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A Happy New Year !

New Year's Mottos

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused, He answered soft and low,
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge, then, suffice, New Year? I cried;
But ere the question into silence died
The answer came: "Nay, this remember, too,
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there still more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell:
"Yea, this one thing all other things above,
God's will to love."

—From "Thoughts for the Occasion."

SERMONETTE.

The Unchanging Christ.

Rev. H. J. Behrens.

Heb. 13: 8—"Jesus Christ the same yesterday and to-day and for ever."

The passing of the old and the beginning of the new year reminds us forcibly of the instability of this world and our life in it. Nothing in this world is permanent. Storms, floods and earth-quakes bring great changes, not only to the inhabitants, but to the earth itself. The coming and going of planets and comets, and the falling of stars speak to us of the instability of the heavenly bodies. There is change everywhere. In our homes, in our churches, in our communities, and in the nations.

What great changes take place in one short year in our lives? Many who were well and strong one year ago, are now stricken with disease, or have departed this life. Many who were living in ease, comfort and contentment a year ago, have been overtaken by some disaster or misfortune, and are now homeless and in poverty. Friends have proven untrue. Our plans have been shattered, our hopes blasted. Truly, nothing in this world is reliable and permanent! Everything is changing and will finally pass away. The prophet in the 102nd Psalm exclaims: "O my God,—Thy years are throughout all generations. Of old hast Thou laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end."

If the passing of the old year and the beginning of the new reminded us only of the insecurity of our present life in this world, we would have nothing but despair to face, as we enter upon this New Year. But the instability and insecurity that meets us on every hand in this world, drives us to Him "Who changes not. Whose years are throughout all generations." Who in the midst of all the changes in His creation and His creatures is always the same.

What a blessed thing it is that we can look out over all the vacillations of the things that can be shaken, and from the passing and fleeting things of this perishing world, turn to Christ and say, "Thou who movest all things, art Thyself unmoved; Thou

Who changest all things, Thyself changest not. Thou art the same yesterday and to-day and for ever." Our God and Saviour Jesus Christ is the same at all times. He has been "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" in the days that lie in the past, and He will be the same to us in the future. The future lies dark and uncertain before us, but we need have no fear, because the Unchanging Christ will be with us in this New Year every day. He will, if we let Him, be our guide, our shield, our protector and our Saviour. He will forgive us our sins, sustain and comfort us with His grace in every sorrow, temptation, trial and tribulation, and He will bless us with Heaven's best gifts in this year also. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever." This being so, let us go forward, trusting in the great Captain of our salvation, to a more abounding life of faith and hope, and of love and Christlike service.

WHY JOIN THE CHURCH?

Rev. J. F. Bermon.

There are four very good reasons why every one should become a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, and not a single reason why any one should not. The first reason is that God has given an invitation to everyone. "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," says Christ. In olden times to disregard the invitation of a king was not only a discourtesy, but a crime that was punished by banishment from the king's presence, and sometimes even by death. Dare you then disregard the invitation of Him, who is your King, and the "King of kings?"

The second reason is that every one needs the church. The church is the communion of saints, the congregation of believers. There is no salvation outside of the church. You may be a good man, enjoy an excellent reputation, have respect unto the law of your land, but unless you are a member of the Church of Christ, you are doomed to eternal separation from your God. Every one needs the church, because the church is essential to salvation. "There is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved," except the name of Jesus only. And Jesus is the Head of the Church.

The third reason is that the church needs every one. God works through

men. Men are the instruments through which the Holy Spirit carries on the work of salvation. If you do not become a member of the church, and give God's Spirit the opportunity of working through you for the advancement and enlargement of His Kingdom, you are a religious "slack-er," you are guilty of perhaps, the greatest of all sins, the sin of omission. "Your country needs you," is the slogan we read everywhere to-day but alongside of it should also be the slogan, "Your God needs you."

The fourth reason is that every one needs the spiritual blessings which the church has to offer. You serve the world because you believe that the world has more to offer you. But all the world has to offer you is the temporary pleasures of sin. With the passing of the world will pass away the world's pleasures. On the other hand the church offers you the blessings of God, blessings which neither man can give nor take away. What are they? They are forgiveness, love, peace, joy, and life. And they are eternal blessings. If you choose the church these blessings will not "fade away," but, they will be your inheritance forever.

THE TORONTO "GLOBE" ON LUTHER.

[We reprint herewith the "Globe's" verdict on Luther, clipped from the issue of Oct. 31st—Reformation Day. "The Lutheran" has also published this and has appended the following: "In England and Canada the war has seriously reacted against the Reformation celebration because Luther happens to be a German, and it is encouraging to note that the Editor of Canada's leading newspaper refuses to hold the greatest apostle of real democracy since the days of Paul responsible for a war which a pernicious and hellish diplomacy created."—W. H. Knauff.]

Luther and His Work.

On the 31st of October, 1517, Martin Luther nailed to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg his 95 theses, an act which marked the beginning of the Reformation, and it is impossible that a centenary of such importance should pass by unremembered. Apart from every other consideration, Christians in the British Empire will not allow the war to prevent their recalling their debt to Martin Luther, especially as he was far more Saxon than Prussian.

He little knew what his act was destined to accomplish, and in view of a number of circumstances at the present time it is essential to inquire into the specific meaning of this celebration. One word gives the answer: Liberty. Luther brought freedom to the world, and in this respect he was what has been termed the unconscious herald of democracy, equalizing the humblest member of the community. The religious liberty which he obtained has led to every other form of legitimate freedom, and although liberty has often been abused during the last four hundred years, no abuse can for a moment be a reason for any betrayal or denial of freedom. The world to-day is a freer place to breathe in, and a far better place to work, with greater opportunities and more inspiring hopes, because of what Luther did. It is, therefore, worth while seeking to discover the roots of this freedom.

First of all, it was the freedom of a direct approach to God. Luther found and opened the door that sets the sinner face to face with God in Christ, and the great doctrine of justification by faith meant, and still means, the free, unrestricted access of the soul to God, and with it the gift of Divine grace. Faith was no mere insistence on intellectual orthodoxy, but the outgoing and committal of the whole personality—thought, feeling, and will—to God, Who desires to save, and Who welcomes our response to His approach. Whatever may be said of the dangers of individualism in religion, the direct relation of the soul to God is the fundamental truth emphasized by Luther, and by that truth men are made and kept free. Luther called his doctrine the "article of a standing or falling Church." This is true, and he might have said with equal accuracy, the "article of a standing or falling soul."

