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Our God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come;
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Like flowery fields the nations stood,
Pleased with the morning light:
The flowers beneath the mower's hand
Lie withering ere 'tis night.

Our God our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while troubles last
And our eternal Home! *Amen.*

SERMONETTE.

Rev. N. Willison.

Text: "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth." Ps. 72: 8.

This text suggested the name by which we are known to the world. When the fathers of our Confederation were discussing what designation they would apply to the united provinces of Canada one of them rose and said: "I read this morning that, 'He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth,' let us call our glorious land 'The Dominion of Canada' and pray that the Lord our God may rule from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the St. Lawrence River to the Arctic Seas." The suggestion was adopted and our Dominion was born in the name of Jesus.

It was a splendid vision that made possible the prophecy of David that is told in our text. With his son Solomon as king he saw the united kingdoms of Judah and Israel placed on an eminence of glory such as they had not known before and would not know again in the same way. Enlightened by the Spirit the Psalmist, however, saw much farther than Solomon. Of Abraham, Jesus says: "He longed to see My day and he saw it and was glad." A similar vision was vouchsafed to David, the man after God's own heart. He was able to write, "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou at My right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool." He saw a coming Messiah of whom Solomon in his glory was a type—a ruler that would be invested with a glory not of this world but far above it. This anointed one would be clothed in the garments of divinity, command more than twelve legions of angels and have all power in heaven and on earth. From His throne at the right hand of the Father He would exercise dominion over the entire universe in His kingdom of power. In His kingdom of grace He would save to the uttermost all lost sinners and in His Kingdom of Glory He would finally receive obeisance from all things in heaven and in earth and under the earth. Every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. What a wonderful dominion!

In the world we do not see all things placed under Him. Though the most powerful nations of the earth

are named by His name the principles of His kingdom are often confused with the base principles of His foes. Millions of men are still found who do not name His name and other millions name it but in vain. His army of witnesses is, therefore, not disbanded. The orders still stand to "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." By the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God is the campaign to be won. How vigilant must the soldiers of a modern army be! Soldiers of Christ must be still more vigilant for it is often hard to distinguish friends from foes. The authority of the King must be maintained against all seductions of the flesh, the world and the devil. Too often a Christian thinks himself valiantly contending for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among his fellows when the citadel of his own heart has already fallen to avarice, lust or some other deadly sin. That Jesus may have dominion His Word must be obeyed. If ye love Me ye will keep My commandments."

Canada is a Christian nation. On July the First we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our birth. In our infancy we were dedicated to our Lord. In all official acts we name His name. A larger percentage of our people attend divine worship than in most Christian lands. The Lord's Day is generally respected. Our laws are not in conflict with the Decalogue. We thank God for Canada. We would like to say that with us the prophecy has come true that, "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth." But we need more grace—grace to subdue a worldly, anti-Christian spirit that raises his head in our commercial life, our politics and our homes and churches. Let us pray and labor that our nation may be exalted in righteousness. Amen.

THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.

One thing was always clear in the mind of Luther and in the Confessions of the Church; that the Church and the State are two separate spheres. The words of the twenty-eighth article of the Augsburg Confession, "Therefore the power of the Church and the civil power must not be confounded," etc., are so familiar

that they would not need repetition if it were not for some of the complications that soon arose that led to a practical surrender of this position, even where it was still maintained in theory. But it was never surrendered by Luther. In some of his writings as, for example, in the exposition of the 82nd Psalm, Luther apparently expected the State to interfere in the interests of the Church and in the suppression of heresy. But it was only open false teaching, that was regarded as a breach of the peace, that he thought demanded suppression. Though he laid the basis for modern ideas of toleration, he did not always follow his ideas to their logical conclusion but still held to the mediaeval idea that the State is the defender of both tables of the Law. This is still a part, even if a small part, of our modern conception of the relation between the two for Sunday laws, laws against profane swearing, laws that impose special penalties for interrupting public worship or for desecrating a house of worship are all founded on the same idea. It is the idea that the State shall defend the subject from what is offensive to his soul, as well as from what is harmful to his body.

Heresy, as such, was not regarded as punishable by Luther, but only heresy that disturbed the public peace. And one who remembers the excesses of some of the fanatical sects at the time of the Reformation will readily understand why such interference was necessary. It was intended as a sort of an exercise of the police power, just as at the present day Mormon agents may be forbidden to speak on the streets (because their teachings are a menace to public morals), or as anti-Roman meetings are sometimes forbidden when there is danger of their provoking a riot, or as the anarchist is denied the right to preach theories that would cause sedition.

Yet with all this, it is a very different idea from that entertained in other portions of Christendom at that time. The Romanists wanted to see the power of the State absorbed by the Church. The Reformed wanted to see the State an instrument of the Church, and directed by it. Luther separating the two in principle, assigned to the one the secular sphere, to the other the spiritual. That the line of separation was not always clearly drawn where the two touched in no wise altered the principles. The Roman ideal was that of a theocracy as it had existed under Moses; the

Reformed desired a condition like that existing in Israel under the joint direction of kings and prophets; the Lutherans wanted a kingdom of God, separate and independent of the State, a spiritual kingdom, rendering to God the things that are God's and to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, as the Church had done under the rule of the Apostles.

One thing we must not forget, that Luther never approved death as a punishment for heresy. If the State exercised its police powers, as they were then understood, it was not to impose any harder punishment than banishment (for the sake of the public peace) and that in such a way as not to work hardship.—J. C. Mattes.

TO MAKE A CHURCH PROSPER.

There is a sure way of prosperity. It has never failed and never can. The following rules observed by all the members of any church will insure good days. If the church is decaying, the decay will soon be arrested. If it is standing still, it will soon begin to grow. If it is already flourishing, it will grow more rapidly.

1. Attend all the services regularly. If possible, be in time; you need at least five minutes after coming in to find a seat and to compose body and mind for the service.

2. Never miss a service needlessly. If you have visitors, invite them to go with you; they will respect you more as a Christian if you are faithful to your duty.

3. If it rains or snows, make a special effort to go. Our churches stand much in need of storm-proof religion.

4. Take part in the service. You go to worship, not to be entertained.

5. Be devout in every attitude. All whispering should be studiously avoided. Find the hymn and sing it if you can, and share the book with your neighbor.

