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"The Faith of our Fathers in the Language of our Children."

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To Luther's Church

O Church of Luther, look well to thy faith!
He fought with naught save God's unconquered Word.
Trust not in weapon other than divine:
This be thy helmet, buckler, halberd, sword.

O Church of Luther, look well to thy task!
He marked and measured every foeman's might.
Heed thou full well the power of world and hell:
Dream not the Enemy hath taken flight.

O Church of Luther, look well to thy faith!
He trusted only in the Saviour's Cross.
Preach thou the Gospel's truth without alloy:
Trust in the Gospel's gold—not error's dross.

O Church of Luther, look well to thy schools!
His care was to instruct both young and old.
Keep thou thy followers in the blessed light:
Feed with their proper pasture all thy fold.

O Church of Luther, look well to thy life!
He lived as pure and blameless as he taught.
Grace thou thy teaching with abundant works,
Even though heav'n thereby cannot be bought.

O Church of Luther, look up to thy God!
Brave Luther was a man of tireless prayer.
From God alone can come deliverance:
Deposit in His hand thine every care.

S. T. CARR, in *The Lutheran Witness*.

SERMONETTE.

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

**"What Think Ye of Christ?" Matt.
22: 42.****What Thinks Mankind of Christ?**

1. The heathen world knows Him not but ignorantly and superstitiously bows down to images of its own creation. There are 700,000,000 souls who know not the name of Jesus Christ, because no one has told them about Him. And yet there is no other name under heaven whereby they can be saved! Do we think of Him as the **only** Saviour? Then why, O why, do we allow these precious souls to die every second outside of Christ?

2. The Mohammedan world 300,000,000 know Christ as a Prophet, but not as a Saviour. The Mohammedan world thinks only of Mohammed. "There is but one God and Mohammed is his Prophet." Mohammedans hate Christians. They are infidels—dogs—and must be destroyed. Do we think that Christ died for them? Are they included in "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life?" Most assuredly Christ is their Saviour! and they are accepting Him whenever He is seriously and patiently and in faith preached to them. There is a Lutheran mission among them in Kurdistan. Are we helping to support it? Do we pray for the Mohammedans, that they also may be saved?

3. The Jewish World 13,000,000 consider Christ an impostor. They still look for their Messiah or Saviour. Do we think Christ wants them saved? Are any being saved? Most assuredly! Since Pentecost when 3,000 were converted to Jesus Christ, since Paul's conversion, thousands and even millions have named the name of Jesus Christ, not always by shouting, "Crucify Him," but also by saying "Hosannah." "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Are we supporting our Lutheran Missions among the Jews? Do we love, or do we despise or ignore the Jew? Do we ever invite them to our services? Do we pray that the "favored people of God" may "favor his Son" and thus be saved? Do we?

4. The agnostic, materialistic, pleasure-loving, money-mad, indifferent world thinks very little about Christ. It criticizes religion or discounts Christ's miracles, or endeavors to tear the Bible to shreds, or is so busy with itself and with money-getting that it has no time thinking about Him. Do

we think that Christ wants those also saved? Are any being saved? Yes, many a rationalist has received faith, many an unbeliever has said of Christ, "My Lord and my God!" Many a man and woman of the world have found the Pearl of Great Price. We can pray for such and we can let our light shine before them; and we can be consistent Christians. Do we think enough of Christ and of their souls to do it? God grant it!

5. The Christian world glories in the cross of Christ. It accepts Christ as the everlasting Son of God, and the Son of Man, born of the Virgin Mary, the only Saviour of mankind; crucified, buried, resurrected, ascended, sitting at the right hand of God; the only Mediator between God and man; Who will come again to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom should have us and, the true Christian world thinks of Christ also as a personal Saviour, its best friend, the great Head of the Church, its Shepherd, its Example; its Comforter, its Physician, its all in all.

6. What think you of Christ—the one who reads this—who has confessed Him before the world? Is Christ much and daily more in your thoughts? Do you think enough of Him to sacrifice for Him? To deny yourself for Him? To read His precious Word daily? To have family worship? To attend the services of His House regularly—to engage in Sunday School, Luther League, Missionary Society, and other Church work? Does He actuate your whole being? Does He permeate every part of you, your conversation, your business, your pleasures, your purse. Do you love Him with all your heart and soul, and do you love your neighbor as yourself? Do you love Christ so much that you can love your enemies, love the immigrants, love the heathen, love the poor, sick, down-trodden, all whom He loves? What think you of Christ? Sit down and think!

**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN CENTRAL
CANADA.**

Milton J. Bieber.

Beginnings.

America was discovered in 982 by Eric the Red, a Norwegian sailor who landed on the shores of Greenland and planted settlements there. His son, Lief, in the year 1,000, sailed from Iceland in his high prowed vessel along the northern shores of North America: and again in 1002

when he sighted Labrador; and later Nova Scotia; and then the New England coast. Other expeditions followed. As late as 1448 there were Scandinavian villages, sacred buildings, and a cathedral in Greenland, with bishops and priests. But to-day only relics and documents of these activities remain. These discoveries, explorations and settlements were but "northern lights" which illuminated the heavens for a season, then disappeared and the world was left in darkness and in ignorance of the existence of a western continent. It remained for Columbus, in 1492, to throw open the gates of the Western Hemisphere permanently; and for the Cabots to rediscover the north Atlantic coast in 1497 in the name of England; Cortereal, in 1500, for Portugal; and Verrazano, 1524, for France. From 1534 to 1542 Cartier, a French sailor, made three voyages, entering the St. Lawrence to the present sites of Quebec and Montreal and named the new country "New France." In 1583 Sir Humphrey Gilbert took possession of Newfoundland in the name of Queen Elizabeth. The French, under Champlain, founded a colony at Port Royal in 1604 which was destroyed by the English in 1613. That part of New France which embraces the present Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was called Acadia, an Indian term for "plenty" which Sir William Alexander, in 1621, named Nova Scotia (New Scotland). Nova Scotia was ceded back and forth, between England and France, three times, until the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, 1748, when England, the representative of Protestantism and liberty, gained permanent possession and control. She determined to colonize the country at once. Then came Colonel Edward Cornwallis in the "Sphynx" with 13 transports carrying 2,576 colonists. He landed in Chebucto harbour in June 1750, and called it Halifax, in honor of Lord Halifax, President of the Lords of Trade and Plantations, and an enthusiastic supporter of the project. Then began Lutheranism in Canada. The colonists were not all English but a number were German and Swiss. The English were mostly discharged soldiers. The Germans were farmers and vine dressers, hailing principally from Wurtemberg and Saxony. They left their native country with high hopes. They had been offered many inducements to migrate. A proclamation had been issued in Germany by order of His Majesty King George II,

