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## Christ is Risen!

"Then were the disciples glad when they saw  
the Lord." Jno. 20 : 20.

Hark! hark! the morning cry!  
O mighty death, give way;  
Thy King and Lord is nigh,  
And thou must own His sway;  
Wide open now thy massive door,  
For Christ the Lord, thy prey no more!

He comes! He comes! the King!  
How royal is His tread!  
To Him all glory bring,  
Our Lord and Sovereign Head.  
O Death! O Grave! fall back, give place;  
Now comes the King with wondrous grace!

All hail, Once Crucified,  
Thou Son of God with power!  
In Thee our hopes abide,  
And sing from this glad hour;  
In Thee we live, in Thee shall die,  
And share Thy throne in worlds on high!

To Thee, to Thee, we raise,  
Thou God-accepted One,  
Our highest songs of praise  
Till life on earth is done;  
We'll then, O then, with song most sweet,  
Our King in all His beauty greet!



## EASTER SERMONETTE.

Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D.

Revel. I. 17-18: "Fear not, I am the First and the Last. I am He, that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore.—Amen."

We believe, that on Easter morning a man, who had died a few days ago, became alive again, not to die again, like Lazarus and others, but to live for evermore. Indeed, something unheard-of in the history of mankind. Billions of men had died; the might of the mightiest and the wisdom of the wisest had to yield to the power of the king of terror, Death. In his embrace the giant was as powerless as the babe in the cradle. Jesus the only one, who remained victor in the battle with death. Rising from His tomb, He says: "I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore."

If we really believe what we profess, without any "ifs" and "buts"—what follows from it?

I. Nothing less, than that this Jesus must verily and truly be to us "The First and the Last." All other human names and magnitudes must fade away before Him, as the stars before the rising sun. He has first claim upon our interest, nay, upon our enthusiasm, our passionate admiration, our unconditional discipleship.

"Christianus sum"—"I am a Christian"—that was the watchword by which the early Christians recognized each other, with which they faced death in the bloody arena; neither promised freedom or threatening martyrdom could stifle the ardor of their profession: "I am a Christian." No wonder! There is nothing stronger nor higher nor more perfect and divine than He, who as the only one has broken the otherwise uninterrupted dominion of death. Every one, who is really filled with the consciousness: The most powerful and most sublime is Jesus, because even death and devil must bow to Him, must needs recognize Him as the First and the Last, His Saviour, his Lord, his God, must know and seek only the one thing needful, to win Jesus and proudly to profess: "I am a Christian."

Brethren, is there something of this holy pride, of this burning zeal in our soul? and does our so-called Christian life prove it? Alas, if we really believed, what we pretend to believe, our life would look very dif-

ferently. A little conventional piety, which is satisfied with paying this Jesus an occasional ceremonial reverence, is incompatible with a full, living Easter faith. Is He the First and the Last, the one, that liveth for evermore, then serve Him, serve Him with a passionate, exclusive love and quit for ever the service of all other gods besides Him; then lend your heart and hands and lips, to help, that this only great and glorious Jesus be known and adored as the conqueror of death and the Saviour of sinners to the ends of the earth.

II. But the sweetest fruit of a living faith in the Risen Lord is a fearless heart and a fearless life. "Fear not," is His command, and if He lives in me by faith, my answer must be: "No, my Lord, I fear not."

**I fear not the worrying cares of this world.**

Like tormenting demons they beset and vex rich and poor alike and countless miserable lives are due to their gnawing teeth. There is no effective remedy but living faith in a living Saviour. If Jesus has definitely overcome death and thereby lifted the most oppressing of all cares, He has truly the right to call out to those who are His own: "Fear not!" A Christian who pretends to believe in a Risen Lord and yet allows himself to be scared by every spectre of care, makes a mockery of his faith.

**I fear not the sorrows and trials of this life.**

Surely, they can approach us in terrific, almost satanic form and shape and number, and far be it from us to judge him, who is vanquished by them. But Jesus surely included the whole army of sorrows, that ever may besiege a poor human soul, when he said: "Fear not." He, who emerged as victor from the battle with the thousand sorrows of death, and to whom I belong—should He lack power and will to help me, when in my sorrows I cling to Him? He will command: "Hitherto shalt thou come and no further," and they must obey.

**I fear not men and their ill-will and evil designs.**

They have cursed Christ and killed Him—but could they harm Him? Alas, they only helped to make Him the Lord and Saviour of the world. He, who forced death into His servitude, is much more able to frustrate and bring to nought every evil counsel and purpose of men; and though He may send His own like sheep



among wolves, if they are assured in their faith, that Jesus lives and reigns, they defy a hostile world and sing with Luther:

Though devils all the world should fill,

All watching to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They cannot overpower us.

I fear not the king of terror, death, but, recognize in him the heavenly messenger sent to unite the Bride with the Bridegroom, and "when strength and comfort languish and I must hence depart," I hear His comforting voice "Fear not," "because I live, ye shall live also."

**And finally, I fear not—even God.**

It sounds bold, even surprisingly defying, but it is true, because Christ has abolished death, the wages of sin, and thereby redeemed me from everything, that could separate me from my God. And now He says: "Fear not" and takes me by the hand and leads me to the throne of the Most High, and I, a poor and damnable sinner, may lift up my eyes to Him and say: "Father! Father, hear Thy child!" Why should a child fear his father?

Brethren, there are wonderful treasures hidden in that sentence of our creed: "The third day He rose again from the dead." For the sake of our Lord's honor, for the sake of our own happiness and peace, for the sake of the world's salvation let us strive to make use of them, transforming our Easter faith into Easter life, becoming living sermons on the text: I believe in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

### CONFIRMATION IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. P. A. Laury, D.D.

In the Apostolic Age, instruction and baptism, without any further ceremony, entitled the applicant to admission in the Christian Church. In the case of converts from the Gentiles, the instruction was continued for a longer period, and admission was preceded by fasting and prayer in the midst of the congregation.

