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## FAITH AND WORKS.

It is a function of faith, that whom it trusts it also honors with the most reverent and high regard, since it considers him truthful and trustworthy. For there is no other honor equal to the estimate of truthfulness and righteousness with which we honor him whom we trust. Or could we ascribe to a man anything greater than truthfulness, and righteousness, and perfect goodness? On the other hand, there is no way in which we can show greater contempt for a man than to regard him as false and wicked and to suspect him as we do when we do not trust him. So when the soul firmly trusts God's promises, it regards Him as truthful and righteous, than which nothing more excellent can be ascribed to God. This is the very highest worship of God, that we ascribe to Him truthfulness, righteousness and whatever else ought to be ascribed to one who is trusted. Then the soul consents to all His will, then it hallows His name and suffers itself to be dealt with according to God's good pleasure, because, clinging to God's promises, it does not doubt that He, Who is true, just and wise, will do, dispose and provide all things well. And is not such a soul, by this faith, in all things most obedient to God? What commandment is there that such obedience has not abundantly fulfilled? What more complete fulfillment is there than obedience in all things? But this obedience is not rendered by works, but by faith alone. On the other hand, what greater rebellion against God, what greater wickedness, what greater contempt of God is there than not believing His promises? For what is this but to make God a liar or to doubt that He is truthful?—that is, to ascribe truthfulness to one's self, but to God lying and vanity? Does not a man who does this deny God, and in his heart set up himself as his own idol? Then of what avail are works done in such wickedness, even if they were the works of angels and apostles? Rightly, therefore, has God concluded all—not in anger or lust, but in unbelief; so that they who imagine that they are fulfilling the law by doing the works of charity and mercy required by the law (the civil and human virtues), might not be confident that they will be saved; they are included under the sin of unbelief, and must either seek mercy or be justly condemned."—Luther.

*From Works of Luther.*



## SERMONETTE.

Text: "Aaron and Hur Stayed Up His Hands."—Ex. 17: 12.

The historical setting of these words will be familiar to all our readers. The children of Israel were journeying towards Canaan under the leadership of Moses and Joshua. On the plains of Rephidim they were assailed by the armed host of Amalek and forced to defend themselves in battle. Joshua led the armed men and Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of a hill to invoke and apply the power of God on their behalf. While Moses held up the rod of God the forces of Israel prevailed but when he let down his hand Amalek prevailed. As the hands of Moses were heavy Aaron and Hur came to his assistance and held up his hands until victory was assured and Amalek was discomfited.

The incident illustrates the situation in every parish of the Church of Christ and in every organization of church workers. United in aggressive conflict with the forces of Satan we shall as surely win as we remain true to God and employ with untiring persistence the means of grace that have been placed in our hands. Just as soon, however, as the means of grace are neglected and we place our trust in other things, the battle will go against us and Satan will prevail.

Notice first that the arms of the most faithful of pastors are but arms of flesh and cannot do all the work in the parish. No one knows better than the pastor how weak he is. He needs some one to hold up his hands even as Moses needed Aaron and Hur. He looks to his Church Council and other leaders for strong spiritual support. They can give it. If they are consecrated Christian men they will recognize the great opportunities for service. They can visit the sick, they can warn the sinner, they can encourage the depressed and they can help to silence the critic whose work is so destructive of peace and unity and progress. They can cheer the pastor personally. How often the pastor's spirits seem to sink into the very ground beneath him and there is no energy to work. Let the Aarons and the Hurs come to his assistance and lift up the heavy hands. The welfare of the church is involved.

Notice in the second place the evils consequent on the weakening of the pastor's hands—Amalek prevailed—

the spiritual life of the parish will decline in power. Had Aaron and Hur been unwilling to do their part Joshua had only won a temporary success. They might have said: "Moses is our leader let him do these things." They might have said: "Moses is not doing the right thing. How foolish to attach so much importance to the waving of a rod over the battle field!" They might have complained as so many do: "This lasts too long. We favor a short, quick fight that is not so great a strain on our endurance and our patience and the convenience of our friends." Any hesitation on their part to stand loyally at the side of Moses "until the going down of the sun" would have brought disaster to Israel and plunged Moses into unearned difficulties.

Pastors need help. They need sympathetic help and they need it all day long. The pastor must be allowed to direct the spiritual policy of the parish in accord with the Word of God at whatever cost and his council and his people should pray for him, work with him and throw no rock of stumbling in his pathway. Unitedly pastor and council can accomplish the maximum of good and the congregation will discomfit Amalek to the glory of God.

### CENTRAL CANADA TO DR. BIEBER.

Thou camest, Doctor, to our mission field,  
Like Muehlenberg, a scattered flock to fold;  
A grateful church thy memory will hold  
In honor for the fruits thy work did yield.

Mount Royal scaled, Toronto to St. Paul,  
With Galt and Guelph, was named and strong appeal  
Restored St. Matthew's to its former zeal,  
And built a synod, leagues and prophets' hall.

St. Peter's, in the capital, outpoured  
Its praise to Him Who is the Living Way;  
First English Lutheran saw the light of day;  
Ambition's town the Trinity adored.

To Halifax they sent thee, dauntless still;  
Thy work brought resurrection to the dead;



Another garland for thine honored  
head,  
The new church built upon that for-  
tress hill.

Esteemed by all, from us thou dost  
retire  
To lead new forces and to cheer thine  
own  
True helpmeet, by whose zealous  
hand was sown  
Much quickening seed that did thine  
heart inspire.

Perchance in passing o'er the bound-  
ary line  
'Twixt Canada and her who gave thee  
birth,  
Thine eagle eye will linger on the  
earth  
Of that fair country thou hadst near  
made thine.

—Rev. N. Willison,  
Unionville, Jan. 22, 1917.

#### PRAYER FOR RULERS AND ALL IN AUTHORITY.

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

(Address delivered by Dr. Bieber dur-  
ing week of prayer in St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church, Westmount.)

We are in the presence of Almighty God. We are approaching the Creator of the universe, Who of one blood made all the peoples of the earth; Who also makes an unmake nations; Who crowns and uncrowns kings. We come to a potentate who not only presides over the destinies of nations but Who is also a Father that pities His children, a Redeemer Who is mighty to save. His gracious promises are eternal and sure: "Call upon Me in the day of thy calamity and I will deliver thee." "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name He will give it you." "Before ye call I will answer." "Nothing is impossible with God and all things are possible to him who believes." Nothing escapes the notice of the Omnipotent One. Our thanksgivings, our sighs and cries, reach heaven at all times and they will receive audience to-night.