the Rev. Dr. Ziegenhagen being Lutheran chaplain at the Court of St. James', London, that 50 acres of land would be granted free and a year's maintenance, additional land on certain conditions, arms, ammunition, farming implements, and tools for building their houses; that the soil was fertile, the climate salubrious, fish plentiful, and commodious, safe harbors. Glowing reports had come to Germany from time to time from their brethren in Pennsylvania and New York and the settlements of course must be closely contiguous! Besides the roving spirit in some; the congestion of population in many parts of Germany, and the consequent poverty; the increasing rumblings of war (culminating in the seven years war); the prospects of more freedom; and not the least, prosperity and a home, induced these people to exchange native land and friends for the perils of the deep, the rigors and uncertainties of the untamed wilderness. Several successive companies were sent forth. They endured severe hardships on the vessels where they were over-crowded into unsanitary quarters, were ill-fed, were uncomfortable and cold.

The later arrivals suffered the severe winter, scant clothing and poor shelter. In consequence many of them found their "home" in a premature grave.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D.

October 2 and 3, the Middle Conference of the Canada Synod was in session at Kitchener. The attendance was splendid. No absentees had to be recorded. Several guests of Western Conferences attended part of the sessions. The roll call showed 18 pastors present. The discussions were lively and inspiring. Rev. Voelker read a paper on practical questions in connection with the Altar Sacrament. The Individual Cup question was thoroughly discussed. It is needless to say, that the conference upheld the Common Cup practice. "Our Seminary" came in for a considerable part of the time at the disposal of the Conference. Misunderstandings, which had cropped in and threatened the harmonious activity in the interest of the institution, were removed. The Seminary Board was given a vote of

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EDITORIAL

Volume V.—The Canada Lutheran has entered upon its fifth year of existence. It began its work in 1912 as a Synodical organ through which our English congregations in Central Canada could be kept informed on Church matters of local interest. Since 1912 great changes have taken place. The English Lutheran work in Canada has been extended. Our Seminary at Waterloo has attracted nation-wide attention. Inter-Synodical co-operation has taken on new forms. A more definite Canadian consciousness among our people has been developed. During the critical times through which, as a Church, we are now passing we have looked in vain from without for that encouragement and counsel for which we yearned. We have had to fall back on our own resources guided by that divinely blessed word which never fails in every time of need. In the midst of it all the Canada Lutheran has found a new mission—or rather found its mission extended. Though authorized by the Synod of Central Canada it has become, to some extent, we believe, the organ of Canadian Lutherans without regard to Synodical connection. It has become the medium through which yearnings for a bigger and stronger Lutheran Church within this fair Dominion have found expression. Men with vision are looking forward to the time when they can claim mem-

bership in a United Lutheran Church of Canada—a body having its own educational institutions, its own Mission Boards and its own publishing houses. They believe that until such standing is attained the disabilities under which we have recently labored will not be entirely removed and we will not exert within Canada the influence that our efforts merit. The Canada Lutheran wants to use whatever influence it possesses to promote Lutheran unity within Canada and to hasten the day when Lutheranism under the Maple Leaf shall have attained to man's stature capable of keeping its own counsel and doing its own work as Canadian needs and opportunities demand. To a bigger and united Lutheran Church in Canada we dedicate this fifth volume of the Canada Lutheran.

Our Seminary.—It is interesting to look back over the history of our Canadian Lutheran Seminary, and note the steps that have marked its progress. The first step was taken on Dominion Day, 1910—an auspicious season for the establishment of a great Canadian enterprise. On July 11, 1910, organization was effected and the principles of management and site determined, July 11, 1911. In the presence of thousands of people the formal opening took place on Oct. 29, 1911. The first commencement exercises were held on June 2, 1914, when the first student graduated "summa cum laude." On June 30 of the same year the Rev. Preston A. Laury, S.T.B., was called as President. In the midst of general rejoicing the new President was installed the following Seminary Day. On October 12, 1914, the corner stone of a \$30,000 administration building and dormitory was laid and on June 1, 1916, the magnificent new building was formally opened and dedicated. Seven students have graduated so far and have entered the holy ministry and two more candidates for the ministry hope to graduate next summer. A college department has been added and twenty-one students are now enrolled. President Laury has proven himself an excellent teacher and a capable and courageous administrator and has guided the institution successfully through the most critical period in its history. We have manifold reasons for gratitude to Almighty God for the work that has been accomplished and we believe there are good reasons for an optimistic view of the future of our

Canadian Lutheran Zion. To be sure there are problems that face the Seminary Board and our congregations but there have been problems from the beginning. Had we run away from them we would still be a foreign Church dependent on pastors from other lands. By the grace of God we have been able to solve the problems. The faculty has labored with devotion and much self-denial. The Board has not shirked its great duties and our people have contributed financial support as the occasion required. God has blessed us and used most humble instruments to accomplish great things. He will continue to do that. Our treasury is now depleted and money is needed at once, but we are confident the necessary funds will be forthcoming in due time. Our people are able and when they see the need they will also be willing to contribute. The appeal of the Board is urgent. It is the King's business. All loyal subjects will respond to the appeal.

The Jubilee.—How shall we celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation? Many answers have been given to this question. Our own Jubilee Committee is vigorously at work suggesting programmes. We will read about Luther and his work. We will give ourselves and of our means to promote Lutheran missions and educational work. One suggestion offered appeals to us with unique force. It is this: Read the Bible from cover to cover during Jubilee year. The use we make of our Bibles will be a fair indication of our appreciation of the restoration of that precious volume to the common people by the work of Luther. He found it in a strange language and chained to the wall. He left it translated into the language of the people and widely distributed. All the subsequent assaults of Satan have not despoiled us of this treasure. Do we appreciate it? All the spiritual blessings we enjoy or ever will enjoy are ours through the power of that Word which is spirit and life. Whatever else we do shall we not try to use that Word during the coming year more frequently and with greater reverence and prayerful devotion than we have ever done before? Shall we resolve, by the grace of God to read our Bibles thoughtfully from beginning to end during Jubilee Year? An average of three chapters every week day and five on Sundays will take us through.

