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## THE SECRET OF LUTHER'S GREATNESS.

In Luther's soul lived one desire which was paramount and that was to "find God," not as men vainly and foolishly imagined Him to be but as He was in reality. St. Augustine had said that "man could rest only as he rested in God." But Luther was not at rest. On the contrary he was greatly troubled. The mists were about his soul. He stretched out lame hands after God and found Him not. The minds and the hearts of the people about him were equally darkened. Painfully, by prayers and fastings, by long vigils and all manner of self-crucifixion he groped for the light. Christ, the tender and faithful Shepherd of the soul, he knew not. To him this Christ was a "Wrathful Judge," at best a second Moses. How came at last the light to this man? How were the dark clouds rolled back and how came he finally to see in Jesus "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," and through this knowledge and blessed assurance found peace for his tempest-tossed soul? It was because he believed that the testimony which God gave in His divine Word, the Holy Scriptures, was a reliable testimony and could be fully accepted without any reservation. At the famous debate at Leipsig, with Dr. Eck, and also at the Diet of Worms, two of the most critical periods in his life, it was the Holy Scriptures which he made the final court of appeal. Upon the folds of his garments and upon the walls of his room he had printed Psalm 119: 89, "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven." With the Word as his rock foundation he stood unmoved. "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen." Luther was no rationalist. By God's boundless grace he was a true child of faith, willing to accept what his imperfect reason could not explain, full conscious of the fact that the finite can at best but dimly comprehend the Infinite. He refused to lift his reason above God. If there were error it was not with God and His Word or ways, but in his own lack of ability to as yet spell out the Way of God's dealings with men. He came to see in God, his Heavenly Father, One infinite in tenderness, unailing in compassion, eternal in goodness, not willing that any should perish, who, because of the constancy of His love had sent His Son to redeem by His innocent sufferings and death, a lost and ruined world.—Rev. G. B. Young, D.D., in Lutheran Church Work and Observer.

### SERMONETTE.

Bishop Laache, in Book of Family Prayer.

**Text:** Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever. Hebrew 13: 8.

Truly, a sublime declaration! A good text with which to close the church year. Everything changes, but He is ever the same; all things become more gloomy and difficult, but in Him there is no shadow of change. His power and love continue unchanged; His care for the Church and for each individual believer is as great as it has ever been. Our teachers pass away; but He remains. The apostles are dead; the fathers are dead; they who were the props of our youth are dead; our faithful and pious old leaders are dead; the pillars are shaken; the foundations are laid bare; but He lives, and is the same, and never deserts His Church. As He loved you from eternity, He loves you to-day, and shall love you for ever and ever. His heart remains ever more unchanged, as it was when He burned with compassion, and became man, and gave Himself to suffer the most agonizing death for us. John and Peter and Paul found Him to be infinitely merciful and good toward sinners; and so He is toward us also. As you have yourself in faith experienced His mercy, when He translated you from death to life; cleansed you in His blood, gave you His peace, and comforted you with His love; as He has heretofore preserved you, supported you, borne with you, kept you, showered mercies upon you, and given you bread from heaven to eat;—so He shall continue to deal with you forevermore; He is the same yesterday, and to-day and forever. His arm is not shortened, nor His wisdom restricted. He can and shall preserve His Church, and protect it against all its enemies; and He knows how to guide it through all difficulties. "Fear not," He says, "I am the first and the last; I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." The Zion of the tribe of Juda; the Lamb, which was slain, in the midst of the throne, has taken the book (i.e., the whole course of the world's development), and holds it in His hand, and opens its seven seals (Rev. 5). Shall He ever, do you think, be found wanting in power? or shall He fall short in wisdom?" Hast

thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding." (Isaiah 40: 28). He is "Jehovah," Who is and remains always the same. He it is, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Saviour, your High Priest, your Prophet, and your King, Who has guided you and saved you during the past year, and He shall guide you and save you through the year that is coming. You are growing older, and more needy, and more weary; you see more clearly how dark it is on earth; and you look back with sadness to the early days of your Christian life. Alas, it is gone by, the golden age, with the simplicity, the humility, the brotherly spirit, the bond of fellowship, which so beautifully knit the children of God together as one in the Lord; and evil times are come, with dissensions and schisms; and you are tempted to sit down and weep over your own distress and that of the Church. Friend, dry your tears; "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to-day and forever." Yet why say that you must dry your tears? Rather will I say: Brother let us weep. Let us weep tears of penitence on account of our sins during the past year, and tears of joy on account of the love and truth of our God! May the sorrow of repentance never die in our heart, nor the tears of joy be wiped away from our eyes; until we reach that place where there shall no more be any yesterday and to-morrow, and where it shall be said, "The day of eternity is here, and the marriage of the Lamb is come!" Wilt Thou come soon Lord Jesus? "Surely I come quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

### ADDRESS AT OPENING OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Prof. C. H. Little, D.D.

As the newly-elected Professor of Practical and Historical Theology, the duty has been laid upon me—and I deem it a privilege as well—of welcoming you, the theological students of Waterloo Seminary, here to-day.

This institution was founded for a purpose, and that purpose was, that it might serve our Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Hitherto our Church had no recruiting station in Canada. For many years it lived off

the charity and benevolence of the Lutheran Church in other lands from which it borrowed its ministers. In a growing country like Canada, which was going forward by leaps and bounds, commercially, financially, educationally, and in manifold other ways, it was evident that such a state of things could not continue, if our Church was to take its proper place in our great Dominion.

The need became increasingly urgent, and the call to the Church to establish a training school for its pastors became more and more insistent, until at last the call was heard and this institution was founded.

Here we have a centre from which our influence is to radiate in every direction and to impress itself upon Canadian life. From this institution, small though it is now, there is to go forth a spirit, a mighty influence, an evangelical power telling for the up-building of Christ's kingdom in Canada. And, young men, it depends largely upon you as to the extent in which our Church is to make itself felt in this land. You are Canadians, loyal to the land in which you live, in sympathy with the aspirations of its people, sympathetic with their views of things, and sharing their conditions. You will have an open door to their hearts as you carry to them the greatest of all blessings, the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You are here, I take it, because you believe that, that it is God's will for you that you should take up the highest calling in life, the noblest, the most useful, and the most beneficial to men. Moved by the Spirit that animated Paul, you feel, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

You are here because you feel that you are not qualified as yet to enter upon this exceedingly responsible calling, but are in need of preparation, an all-round preparation of mind and heart and soul.