We are commanded to pray for our rulers. St. Paul says in I Tim. 2: "I exhort therefore that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and hon-

esty; for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting." In Rom. 13 St. Paul says: "Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor."

We have assembled to-night as children of God; as children of our beloved Dominion; as members of the British Empire; to lift up holy hands and penitent hearts, and suppliant voices for our rulers and leaders in this dark hour of war and of woe. Under God the head of the nation usually directs and controls the body, plans its course and shapes its policy. In a responsible government the voice of the people in the selection of its rulers is usually the voice of God. The powers that be are ordained of God, therefore the ruler is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. We therefore devoutly thank God for the existence of our nation, our Empire and the Entente Alliance. We devoutly praise Him for His gift to these nations of able, wise, strong, capable rulers, advisers, leaders in the state, in the army and in the navy, at the home base and at the front. In these perilous times that try men's souls, when only the keenest intellect, the maturer judgment, the most prudent care, the ablest statesmanship, the noblest courage, the strongest faith, the clearest vision and the intensest patriotism are absolutely demanded God has given us such men. We pray for these men. We ask Him that He would in mercy shield them from harm and danger, from sickness, from the hand of the assassin, from an untimely death; that He may grant them a double portion of His Spirit; make them men after His own heart, give them all the strength, the patience, the courage, the wisdom needed in this, perhaps the most tragic hour in the history of mankind. We together with the millions in the Empire and in the allied nations must be their Aarons and their Hurs while their Joshuas are fighting their and our battles in the field, in the trenches, in the air, in the hospitals, on the march, at the forge, in the commissary, in finance, in appeals, in the legislative

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### EDITORIAL

**Dr. Bieber Goes.**—After twelve years of active and successful work as Field Missionary for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Central Canada, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., has gone to Philadelphia to assume charge of his new work as Eastern District Superintendent of English Home Missions. That he will be missed in Canada is stating facts mildly. To no other man does the English work in our Church owe so much as to Dr. Bieber. He was our first Field Missionary. His work made possible the organization of the Synod of Central Canada, The Canada Luther League and the Women's Missionary Society. He was a leading promoter of the Seminary at Waterloo. As pastor, as Synodical President, as English Secretary of the Seminary Board and in all other offices in which he labored he was ever aggressive, optimistic, and true to his God, his Church and his friends. In all his labors he was ever sustained by the kindred spirit of his wife, whose presence among us in many capacities has won for her also an abiding affection. May Dr. and Mrs. Bieber yet be spared for many years of service.

**Is Rome Ascendant?**—Students of current events find it somewhat difficult to determine the outcome of the recent activities of Papal Rome on the world's stage. In the midst of

political unrest and the strife of war nations who have not recognized Rome for centuries are seeking her advice and sending representatives to the Vatican. And now comes an announcement that Pope Benedict has appointed a commission of four Cardinals to renew a movement looking to a reunion of Christianity and the cultivation of friendly relations with the Anglican Church. It is said that the friendship of the Anglican Church is appreciated by Rome for she may be a link of union between Roman Catholicism and Russian Orthodoxy. A reunion of Christianity under the headship of Rome! Hardly! We know of at least one great church that will not fall in line unless Rome returns to Apostolic standards.

**Lutheran Loyalty.**—That Canadian Lutherans are loyal to Canada and the British Empire has been demonstrated again and again. The President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada has a son in the British army and the Secretary of the same Synod has a brother overseas. One of our congregations has forty per cent. of its eligible male membership in khaki and others of whose numbers we have not definite information are largely represented. Our people have not been remiss in patriotic contributions. At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod of Central Canada the President urged his pastors to promote in every way possible the work of the Director-General of National Service and a resolution to the same effect applied to the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary at Waterloo was unanimously passed by the Seminary Board at its regular meeting in December. As Lutherans it inheres in the very nature of our doctrinal position to be loyal and as Canadians we cannot but love the fairest land on all the earth and the noblest Empire in the whole great series of world powers.

**Unfriendly Again.**—"The American Lutheran Survey," of Columbia, S.C., informs us that "Pro-British sentiment is a piece of such silly puerility that grown-up men will soon divest themselves of it and resume their former attitude towards the false and antiquated ideals of England." We are further told that, "Great Britain represents the principle of world domination through force"; that,



"England is in spirit the same to-day as she has always been—aggressive, arrogant and unscrupulous in her designs and methods"; that, "So long as England continues to assume its immoral attitude of dominance over the world there can be no hope of peace"; that the attitude of Great Britain to Ireland is one of "ruthless subjugation and spoliation." In an article headed "A Disgraceful Pronouncement" the signed document of certain British Churchmen warning the nation against "stopping hostilities without adequate consideration of the issues which the war involves" is referred to as an "infamous anti-peace document," a "nefarious document"; we are told that "a more un-Christian and disgraceful document has not appeared since the war began"; that, "They have caricatured the spirit of Christianity"; that, "Plain, unvarnished heathendom is infinitely preferable to the caricature of Christianity represented by the signers of the anti-peace pronouncement." We cannot help wondering what the "Survey" thinks of President Lincoln's pronouncement: "We have accepted this war for an idea, for a precious idea, and the war will end when its object is reached. I hope before God it will not finish before," and of his prosecution of the Civil War till his object was reached. From the "Survey's" statement by a simple process of reasoning we arrive at the conclusion that the "Survey" regards loyal Lutheran Canadians who are still praying for the British Empire and supporting her in the war as, "Un-Christian," "vicious," "infamous" and "have branded themselves not only as Un-Christian but as Anti-Christian." Until we have some guarantee that such editorials will not find a place in this otherwise so excellent a magazine we cannot do what we would so gladly have done—recommend the "Survey" to Canadian readers. It is an unfortunately narrow policy quite unworthy of the "Survey" and altogether inimical to Lutheran unity and international friendship.

**Apportionments.**—When the financial budget of a Lutheran Synod is apportioned among the various congregations comprising that Synod the representatives of the congregations are always consulted and the obligations are voluntarily assumed. In Lutheran polity the congregation is the chief seat of authority and the instruments of government operate

on democratic principles. No coercion is employed anywhere. Monies are paid into the Church as free-will offerings unto the Lord and under no circumstances does the Church at large employ legal means to compel the payment even of apportionments voluntarily assumed. At the same time the moral weight of the obligations of stewardship to God should surely be conscientiously respected. No congregation that recognizes the sacrificial factor in Christian worship will allow itself to be deprived of the blessings of systematic weekly contributions to the missionary purposes of the whole Church. Christian worship can never be complete without them. No congregation should allow itself to feel that it can afford to withhold from the Synodical treasury monies that have already in effect been dedicated to that purpose.