6. Speak to strangers and invite them to come again. A hearty hand-shake will add much to the invitation.

7. Be friendly to all. Remember, hand-shaking has not gone out of style. A hearty Christian greeting means much by way of cheer, comfort and encouragement.

8. Accept gladly any work assigned you. If pastor or some one else is struggling under a load, take hold and help. At least do not increase the burden.

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EDITORIAL

A Prayer.—O God, Thou hast been our Help in ages past. By Thy sufferance alone have we been permitted the use of the blessings Thou hast been pleased to communicate through Canada and the British Empire. Thou hast made us a link in the history of Thy Kingdom by calling us to glorify Thee and serve our fellow men. By Thy grace in Jesus Christ alone have the incidents of our history been made valuable to humanity. By such grace alone can future events become acceptable in Thy sight. Mercifully continue to grant us Thy favors. In the dangers of war Thou art our Refuge and Strength. In the midst of prosperity Thou art the Guardian of our sobriety and humility. Without Thee all that we may glory in as Canadians is an empty bubble bringing disappointment and pain. Graciously enrich us with the saving treasures of Thy truth. Preserve us from the pitfalls of error and the rocks of offence. Put in our hearts a merciful spirit like unto Thine and grant us Thy peace. Hear this our prayer through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

Ourselves.—The Canada Lutheran is growing in circulation and prestige.

Never before have we received so many evidences of appreciation and good will as have come to us during the past few weeks. The Canada Lutheran League elected a special representative to co-operate with our staff. The Women's Missionary Society re-elected their representative and renewed their pledge of financial support. For the first time there was no discussion on the floor of the Synod of Central Canada as to whether we should continue publication or not. The Canada Synod recommended the Canada Lutheran to their people and their honored President has accepted a position on our staff. Some of the leading pastors of the Canada Synod have made special canvasses for subscribers. One of the Seminary students has offered to canvass for us without commission, during his vacation, and others have expressed their willingness to do whatever they can to place "The Canada Lutheran in every Home." One friend writes, "I do not want to miss one number of the publication that has become so helpful to me." Renewals have never come so promptly and generally as during the past few months. We thank all our friends for their earnest and efficient support. Permit us, dear readers, to solicit a continuance of your most active co-operation. Let us strive for a circulation of at least one thousand before the close of Quadracentennial year. Thank you.

The Proposed Union.—With remarkable unanimity the proposed union of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod South is being promoted among these bodies. The Lutheran says:—

"It is a matter of great gratification that thus far no insurmountable obstacles have placed themselves in the way of the proposed merger of the three general bodies—the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod South. The second meeting of the committee on constitution, which took place on June 15th, was as harmonious and satisfactory as the first. The basis of faith has been outlined and unanimously adopted. With scarce a modification, it is the doctrinal basis that the General Council has subscribed to from the beginning, and there is nothing in it that is out of accord with the latest declarations of the General Synod. Certain outlines of church polity have also been agreed upon. We must be ecumenical in spirit and hold before

our eyes the interests of the whole Church, and particularly of our precious faith, and prevent ourselves from looking at things through the customary glasses of a limited and partisan Lutheranism. If we go into this movement with this spirit and with singleness of devotion and loyalty to our faith and to our mission in this land, the future of the United Lutheran Church of America will be assured beyond our fondest dreams."

The Lutheran Church Work and Observer says:—"It is our view that the doctrinal basis and confessional position of the General Synod, when compared with the fundamental principles of the General Council and the United Synod in the South can be harmoniously correlated, and that, too, without sacrifice of any vital principle on the part of any of the parties to the proposed compact.

"The person who would place an individualistic notion or privilege in the way of Lutheran union would prove by that very token that he cares more for his own way than for the great cause of bringing our Lutheran forces into confederation. Here we might well apply the adage, 'No man can serve two masters.' On the one hand, no man should be called upon to sacrifice a real principle that involves his conscience; on the other hand, no man should make the mistake of lifting his mere personal opinions and preferences on non-essential matters into the sphere of conscience.

"What an object lesson to the world would be a great movement toward Lutheran union! We hope, we long, we pray for the speedy unification of our beloved Lutheran Zion."

The Editor of the Home Missionary is very vigorous and writes as follows:

"We ought to be cheered on to the haste which is due, yea which was due years ago."

"1. We need to be one in doctrine. We are. Who in the General Synod, General Council or United Synod South denies any of the doctrines of the Lutheran Church?

"2. We need to be one in worship. We are. All have the common service, and now we will have the common hymnal.

"3. We need to be one in church polity. We are. Where is the difference between the polity of the three bodies?

"Some say we need to be one in practice. That depends. We are not

one in practice either in General Council, General Synod or United Synod South.

"We are virtually one in our missionary operations. There is no material difference between the methods employed by the Home Mission Boards of the three bodies.

"What we need is adjustment and that only patience and forbearance will bring—in time."

The Central Canada Synod has already voted unanimously in favor of such a union. The Canada Synod at its recent meeting took a similar step and made its resolution practical by appointing a committee to meet the Synod of Central Canada with such a proposition and to urge the uniting of The Canada Luther League and the Jugendbund. The Canada Luther League talked union. The Women's Missionary Societies talked union and have been practising it for some time. The Pittsburgh Synod of the General Council passed, unanimously, almost without discussion, the following resolution: "Your committee would request the Pittsburgh Synod to memorialize the General Council in hearty endorsement of the recommendation of the Quadricentennial Committee for the United Lutheran Church of America." The Synod of the Northwest uttered a most fervent prayer for a successful outcome of the proposed merger. No doubt the other synods of whose actions we have not yet heard have similarly endorsed the union. We confidently look forward to a successful consummation of these efforts. May all our people in minor and more local matters show the same earnest desire to promote harmony and unity within our beloved Lutheran Church.

The Thankoffering.—On page 15 of The Canada Lutheran our attention is called to the special thankoffering for missions that we are asked to make on October 7th, 1917. Our synods have unanimously endorsed this proposition and we hope our people will place a sufficiently high estimate on the blessings secured through the Reformation to enable them to bring at least one day's income to the thankoffering altar on that date. Pray over it and plan for it early.