Luther's work also involved the freedom of a direct appeal to Scripture as the supreme authority for the conscience. It regarded the Bible as the Divine Word which spoke straight to the soul and elicited a response of trust and obedience. The political world to-day is in revolt against autocracy, and it was exactly this revolt that Luther proclaimed in the domain of religion. Luther's emphasis on the Bible as the direct, Divine revelation to man was the insistence upon the freedom of the individual soul to listen to and learn from God Himself. It was the effort of the Reformation

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EDITORIAL.

The New Year.—We have crossed the threshold of another year. Borne on by the tide of time we must leave the past behind us whether we will or not and face a future of new experiences. What they will be we know not. For more than three years the world has suffered greatly and the coming months may intensify that suffering. The world's cup of iniquity may have been very full and the cup of God's wrath may have to be drunk to the very dregs. The law against sin is very stern and to those who face divine judgment with no plea but their own merits the severity of the Judge is as a consuming fire. To such the New Year can bring small comfort indeed. For those who seek mercy, however, the New Year has a message of cheer all its own. It assumes the presence of suffering. It assumes the presence of sin. It assumes dread consequences of violated justice. Assuming these things it proclaims the dedicating of a substitute in suffering. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." . . . "And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child His name was called Jesus." . . . "Made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were

under the law." This is the good news of the New Year and the only news that can bring happiness.

It seems to us as if the world, christendom forsooth, had been at work on a sort of Babel's tower. We have called the storeys thereof civilization, culture, philanthropy, universal brotherhood, democracy, etc. We have expected to rise stage by stage to heavenly perfection and bring about a transformation of the kingdoms of this world into the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ. But many of us have built on the wrong foundation. We did not have the right corner stone. The bricks were manufactured out of the clay of this earth. We have ignored God's plan. God has stepped down to expose our folly and there is great confusion. We are reminded that: "Merit lives from man to man but not from man, O God, to Thee." We have gone ahead and done things and then to preserve a show of piety we may have asked God to endorse our plans and work with us. The New Year message suggests that we humble ourselves and accept, not a co-labourer but a Deliverer. That message tells the simple story of man's sin and God's Saviour. If the world would be happy it must accept for itself the merits of a Saviour and not build air castles out of its own. May readers of the Canada Lutheran have a happy New Year in Christ Jesus.

The New Conditions.—The whole world seems to be in a state of flux. Like the processes of a chemical reaction old unions are being dissolved and new ones are being formed. The unrest in the life of men is general. We see it in the national movements of peoples. We see it in the realm of thought, of culture and of commerce. We see it in the local adjustments between city and country life. It is not wanting in the home and in the church. What are the movements for church union and the so-called mergers but a further expression of the same tendency? Social changes long thought impractical are taking place such as the coming to man's stature of woman's labor and political privileges, of nation-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic, of public ownership, etc. Inanimate nature prompts and sympathizes. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain." Earthquakes such as that at Guatemala, volcanic eruptions and colossal catastrophes resulting from the sudden re-

lease of nature's forces like the explosion at Halifax, speak in thunder tones of the final dissolution that is coming when, "the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." Our world is tense with expectation. The bosom of the earth heaves and throbs and men's hearts are "failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Even in God's kingdom there is change for His plans are unfolding and His dispensations are coming to an end. The door admitting to the new glories of a purged world is open still but preparations are on the way to close it. A final judgment is coming which will mean the irrevocable resolution of all mankind into two great groups that there may be brought into play the untrammelled life of a new world. Only of God's essence and attributes can it be said, "Thou art the same yesterday and to-day and forever." This unchangeableness of our God is a guarantee of the certain coming of the changes He has promised. "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away."

The New Duties.—The new conditions bring new obligations upon us Christians and should serve to rouse us from any lethargy in our Christian service into which we may have fallen. We have seen that man's ways do not lead to man's happiness nor to God's glory but to the followers of Christ walking on God's way has been allotted a share in the carrying out of God's plans for these ends. We are challenged by definite propositions and are put to the test by our Lord Himself when He says, "If ye love Me ye will keep my commandments." What then should be our attitude to the practical possibilities of life?

There are duties in the home we dare not shirk. "Home makes the man." We need to keep its atmosphere pure. Do we breathe there the vital breath of prayer? Do we gather heavenly manna regularly through a daily reading of God's Word? "The home altar is heaven's threshold." Are we studying and teaching the principles of saving faith? "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Are our homes places where things are done "decently and in order"? "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Eli, the High

Priest, was severely punished, "Because his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not." The unhappy circumstances of our time should compel attention in a new way to our homes. The homes are the fountains of all streams that water the earth. If the fountains are not pure the streams will spread the poison everywhere.

Then there is our church life. People often act as though devotion to church activities were a mere matter of personal inclination. They attend services if they feel like it. They teach in the Sunday School if it does not inconvenience them. They contribute of their means if no restrictions elsewhere are involved. They may or they may not interest themselves in the wider synodical and missionary activities of the church. Should we not take our church life as seriously as our farming operations, our business pursuits and our professional duties? Again, conditions challenge the professing followers of the Lord Jesus. Watchmen on the walls of Zion are needed who neither "slumber nor sleep" and every Christian must "strive with fear and trembling." Think you the ante-bellum apostacy of Europe made no contribution to the present war and suffering? Her gorgeous cathedrals had lost the soul of worship. Their owners contended only for a shell and the foe respected not even that. When a nation ceases to attend public worship it bears testimony to its own spiritual degeneracy and hastens to inevitable ruin. As we value our eternal welfare let us be faithful in public worship and in the discharge of all local and general obligations to our Church. "Not neglecting the assembling of ourselves together," "Ministering to the necessity of saints" and going into all the world to "preach the Gospel to every creature."

And do not the times teach us also that as nations we cannot remove our politics and statesmanship from the touch stone of Christian principles with impunity? With nations as with individuals: "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, but he that exalteth himself shall be abased." The Toronto Globe says: "There seems a special reason for a recognition of the Divine Hand just now, because from time to time there has been very unseemingly boasting, often followed, as it has frequently been noticed, by al-

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CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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PARISH BUDGETS.

