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Manifold Blessings.

Thy blessings, Lord, give harvest's birth,
With riches fill the teeming earth,
Adorn the fields with golden grain,
And heap with treasures hill and plain;
To cities give their wealth and peace,
And make the nation's large increase.

The rain falls gently from Thy hand
And beauty spreads o'er all the land;
While everywhere among the hills
Is heard the music of the rills.
Thy breath in fragrant breezes blown,
Gives life and joy to valleys sown.

The circling seasons full of glee
Lift up their voice, O God, to Thee;
The king of day, the stars of night,
The changing moon with silver light,
Are radiant with a thankful mind,
And all proclaim the Lord is kind.

For tables spread with loving care,
And garnished with delicious fare,
For welcome in the kindly home,
For worship in the sacred dome,
Our thankful hearts, O God, we raise,
And sing to Thee our song of praise.

—E. Whittaker, D.D.

SERMONETTE.

Bishop Laache.

Isaiah 42: 1-4—"Behold my servant, whom I uphold, mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit in him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall not break, and the smoking flar shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law."

The Spirit in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ is mighty and victorious mercy. Himself has taken upon His own shoulders our sins, and made our cause His own, and made Himself answerable for us against all accusers; and thus we have to do with Him only. And He deals with us like the merciful Saviour that He is, and continues His efforts until He has healed us, and completed the work of saving us. He shall save all who accept the Gospel invitation, of all peoples on the face of the earth, no matter how sorry the plight into which the devil may have brought them. Even if our faith be most deplorably weak, yet will He not reject us. "A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench." Thus we read in our text; and it is thus that we find Him always. We all have many a time felt thus bruised and weak and have disclosed our troubles to Him, and received comfort and help. He is become the servant of the Lord, and was anointed to this very end, with meekness to help the afflicted. How carefully does He not take us in His hand; how indulgently does He not deal with us; how patiently does He not continue His efforts, even though the long course of treatment seem to effect no improvement in us! The bruised reed shall become whole and vigorous. The faith in our heart should be strong and fearless; but, alas, it is fragile and weak, and would fall to pieces at once, did not the hand of Him Who is meekness itself sustain us. The smoking flax should be ablaze; it should shoot its flames as high as heaven in the pure atmosphere of grace; but it smokes and smokes, and is on the point of being quenched. Yet He continues to add oil and keep the spark alive, that it might burn brightly at the last. He shall not cease His efforts, until the victory has been forever won. In thus saving us individually He preserves and perfects His kingdom." He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law."

Ye servants of the Lord, do ye also bring forth judgment to the afflicted! Israel is one with their Lord; and to them, as to him it is said: "I have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and will give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I, the Lord, He that created the heavens and stretched them out; He that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein. I, the Lord thy God, have spoken it." If it seem to you that your labor is in vain, remember that the Lord makes the earth to bring forth fruit, and will make darkness light before you.

Lord, we praise Thee; we bless Thy glorious name, and pray Thee for grace to believe in Thee, serve Thee, and give Thee honor for evermore. Amen.

THE WORLD'S DEBT TO THE REFORMATION.

Ten Jewels For Which We Give Thanks.

The Church of the Reformation calls her friends and her neighbors together, at this festival time, to rejoice with her at the recovery (after the lighting of the candle and the sweeping of the house) of these ten jewels, more precious than rubies, which are her priceless heritage, to be handed from generation to generation.

1. **The Open Bible.** The inalienable right of every human soul in all the wide world is to have the open Bible. The very first thing a Protestant missionary does upon entering a new country is to translate the Bible into the language of that people,—the last thing that Rome would ever think of doing. This is the guarantee of Protestant permanence. The Protestant Reformation put the Bible in

the hands of the people. Every time we find consolation, inspiration and blessing in its precious pages we are in debt to the Reformation.

2. **Justification by Faith.** What a gracious thing it was, in God's Providence, that Luther was allowed to find this key, which unlocks all the Scriptures, before he became a translator! He found it amid his inward struggles during his stay in the monastery. The fakirs, sitting on beds of spikes to obtain peace, the poor widows of India measuring their length to a shrine to propitiate the gods, the mothers casting their children into the Ganges, millions who do penance and make gifts to obtain pardon for sin, would give all they possess for the assurance we have of justification through faith.

3. **The Universal Priesthood of All Believers.** This means doing away with all the false distinctions between the clergy and the laity. During the Apostolic age every Christian was a missionary. The evangelization of the world dare never be limited to a select few. Whatever obligation belongs to one, belongs to all.

4. **The Right of Private Judgment.** We deny that the only authority to decide our religious belief is the Pope. Every believer decides it for himself, with God's own Word as his absolute rule. Luther claimed this right in his immortal answer before the Diet of Worms, and in this he was the spokesman of all Protestants.

5. **The People's Part in Public Worship.** What a priceless privilege it is that we have of taking part in public worship. Now, practically all Protestants have some form of service in which all the people join. In Old Testament days even the High Priest himself could go into the Holy of Holies only once a year. We have access every Sunday.

6. **Universal Education.** The principle of Protestantism is the general enlightenment of the people. Every public school system on earth is the gift of the Reformation. How much would North America take for it? How much would South America give for it? Or Mexico, or Spain, or Italy, or Porto Rico?

7. **An Unmutilated Sacrament.** This is another of the ten treasures which had been lost, and which were found again, in the Reformation. The withholding of the cup from the laity is a high-handed usurpation of Rome, to bolster up the caste distinction of the priests.

8. **Christian Hymns.** The Reformation was literally sung into the hearts of the people. In Romish countries there are no hymns, either in the Churches or in the home. Without Bibles, without hymn-books, without schools such as we know on every hand, how dark and cheerless were those days compared with the light in which we rejoice.