Different liturgical acts accompanied the different grades of advancement of the catechumenate. The first stage was marked by the sign of the cross; the next by laying on of hands, exorcism and prayer; then followed the examination, the renunciation and Baptism.

During the Middle Ages, the bishop assumed the right to the laying on of hands. From this practice, confirmation was declared a sacrament.

Naturally, the Reformers, who found no warrant in the Bible for the practice, made no provision for its continuance. Yet as a human ordinance, there were a number, especially Bugenhagen, who upheld confirmation in the form of admonition, prayer, blessing and thanksgiving for those who were old enough to attend Holy Communion. Later the ordinance was preceded by thorough instruction in the Catechism, by an explanation of the baptismal covenant, by public profession of faith, exhortation and prayer.

In Spener's time, confirmation was regarded as a renewal of the baptismal covenant. The important factor however, was the vow as a sign of conversion. When Rationalism held sway, the pledge became the significant element in confirmation. This pledge was made in the presence of the people in the most spectacular manner.

With the revival of religion in the nineteenth century, confirmation received its proper setting as a salutary practice of the church in which the candidates for confirmation reaffirmed and confessed in the presence of the congregation their faith and allegiance to God. In addition, they received as a result of their baptism, an assurance of being in a state of grace, the prayer for the increase of the gift of the Holy Ghost with the laying on of hands.

Hence, confirmation in the Lutheran Church is regarded neither a divine institution nor a sacrament nor a supplement to Baptism, but an important rite from which great benefits may come, if the catechumens are of mature years, have proper instruction in God's Word and are willing to ratify the vow made in their name when they were baptized.

The important elements are voluntary ratification of the baptismal vow, the assurance of grace and the prayers of the congregation. The privileges of the confirmed are the right to partake of the Holy Communion, to act as sponsors, to take part in the business affairs of the congregation, to assist in the support and the work of the church at home and abroad and to rejoice with the household of faith with its blessings and promises.



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### EDITORIAL

**Easter.**—Easter is the greatest festival of the Church year. Its message furnishes the keynote of the first apostolic preaching and became the foundation whence men and women, regardless of age, station or condition, found power to banish fear and endure persecutions and death. The impulse from the open tomb of the Crucified is overwhelming in its missionary effects. Every actor in the scene forgets self that the story of the resurrection may be told. No gainsaying is thinkable. "He is risen"—"Go quickly and tell." The impulse to tell is overpowering because of the overwhelming conviction of the truth that is to be told. And so angels, faithful women, Peter and John and even the Roman guard tell to the world that Jesus is risen from the dead. And Jesus Himself says: "Go tell my brethren." If our church were possessed with a missionary impulse to go and tell as strong as that which filled those who brought the news from the tomb how long, think you, would it be till all the world had heard?

**The Confirmed.**—It is a beautiful custom for the church to make Easter

the principal season of the year for receiving into communicant membership those who have been instructed in Christian doctrine and are willing to confess their faith before God and men. Clad in Easter garments our dear young people, accompanied often by their elders, approach the altar of God to offer heart and life unto Him who has redeemed them and to join the church in spreading the influence of a good confession. How the fond parent watches every movement of that son or daughter! How alert his ears to every sound that comes from those dear lips! Yes, it is an impressive hour. How gracious heaven seems to be! How pleasant the courts of God's house! Prayers rise and blessings descend. The Spirit of God is in control. But that hour must count for future time. Fresh visions have been granted of the open tomb. Now there should be an impulse to "go quickly and tell," to become active in Christian endeavour. Let the young enlist at once for service while their hearts are still warm.

**Conventions.**—Already we hear of our coming conventions: The Luther League in St. John's Church, Waterloo, on May 24 and 25; The Canada Synod on May 29; the Synod of Central Canada on June 3; and The Woman's Missionary Society on June 6. We have duties to these conventions for a convention will be such as its members make it. It is not too soon for us to plan our little contribution to the success of these gatherings of the Church. Sometimes we think conventions are expensive and accomplish little but it is safe to say that many an organization in the home church would lose heart and go into decline if new life were not infused at the annual rally or "revival." This is Jubilee Year. Would it not be grand to have full delegations attend our conventions this year? Think of having at least five delegates from every Luther League at the Convention in Waterloo! And then think of the delegations coming "charged" with suggestions and plans to extend the work of our Church. Yes let us think about the conventions, plan for them and attend them.

**Apportionments.**— Elsewhere we publish the apportionments assumed by the congregations of the Synod of Central Canada at the last Synodical meeting. We wonder how many of our congregations will have a clean,



slate at the next meeting of Synod. The Treasurer's books will close on or near the first of May. It was a pleasure to attend Synod last year. Seven congregations had paid and some overpaid all their apportionments and the total receipts were far in advance of any previous year. This is Jubilee Year. With a little Jubilee effort every congregation can raise its full apportionment. Try it.

**Jubilee Bible Reading.**—We wonder how many of our readers are carrying out the suggestion made in these columns to read the Bible from cover to cover during Jubilee Year. We know of some who started but lacked perseverance. We know also of others who are keeping it up and finding it no hardship whatever. Three chapters every week day and five every Sunday will take you through the Bible in a year. What if such Bible reading should become a habit repeated every year? The gain will surely come to him who reads.

"The Canada Lutheran in every home.

#### STUDENT CONFERENCE.

E. H. Beckman.

The seventh annual Lutheran Student Missionary Conference of America was held from Feb. 15-18 at Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Ill. The keynote was, "The Lutheran Student and the Service of the Church." It was the most representative conference in the history of the movement. Twenty-two Lutheran schools and one university were represented by sixty-one student delegates. Of the seven Lutheran schools in Canada, none but our own College and Seminary at Waterloo was represented. Their delegate was Ernie H. Beckman.