"The Canada Lutheran in every Home."

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

Edited by Revs. E. Hoffmann, D.D., and W. H. Knauff.

Note.—Parish news and other items of interest to our readers are earnestly solicited. Please be brief and write on only one side of the paper. "Printer's Copy" can be sent in unsealed envelopes at rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent for two ounces provided no personal correspondence is enclosed.—Ed.

Brantford.

On May 16th a talent tea was held by the Ladies' Aid Society, which realized \$20.00 for the benefit of Red Cross. Student Hirtle supplied the pulpit May 20th in the absence of the pastor. On Sunday, June 10th, St. Matthew's held morning service for the first time in over four years. Seven new scholars were added to the Sunday school, on June 10th. Four new members were received into the Luther League at our last meeting, June 13th.

Elmwood.

The Young People's Societies of Hanover, Walkerton and Elmwood will hold a joint picnic on July 2nd at Pearl Lake. The Sunday School convention of this district will be held in the Brant Church of this parish on the 2nd of July. Rev. Beckman will speak in St. John's, Elmwood, on the evening of 15th of June, in the interests of the Seminary. The remaining two churches of this parish, Brant and Chesley, intend doing likewise.

Guelph.

With a strong Church Council and consecrated workers in the various organizations the work here looks promising. The congregation has asked Student H. H. Wahl to be on the field during the summer months. Mrs. Sankey, who had to undergo an operation lately, is improving daily. Student Irschick is working in Guelph for the vacation months. We are glad to welcome him back again as he was a former member. Arrangements are being made to celebrate in a fitting manner the fiftieth birthday of our beloved Dominion. May we as citizens be loyal and remember also that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Hamilton.

On May 17th the annual meeting of our Ladies' Aid and Missionary So-

ciety was held in the church. Encouraging reports were read by the President, Mrs. M. Hagey, the Secretary, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. I. B. Miller, the treasurer of the Society. All the officers of the Society were re-elected. The treasurer's report showed that \$5 per member was raised during the year for the various missionary causes. All the monies of the Society are raised by freewill offerings. Our Junior Luther League reports progress. At the last meeting two new members were taken in. The League has now an enrollment of 21 members. The Senior Luther League held its monthly business meeting in the church on June 12. The treasurer's report gave the pleasant news that the long standing debt has been completely paid. It was also resolved to raise \$25, in a stated short time, which is to be presented to the Church Council to assist in meeting its coming payments. The League also decided to hold the annual picnic on July 2, to which occasion the League from Brantford and the Jugend Verein of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hamilton, will be invited. One new member was taken into the Society at the last meeting. It was also decided to discontinue the devotional meetings during the months of July and August.

Humberstone.

The monthly meeting of the Luther League was held at the home of Miss Addie Hesler, June 12th, with an attendance of 22. The pastor gave a very complete and interesting report on the recent convention. One new member was received into the League. The League will endeavor to place Lutheran literature, a "Life of Luther" and Luther's portrait, and jubilee souvenirs into the homes of the members.

At the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, the pastor and delegates, Mrs. Dora Cronmiller and Mrs. Knauff, gave interesting reports of the convention in Hamilton. On Sunday evening, June 17th, the Ladies' Aid Society celebrated the 14th anniversary of the Society at a special church service. Abundant and very tasty floral decorations contributed to

the festive character of the occasion. The Vesper service was ably conducted by Mr. Fred C. Hesler, in the absence of the pastor to Welland, attempts to secure a supply for our neighboring congregation proving unsuccessful. Mrs. Altpeter, of Buffalo, was the speaker of the evening. Her subject was "Talents," and she indeed spoke into the very hearts of the women, and also edified the large congregation that had assembled. Mrs. Knauff read some interesting data from the history of the Society. The members of the Society entered the church in a body to the festive strains of the organ, and occupied the front pews. The ladies will not soon forget this beautiful service and its uplifting message. On Monday evening the Ladies Aid gave a fraternity supper to members and their husbands in the Town Hall, which had been prettily decorated with flowers and flags and the colors of the Society—red and white. After a bounteous repast had been spent, speeches were indulged in by all the officers of the Society, by several of the men, and by the pastor. The remainder of the evening was enjoyably spent in music and games. Miss Louise Kramer spent several weeks at her home here, having completed her studies as nurse in the Homeopathic Hospital, Rochester, N.Y. She has again returned to that city. Miss Kramer has offered her services as Red Cross nurse to the American Army, and is expecting to be called overseas shortly.

Unionville.

One of our most active younger members enlisted recently for overseas service in the person of Mr. Ewart Stiver, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stiver. Before leaving he was honored with a surprise party by the congregation and the presentation of a handsome wrist watch. May God protect him and all our boys. Pte. A. S. Willison, brother of Pastor Willison, is very ill at the Muskoka Sanatorium. We regret the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Summerfeldt and family from Unionville to Canington, Ont., where Mr. Summerfeldt has taken over a furniture and undertaking business in partnership with his son, John. Mr. John Clements passed to his rest very suddenly on Sunday evening, June 24th, at the home of his daughter in Aurora, Ont., at the age of 74 years. A mourning wife, three daughters and one son survive him. May God comfort them.

Waterloo.

The regular monthly meeting of the Luther League was held on June 4th with a goodly number in attendance. The enrollment was again increased by the addition of six new members.

Welland.

The monthly meeting of the Luther League of St. Matthew's Church was held Monday evening, June 11th, at the home of the President, Mr. Frank H. Hesler. Most interesting reports of the recent convention in Waterloo were given. The matter of placing a book on the life of Luther in the homes of the members was discussed and it is likely that a number of leaguers here will add such a work to their library when samples can be shown.

On June 14th the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was held in the church. The topic, "A Student Volunteer of Two Hundred Years Ago Takes the Word to Greenland," was studied with much profit, all the members present taking part in the readings and discussions. Interesting reports of the recent convention in Hamilton were given by the delegates, Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Vanderburg, and also by Pastor Knauff. The Society ordered the amount of equalization of expenses of delegates to the convention paid to the committee. The Sunday School is again being held regularly every Sunday morning during the summer months.