But, friends, let us not glance over the pages like some people read novels. Bible reading should always be thoughtful and accompanied by prayer. Should the unconverted who do not pray read this let them too use the Bible as suggested and by the grace of God they will find Christ and learn how to pray and Jubilee Year will be celebrated by them throughout eternity's countless ages as the best year they ever spent on this earth. Begin October 31, 1916, and read the Bible through by October 31, 1917.

The Laymen.—A call has been issued for the annual convention of the Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement in St. John's Church, Waterloo, on November 8th. This call brings to our attention once more the possibilities for active Christian service latent in a consecrated laity. Every convert to Christ should be a worker in His kingdom and for its extension. Our laymen have been organized for some time. What have they done? Some will answer pessimistically: They have done very little but frame resolutions. We always expect so much and give so little credit for quiet effort in humble stations. The laymen could have done more but they have done much. In spite of many discouragements and little support from some of us pastors they have held annual conventions and who shall measure the extent of that subtle influence which radiates from such conventions? To what extent may that have contributed to a more regular attendance at worship, a larger contribution for the Lord's treasury, a greater willingness to aid the pastors in their congregational work? What about increased interest in Bible classes and the Every Member Canvass efforts we have heard about? Look at the canvass in Hamilton, reported in this issue. The pastor preached and counselled, but nineteen laymen did the practical work of the canvass. It was a great work. Read about the results. Look at the faithful lay workers and contributors in all our congregations whose left hands do not know what their right hands are doing. Without our laymen we would have had no Seminary at Waterloo, and very little progress made towards Lutheran unity. But the \$100,000 Jubilee Fund! What of it? Truly little has been done through the boxes but so many other

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NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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

Note.—If our correspondents would use uniform large-sized tablet writing paper and write on only one side they would simplify the work of editors and printers and render a great favor.—Ed.

Brantford.

The attendance at Sunday School and service is steadily increasing. We regret to report the illness of several of our members. Mrs. M. Glebe was quite ill for several weeks, but she has so far recovered as to be able to be up and around. Mr. Geo. Leasa after being operated upon for appendicitis, suffered a relapse, with a complication of other diseases, and for a time his life was despaired of. However the Lord answered our prayers and at present he is in the hospital on a fair way to recovery. We trust that these good people may soon be well and strong again. Two new members were received during the month, Mr. Garnet Casselman of Morrisburg, and Mr. McPherson of Hamilton. Mr. G. Boyer has also moved up from Hamilton and we expect to receive him shortly. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Radick who were to join with us have moved to Ancaster for which we are sorry. We shall miss them. On Wednesday, Oct. 4th, the ladies resumed their monthly meeting after the summer vacation. Plans were laid to thoroughly overhaul and clean the church and also re-varnish the chairs and benches. The men are co-operating. Arrangements are being made to hold a big Reformation service on Nov. 5th or 12th. Outside speakers will be present and we expect this to be the biggest and best service we have ever had. Mr. L. Brill arrived back in Brantford last week after an extended trip through the West. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. H. J. Oliver, whose cousin, Sergt. H. J. Fuller, died in France from wounds received while on the firing line.

Mrs. J. B. Pickering has just completed working the regimental colors for the 114th Overseas Battalion. They were very beautiful and were admired by all who viewed them.

On Sunday, October 15th, Student Oscar Neeb very acceptably filled the pulpit in the absence of Mr. Otterbein, who took part in the services of Rev. Behren's church on that day.

Galt.

The work here goes on as usual. The attendance at the services is picking up again as cold weather comes on and the members are all interested. On Oct. 1, Student Wahl, who is serving Guelph, supplied the pulpit here to the satisfaction of all. The Sunday School is also picking up both in attendance and interest. A membership contest is being conducted and new members are being added almost every Lord's Day. The School will assist with the Reformation service on Oct. 29, and will begin practicing for their 'Xmas service on the first Sunday of November. The "Happy Thought" girls spent a very enjoyable evening, during the month, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt in Preston. These girls are now planning a novelty social to be given the first week in November. The "Friendly" Bible Class held its meeting during the month at the home of Mr. Manuel Ott, a charter member of the congregation, who is now an invalid and unable to attend the services. A short Bible study service was held, after which the business was transacted as usual. Sixty dollars was voted by the class to be devoted to the church debt. The Luther League is this year studying Sunday School work according to Hunt's Handbook. Considerable interest is being taken in this course. The League also voted \$5 for Student Aid and \$5 for Waterloo Seminary at its last meeting. The Social Committee is now arranging for a Hallowe'en Party to be held on Oct. 31. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society is active and interested as usual. At the last meeting this organization voted \$20 towards the congregation's coal bill. \$5 to Waterloo Seminary, \$5 to Canada Lutheran, \$3 to Montreal Hospice, \$1 to Bethany Orphanage, and \$1 to Jewish Missions.

Hamilton.

The summer is spent. Autumn is with us, and with it renewed activities in all the organizations of the church. Our two choirs, the junior and the senior, have again resumed their duties after two months' holidays. Quite a number have been added to our junior choir, and their work, as well as that of the senior choir is appreciated by all worshippers. On Sept.

20 Mr. Hilzroth gave a supper to the little singers of our junior choir. Owing to the infantile paralysis epidemic in Hamilton, our Sunday School was obliged, by the request of the city authorities, to discontinue its meetings until October 15th. During the lull, preparations for large attendances were made by Mr. E. B. Westcott, our superintendent. Mr. E. A. Bartman has been given charge of our orchestra and the singing. The teachers of the Sunday School will study the Training Quarterly and we are looking forward to profitable and instructive teachers' meetings.

For the last month back the congregation and pastor have been talking Every-Member Canvass. The ten teams which were selected to make the canvass were supplied with ample literature explaining the ways that should be followed, while the pastor delivered a series of four sermons that served as an educational campaign for the congregation. Interest and attendances at these continually increased. The teams also held their special meetings in which they made definite preparations. Great interest was shown by all, and when Oct. 1, the day of the canvass arrived, 19 men (one being absent on account of illness) gathered around the altar to be commissioned for their work. At the evening service the results were given out as follows:—The pledges for our own expenses, i.e., for current expenses and building fund increased by 85 per cent, while our benevolence pledges increased by 170 per cent. Ten new members were also added to the congregation, with 15 others who may join us during the coming winter and spring; 25 members, who did not use envelopes formerly, pledged themselves for regular attendance at our services and weekly contributions to our various causes. The financial pledges, per week, now stand higher than at any time in the history of the congregation. The men on the teams, who undertook the work are to be congratulated on their great success. The ladies also assisted materially. They prepared a light lunch in the basement of the church for the men who made the canvass, thus enabling them to report at the evening service. At the Evening Echo Service the pastor gave the report of the entire canvass, the results proved that the Lord gave more than we had thought and asked. After the report a short sermon was preached on Jeremiah, chap. 33, v. 11b.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m., Miss Clara Elizabeth Miller was un-

ited in holy wedlock to Mr. Wm. Gilbert. Only the intimate friends of the bride and groom were present. The happy couple left on a short honeymoon to Buffalo and will reside here in the city upon their return.