9. **Protestant Parsonages.** How much does North America owe to the Protestant parsonage which is another gift of the Reformation? Name the senators in our halls of legislation, the judges of our courts, the statesmen, the lawyers, the physicians, the surgeons, the merchants, the ministers, the men eminently useful in every walk of life, who have come from Protestant parsonages. What hospitality is there dispensed; what cheer is given to help those who come for advice and strengthening; what example of Christian home-life in our own and in non-Christian lands!

10. **Civil and Religious Liberty.** In Luther's day the States of Europe were chained to the chariot of the Emperor, whose driver was the Pope. Into their hands Luther placed the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and States which have wielded that sword have severed the chain and become free. Modern freedom is the fruit of the tree planted by Martin Luther. "The priceless blessings of liberty and the rights of conscience recognized, enjoyed, and guaranteed in our own great republic, and working like a leaven among all people who do not enjoy them, are, directly and indirectly, the result of the truths and principles so clearly and so forcibly proclaimed by Martin Luther four hundred years ago."

Behold the priceless value of these ten jewels, recovered in the Reformation, remembering without a single exception that each one has come to be the common heritage of Protestantism as a whole, whatever its differences and divisions, and say whether, in these ten foundation principles, we have cause for united thanksgiving.

"The human race is divided into two classes—those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire 'why wasn't it done the other way.'"—O. W. Holmes.

Prove your faith by your works for "Faith without works is dead."

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EDITORIAL.

Late.—Forgive us dear readers for being so late this month. A series of unusual events culminating in the death and funeral of his soldier brother have engaged so much of the Editor's time and attention that he has found it well-nigh impossible to publish this issue. We should have been early. We should have come to you with Thanksgiving suggestions and celebration material in ample time for you to make use of them, but we did not. So it is so often in life. Man may plan for the morrow but he knows not what the morrow may bring forth. The young man or woman looks out upon the future with the eager anticipations of youth but disease and death stalk along and it is all changed. Well is it that there are realities beyond time of which we can be sure. From him who knows not the Lord Jesus death removes all but to him whose life is bid with Christ in God death but unveils a more beautiful treasure of inalienable blessings. Reader, may we be personal with you? Have you laid hold of eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? "To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the day of provocation." "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

Fall.—"While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." The return of autumn proclaims the ever-recurring procession of the seasons and tells of God's faithfulness to His promise. The fall is a beautiful season. It tells of completed activities and glorious departures. "The summer ends; the year prepares to double the cape of storms; flowers of the deepest dye are abloom; the woods robe themselves in rare and sumptuous brocades—saffron and crimson, amber and russet, and darkest green; no humblest thorn or vine or bramble, no crumbling oak-bole, no lichen on a moldering wall, but nods in plumes of many-colored flame. So should life close with man: its season of decay the period of its rarest loveliness; the rich and venerable splendor of a spirit subdued, chastened and enriched by loss; a character that combines wisdom and strength with sweetness and tolerance; a stately pillar wreathed with acanthes; and what is mortal of it, though ruined and decayed by the wear of years, seamed and battered by the shocks of toil and moil and grief, glorified at the vanishing point by the light of the glory of God breaking on it from beyond." The month of October has an interest to the Protestant that is all its own. It tells of the Reformation and its untold blessings to the world. What should we say as we hold the hand of the dying had we not learned the truth as it is in Jesus? How should ye comfort the passing soul could we not point to the merits of Christ as the ground of our justification before God—a justification that is apprehended by faith alone? No horrors of purgatory because of uncompleted penance, no dependence upon priestly acts performed after death, but a full assurance that, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin," and that "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Apportionments.—In the midst of quadricentennial celebrations, harvest home services and fall conventions, we trust our congregations are not neglecting their ordinary obligations to Synod and Mission Boards. So far as the Synod of Central Canada is concerned monies are needed for Synodical expenses and the Home Mission

apportionment should be paid monthly. It is not fair to ask the Home Mission Board to advance salaries to missionaries, nor is it right that missionaries should be kept waiting for their salaries. Try to forward monies for the various funds before long.

Aggressive.—Were all our pastors as aggressive in their efforts to enlarge the circulation of the Canada Lutheran as one whom we have in mind at this moment it would not be long till we could count our subscribers by the thousand. Every month and sometimes several times during the month he sends in lists of new subscribers and he is so confident in his ability to get them that if the occasion makes it convenient he sends on monies in advance for subscriptions that he hopes to get. We have many faithful and active friends but only one in the above class. Who will emulate this example and help us place, "The Canada Lutheran in every home"?

BOOK REVIEWS.

Quadri-Centennial Programme. Just out. Mrs. Charles L. Fry has compiled a complete programme for celebrating the Quadri-Centennial, by request of the Council of Women for Home Missions, 600 Lexington Ave., New York City.

As indicated by the auspices of its publication, it is for use in all Protestant denominations, on a festival occasion arranged during the month of October, 1917. It is sufficiently diversified that ten young women, of good voice and self-possession, can take part, yet there is nothing so elaborate about it that it cannot easily be rendered by any Missionary Society, Sunday School or congregation, urban or rural. Sample copies will be sent on request. Address the Lutheran Women's Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.—C. L. F.

A S K .

Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D.

The Synod of Central Canada was prayed into existence—so were its congregations. The Seminary at Waterloo owes its existence to prayer. Its President was chosen in answer to much wrestling with God. "Ask and it shall be given to you." That is the command and promise of our Lord and His promises cannot fail.

Tests.

The war brought many trials to our congregations. They lost their pastors. They were threatened wellnigh with extinction. There were dissensions within and difficulties without. But not one has been lost. Why not? There have always been men and women who have interceded for them. Some were in the congregations themselves—others were many miles away. God wishes to be entreated. "Ask of Me and I will give you." We often have not because we ask not. We often receive not because we ask amiss. We have no faith. Our plans are often too small. Our motives are not right. O, let us ask God to teach us to pray! Let us pray for His Spirit, then let us give ourselves unceasingly to intercession.