**Lutheran or Anglican.**—Anglicans who claim that the Church of England antedates the Lutheran Church should note what a few of their own leading men say about the matter. Says Bishop Wittingham: "The Augsburg Confession is the source of the Thirty-nine Articles, their prototype in form, their model in doctrine, and the very foundation of many of their expressions." Archbishop Lawrence speaks of them as "borrowed from the Lutheran creed." "In some instances," he adds, "it amounts to a direct transcript of whole passages and entire extracts, without the slightest omission or unimportant variation." Of Cranmer he says: "From the Lutherans he had learned almost everything which he deemed great and good in the Reformation." The origin of the Book of Common Prayer is likewise to be credited to Lutheran agencies. "When the first Prayer Book of Edward VI was brought out it presented very few divergencies from the Lutheran services." "The offices of our Church," adds Archbishop Lawrence, "were completely reformed after the temperate system of Luther."

"The Canada Lutheran in every home."

Our faith in Christ does not free us from works, but from false opinions concerning works, that is, from the foolish presumption that justification is acquired by works.—Luther.



## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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

### Brantford.

We are very happy to report that the last month of the old year was the best we have enjoyed since the present organization was perfected. Between 400 and 500 people attended our services during the month and the offering also was good. The Sunday School is doing exceptionally well. On Dec. 10 our attendance was 32, offering \$3.08; Dec. 17—28, offering \$2.96; Dec. 24th, 23, offering \$3.65; Dec. 31, 32, offering \$3.12; Jan. 7, 29, offering \$3.20. In addition to this about \$5.00 was put in the Mission Box during this period. Two new scholars were added to the Bible Class. One new member was received during the month, Miss Malinda Daub, formerly of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th the annual Christmas tree entertainment was given by the Sunday School. The scholars acquitted themselves creditably. Each scholar was presented with a very fine book, at this service. Mr. Oliver, our choir leader and Miss Lucy Clark, organist, were also remembered in a very acceptable way. The biggest surprise of the evening came, when the congregation presented Mr. and Mrs. Otterbein with a purse containing \$50 which was certainly fine, and they wish to take this opportunity of thanking the members for this kind gift. The following visitors from Hamilton were present at this service; Rev. E. Huenergard who addressed the gathering, Dr. C. J. Johannes, who also spoke a few words, Mr. C. Schwenker who recited, Miss Alice Pierce, Mrs. F. W. Otterbein and Ruth and Mr. Charles Vollick. Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg and family have moved back to Brantford from Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Johansen and family are also back with us again. We welcome them into our midst. Mr. Charles Keil is busily engaged introducing the Jubilee Stamps among the members and we hope all will use them wherever they can. Mr. Fred Warning has been appointed the agent for the Canada Lutheran, and is now working hard to increase the subscription list.

### Galt.

Dear Canada Lutheran, we surely have been busy. Our joint service

of church and Sunday school on Sunday mornings, introduced on Dec. 3, has proved a big success. We now have a good attendance at morning church service and more adults at Sunday school. Our Bible Class enrollment numbers 35 members. The congregation held a service Christmas morning at 8 a.m. which was very well attended. A campaign to wipe out the current debt of \$250 was opened on Jan. 14th. The Sunday school Christmas service, "The King of Glory," was pronounced generally as "the best yet." It was held on Dec. 27. Presents and prizes were distributed to the scholars and a book of twenty-six crisp new dollar bills was presented to the faithful organist, Miss Edna Leutwein. The service was repeated on Jan. 11, when, owing to the extreme cold only a small number turned out, nevertheless the sum of eight dollars was realized for the Red Cross. A fine class of boys, the Up-Streamers, has been organized in the school under the able leadership of Supt. Jas. Kent. These boys are active and enthusiastic and it is their intention to take up the Canadian standard efficiency test work in connection with the Y.M.C.A. A fine class of girls, who call themselves the Rosebuds, has also been organized under Mrs. Bernhardt's leadership. Their motto expresses their aim, "Blooming all for Jesus." Mrs. Van Every's Happy Thought Girls are also still disseminating the fruits of their "happy thoughts." They decorate the church altar with flowers each Sunday and remember the sick and needy both in the congregation and outside of it. They are working for the Red Cross and also contributed \$5 to this cause. They sent a well-packed box of Christmas cheer to each of the congregation's sons in khaki at the front and in England. They also come to the aid of the Church Council recently with a loan of \$50 and have donated \$15 to Waterloo Seminary. The Friendly Bible Class is also still alive and working. During the past year this one class raised over \$220 towards paying off the church debt. The Sunday school as a whole also sent a large case of clothing, etc. to the Waterloo County Orphanage at Kitchener. The scholars are also contributing very liberally



to Foreign Missions, Waterloo Seminary and other objects. On Sunday, Dec. 17 the student pastor exchanged pulpits with Student Pastor Hirtle of Toronto, and the following Sunday, Mr. Beckman being called home to the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. H. Beckman, in Hamilton, at which he assisted, Student J. O. Neeb, of the Seminary, supplied the pulpit.

### Guelph.

On the Wednesday preceding Christmas the Sunday school, under the able leadership of Mr. Batterby and his staff of teachers, gave a very fine Christmas programme. The attendance was not as good as usual due to similar services in other churches on the same evening but the recitations, songs and drill deserve praise. On Dec. 24 Dr. Laury administered Holy Communion at the morning service. In the evening he preached again at which time the choir, assisted by an orchestra, rendered special music. On Dec. 31, services were conducted by Student Zinck. Preparations are being made to celebrate the ninth anniversary by special services on Sunday, Feb. 4th, followed by a birthday party on Monday evening.

### Hamilton.

The Jubilee Year is upon us and Hamilton will endeavor to gain the Jubilee Spirit.

The holiday season is past. It was profitably spent by our congregation. The Christmas festival was held on Christmas evening. A splendid programme had been prepared by our programme committee and our Supt., Mr. E. B. Westcott. In all there were some 40 numbers, consisting of anthems, orchestra selections, recitations and hymns. To the right of the altar stood a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, whose tiny lights glimmered the real Christmas atmosphere, while the joyful Christmas gathering sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" to the soft music of the orchestra. All returned home feeling that the festival had been truly enjoyed. On Jan. 8 our Church Council held its monthly business meeting, with every member present. The meeting showed that the church's finances are gradually improving. The Ladies' Aid held its missionary study class on Jan. 4th at the home of Mrs. Hagey, President of the Society. A representative number was present. Interest in the study class is growing.