At this conference were gathered students, pastors, and missionaries—Home, Foreign and Inner—professors, secretaries of mission and church extension boards, of general committees, of Y.M.C.A.; President, General Secretary and Editor of the Luther League of America, Field missionaries, university pastor, Deaconesses, volunteer missionaries and others. They came from many different synods. They represented our Church in its varied linguistic branch-

es. Here they were, the present and future leaders of our Church, studying, conferring, planning together and all looking forward towards a union of our Lutheran forces in the time to come. Here they were considering and deliberating on the great work, the tremendous responsibility, the open doors of opportunity and the gigantic problems that face our beloved Lutheran Church.

Here we heard appeals from our men who are doing things, who had come straight from the fields and the common note that could be detected all through was the note of sad regret over our divided state and the note of appeal to aim towards unity in the future.

The conference was a rich source of information and inspiration and we believe that it led all to a renewed consecration. Oh what a great and glorious work there is before us! How white the fields are unto the harvest and yet alas, how scarce are the laborers. Young men, young women of Central Canada will you not say, "Here am I, send me?" Jesus is calling you. He still calls, "Follow Me."

The sessions at the Seminary closed with a grand banquet on Saturday night where fine addresses were heard from prominent speakers. One of the features of the banquet, which could also be said of all the sessions, was the very fine music provided by the chorus as well as individual singers of Chicago Seminary.

The closing service was held on Sunday morning, Feb. 18, in Wicker Park Church, Chicago, the Rev. A. C. Anda, Pastor. Rev. D. H. Bauslin, of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, O., preached the sermon. He chose as his text, Isaiah 51: 1, "Look unto the Rock whence ye are hewn and the Hole of the Pit whence ye are digged." His theme was "The question of antecedents" and to it he gave three answers (1) the racial answer, (2) the comprehensive denominational answer and (3) the limited denominational answer. This was truly an inspiring service. The message of Dr. Bauslin, the beautiful singing of the fine big robed choir and the strains of the magnificent pipe organ of this beautiful church were all uplifting and fittingly brought to a close this most successful convention in the history of this movement. The conference is past, but its memory and its influence live on to bear fruit throughout this year and in the future.



## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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### Brantford.

Through the efforts of Mr. Fred. Warning the subscriptions to Canada Lutheran have been increased and we hope to add a number more. The Sunday School had a good month with an average attendance of 31, and an average offering of \$3.66, or 12 cents per scholar per Sunday. The offering of \$4.14 on Sunday, March 4, stands as a record. The attendance at the evening services also increased during the month. We are holding special services during Lent, and are glad to notice that our members are bringing their friends with them. The Ladies' Aid Society held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Strand, on Wednesday afternoon, March 7th. Fifteen ladies were in attendance and much work was accomplished. The ladies are engaged in works of mercy and love among the strangers that we are trying to bring in.

The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Oliver, is also doing good work, rendering an anthem each Sunday evening. On March 4th after Sunday School, upon invitation from Mrs. Warning, the members of the choir to the number of 19 went to her home for luncheon, after which an enjoyable hour was spent singing hymns and anthems.

The Church Council has secured new books for the Sunday School and also quite a number of our members have been induced to purchase their own hymn books, thereby giving us a larger number for the strangers that attend our services. Several new contributing members have been secured. Our apportionment to Synod will be paid in full, in some cases it will be overpaid. We are happy to report that the several members who were ill have all recovered. Mr. F. Lipsky who was in a freight train wreck and injured about the head and shoulders has also recovered.

We take great pleasure in welcoming the following to our services and hope they will continue to come while they are in the city: Miss Miller, Mrs. Saunders, Mr. Ross, and also Miss Anderson who comes from the Lutheran Church at Dunkirk, N.Y.

Those of us who remember Pte. Elgin Lynch, who attended our Bible

Class and services while here, were very sorry to learn that his brother, J. D. Lynch, has been reported killed in action. Our deepest sympathy is extended to him and his mother in their bereavement.

Jubilee stamps, literature, etc., are being distributed among the members.

### Galt.

From a financial standpoint, at least, the past quarter has been the most successful since the student pastor took charge here two years ago. The total congregational receipts for the three months amounted to \$658.86. The campaign to wipe out the \$250 current debt has been very successful. Thirty-five dollars of this still remains, but will be cleaned up on Easter Sunday. The Friendly Bible Class held a banquet on Jan. 18, at which an excellent supper was provided followed by addresses by Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D.; Mr. D. A. Barnes, Sec. of Galt Y.M.C.A.; Rev. Capt. D. H. Marshall, Chaplain of the 122nd Bn., C.E.F.; Hon. F. S. Scott, M.P. for South Waterloo, and Mr. H. J. Foster, Editor of the "Galt Daily Reporter." His Worship, Mayor A. M. Edwards of Galt was also to have spoken, but was unable to attend. Musical numbers were provided by Misses M. Bond, Baird, Eva and Marjorie Jones, Irene Connor, Mr. A. B. Dykeman, the Lyceum Orchestra and the saxophone trio. Miss Ereta Van Every was the winner of the calendar prize. On Wednesday, Jan. 24, a congregational meeting of St. Paul's congregation was held and presided over by the Rev. H. J. Behrens of Kitchener, who had been officially authorized to do so by the President of Conference. At this meeting a unanimous call was extended to the Student Pastor, Ernie H. Beckman, to become the regular pastor of the congregation on his graduation from the Seminary in June. A "Pastor's Parliament" has been organized in the congregation which consists of a monthly conference of representatives of the organizations with the pastor for the purpose of promoting unified and co-operative action towards the welfare and upbuilding of the Church. The first thing to be undertaken by this "Parliament" will be the decoration and furnishing of the back room



of the church as a parlor for meetings and social purposes. Each organization will bear its respective share of the expense. The S. S. is arranging for an Easter Children's Service. The duplex envelope system having been so successful in this congregation since its introduction two years ago, it has been decided to introduce it into the Sunday School also, beginning with the first Sunday in May. The Sunday School officers have also requested the student pastor to hold special services for the men of the congregation some Sunday. This will be done on April 29. A special effort will be made to have every man in the congregation and as many as possible outside of it attend the services that day. Special Lenten sermons are being preached at the Sunday evening services and nightly services will be held in Holy Week. Special Quadri-Centennial sermons are being preached at the morning services throughout this year. During the past month Manuel Ott, a charter member of our congregation here, and an invalid for a number of years, was called home by the Master. The funeral was conducted by the Student Pastor to Hespeler Cemetery. Deceased was 37 years of age and is survived by a sorrowing wife, of Galt, and by his mother, Mrs. M. Ott, a brother Herbert, and a sister, Mrs. Guenther, all of Hespeler.