Whatsoever.

What a wonderful word! What tremendous possibilities. Everything. Then why should we not pray oftener for those in authority—for pastors, the officers of our Synod, of our Seminary—and mention them all by name. Let us do as God commands us, "Pray that He may send forth more laborers into the harvest"—and they will come. Let us pray more earnestly that our Church may become more liberal financially, in order that we may be able to undertake larger work and that our faithful missionaries may be promptly paid.

Let us pray more mightily for men and means, consecration, and greater zeal for Christ and His Kingdom, in the home, the Sunday School, in the congregation. Let us pray that we may become better parents, better children, better teachers and officers, better ministers of the Gospel, better men and women.

Time.

All this takes time. But God gives us all the time we have. Let us spend a little less in worrying and bemoaning our fate and the evil times in which we have fallen, and spend a great deal more time in our closets, upon our knees, at the family altar asking God for all that we desire to accomplish for Him and His cause.

If the effective fervent prayer of one righteous man availeth much, how much more of the many when they pray for country, for a righteous peace, for the extension of God's Kingdom in our hearts, in our homes, in our community, our Province, our Nation, in all the world.

"Pray without ceasing." The answer must and will come in God's time and way.

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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

Brantford.

On August 27th George Arthur, Harris Reginald, Charles Frederick, Earle Christmas, Minnie Edna, Mae Emmeline, Clarence Leonard, children of Mr. George B. Peet and his wife (nee Sophia A. Warning), of Edson, Alberta, were baptized and made children of grace by the Rev. J. Badke, a former pastor of St. Matthew's. On August 10th the pastor conducted the funeral service of the late William Dalyrmple. The pastor's text was Ps. 90: 12.

The attendance at S. S. and church services has been good, but still room for more. Steps have been taken to give our church a more church-like appearance. The windows have been re-frosted, a railing put around the choir, and a reading desk is to be installed shortly.

The infant daughter of Mrs. Edw. Sandberg was taken to the hospital on September 13th, suffering from cholera infantum.

The Luther League held their monthly meeting, September 10th, at the home of Mrs. F. Clarke, 53 High St. At this meeting it was decided that the League would take the responsibility of placing a reading desk in our church.

On August 28th, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Peet, of Edson, Alta., who have been visiting Mrs. Peet's mother, Mrs. Warning, for the past three months, returned to the West.

Buttonville.

On September 18th the Daniel Quantz farm, bequeathed by him to St. John's Church, Buttonville, was formally transferred to the trustees of the church by the Judge of the Surrogate Court. The value of the farm has been decreased as a result of the recent fire which destroyed barn and stables. St. John's Ladies' Aid met during the month at the home of Mrs. A. L. Scott. The Harvest Home Service was attended by 125 people. The Bethesda choir furnished special music and the pastor preached from John 3: 16. The decorations were unusually beautiful and complete and represented no little labor by our few faithful people.

College Opening.

September 6th was New Year's Day at Waterloo College for on that date the doors of this young institution of ours again swung open to welcome back last year's professors and students and to welcome too the new Professor and new young men who applied for enrollment as students.

At 2 p.m. the opening service was held in the beautiful little chapel which has been a source of admiration to all who have seen it. Rev. H. J. Behrens conducted the service. Rev. Prof. O. Lincke gave the German address, Rev. Ernest H. Beckman of Galt, gave the English address, and Rev. C. H. Little, Prof.-elect, gave his introductory address to the College students.

All were sorry to hear that one of last year's popular students, Herman F. P. Monk, would be unable to return this year owing to ill-health.

Most of the other old boys were back on opening day and the rest have returned since. In addition to these there are eight new students as follows: Karl Uffelmann, Jack Berdux, Walter Miller, Rymer Holm and Ross Martin, all of Waterloo; Lloyd Kalbfleisch, of Goderich; Geo. Homuth, of Preston, and Edgar Fischer, of Clifford. One or two others may yet enroll.

Galt.

On Sunday, August 19th, our congregation here celebrated its Tenth Anniversary. In the morning two new members were received and the pastor administered his first Holy Communion of which forty-one persons partook. In the evening the pastor preached in Stratford in the interests of the Seminary Jubilee Fund while Rev. Klaehn preached the anniversary sermon here. On Tuesday evening, August 21st Rev. Klaehn also gave the illustrated Reformation Lecture in this church to a small but appreciative audience.

On Sunday evening, August 26th, a special service was held in honor of the Tenth Anniversary of the Luther League. Mr. E. B. Westcott was the speaker for the occasion and delighted the large congregation that heard his edifying and inspiring address. The

League has started mid-week services which are proving a success.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society at its last meeting voted $10 for Waterloo Seminary. They also celebrated their tenth anniversary on Sept. 9th, when the pastor preached a special sermon at the evening service. The Sunday School has ordered all bound text books for next year.

The Happy Thought Girls held a corn roast and watermelon feed during the month. Both were greatly enjoyed.

The pastor was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the newly organized Ministerial Council of Galt. He is also to present a paper on "Luther and the Reformation" at the October meeting of the Ministerial Association of Galt and vicinity.

A number from here attended and enjoyed the monster celebration in Kitchener on Labor Day.

Guelph.

Quite a few of our families journeyed to Kitchener on Labor Day to be present at the Quadri-Centennial celebration. Surely all who attended the inspiring services feel more than ever that the Lutheran army of Christians is a power for good.

The mid-week services for Reformation study have been discontinued. The average attendance at these services was twenty-seven. Now that the cooler weather is here the various societies and the Sunday School show better attendance at sessions. Plans are being made to entertain the district convention on October 8th.

Four young people were welcomed into the Luther League at its last session and as many more are ready to join later. The Intermediate Leaguers are planning a Hallow'een Social.