The Telugu Missions will be studied next. May it bring our own foreign mission work clearly before us.

The Luther League is once again back to its normal state. A large gathering was present at the business meeting. The young men were in the majority. The League has decided to give the basement of our church a complete renovation. An old debt, of several years' standing, amounting to \$75 will also be paid off during the coming year. Congratulations! We cannot progress with five-year-old debts. We are sorry to report that our able President, Mr. Huehn, was compelled to resign. He is about to leave the city. May success and God's blessing follow him. Mr. Schwenker was unanimously elected his successor. Our Sunday school is gradually increasing but we are still behind the normal attendance. The finances, however, are improving. The December contributions were the largest of any previous month, with them a 7-year-old debt of \$100 will be partially wiped out. The Laymen at the last meeting decided to place a Jubilee box in every home. Trinity, Hamilton, will try to contribute its portion towards the much needed fund. Many of our members have been ill during the last month. The following have undergone operations: Mrs. Dalton, Mr. J. Otterbein, Mrs. E. B. Westcott, while Mrs. Neilson, Mrs. Storkirch, Mrs. Harrison and Mr. J. T. Westcott are suffering from other ailments. Two of Mrs. Cosgrove's children are confined in the Isolation Hospital with diphtheria. We hope and pray that they may all be granted a speedy recovery.

### Hespeler.

Pastor Fiebelcorn of the Canada Synod parish at Hespeler writes us that he is very much interested in the Canada Lutheran and will do all he can to increase the circulation. His parish notes show decided progress. On Dec. 30 a class of six adults, including three Roman Catholics, were confirmed. On Jan. 10th a well attended congregational meeting was held. The various reports showed a most successful year. Twenty-five members were added to the congregation. The Sunday School has an enrolment of 103 with an average attendance of 71 and an average offering of \$2.13 per Sunday. There is a cradle roll of 44. On Christmas eve the annual Christmas tree service was held in the church. We hope to hear



from Pastor Fiebelcorn regularly.—  
Ed.

### Humberstone.

Dec. 20th Pastor Knauff officiated at a wedding at the parsonage, particulars of which may be found under Welland notes. The annual Christmas service of the Sunday school was held Christmas eve, Dec. 24th. The church was crowded to the doors. The programme was easily the best ever given by the school. Much credit, indeed, is due the teachers who so carefully trained the children. Two beautifully decorated Christmas trees spoke Christmas cheer in their silent way, and a silver-bright star above with its rays of tinsel guided the thoughts to the blessed fact in Bethlehem's manger. The Sunday school orchestra furnished excellent music, while the well trained choir was at its best. Each child received a package of sweet-meats and useful gifts. Both the pastor and choir-director were also remembered by the congregation with respectable gifts of money. Jan. 2nd a very enjoyable social evening was spent by the Luther League at the home of Miss Lorena Mehlenbacher. The feature of the evening was the bringing in and opening of the organ fund mite boxes. This afforded much amusement and a respectable amount was placed to the credit of the fund. The boxes were again distributed to the members and will be called in after three months. The annual meeting of the Luther League was held in the Church Annex Jan. 9th. Annual reports of all officers and committees were presented and showed the League to be in a healthy and flourishing condition. The newly elected officers are the following: President, Mr. O. C. N. Kanold; Vice-Pres., Mr. Roy Boneberg; Rec. Sec., Miss Irene Reichman; Cor. Sec., Miss Gertrude Cronmiller; Treas., Miss Lorena Mehlenbacher. The various committees were also elected. An entertainment is being planned for the near future. Newly elected officers of the congregation are: Deacon, Mr. Geo. Boneberg; Trustee, Mr. H. J. Knoll; Ushers, Messrs. Herbert Kramer and Carl Kanold. These were all publicly installed Sunday, January 7th. Her many friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Knauff, who has been critically ill, is slowly making sure progress to recovery. Almighty God has been merciful. Other sick during the

month were: Alfred Kramer, Mrs. Rother, Mrs. Julius Knoll and Mrs. Kanold. All are safely on the road to recovery. God has inclined his ear to the cries of His children.

### Montreal.

On Sunday p.m. January 7, a largely attended memorial service was held for Bombardier Christian Nelson who enlisted in the beginning of the war and died in the military hospital, England, of wounds received in battle. His two brothers were also wounded but are again on duty. Twenty-three Lutheran boys from Montreal are in the ranks.

The Luther League appropriated \$25 to the Interest Fund of the church, furnished flowers and visits the sick, conducts the devotional topic meetings on Sunday evenings, and takes a general active interest in the affairs of the church. It has met its Jubilee quota of 25c. per member to the Luther League of America. It has planned a sleigh drive for Feb. 7. A well attended Christmas service was held at 10 a.m. Christmas Day. After the service the congregation, through Mr. J. E. Christoffersen, a member of the Church Council, handed Pastor Bieber a well-filled purse of gold pieces and in fitting terms expressed the sorrow, the sympathy and the prayers of the congregation on Mrs. Bieber's serious sickness, which expression of love was very greatly appreciated by the recipients. The Sunday School Christmas service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 27th. Supper was served to the children in the Sunday school room at 6 p.m. in the presence of a Christmas tree, and at 8.15 "The Child in the Manger" was rendered by the school and congregation in the church auditorium where a larger tree was in fine evidence. Presents of books and candies were given to the children.

Pastor Bieber made an address during the week of prayer, Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Westmount, at a combined service of the Westmount Protestant churches on "Prayer for Rulers and all in Authority." On Jan. 2 Pastor Bieber officiated at the funeral of the late John Swenson, aged 55 years, and on Jan. 11th he conducted the funeral service of Mrs. Herbert Becks, whose husband is at the front. She was aged 29 years. Four little children survive. The Rev. Ph. Lamertine assisted in the service. On Jan. 5th



the Church Council at its monthly meeting appropriated sufficient to meet all the monies apportioned by Synod and by the General Council for the Synodical year ending May, 1917. Khaki Sunday was observed by the congregation in conjunction with all the churches in the 4th Military District on Sunday evening, Jan. 7th, when Sergt. D. B. Bailly, a member of the church, made an interesting address. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society received two new members at its monthly meeting on Jan. 3rd, and discussed the topic for the month, Mrs. H. Bjorklund leading. Mrs. E. Grannery was appointed Literature Secretary. It was decided to conduct a mission study class during Lent and to introduce mite boxes for collecting the semi-annual interest money. The Ladies are paying for the cleaning of the church. Monies were appropriated to foreign missions and to Porto Rico.