March 12, the Executive Committee of the Canada L. L. met in Galt and made big preparations for the coming convention in Waterloo on May 24. (Particulars of this will be found elsewhere).

A Mr. Molnar, of Boston, Mass., has lately come to Galt and, though told by his Mo. pastor that there was no Lutheran Church here, he hunted us up and feels quite at home at our services. During the student pastor's absence from Galt, recently, the pulpit was supplied by Students Wahl, Sorensen and Irschick.

#### Guelph.

On account of the shortage of coal St. Paul's has been holding service in the Sunday School room. The ninth anniversary birthday party under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid was a success. We thank all our friends who were so kind and prompt in returning the envelopes with the offerings. The Luther League is holding devotional meetings every second Sunday evening after services when papers are presented and the League topics

discussed. The Junior League still continues as lively as ever.

The death occurred at his home on Feb. 2, of Mr. Conrad Liphardt in his 75th year. Mr. Liphardt has always resided in this city since coming to Canada in 1871. He is survived by his widow and three sons. Mr. Liphardt was the oldest member of our Church and of the Church Council.

#### Hamilton.

Our Catechetical Class is being attended regularly by all who have enrolled only one of the members in the class will be eligible for confirmation on the coming Palm Sunday. The others, who have only had a few months instructions, will continue their Catechetical exercises until a more mature age is reached; and a more thorough knowledge of the fundamentals obtained. Our Junior Luther League is making preparations to engage in missionary work. The nature of its work has not yet been fully outlined. In the meantime they are going to take orders for a portrait of Martin Luther. Many of our members will be glad to secure one of these paintings for their homes, to serve as a Quadri-Centennial memo.

The Senior Luther League is engaged in paying off a debt. We are pleased to report it is rapidly vanishing. Four new members were taken into the Society at its last meeting. At the devotional meetings, held on Sunday evenings after service, they are studying appropriate Lenten subjects, and after Easter will again study Reformation themes. Pennants, Quadri-Centennial Jubilee stamps, medals and a history on the Reformation, are being placed into the hands of all our members who desire to have them, by Miss Alice Pierce, Mr. Geo. Kiehl and Mr. F. W. Otterbein. A number have already been placed. Sunday School will again be held in the morning beginning with April 1st. The Church Council held its monthly meeting on March 5th. The finances are in a commendable state. One new member was added to the congregation.

#### Humberstone.

Sunday evening, March 4th, at the conclusion of the service, the Luther League of Holy Trinity Church through its officers, honored one of its members, Pte. Reuben Cronmiller, of 176th Bn., in recognition of his recent enlistment for overseas service. After the reading of a congratulatory address, a Luther signet



ring was presented to the young soldier. At the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, held in the Church Annex, March 7th, an appropriation of \$10 to the Seminary, \$2 to Canada Lutheran, and \$2 to India Hospital was made. The benefits of the Duplex Envelope system, introduced into the congregation Jan. 1st, are evident from the action taken at the Council meeting March 6th, when the full Synodical apportionment was ordered paid in bulk. A payment on Home Mission apportionment will soon follow. The Luther League, after the monthly business session is studying some of the papers and addresses given at the Toledo convention, the League having purchased several dozen copies of the Convention Number of the Review. Baptized and made a child of grace, Sunday, Mar. 11th, Maynard Edgar, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar White. The pipe organ for the church has arrived and now the rebuilding will be begun at once.

#### Stratford.

The Lord graciously protected and saved our church from being destroyed by fire on Feb. 21st (Ash Wednesday). Early in the evening one of the chimneys took fire but did not endanger the building. At 10.20 p.m. some of our S. S. teachers, who had met for a special meeting after Lenten service, noticed that the S. S. room was full of smoke and found a wall between the furnace room and the S. S. room on fire. It was speedily extinguished by the teachers and the firemen found little to do, when they arrived. Had it not been for the teachers' meeting our beautiful church would have been destroyed. We are thankful to the Lord for His protection and glorify His holy name. Following children were baptized: Marjory Amanda Scherer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scherer, of Salt-coat, Sask., on Feb. 18th, 1917. Carl, Albert Dannecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dannecker, on March 4th, 1917. Good Friday service will be held April 6th at 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion will be administered on Easter morning. The confirmation of our catechumens will take place after Easter, examination of catechumens first Sunday after Easter, confirmation second Sunday after Easter. Mr. Herold Schellenberger has gone to Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. Wm. Sieguer, a member of our choir, has accepted a position in St. Thomas,

Ont. We regret their departure. Religious instruction was given by the Pastor to the Lutheran students at the local Normal School since last September. The last instruction will be given at the end of the winter term shortly before Easter. Following students attended our Normal School and the pastor's lectures: Miss V. Assmussen from Kitchener, Miss Frieda Gebhard from Warton, Miss Martha Heipel from Wellesley, Miss Anna Huther from Neustadt, Miss Albertine Schilling from Hanover, Miss Ruby Schmidt from Stratford, Miss Marie Timm from Kitchener, Miss Gertrude Twietmeyer from Hanover, Mr. Wilbert Lippert from Neustadt, Mr. John Koenig from Linwood, Mr. Oscar Schwindt from Walkerton. We are glad to state, that they have faithfully and regularly attended our church.