You are here that you may become efficient in the high and holy calling which you have chosen as your life work. Efficiency is the watchword of the age. It is the test applied to men to-day in every trade, business, or profession. It is the test inexorably applied to those who aspire to leadership in the world of affairs. But it is equally necessary for those who would become leaders in the Church of Jesus Christ.

You are here to improve the opportunities offered you in this Seminary.

This will require diligent application and hard work on your part. Your professors are here to lead you, to guide you, and to direct you; but much depends upon your own earnestness and zeal. The theological disciplines will claim your attention. And if we look at the matter in its widest horizon, the number of these is well-nigh appalling. As Christianity comes in contact with life at every point, no form of human knowledge is altogether alien to it. You must become sufficiently familiar with many subjects to know, at least, the principles that underlie them. But of prime importance to you are such subjects as these: Exegesis, the study of the Scriptures in the languages in which they were originally given; Dogmatics, the study of the doctrines derived from the Word, as tested, sanctioned and approved by the Church; Church History, the record of the conflicts, defeats, and victories of the Church in its progress through the world; Homiletics, the application of theological knowledge to the great art of preaching; Pastoral Theology, the practical application of Scriptural truth to the wants and needs of individual souls; Missions, Home, Inner and Foreign, which show the Church alive and active, going forth in the Spirit of its Master, conquering and to conquer the world for Christ; Apologetics, the defence of Divine Truth against the assaults of scientists, philosophers, critics, skeptics, and unbelievers.

But above all these is one book, the Book Divine, the Holy Bible. During the years that you are here the English Bible is to be your constant and most intimate companion and friend. Its precious passages, in ever-increasing number, are to be stored away in your memories, pondered, meditated upon and kept in your hearts, and applied to your lives and to your personal experience.

Let it never be said of you, as is sometimes said of seminary students, that you know all about the Bible, but very little of its contents. Let it not be said that, with all your learning you have not learned "the one thing needful." One of the highest compliments paid to a man in the Scriptures is that applied to Apollos where it is said of him that he was "an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures." Aspire to merit the same praise. You will never become great preachers until you become thorough-

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### EDITORIAL.

Volume VI.—With this number we bring volume six of The Canada Lutheran. It does not seem long since we announced the fifth volume and yet what an impressive series of events have been crowded into that brief twelve-month! The war with all its stern associations and all its claims upon our lives has been ever before us. We have found it everywhere. Every newspaper and magazine has told us about it. Every street wiseacre has reviewed it for us. We have seen it in the khaki of our dress, in the bread on our tables and in our daily occupations. Daily visits of aeroplanes have reminded us of the extensive as well as intensive nature of the struggle. Casualty lists and cablegrams and memorial services have furnished the liturgy for our sacrifices. Brute passion, fiendish hatred, civilized—we shrink from the adjective—resourcefulness have been the forces at work to promote slaughter. Like a terrible maelstrom this world conflict has been forcing us all by degrees into a mighty vortex of confusion and ruin. Despair would surely long since have overwhelmed Christendom were not the watchmen on the towers able to discern through the poisoned mists the light that still

shines from Golgotha's height with all its blessed cheer. Utter exhaustion would overtake the wayfaring man could he not refresh himself at the fountain whence still issues virtue for the healing of the nations. About war we have read and about war we have dreamed but, thank God, we have also been able to rise above the war in prayer. While in the Spirit we have seen, again and again, the better things to be. The wrath of man shall yet praise Jehovah and the Spirit of the Prince of Peace shall have control. The events of the war have been tremendous, but the events that mortally wounded the spirit of war were greater still. The conflict on Calvary meant more to the world than all the clash of millions and the hammer of four hundred years ago dealt a mightier blow than any volley of modern guns. It is the hammer strokes for which we have listened during the past year in all our Quadricentennial celebrations. Like the rod of Moses that hammer rent the rock in a weary land and the great soul thirst of multitudes was quenched. It opened a Bible that had been sealed by Roman unbelief and offered the cup of salvation in the Bible doctrine of Justification by Faith. Salvation through Christ alone was the message from the castle door and because of this message we are still optimists in our view of world events. Because of this message we have celebrated the Quadricentennial of the Reformation in spite of the war and celebrated it even through the war. Because of that message a purged society has risen and shall continue to rise, immune to all the onsets of wickedness. To play its humble part to provide this end the Canada Lutheran has gone forth month by month and pledges its future service. Five volumes have been published. Volume six is now offered. Its thoughtful reading is all we ask in return for our efforts.

**Life.**—"The just shall live by faith," is the precious Bible doctrine that Luther was permitted to restore to the world. It stands the test in every crisis. Not long ago we laid a sympathetic hand upon the shoulder of a dying man. We knew him not and had never seen him before. Death had almost closed the ear and the power of speech was gone. The spirit had almost fled. We spoke loudly into the deadened ear: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be

saved." We were rewarded with a definite nod and we turned in prayer to Him Who can save to the uttermost all those who put their trust in Him. It was enough. That man may have had powerful arms but they were now helpless. He may have had feet swift to move but they could not now take him to a place of safety. His mind may have been brilliant but it could not devise a way of escape from death. The body failed. In Christ alone could the spirit take refuge. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Let those who preach salvation by man's works consider that in the greatest crisis of life man's powers fail him and at best he has but a little strength. His stride does not take him across the chasm that sin has made between him and God nor does his reach extend to heaven. He cannot save himself. Salvation is a gift through Jesus Christ. Through faith alone by God's grace, man is privileged to appropriate Christ's salvation. By God's grace he is also privileged to convey to other souls the power through which they can be saved. It is here we learn the meaning of "Faith without works is dead." The life of the body is the spirit and it would be foolish to talk about the works of hands, feet or other organs when there is no spirit. At the same time the spirit abides in the body only so long as that body furnishes expression for the spirit. Faith can live only so long as soul and body express its life in works of obedience to Christ's commands—in other words only so long as service is rendered in Christ's kingdom. By such service is meant a going out into the world to preach the Gospel and the undertaking of efforts to preserve that Gospel at home. It implies intercessory prayer and words spoken unto edification. It means physical labor to relieve distress and the making of gifts to the poor. St. James has such service, which is a fruit of faith, in mind when he says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Such works always react on faith to strengthen it and such strengthened faith returns to even greater works. The regenerated life kindled by the Spirit, is developed, enriched and beautified. The Christ and His King-

dom become more and more precious until the soul rises to that inseparable communion and blessedness that heaven will provide. What the Church needs is Christians transformed by the renewing of their mind and able to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God, not finding the commandments of God grievous because the love of Christ constrains them. This is life.