Sunday, Jan. 14th was an interesting day for the congregation. Six persons were received as members by confirmation: Helen Casselman, Martha Christoffersen, William Sorrensen, Carl Tannerson, Mrs. Herbert McTavish Jundi and Mr. A. W. Parle. Seven persons were also received by letter being Mrs. A. W. Parle, Herbert Jundi, Emma Matson, Ida and Emma Pasch, Ida Holm, Malinda Sell.

#### Sherwood.

On Dec. 23 the annual Christmas tree service was held in the church. A sacred programme was rendered by the school to a large and appreciative audience. On Jan. 5 a social was given in the Sunday school room in honour of Mr. Seymour Cooper who has entered Waterloo Seminary to prepare for the ministry. About 100 people were present and an interesting programme was rendered. Mr. Cooper was presented with a beautiful writing desk as a token of appreciation for long and faithful services in the congregation and as a mark of good will. A number of happy addresses were given by representative members of the congregation. On Jan. 23 the annual congregational meeting was held. Most encouraging reports were given and the following officers elected: Elder, Jesse Keffer; Deacons, John Fenwick and Chas. Line; Trustee, David Julian; Treasurer, David Snider; Secretary, Eli Lahmer.

#### Stratford.

The annual vestry meeting of Zion Lutheran Church was held on Jan. 8. Encouraging reports were presented. The pastor reported about his work during the year 1916, stating that the work had been faithfully done by him and all church officials and that the blessing of the Lord had been with them. The congregation has made good progress during the last year and all branches of the church are in excellent condition. The pastor's report showed that 111 services had been held and the Holy Sacrament of the Altar administered six times. All services had been well attended, even during the very hot summer months and the number of those taking part in Holy Communion has increased. About 1,200 ministerial calls had been made. The number of sick calls was very large. Number of baptisms 21, confirmed 22, married 11, funerals 7 adults and 2 children, 14 new families are attending our services and their children have become pupils of our Sunday school. The latter is in a flourishing condition. 21 teachers instructed our children, who number about 239, including the cradle roll. The receipts and expenditures of the Sunday school as reported by the S. S. Treasurer at the teachers' annual meeting of January 4th amounted to \$221.53 and \$177.01 respectively. A balance of \$70.02 was carried over into the New Year. The report of the Ladies' Aid Society was also presented to the congregation showing, that this active Society's receipts amounted to \$477.00. The mortgage on the parsonage has been greatly reduced, being only \$699 at present, all repairs, taxes, etc., paid. The annual meeting of this Society took place on Jan. 3rd. The names of its officers are Mrs. (Rev.) Klaehn, Hon. Pres.; Mrs. J. W. Wettlaufer, Pres.; Mrs. H. Riehl, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. J. Beutenmiller, Sec; Mrs. M. Behrenwaldt, Treas. Mr. Hy. Pauli. The treasurer of the congregation followed the pastor with his report. He reported that the receipts amounted to \$1,958.01. The expenditures were \$1,956.15. The books were audited by Messrs. Geo. Zinn and W. Soeder. When the books were closed, they found that from \$200 to \$300 were still standing out, but that since then more than \$70 had been paid into the treasury. It was also stated in the report that the expenditures during the last year had been exceptionally heavy on account of



different policies, which had fallen due and had to be renewed for the next three years. The result of the election of church officers was—Mr. J. S. Schmidt, Elder; Warden, Mr. E. Heinrich; Trustee, Mr. Andrew Schmidt. The other members of the Church Council are Messrs. Hy. Pauli, Hy. Riehl, Geo. Neigh, W. Soeder. A motion that the pastor's salary be increased \$200 per annum was unanimously carried. It was also decided if possible to organize an adult Bible class. The Y. P. S. held its annual meeting on Jan. 9th. Following officers were elected: Rev. O. Klaehn, Hon. Pres.; Mr. A. Strelow, Pres.; Miss G. Bernhardt, Vice-Pres.; Miss Ida Harloff, Sec.; Mr. Edw. Heimrich, Treas. A Valentine Social will be held on Feb. 14th and all young people of the congregation are cordially invited to attend. Nine young Christians are preparing for confirmation. Mr. Harvey Pauli and Miss Mary Eckert were united in holy matrimony on Jan. 10th. They have taken up their residence on Young St. Mr. Oscar Hamel was married in Kitchener on New Year's day and has moved to Toronto. Mr. Carl Heinrich, 118th Batt., C.E.F., spent his last leave before going overseas with his parents and left Jan. 8th. May the Lord protect him. Mr. Hy. Riehl is still in Windsor, Ont., and Mr. Geo. Herr in Barrie, Ont., both are working for a firm of Stratford. Five new readers for the Canada Lutheran were secured in the congregation.

#### Toronto.

Our church services during Christmas and New Years have been more than a success. St. Paul's Church was beautifully decorated by some of our members assisted by a few Scandinavian friends. On Dec. 24th, in the morning, Student A. Zinck preached a very good sermon; at the evening service the Sunday school held its Christmas service, ably assisted by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Fierheller and with Mrs. Richardson at the organ. A good crowd turned out. After the service the young folks were presented with books and candies which they appreciated so much. On Christmas morning at 6.30 more than 90 members and their Scandinavian friends attended the candle-light service. Mr. Hirtle preached the sermon, while the choir rendered a song in Swedish. After service, cocoa and cake were served in the basement, which they all enjoyed. On New Year's eve a good crowd at-

tended the watchnight service. St. Paul's Lutheran Church is growing slowly but surely and much credit is due to Student Hirtle who is looking after the welfare of the church and members.

#### Unionville.

Our annual Christmas tree service was held on Dec. 22. The General Council Service, "The Light of the World," was rendered by the children, assisted by the choir. Anniversary services were held on Jan. 21, when the Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Kitchener, preached morning and evening. A social evening was spent by the members of the choir at the parsonage on Jan. 22, and the regular monthly social of the League was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pingle on Dec. 29th.