#### Sherwood.

The attendance at Sunday School and church services during the winter has been excellent and the Luther League meetings are gaining in interest and attendance. On March 10 a special meeting of the League followed by a social hour was held in the Sunday School room. In addition to addresses given by several members of the League, Mr. Ewart Stiver, of Unionville, spoke on "The Mediaeval Church the Judas of Reformation Times." The Ladies' Aid held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. T. A. Keffer. The men made a bee at the church to cut up and put the wood in shape for the next season.

#### Toronto.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 20th, the Ladies' Aid Society held a birthday social in the church parlors. Nearly 100 people responded to the invitation of the Ladies. Old fashioned games were indulged in by old and young in which everyone took part. There was no formality—everyone made themselves acquainted. About 10.30 dainty refreshments were served. The proceeds from the birthday bags netted in the neighborhood of \$30. It is sincerely hoped that the Ladies will give a number of these evenings before the summer comes. It is reported that they have a surprise in store for the congregation soon. More about this later.

The choir is rehearsing regularly in preparation for their concert, which they will hold in Orange Hall, early in April. They intend to present "The District School at Blueberry



Corners." They are also busy getting special music ready for the Easter services. On Friday evening, Feb. 23, the choir, and a few friends, enjoyed an outing to St. John's Church, Buttonville, where they rendered a sacred concert, which was much appreciated by the large congregation present. Miss Webster, elocutionist, gave several selections, in her own excellent style. The choir report having had a splendid time. They cannot speak too highly of the hospitality and good time given them by Rev. and Mrs. Willison and the good people of St. John's Church. Refreshments were served. The choir went out to Langstaff by private car, where they were met by sleighs and driven to Buttonville.

#### Unionville.

It is a time of shifting among our people. Most of our young men have gone to the city and some entire families have left. During the month big stock sales have been held by Messrs. R. Smith, Aug. Reynar and Lem. Summerfeldt. Mr. Smith is moving to a farm of his own on the Seventh of Markham. Mr. Summerfeldt has bought a home in Unionville and Mr. Reynar is moving to Detroit. At the last meeting of the Buttonville Ladies' Aid Mrs. Reynar was made the recipient of a pretty fern bowl as a token of regard from the Society. We regret to see Mr. and Mrs. Reynar and their family leave us. Our Lenten services are well attended.

#### Waterloo.

The regular monthly meeting of St. John's Luther League, Waterloo, was held on March 5th. The enrollment was increased by the addition of one member. The League expects to raise a couple of hundred dollars for the Quadri-Centennial Jubilee Offering. The means to be used to accumulate this sum is each member's contribution of his or her day's wages. The Rally Day of the League will be held on the second Sunday after Easter. The young people, on this occasion, will assemble in the basement and then march into the church where they will be addressed by Rev. Hemsath, of Buffalo.

On Feb. 26th, the teachers' organization of the English Sunday School held the regular monthly meeting. The procedure of the evening showed progression. It was decided to procure mite boxes and present each

Sunday School scholar with one so that the Sunday School might be able to raise a large sum for the Quadri-centennial Building Fund. It was also decided upon to obtain a banner for regular class attendance. By this system it is hoped to bring the child regularly and to make it a more enthusiastic worker.

The interest of the women of St. John's Lutheran Church in missions is increasing. Several new members were added to the Society at the Feb. meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Jas. Conrad, our first president. The topic of the month was read and discussed. A sum was set aside for the "Porto Rico Mission." The contest of the Ladies' Aid of this church ended in adding about sixty members consisting mostly of the young women of the congregation. The losing side of the contest will entertain the rest of the Society and the new members with a banquet at the next meeting. A large attendance was present at the March Missionary Society meeting at the home of Mrs. Theo. Schaefer, John St. A sum of money was voted for "India's" cause. It was decided to make several autograph quilts and use the money thus obtained for the Seminary Fund. The Ladies' Aid of St. John's had an evening session last meeting whereat it was decided to set apart a liberal sum of money for the "Jubilee Fund." The losing side of the workers for new members gave a banquet to the winning side and new members.

Both Sunday Schools are busy practising for a very bright and interesting Easter service entitled, "King of Kings." The men of the congregation have held several enthusiastic meetings to arrange for a "Jubilee Fund" campaign to be held March 25. Dr. Hoffmann, and Prof. Dr. Laury will occupy the pulpit at the morning and evening service, respectively, on March 16th.

#### Welland.

The Luther League of St. Matthew's Church, at the monthly meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kottmeier, added two to the membership. Mr. Frank H. Hesler, formerly of Holy Trinity Church, Humberstone, was elected president of the League, the vacancy having been created through the removal of the two last presidents elected since the annual meeting. One of our new members, Mrs. H. Sankey, formerly of Guelph, entertained the Ladies' Aid Society for the March business and



topic meeting. Increased attendance at the mid-week Lenten services is noted.

#### Williamsburg.

There were no services on February 18th owing to Rev. J. Maurer being in Ottawa. There was a very good attendance at the Sunday School. Holy Communion was celebrated on Feb. 25. A very good attendance but room for more.

We are called upon this month to chronicle the death of one of our Luther Leaguers, Mrs. Reuben R. Loucks, who died at her home on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the age of 33 years. She leaves to mourn, her husband and one son, Raymond, her aged father, Mr. Sidney Casselman, of Morrisburg, and four brothers and two sisters. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon by her Pastor, Rev. Maurer. The following resolutions were passed by the Luther League:

Whereas, our heavenly Father in His wise providence has removed Mrs. Reuben Loucks, a member of this League, from our midst by death: Resolved that we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and son and commend them to God.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the husband and one copy to the Canada Lutheran for publication.

Another of our aged members has passed away in the person of Mr. Mahne Tupper, on Monday, March 5, aged 74 years. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, one daughter and two sons. The daughter with whom he had been living being called away just a year ago this month. The funeral took place on Wednesday from his late residence to the church, where services were conducted by the pastor who took for his text, "He died for all." The funeral of Mr. Zenas A. Whitteker, who died on March 7th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jos. Moore Biggs, of Pembroke, Ont., was held on Sunday, March 11. The deceased was 73 years of age and was a brother of Mr. Geo. R. Whitteker of this place. He also leaves another daughter, Mrs. Harry Oattes of Ottawa.