#### BOOK REVIEWS.

"It Came to Pass."—A Christmas programme based on the entire Christmas story, Luke 2, with application according to the three articles of the Catechism; by Adolf T. Hanser. Eight pages, printed in the Christmas colors, red and green. Lutheran Publishing Co., Buffalo, N.Y., 5 cents a copy; 25 copies \$7.00; 100 copies, \$3.25. We commend this programme to our readers. We consider it very good. We only regret it was not published with music. Instructions are given, however, as to how the music may be obtained.—N. W.

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE.

The Western Conference of the Synod of Central Canada met in St. Paul's Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, October 9th. All the pastors but one were present, but the laity were not represented as they should have been. The Rev. W. H. Knauff, President of Conference, preached the conference sermon from Amos 8: 11, 12. Holy Communion was administered by the President and Secretary. The President in his report urged congregations 1. To make the most of Jubilee year, 2. To attend promptly to the paying of their apportionments and, 3. To observe Home Mission Week on Nov. 18-25. A doctrinal paper that was much enjoyed was presented by Dr. Little, on the Tenth Article of the Augsburg Confession. Resolutions urging intercessory prayer for the nation and the Empire and the meeting of the General Council in Philadelphia were passed and acted upon. Rev. W. H. Knauff was re-elected President, and Rev. E. Huenergard, Secretary-Treasurer.

Reports have come in from London that the Secretary of the World's Evangelical Alliance has engaged the largest hall in London for three successive mass meetings in the honor of the Reformation.

## CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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

### Brantford.

On Sunday, September 16, a class of six adults was confirmed by Rev. C. H. Little, B.A., D.D. Two of these were also baptized. Communion was also administered, there being 44 guests, the largest in the history of the congregation. The Luther League held a corn roast on Sept. 18th at the home of Mrs. Clarke, 46 High St. An enjoyable evening was spent by all. A sum of \$19 was realized. Our Acting Pastor, Mr. A. A. Zinck, B.A., who has been staying in Brantford during the summer months, returned to the Seminary on September 26th. He is greatly missed in our homes during the week. The Luther League held its monthly meeting on Oct. 1st at the home of Mrs. F. Lipksy, two new members were received. After the business was over a social hour was spent. The marriage of two of our young Lutherans took place on Oct. 4th when Miss Sarah McEachern became the bride of Mr. Edward Fitzner. Miss L. Clarke, Miss E. Hesterberg, A. A. Zinck, and F. Warning were the delegates from Brantford who attended the conventions in Guelph on Thanksgiving Day. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. F. Oliver, is doing good work for our Church. The Ladies' Aid Society is busy at the present time making new surplices for the male members of the choir. Harvest Home services were held Sunday evening, Oct. 14th. Despite the rainy weather there was a fair attendance.

We are glad to see Mr. C. Keil back with us again, he having taken in the harvesters' excursion to Western Canada.

### Buttonville.

Efforts are being made by our trustees to sell the Quantz farm, recently acquired by this congregation as a legacy. The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Bernard Stiver.

### Dunbar.

Our services are well attended. The spirit manifested by the congregation is most cheering. On the 14th the congregation will have the pleasure of listening to and meeting their former faithful pastor, Rev. McCreery. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society meets regularly every month. The signs of cupid have been very notice-

able during the last few months when Clifford McIntosh and Grace Dillabough, Benjamin Barkley and Effie Bowman, Earl Froats and Fern Pemberton, Edgar Ault and Arletta Phillips were united in holy wedlock. May God be their daily guest and constant companion through life. Received into God's covenant of grace were the infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dillabough, Myles Merkley, and Chas. McMillen. The Sunday School officers and teachers meet all eager and desirous to help to promote the interest, attendance and growth of the S. S. department. In the very near future the young people of St. Luke's Church are contemplating organizing a Luther League. We are anticipating its realization.

### Galt.

Now that summer is past we are getting down to progressive work. The Sunday School, owing to the uncertainty of war times, is being equipped with the bound text books of the graded system. The teachers have also voted in favor of the joint service of S. S. and church on Sunday mornings which proved so successful last year. The S. S. will also assist with the Home Mission Reformation Service on October 28, after which rehearsals for the Christmas service will begin. A fine Catechetical class of seven young people is hard at work. Others should join. The Happy Thought Class has decided to again send Christmas boxes to our soldier boys at the front and elsewhere. They are also making a quilt for the Sick Children's Hospital at Toronto and are also decorating the renovated church parlor. The Luther League, on October 11, gave a farewell reception at the pastor's home, to their worthy active President, Mr. E. Molnar, who has returned to his home in Boston, Mass. He was presented, on the occasion of his departure, by the L. L. and Choir, with a beautiful signet ring. We look forward to his probable return to Galt at some future date. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, at its last meeting, contributed \$3 to the Montreal Hospice. The members also decided to study "The Story of Lutheran Mission" this winter. The choir is being reorganized and under its new leadership is

expecting to more than ever assist in the services of the church. The finances of our congregation are in better shape at present than ever before. On Tuesday, October 9th, our church here was filled to capacity and hundreds unable to get in thronged the street outside. The sad occasion was the funeral of one of our boys, Clarence Reinhart, aged 14 years, 10 months and 13 days. Besides being a member of our S. S. and Catechetical class the deceased was a popular pupil and member of the Cadet Corps of our Galt Collegiate Institute. He was also a member of the Y.M.C.A. The Collegiate was closed in honor of the funeral and the Cadet Corps and bugle band as well as the teaching staff attended the funeral in a body as did also representatives of the Y.M.C.A. The deceased was ill but a few days, the immediate cause of death being paralysis. He fell asleep peacefully in Jesus at 1.30 a.m. on Saturday, October 6th. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the parents in Galt and the sister, Mrs. A. Hallman at Moose Jaw, Sask.