Williamsburg.

Rev. M. J. Bieber paid Rev. Maurer a visit while on his way to Ottawa. Sarah A. Whitteker attended the Luther League convention at Waterloo on May 24 and 25. On Sunday evening, May 27th a memorial service was held in memory of Pte. Fred Quickfall, who gave his life for his country. The service was largely attended, the Pastor taking for his text, "Behold the Lamb of God." A number of the young ladies met at the home of Miss Anna Maurer Monday evening, May 28th, in honor of Miss Ethel V. McIntosh prior to her marriage. An address was read by Miss Josephine Whitteker after which she was showered with many beautiful and useful gifts. Rev. Maurer left on Wednesday, May 30th, for Waterloo to attend the Seminary Commencement, after which he left for Hamilton to attend the Synod. Mr. Melvin Barkley attending as delegate. Mrs. O. P. Becker attended the Missionary

convention at Hamilton. There was no service June 3rd and 10th as the pastor was attending Synod and installing Rev. Ernest H. Beckman at Galt. A pretty house wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. McIntosh at 10.30 Wednesday morning, May 30th, when their only daughter, Miss Ethel V., was united in marriage to Mr. Chas. W. McInnis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin McInnis of Iroquois, in the presence of a number of friends of the bride and groom. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the bride. The happy couple motored to Morrisburg and left for Toronto, Niagara and other points of interest. On their return they will reside at Iroquois. We extend our congratulations. We are sorry to report that Miss Grace O. Merkley is again ill. May God be with her.

THE SEMINARY.

Waterloo College and Theological Seminary held its commencement exercises beginning May 25th, with an oratorical contest in Library Hall. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. P. A. Laury, D.D., in the First Church, Kitchener, on the evening of Sunday, May 27th. The college commencement exercises were held in the Seminary Chapel, May 29. Mr. Seymore Cooper was salutatorian and Mr. Richard Geelhaar valedictorian. The address was made by Rev. E. Huenergard, of Hamilton, Ont. The Seminary's welcome to the graduating class was delivered by Mr. Ernie Beckman. The Seminary commencement exercises took place in St. John's Church, Waterloo, Thursday, May 31st. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Carl Sorenson on "A Plea for Missions," and Mr. Ernie Beckman on "What Waterloo Means to Us." Rev. C.H. Little, D.D., preached the sermon to the graduates. The diplomas were awarded by Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., president of the Board. The college will re-open September 6th and the seminary September 26th.—From The Lutheran.

SYNODICAL MERGER.

Much has been written about the proposed union of the three Norwegian bodies, the Norwegian Synod, the United Church, and the Hauge Synod. The ceremony attending the

union was very impressive. Promptly at 9.30 on Saturday morning, June 9, the three bodies filed into the auditorium in St. Paul. The smallest body, the Haugeans, led the van. They filed in three aisles, converging near the front. Each body was preceded by a large American flag. After all were seated the whole vast audience which had stood during the filing in of the procession, joined in singing a hymn to the tune "Old Hundred." The religious services were simple and impressive. Dr. Dahl, president of the United Church, read the 130th Psalm. He was followed by Dr. Stub, of the Synod, with an earnest and touching prayer. The president of the Hauge Synod, followed with the Apostles' Creed, after which all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

After electing temporary officers, Dr. Dahl, chairman, and Dr. Stub, secretary, a member of each of the merging bodies delivered a congratulatory address. The governor of the State was then introduced, when the audience arose and sang, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." The governor's address could not have been more appropriate. He was followed by the mayor of St. Paul. After this numerous telegrams, including one from the Synod of the Northwest, were read. This union forms an epoch in the Lutheran Church in America, and a landmark in this centennial year.—G. H. T.

THE SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.

Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D.

The Synod of Central Canada held its ninth annual convention in Trinity Church, Hamilton, Ont., on June 3-5, 1917, the Rev. E. Huenergard, pastor. Every one of the 16 congregations was represented by a delegate, besides Zion's, Sherwood, not yet a member of the Synod, by two visitors. President J. Maurer preached the synodical sermon on Rev. 5: 9, and the clerical officers of Synod administered the communion to the members of the Synod and congregation at the Sunday morning service. Secretary N. Willison preached in the evening on John 3: 3. On Monday evening, June 4th, three young men were ordained: C. Sorensen, Waterloo; E. Beckman, Waterloo; and H. Siegner, Mt. Airy, all Canadians. The Rev. H. J. Behrens preached the sermon on 2 Cor. 5: 20.

At the Quadri-Centennial service on Tuesday evening Student A. A. Zinck, A. B., and Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., made addresses, and President Maurer led the congregation in prayer for peace. At the Tuesday morning session the Rev. W. H. Knauff read a paper on the "Formal Principle of the Reformation," and the President, Dr. Laury, on the "Material Principle." An interesting discussion followed. Mayor Booker welcomed the convention.

The Rev. Ph. Lamartine, Montreal, was received by letter into the Synod. The Rev. L. M. McCreery left the Synod and Canada, to the sincere regret of all the members. All the congregations are supplied by pastors and students. The Rev. H. Klaehn and President E. Hoffmann brought the greetings of the Canada Synod, and the Rev. Behrens was elected delegate to that body. The Rev. H. T. Miller, Buffalo, represented the New York and New England Synod, and Rev. Bieber was delegated to visit that body and as many of the other General Council synods as possible. The report on seminary stated that 29 students attended in the college and seminary departments during the year; nine men have thus far graduated from the seminary, two this year. Rev. Maurer and C. H. Stiver were re-elected on the board of directors. The Canada Lutheran had a prosperous year. The co-operation of the Canada Synod is sought in the interest of this paper.

The \$400,000 Thank-offering is to be taken on October 7th, and Home Mission Week is to be observed November 18-25. Jubilee matters are progressing vigorously. The home mission report was received, and President Maurer re-elected the Synod's representative. The General Council benevolences are to be paid monthly by the congregations, and the Synod. The federation of Lutheran bodies in Canada is to be sought, and joy at the proposed United Lutheran Church of America was expressed. Beneficiary education is in active process. The equalized expense of each delegate was \$6.84. The president and Secretary Willison were elected clerical delegate and alternate to the General Council, and Messrs. J. C. Casselman and E. A. Bartman lay delegates. The Synod meets in Toronto next year. The officers of Synod are: President, J. Maurer; Secretary, N. Willison; Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Fierheller. The Rev. H. J. Behrens is the archivist.