The Sunday School has plans to contribute to every branch of benevolences through it's weekly offerings. At present Home Missions are receiving attention. Twenty-two dollars were paid recently to the church treasurer towards the Foreign Mission apportionment of the Church.

Hamilton.

The holiday season is over, our members have all returned to their homes and congregational life and activity is back to normal.

Removals—We regret to report that a number of our esteemed families have moved from our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Ebert, who have been faithful members of our congregation for a number of years have removed to their new home in Port Colborne. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goring, who likewise are missed by us now live in Simcoe. Mr. and Mrs. Knoss, after having been members with us for a few years have removed to Buffalo, N.Y., where Mr. Knoss has secured a better position. Much as these losses are to be regretted we also rejoice in the arrival to our city and congregation of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Tess, of Vancouver, B.C. Mr. and Mrs. Tess were members of our congregation seven years ago. We are glad to see them with us again. A number of other families are also expected to join us ere long.

Luther League.—Our Senior Luther League is making headway. The holiday season in no way interferred. Our September meeting had about thirty present. New accessions are made monthly, and we look forward to a profitable winter's work. Devotional meetings have commenced again and are held every Sunday evening after Divine worship. A week ago the League spent a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gruether, in Waterdown.

Sunday School.—The pastor is preaching a series of six sermons on Sunday School work. The series will be concluded with an every member canvass among the children. A "Children's Service" to be held on the evening of September 30th, will conclude the series. We pray that blessings may flow from this endeavor.

Council Meeting.—At our last council meeting general business was transacted, and our finances are in fair shape. The mid-summer interest was promptly paid, and at the same time our mortgage was decreased by $100. At the same meeting Mr. John Holm was appointed a member of the Church Council to fill a vacancy which existed. Mr. Geo. Kiehl was appointed the new treasurer of our congregation. May God bless these men in their capacities.

The "Ifs" and "Buts"—On Labor Day about thirty of our members started off, early in the morning, in an automobile omnibus with Kitchener as their destination. The monster Jubilee celebration was being held there and none would miss it! Merrily we went on. Compliments of many discriptions were plentiful—the happy people—the finest outfit in

Hamilton—the appropriate banners which adorned our buss—the beautiful day, etc. Presently we stopped. The engine needed oil we were told. It was given its supply, but yet would not be persuaded to start. Indeed the surrounding country, somewhere between Kitchener and Dundas, where we stopped, was very picturesque, so none seemed to care very much. But as time went on we began to feel that two hours spent out in the country sitting on the fence watching the machine being coaxed into action was about long enough. Our hearts grew anxious, and when we were finally informed that the engine was a complete wreck and could not be brought into service again that day, sickening disappointment was unanimous. What was to be done! All were sensible enough to make the best of the mishap, knowing that it was unavoidable. Some returned to Hamilton in time for tea, while the others went to Galt with a small motor arriving in Kitchener at three p.m. The return trip to Hamilton was even more thrilling, due to engine trouble, we did not arrive until five a.m. We quietly concluded —it is well that celebrations of this kind only occur every 100 years. Therefore we say, if our engine had not broken we would have enjoyed our trip. But it did!

Humberstone.

The Luther League is busily engaged in canvassing the homes of the members of the congregation and offering for sale Quadri-Centennial material. A goodly number of Luther books have been thus sold—Life of Luther, History of the Reformation, etc. The September meeting of the League was held on the evening of the 11th at the parsonage with an attendance of 22. It is doubtful whether any delegates from here will attend the convention at Guelph, as train accommodations are so very poor, not being able to reach the city until six o'clock p.m.. Baptized in the home of the grandfather, Mr. C. C. Knoll, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, Donald William Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ford, who have removed from Amherst, N.S., and will reside in Woodstock, Ont. Seriously ill during the month was the devoted wife of our faithful organist and choir leader, Mr. Kanold. The critical stage has safely passed and at time of writing is able to be up at intervals. Also Mrs. Anna Mehlenbacher has been quite ill, but is again able to be about her duties.

Kitchener.

The services in First English Lutheran Church during the past few weeks, dealt chiefly with the Reformation. On Tuesday, August 21st, Rev. Dr. Hoffmann, of Toronto, spoke in the interest of the Jubilee Fund, and on the previous Sunday Dr. Weidenhammer addressed the congregation on a similar subject. On August 26, the every member campaign was held in the congregation, which proved to be a great success, over nine hundred dollars have been realized, and there is no doubt that it will reach the thousand mark.

Picnic and rest time is now over, which has already been noticed by the renewed activity for earnest work in the different organizations.

Sunday, Sept. 9th, Student O. Neeb occupied the pulpit at the morning service.

Ottawa.

Since the last report there were five baptisms: Eldon Harold Poulsen, Margaret Helen Johnson, Ronald Scott, Aage Ernest Carlsen Mortensen, Harry Robert Spencer Peterson. On the last Sunday of August an Annex Sunday School was opened in Eastview, to be known as St. Peter's, and to be held at three o'clock every Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. M. Hanson, 59 Elm St., until other arrangements can be made. Mr. Webster has been kind enough to donate an organ for this purpose.

On the second of September the following were confirmed: Gudrun E. Fransen, Irene M. A. Harvey, Gilbert P. Harvey, Wilfred A. O. Harvey, Esther A. Hultkvist, Julia S. Lapointe, Ruth Linnea Lindblad, Viola C. Sjolin. The service was the most largely attended of the season.

Mr. J. N. Grabb became a member of the congregation by letter of transfer from the First Lutheran Church of Toronto. The Holy Communion was celebrated on the second Sunday of the month.

Sherwood.