We are sorry to report the serious illness of Mrs. Geo. Whitteker. We are pleased to report that Mr. Genzmer Whitteker, son of Mr. Wm. Whitteker is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

#### GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D.

The resignation of Rev. Veit, of Trinity Church, Sebastopol, will become effective immediately. The pastor, who has served this field for almost half a century finds himself unable to continue so till fall according to the wishes of the congregation. His position on the Seminary Board thus also becomes vacant. The congregation has taken a most commendable step in granting their pastor a small annual pension during the rest of his life. It is well able to recognize the services of the man, who has actually spent his life as their spiritual leader, in such a tangible way, being one of the best equipped parishes of the Lutheran Church in Canada, a very handsome church and stately parsonage being the outward witnesses of the congregation's prosperity. May the Lord in due time provide the proper man for this large and important field!

Our parish at Wiarton, J. Langholz pastor loci, for many years self-supporting, in order to save its existence, has been compelled to apply for Synodical support. Due to conditions, partly created by the war and partly by the destruction by fire of a large factory, which gave employment to a considerable number of its members, the membership and financial ability of the congregation has been reduced to such an extent, that the very existence of the Church was threatened in spite of the noble and brave efforts of the small flock to hold their own. The Mission Board of the Synod couldn't but consider the application favorably and has readily made an annual grant, hoping that the unfortunate conditions, which made it necessary, will be only temporary and a brighter future may be allotted to those faithful but struggling people by the Providence of God.

Our Treasurer is not satisfied with the inside appearance of his cash box. Few treasurers are. Unfortunately we are getting so used to their periodical lamentations, that they make little beneficial impression. But they are a necessary evil. If they would only hit the guilty heads! Bro. Holn, in this case the man with the empty cash box, has a story to tell, which is nothing less but flattering to some of our pastors and churches. A number



have not paid anything on their apportionments, some very little, only very few have come up to their full share. The situation is all the more perplexing for the treasurer since the General Council very urgently asks for the paying up of the full apportionments, in order to make a worthy showing in this great Jubilee Year. Brethren, let us honestly strive, to do our duty. I know we have our particular troubles and are especially handicapped in some of our activities. Some of our churches actually fight for their very existence. But let us not hunt for cheap excuses. There is no less money in the pockets of our people, than under normal conditions. Let us never cease telling them: "The Lord hath need of it."

St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, H. Rembe Sr., pastor loci, on Thursday, March 8th, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Ladies' Aid Society by a special evening service, which was followed by a pleasant social hour, at which the members and friends of the church were the guests of the Society. This circle of faithful and consecrated women has been a source of blessing for the congregation during the half century of its existence. The writer well remembers that when 28 years ago he had accepted a call to Hamilton he was warned by some brethren not to go to Hamilton, it being a congregation in which women ruled and the men were only vice-members. He braved the alleged women rule and has never regretted it, having spent 16 most happy years with St. Paul's, Hamilton. It is true, the women played an important part in the affairs of the church, the history of which to no small extent is a monument to the women's faith, which showed itself active in countless works of love. May the Lord be with them and their noble activities in the future as in the past, according to His promise: "I will bless thee and thou shalt be a blessing."

### L. L. CONVENTION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canada Luther League was held in Galt on Monday evening, March 12th, to arrange for the coming convention in Waterloo on May 24-25. It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that more time was needed at our Luther League conventions and that, this being the great Jubilee Year and there being much important business to be considered

the convention should be extended to two days instead of one.

The keynote of the convention is to be, "United Action, Our Aim." The programme as outlined follows:

#### Thursday, May 24th, 9.45 a.m.

Opening service, Rev. E. Bockelmann; call to order, Pres. E. B. Westcott; greetings, from St. John's L. L., Waterloo, Pres. B. Knauff; from the L. L. of America, Gen'l. Sec. Harry Hodges; response, S. Gartung; Vice-President of Canada L. L.; business and closing service by Rev. G. C. Weidenhammer.

#### 2.15 p.m.

Opening service, Rev. A. E. Schewe; business; reports of local leagues; 3.30 p.m., address, "Our Keynote," Mr. G. Boyer; discussion; 4.15 p.m., "The Necessity of Student Aid," Mr. J. A. Loa; discussion; closing service by Rev. H. J. Behrens.

#### Grand Rally, 7.30 p.m.

Vespers by Rev. W. H. Knauff; address by Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the L. L. of America; address, by the Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D.

#### Friday, May 25, 9.30 a.m.

Opening service, Rev. Sperling, Ph.D.; business; 11 a.m. paper, "Canadian Lutheranism," Mr. H. Shennette; discussion; 11.30 a.m., paper, "Four Hundred Years of Progress," Miss A. Kauffmann; discussion; closing service, Rev. A. Fiebelkorn.

#### 2.15 p.m.

Opening service, Rev. H. Rembe, Jr.; paper, "Deeds, Not Words," Miss S. Kuhl and another paper or address to be arranged for; business; closing service, Rev. N. Willison.

Let this be the greatest convention in every way in the history of the Canada Luther League thus far. The pastors of three synods are requested to conduct the opening and closing services. Young men and young ladies of three synods are asked to give the addresses and papers. Only one pastor has been asked to officially address the convention and he is the Rev. Dr. Hoffmann, who will be asked to give the Rally Address. This is our young people's convention. It is inter-synodical. It strives towards unity. Its aim is activity. It shows the youth of our Church how they can best serve her. It recognizes our brethren across the line but its tendency is towards the great United Lutheran Church of Canada which is to be. It celebrates the Quadri-centennial and impresses us with the fact that results

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## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

### CANADA LUTHERAN.

The Woman's Missionary Society in convention assembled last June resolved that each Society pay at least \$2 towards the support of the Canada Lutheran. Strong societies were urged to pay more than the sum pledged of \$50 might be reached without drawing on our Synodical treasury. The treasurer of the Canada Lutheran informs us that \$17 is all he has yet received, and urges an early remittance as synodical books close in May.