Humberstone.

On Sept. 24th Harvest Home was observed in Holy Trinity. A large congregation gathered to return thanks to Almighty God even though the harvest store was scant. The church was most beautifully decorated with fruits, vegetables, sheaves, and flowers. Pastor Knauff preached a sermon appropriate to a scanty harvest, on the text: I Kings 17: 8-16—“Elijah fed by the widow of Zarephath.” The choir contributed largely to the beauty of the service. A special thank-offering was taken. Baptized at this service and made a child of grace, Marguerite Lorraine, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hesler, now of Welland, Ont. Sponsors were Miss Adeline Hesler and Miss Lorraine Ott, Toronto. Thanksgiving Sunday was observed Oct. 8th with a special service. At the regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, held Oct. 11th, it was decided to send articles of clothing to the relief of the forest fire sufferers in Northern Ontario. The discussion of the topic proved very helpful. The regular Luther League meeting was held at the home of Miss Addie Hesler on the evening of Oct. 11th. Considerable and important business was transacted. Xmas stockings filled with gifts are to be sent to our soldier boys at the front. A committee has the matter in hand. Twenty-five copies of the convention number of the Luther League Review are to be purchased for use of the members. Also mite boxes are being distributed among the members and friends for gathering funds for the proposed pipe organ. The social and entertainment committee, enlarged for this purpose, has charge of a hard-time costume social on Hallowe'en night or some other night. The choir is putting on new life after the summer vacations, a number of new recruits having been secured for active service in the choir. Plans are being laid for an Every-Member canvass in lieu of the introduction of the Duplex-envelope system.

Kitchener.

The First English Lutheran is still on the map even though it has not been heard from in the Canada Luth-

eran lately. The work of the church is steadily going forward in all the different activities of the congregation. Records were broken both in Sunday School and Church in attendance in the month of September, and the first three Sundays in October have eclipsed the September records. The highest attendance ever registered in our Sunday School was on Oct. 1st, when 183 scholars and teachers were present. Our Bible Class is growing steadily. Student Austen Zinck is the teacher. On Oct. 15th, 27 persons were present.

On Sunday, Oct. 1st, we celebrated Harvest Festival. The church was very beautifully decorated with grain and fruits of fields and trees and maple leaves with their lovely autumn tints. The Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., preached an eloquent and instructive sermon on Gal. 6: 9. The choir and male quartette rendered appropriate and beautiful music for the occasion.

Sunday, Oct. 15th was Seminary Day. As a concrete example of what our Seminary is doing for our Lutheran Church in Canada, the pastor had one of our students, Mr. Austen Zinck, preach at the morning service. He preached an edifying and eloquent sermon on Luke 7: 50. At the evening service a layman, Mr. F. W. Otterbein, of Hamilton and Brantford, made an eloquent appeal to the congregation for liberal support of our Seminary, both with our prayers and our money. Pledge cards were distributed among the congregation and the people were requested to pledge as much as they could for the maintenance of the Seminary. The results were gratifying.

The pastor announced a series of sermons on Social and Domestic Life, to begin Nov. 5th, at the evening services. The following are the subjects: "Duties of Husbands to Wives," "Duties of Wives to Husbands," "The Heroines of the Kitchen," "Prescriptions for Domestic Happiness," "The Glory of Motherhood," "Roads that Lead to Divorce," "Influence of Sisters over Brothers," "Dress and Morals."

On the evening of Sept. 27th the choir was most delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Grosz, Waterloo. On the evening of Oct. 16th the choir gave a surprise party on one of its devoted members, who is soon to be married and will leave our midst, Miss Cora Mahn. They presented her with a beautiful cut glass berry bowl and other useful

articles, and wished her a happy marriage. She will be missed in our choir. The Luther League, of which Miss Cora Mahn was also a faithful member, gave her a kitchen shower on Oct. 12th. The Luther League is holding a birthday social on the second Monday evening in November.

The pastor, who is a graduate of the Chicago Lutheran Seminary, attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the aforementioned institution as the representative of the faculty of the Waterloo Seminary, Oct. 4th and 5th.

Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wickum, formerly members of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, N.Y., now connected with St. Mark's, Boston, Mass., spent several weeks in our city on business. They hunted up the church, attended the services, took part in the L. L. programme, in the meeting of the Missionary Society, and exhibited a genuine interest in all the activities of the church. Such Lutheran loyalty when away from home is cheering and praiseworthy.

We were pleased to see the Rev. L. M. McCreery, President of the Eastern Conference, at our parsonage, and the meeting of the Missionary Society though the occasion of his visit to the city we deplored. His beloved wife while on a visit to their son, Dr. McCreery, in the city, had the misfortune of breaking her leg which necessitated her removal to the General Hospital for a season. At this writing she is on a fair way to recovery at the Doctor's home.

The monthly missionary programs by the Sunday School and by the Women's Missionary Society were well prepared, well rendered, and well received. The Sunday School appropriated its monthly offering to the Slav cause. The meeting of the Ladies, at the home of Mrs. H. Bjorklund, was well attended and the programme on Home Missions was interestingly presented.

The Church Council appropriated \$10 to the City General Hospital from its Benevolent Fund; the Sunday School \$5 to be equally divided for Belgium Relief and for the Red Cross. A special offering for the latter cause will also be taken by the congregation. The Home Mission programmes issued by the G. C. Home Mission Board are on hand and will be used at the Reformation service by the Sunday School and congregation on Oct. 29th.

The annual Harvest Festival was held at the morning service on Oct. 8th, when a special offering was taken to swell the interest fund; and a Thanksgiving service was rendered in the evening. The chancel was beautifully decorated with grains, vegetables, fruits and flowers by the Luther League and the Missionary Society. The decorations were later given to the sick and benevolent institutions.

On Oct. 12 the Luther League held a social in the church and Sunday school room. A fine programme was rendered in which vocal and instrumental music and readings figured. Refreshments were served and a social hour was spent. The League is endeavoring to secure all the Lutheran young people in the city as members and to engage in some definite work for the Church. This matter will be decided on at the monthly meeting on Oct. 19th. The congregation rejoices in the return of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lundquist and Miss Alma Bjorklund to the city and the church from Detroit, Mich., where Mr. Lundquist had for a season been engaged in business.