Our students have returned to Waterloo, Student Cooper to enter the Junior class in the Seminary, and Student Boerner to resume his College course. The Harvest Home services held morning and evening, Sept. 23rd, were attended by the largest congregations that have been present for years, the number reaching 240 at the

evening service. Excellent music was furnished by the choir, assisted by Mrs. Showalter, of Sherwood. The pastor preached at both services. The Ladies' Aid met during the month in the Sunday School room. It was decided to send Christmas boxes to our soldiers and also to prepare a box for the city poor. Two little girls have arrived to gladden two of our homes—one born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Fry, of Sherwood, and the other to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Toronto. May God bless the little ones.

Toronto, St. Paul's.

On August 24th death claimed one of our most faithful and most influential members in the person of William C. Elsasser, of 95 Brunswick Avenue. Mr. Elsasser was born in Baden, Ontario, in 1864, and was a life long member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. For a number of years he was a member of the Church Council of St. Paul's and Vice-President of that body. He leaves a wife, three children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate father and a true friend. The funeral services were held in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toronto, and the body was interred in the cemetery at Baden, Ontario.

On Friday evening, August 24th, a goodly number of the members and friends of St. Paul's congregation tendered a farewell reception to their Acting Pastor, Student S. W. Hirtle, B.A., who resigned owing to ill-health. They presented him with an address and a purse of money.

Unionville.

Mr. C. H. Stiver, who has been spending the past few weeks at Dr. Meyers private hospital, Toronto, is still in very poor health, though some improvement has taken place. Even under the most favorable developments he is likely to remain at the hospital for some time. His forced withdrawal from active life has brought grief not only to his dear family and immediate friends but to the entire parish in which he was ever so able and faithful a leader and the Lutheran Church at large to whom he was such a devoted son. May it please God to grant him a speedy restoration to health.

The Bethesda Ladies' Aid met during the month at the parsonage. The Harvest Home services were held morning and evening on September 17th. Large congregations were present. Pte. A. S. Willison, brother of Pastor Willison, passed to be with Jesus on October 2nd, after an illness that confined him to his bed for nine months. He was in his twenty-eighth year. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and shortly before his death had his membership transferred to Bethesda congregation, Unionville. The funeral was conducted by his brother, and his remains laid to rest in Torrance Cemetery, Muskoka. A widowed mother, three sisters and two brothers survive him.

Waterloo.

The Luther League of St. John's Lutheran Church held its regular monthly meeting on September 1st, 1917, and one more new member was accepted.

We are glad to welcome back into our midst Mr. Paul Bechter, a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

With deep regret we must report that Mr. H. F. Monk, on account of illness, will be unable to return to us again. We all extend our sincerest sympathy. Mr. Monk was also a student at the Seminary.

A committee was appointetd to take up an "Every Member Canvass" in our Luther League on the 23rd of this month to raise a sum of money towards the Jubilee Fund.

Upon motion it was decided to send five delegates to the district convention of the Luther League which will be held at Guelph on Thanksgiving Day. It was further decided that our League would engage a party to give a concert in the Town Hall on the 26th inst, and a committee was appointed to look after the selling of tickets, etc.

Upon motion it was further decided to give to Mr. O. Neeb our hearty support during his last year at the Theological Seminary.

Welland.

St. Matthew's Church here celebrated its annual Harvest Home Sunday, Sept. 16th, with a beautiful morning service. The weather was ideal, the attendance good, the decorations tasty and attractive, well in keeping with the occasion. Pastor Knauff preached an interesting sermon on Acts 14: 17—"The Voice of God in the Harvest." One new member was received, Mrs. Mary Baff. The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid

Society was held in the Church, Sept. 13th. The interesting topic was discussed: "The Word and Work of the Inner Mission." The Society is to be represented at the meeting of the local Women's Auxiliary, Organization of Resources Committee.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

The Walkerton-Mildmay parish has extended a call to the Rev. A. C. Redderoth, Ph.D. Having been connected with the Canada Synod from 1908 to 1912, in charge of I. Lutheran Church at Toronto, he withdrew from the same and has been out of the active ministry for a number of years. For the sake of the Walkerton Church, which has experienced more than one disappointment during its protracted vacancy, we sincerely hope that Rev. Redderoth may accept their call and as early as possible re-enter the active service of the Church. The temporary supply of this vacant field, though partly in charge of the brethren in the vicinity, is growing an ever more difficult task for the synodical authorities.

An exceedingly sad occurrence has frustrated our negotiations in regard to the supplying of our vacant mission parish in Greenlake Tp., Renfrew Co., with a permanent pastor. As reported in a previous number of this paper we had secured the services of a man, whom we considered particularly fitted for this field, in the person of the Rev. M. Rueckwald, of Webster, N.Y., a native Canadian in the prime of his life. On the 5th of September the writer forwarded the call to Pastor Rueckwald in the name of the congregation and the Synodical Mission Board. The following day the startling news reached us: "Rev. Rueckwald died yesterday, Sept. 5th." Man proposes, God disposes! We humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, who has called His faithful servant to glory the very moment we called him to active service. Sunday, Sept. 9th, the remains of our departed brother were laid to rest in the parish cemetery of St. John's Church, Ladysmith, Que., where he was born and spent the days of his childhood and youth, till he entered Martin Luther Seminary at Buffalo, to prepare for the ministry. We extend our Christian sympathy to his bereaved family and relatives as well as to the Greenlake Parish in its sore disappointment and pray the Lord, that He may exalt them in due time by supplying them with a laborer after His own heart.

