal problems, should come many rich and needed suggestions, tending to check and to overcome the tendency to individuals in congregational life, while at the same time the vision of the Church Universal is created and fostered in the heart and service of pastor and people.

QUADRI-CENTENNIAL NOTES.

From the Rev. A. P. G. Anderson, of Bayamon, Porto Rico, we have an interesting letter and request for suggestions. He writes: "The Evangelical Churches of Porto Rico appointed a committee to come in with suggestions for a proper celebration of the Reformation next year in its churches throughout the whole island. Much interest is shown in this, and we feel that the people of Porto Rico are going to enter into this great festival with enthusiasm." Prof. Paul G. Miller, formerly professor at the University of Wisconsin, and now Commissioner of Education in Porto Rico, is spending a few weeks in the States. He will take an active part in the celebration on the island.

Reports of large and enthusiastic pre-celebration rallies are received. At York, Pa., some 1,600 listened to an address on the Augsburg Confession by the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., of the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. The address is being published for wide distribution. At Hazelton, Pa., 4,500 people gathered in a public park. The

speakers were Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman and Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D.

All summer schools are laying stress on preparedness for 1917. The Lutheran Sunday Schools of Harrisburg, Pa., have already decided to hold a joint outing in 1917. The well-rounded programme for celebrating is being developed by the Ministerial Association under the chairmanship of Rev. S. W. Herman.

Pittsburg will hold its annual Reformation service under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Western Pennsylvania, on Oct. 29, 1916, with Rev. Walter E. Schuette, of *The Survey*, as the principal speaker.

The July issue of the *Lutheran Church Review* contains eleven articles treating Reformation topics. This edition will be widely read and with interest and profit. *The Lutheran* makes this mention: "There have been *Church Review*, but we question if ever there was an issue which in timely interest or intrinsic worth to the reader was superior to the issue of July, 1916." The editor of *The Review*, the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., is chairman of the Joint Committee on the Quadri-Centennial Celebration.

The Nova Scotia Lutherans have had a committee on celebration for some months. The Wentzel's Lake Reunion, an annual occasion when between 5,000 and 10,000 people assemble, will again be held in early September of this year. The Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman will make the address, which will be in anticipation of the Quadri-Centennial.

REFORMATION QUADRI-CENTENARY.

The Lutheran Society of New York Has Sent Out the Following Announcement.

"The Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee of Greater New York, with headquarters in the Grace building, Hanover Square, and Rev. O. H. Pannkoke in charge, have been very busy for the past months. Two undertakings of general interest are well along. The one is a Reformation Bibliography, the joint work of a number of reformation scholars. It will contain nearly six hundred titles with critical annotations. The other undertaking is a series of outline lectures for the use of the busy men on various phases of the Reformation.

Topics are:

Modern State and Reformation.
Reformation and Civilization.
Reformation and Business.
Reformation and the Press.
Reformation and Progress.
Reformation and Industry.
Reformation and Education.
Reformation and Social Uplift.
What does America owe the Reformation?

The Battle-field of the Reformation.
Reformation and music.
They are intended for free distribution as campaign material.

The committee is desirous to be in touch with activities and plans in other parts of the country to benefit and to assist.

O. H. PANNKOKE,
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CONVENTIONS.

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ner. He showed what a powerful influence such a canvass had had in many churches where it had been tried and then how we can apply it to our congregations intelligently and the results we may expect. Literature was distributed bearing on this subject. The special music contributed by the organist of the church, Mr. Kanold and his choir, was certainly a treat and was thoroughly appreciated by all.

Sunday School and Luther League Conventions

The Western District Sunday School Association met in annual convention in Humberstone on Labor Day. There was a good attendance and a profitable programme was presented. The Western District Luther League also met in Holy Trinity Church on Labor Day. A rousing rally address on "The New Layman" was given at the evening session by Dr. Laury. Two new leagues, from Conestogo and Hespeler, applied for membership while one league, that of Zurich, presented a resignation. These organizations were invited to meet next year in Guelph.

PROHIBITION THROUGHOUT CANADA.

The retail sale of intoxicants has been abolished throughout Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Prohibition has carried in British Columbia, so that a few months hence alcohol will be unobtainable in bars, shops or clubs anywhere between the Ottawa River and the tide waters of the Pacific. Two-thirds of the parishes in Quebec are dry, and from the eastern boundary of Quebec prohibition prevails throughout New Bruns-

wick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia to the Atlantic coast.

The retail traffic will thus be confined to one-third of the French-Canadian Province. In the next two or three years prohibition stands to have a fair trial over most of the country, and at the end of that time the people can make their choice for the future. There may be some reaction after the war, but the Daily News is inclined to think that the bar-room as it has been known has disappeared never to return.—Toronto News.

THE BIBLE.

Among those who first translated parts of the Bible into the English language are Bede, whose "Ecclesiastical History" is still the chief source of our knowledge of ancient England; and King Alfred the Great, whose patriotic wish, "that all the freeborn youth of his kingdom should employ themselves on nothing till they could first read well the English Scripture," should be the fervent wish of every Christian parent to-day.