#### Hamilton.

Our Sunday School is again being held in the afternoon. A very successful Every-Member Canvass was conducted by the teachers, which has materially increased our offerings and attendance. Two Bible classes, one for young women and the other for young men have been started and the prospects for growth are promising. Our school will also celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Reformation with the use of the special programme which has been proposed by the Joint Lutheran Committee for that purpose. The celebration will take place on the evening of October 28th. The men of our congregation are at present preparing for a canvass of the city for new members. The names of about 70 families of professed Lutherans, residing in the city, and who it is believed have no affiliations with our Churches, have been secured through the city's assessment department. A canvass has been launched which will extend over several weeks, in which time conscientious and prayerful efforts will be made to secure a large number of them. May God add his blessing to our work. Our Senior Luther League is on the road to victory and is steadily increasing in membership and in good works. The League proposes to show its influence

in the congregation, and is always ready to assist by doing its bit. The devotional meetings, held on Sunday evenings are also well attended. The interest in these is increasing. The Junior League likewise is making progress. The Catechetical class of 20 is progressing in studies. The class is regularly attended by all.

#### Humberstone.

Beautiful and impressive Harvest Home services were conducted on Sept. 23rd. Ideal weather favored the occasion. A large congregation, filling the church to the second pew, assembled in the morning. The decorations, though meagre, were tasty and appropriate, the central feature of the display was a large loaf of home-made bread with the words inscribed, "In God We Trust." The choir was at its best, contributing two beautiful anthems. Pastor Knauff preached an instructive and appropriate sermon on "The Husbandman—a Man of Waiting," James 5: 7-11. October 10th, the Ladies' Aid held its monthly meeting in the church. It was decided that as an additional contribution towards the pipe-organ, each member earn a dollar and place on the offering-plate on "Ladies' Aid Night" at the dedication. October 7th, Thank-offering Sunday, was fittingly observed. A large "Open Bible" banner was displayed, also Quadri-centennial banners. The literature was distributed the Sunday previous and a good number of pay envelopes were placed on the offering plates, the result being not yet computed. The pastor preached a special sermon based on Ps. 79: 13—"Lord, Thy people give Thee thanks forever!" The choir appropriately sang: "He that soweth little shall little reap, etc." Sunday, September 14th, Student Irschick very acceptably occupied the pulpit in the evening during Rev. Knauff's absence to Toronto. October 16th, the L. L. met at the home of Miss Irene Reichman, with an attendance of 26. The League will prepare and send Christmas boxes to our soldier boys, also every Leaguer is asked to send one card a month to each of our boys overseas. A Reformation topic, "The Man Who Restored the Word to the World," was presented with much interest and profit. The Ladies' Aid "Afternoon Gathering" was held October 17th, on the farm and the guests of Mrs. J. Babion. The ladies were conveyed to and from by auto. A fine amount of sewing was done.

**Kitchener.**

The pastor took part of his vacation during the month, at which times the pulpit was supplied by Student Nebb and Dr. Little. On October 7 the annual Thanksgiving festival was held. On Oct. 14 Dr. Little occupied the pulpit at the morning service and Dr. Little at the evening. The report of the Thankoffering for Missions can not be given yet, owing to the pastor's absence at the time the literature should have been distributed. But the pamphlets have reached our people now, and we will be able to report in the next issue of this paper.

Mrs. E. Altman, who has been confined to the house for a number of years, passed peacefully into everlasting rest on October 10th. She was a woman who loved her Lord and His Church, though for a number of years she could not, on account of poor health, attend services. We express our sympathy to all relatives by whom she is survived. The Mission Sunday School which was started under the supervision of the pastor of this church, is making great strides. When the work was started we looked for a possible membership of about twenty; to-day we have an average attendance of about forty. The school was taken in as a member of the Western District Sunday School Association, in Guelph, October 18th.

**Ottawa.**

During the three weeks' absence of the pastor of St. Peter's in September, the pulpit was filled on one of the two Sundays by the Rev. C. Sorensen of Dunbar, who with his bride spent a week in the city among their many friends in the congregation. On the evening of October 11 the congregation assembled in the basement of the church and gave the pastor and his bride a very hearty reception and a shower of kitchen supplies. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The L. L. held its monthly social and business meeting in the home of Miss Ahlenius. It was the most largely attended and most successful meeting of the season. The Luther League devotional meetings are being held regularly after Sunday evening services. The topics have been very interesting and helpful and the special musical numbers in connection have been quite inspiring. Five children were baptized during the month. On October 16th four children of Mrs.

Clara Hultkvist named, Charles Victor, Hilda Victoria, Viola Isobel, Anna Elvira. On Oct. 21, Florence Eileen Pedersen, daughter of Mrs. Florence (Pickthorne) and Mr. Charles Pedersen. Married—On Sept. 26, in Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo, N.Y., by the Rev. F. A. Kachler, D.D., the Rev. H. L. Siegner to Miss Alice H. Wesp, of Buffalo. The Canada Lutheran extends congratulations and best wishes to Rev. and Mrs. Siegner.—Ed.

**Sherwood.**

A largely attended meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held on the 25th of October, at the home of Mrs. H. E. Keffer, Maple. Much work was done on garments intended as Christmas presents for the city poor. Plans are already under way for a worthy celebration of Christmas by the Sunday School. The Luther League is active.

**Unionville.**

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. F. H. Stiver on the 17th of October. The Luther League will meet during the cold weather at the homes of its members, and thus save fuel at the church. Meetings have been held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. Summerfeldt, Mrs. E. J. Harper, and at the parsonage. The meetings have been very well attended. All the congregations of the Markham and Vaughan parish contributed to the Thankoffering for Missions Fund.

**Waterloo.**

Our Luther League is still growing. At the last meeting, October 1st, several students of the Waterloo College were enrolled and we expect some more. Though the entertainment which was given under the auspices of the League did not turn out quite as well as was expected, approximately thirty-five dollars was realized. At the every-member canvass of the Luther League about forty dollars was collected for the Jubilee Fund, and some more has been promised. Mr. Bruno Knauff was suddenly taken ill at the district convention of the Luther League, held at Guelph, but we are glad to report that he has recovered.

**Welland.**

The Ladies' Aid Society met in the church Thursday, October 4th. The topic "After 400 Years" was discussed. The Society is quite active. At present sewing is being done for the local County Hospital. The ladies also made a house to house canvass in connection with the Food Pledge



Cards, the eastern district of the city being assigned to our Society for canvassing. Oct. 14th, Student Irschick very capably conducted the morning service and assisted in the Sunday School during Pastor Knauff's enforced absence. Mr. Garnet Casselman of Morrisburg, and an old friend of ours, attended our services upon two Sundays during October, but has since left for Stratford, where he will be employed as typist. Sorry his sojourn among us was so brief. The Ladies' Aid will meet at the homes of the members from now on during the winter months.