Brantford.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, the choir members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lipsky, at dinner. On Thursday, Nov. 29th, the Ladies' Aid Society held a birthday social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lipsky. The evening was spent in games and contests. The sum contributed through the birthday bags was about \$18. The ladies presented Mrs. Lipsky with a beautiful piece of silver, it being the occasion of her birthday. The choir met at the home of our organist, Miss L. L. Clark, on Friday evening, Dec. 7th, and presented her with a very useful present, it being the occasion of her birthday.

Buttonville.—The Sunday School class conducted at her home by Mrs. Fierheller has celebrated another Christmas tree service and the members are the happy recipients of new Bibles and other gifts presented by their devoted teacher. We consider the work of Mrs. Fierheller an outstanding example of what any Christian willing to serve God is capable of performing. She has a class of ten children who would probably not get to Sunday School anywhere and the seed of the Word sown in their young hearts will surely bear fruit and that possibly in the most unexpected places. Go thou, dear friend, and do likewise. This congregation remembers the pastor's family with their usual gift of a Christmas goose.

Dunbar.—The infant Luther League of St. Luke's is fast growing into maturity. The second business meeting was held at the home of Miss Anna Froats. Ten candidates were received, increasing the membership to 35. May God protect and direct all activities. A constitution was read and adopted. The President is Andrew Allison of Dunbar, and Secretary Miss Violet Weegar of Elma, Ont. The meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was most encouraging. Letters of appeal were read and in response money was collected to help the various works. Through Mrs. Nathan Barkley's effort and supervision an altar carpet was secured costing \$53. It is wonderful what a

few faithful ones can accomplish. By an every-member canvas \$145 were collected to lessen the debt on the parsonage. Carl Emerson McMillen, Emma Pearl Whittaker, Edsel Lee Merkley, were baptized during November. The men of the congregation presented the pastor with a lovely buffalo robe, which was very much appreciated.

Galt.—The services have been well attended. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society voted two dollars for Porto Rico. The Luther League decided to hold their topic meetings again after the Sunday evening services, beginning with the New Year, and to hold a monthly business and social meeting at the homes of the members. The loose plate offering on the Sunday following the Halifax disaster, amounting to \$10 was sent to our Rev. Weaver of Halifax, through the Treasurer of Synod. Another offering will be taken up for the same cause on the first Sunday of the New Year in accordance with the appeal of our Synodical Treasurer. The Sunday School is ready for the Christmas tree service to be held on Dec. 27th. A box of gifts has also again been sent by our school to the County Orphanage at Kitchener. The offering at our Christmas tree service is also to be devoted to our Halifax Mission. A Christmas service will be held at 8 a.m. Christmas morning. The choir under the very able leadership of Mr. Frank Carpenter is in fine shape to assist in our Christmas services with appropriate musical numbers. Holy Communion will be administered and new members received on the first Sunday of the New Year. A young man of our congregation, Henry Miller, has decided to enter our College next fall to prepare for the ministry. During the month the pastor officiated at: 1. The marriage of Lloyd Schoenfeld to Frances Fletcher, on December 1, at the home of the bride's parents in Galt. We congratulate the young couple. 2. The funeral of Wm. A. Yonug, late of Brockville, aged 44, on Nov. 29, from the home of his mother in Galt. 3. The funeral of Grandma Knach, of Hespeler, aged 70, on Dec. 1, assisting

the Rev. A. Fiebelkorn of Hespeler. The funeral took place from the home of the bereaved to Hespeler Cemetery. Our sympathy is extended to both of the latter families in their very sad bereavement.

Guelph.—The first Sunday in Advent was Rally Day in our Sunday School. Classes were promoted, some new classes started, missing pupils reclaimed and plans were begun for the new church year. Mr. Cooper, of the Seminary, gave a very inspiring address to the pupils, teachers and visitors. Our work in the Sunday School has been hampered by sickness among the teachers and also among the pupils. On the same evening Mr. Cooper preached to an appreciative audience. The Luther League is carrying out the plan of the Committee on Student Aid. The Junior Luther League continues active. It has been decided by them to hold devotional meetings at least twice a month during the winter. The Church Council voted twenty dollars for the Halifax sufferers. This amount may be increased. The Student-pastor is conducting a catechetical class composed of five young girls. The class meets weekly. Diphtheria entered four of our homes but every case is progressing favorably. Mr. A. Pfall, who was afflicted with blood poisoning in the hand, is able to assume his duties again. Miss Mogk, the teacher of the sand-table is unable to be about her work as yet. During the winter months we are holding our services in the basement in order to economize on fuel.

Hamilton.—On Oct. 15th our Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society met in the church. Two new members were taken into the Society. At the same meeting the following monies were appropriated: \$3 to the Canada Lutheran, \$3 to Porto Rico Mission Fund, \$10 to the Students' Aid Fund. A few of our faithful members have been confined to their homes due to sickness, since our last report. Mrs. C. Soehner suffered a prolonged attack of quinsy. Mrs. J. Holmes has undergone an operation. The teachers and officers of the Sunday School met on Nov. 20th, 16 teachers were present. Eight new scholars were added during the month. Our canvass for new members is progressing satisfactorily. Since it was launched 20 new members have been added to the congregation. Many others will take up

membership in the near future. Mr. A. L. Lay, the Secretary of our Church, has been spending the last few weeks in Erie, Pa. We trust that he may soon be back with us again. Mr. I. B. Miller has also spent a few weeks in Windsor and Detroit.

Humberstone.—The Luther League met at the parsonage, Nov. 11th, with an attendance of 18. A Reformation topic was discussed with much profit. The Luther League will arrange for a special topic-service, on some Sunday evening early in the New Year when a special topic on Students' Aid Work will be presented, and an offering taken for this fund. The Luther League has canvassed the homes of the members of the congregation with a view to having the members purchase Luther books. The canvass was very successful. Dec. 7th, the Ladies' Aid Society held a very successful sale of fancy work and home-made baking in the Town Hall. About \$70 was realized for the Organ Fund. The Society met Dec. 12th and \$2 was voted towards the special fund for the Medical College in India. The 13th anniversary of the church was quietly observed Dec. 16th. Pastor Knauff preached a special sermon on Eph. 2: 19-22. A memorial service was held on the afternoon of Dec. 16th in honor of Pte. David Michael, who paid the supreme sacrifice Nov. 6th at Passchendaele Ridge, France. It was an impressive service. The choir rendered two beautiful anthems, one deserving special mention because of its appropriateness: "Rest, Soldier, Rest." The pastor preached on "The Honor of Sacrifice" from 2 Sam. 23: 17. Many strangers were present. Baptized and made a child of grace, Richard Aden, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Aden Ramey, Dec. 2nd. We wish our friends elsewhere the season's compliments with prayers that the New Year may usher in a speedy and lasting peace!