#### Waterloo.

The January meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of St. John's Church was held at the home of Mrs. Kaufmann where she and Mrs. Hoffman were joint hostesses. Many ladies were present. It was decided to begin our fourth annual Mission Study Class with a membership of about thirty-five ladies. The classes will be held weekly at the home of Mrs. P. Roos. The text-book selected for this year is "Story of Lutheran Missions." Since this year is of special interest to Lutherans it was thought well to try to learn more about the work our Lutheran Church has done and is doing for missions. The Ladies' Aid of our church had their annual meeting this month. The reports read showed that our ladies have been as usual very active. All officers were re-elected. To increase the membership it was decided to have a competition. Two sides were chosen and a spirited contest will be indulged in for one month, the losing side to provide a social evening.

#### Welland.

The marriage of a prominent and interested member of St. Matthew's was solemnized by Pastor Knauff at the parsonage in Humberstone, Wed. Dec. 20th—Miss Annie Kottmeier, daughter of Mr. Herman H. Kottmeier, to Mr. Albert M. Young. The happy couple will reside in the vicinity of Welland where Mr. Young has a valuable farm. The best wishes of the congregation go with these Christian people for a happy and blessed married life.



The Sunday school staff presented the scholars at Christmas time with a stocking neatly filled with sweets and a celluloid book-mark. While there was no Christmas programme of the Sunday school this year, owing to conditions, the children were not forgotten by the church. The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Kottmeier, Jan. 4th. While the attendance, owing to weather conditions, was not as large, the meeting was interesting. The topic could not be studied, because of the failure of the programme to arrive. Topic books, however, were ordered by all members. The monthly meeting of the Luther League was held at the home of Miss Florence Ott, Monday evening, Jan. 8th. A very profitable meeting with a good attendance was held. The League decided to inaugurate an every member bring another campaign by next meeting. Various young Lutheran people have come to town and are here employed, and to get into touch with the League would be to their spiritual and social good. We hope to reach these people. Among the Lutheran strangers in the city who look up their church and so visit us at the services, was Mr. Badke, son of Pastor Badke, formerly pastor of St. Paul's Church, Humberstone, and now living in Brantford. Mr. Badke has been transferred by the Imperial Bank to the important branch in Welland. We hope to see more of him, and of others who are coming to town.

#### Williamsburg.

Our women are busy working for the Red Cross again this winter and much interest is being shown by one and all. Mrs. Caroline Whitteker died Jan. 3rd, 1917, and was buried Jan. 5th in the morning. The deceased was past 90 years and was smart and well up to within a few days of her death. She was a faithful member of St. Peter's congregation and is survived by three sons and three daughters. Mr. Isaiah with whom she lived, Amos of Williamsburg, Christian of Ottawa, Mrs. Guy Loucks, Mrs. John Barkley, Williamsburg and Mrs. Nathan Barkley, Dunbar. Another member of St. Peter's has passed away in the person of Mrs. Jeremiah Shennette who died Jan. 3rd, 1917. The deceased was born in Ogdensburg, N.Y., in the year 1848. Her husband predeceased

her just two years ago. She is survived by four sons and two daughters. Edwin of Lancaster, Henry and Walter of Morrisburg, George of Williamsburg, Mrs. Allen Garlough and Mrs. Willus Schell, Williamsburg. The funeral took place Friday, Jan. 5th in the afternoon, the Pastor preaching from the text John 10-27 and 28th verses. Rev. Maurer preached in Ottawa, Jan. 7th. Rev. Little preaching for us in the morning. On Tuesday night the 9th, the Council drove to Morrisburg to attend a joint Council meeting of the four congregations to make preparations for meetings, etc., to be held during this Quadricentennial Jubilee year. They all reported a good evening spent together.

#### SEMINARY BOARD MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Seminary Board was held on Dec. 27 in the Seminary building.

#### Executive Committee of Synod of Central Canada.

The Executive Committee of the Synod of Central Canada was held in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, on Dec. 28, with President Maurer in the chair. The general situation in the Synod was viewed by the President. Jubilee arrangements were discussed, equalization balances due congregations were ordered paid; a resolution of condolence ordered sent to Pastor McCreery. The President instructed the pastors to promote in every legitimate way the cause of national service as presented by the Director-General at Ottawa.

#### Home Mission Board.

At a meeting of the Home Mission Board of the Synod of Central Canada held in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, on Dec. 28, the Field Missionary reported his decision to withdraw from Canada chiefly because of the very serious illness of his wife. A resolution of sympathy for and appreciation of Dr. Bieber's work as Field Missionary was passed. A suggestion of the President that Ottawa be temporarily served by Rev. McCreery was endorsed, but the importance of securing a regular pastor for Ottawa as soon as possible was emphasized. The G. C. Eng. H. M. B. is to be most strongly urged to endeavor to secure one. A regular pastor for Montreal has been secured in the person of Rev. Ph. Lamertine.



## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

### ANOTHER REPORT.

Report of the Literature Secretary of the W. M. S. for the Synod of Central Canada from June, 1915, till March, 1916. The report is as follows: Topics ordered 118, Leaflets 48, Calendars 24. Amounting in all to \$26.30.

### POLYGLOT HOME MISSIONS.

A reading of the news of our various mission fields reveals the Pentecostal character of Lutheran mission work. Lutherans are supporting home missions in this country in the following languages—English, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, as well as Slovak, Magyar, Lettish, Slovenian, Siebenburger, Hungarian, Polish and Italian. Possibly other languages are used, but no reports have come to use during the year. Add all these missionary operations together and include the work among the Indians of the West, the negroes of the South, and the Spanish in Porto Rico, and we can safely repeat the recent remark made, namely, that "Lutherans are to-day supporting more missions than they had parishes a quarter of a century ago." This varied missionary work is the source of our Lutheran strength and a chief reason for the steady and large growth credited to Lutherans.—The Lutheran.

We are glad to note in parish news that our societies are so active. We hope Jubilee year will mean much to us all and that we will appreciate our history and our possibilities in missionary endeavor as we have never done before. Shall we unitedly pray that during this year an enduring peace shall come to the world so that the many restrictions in foreign missionary effort may be removed.

### Quadrimentennial Programmes For Women's Missionary Societies.

(Continued)

June—A Student Volunteer of Two Hundred Years Ago Takes the Word to the Northland. Students and World Evangelization.

July—The Word brings light to the dark continent. A study of the dawn in Africa.

August—The Word in China. The call of four hundred millions.

September—The lame walk, the blind see, the poor have the Gospel preached unto them. The Word and the work of the Inner Mission.

October—After four hundred years. The man who restored the Word to the world.

November—Gratitude for our heritage. A programme of thanksgiving.

December—The Word which shall be to all people. A call to twentieth century Lutherans.