#### Williamsburg.

October is the month for the annual meetings of all the organizations. Reports of progress are in order. Let all attend. The church is about to add a piano to its equipment. The work of renovating is now complete. Everybody is glad and happy to see our church property look so beautiful and inviting. The pastor is about to organize a Men's Bible Class. Now that the summer is over and colder weather has set in it is to be hoped that the auto and crop conferences will resolve themselves into an earnest study of the Bible during the coming winter months. The Quadri-Centennial Celebration of the Reformation was held in St. Peter's on Sept. 5th. The church was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers. Representation of the Montreal and Ottawa as well as the Morrisburg and Riverside and Dunbar congregations were present. Three services were held. At the morning service the Rev. Ph. Lamartine of Montreal, preached an appropriate sermon. The rally service was held at 2 p.m. The Rev. F. A. Bowers, of Philadelphia, Pa., spoke on "Two Principles," "Reformation and Civil Liberty." Rev. C. K. Fegley, of Wyomissing, Pa., spoke on "Two Questions." In the evening the Rev. Thomas McKuen, a missionary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who labored in Brazil for twenty-three years, spoke on "Lands of the open Bible and Lands of the Closed Book." His address was a fitting close to this memorable occasion. Large and appreciative audiences greeted the speakers at all the services.

The pastor's official acts—Baptisms: Sept. 18, Nina Edith, born Aug. 13th, daughter of Arthur and Martha Whitteker; Sept. 18, Flora Belle, born Sept. 9th, daughter of John and Sadie Whit-

teker; Sept. 25, Carlton Dervain, born Sept. 9th, son of Garnet and Velma Casselman. Marriages: July 10th, Harold Lee Whitteker and Jennie Adams; Sept. 4th, Ezra Garlough and Stella May Casselman; Sept. 11th, Harry Lyle Bowman and Dora Grace Swerdfeger; Sept. 25th, Wm. Casselman and Velma Barkley; Sept. 26th, Capt. Fred S. Broder and E. Maud McMartin; Oct. 3rd, Preston Barkley and Lena Casselman.

Corporal Lee Casselman, son of Mr. Oscar Casselman, has returned home after doing his bit for his country. We are all pleased to see him home again and hope that his wounds will soon heal.

#### GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." Our vacant fields and our inability to supply them daily remind us of these words, spoken by the Divine Head of the Church 1900 years ago.

Last month we expressed the hope that at least one of our shepherdless flocks would see its empty pulpit filled in the near future. The Walkerton-Mildmay parish had extended a call to the Rev. Dr. Redderoth of Toronto. Unfortunately the hopes of these people have again been blasted. The call was declined, Rev. Redderoth in the meantime having removed to Detroit. It is the third disappointment that parish has suffered since it became vacant ten months ago. We join them in their prayers for patience and firmness in the faith, that the Lord surely will provide for them in due time.

The Sullivan and Greenlake parishes are likewise waiting for the proper men to take charge of them. Both of them, being country parishes of considerable extension, require the services of vigorous men, able and willing to be up and doing some hard work in the Lord's vineyard. It is no easy task for the President of the Synod to take proper care of the temporary provision of these vacant districts with the means of grace, which is due to become even more serious as the season advances and weather and road conditions increase the difficulty.

The Middle Conference of the Canada Synod was gathered for its fall convention, Sept. 17-19, in St. Peter's Church, Linwood, Ont. The attendance was first class, every member of the Conference being present. Rev. Voelker was elected president and Rev. Stockman secretary. Questions of vital importance, viz., the Seminary, the proposed union of the three General Bodies, General Council, General Synod and United Synod of the South, and the amalgamation of the two Canada Synods, gave rise to lively and spirited discussions. It would be wrong to conceal the fact, that as far as the union questions are concerned, opinions differed considerably. Nevertheless we feel that it is good to make use of every opportunity of facing these questions openly and fearlessly, of ventilating the pro's and con's wisely and from all sides. It helps correcting misconceptions, removing deep-rooted prejudices and will eventually promote the cause. Let our views and opinions differ, after all there is nothing to fear for God's Kingdom as a whole. He has planted it and He watches over it with a jealous eye, lest His will concerning it should be brought to naught. The conference was opened with a communion service in which the President preached the sermon. In a second public service, which bore the missionary character, Rev. Professor Lincke was the preacher. During our stay in Linwood we were very agreeably surprised to note the healthy development of this parish from a struggling mission district into a strong self-supporting church. It has a valuable, handsome, neat and well-kept property and at all sides shows the fruits of faithful pastoral care.

Scarcely a week after the conference we had the pleasure of attending another meeting in the same district, a gathering of the members of the Church Boards of a number of our congregations. These meetings were inaugurated by the Middle Conference about a year ago. In order to enable the participation of as many of the Boards as possible, the conference was divided into three districts, each of which comprising five to six parishes in close vicinity. The object of these meetings is to educate our fellow-workers in our churches to a realization of their responsibilities and to encourage them to an intelligent and active participation in the Lord's business. The meeting in question was held Sept. 25th in St. John's

Church, Wellesley Township, which belongs to the Linwood Parish. Altogether ten congregations were represented by thirty-four members of their respective Church Boards. Rev. Stockmann read a paper on ways and means of making the best use of the remaining weeks for a vigorous Seminary-Jubilee-Fund-Campaign. In the ensuing discussion it was brought to light, that while some of our congregations have worked very loyally and obtained splendid results, others have remained idle. All the churches represented at this meeting pledged their hearty co-operation and some of them have in the meantime followed up their pledges with a very lively activity and report most gratifying results. The Seminary Fund question having been thoroughly discussed, the Rev. Alberti, of North Easthope, spoke on the significance and importance of the act of Installation of the Church Council, basing his remarks on the form of Installation, as it is given in our Church Book. It was a highly practical and educational discourse, which was evidently enjoyed and taken to heart by every one present. In the evening the whole congregation gathered and filled the church to its capacity, the Rev. E. Hoffmann preaching on the duties of the church member toward his church and his pastor. The choir of Linwood under the leadership of Pastor Reble rendered a few appropriate selections in very fine style. It cannot be denied, that these Church Council conventions—laymen's meetings within limited geographical circles—are proving a blessing to the participants. Our men like them, their informality appeals to them. They ask for their repetition. We feel justified to urge our brethren in other synodical districts: Go and do likewise!