Kitchener.—On Monday, Nov. 12, the Luther Leagues of St. John's, Waterloo, and First English, Kitchener, held a joint topic meeting. Student Zinck, B.A., addressed the leaguers on the subject, "Service for Christ." The offering amounting to six dollars, was given to the Students' Aid Fund. The Luther League held a birthday social on Nov. 27. An excellent programme was rendered. The North ward Mission Sunday School held a Mission Rally on Nov.

20th. The scholars were very enthusiastic in their first effort to do some special work in the interest of the school. Sunday, Nov. 25th, was Sunday School Day. In the morning the School met in regular session, after which they marched into the church where the Rally was held. Dr. Laury gave an interesting and helpful address, taking the Bible as his theme. In the evening Student Cooper also spoke in the interest of the Sunday School. Sunday, Nov. 18th, Holy Communion was celebrated, at which time there were also seventeen new members received into the congregation. Sunday, Dec. 2nd, a memorial service was held in the honor of Pte. Harry Delion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Delion, who was killed in action on Nov. 16th. Harry was only sixteen years of age. He was a boy who had the qualities that lead to perfect manhood, qualities that were stamped with the Christian spirit.

St. Lawrence Parish.—The annual congregational meeting of St. John's, Riverside, was held in October. At this meeting it was decided to adopt the weekly envelope system, and make an every member canvass for pledges to meet the budget for the coming year, which together with the apportionments for benevolence, will amount to almost \$1,000. Besides this the congregation decided to go ahead in the spring with the renovating and remodeling of the church building. Mr. George Cook, of Montreal, has offered \$100 for this purpose, and an every member canvass will be made to raise the balance needed. The repairs and alterations will cost in the neighbourhood of two thousand dollars. The Sunday School is growing in numbers. Almost all the regular attendants at divine worship come early to Sunday School, and have joined the Bible Class. The Luther League added three new members to its membership, and under its officers is doing a good work.

St. Paul's, Morrisburg, shows an average attendance at both services for the past two months of seventy-five. The highest attendance was reached two weeks ago, when at the evening service there were 102 present. The every member canvass to raise our budget for the coming year will soon take place. The canvassers will attempt to raise the entire amount of the budget by pledges, so that the interest on the endowment fund may be left intact. The choir has been

organized, its membership increased, and is doing good work for the church. The Willing Workers have had a hardwood floor laid in the guest room of the parsonage, and the Ladies' Aid are having the bath room repaired and painted. The Women's Missionary Society and Aid conducted an every member canvass in behalf of the Mission Worker, and the Canada Lutheran. Over 30 new subscriptions and renewals were obtained by them. Mrs. John McMartin will have charge of subscriptions to the Mission Worker, and Mrs. Eva Rohrig of the Canada Lutheran. All renewals and new subscriptions to these publications will be received by them, and in turn handed over to the proper parties. Both these papers are in almost every home in the congregation. A canvass will be made every year by this Society to obtain new subscriptions and to keep the renewals up to date. The Sunday School is growing, our largest attendance for the month of November being 59. An adult class of fifteen members has been formed, and later on will be organized for service in the school and congregation. An every member canvass will be made by the Missionary Society and Aid, and the Luther League for a thank offering for Missions. The Thank-offering for the Quadri-Centennial celebration from both congregations amounted to \$67.40.

Sherwood.—One of the most successful and most generally appreciated Christmas services ever given in Zion Church was held on Christmas eve when a Christmas pageant entitled "Bethlehem" was presented. Old as well as young took part and rendered all parts beautifully and effectively. The offering amounted to over \$30. On New Year's night the pageant was repeated and over \$50 were offered for the relief of Halifax sufferers. With another \$17 voted by the Sunday School the gift to our stricken Halifax people amounts to nearly \$70. Well done Sherwood. Much credit is due the Superintendent and other leaders in the Sunday School as well as to the entire congregation for what was accomplished. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Showalter for her singing and for training the other singers. A very happy event in connection with the distribution of presents off the Christmas tree was the presentation to Pastor Willison of a high grade and very beautiful fur-

lined overcoat. It was a thoughtful and most acceptable gift.

Toronto.—St. Paul's congregation reports a successful every member canvass as a result of which it hopes to raise all its apportionments as well as meet local expenses.

Unionville.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stiver has been quarantined for some time with scarlet fever. Both daughters, Freda and Vera, were ill but have now almost completely recovered. Mrs. John Clements, Jr., died on December 22 at the General Hospital in Toronto. She had been very ill for a long time. Interment was made in Markham cemetery. May the Lord comfort the bereaved. A Christmas tree for our Sunday School was given on the night after Christmas. The Misses Anna and Ruth Maurer spent Christmas week with friends here.

Welland.—In order to conserve fuel St. Matthew's Sunday School will be held but every second Sunday, when morning church service is held. Mr. H. Sankey, who has been the faithful superintendent for the past year and a half has handed over the helm to Mr. Victor Esser, one of our recently confirmed members, who, however, has had former experience in Sunday School work in another denomination. Mr. and Mrs. Sankey left for Hanover where they will reside in future. Mr. Sankey, besides being Superintendent of the S. S., was also a member of the Church Council. Mrs. Sankey was a valued member of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. Our loss is other's gain. One new member has been received into full communion with the congregation, Mrs. H. Church, formerly Miss Klopp, of Zurich. At the last meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, held Dec. 6th, at the home of Mrs. M. Hill, one new member was received, Mrs. R. Steele. Sunday, Dec. 16th, Pastor Knauff gave a report of the Gen. Council meeting, held in Philadelphia, in October, with special emphasis on the "Merger."