The great Quadri-Centennial Celebration at Kitchener was attended by 23 pastors of the Canada Synod. It has proved to be an inspiration to thousands of Canadian Lutherans. The only thing to be regretted in connection with it, is that it was not made a general affair of the two Canada Synods. Provision might have been made for every one of our congregations to be represented by a delegation. The active participation of the pastors and churches connected with the General Synod contributed a good deal to the character as well as to the success of the celebration and was generally commented upon as a matter to be rejoiced at in view of the proposed union of our several general bodies. The fact that the event has borne tangible fruit besides the spiritual inspiration it has created, was brought very close up to the writer, when the Sunday after the Kitchener convention one of his members, who had attended the celebration, handed him a donation of $500 for our Seminary Jubilee Fund in grateful recognition of the blessings of the Reformation, as they were impressed upon him at the Quadri-Centennial serfices.

Sunday, Sept. 9th, First Lutheran Church of Toronto had the pleasure of listening to an eloquent and most timely sermon by the Rev. Chas. K. Fegley, of Wyomissing, Pa., the General Secretary of the Thankoffering for Mission Movement. The Gospel lesson of the day—the ten lepers—could not help but give him a most welcome motive to impress upon his hearers the cause, which at the present time is nearer and dearer to his heart than anything else, the grand opportunity and pressing responsibility for every Lutheran to help erecting a monument to our gratitude for the blessings of the Reformation by a one day's income—thankoffering for missions in its broadest sense of the further extension and firmer establishment of the Lutheran Church. Rev. Fegley's untiring and most wisely planned efforts are certainly deserving of an unqualified success. Although the pushing of our Seminary Jubilee Fund, which was planned years ago, may to some extent interfere with this movement of more recent date, its object is so evidently in harmony with the character of the Quadri-Centennial and so obviously urging in view

of present world conditions, that there seems to be no excuse whatever for our non-participation in it. Let us do the one thing, work for our Seminary Fund, with all our might; but let us not leave undone the other thing, showing an active and warm-hearted interest in the Mission Thankoffering on Sunday, October 7th.

Sunday, August 26th, the writer had the honor and pleasure of being the preacher at the semi-centennial services in St. Peter's Church, Logan Tp., H. Weigand p. loci. In the evening service he presented the Seminary Jubilee Fund cause to an audience which filled the large church to its capacity. Rev. A. Blunck shared with him the duties and pleasures of a blessed day.

SEMINARY NOTES.

By Ernest H. Beckman.

September 26, 1917, will go down as another important date in the history of Waterloo Seminary. In the afternoon of that date there gathered in the Seminary chapel the faculty, students, neighboring pastors and friends of the institution to participate in the opening exercises of its seventh scholastic year. The Dean, the Rev. Prof. Preston A. Laury, D.D., presided and conducted the service. A German address was made by the Rev. E. Bockelmann, pastor of St. John's, Waterloo, in which he placed high ideals before the young men who are to enter the Holy Ministry from this Seminary. Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., Professor-elect of the Seminary, gave the English address in which he clearly and definitely set forth the aims and purpose of our School of the Prophets. Rev. Prof. Holm pronounced the benediction at the close of the exercises.

In the evening of the same day, in the presence of a good sized congregation, in St. John's Church, Waterloo, the Rev. Prof. C. H. Little, D.D., was publicly installed as Professor of Historical and Practical Theology in our Waterloo Seminary. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Bockelmann. Rev. H. J. Behrens, English Secretary of the Board of Directors, preached the sermon. The Act of Installation was performed by the Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., President of the Board. On behalf of the Faculty the new professor was welcomed by Rev. Prof. Laury, D.D., who said that the Seminary, as a child of Faith, Love and Hope, with a student body filled with faith, love and hope welcomed its new professor as a man of faith, a man of love and a man of hope.

TWO NOTABLE CELEBRATIONS IN CANADA.

Our Canada Lutheran brethren held two very notable Quadri-centennial gatherings in the first week of September and are delighted mith the success of their efforts to make known the cardinal principles of the Reformation.

On Labor Day the Kitchener celebration was held in the great auditorium, which was well filled at each of the three services, noticeably so in the afternoon. A German service in the morning was conducted by the Rev. E. Sperling, pastor of the large independent St. Peter's congregation. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., of Toronto, President of the Canada Synod. Prior to the afternoon services there was a great parade of the Sunday Schools and Luther Leagues, headed by the best band of the city, and gay with suitable national, church and Reformation flags and banners. It traversed the principal streets of the city and then filled the auditorium. Pastor Behrens, of Kitchener, conducted the service, and addresses were made by the Rev. L. A. Yarger, of Chicago, general superintendent of the Board of Church Extension of the General Synod, and by the Rev. C. K. Fegley, Executive Secretary of the General Council Quadri-Centennial Thankopering for Missions. The same men spoke in the evening, when Pastor E. Bockelmann, of Waterloo, conducted the service. Over twenty pastors in clerical gowns took part in the services and delegations of Lutheran people were present from congregations of the Canada and Central Canada Synods, near and far. The celebration made such an impression on the community that many ministers and members of other denominations attended. The offerings were quite liberal, leaving a fine balance for the Waterloo Seminary treasury after all expenses were paid. Large space was given to reports of the services, speeches, etc., by the local newspapers.

On September 5th the Lutherans of the congregations around Williams-

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Delivered At the W. M. S. Convention in Hamilton, on June 6, 1917.

Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society from June, 1916 to 1917.

Dear Friends and Co-Workers:—We are assembled to-day to review the past year and get help and encouragement for the work of another year. In this I am sure we will not be disappointed.

This year of 1917 is no ordinary year for our Lutheran Church. It is a Jubilee year, for in October she will celebrate her 400th anniversary.

We are members of a Church which has the proud distinction of being the first Protestant Church, the first Church to give the Bible to her people in their language, and the first Church to publish a hymn book. She has been the leaven that started the whole Protestant movement in Europe and it has permeated the nations until—not every individual—but almost every nation has heard of our Lord and Saviour.

Now, friends, do you not think too many of us are ready to be satisfied with our fine history and what our forefathers did and that we should rest and leave the evangelizing of the world to somebody else?