Ottawa.

The 24th of Sept., the last Sunday of Mr. Sorensen's stay with us, saw a record attendance at both evening and morning services, as well as in the Sunday School. Mr. Sorensen left Monday, followed by the best wishes of the congregation. The S. S. is continuing to flourish, under the Button System which was introduced last May. The Primary Dept., Miss Roeske, Supt., is making especially good progress. The W. M. S. will hold its regular business meeting on Friday, Oct. 13th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vibe, of Eastview. We hope to see a good attendance. The ladies have again resumed the Red Cross work of last winter and are meeting every Tuesday afternoon under the efficient leadership of Mrs. C. Olsen. The L. L. meets Thursday evening, Oct. 12th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frantzen, Overbrook. The L. L. Sewing Circle is again meeting each Wednesday evening at the homes of its members. This circle is aiming to pay off the debt on the organ and bids fair to succeed under Miss Alenius' capable supervision. Thursday evening, Sept. 21st, the L. L. held a social meeting in the church basement. The chief point of interest was a debate, "Resolved, the Dishrag is better than the Broom." The affirmative was upheld by Mr. Sorenson and Miss A.

Halz, the negative by Mr. Charles Sternberg and Miss Lulu Whittaker. Many good points were presented by both sides, the negative winning. After this, refreshments were served and an auction sale of homemade candy conducted by Mr. J. A. Loa, which proved very profitable. Sunday, Oct. 8th, the services were conducted by Rev. McCreery. The previous Sunday in the absence of a pastor, the L. L. held its devotional service instead and a very interesting programme was presented by Miss M. Kjaer, the leader of the evening.

St. Lawrence Parish.

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Becksted, Oct. 3, 1916, Miss Florence A. Becksted, member of St. Paul's church and choir and of the Luther League and other societies, was united in marriage to Lieut. Malcolm A. Robertson, of the 59th Regiment, by her pastor, Dr. C. H. Little.

Martha Lavina Pearl Loucks, daughter of Mrs. Amanda Loucks, died Aug. 28, 1916, aged 16 years, 11 months, 28 days, and was buried in St. John's Cemetery, Riverside, Aug. 30, 1916. A patient sufferer for many months from tuberculosis, she set her house in order and, with cheerful resignation to the will of her Lord, in Whom she trusted, entered peacefully into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

The following baptisms have been administered by the pastor since last report: Bernice Louise, daughter of Charles and Frances Becksted, Aug. 26, 1916; Mildred Yoomie, daughter of Henry and Sarah Hull, Sept. 13, 1916; Mildred Elodia, daughter of Gordon and Ada Fetterly, Oct. 4, 1916.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, Dr. Laury, President of our Waterloo Theol. Seminary, delivered two stirring addresses, one in St. John's and the other in St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, on the Seminary, its aims, its work, and its needs. We feel sure that the appeal will not fall upon deaf ears and that it will result in increased interest in and more liberal and enthusiastic support of this school of the prophets.

The Willing Workers, Junior Society of St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, have placed heavy cork linoleum in the aisles and corridors of St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, adding much to the beauty of the interior of this Church. This active society deserves and has the thanks of the congregation for this much needed improvement.

Several fine new monuments are being erected in St. John's Cemetery which will add materially to the beauty of this well-kept cemetery. The Rev. Dr. M. J. Bieber, of Montreal, paid a flying visit to the parsonage on Thanksgiving Day, as did also Pres. Maurer, of Williamsburg,

Sherwood.

On September 25th Holy Communion was administered to a large congregation. Preparatory services had been held on Saturday preceding. On October 8th no service was held here because of Harvest Home services at Unionville. A large number of our people drove to Unionville to attend these services. On Oct. 12, Elsie Hilda, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lahmer, was baptized at the home of the parents. On Sunday, Oct. 15th, Sunday School and church services were held in the afternoon. The Luther League meets regularly and much interest is taken in the topics. Some young men are considering studying for the ministry. This congregation has decided to forward its benevolence offerings to the treasurer of the Central Canada Synod.

Toronto.

Things are looking brighter in St. Paul's. Student S. W. Hirtle is doing excellent work and the old members are standing by him and new ones are coming in. Mr. C. H. Fierheller has taken charge of the choir with great success and the Sunday School is growing. On October 15th Harvest Home services were held. The church was beautifully decorated and large congregations were present. The acting pastor preached in the morning and Dr. Laury in the evening. On Monday following a Harvest Home Supper was given in the basement of the church, followed by a varied programme at which most excellent music was given by the choir. Addresses were given by Rev. N. Willison and Staff-Sergeant James—a member of St. Paul's, returned from the war. Miss Webster, a friend of the congregation, furnished several readings in a charming manner. On Oct. 29th Holy Communion will be administered by Rev. N. Willison of Unionville.

Unionville.

A Harvest Home service was held on Sunday morning, Oct. 8th, and a Thanksgiving service in the evening.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and excellent music was furnished by the choir. The attendance numbered 100 in the morning and 120 in the evening. The pastor preached at both services. On Oct. 15 Holy Communion was administered at a morning service. A very interesting meeting of the W. M. S. was held on the 11th and a similar meeting of the Ladies' Aid on the 18th. The Ladies' Aid have gathered much clothing for the fire sufferers of New Ontario and are busy making Christmas presents for Miss Mellander's school children in Porto Rico. Our share of the Seminary apportionment will be raised forthwith. One of our young members, Mr. Harold Harper, had the misfortune to crush two fingers very severely in the gear of a corn cutter. Mr. Ewart Stiver and Mr. Everett Harper have returned from a trip to Western Canada. The Pastor officiated recently at a wedding in Hamilton. Mr. Ed. Fierheller has bought the old home of the late Mrs. Quantz. Though St. John's Church has no Sunday School at the present in the church primary classes are taught every Sunday by Mrs. Ed. Fierheller at her home. General Council graded literature is used and the attendance, mostly of children outside of our parish, is increasing. It is a fine spirit that prompts activities of this kind. Mr. A. Penik, for some time an adherent of our church, died in the Toronto hospital in his 87th year. Mrs. David Coulson, one of our valued members, has been seriously ill for some time, but is gradually recovering. Harvest Home services were held on Sunday evening, Oct. 22nd, in St. John's Church, Buttonville. Eighty-five people were in attendance. The pastor preached and the Bethesda choir furnished special music.