The Synod assists in the support of the Dorchester House, Montreal. The Synod paid for benevolence \$3,987.54. It paid for benevolence the previous year per capita \$4.13, heading the General Council synodical list. It was one of three General Council synods that paid its home mission apportionment in full this year, and has paid and overpaid it since its organization in 1909.—From The Lutheran.

THE CANADA SYNOD.

The regular annual convention of the Canada Synod was held in St. Matthew's Church, Hanover, Rev. Twietmeyer pastor, June 14-18. The convention opened with the regular service conducted by the pastor loci and the synodical sermon preached by the Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., of Toronto. The report of the Credential Committee showed an attendance of thirty-six clerical, twenty-five lay and two fraternal delegates.

The Rev. J. Maurer, M.A., President and delegate of the Synod of Central Canada, was formally received and extended the greetings of his synod. The Rev. Ernest H. Beckman, representing the Canada Luther League was also received and accorded the privilege of stating his mission. To both of these the Rev. Dr. Hoffmann made a very fitting and warm-hearted reply. Mr. Strahl, Manager of the Lutheran Book Room, Kitchener, was also given the privileges of the floor.

The President made a long, interesting and encouraging report which was given to the proper committee for action. In his report Dr. Hoffmann said: "Though the situation of the world is still gloomy and the future dark, the crisis for our Church seems past. We are better prepared to accommodate ourselves and submit to the present conditions. The dark cloud of unfounded suspicion that hung over our Church is vanishing more and more. The attitude of our government, in a very gratifying way, did not embarrass us by any limitations which we would not have performed of our own free will as Christian citizens. All this helps us to look more bravely and with greater confidence into the future of our Church and may assist us, especially in these days, courageously to do our duty with confidence in the gracious help of God as those who are called to build up the walls of Jerusalem."

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. E. Hoffmann,

D.D., Vice-President, Rev. Stremper; Secretary, Rev. Henkel, and Treasurer, Rev. Holm. The report of the delegate to the Central Canada Synod, the Rev. O. Klaehn, was then received. Rev. Ernest H. Beckman was elected reporter to the local press and the Canada Lutheran and the Rev. Prof. O. Lincke to the German press and Lutheran.

The Beneficiary Education Committee recommended two students for aid. One is to receive \$100 and the other \$75 during the coming scholastic year. Greetings were received from the New York Ministerium and from the Manitoba Synod. A reply was telegraphed to each.

Almost a whole day was devoted to an interesting and enthusiastic discussion of conditions at our Seminary in Waterloo. It was agreed by all that another English professor is most imperative and a resolution carried to ask the Board of Governors to procure a capable man for this position at once.

The parochial and statistical reports, though not complete, showed the following encouraging figures: No. of baptized members, 23,473; communicants, 14,410; No. of baptisms, infants 740, adults 15; confirmations of children 614, adults 46; Saturday schools 30, teachers 18, scholars 820; Sunday schools 63, teachers 596, scholars 4,436; Women's societies 29, membership 1,823; Young People's societies 23, membership 1,152. Total receipts for all purposes, \$79,506.40. Value of property, \$624,300. The Ministerial Relief Fund has been increased to over \$13,000.

It was resolved to publish a new German-English catechism just as soon as possible. Three pastors were formally received into the synod, Rev. A. Fiebelkorn of Hespeler, from the Joint Synod of Ohio; Rev. G. C. Weidenhammer of Conestogo, and Rev. H. Rembe, Jr., of Zurich, both graduates of Waterloo Seminary. The \$400,000 Jubilee Fund for Missions received the hearty approval of the Synod and its congregations will do their part on October 7. The proposed United Lutheran Church of America was also approved on condition that the present doctrinal basis of the General Council be not lowered.

The Executive Committee, which was something new at this Synod, is made up of the officers and Messrs. Bitzer, Strop and Homuth. In future the reports of the President and Treasurer are to be printed before

Synod meets, that they may be considered and acted upon more intelligently. The Synodical officers were thanked for their untiring efforts to further the Synod's welfare.

A resolution carried to appoint a committee to approach the Synod of Central Canada with a view to uniting these two bodies. The committee is as follows: Revs. Bockelmann, Klaehn and Lincke and Mr. Wegener. A resolution was carried recommending the Canada Lutheran to the congregations and homes of the Synod. A motion was carried recommending the Canada Jugend Bund to meet the Canada Luther League with a view to uniting with it.

The delegates to the General Council are: the President and Revs. Henkel, Brackebusch, and Zarnke; Alternates, Revs. Voelker, Bockelmann, Twietmeyer and Hamfeldt; Lay Delegates, Messrs. Wegener, Roos, Ehrhardt and Homuth.

On June 14 a Laymen's Rally was held in the evening. Rev. Bockelmann conducted the service and two addresses were given: "Give and Pray" in German, by Mr. L. Peine, and "Christian Co-operation" in English, by Dr. Weidenhammer. An interesting discussion followed. The following evening a Missionary Rally was held at which Rev. F. Christiansen spoke on the foreign work and Rev. Schmidt on Home Missions.

Saturday evening preparatory service was conducted by Rev. Stremper, who also conducted the opening exercises at all the business sessions. On Sunday, June 17th, the Church was crowded to capacity and hundreds were turned away. At the morning service a Reformation sermon was preached by Rev. H. Rembe, Sr., who also assisted the pastor loci in administering the Holy Communion. In the afternoon a special Sunday School service was held at which the speakers were Revs. Gomann and Hamm. In the evening Rev. Bockelmann preached an eloquent Seminary sermon. On Monday evening the Synod closed with an English service conducted by Rev. Zarnke and at which Rev. Klaehn preached the sermon.

An excellent paper on "Practical Points in Administering the Holy Communion" was presented by Rev. Voelker of Preston.

During the meeting of Synod Rev. E. H. Beckman preached at Elmwood, Chesley and Brant in the interests of the \$100,000 Jubilee Endowment Fund for Waterloo Seminary.