Williamsburg.—On the evening of Nov. 21st the annual meeting of the Luther League was held. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. Willis McIntosh; Vice-Pres., Mr. Frank Merkley; Sec., Alice Eastwood; Treas., Sarah A. Whitteker; Organist, Mrs. Frank Merkley; Asst. Organist,

Hazel Casselman. Programme Committee, Mrs. Charlie Phifer, Miss May Merkley, and Mrs. Stanley McIntosh. A committee on renewals and new subscribers for the Canada Lutheran was also appointed. We also decided to buy a couple of flags for the church to aid the Seminary and Students' Aid Fund and voted \$15 on the piano which has lately been purchased. Mrs. Wm. Merkley, aged 82 years, passed peacefully into everlasting rest on Nov. 23rd. The services were conducted by her Pastor, Rev. J. Maurer, assisted by Rev. L. M. McCreery. His text being John 16-33. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and several children. We express our sympathy to the sorrowing ones. The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Nov. 28th. The following officers were elected to serve in the Council. Mr. Herman J. Whitteker, Mr. Frank Casselman and Mr. John Casselman. The treasurer's report showed that the congregation had done a good year's work. The every member canvass is to be taken again this year. On the evening of Nov. 28th the Rev. J. F. Bermon of Morrisburg, delivered a very able address for the Missionary Society. We were also favored with a solo by Mr. Melvin Barkley, and one by Miss Josephine Whitteker, after which refreshments were served in the basement. The pastor held his Reformation service on Dec. 2nd, when an offering was taken for Home Missions. Rev. and Mrs. Maurer spent a few days in Ottawa. Rev. McCreery taking his services here on Sunday, Dec. 9th. Among those who are on the sick list are Miss Grace O. Merkley, who is very low; Miss Mary Merkley and Mrs. Peter McIntosh.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

The commotion in our Synod is continuing. Several new resignations have taken place since our last report.

December 16th, the Rev. A. Fiebelkorn preached his farewell sermon to his congregation at Hespeler and left for Trinidad, Colo., where he has taken up work with a church, connected with the General Synod. May the Lord bless his labors in his new field of activity!

A surprise to many will be the news of Rev. Zarnke's resignation in St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener. Undoubtedly his faithful work was blessed with most gratifying success and for that reason his decision to discon-

tinue that work is to be regretted. But Bro. Zarnke felt, that the work in the city was not agreeing with his none too robust health and therefore decided to accept the urging call from our Sullivan Parish in the County of Grey. The resignation will go into effect with the beginning of the New Year. While we sincerely sympathize with our friends of St. Matthew's in their loss, we congratulate the Sullivan people on their good luck of having secured the services of as faithful and capable a worker as Pastor Zarnke, and express the hope, that the change of work may prove to have the expected beneficial effect upon his health.

Thank God, we have at last succeeded in filling permanently one of our long standing vacancies. The Rev. G. A. Zimmer, of Milton, Wis., a member of the Wisconsin Synod, has accepted a call to our Mission Parish at Greenlake Tp., Renfrew Co., and is already on the field. He is well recommended and promises to become a valuable addition to our Canadian Lutheran clergy. We extend to him a warm-hearted brotherly welcome and our best wishes for a long and blessed activity in Canada.

Walkerton-Mildmay is still without a pastor, but if newspaper reports and hear-say can be trusted in this case, a call has been extended to the Rev. Lamack, of Philipsburg, and the acceptance of the call by him seems to be an assured fact. For the sake of the Walkerton people, whose patience and endurance have been put to various severe tests, we hope the reports to be true, although it would in no way relieve our embarrassing situation, but create a new vacancy and merely compel us to transfer our cares from one field to the other.

If the perplexing situation, with which we have been confronted during the past two or three years by these endless pastoral changes teaches us one lesson, it is certainly this, that our Seminary is a dire necessity and calls for the undivided benevolent attachment and care on the part of every one of our pastors and congregations. It is becoming ever more evident, that without this institution our Church in Canada would be doomed and our children and children's children would be robbed of the fruits of the labors of their fathers. God bless and prosper our Seminary and the men, that are entrusted with its external management, and our esteemed professors in their chairs, and

the students in their class room. To every one of them we extend our prayerful wishes for a blessed and fruitful New Year!

It affords us great pleasure to report, that the new church in our Ellice Parish, replacing the one that was destroyed by fire early in the year, is near its completion and likely will be dedicated to the service of God before the year ends. Our congratulations to pastor and people!

Rev. H. Twietmeyer, of Hanover, during the latter part of November spent a short vacation at Rochester, N.Y., where he had the pleasure of attending and officiating at the wedding of his oldest son. His many friends extend to him and Mrs. Twietmeyer their best wishes.

Rev. H. Henkel, our Synodical Secretary, has returned home from the General Hospital at Guelph, where he underwent an operation, and resumed his pastoral work. Thank God!

Rev. C. F. Christiansen, of Denbigh, one of our Waterloo graduates, is the happy father of a firstborn child. We extend to him and his good wife the Synod's greetings and congratulations.

Before this number of the "Canada Lutheran" will reach the homes of its readers we shall have crossed the border into the new land of 1918. What sort of a year will it be? We do not know. But this we know: The word will be preached again, and immortal souls will be prepared again, and the Holy Spirit will continue to work to make the coming year a sanctuary, in which the goodness of God and the presence of God will be with us day after day, if only we abide in Him through Christ Jesus. Let us commit the keeping of our souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator, I. Peter 4: 19, and it will be well with us.

DISTRICT FIELD NOTES.

Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D.

Winnipeg.

We are now midway between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans and 750 feet above sea level. We are in one of the finest cities in Canada and the fourth manufacturing city in the Dominion. It is the farthest West we have ever been and we like it. We received quite a cold reception from the elements but a warm one from the Lutherans. We were met by auto and taken to the comfortable home of Mr. J. C. Peterson, the Winnipeg repre-

sentative of the "Soo" Line, where we were entertained for two weeks till we could get into our new quarters at 165 Maryland St.

Here the skies are clear, though the bright sun does not make much of an impression during the short winter days. It rises at 8.15 and sets at 4. The thermometer rarely registers above zero and has been hovering between 17 and 28 degrees below during the past two weeks. The air is bracing, sleighing is fine, though autos are more numerous than sleighs. The street car system is excellent though the cars are barely warm. When the thermometer registered 28 degrees below the papers stated that the weather was beginning to become "seasonable." It frequently gets down to 40 and 50 degrees below. Winnipeg is about 45 degrees south latitude, Montreal is only 40. The city has wide streets, fine business and public buildings and its school buildings are considered among the finest in the Dominion. The population is 150,000 though it was more before the war, and conscription will take still more, though returning soldiers and other prospective residents keep the population normal. The Eaton Co. store is on a par with the one in Toronto. The city is well laid out and has some very fine residences. The Manitoba University and College, and a number of colleges affiliated with the University and other high institutions of learning are located here. New parliament buildings are being erected and the court house is magnificent.