Who can deny that in some of our Lutheran congregations even in the Quadri-Centennial year, but there is a lamentable indifference to the salvation of souls outside the walls of their own particular church? Only within the last few weeks a friend wrote she had been invited to speak in a neighboring church but had not done so because she heard the majority of the members did not want her. For said they, "She will want to start a missionary society and we do not want a missionary society in our church."

Not all the members even in the congregations where we have organized a Women's Missionary Society, feel they are under any obligation to help to carry out our Lord's last command to preach the Gospel to every creature.

This Jubilee year of our 400th anniversary ought to spur us on to greater and higher things than ever before.

As a fitting celebration for this Jubilee year there is a movement on foot to unite the General Synod, the United Synod of the South and our General Council under one head to be known as the "United Lutheran Church of America." As your President I was asked to endorse a resolution which our women are preparing asking to have a representative on the different Mission Boards of this United Church that we may work more intelligently and efficiently.

Our Women's Societies are asked to co-operate in the "Quadri-Centennial Thank-offering for Missions." The desired goal is $400,000 or $100,000 for each hundred years. We are asked to make an offering on the basis of "one day's income." Dear friends, when this day comes hesitate not to give it your liberal support.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death since our last meeting of our most efficient chairman, Miss Emma Roos, of Waterloo. Although associated with our work but three short years she had greatly endeared herself to us and we esteemed her one of our most faithful and consecrated workers.

We also regret the removal from our midst of Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Chairman of our Inner Mission Committee. However, ye have the satisfaction of knowing we will always possess her keenest interest and constant prayers. We thank God for her wonderful recovery to health and pray that she may be long spared to labor here in His vineyard.

This year, for the first time, our Society issued a bulletin, stating the different objects we are working for when their contributions should be made and giving the name and address of each chairman of the standing committees. We certainly hope this little folder has justified its appearance.

I would like to call the attention of the local societies to exercising more care in the sending of their money. Figuring from different reports it would appear last year we raised $1147, whereas only about $600 appears on our Treasurer's books. The reason being the money was not sent through the proper channels.

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THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Rev. E. H. Beckman, Box 152, Galt, Ont.

.. THE LUTHER LEAGUE. IT'S ORIGIN.

In April, 1887, the members of the Young Men's Association of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of New York City, adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to enter into negotiations with other societies of Lutheran Churches in that city, for the purpose of presenting to them the idea of forming an organization by which the various Lutheran Young People's Societies of New York City could be brought together and work harmoniously for the upbuilding of the Lutheran Church.

In order to avoid the possibility of giving the movement a synodical appearance the following clause was inserted in the resolution: "Resolved, That such committee, when appointed, shall first visit a society connected with a church of different synodical connection than St. Peter's."

The task before the committee was a rather difficult one. They had heard of other Lutheran churches and pastors, but had never known any of the young people, and consequently knew very little of the societies connected with these churches. The opportunity thus presented, however, caused them to make inquiries; although, during the previous twelve years of their existence, the association never had occasion to seek any information regarding their Lutheran brethren of that city.

The committee first corresponded with and later visited the Young Men's Association of St. John's Church and were heartily welcomed. They presented their plan and asked for co-operation. The idea seemed a good one. In New York City there were then twenty-one Lutheran Churches, and if an association could be founded in each church, and all organized in a general body, what an amount of good could be done.

The young men of St. John's heartily endorsed the plan and appointed a committee to co-operate with the committee of St. Peter's in visiting other societies of Lutheran Churches wherever they could be found.

St. Luke's Association was next visited, and agreed to aid in the good work.

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THE JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE AND THE TEEN AGE PROBLEM.

By Leon Irschick.

In the teen age a certain change, a certain upheaval takes place in every boy and girl, and it depends greatly upon the food, both bodily and spiritual, which the child receives at this time, as to whether the individual will become a useful and healthy member of society or not.

No doubt the reader has heard some parents exclaim: "I have given up in despair. I cannot do anything with her," or "It is of no use, he just won't be controlled." They are the selfsame parents who cannot understand their children in whom the awakening of self feeling and self consciousness makes them impatient of control, irritable and stubborn. On the other hand where we have to do with a timid nature this change leads to bashfulness, awkwardness, shrinking from companions. This critical experience is successfully dealt with by the Junior Luther League. For, though you may approach a child fairly close in an organization like the Sunday School, you can do so still better in a League by instilling into the more forward ones the necessity of recognizing the authority of parents and superiors, something that is very important and urgent in a country like Canada where the dominant democratic spirit encourages to neglect this point. The study of some Bible character in whom, in a positive way, just this phase is prominent, also the recognition of the authority of officers in whose election the child has participated will all help to fight this feature of the teen age.

The more timid ones, on the other hand, will be drawn out of their retreats in being made responsible for some matter. With five officers and at least two standing committees there should be ample opportunity for this practice. Besides this the leader ship in the presentation of topics or discussions in devotional meetings, the picnics or hikes or summer camps, all these help to bind the timid boy or girl to his or her fellow leaguers.

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RELIGION AS A HABIT.

One of the serious defects in the religious life of Protestants is the want of routine or regularity. The Christian's constant need of prayer and watchfulness and contact with God's Word is so evident that it should be as impossible for him to banish them from his daily religious routine as it would be for him to do without his regular meals or his stated hours of sleep. If religion is in reality a vital spiritual necessity, he should have the same appetite for it that his body has for food, and any break in the continuity of this spiritual feeding and nourishing should be as keenly felt as when he omits his meals. Feeding his spiritual nature should be to him as regular and necessary a task as the eating of his food three times a day. In other words, religion to be worth anything must belong to the Christian's routine of life and he should feel like a fish out of water when there is a break in this routine. Religion as an impulse or a fleeting emotion is worth very little. What makes the Christianity of so many people fitful and unstable is the ephemeral character it possesses in their case. It must become a habit. It must be wrought into the very web and woof of the spiritual life and become as necessary to them as air and food and water. Then and then only will it find a fixed place in their everyday life and hold its chief place in their hearts.