### MRS. BIEBER.

Our societies will all regret most sorely that Mrs. M. J. Bieber has left Canada in broken health. For some time she has been very ill in Montreal but has so far recovered that she has been able to go to her former home in Mt. Joy, Pa. Mrs. Bieber has been a most active worker in our Synodical Society. Her consecration, her zeal and her practical good judgment have played a big part in the organization and development of our societies and her departure will be a severe blow to our work. We hope she will soon recover vigorous health and that she and her husband, whose removal we also deeply deplore, may yet be spared for many years of service in the Lord's vineyard.

Our heart is a battlefield where fear and hope struggle with each other.—Dr. E. Hoffmann.

God hath commanded to keep oath and faith with an enemy.—Luther.

I will accept no rules for the interpretation of the Word of God, since the Word of God, which teaches the liberty of all things else, dare not be bound.—Luther.

A Christian man lives not in himself but in Christ and in his neighbor. He lives in Christ through faith and in his neighbor through love; by faith he is caught up beyond himself into God, by love he sinks down beneath himself into his neighbor.—Luther.



## MISCELLANEOUS

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

### GLEANINGS FROM THE CAN- ADA SYNOD.

Dr. E. Hobmann.

The gleaner owes an explanation to the readers of the Canada Lutheran for the absence of his monthly contribution in the last number. It was not due to some breach of faith with Brother Editor, nor to some wilful neglect on our part. True to duty, pen in hand we sat down in due time to prepare the usual modest spread, but however scouring the nooks and corners of our synodical memory, found practically nothing to glean. Unusual quietness seemed to have reigned within the Canada Synod during the past month. And then the pen was dropped and the Editor informed and the thoughts given another direction. We rather like this quietness. Reports on ministerial changes, the receiving of calls, installations and the like, which make up a considerable portion of the news items in our church papers, may present quite interesting reading to the ordinary subscriber, but most frequently they are evidences of an unhealthy restlessness and discontentment on the part of pastor or congregation, and in every case they involve a good deal of work and worry for the one responsible for the prosperity and peace in Israel. Let us thank God, if He gives us as little as possible occasion to report news of the kind mentioned.

We are quite satisfied therefore with being again confronted with almost the like news-dearth to-day, even though it may compel us to apologize for the scantiness of our gleanings.

Two very happy events took place during the past month within our Synod, two of our brethren turning a decidedly new leaf on the very shores of the New Year. Rev. R. Mosig, formerly of Walkerton, had tasted bachelor life long enough to find it distasteful at last, and was married in Xmas week to Miss Buelow, a faithful member of his former parish, Rev. H. Henkel, of Brant Tp., having the honor and pleasure of pronouncing them man and wife. Immediately after their wedding Rev. and Mrs. Mosig removed to New Hamburg, where they are at home now in the stately parsonage of Trinity Luth. Church, which had been vacant and waiting

for an occupant fully 18 months. The other brother taking the same important step is well known to many readers of the Canada Lutheran, as one of the graduates of the 1915 class of our Seminary, Rev. F. Christiansen, of our Denbigh Mission in Addington Co. In his case New Year was the happy day and Prof. Lincke, at whose feet Brother Christiansen had studied Exegetics and other Theological disciplines, had been called to give him a private lecture in very practical theology at the wedding altar. His life's partner was Miss Fritsch, a daughter of one of the most highly respected and active families in the Denbigh parish. To both of the brethren we extend our sincerest wishes for a long and blessed married life!

St. James Church of St. Jacobs, Ont., underwent quite an extensive transformation during the past months and was re-opened and re-dedicated by the pastor loci, Rev. G. Weidenhammer, assisted by some brethren of the vicinity. It is most gratifying to witness the many evidences of the enthusiastic and purposeful activity of this young brother, a product of our Waterloo Seminary, and of the confidence and love of his flock, which he has won during his short pastorate.

St. James Church, Mannheim, Ont., purchased and dedicated a new church bell, the pastor loci, Rev. L. Brenner, officiating.

By the removal of Rev. Mosig to New Hamburg a new vacancy has been created in the Walkerton-Mildway parish, which we are afraid will be difficult to fill, unless another breach is made in the ranks of the Synod, which of course would only mean a shifting of the difficulty from one field to the other. We are again reminded that we must not weary in our prayers for laborers in the Lord's harvest.

Our most extended field, the New Ontario Mission, which became vacant five months ago, is still waiting and praying for regular pastoral care. The isolated location of most of the preaching stations connected with this mission, renders it particularly difficult to give them anything like a systematic spiritual supervision during the vacancy. Weak and rather helpless as they are under normal conditions, they are now presenting the pic-



ture of a "bruised reed." May the Lord strengthen our hands to save it from breaking altogether.

About a week ago I. German Luth. Church of Toronto was the scene of an unwelcome nightly visit. Several windows were shattered, the baptismal font was overthrown and broken, every lock of the many cupboards in church vestry and S. S. room forced open and their contents apparently carefully examined and scattered on the floor. It must be stated however that the visitors were extraordinarily generous, they did not carry anything away, but left 10 cents and almost a boxful of burnt matches behind, a fact which keeps us guessing, what may have been the object of their visit. However, whatever may have been their object, they must have left the church sorely disappointed, utterly unrewarded for their nightly effort.

### PRAYER FOR RULERS AND ALL IN AUTHORITY.

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halls, in the press, at headquarters, in the field Y.M.C.A., with the Red Cross.

We are to pray together with our leaders and our rulers; to pray to God that they may not grow weary in well-doing, that they themselves may unceasingly wrestle with God until He bless them, that they may at all times put on the whole armor of God in order that they may be able to withstand in this evil day and having done all to stand, that they may not only be intellectual and spiritual giants, standing head and shoulders over all the princes in Israel. We pray that our rulers, advisers, generals, admirals and all in authority may talk with God like Solomon and ask not for wealth or fame or honor or even long life but for wisdom and an understanding heart to discern between good and evil in this greatest crisis in history—this most important hour of man's destiny. They are forced by a catastrophe that involves the whole human race. Before their eyes and our eyes is the declining strength of one world preceding the dawn of another and a new world. We pray that our leaders may use their authority properly—not become an obstacle in the progress of the world, nor consider things in the light of their ancient prejudices; that they may sacrifice with firmness in the last fight made by the forces of reaction against the principles of national sovereignty.