ON THE WING.

Milton J. Bieber, D. D.

In Canada.

We made a crude "S" in our itinerary from May 11 to 19. In Montreal we were cordially welcomed by Pastor Lamartine and the Church Council and were encouraged by the spirit of optimism and progress apparent in the Church of the Redeemer, which has since called the Rev. Lamartine as its permanent shepherd.

In Ottawa the faithful flock which had been shepherdless for over two years, was looking hopefully to the arrival of Rev. H. Siegner, a graduate of Mt. Airy and since ordained to the ministry at Hamilton. Truly St. Peter's is a model in faith, patience and loyalty.

We were warmly greeted by Dr. Little and family in Morrisburg and had a pleasant conference with President Maurer at Williamsburg, after which the genial M. A. Barkley and son took us by car to Chesterville.

We met the Church Council at Toronto and discussed the affairs of St. Paul's with its members. Mr. S. W. Hirtle, the student pastor, has been doing excellent work there under difficulties and will supply during the summer. We hope a permanent pastor can soon be secured.

At Guelph a large number of interested men met us in the church parlor and almost till midnight did we wrestle with the problems confronting St. Paul's, but faith and zeal triumphed and Student Wahl will continue to supply the congregation as he did so successfully during the past year and a half.

At Kitchener we inspected the pretty new chapel in which the young First English Church is fostering its baby Sunday School under the efficient pastoral care of Pastor Behrens. What wonders God is effecting!

We were pleased to visit the School of the Prophets, confer with its successful President, Dr. Laury, and with some of the students re the summer work. Everywhere we were greeted by old and new made friends and were exceedingly happy to note the progress in our School and Church everywhere.

St. Paul's, Galt has now called the Rev. E. Beckman, who so signally developed the congregation while student pastor; and St. Matthew's, Brantford, while losing a very good man in Mr. Otterbein, can congratu-

late itself on securing the efficient services of Student A. A. Zinck during the summer. How mercifully God provides!

Welland is very successfully cared for by Rev. Knauff, the faithful pastor of Trinity, Humberstone, and our energetic Associate Editor.

The Seminary has contributed a pastor to Dunbar in the person of Rev. C. Sorensen, who had labored so successfully at Ottawa while a student; and the Unionville-Buttonville-Sherwood parish is renewing its youth under the wise and careful pastorate of Rev. Willison, who is also our honored Synodical Secretary and Editor.

Trinity, Hamilton, is justly pleased with the Rev. Huenergard, who with the congregation so successfully recently entertained the Synod and the Synodical Society. Truly our Church in Canada has been greatly blessed of God!

WHAT IS A CHURCH MEMBER?

What he is depends upon himself. He may be a regular attendant and contributor. If he is he gets all that is coming to him. He hears the Gospel preached and becomes intelligent along religious and moral and ethical grounds. His course of conduct will be in accordance with his knowledge. He will find it easier to live the Christian life than if he is only an occasional church attendant. Many make mistakes of thinking the church does not count in conduct. Better change that idea now.

How many members have you individually brought into the church? How many sinners have you brought to Christ? Friends, do you realize that you inside of the church are responsible for every soul outside of the church?

While studying the story of Reformation times, it will be well to become very familiar with the story of the Life of Melancthon as well as of Martin Luther. There are two excellent biographies of Melancthon which we would recommend. The Life of Melancthon, by Joseph Stump, D.D., Professor of Dogmatics in the Chicago Theological Seminary; The Life of Melancthon in the "Reformation Hero Series," written by the late Rev. J. W. Richards, D.D., of Gettysburg.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION.

The ninth annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church in Central Canada met in Trinity Lutheran Church, Hamilton, Rev. E. Huenergard, Pastor, June 6th, 1917. The convention opened at 9.30 a.m. with Matin services. The President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, called the meeting to order, which proved to be the most successful, inspiring, and progressive convention the Society has yet held.

Rev. Maurer brought greetings from the Synod of Central Canada. Mayor Booker, of Hamilton, welcomed the convention to the city. The Bethesda Mission Circle of Unionville was received into membership. The President read her annual report which showed progress and increased interest in every department.

The treasurer reported having received \$898.81. The disbursements were \$807.39. Balance on hand \$90.42. Considerable more money was raised which did not pass through the hands of the treasurer, which brings the total receipts to \$1,147.00.

Some of the important items recommended by the Executive Committee which were adopted, are: (1) That two district visitors be appointed to visit the local societies this coming year. Those appointed were Mrs. J. C. Casselman for the East, and Miss Bornholdt for the West. (2) That we have one representative on all Mission Boards of the proposed United Lutheran Church of America. (3) That two delegates be appointed to attend the General Council W. M. S. convention in Philadelphia, and this body to pay for one full railroad ticket. Two of the following ladies are to be the delegates: Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Mrs. O. Becker, Mrs. J. Conrad, Mrs. M. Hagey, Mrs. Weidenhammer. (4) To assist in the raising of the \$400,000 Jubilee Fund in connection with the Quadri-Centennial.

Afternoon Session.

Greetings were presented by Mrs. Soehner in behalf of the local society. Greetings from sister societies in the same form followed. Those represented were: St. Paul's Lutheran,

Hamilton, Mrs. Whitthun; New York and New England Synodical Society, Mrs. Altpeter, Buffalo, also our former president, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, sent a letter of greetings.

Foreign Mission Com. reported total contributions of \$183.60. Inner Mission Com., \$80.00. Porto Rico Mission Com. reports 11 societies having contributed. Slav Mission Com., contributions over \$16. Literature Com. reported 30 programmes, 42 calendars, 43 leaflet sets, 3 Hints for Leaders, and 99 Mission Workers were ordered through the chairlady. Junior Work reported 3 new societies organized. Seminary, total receipts, \$411.73. Canada Lutheran, reported \$29 contributed; let us aim to reach our \$50 this coming year. Mission Exhibit—more articles have been added to the exhibit. Mission Study reports that four different books are being studied. Life Membership—1 life membership and 2 memorials have been taken during the year.