On Thanksgiving Day, October 8th, the "Jugendbund" of the Canada Synod, the organization of our Young Peoples' Societies, held its annual general convention in Trinity Church, New Hamburg. In the opening service at 10 a.m., Rev. O. Klaehn, the President of the "Bund," preached a fine and very timely sermon. 124 young people were present, representing about one dozen congregations. Rev. Beckman, of Galt, brought the greetings of the Luther League, which on the same day was in convention at Guelph. His words gave rise to a quite lively discussion of what proved to become "the burning question" of the day, viz., the uniting of the "Jugendbund"

with the Luther League. Although some strong opposition to the plan was expressed by one or two speakers, the outcome of the discussion was quite satisfactory; a committee being appointed to carry on negotiations with representatives of the Luther League. We were instrumental in the organization of the "Jugenbund." We still love it and for that very reason we favor its union with the Luther League of Canada.

### JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN ALBERTA.

By Rev. A. Goos.

The Jubilee Year is drawing to a close, and with it also our programme of Jubilee celebrations. Several congregations are still awaiting their share of good things, and all of them are looking ahead to the great mass meeting to be held in Strathcona, Oct. 28th. In more than one way our congregations have been benefited. They have not only been led to see and feel the great blessings of the Reformation, but have also realized the fact that in unity is strength. It was a surprise to the writer, who was present at three of these celebrations, to see how people had come from far and near to participate. And not only did they come from our congregations, but from those of other Lutheran bodies and even of other denominations. Truly God has given to our Church an open door. At Elluslie where the writer is stationed, some 1200 people had gathered. Speakers at this occasion were Rev. Poetsch, Hartig, J. Goos, also Mr. C. Weidenhammer, besides the writer, who spoke in the language of our country. The singing of the congregation was accompanied by our Church Band and both a men's and a mixed chorus rendered suitable anthems. A feature at all congregations heretofore unknown was addresses delivered by laymen. These laymen are bound to help in the work, and pastors may in consequence look forward to better co-operation and more hearty interest in the work of our Church. All celebrations afforded an opportunity to bring before our people the needs of our College in Saskatoon with the result that handsome sums were realized both for our College and for our newly created Students' Aid Fund. May God grant that the awakened interest be not transient but abiding.

### ON THE WING.

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

#### Congregations.

It is always a delight to meet the brethren in their homes in the presence of their families and there discuss the "things of the kingdom." It is a genuine pleasure to note the progress the pastors and congregations are continually making. Such progress was especially apparent on our recent flying trip through a part of the Western Conference of our Synod. We were warmly welcomed by the Conference President, the Rev. W. H. Knauff, and his family, where we spent the evening and the night of Wednesday, Oct. 17, discussing conference matters. Pastor Knauff's active congregation is installing a new pipe organ. On the way we made hurried calls on a few of the members of our Welland congregation which we re-organized in 1914 and which is now under Pastor Knauff's careful care. The next day (Thursday) found us a brief home with Pastor Huenergard in the Hamilton parsonage. His church organizations are growing. He has large three-year Catechetical classes, is freely using printer's ink, and is getting ready for the annual every-member canvass.

In Brantford the broad smiles of Messrs. Glebe and Strand (whom I saw in the afternoon) on enquiry as to their progress, revealed the fact that never before was the congregation in such a prosperous condition, nor its prospects so auspicious, nor its finances in such excellent shape as under the fostering care of Student A. A. Zinck. We took time on Thursday in the comfortable home of Rev. Ernest Beckman (a blessed product of the Hamilton congregation and of the Waterloo Seminary). This congregation recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and under Pastor Beckman is increasing its efficiency, its membership, and is paying off its mortgage and other debts without resorting to fairs, suppers, etc. We accompanied Rev. Beckman to Kitchener, where, in the First English Church the Joint Luther League Committee on Students' Aid met, formulated rules and plans and affected a permanent organization. We were hospitably entertained in the Cress home over night, and the next day assisted Mr. and Mrs. C. Hohmeier to celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary at dinner.

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## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

### AN APPEAL FOR THE SEMINARY.

On Thursday and Friday, Nov. 29 and 30, the Seminary Auxiliary intend having a Sale, to be held in Kitchener. The ladies of all congregations are earnestly requested to supply articles for this sale. The Auxiliary find useful articles sell most readily. The women in the neighborhood of Kitchener supply home-made baking and tea or coffee will be served both days. Mrs. H. A. Hagen, 122 Queen Street, Kitchener, will receive all parcels and would like if the ladies would forward same about a week in advance. Last year the ladies cleared over two hundred dollars in two days, and hope to do even better this year.

### HINTS FOR MEETINGS.

The Editor of this page has frequently asked for items of interest from the local societies, but receives very little. It was, therefore, with great interest and gratification that I received the letter, published below. Would some of the other societies give us their plans for making the meetings interesting? A discussion of this kind ought to prove very beneficial to the societies.

#### From the Waterloo Missionary Society.

During the months of July, August, and September, our meetings were held at the Waterloo Park. They were in the form of a picnic and were well attended. At the August meeting we were obliged to repair to the home of Mrs. Herb Smith, due to a thunder storm. The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Germann, with Mrs. Germann and Mrs. A. H. Heller as hostesses. This meeting was well attended. During the spring and summer we have been busy making autograph quilts whereby we made one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for our Seminary Fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Zuleima Mueller.

### THE CANADA LUTHERAN.

We are again in receipt of our bulletins for the coming year and see thereby that November is the month

in which to remember the Canada Lutheran. Each Society is to pay \$2.00 or more to the support of our paper. This is a worthy cause. We need a Canadian paper and a paper must have funds, therefore, ladies, do not let this appeal be neglected.

### "Hold Fast the Confession."

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not," says the apostle. Then he gives the reason for such absolute assurance: "For He is faithful that promised." The slightest sign of wavering is a doubting of His faithfulness, not ours. Hope then has moved off the Rock. James, in giving the secret of obtaining things from God, says to be sure to ask in faith; and he adds two words that explain what the faith that gets things is,— "nothing doubting." To hesitate or waver in the slightest degree is to change "faith" to another word of five letters—"doubt." And love never wavers; it "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things . . . never faileth."—The Lutheran.