In order that civilization based on such a sovereignty may triumph that the whole world, friend and foe alike, may not only hear the angel message, may not only sing it or speak it but live it. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." So will we pray to-night. But only to-night? Only during this week of prayer? Only while the clouds are lowering? Only while the thick smoke of battle hovers over us? Wisdom is needed as much on the offensive as on the defensive, as much in reconstruction as in destruction, in peace as in war. The command of Jesus is: "Watch ye therefore and pray always." There is needed a national altar, an altar which is set up in every home, whose fires never go out, which is kept in continual repair and constant use, around which gather the parents and the children the guests and the servants—all taught to pray for the rulers, the leaders, the judges, the lawmakers of the Empire, the Dominion, the Province, the City, the Municipality, the Home. Let us criticize less and pray more. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. How much more if a whole family, a whole city, an entire nation, an empire, a right-thinking world. Such united prayer must draw heaven to earth. It must produce spiritual leaders. It must bring peace with righteousness.

While we are supplicating to-night for all in authority we cannot but include those who have gone forth from us to uphold the royal standards, who are planting them in the name of God, of justice, of liberty. We pray for their lives, for their safe return, for their rectitude in the bloody path of duty, and we pray for those whose loved ones have brought honor to their homes, to the Empire, and have brought nearer lasting peace, enduring freedom and universal righteousness, whose shout for victory was also their last response to the roll call here below, who helped to bring remission to the nations of the earth by the shedding of their blood. For their loved ones in their deep sorrow as well as in their sad joy do we pray. We pray that the God of all consolation may in double measure sustain and comfort them and grant them that peace which the world cannot give.

The home of Pastor Behrens in Kitchener, has been gladdened by the arrival of a baby girl. Congratulations!



## NEW PASTOR FOR MONTREAL.

The Church of the Redeemer, Montreal, is happy at having received, after an extended vacancy, a permanent pastor in the person of Rev. Ph. Lamertine, who was publicly received and who took part in the service on Sunday, Jan. 14th. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Bieber, who has been laboring in the city of Montreal the past year, and who now leaves for his new field of labor.

Rev. Lamertine began his ministerial work in Canada in 1888 in the Walkerton parish, where he also married his wife, the daughter of the late W. Mackensen. He supplied parishes in Connellsville and Philadelphia, and labored 20 years in one parish in the latter city. He also engaged in mission work in Wisconsin where he colonized 600 Lutherans from the East. He was the founder and Superintendent of the Tabor Orphanage in Philadelphia during the past 10 years and was Field Secretary of the Orient Lutheran Mission Society of which society he was a charter member. The prayers of the congregation and of the Church accompany him in his work in Canada.

Dr. Bieber enters upon his work as Eastern District Superintendent with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pa., on Feb. 1st. His territory embraces the Maritime Provinces, Eastern and Central Canada, and the New England and Middle States. He asks for the prayers of the Church in his work and for the complete recovery of his beloved wife, who has been and is his efficient help-meet in his ministerial and missionary labors. The twelve years spent in Canada by them have been very pleasant for them and blessed of God for the good of the Kingdom in this district. We wish Dr. and Mrs. Bieber the bounties of God's blessings in the new field of activities, and may it please God speedily to restore Mrs. Bieber to complete health and strength.

As an appreciation for the successful labors of Dr. Bieber we would give the following brief survey of the work done on our field due to the untiring and faithful labors of this servant of the Lord's. He has organized congregations in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Galt, Guelph, Hamilton, Kitchener, and Halifax. Resurrected, supplied, or secured permanent pastors for Humberstone, Welland, Brantford, Sherwood. Through his efforts the Synod of Central Canada was organized in 1909 and he was its

first President; likewise the Luther League of Canada, the Women's Missionary Society of Central Canada were organized by him, besides materially assisting in the organizing of the Women's Missionary Society of Nova Scotia and the Luther League of Nova Scotia. For years Dr. Bieber had been praying and working for the establishing of a Lutheran Theological Seminary in Central Canada, and the Seminary at Waterloo, conjointly established by the Canada Synod and the Synod of Central Canada, stands there largely due to his visionary and self-denying labors and untiring zeal. The Lutheran Church in Central Canada will not soon forget him who labored among us in the Lord. "And his works do follow him." He leaves our fair Canada with the sincere prayers and hearty good wishes of a host of friends, to whom he has been an inspiration, and with the assurance of inmost gratitude of the many whom he has led to the Rock of Ages. —Assoc. Editor.

## LUTHERAN STUDENT CONFERENCE.

The Lutheran Student Conference of America will hold a four-day session at the Chicago Theological Seminary beginning Feb. 15, 1917. The closing session will be held in Wicker Park Church, Chicago. Mr. E. H. Beckman, Sr., of our Waterloo Seminary, will represent our institution. We believe that much good will result from such a conference where ideas and views are exchanged auguring well for the future. And why should there not be such a "get-together" of students of theology? Football and fraternity men from colleges meet; and why should not those who are interested in missions? The coming gathering of missionary-inclined students, judging from the announced programme, will have a busy and an edifying conference. This will be the seventh annual convention. May God bless the meeting for the lasting good and for the future of the Church.

—W. H. K.

## OTHER NEWS NOTES.

Mr. John Otterbein, beloved father of Acting Pastor Otterbein, of Brantford, died in Hamilton on Jan. 18th, after a lingering illness. A resident of Hamilton for 30 years he leaves to mourn his loss a widow, two sons, Fred and Albert, and one daughter, Miss Adeline, all of Brantford. The Canada Lutheran extends sympathy.



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Mrs. M. J. Bieber has been very seriously ill in a hospital in Montreal, but has now so far recovered that she could be moved to her home in Mt. Joy, Pa. May her complete recovery not be long delayed.

Mrs. W. H. Knauff has been critically ill but seems out of danger at this writing. May she soon be strong again.

The annual Missionary Conference of the General Council Home Mission forces will be held in Buffalo, on Feb. 6 and 7. A meeting of General Council Synodical presidents will be held in Pittsburgh on Feb. 8.

## THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

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

(Continued)

### Redeeming Features of the Movement.

close its eyes to conditions and situations in the earthly estate of mankind where the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule are neither heard nor recognized. The prophet of God has a real interest in the millions who are being ground to powder under the Juggernaut wheels of our modern industrialism and commercialism. He must cry out and spare not. The Church is called upon to do more than create institutions of mercy, dispense charities and establish rescue missions. It must attack the corporate breeding places of many of our social ills and create a civic conscience that will insist on stamping them out. This is the task which the social service movement in the Church sets before itself. Our protest dare not be against the task itself, whatever objections we may urge against the underlying principles and methods that are advocated.

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## FALL OPENING OF THE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.

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