### REPORT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

The chairman of this Committee reported the following life memberships:—Mrs. J. C. Casselman, by Woman's Synodical Society of Central Canada; Mrs. Jacob Conrad by Miss. Soc. of St. John's Church, Waterloo; Miss Bornholdt by Miss. Study Class, St. John's Church, Waterloo; Mrs. L. Lannquist by Ladies' Aid and Miss. Soc., Church of Redeemer, Montreal; Mrs. A. Lay by Miss. Soc. of Trinity Church, Hamilton; a half share in a memorial to Mrs. Neudorffer was also reported.

### JUNIOR SOCIETIES.

The Chairman of this Committee corresponded with the different churches urging the organization of Junior Missionary Societies also to have one Sunday in the month for a special mission study period of ten or fifteen minutes after the regular lesson in Sunday School. She reports the progress good and encouraging.

### LUTHERAN DEACONESSSES.

There are in America nine Mother-houses reporting 362 deaconesses. Of these 362 sisters 162 are connected with hospitals, 50 with other institutions, 24 are in parishes, 20 in Inner Mission or city mission work. Twenty in foreign fields and the remainder in various forms of Christian activities.

Since 1897 the number has grown from 163 to 362, an average annual growth of ten. It is stated that the requests for deaconesses is far in excess of the supply.—Nova Scotia Lutheran.

### LANCASTER WOMEN PLANNING TO AID GIRLS.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Lancaster Conference have adopted a plan and made provision for carrying the same into effect which is intended to assist in raising funds to aid girls in securing an education. Pastors are to publish a letter prepared by the committee in their local parish papers with a view to securing funds. The aim is to establish an endowment fund the interest of which is to be used exclusively in the education of girls wherever possible in a Lutheran school. Each girl who is assisted must be accepted by the Society in consultation with the Foreign Mission Board and shall be called a "student ward" of the conference society. Each student ward shall be required to sign a contract to give at least six years of service in the foreign field and shall be obligated to return the money expended on her if she does not enter upon the work. A special committee is to have charge of this work.

### OUR LUTHERAN FAITH.

A Lutheran woman who had been influenced by one of these so-called evangelists and whose knowledge of the plan of salvation had in consequence become confused, was laid on a bed of sickness which eventually proved to be her death-bed. Her pastor visited her and found her suffering not only in body but mentally and spiritually.

After unfolding to her the Scriptural plan of salvation in its beautiful simplicity, her heart became reassured and her faith strengthened. When her pastor called again she welcomed him with a calm contentment, in striking contrast with her former doubt and perplexity.

After partaking of communion she exclaimed: "O that all people possessed our Lutheran faith, how truly happy they would be!" An hour later she passed away to be with her Lord.

Dear reader, this faith consists in taking the Lord at His Word, believing what He says and just as He reveals it to us.



## MISCELLANEOUS

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

THE CHILDREN OF THE  
LORD'S SUPPER.

The following beautiful passage is from the Swedish Bishop Tegner's great poem: "The Children of the Lord's Supper," translated by Longfellow. It is part of the pastor's address to his class, and his prayer for them.—Ed.

"Meanwhile forget not the keeping  
of vows, forget not the promise,  
Wander from holiness unto holiness;  
earth shall ye heed not;  
Earth is but dust and heaven is light;  
I have pledged you to heaven.  
God of the universe hear me! Thou  
fountain of love everlasting,  
Hark to the voice of thy servant! I  
send up my prayer to Thy heaven!  
I et me hereafter not miss at Thy  
throne one spirit of all these,  
Whom Thou hast give me here! I  
have loved them all like a father.  
May they bear witness for me, that I  
taught them the way of salvation,  
Faithful so far as I knew of Thy  
Word; again may they know me,  
Fall on their teacher's breast and be-  
fore Thy face may I place them,  
Pure as they now are, but only more  
tried, and exclaiming with glad-  
ness,  
Father, lo! I am here, and the chil-  
dren whom Thou has given me."

## REV. W. C. MILLER'S SUCCESS.

An appreciative editorial from a New Castle paper on Rev. W. C. Miller's success in adding 200 members to his congregation, installing a new pipe organ and otherwise improving his church, was crowded out of this issue.—Ed.

## JESUS LOVES YOU.

Jesus loves you, little children,  
And He listens when you sing;  
He accepts the grateful praises  
That your little voices bring.

Jesus sees you, little children,  
When you fold your hands to pray,  
And, however softly whispered,  
He can hear each word you say.

Jesus kindly watches o'er you,  
Kindly leads you day by day,  
Safely guides your little footsteps,  
That they may not go astray.

REPORT OF STUDENT AID  
COMMITTEE.

The Students' Aid Committee hereunder submit report of subscription received for this fund during 1916 and 1917.

Name of League	Yr. ending May 31, '16.	Yr. ending May 31, '17
Sunday School Assn. Eastern		
District . . . . .	\$ 5 00	
Port Colborne . . . . .	5 75	
Humberstone . . . . .	13 92	
Williamsburg . . . . .	10 00	\$10 00
Welland . . . . .	5 00	
Riverside . . . . .	10 00	10 00
Guelph . . . . .	5 25	
Zurich . . . . .	6 00	
Waterloo . . . . .	8 61	
Unionville . . . . .	5 00	
Galt . . . . .	10 00	5 00
Berlin (First English) . . . . .	25 00	16 00
Welland . . . . .	12 75	
Hamilton . . . . .	30 00	
Sherwood . . . . .	6 00	
Berlin (St. Peters) . . . . .	21 50	
Morrisburg . . . . .	15 00	
Ottawa . . . . .	10 00	
Dunbar . . . . .	5 00	
Brantford . . . . .	18 50	
Totals . . . . .	\$230 28	\$41 00

The balance on hand at the present time is \$68.03, which it will be readily understood must be increased promptly, in order that the Synodical Committee of which Prof. Laury is the chairman, may have sufficient funds at its disposal to loan students, who may require financial assistance.