Churches.

This city has 30 Anglican churches, 12 Baptist, 3 Disciples, 2 Mormon, 1 Scientist, 27 Presbyterian, 25 Methodist, 3 Congregationalist, 13 Roman Catholic, 4 Salvation Army, 2 Unitarian, 1 Welsh, 1 Adventist, 20 "Isms," 1 Menonite, 1 German Reformed, 5 Russian, 11 Hebrew, 1 Prussian Union, 1 Colored, and 16 Lutheran, among which 3 are General Council, 2 Missouri, 2 Iowa, 2 Norwegian, 3 Icelandic, and 1 Danish. There are also two belonging to the German Ev. Synod of North America. Of the G. C. one is German, one Swedish, and one English—"The First English Lutheran Church in Winnipeg" the only English Lutheran Church in the city.

The First English Lutheran Church took existence under the then Field Missionary, F. W. Jensen, on June 5, 1905. A property was purchased and

a chapel was erected. Four pastors successively had charge of the work after Rev. Jensen left. On Oct. 1, 1908, the Rev. P. T. Baisler became the pastor. Under him additional properties were secured, the original lot with chapel was sold and the present fine, large churchly church was erected on the corner of Maryland and Ellice streets. The corner stone was laid on Nov. 30, 1911, and the church was dedicated on Nov. 30, 1913. On December 31, 1913, there was a baptized membership of 275, confirmed membership of 112 and 82 had communed during the year. The S. S. numbered 155 including the Elmwood branch (under Student A. A. Zinck). During the next six months 35 new members were received, and during the year 1914 and 1915 thirty-eight more became members. Then began to be felt the hardships of the war. Members left the church and the city, property depreciated and enthusiasm began to wane. On May 1, 1916, Rev. Baisler became the Field Missionary for Western Canada and on Aug. 1, 1916, the Rev. Carl H. Bartsch, of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, became the pastor. After a most strenuous year Rev. Bartsch resigned, on June 18, 1917. On October 31 he severed his connection with the congregation and at once entered upon the pastorate of Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis. We arrived here on Nov. 24, and we will rehearse the activities of the congregation in our next letter.

MR. ZINCK ORDAINED.

The ordination of Student A. A. Zinck, B.A., took place in First English Lutheran Church, Kitchener, on Sunday evening, December 23rd. It was performed by the officers of the Synod of Central Canada, assisted by Rev. Prof. C. H. Little, D.D., and Rev. H. J. Behrens. The sermon was preached by Dr. Little. Rev. Zinck has been called to St. Matthew's congregation in Brantford. He was born in East Chester, Nova Scotia, in 1889, and received his elementary education there. He attended Truro Academy and Dalhousie University, graduating with the B.A. degree in 1915. Since then he has attended our Seminary at Waterloo. He has taught in the schools of Nova Scotia for six years and served as a missionary in Winnipeg, Halifax and Brantford. He has also served as one of the instructors on the staff of Waterloo College.—Ed.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

Wishing you all a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

A LETTER FROM MRS. BIEBER.

We are pleased to be in receipt of the following communication from one deeply interested in our Society, our First President, Mrs. M. J. Bieber: 165 Maryland St., Winnipeg, Canada.

Dear Mrs. Willison,—

Just a line from Winnipeg though it should have been written from Philadelphia. Things have happened so fast since the meeting of the General Council that I have scarcely had time to consider where I am.

I want to express through you how happy the General Council Missionary Society was to greet so many delegates from Canada. It was the first time since the organization that Canada was represented beside myself.

No one was happier than I to see Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Whitteker, Mrs. J. Conrad and Mrs. Weidenhammer, of Central Canada, and Miss Etta Smeltzer of Nova Scotia, but all expressed deep regrets that illness prevented the presence of Mrs. J. C. Casselman, President of the Canada Society.

I feel sure that the visit of these women to the General Council Society will mean much to our Canadian churches.

The Canadian delegates were presented to the convention at the Monday morning service but not all were present. Let us start now to plan and work for a still larger delegation at the next convention and when the Canada delegates are called for presentation let every one be able to respond. We were also surprised and pleased to greet Mrs. J. Maurer and we hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing her at future conventions also as a delegate.

I am glad to be back in Canada but sorry we are so far from our Eastern friends. How shall we keep in touch with each other over this stretch of nearly 1500 miles? The congregation and Missionary Society here belong to the Western Conference of the North-west Synod of U. S. A. Can

we not forge new congregational links to bind the East to the West and thus hasten the development of "The Canadian Lutheran Church."

With best wishes to all for a Happy Christmas season.—Sincerely, Mrs. M. J. Bieber.

HALIFAX.

We are in receipt, from our President, of a telegram received by her from Pastor Weaver, of the Lutheran Church, Halifax, on Dec. 13. It reads, "Family safe. Eight of congregation killed. Church badly wrecked." To Mrs. Casselman's sympathetic enquiries followed a letter stating more fully the loss and suffering of the congregation, and of the whole city. How thankful we should be to Almighty God that our homes and lives have been spared to us, and when we receive in our societies our President's appeal for assistance for those stricken, let us show our thankfulness in a very substantial way. We sympathize deeply with our people of the Church of the Resurrection and we will surely show our sympathy in a practical way.

WATERLOO.

Again Mrs. Z. Mueller sends us an encouraging report from that large and energetic Society of Waterloo. In Nov. they voted \$3 to the Canada Lutheran, also devoted \$10 to India and \$10 to Home Missions; also \$6.15 to the "Indian Velour Fund" for educating native girls as medical missionaries to their own people. Mrs. J. Conrad and Mrs. Weidenhammer gave very inspiring addresses on the Quadri-Centennial Convention at Philadelphia. On Nov. 18 they celebrated their fourth anniversary, Student Harry Wahl preaching a very inspiring sermon. Will not the delegates to the Philadelphia Convention favor us with a report of the G. C. Convention for our Canada Lutheran page? Give us a brief summary of matters of special interest to us.