Waterloo.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held on Oct. 4th, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Kutt, John St., with Mrs. Kutt and Mrs. Wm. Miller as hostesses. It was very well attended, being the largest meeting so far. Miss E. Roos, our able and efficient secretary since the organization of the Society, has been compelled to resign owing to ill-health. It was decided to present her with a life membership in appreciation of her valuable services. The members have all obtained the Missionary Hymnal for use at our meet-

ings. The Ladies' Aid met in the Red Cross rooms on two afternoons for the purpose of making quilts for the soldiers' hospitals, consequently the R. C. have benefitted by ten quilts. On Sept. 29th a successful baking sale was held, the proceeds of which are to be used for the purchasing of cutlery for use at social gatherings. We have also purchased new matting for the stairs and aisles in the gallery, which greatly improve the appearance of the church.

Word has just been received, as we are getting our material in shape for the next issue of Canada Lutheran, of the sudden death of Miss Emma R. Ross, who, while ailing some time, was able to be about the day before, Sunday, Oct. 15th. Her death was altogether unexpected. She was 55 years of age, and occupied the trusted position of accountant in the agencies department of the Dominion Life Assurance Co. for over 27 years. Our readers will remember that Miss Ross was the chairlady of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Synodical W. M. Society and had but a week previous to her demise been made a life member of the Missionary Society by the Missionary Society of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which she was a very prominent and active worker. St. John's congregation will surely miss the services of this faithful handmaiden of the Lord. She is survived by three sisters and three brothers.—Associate Editor.

Welland.

Beautiful Harvest Home services were held in St. Matthew's, Oct. 1st. A good congregation gathered to return thanks. The church was most beautifully decorated with fruits, vegetables, sheaves and flowers. Pastor Knauff preached an appropriate sermon on I. Kings 17: 8-16. On Thanksgiving Sunday an appropriate service was again held and as citizens the congregation gave thanks for national blessings. Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society met in regular meeting Oct. 12th; \$5 was voted to the church treasury. Sewing is to be done by the ladies for the hospital. The Luther League met Monday evening, Oct. 16th, at the home of Mrs. M. Vanderburg, Miss Flossie Cronwiller, hostess. Various items of business were discussed. The League will purchase 1 doz. copies of the convention number of the L. L. Review to be sold to the members. Pastor Knauff gave an interesting talk on the Quadri-Cen-

tenial Celebration of the Reformation, and the League will take up the study of Luther books during the Jubilee year. The choir has taken on a new lease of life and has been re-organized. Several good singers have been secured, and we hope for much during the winter months.

Williamsburg.

Mrs. George Whitteker has fully recovered from her recent illness and Mrs. George Casselman is slowly recovering. Word was recently received from France that Mr. Lee Casselman, who has been at the front for over 18 months, has been wounded. We are glad to know that the wound is not serious and pray for his speedy recovery. We are glad to greet a number of former members who are spending some time in our midst. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Anson Casselman and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Casselman, from Sacramento, Calif. All are thankful to learn that our dear friend, Grace Merkley, is slowly recovering from her recent serious illness. Miss Anna Maurer spent seven weeks this summer with her relatives in Nova Scotia.

Thanksgiving Sunday brought on a large congregation to hear Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., the President of the Waterloo College and Theological Seminary. Dr. Laury made a plea for our educational work in Canada. On Wednesday evening, Oct. 4, Mrs. Isaiah Loucks, with her bay, Lula Irena, wandered from her home and on Friday afternoon were found in a field near her home, she being alive but the baby was dead. Mrs. Loucks was taken to the asylum at Brockville on Wednesday, Oct. 11th.

The annual meeting of the Luther League was held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 11th. The following officers being elected:—Pres., Mrs. Ed. Casselman; Vice-Pres., Miss Alice Eastwood; Sec., Miss Anna Maurer; Treas., Sarah A. Whitteker; Organist, Mrs. Frank Merkley; Assts., Mabel Whitteker and Sarah A. Whitteker. The League has taken up the "Reformation Dawn" for study during the coming winter. The annual meeting of the S. S. was held immediately after the L. L. meeting. \$100 was then voted to Home Missions, and it was decided to get 1 doz. more hymn books. The following officers were elected:—Supt., Linden Shennette; Asst. Supt., Frank Merkley; Sec., Willus McIntosh; Treas., Jason Whitteker; Organist, Sarah A. Whitteker.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

DEATH OF MISS ROOS.

It is with sorrow we record the death of Miss Emma Roos, of St. John's Church, Waterloo, on Oct. 16. Miss Roos was chairman of the Foreign Mission Work for two or three years, and in her energetic way fulfilled her tasks faithfully and well. To know Miss Roos was to love her and we are sure all of our missionary workers feel that they have lost not only a co-worker but a personal friend. The societies will join in extending heartfelt sympathy to sorrowing relatives and friends.

AN APPEAL.

The following appeal speaks for itself:

An appeal comes to us, addressed to all our congregations, organizations and members, but especially to our Women's Missionary Societies. This appeal comes from Mrs. F. Stahl-schmidt, the President of the Women's Auxiliary of our Seminary at Waterloo.

She tells us that these interested and active workers have decided to hold a sale of goods in Waterloo during the first week of December and they would like the co-operation of all who are interested in the success of our Seminary to make this sale a big success. Now ladies, get busy! Send along specimens of your work such as aprons or anything else that might be saleable as 'Xmas gifts, etc. Encourage your Seminary Auxiliary by showing them that you are interested. We were asked to make this appeal just as strong and emphatic as possible, so kindly accept it as such and let us see your contributions pouring into Waterloo between now and Dec. 1. The post office department will put on extra help if your parcels come too fast for the present staff to handle, so don't be afraid of swamping the mails, but send your parcels right along addressed to Mrs. Jacob Conrad, Waterloo, Ont. "For Seminary Sale."

SAFETY FIRST!

A Warning and Suggestion to Young Women.

A young woman was returning home on a train from a large city, after a day's shopping. A man occupied the neighboring seat while she held the

seat near the window. Nothing of a startling nature developed until the train approached the station where she wanted to get off. Then the difficulty arose. This man deliberately blocked the way, so as to make it impossible for her to get out. After waiting a while she said, "Will you please let me pass?" "No, you have got to go home with me," was this beast's reply. Imagine what a trying moment this was for an innocent young woman!