The first complete version of the Bible in the English language was written by Wycliffe and completed shortly before his death in 1384.

About one hundred years after Wycliffe had died, William Tyndale was born. At Cambridge, where he was educated, Tyndale met Erasmus, the great Greek scholar of the day, and made himself familiar with the Greek Testament just completed by Erasmus. Having been stirred to the depths of his soul by the reading and re-reading of God's wondrous revelation to man, Tyndale determined to devote his life to a translation and publication of the Bible in the English language. Overcoming many difficulties, suffering poverty and distress, and living around constant danger Tyndale finally accomplished the purpose of his life, and in 1526 he gave to the world the result of his labors,—a complete New Testament printed in English.

After Tyndale's there followed Coverdale's, Matthew's, Craumer's, and the famous Geneva Bible, which was the most popular Bible that had ever appeared in England. The Geneva Bible is sometimes called the "Breeches Bible," because of its rendering of Genesis 3-7, where it relates that Adam and Eve "sewed fig leaves together" and made themselves breeches.

In 1604, at a conference of bishops

and clergy, presided over by King James himself, the subject of the defectiveness of the then two current translations of the scripture was unexpectedly brought up. England had at that time three different versions of the Bible. The Genevan, the favorite of the people; a version called the Bishop's Bible, having the support of the clergy; and the Great Bible, which was a revised edition of Tyndale's. Because none of these editions were satisfactory to the people as a whole, it was plainly evident that there was a need for a new version, that would be acceptable to all, and unite the different classes and rival religious communities. The proposal to edit a new version was frowned upon by the bishops, but King James looked upon it with special favor. By command of the King, 54 learned men were impartially selected from the rival religious parties to act as revisers, and the co-operation of every Biblical scholar in the kingdom was solicited. In 1611, after years of painstaking study and careful research, the authorized or King James version of the Bible was produced. For over 300 years this Bible has been in use by the millions of people speaking the English language, and is to-day the popular favorite.

Following the King James version of 1611, in 1885 the revised version begun in 1870 was completed, and more recently the American revised version has made its appearance. Time can only tell how valuable these versions may be, and whether they will ever become as popular as the King James or authorized version. Their present value lies in the fact that they help us to understand some of the doctrines of the authorized version more clearly.

Whatever version you may have in your possession, dear reader, you should study it diligently, read it prayerfully, and practice its teachings faithfully, for the words which it contains. They are spirit; they are life.—Winnipeg Lutheran.

Pray every day for help to live a better life.

Without God there can be no true understanding, and wisdom cannot be.—Luther.

The world is full of miracles, but our eyes must be very pure or the miracles grow dim because they are so very common.—Luther.

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CHURCH UNION IN CANADA.

The recent action of the Presbyterian Assembly in Winnipeg has resulted, despite the determined opposition of a minority, in the merging of the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists in Canada. In reporting that action, The Churchman says: "The three religious communions which will hereafter make up the United Church of Canada aggregated, according to the census of 1911, 2,229,270. Of this number the Congregationalists represent an infinitesimal portion. The centralized polity of the two larger organizations in the union is perpetuated in the new alignment. The United Church now represents nearly two-fifths of the non-Roman Catholic population of the Dominion. The largest organizations remaining outside of the United Church are the Church of England, the Baptists and the Lutherans." That means that there are still three religious bodies in Canada that are unwilling to confess that there is no reason for their existence, and that still believe that the confession of the faith means more than the construction of a big ecclesiastical organization.—The Lutheran.

Book Reviews

"*The Inspiration of the Bible*" by Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., Morrisburg, Ont., published as Reformation Quadri-Centennial literature by the Synod of Central Canada. This is a paper read at the annual meeting of the Synod of Central Canada at Unionville in June 1916. It is a defence of Plenary Inspiration of the Scriptures based on proofs from 1. *Presumptive Evidence*, 2. *The Scriptures Themselves*, 3. *The Testimony of Jesus Christ*. Every Christian interested in defending the Truth against modern assaults should study Dr. Little's paper.—N.W.

"*Christ's Humiliation*" by Rev. D. Simon, A.M., Dillaboro, Ind. Price 5 cents per copy, 50 cents a dozen, \$3.00 a hundred. Published by the Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O. This essay is a dogmatic discussion of "Christ's

State of Humiliation" under three theses 1. Christ's State of Humiliation is based on the communication of attributes in the personal union. 2. Christ in the State of Humiliation laid aside, that is ordinarily did not use, the divine attributes communicated to the human nature. 3. Because of the intimate and inseparable union of the two natures in Christ's person all that was done in the State of Humiliation for the redemption of men was divinely meritorious and vicarious.

The essay is written in simple style and is well supported with Scripture references. It presents a subject with which every Christian should be familiar for the comfort of his own soul and that he may be on his guard against the numerous false Christologies that are offered at the present time.—N. W.

FALL OPENING OF THE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

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