"Public worship is the common and united worship of believers in the unity of the Body of Christ, as they are assembled in the Church."

THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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

THE LUTHER LEAGUE—ITS DEVELOPMENT.

Of all the developments that mark the progress of Christianity during the latter half of the nineteenth century, perhaps none are so prominent and universal as the efforts put forth by the churches of all denominations to enlist the young people of their respective communities in the cause of Christ. All careful observers will admit that such efforts are of the most vital importance to the successful evangelization of the world, because the young men and young women of every nation have in their keeping the destiny of that nation, and the result will be either for or against the kingdom, or else have been recreant in their trust and have allowed the spiritual life to become dormant. "Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he reap" is no truer of individuals than of churches.

That these facts are accepted as of supreme importance is attested by the establishment of National Associations for young people by many denominations. The Methodists have their Epworth League, the Anglicans their A.Y.P.A. and Brotherhood of St. Andrews, the Baptists their B. Y. P. U. and the Roman Catholics a very strong national organization, while the Society of Christian Endeavor and Y.M.C.A., although undenominational in character, are wielding an influence that has been felt the world over.

The Lutheran Church, however, has exceptional opportunities for reaching and keeping her young people loyal to the kingdom of the Saviour. Her Sunday School system, supplemented by a six months' course of catechetical instruction, and culminating in confirmation, gives her, when faithfully carried out, an immense advantage over other denominations. Unfortunately she has never made the fullest use of her opportunities, owing partly to mistaken zeal and conflicting languages, but mostly to neglect and indifference. Realizing these opportunities, though deploring the advantages that had already been lost, and encouraged by the successful work of the District Association of Lutheran Young People in New York City, the recommendation was made at a meeting of the delegates of this District Association, held in November, 1889,

that a Committee on Extension of Work be appointed, whose duty it should be to recommend the establishment of Central or District Associations, state organizations, and eventually a national association, to all Lutheran Young People's Associations in the United States.

(To be continued.)

THE STUDENT AID SOCIETY.

This is no doubt a new name to most of our readers. You have heard of a Student Aid Fund, and we trust that most of you have contributed liberally toward it through the Christmas gift envelopes, but you never before heard of the Student Aid Society. However there is such an organization in our midst. The Committee on Student Aid Work appointed by the Canada Luther League last May, agreed that this work could be best promoted along the lines followed by the Red Cross Society or of our own Church Extension Society. Hence the Committee became the nucleus of what is to be known as The Student Aid Society of the Luther League of Canada. The officers are: President, Rev. H. J. Behrens; Secretary, Rev. E. H. Beckman, and Treasurer, Rev. M. Voelker. The other members at present are, Messrs. G. Prestien and D. Knorr, these comprise the Executive Committee.

Our readers all know the object of this Society. It is to raise and administer the Student Aid Fund of the Luther League of Canada, by which worthy young men are assisted in securing an education fitting them for the Gospel ministry of our Lutheran Church.

It is our object to offer young and old, rich and poor, an opportunity to help in this great work. You may become an active member of our Society, whether you are a Luther Leaguer or not, by making an annual contribution toward our fund of \$1.00, on receipt of which we will send you a certificate of active membership. On payment of \$10 at one time you may become a Life Member. On payment of \$100 you become a Sustaining Member and on payment of \$1,000 you may establish a permanent perpetual scholarship in your own or some other name. Other sources of

income for our Fund are: donations from congregations, Luther Leagues or other societies or from individuals and the receipts from our Christmas gift envelopes which we hope to distribute annually. We want you as a member of our Society. Will you join? Address the Editor of this Department.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

The report of the Summer School, held at Thiel College last summer, is not published as news but as history that may serve to revive among our people interest in the possible establishing of a Summer School at Waterloo. This report by Rev. Huenergard was not published at the proper time because we had received a similar one from Dr. Bieber but it has been suggested to us that the information it contains if published now might be a guide to our own Summer School Committee and possible Summer School students. Read it carefully and form an opinion as to the practicability of holding such a school in Waterloo Seminary in 1918.—Ed.

THIEL COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL.

E. Huenergard.

The Summer School for Church Workers, which was held from July 28 to Aug. 3, 1917, at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., was attended by about 250 enthusiastic workers, both clerical and lay, who came from many places in the Eastern and Middle Western States and enjoyed a programme which contained a veritable feast of good things, for those interested in the welfare of their home church. On the first day (Saturday) many arrived, in the picturesque, quaint old town, over several roads. Those who came spent the remainder of the day, finding themselves, and the "Get Acquainted Social," held in the evening, amply served the purpose for which it was intended. The strangers were made friends, and immediately felt that they were now a part of the School.

At 9.30 on Sunday morning the children of the local congregation gathered in their church for Sunday school service. The Sunday school was also visited by those who came to attend Summer School. Services were held at 11.00 a.m. when all those present benefitted from a powerful and timely sermon preached to the Summer School representatives by Dr. C. P. MacLaughlin of Greensburg, Pa. In the evening the gathering, together

with many town folk, strolled to the beautiful college grove of maples, where a sunset service was held. Addresses were given by several members of the Summer School staff, whereupon the day of worship and praise came to a close.

On Monday morning all desks were cleared for action and the Summer School began in full swing. During the day we listened to inspiring addresses on: "Talks to Young Women," by Miss Annette Kaehler of Buffalo; "Mission Studies and Methods for Missionary Societies," by the celebrated Mrs. E. C. Cronk of Columbia, North Carolina. Dr. A. R. Wentz of Gettesburg Seminary, was there and gave a stirring address on "The Reformation and our New Freedom." Dr. C. L. Fry of Philadelphia, gave us the "Essence of the Bible" in a convincing manner, while Rev. E. A. Trabert of Lima, Ohio, lectured to the interested Sunday School teachers. Dr. E. A. Cronk of Columbia, S.C., spoke on "Making the Home Efficient," and E. S. Templeton gave a laymen's point of view of church work. In the evening of the same day it was our great privilege to listen to the Rev. Camden M. Cobern, D.D., of Meadville College, Pa., who spent many years in Palestine and Egypt. Dr. Cobern is an archeologist and gave us the benefits of his latest discoveries. He lectured on "New Light From Archeology on the Days of Abraham and Earlier." On the following day he concluded his series with an impassionate address on "What Archeology has done to illuminate the New Testament." In a forceful manner he exploded many theories of the modern critic. On Tuesday we listened to an address by Mrs. Maud Junken Baldwin of Chicago, on "The Aim of Religious Education in the Sunday School." Rev. E. A. Trabert continued his lectures to the Sunday School teachers. Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., gave us further light on the Reformation and how it affected our modern society. We learned that the true freedom which received its birth at the time of Christ and from His teachings was re-born in the time of the Reformation. Revs. Richter, Cronk, Eckhart, Rees, Fry and Bieber also delivered lectures on their individual subjects during the day.