Fortunately this particular young woman had presence of mind enough to speak to another man in the car whom she asked to see her home. When the scoundrel saw this, he took to his heels, fearing trouble, which he so richly deserved. These fiends in human form are not wanting in audacity! They will try to frighten young women into submission, even on a public carrier where there are usually many people around.

What must we do then to protect ourselves from such villains, you ask? **Never enter the trap, which is the seat by the window!** Forego the pleasures of looking out! Be safe! Safety first is the slogan of to-day, not only on the railroad, but with young women who want to be free from harm! **Always sit, when alone, in the aisle seat!** There you are at liberty to go where you please at the slightest molestation! You will be free to control your own actions without asking the favor of any one!

This may not spare you all indignities, but it will spare you the trying situation this young woman was in! What is more, it will save you from a nervous fear that results from such attacks and clings to the victim for months, and maybe for years, after the incident is long since forgotten by friends and maybe yourself.—Lutheran Church Work and Observer.

This young girl had a home and friends to appeal to for protection. What of the stranger and homeless within our gates? A circular letter comes to us from the chairman of Inner Mission Work, making an appeal for support of the "Immigrant Girls' Home" (Dorchester House), Montreal. This is the home for our Lutheran girls as they come to us from the Homeland until suitable positions are secured. Let us give it our support.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

THE LUTHER LEAGUE AND THE STUDENT AID FUND.

J. A. Loa.

If there is one subject that ought to occupy the minds of all Luther Leaguers, if there is one important factor of our work that should receive your first consideration and hearty support, it is the Students' Aid Fund. This fund is not new to you. It has been the subject of addresses and discussions at nearly every convention of the Luther League of Canada, and Luther League Rally, since the establishment of the fund three or four years ago, and the committee will continue in appealing to its members at every convention during the years to come, until our aim has been reached. The result of last year's campaign was most gratifying indeed, more contributions having been received than the three years preceding. The total amount of money thus far obtained for this object is over \$350.00, but this amount is insufficient for our purpose, and we must pray and work unceasingly, so that the time will not be far distant when the fund will be placed in a position to be of real benefit to our students. You are already acquainted with the object of the fund, which is managed on the same principle as the Home Mission Society of the General Council. The money is loaned free of interest to students who require financial assistance, and the money is returned, as soon as the borrower is in a position to do so. Thus the money which you contribute is in constant circulation, and will go on assisting students in all the years to come. Already we have been instrumental in supporting several students at the Seminary, who have made a name for themselves, and in the years to come will do much for the advancement of our Synod, and the Lutheran Church in Canada.

I am not an eloquent speaker. Unfortunately I am not gifted with the

tongue of an orator, but I wish I could impress upon you the importance of the fund, its vast significance, and its wonderful possibilities. God has given us a great commission. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." As Luther Leaguers, we must realize the tremendous responsibility which lies upon us in connection with this command, given to us, by our Commander-in-Chief, Jesus Christ.

The great cry of the Church to-day is for more pastors, missionaries, teachers and leaders. Without preachers in the pulpits, without missionaries, teachers and leaders for our various organizations, we would be as greatly handicapped as a military army without its generals and other officers.

And what is the scope of the great commission? Its reach is like the sun's journey, the circle of the earth. It carries us to foreign lands, where Christianity is even yet only a grain of wheat in many bushels of chaff, and where we must be content to gain a precarious foothold on the very seacoast. It carries us into the homeland with its cosmopolitan population of many national complexions and with its fads and follies of much irreligion. It carries us to the country where a large percentage of the population is being more and more drawn away from the neighborhood of the homestead and the home church. It carries us into the city, where the forces of disintegration are almost equal to the spiritual forces of construction. It carries us into the household, where must be the beginning of religion, as there are the beginnings of life. It carries us into the hospital, the prison, the asylum; into the soldiers' camp and the ship at sea, and to all places where human beings may be found. Do you know, dear Leaguers, that men are dying, two every second, and what is more, being born three every second. We dare not for one moment stop to discuss or argue the reason of the great commission any more than the troops in the midst of a charge may stop to discuss their orders. We are saving souls as firemen rescue people from a burning house, and our business requires the utmost haste.

The aim of the Christian Church is to reach the heathen world in this

generation, and this can only be accomplished through the co-operation of every soldier in that ever increasing army, whose leader and general is Jesus Christ. As Luther Leaguers therefore it behoves us to be loyal to our Leaders. Let us muster all the enthusiasm and all the energy within our power in the extension of our Church. Let us ask Almighty God to inflame us with the Spirit of Paul and the host of other missionaries, whose influence and works for the extension of His Kingdom, are even felt to this day. Let us pray to God for a clearer vision of our duty, for courage and strength to take up our task of the great commission, and if this is done with sincerity, you will at once manifest an interest in the Church which will startle you. Oh! What a difference would be visible in the progress and advancement of our Church if all our members walked with God! Prayer is our most mighty weapon in the battle for righteousness, but alas how few of our members make use of it.

The question is in your mind! What can an insignificant person such as I do in helping to carry out the great commission. None of us are so small but that we are capable of doing something. Without the individual support of every Leaguer can we commence to march on to victory? In a military army the general and his officers would not for one moment think of going to battle unless the ranks were filled. The private is just as important as the leader. One cannot do without the other. And what can we do to promote the cause of Christ? You can support the Students' Aid Fund. Here you are afforded an excellent opportunity of doing something, which will directly affect the Great Commission. We must have more ministers and missionaries. You cannot go yourself. Then make it possible for someone else to go, by contributing of your means to the Students' Aid Fund which has been established to give financial assistance to young men who are desirous of becoming ministers. Right here in our Synod of Central Canada we are face to face with the problem of filling our vacant pulpits, and our congregations have suffered as a consequence. Our Division of the Great Army has of necessity been brought to a "Mark Time," until reinforcements arrive. And oh, how anxious we are to be in the fore-front. But it will not be long now until we shall receive the word