In view of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation, which the Lutheran Church is making extensive preparations to celebrate appropriately this year, we are asking each **Luther League to double its last year's subscription**, and I am sure that every Luther Leaguer will welcome this another opportunity of assisting this worthy cause, and that the response will be liberal and spontaneous.

A very short time remains between now and the Convention, and shall it be recorded that we failed to reach our aim at this particular time, when the Lutherans everywhere are endeavoring to do great things? **\$500 by May 24th is our aim.** Let us all muster all the enthusiasm and energy



within our power in the promotion of this important work.

Organize your forces, adopt plans which will bring immediate results, and do not cease in your efforts until your objective has been reached.

Watch the Canada Lutheran and observe how the campaign is progressing.

J. A. LOA, Secretary.

### DR. BIEBER BUSY.

The Rev. Dr. Bieber in sending regrets for not being able to furnish his promised letter for the April Canada Lutheran says, "I never worked harder in my life." We know this is saying a great deal. Dr. Bieber is acting pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Brooklyn, N.Y. His address is 2402 Catulpa Ave., Brooklyn.—Ed.

### L. L. CONVENTION.

(Continued from page 11.) are achieved by putting in force the resolutions adopted at our conventions.

All the sessions will be held in St. John's Church, except the second, Thursday afternoon, which will be held at the Seminary. Remember the place, **Waterloo**, and arrange now to spend two happy and profitable days there, **May 24-25**.

### THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

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

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Here lies the germ out of which must spring the new social service, though it will then be what we prefer to call the inner mission service.

These expressions are further enhanced in value by the statement from Episcopal sources that a chief effort of the larger bodies enlisted in social service should be to interest the individual parish and its minister, and to stimulate them to the need and the opportunity of community service. It, however, adds that "the danger is to stop with the particular case and not work to better conditions in general."

This touches the root of the matter and is in accord with the idea emphasized by the Inner Mission Committee of the General Council, that the leaven must first find its way into the congregation before it can make itself felt in a large way outside.

This discussion has run into much greater length than was intended; but

it would be incomplete were not a few constructive ideas offered to suggest the possibility of a social service programme both more definite, more simple and more in harmony with the distinct mission of the Church. The germs of these ideas lie hidden here and there in the Year Book. They may be summed up as follows:

First, men and women need to be trained for a social service which will have the distinctively spiritual point of view. That must permeate it and dominate it.

Second, they must be trained to do what they can do, not what it is impossible for them to do.

Third, their training school, on its practical side, should be the parish. When they step outside of this, they are likely to become visionaries. At least here is where Christian service should begin; and here is where it is likely to blossom most naturally and beautifully into fruitage. When once they have learned their little tasks, they will be competent to undertake larger ones.

Fourth, social service must be individual and personal before it can be effectively general. "Unless it succeeds," to use the words of the Protestant Episcopal Convention of 1913, "in giving to the 'undermost man' a chance to recognize his 'innermost life from within.' The organized relation to God and to his fellows, the social movement of to-day, like many previous movements which started with glowing hopes, shall ultimately come to naught." In other words, it must begin with the individual and build from the bottom up and not from the top down.

Fifth, the Church must be "the conscience, interpreter and guide of all social movements" and not their organizer or administrator. "Her viewpoint is from above; she approaches life from within." The organized Church must not become the centre and manager of an improved social machinery."

Sixth, the Church is most influential when she relies on her prophetic gift rather than on organization and machinery. Who influenced the state more powerfully than did Luther, Savonarola, Chrysostom, or the prophets of old? They cried out against great evils with a word of authority higher than their own. They called down from heaven the categorical imperative of a Thus-saith-the-Lord—not of a thus-saith-the-sociologist. They organized no special propagan-

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## APPORTIONMENT FOR 1916-1917.

OBJECTS	Synod Appor.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Jewish Missions	Slav Missions	Porto Rico Mission	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	University	Montreal Hospice	Students' Aid	TOTAL	Seminary	GRAND TOTAL
Williamsburg . . . . .	\$105 00	\$200 00	\$45 00	\$60 00	\$1 00	\$10 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$3 00	\$10 00	\$16 00	\$465 00	\$246 00	\$711 00
Berlin . . . . .	40 00	65 00	23 00	30 00	2 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	16 00	211 00	265 00	476 00
Port Colborne . . . . .	40 00	45 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	15 00	141 00	169 00	310 00
Riverside and Morrisburg . . . . .	85 00	190 00	97 00	15 00	3 00	12 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	16 00	445 00	281 00	726 00
Hamilton . . . . .	35 00	48 00	30 00	25 00	2 00	10 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	15 00	183 00	200 00	383 00
Unionville and But- tonville . . . . .	25 00	56 00	20 00	10 00	2 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	15 00	145 00	61 00	206 00
Galt . . . . .	26 00	40 00	30 00	10 00	1 00	6 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	130 00	131 00	261 00
Welland . . . . .	5 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	15 00	52 00	47 00	99 00
Montreal . . . . .	20 00	36 00	10 00	10 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	10 00	108 00	60 00	168 00
Ottawa . . . . .	10 00	44 00	15 00	25 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	10 00	125 00	80 00	205 00
Dunbar . . . . .	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	61 00	76 00	137 00
Toronto . . . . .	20 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	1 00	8 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	89 00	90 00	179 00
Guelph . . . . .	7 00	11 00	5 00	10 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	51 00	71 00	122 00
Brantford . . . . .	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	35 00	37 00	72 00
	\$438 00	\$800 00	\$305 00	\$230 00	\$20 00	100 00	41 00	50 00	\$28 00	\$25 00	\$59 00	150 00	\$2246 00	\$1814 00	\$4055 00



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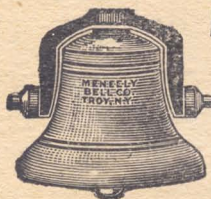
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