The Com. on President's Report recommends that the matter of securing an assistant female physician for Miss Betty Nilson be brought to the attention of our societies. And also that we urge upon our societies the importance of Junior work. The following officers were elected for the year:—Pres., Mrs. J. C. Casselman; Vice-Pres., Mrs. N. Willison; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. H. Knauff; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. Ludolph; Treas., Mrs. O. Becker.

Following this, an interesting and uplifting address for women was given by Mrs. Peter Altpeter of Buffalo. Her theme was "Our Talents: Do We Use Them?" Mrs. Altpeter showed that she knew missionary work in its every phase. She recognized warmly the fact that the women were always doing a great work, but she asked for more, as they had not, as she said, been fully taxed as yet, and their resources had not been called on. "But when the call does come, you will find us ready," she declared.

An address, "Mission Study Classes," by Miss Bornholdt, followed this most excellent address. In the course of her remarks the speaker said, "We feel no interest in that of which we have no knowledge, and if we are to become interested and active in the

cause of missions we must study missions." A lively and helpful discussion followed.

Mrs. Conrad gave a talk on "Our Seminary" reviewing the work done by the societies, in this behalf. One of the chief sources in which the Seminary Auxiliary raises its funds is the Annual Sale in December, when fancy work, bakery, and all useful articles, donated by friends and societies, are put on sale. Mrs. Conrad urged upon the societies to commence now making preparations for this event, so when the appeal comes for donations, we might have somewhat to send.

The Committee on Equalization reported that the amount due each society for the equalizing of the expenses of one delegate of each society represented is \$4.90. Mrs. N. Willison is the chairlady of this committee.

Evening Session.

The closing services of the convention were very impressive, and well attended. Prayers and opening services were in charge of Rev. Willison. Mrs. Altpeter delivered an able address on Home Missions, choosing as her theme "Why English Home Missions are Unpopular." In a striking way the speaker made an urgent plea for more concerted activity in home mission work, and showed conclusively that English Home Missions are unpopular and therefore neglected. Her striking assertion was, "Of what we have no knowledge in that we have no interest; and what we have no interest in, to that we will not give, and to what we will not give, dies."

A Home Mission pageant, entitled "Christ in America," was given by the young ladies of Trinity Church, Hamilton, in costume, representing home mission opportunities, showing 15 different nationalities resident in the country, with the limitless opportunities of Christian work among them. This was, in a word, striking, appealing, convincing.

"The Quadri-Centennial" was the subject of an able and forceful address by Rev. Chas. K. Fegley, of Wyomissing, Pa. Rev. Fegley went into the history of the Reformation, the anniversary of which is to be celebrated this year in all Protestant churches. Rev. Fegley is engaged by the Quadri-Centennial Committee to visit the various synods and church conventions in behalf of the raising of the \$400,000 thankoffering, to be taken in all General Council churches on

"Thank-offering Sunday," October 7, 1917.

The Resolution Committee presented expressions of gratitude to pastor and people of Trinity Church for kind hospitality, to speakers for their inspiring messages, and to the officers of the general body for the work and interest through the past year.

This brought a very successful convention to a close, and we feel more history for the Lutheran Church in Canada has been made.

ALBERTA E. KNAUFF, Sec.

TO MAKE A CHURCH PROSPER.

(Concluded from page 3)

9. Always show proper respect for others' opinions. Never insist on having your own way against the majority. This is an age in which majority rules.

10. Never encourage strife, but be a peacemaker. Peacemakers, you know, are called "the children of God."

11. Avoid gossip as you would an enemy. It is one of Satan's best agents for starting church troubles.

12. Give cheerfully, according to your ability. The Lord has dealt bountifully with you, hence you should be liberal to His cause.

13. Take a church paper. Church members should keep posted on the affairs of their church.

14. Think of services through the week, speak of them to others, and pray that they be attended with divine blessing.

15. Pray for the sick and the poor. Help the Lord to answer your prayers.

16. Pray for the pastor. His usefulness will be greatly increased by the daily prayers of all the people.

17. Pray for some unsaved soul in particular.

18. Pray, pray, pray! Keep prayer up to date. No Christian should be back in his prayer account.

19. It is a great deal braver to try to do something to better conditions than to stand around and criticize. If you mean to help along, don't get in front and block the way. Get behind and push. You will then see how little you feel like finding fault with the burden-bearers after you have shouldered your part of the load.

20. In short, pray, push and keep sweet.

The true corrective of abuse, is to restore, or hold fast the right use.—Krauth.

THE CANADA LUTHER LEAGUE

Conducted by Rev. E. H. Beckman, Galt, Ont.

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF CANADA.

For enthusiasm, attendance and action, the tenth annual convention of the Luther League of Canada, held in Waterloo, on May 24, 25, will be recorded as one of the most successful gatherings in the history of that organization. Five new leagues, St. Matthew's Church, Conestogo, St. James', Hespeler, St. Peter's, New Hamburg, and St. Mathew's, Brantford, were received into affiliation with the Luther League of Canada. This is the first time in the history of the Luther League of Canada that we have held a two days' convention and even with two days at its disposal the convention was kept busy to finish its programme.

The sessions opened at 9.45 o'clock, Thursday, May 24th, in St. John's Church, with a large attendance. Mr. B. Knauff, President of St. John's Luther League, and Mr. Harry Hodges, of Philadelphia, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, extended greetings to the delegates. Mr. S. Gartung, Vice-Pres. of that League, responded.

The afternoon session Thursday, May 24, was held in the Seminary, one of the aims of the League being to encourage young men to attend the Seminary and to promote the work of this institution by their Student Aid Fund. The chapel and the adjoining room and the hall were packed. Rev. Prof. Laury, D.D., Dean of the School extended greetings to the delegates on behalf of the institution. The treasurer's report was as follows:—Receipts, \$204.75; expenditure, \$148.07; balance on hand, \$56.68. The Students' Aid Committee reported receiving \$197 for the Fund. The aim is \$500 by October. A committee to present plans for the Union of the Canada Jugendbund and the Canada Luther League, recommended (1) A committee be appointed at this convention to meet as soon as possible, with a similar committee to be appointed by Canada Jugend Bund.

(2) That these committees together

arrange plans for the union of their respective bodies into one great organization which shall be an integral part of the Luther League of America.