This was not all. When the sun crept over the horizon and threw its first rays over the Eastern sky on Wednesday morning, the day had already been well begun by Rev. J. H. Miller, Ph.D., and a band of lovers of

nature who went out on a "Bird Hike," while the inhabitants of the town were still enjoying their morning slumbers. They learned all about bird life and listened to their sweet songs of the early morning. They returned hungry and had breakfast. At the usual hour, 10.00 o'clock, Divine worship was held. Rev. G. C. Rees gave a lecture on the New Liturgy with its beautiful settings and trained the congregation in the proper use of it. One of the most interesting lectures of the day was that given by Missionary Rev. John Legum, of Pittsburg, Pa., once a Rabbi, but now a consecrated minister in our Church; his subject was, "What the Jewish World has done for the Gentile World." A series of these topics followed which concluded his interesting lectures on the problem of how to deal with the Jew. Many other studies were followed during the day under the direction of the different teachers present.

Junior work is not one of the smallest of the Church's problems and beginning on Thursday morning Mrs. E. C. Cronk gave practical demonstrations on "Methods of Junior Work." Revs. Trabert Legum, Tegby, Cronk, Bieber and Miller continued throughout the day with the subjects assigned to them. Rev. T. B. Birch, Ph.D., of Springfield, Ohio, gave an exceptional helpful lecture on the "Psychology of Early Adolescence." Each day lectures were also given by Mrs. G. G. Ruff on "Missionary Milestones"; by Miss Annette Kaehler, on "Talks to Young Women", and by Dr. Cronk on "The Lure of Africa." The last series was concluded with a stereoptican.

Again on Friday Dr. Birch lectured on "The Psychology of Late Adolescence," while Rev. Trabert concluded his helpful series on Sunday school work with a lecture on the proper management of a Men's Bible Class. This was followed by another of Dr. Birch's lectures on "The Psychological Basis of Luther's Greatest Doctrines." Until then, we listened to teachers and instructors from over all the country, but now we heard the President of Thiel College, Rev. Elson M.A., Litt.D., who spoke on "Christianity and the Great War," one of the best lectures of the entire programme was given by Dr. M. J. Bieber on "The Pastor as a Saved Soul and as a Soul Saver." The last item was a pleasant half hour "Round Table" talk led by Dr. Bieber.

EDITORIAL.

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most immediate disaster. This more than anything else makes men concerned lest God may be really withholding present help because of our self-confidence and national neglect of Him. . . . What is needed is that the Allied nations should humble themselves before God, confess their sins, recognize the Divine rights in national, commercial, political and individual life, and then look to God for His help."

Stricken Halifax.—The catastrophe at Halifax is the greatest single disaster that has ever befallen a Canadian community. The mind cannot conceive the terribleness of the devastation which involved the death of thousands, the blinding and crippling of hundreds and untold destruction of property. Multitudes of people were made homeless and placed at the mercy of a world's charity. Our beautiful Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Rev. Wm. Weaver, pastor, was badly wrecked, eight members were killed and many injured. The blow to the little congregation is staggering. However, we believe that God has chastized only that He may prove His love. The suffering of Halifax has touched responsive chords in a bigger world than she had ever influenced before. Gifts of millions have come from Canada, the United States, Great Britain and other parts. A genuine sympathy of true Christian character has been shown her people and many have been the prayers to God that have risen on her behalf. Pastor Weaver and his dear people will find themselves linked to other parts of the Lutheran Church of this continent as they never were before. May all our congregations speedily forward the relief they have been prompted to offer and may God comfort His people. See, O Halifax! From the Hills cometh thy help.

THE RECENT STATEMENT OF THE MOLSONS BANK.

Shows Earnings of Over 15% for the Past Year.

The Annual Report of the Molsons Bank, just published, shows net earnings higher than they have been since the war started. The percentage earned on the capital this year is 15.39%, a fraction higher than 1914, when 15.2% was shown, and above the

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years 1915 and 1916, when the earnings amounted, respectively, to 13.9% and 14.55 per cent.

The net profits, after making due allowances for bad and doubtful debts, amount to \$615,514.94, and, after deducting \$440,000 for Quarterly Dividends at the rate of 11% per annum, contributing \$21,308.25 to Officers' Pension Fund; \$15,000 to Patriotic and Relief Funds; \$40,000 war tax on

Circulation, and after reserving a further sum of \$75,000, from this year's profits, for the depreciation in the price of bonds and other securities; there remains a balance of \$24,206.69, which added to last year's balance of \$127,619.71, gives a total of \$151,826.40 carried forward to Profit and Loss Account.

THE TORONTO "GLOBE" ON LUTHER.

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to eliminate everything between the human spirit and its God, and in the various countries of the Reformation it developed three mighty, not to say omnipotent, principles: God alone is the Lord of the conscience; the Bible alone speaks the deciding voice for essential Divine truth; regeneration through Christ by faith is the fundamental request for salvation. Each of these has the same result of destroying every barrier between God and man.

The trumpet call of to-day, in the light of these four centuries, and pointed by the awful war now being waged, is to maintain the freedom for which Luther stood by upholding the same bulwarks. The bulwarks of this freedom are the supremacy of the Bible, the efficacy of faith, and the spiritual equality of all Christians. This is the noble heritage received from the sixteenth century, and, in spite of the excesses practised in the name of the Reformation, it has elevated the plane of life and increased the true welfare of the world. The gift of freedom has entered into all parts of human life and made possible the representative government in which so much of the modern world rightly rejoices. A free soul means a free Church, a free community a free nation, a free continent a free world, and from that Apostolic writing which Luther deeply loved and especially made his own comes the word, "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free."

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