A Lutheran mission among the Jews in Philadelphia is now a reality. Rev. Paul Morentz, of Conneaut, Ohio, has now arrived as the missionary of the General Council Board and is prepared to begin work. The Philadelphia Conference at its meeting in Wildwood, N. J., heartily endorsed the work. This is another step forward.—The Lutheran.

"If all the world were composed of true Christians, no king, prince, lord, sword or law were needful or of any use. What would be the purpose of these, since Christians have the Holy Spirit in their heart, who teaches and persuades them not to do anyone harm, to love all mankind, to suffer wrong, even death itself, from everyone cheerfully and willingly?"—Luther.

"It matters not what happens to me. But for Christ's truth I will stand with cheerful heart and courage, and without fear of anyone in the world."—Luther.

## THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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

### THE LUTHER LEAGUE. IT'S ORIGIN.

(Continued)

Finally, after many months spent in visiting, a meeting was held at St. John's Church, when the following associations were represented:

St. Peter's Junger Maenner Verein of St. Peter's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, 474 Lexington Ave., Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, D.D., pastor.

St. John's Social Union of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 81 Christopher St., Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D., pastor.

St. Luke's Musical and Literary Union of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 233 W. 42nd St., Rev. W. Busse, pastor.

St. James' Young People's Association of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. George's Memorial Chapel, Sixteenth St., near Third Ave., Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., pastor.

Epiphany Young Men's Association of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 72 E. 128th St., Rev. F. F. Biermeyer, pastor.

St. Mark's Junger Maenner Verein of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 323 E. 6th St., Rev. G. C. F. Haas, pastor.

This meeting was held in February, 1888, and resulted in the decision to recommend to the different societies the formation of a District Association of Young Men's Lutheran Associations of the City of New York, and that a meeting be held in April, to which all Young Men's and Young People's Societies of Lutheran Churches should be invited.

The organization of a District Association took place on April 19, 1888, when delegates representing the six associations mentioned were present. Officers were elected and a committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, the same to be presented and accepted by each society before adoption by the District Association.

(To be continued.)

### THE JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE AND THE TEEN AGE PROBLEM.

By Leon Irschick—Continued.

Perhaps the most characteristic and important awakening during the per-

iod of early adolescence is that of the emotions and we must regret to add that it is just this feature that has been more or less apologized for. Christ and the Bible clearly teach, however, that the affections and sentiments, the feelings and desires are of the very centre of personality. They emphasize the importance of the cultivation of love, affection, awe, reverence, gratitude, etc. If the heart desires are wrongly directed, we become slaves of passion; if rightly directed and trained, strong and noble men and women. And thus we find that in the case of a boy there develops what is known as hero-worship and in influencing him to look upon the heroes of the Bible as his heroes, and their good features as his model, we shall become a great help to the parents and will aid to develop young men who will not only stand by the Church, but, generally speaking, become a useful and loyal citizen, and the pride of the community. The emotions of the girls of the teen age manifest themselves in the form of sympathies which, in a Luther League, find nourishment in the interest, yea love, for the fellow leaguers, in the desire to visit the sick, to help those in need and to promote the cause of missions at home and abroad. The first will be encouraged by a standing committee (the membership and visiting committee) whose duty it is to look up the sick members and possibly present them with flowers, to encourage delinquent ones to attend the meetings and to secure new members for the Society. In matters of missions, interest may be awakened and activity encouraged through competitive missionary collections, missionary talks, papers or lantern slides, showing the pitiful conditions in the slums of our cities or in the heathen lands.

(To be continued.)

### CONVENTIONS.

On Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 8, the convention of the Jugendbund (Young People's League) of the Canada Synod was held in New Hamburg. In the morning at 10.30 the opening service was held. The afternoon was devoted to business. The convention

was well attended. The Editor of this Department was present as fraternal delegate from the Canada L. L. and Chairman of the L. L. Committee on Young People's Union. The reports of the officers were encouraging and showed progress. Two young men are being supported in Waterloo College and Seminary by this League. The greetings of the Canada L. L. and proposal to unite the Leagues of our two Canadian Synods were presented. This aroused an interesting discussion which resulted in a committee being appointed to meet the committee of the L. L. with a view to uniting these two organizations. The committee is as follows: Rev. Hoffmann, D.D., Toronto; Rev. H. Rembe, Jr., Zurich; Mr. Strello, Stratford; Mr. R. Geelhaar, Kitchener; and Miss Kilber, New Hamburg. A very interesting paper on the "Life of Luther" was presented by Rev. Schorten. The officers elected are: Pres., Rev. Klaehn; Vice-Pres., Rev. Zarnke. Sec.-Treas., Rev. Schuelke.

On the same day the convention of the Western District of the Canada L. L. met at Guelph. The reports all evidenced satisfactory progress. In the evening Rev. Prof. C. H. Little, D.D., gave an excellent Rally Address on "The Luther League's Service to the Church." The officers for the coming year are: Pres. S. Gartung; Vice-Pres., S. Cooper; Sec., Miss A. Pierce; Treas., C. Lossing, and Cor. Sec., Miss M. Bockelmann.

#### SEMINARY DONATIONS.

There are many ways in which acceptable donations to our Seminary can be made. Holders of bonds are entitled to interest on those bonds, but a number of such bondholders have not collected their interest but turned in their receipts to the treasurer. We commend their action to other bond holders. We are pleased to be able to publish the names of those who have taken the lead in this form of donation: Dr. E. Hoffmann, \$20; G. A. Schmidt, \$10; Herman Simmers, \$25; A. C. Wegener, \$7.50.

"I do not hold with those who give themselves to one language, and despise all others. For I should like to bring up such people as can be of use to Christ in foreign lands."—Luther.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The ninth annual convention of the Western District Sunday School Association met in Guelph on Thanksgiving Day, October 8th. The opening service was conducted by Student Pastor H. Wahl, after which Mr. Batterby, Superintendent of the Sunday School, welcomed the delegates.

The convention was a great success, and those in attendance undoubtedly returned home with a greater zeal to do good. The question of holding a Rally Day was brought up, but after thorough discussion it was deemed inadvisable. However, instead of such an occasion, a unanimous vote was carried recommending, "that each Sunday School hold a Rally Day on the last Trinity Sunday.