(3) That this joint committee approach the committee which is arranging for the great joint Reformation Celebration in Kitchener on Labor Day and request permission to arrange for a joint meeting of both of these organizations on the afternoon of that day and that the aim of this joint gathering be to unite the two bodies into one great Luther League of Canada, thus making the Luther League of Canada a fact as well as a name. Mr. E. J. W. Wisswaesser, Secretary of the League, gave a short address on the keynote of the convention, "United Action, Our Aim."

At the evening session Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of Luther League of America, gave a splendid address on the "Requisites of a True Luther Leaguer." Mr. Hodges remarked that there were about 30,000 members of Luther League of America and about 800 in Canada. A definition of the Luther League is thus,—**The youth of the Church, consecrated for service in the Church, and again, the Luther League is the School House of the Church.** Mr. Hodges handled his subject under three heads, Consecration, Obedience, and Example.

Speaking of the Quadri-Centennial, Mr. Hodges said: "In celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Reformation let us do it as a Church of the 20th century, rejoicing in what our fathers did but alive to our own duty. History is a great thing but destiny is greater."

Dr. Hoffmann then spoke on the prospects of a closer co-operation between the Luther League of Canada and the Jugend Bund. He stated that he hoped the day was not far distant when the two would amalgamate into one body.

Rev. Willison then made a short address thanking the different leaguers who were supporting the Canada Lutheran paper of which he is the Editor.

A telegram was received from Nova Scotia League conveying greetings to Canada League.



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After closing service the gathering partook of a dainty lunch, which was interspersed with short addresses, recitations and music.

Opening service, Friday, May 25th, was conducted by Rev. Fiebelkorn and the session was formally called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. Gartung.

Two invitations were extended to the Luther League convention to meet next year, from Preston and Sherwood. It was deemed advisable to leave these in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Credentials and Statistics reported 14 Leagues, and 6 Young Peoples Societies not yet belonging to the Canada Luther League represented; 13 pastors and student pastors; 3 visiting ministers; number of delegates, —; number of visitors, 65.

A paper was presented by Student H. R. Geelhaar, of the Seminary, on "Canada Lutheranism"—how the Lutheran Church here in Canada should be united, regardless of synod and nationality and call it the Lutheran Church of Canada.

The afternoon service of the 25th was opened by Rev. A. E. Scheive. Mr. Beckman then gave an address on "Students' Aid," which was to have been presented by Mr. Loa, who was absent. The aim and idea is to make a special effort this year to raise more money for the Students' Aid.

Miss Kuhl then presented a paper, "Deeds, Not Words." She prepared this very beautifully and so appropriate to the keynote of the convention, "United Action Our Aim." Miss E. Sherer also presented a splendid paper, "Wiclif, the Morning Star of the Reformation."

New officers and committees:—Pres., Mr. E. B. Wescott, Hamilton, Ont.; Vice-Pres., Mr. S. Gartung,

Waterloo, Ont.; Rec. Sec., Mr. E. J. W. Wisswaesser, Maple, Ont.; Cor. Sec., Adeline Otterbein, Hamilton; Literature Committee, Miss Kaempf, Guelph, Ont.; Treas., Mr. B. Knauff, Waterloo, Ont.

Credentials and Statistical Committee—Mr. I. Irshick, Miss Thell, Miss M. Warning.

Extension Comm.—Harvey Zinkhann, Waterloo; John Casselman, Morrisburg; Chas. Lossing, Kitchener; Ross Keffer, Maple; Miss Whitteker, Williamsburg.

Students' Aid Committee—Rev. Behrens, Kitchener; Rev. Beckman, Galt; Rev. Voelker, Preston; David Knorr, New Hamburg; Gordon Prestien, Hespeler.

Trustees—Gordon Boyer, Brantford; J. A. Loa, Ottawa; Graham Casselman, Morrisburg.

Committee on Jubilee Fund of Luther League of America—Gordon Boyer, Brantford; Fred Warning, Brantford; E. J. W. Wisswaesser, Maple.

Canada Luther League Committee on Union into Jugendbund—Rev. Beckman, Galt; Miss G. Kern, Kitchener; Mr. B. Knauff, Waterloo.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. W. WISSWAESSER,
Recording Secretary.

The key-note of the Reformation was struck full and clear at the beginning, Salvation through Christ alone.—Krauth.

Nothing in God's hand is trifling.—Krauth.

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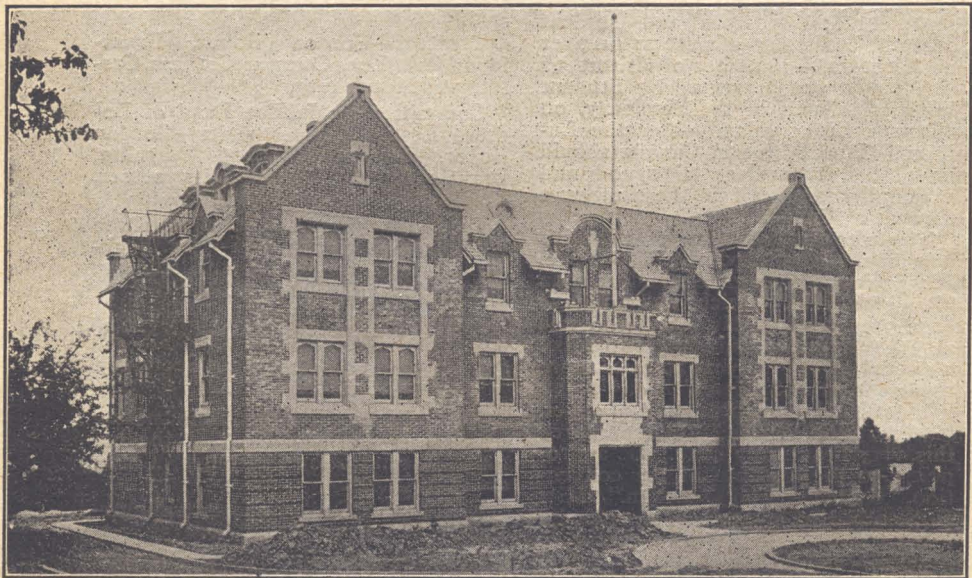


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