Those of us who live near some Roman Catholic Church are often made to wonder how it happens that early on Sunday morning, while most Protestants are still asleep, be the weather fair or foul, streams of men and women move into the sanctuary to enjoy their morning mass. The earnestness with which they enter upon their devotions, the regularity with which they engage in them, and above all the necessity they feel for them are manifest in every way. That brief morning worship must mean something to them. It is something they can not afford to miss. To neglect it means serious loss. Of course, we Protestants interpret this external devotion to be a species of work righteousness purely, and no one disputes the fact that there is ample ground for this interpretation. It is far easier to discipline men and women into a religious regime, where specific rules and duties and penalties are far more powerful than religious life that is begotten of faith, than to awaken in them a devotion that will hold them true to Christ because of the love that prompts it. A religion of rules and prescriptions is always easier to impose upon men than a religion of faith and love. But when all this is said, it remains true that Roman Catholics have made their religion a habit of their life. There is that about it which has the mark of stability and fixedness. It belongs to their daily and weekly routine. It is a mistake to assume that because their devotions seem so formal, they are prompted less by love than by fear; for devout Roman Catholics will tell you that these religious exercises are as necessary to their comfort and happiness as the air they breathe or the food they eat.

Over against this formal, legalistic type of Christianity, which has settled into a fixed habit and become an essential part of life's routine, we place what is far better because it is more truly evangelical, and yet retains the routine and regularity which makes religion a habit. There are Christian parents (and may their number increase!) who graft into the family life a fixed religious routine. They pray as regularly as they eat, and they read the Scriptures and devotional books with the same regularity. They attend the services of God's house with the same devotion and fidelity as they eat their daily meals or do their daily business. Religion is to them the chief thing and not a mere appendix to other affairs that are allowed to usurp its place. It becomes a habit of life and a high and holy discipline. They do not ask their children whether or not they choose to be religious. They assume that they must be. They assume that it must be the mainspring of their lives—its chief motive power and inspiration. Thus religion becomes as fixed a habit in the family life as eating and drinking. What is needed in our day is the establishment of such religious routine in the family life. The home has lost much and the Church has lost still more because too many act on the assumption that they need not be religious until they feel like it, and they manage to feel like it only at intervals until at last they do not feel like it at all.—The Lutheran.

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The General Council Committee on Quadricentennial Thank-Offering for Missions.

A SONG OF TRUST.

I cannot always see the way that leads
To heights above;
I sometimes quite forget that He leads on
With hands of love;
But yet I know the path must lead me to
Immanuel's land,
And when I reach life's summit I shall know
And understand.

I cannot always trace the onward course
My ship must take,
But, looking backward, I behold afar
Its shining wake
Illumined with God's light of love; and so
I on ward go,
In perfect trust that He Who holds the helm
The course must know.

I cannot always see the plan on which
He builds my life;
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow
The noise of strife,
Confuse me till I quite forget He knows
And oversees,
And that in all details with His good plan
My life agrees.

I cannot always know and understand
The Master's rule;
I cannot always do the tasks He gives
In life's hard school;
But I am learning, with His help, to solve
Them one by one,
And when I cannot understand, to say,
"Thy will be done!"

—Lutheran Herald.

GALT LUTHER LEAGUE.

The Galt League held a picnic at Puslinch Lake during the month. It has also started midweek service on Wednesday evenings. It celebrated its tenth anniversary on Sunday, August 26th, at which Mr. E. B. Westcott, President of Canada L. L., was the speaker.

Mr. Westcott also addressed the Luther League and congregation at Hespeler on Sunday evening, Sept. 16. The Hespeler League also held a picnic and corn roast during the month, both of which events were pronounced successful.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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We will hear from the chairmen of the standing committees the work that has been accomplished in their departments.

Our watchword for this Quadri-Centennial year should be "Forward —Press Forward." The needs of our Church are as great as, if not greater, than ever before.

Dr. Betty Nilsson, who is in charge of our hospital and dispensary in Rajahmundry, is begging and pleading for a female physician to assist her before her health gives way under the weight of her responsibilities and over work.

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Our Home Mission problems and opportunities were never so bright, never as promising and the demands never as pressing as at this present time.

Our Seminary and Canada Lutheran must have our continued and hearty support.

If we would do our best work along all lines we must keep enlightened in our educational factors, that is in our Mission Study Classes, Mission Exhibit, our literature, and keep up our Life Memberships which support the literature.

If we neglect our Junior work where can we look for our future workers and givers?

Inner Missions, Porto Rico and Slav Missions are still pleading for our interest and support.

Thanking those who have given of their time and energy to the work of the Society during the past year, and trusting we may do much greater things in this coming year.

I am, sincerely yours,
MRS. J. C. CASSELMAN,
Retiring President.

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TWO NOTABLE CELEBRATIONS IN CANADA.

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burg gathered at the St. Peter's Church to the number of several hundred and held an all-day celebration.

The services were in charge of the Rev. J. Maurer, of St. Peter's Church, and his congregation acted as host to the brethren from the other places. The sermon of the morning was preached by the Rev. Ph. Lamartine, of Montreal. The addresses of the afternoon were made by the Rev. F. A. Bowers, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. C. K. Fegley, of Wyomissing. The address of the evening service was made by the Rev. Thomas McCune, a missionary of the British Bible Society in Brazil. He told of the violent contrasts between "Lands of the Open Bible and Lands of the Closed Book." Here, too, the services attracted Christians of other communions and they learned much of the universal value of the Reformation movement. The other subjects discussed were "Two Principles," "Reformation and Civil Liberty" and "Two Questions."—The Lutheran.