"Advance." Our dear Waterloo Seminary, established through the initiative of our beloved Field Missionary, Dr. Bieber and his colleagues, is training our young men to become efficient pastors and leaders, and from now on a continual stream of young men will go out annually to fill our vacant pulpits, not only in this Synod, but wherever they are needed. Therefore let us not be discouraged but let us look to the future with optimism and complete confidence. Let us fully appreciate the inestimable value of our Seminary by supporting it financially. It is the most important asset we have. Let us pray for it, work for it and give to it. The Seminary and the Students' Aid Fund go hand in hand, but we are primarily interested in the latter. It is interesting to know that we have already been instrumental in assisting several students at our Seminary. Now there are many young men within the bounds of our Synod, who are desirous of becoming ministers but cannot fulfil their ambition for lack of funds. It is for such young men that the Students' Aid Fund has been established, but as heretofore stated we require considerable more money in our treasury to carry out our plans more extensively. The Committee therefore appeals to you as representatives of your respective organizations, to keep the importance of the Fund ever before your members. We ask you to appoint a special local committee to present this matter most vigorously before your Leaguers. We ask your co-operation and loyal support in the promotion of an object which we believe will do much for the advancement of our Lutheran Church in Canada and elsewhere. We ask you for your prayers and we ask you to contribute liberally to the Fund. If you are Sunday School teachers inculcate in your scholars the desire to enter the ministry, the sublimest and noblest calling on earth. We need men, men, men. Truly the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are so few. Will you not do your part? As we leave this convention and carry back home with us the enthusiasm, thoughts and knowledge which we have gained, let this subject go with you. Emblazon it upon your memory as a cause that is worthy of your first consideration and liberal support.—Delivered at the Convention of the Eastern District Luther League and published by order of that Convention.—Ed.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

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confidence and a resolution passed to make the Seminary more than in the past, the object of our consecrated services and financial support. That the discussions and resolutions may bear practical fruit has been our earnest prayer ever since. A public service was held in St. Matthew's Church in connection with the Conference, in which Rev. Dr. Hoffmann delivered the confessional address and Rev. Prof. Lincke preached an excellent sermon on "The Ministry." In the following Holy Communion all the pastors and many members of the congregation took part. It was in every respect a fine, fruitful and blessed meeting, the more appreciated by every one in attendance, since meetings of this kind have been of rare occurrence in the Canada Synod during the past two years. One practical fruit of the Conference came to life almost immediately after the session. The advisability of bringing the Church Boards of neighboring congregations into closer, personal touch with one another and discussing questions vital to congregational and church life in an informal way with them, had been ventilated at the Conference. The congregations belonging to the Middle Conference were divided into three districts, to make the intended conventions practicable. A committee of three pastors was appointed to arrange for such conventions in the near future. The one district, comprising the congregations at Kitchener, Waterloo, and the vicinity was very prompt to act and called the first Church Board Convention to St. Matthew's Church on Oct. 9, Thanksgiving Day. Notwithstanding the short order on which it was called, it proved to be a success. Between 30 and 40 men, members of the Councils of a good many congregations; officers were elected, the new movement was made permanent, a second convention for Victoria Day next year agreed upon. The main topics of discussion were "Our Seminary" and "The Jubilee Fund." We look eagerly forward to similar meetings of the two other districts. Our Church Councils in most cases are composed of good men. But they lack push, courage, initiative, confidence in their own faculties. Intercourse with their own like under the inostentative guidance of the pastor will fit them for better and more judicious service in their important office.

XVII. Sunday after Trinity was a happy day for First German Lutheran Church (Toronto); and whereas happy days have been quite rare in the recent history of that Church, it was the more appreciated by its members. The Sunday marked the Harvest Home and mission anniversaries and that it likewise happened to be the very Sunday on which in the 1898 the present church was dedicated to the service of God, was detected by the pastor only shortly before the services started. We had the pleasure and honor to have the Dean of our Seminary, Prof. P. A. Laury, with us. The church was magnificently and tastefully decorated for the occasion. The attendance was far exceeding the ordinary size. The sermon preached by Dr. Laury was inspiring and comforting at the same time. There may be few churches as eagerly looking for comfort as this church, which since the beginning of the war has been heroically fighting for its very existence. We are especially thankful to Dr. Laury for that part of his sermon, which was a message of comfort and a stirring appeal to endure under the loving hand of God. Of course "The Seminary" received its due share of consideration in the Professor's address and that was just what we wanted and what the congregation needed. Dr. Laury's visit with us has won him and our Seminary new friends; would God, friends in need and in deed! Altogether the day was an ideal Lord's Day, not soon to be forgotten by our downhearted and discouraged people. It seemed, they were giving expression to their gratitude for the blessings of the day, when with unusual enthusiasm they started in singing the closing hymn: "Now thank we all our God!"

EDITORIAL

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interests have pressed for attention. Remember the \$5,000 Seminary Fund raised last year in the Synod of Central Canada through the efforts of the laymen. Our laymen have done things. Go to Waterloo on November 8th and give them a word of cheer. They can develop the internal resources of our Church. They can promote our educational movement. They can hasten federation among our Canadian Lutherans. They can win public respect for our Canadian Church. They can safe-guard our pulpits by supporting strong men. In their hands lies a destiny of greater movements. Help them.

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THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., in "The Lutheran Church Review."

(Continued from August Number Canada Lutheran.)

3. It confuses the Redemptive with the Ethical Aims of the Gospel.

Another serious defect of the social service propaganda is the confusing of the redemptive with the Ethical aims of the Gospel and making the latter dominant. This crops out strongly in nearly all its declarations. When we speak of Christianizing the social order, what do we really mean? We mean simply that industrial, civic, and social conditions and relations should be permeated with the ethical and humanitarian spirit. That may be possible in a heathen community without touching the hem of the garment of Christianity. Jane Addams is doing a remarkable work in the line of social betterment in Chicago; but no one pretends that she is Christianizing the community she seeks to uplift, though many of her Christian helpers may exert that influence. It is therefore making a part to stand for the whole, when changing environments and ethicalizing business and industry is called Christianizing it. It may be ethicalized and yet far from Christianized.

4. It lacks the Redemptive Motive.

But the vital missing element in the whole social service scheme is the redemptive motive and spirit, or at least its subordination to the ethical and humanitarian motive. Consciously the churches do not give it a secondary place; but we look in vain for its proper recognition in the social service programme. Here and there it enters into it as a factor but not as the central, dominating motive which gives all Christ-like service its distinctive character. It would be unfair and untrue to charge the great bulk of social service activity that has more or less direct connection with the Church with an absence of this redemptive spirit, for it shines forth beautifully in many conspicuous in-

stances; but none can successfully deny that in most of the social service literature and in its announced programme there is given no assurance that its proposed activities will breathe the redemptive spirit of the Lord Jesus, Who, when He fed the multitudes, had compassion on them, not simply because they were hungry and needed food, but much more because they were in dire need of a higher food—they were as sheep without a shepherd. This is the missing key in the social service octave as proclaimed, and it is a fundamental deficiency. The great defect in modern humanitarian activity is its sensitiveness to physical ills and its indifference to spiritual ills.

(To be continued.)

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