Rev. Beckman presented his subject, "The Home Department" through which he pointed out in a very brief way the great benefits that would be derived from such a department. The question received every consideration and a motion was passed recommending the Sunday Schools to introduce this department. Student Zinck, B.A., and Rev. Beckman were appointed to look after this work.

Miss R. Mogk, of Guelph, presented the work of the Sand Table in such a way that many of the delegates saw the necessity of this department and assured the members that they would have it introduced in their local Sunday School. Student S. Cooper gave a fine paper, "The Sunday School and Church Attendance," but on account of the shortage of time the vital matters of his paper could not be further discussed.

At the morning session a few moments were granted for questions and suggestions in the general Sunday School work and among the different matters brought up the following is of particular importance. The Rev. Huenergard, Hamilton stated that they had introduced in their school what is known as the sheet of absentees. They appoint a superintendent to look after this work. Each teacher reports to the scholars absent in her class to the superintendent who puts these names on the said sheet, which is open to the inspection of the officers and pastors, who can thus follow up such members more easily and help them to be more regular. The suggestion is a valuable one and will

undoubtedly be a great help to many schools.

The Rally Address was given by Rev. Prof. Preston A. Laury, D.D. He took for his subject, "One Little Word." His powerful message was the connecting link of the convention, and if we can carry his words with us the homes at Guelph will have a meaning for us in all our activities, especially in Sunday School work.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Mr. C. Lossing, President, Kitchener, Ont.; Mr. J. Batterby, Vice-President, Guelph, Ont.; Miss R. Scriven, Secretary, Guelph, Ont.; Mr. Warning, Treasurer, Brantford, Ont.

### THE GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES FOR UNION.

We have just heard that at the great convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, held in Philadelphia, in the latter part of October, a unanimous vote was passed in favor of union with the General Synod and the United Synod South. The General Synod took the lead in voting for union, the General Council has followed and the United Synod South, which has not yet met, will undoubtedly do likewise. Twenty-three out of twenty-four district synods of the General Synod have also voted for the union.

### ON THE WING.

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We discussed matters at the parsonage with Pastor Behrens the next day (Friday), a member of the Conference Mission Committee, the Secretary of the Seminary Board, a former member of the faculty, the successful pastor of the First Church and a member of many committees and movements.

#### The Seminary.

Of course we could not pass the Seminary by but visited the School of the Prophets, called on the family of the newly installed English Professor, the Rev. Dr. Little, and on the energetic President, the Rev. Dr. Laury. His smile is also broad because of the thirty students in the College and Seminary departments and because of the continuous development of the Institution along all lines. We called on some of the students who are regularly supplying congregations—Wahl, so successful at Guelph; Zinck, before mentioned; Hirtle, formerly at Toronto; Cooper, one of the coming men,

and others. All seemed happy, well fed contented and busy. We were also greeted by Prof. Holm. After special consultations with the Dean we en-trained for Toronto, which we reached in the evening, and were, as always, warmly welcomed and entertained by the Elliott family.

On Saturday we dined with the Robinson family, charter members of the Halifax Church, now in Toronto, and took tea with the General Treasurer of the Synod, Mr. C. H. Fierheller and family in their new home in conjunction with Pastor Willison and family, the Secretary of the Synod, the Editor of the Canada Lutheran, a member of the Seminary Board, the first Waterloo Seminary graduate, and he who made the Unionville parish self-sustaining, through the addition of the historic Sherwood congregation, together we discussed the interests of the Church.

#### The Merger—St. Paul's-St. Peter's.

On Sunday, Oct. 21, we attended S.S. in St. Paul's, Toronto, preached to 40 persons at the a.m. and to 105 at the p.m. service and in the afternoon attended a meeting of the St. Paul's and St. Peter's Joint Church Councils with St. Peter's Pastor, Prof. P. Mueller, to discuss the recently formed union of the two congregations. They took the name St. Paul's, will belong to our Synod, Prof. Mueller is the pastor, to all intents and purposes the congregation is English. St. Peter's was dismissed to unite with St. Paul's by the General Synod to which it formerly belonged.

At the evening service the merger was formally proclaimed by Pastor Mueller in the presence of the Church Councils and the congregation. Pastor Bieber addressed the congregation, offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction. We pray God's richest blessing upon this Union which is a happy forerunner of other unions in the coming **United Lutheran Church in America**. We received kindnesses from the Ludolf, the Sturm and the Zingg families and brought our sympathy to the Elsasser family, whose husband and father (a faithful member of St. Paul's Council, recently passed away. We were also warmly welcomed by Dr. Hoffmann, the faithful President of the Canada Synod.

We are writing this article on our way to Philadelphia, our present headquarters, and home, hoping to greet a number of Canadian delegates at the conventions of the General Council

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and of the G. C. Women's Missionary Society. May the Lord richly bless this epoch-making meeting of our Lutheran forces, and if it is His will the endeavours of His disciples to do His work in greater harmony and strength. Amen.

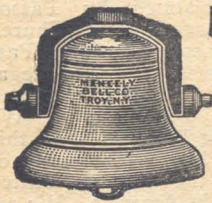
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## ADDRESS AT OPENING OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

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ly at home in God's Word, wholly permeated by it.

Why are the leading Evangelists of our day so successful in spite of their manifest extravagances? It is because, with all their faults, they know the Scriptures, and can wield "the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

This point I wish to emphasize and to impress most strongly upon you; for the most precious thing in the world are the Scriptures. They are Divine Truth. They are more than that, they are the living Word of the living God, God's only means of grace. They are the supreme test of everything. You are to receive no doctrine simply because it is Lutheran, but solely because it is the clear teaching of God's Word, and is drawn from the Holy Scriptures, the pure fountain of Israel, by which all doctrines, all faith, all practice, and all life are to be judged.

And since the Scriptures are so important, they are not to be trifled with, or studied only professionally. While you are to have an intellectual knowledge of them so profound that you can give a ready answer to every one that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, you are to have a heart-knowledge of them also and lovingly to embrace the truths of Scripture by faith. Here your spiritual life is to be quickened, and, by exercising yourselves in the Word, your devotional life is to be deepened and enlarged. Your future testimony as pastors is to come from your own rich personal experience of God's grace. Like the Apostles, you are to be able to say, "We believe, therefore, we speak." With a heart aglow with the blessed Gospel-message, you will speak convincingly to others and they will heed your words, and your labours will not be in vain in the Lord.