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A Lenten Message

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem." Thus didst Thou speak to Thy disciples, Lord Jesus, when Thy face was set toward the ordeal through which Thy soul was made to pass to effect the world's redemption. Today, during this holy season, we Thy later disciples would again go up with Thee. We would learn afresh what that going up to Jerusalem meant for Thee and what it now means for us and for the world. But who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord? Who shall dwell in His holy place? Who shall catch the spirit and the meaning of that ascent of Thine? Who shall be privileged to enter that Holy of Holies where the travail of Thy soul poured itself out as incense toward Heaven? Not they who are conformed to the thinking and the ways of the world; not they who call Thee "Lord, Lord," but do not the things Thou biddest; not they who have a mind in them which is far different from the mind which was in Thee, Christ Jesus. Only they who are transformed by the renewing of their mind; only they who like John lean upon the bosom of Thy love, or who like Mary have chosen the good part that shall not be taken from them; they who are pure without and pure within, whose hands are clean because their hearts have been cleansed;—they shall ascend with Thee into the hill which Thou hast made forever holy.

Lord, chase away the darkness from my mind, that my eyes may not be holden; give me the spiritual vision of Simeon that my eyes may see Thy salvation. Lift me above the world of sense and flesh, and translate me into the world of spirit and of Truth where the natural man may not enter. I would see things as Thou seest them; I would think the things Thou dost think and love the things Thou dost love; I would weigh things in Thy balances and value them as Thou dost. O, how worthless to Thee are the things which I so highly esteem, and how valueless to me the things which Thou dost esteem! Thou didst pronounce those blessed who are meek, who are poor in spirit, who mourn, who love peace, who hunger and thirst after righteousness, who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; yet how I flee from these things and covet what is contrary to them! I refuse to weigh things in Thy scales. I bear Thy name, but prove to the world that I am only half Christian. Lord, give me that poverty of spirit that will make me rich in Thee; give me that sorrow which Thou art so willing to turn into joy; give me that hunger for food that nourishes, that thirst for the water that satisfies; teach me that the enmity of the world is the best surety of my friendship with Thee. Then will I in deed and truth go up with Thee to Jerusalem; then will I ascend into Thy heavenly hill and dwell in Thy holy place.—"The Lutheran."

SERMONETTE.

Bishop Laache in Book of Family Prayer.

Isaiah 53: 6-9: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and he was afflicted; yet he opened not his mouth, he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth."

The human race is like a flock of sheep which are being torn and scattered in all directions by a wolf in the midst of them. In the ears of the proud this statement is offensive. What! are they to be called sheep; sheep gone astray? Nonsense! They are not sheep; they are lions. However this is the devil's cunning, that they are ignorant of his existence and do not know their own pitiable condition and need. Pride and blindness are his work. Many are blind to the fact that humanity is torn asunder, and that they turn every one to his own way. And they do not feel that this is a terribly evil power, a foreign force, which is come into the human world. O, that this blindness might pass away that each of us might see his error! To let the devil in among us, into our hearts, was a mortal sin on our part; for we had the power to resist him; and in thereafter doing evil, as we all have done, we are guilty of damnable iniquity. We are wretched but it is our own fault; and we have done nothing save to stray farther and farther from the right path. Then God gave us His Son for a Saviour; He became the shepherd of the wretched sheep, and took upon Himself the punishment for our transgressions. He is assailed by all the hosts of hell, and is the target of all the darts of death. He was called to account for all the sin of the world. He is called to account and pays the debt; and we are absolved from liability. See how the Lamb of God was sheared! Look at Him as He was scourged; see Him on His way to Calvary; see Him on the cross. But

He goes to His death with perfect patience. He has not gone astray but was put to grief for our transgressions. As His life is blameless, His suffering is quiet and holy; He lives and dies in perfect obedience; unto death, even the death of the cross. Thus He becomes the spiritual father of regenerated humanity. The branch of the root of David is cut down and re-planted, and we are grafted into Him. Christ dies, and lives again; baptized into Him we have died and been quickened with Him; and thus His Israel is a countless multitude. Atonement has been made for our iniquities. Our sins are put away, and eternal righteousness is come. He that believes is a member of the body of Christ, and lives a new and holy life in Him.

Lord Jesus give us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that we may have sincere faith in Thee, experience Thy holy life in our heart and come no more into the power of the devil. When we go astray do Thou at once bring us back into the fold and keep us with Thee for evermore. Amen.

THE ATONEMENT.

The doctrine of the atonement, that is, the doctrine that Jesus Christ came to live and die to take away the sins of the world, is one of the central, one of the vitally fundamental, doctrines of God's Word, and of evangelical faith. It is on this doctrine that a living, conquest-making Christianity has ever been built. The removal, or weakening, of this doctrine has ever been followed by a Christianity devitalized.

The Biblical doctrine of atonement may be briefly and simply set forth in the following propositions:

(a) All men are, by nature, poor, lost sinners.

(b) God's holiness, justice and truth can not allow Him to overlook man's sins, or treat him as if he had not sinned.

(c) God's love, however, still desired the sinner's good; and divine wisdom eternally devised the plan for man's redemption.

(d) Jesus Christ the God-man became man's substitute. He put Himself under the law and fulfilled all its obligations. He endured the full penalty which was man's just due, He did for man all that God's righteousness demanded.

(c) This actual meeting of all man's obligations, fully satisfying to God, the Scriptures call redemption, reconciliation, an offering for sin, and various other terms. And it is this work which we in the language of the Church, usually call—atonement.

Let us abide, with respect to this central, fundamental doctrine, as in all other matters, by the plain, simple Word of God. Here alone is certainty, here alone is safety.—Golladay.

KINGDOM EXTENSION

The Church's Theme for the Lenten Season.

Rev. Charles L. Fry, D.D.

Not what goeth into a Church, but what goeth out of a church, in spiritual force, and in substantial furtherance of the supreme enterprises of the kingdom, is the measure of its real greatness and worth. A church may be large numerically, but small dynamically. The merest glance at the minutes of synods will discover striking examples of this. When we insist it is not what goeth into a church, this means either or both the elements which constitute a congregation's efficiency. First the people flowing into its membership, a matter very prominent in our thoughts just now, in this catechetical season of the year; or secondly, the money flowing into its treasury, steadily week after week, from the duplex envelopes disseminated by the every member canvasser.

Extension is the great work to be kept constantly in our prayers and our activities. How long has it been since you yourself even mentioned the word, in your own private intercessions at the throne of grace? How many of our people mention it daily, at least during Lent? How often is it mentioned at all, in the superintendent's prayers in our Sunday-schools, or even the prayers at the altars in our church services?

The two words of the familiar couplet, "Church Extension," hath God joined together. And what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. The Church was made for extension. And any congregation which forgets this, or ignores it, and thus virtually denies it, has thus annulled its charter and forfeited its commission. Therefore it has no right to exist, in the sight of God. It is barely existing, not living, even now. And in the long run it will not continue to exist, as a matter of fact. Extension

then is by no means an optional question for any Church, to be decided by a majority vote, aye or nay. It is already decided, and forever decided, for every church in advance, by the divine will and word of its sovereign Lord. To deliberately disobey this is sheer treason, and absolutely cuts the connection with Him. When you cut the wire, out goes the light! It is literally therefore, the question of life or death. It is the animating soul of all mission work.

"Tension,"—why that is the very key-word of this modern age in every sphere, commercial, industrial, scientific, educational, even recreational! Surely the Church cannot be devoid of tension in its doing the Lord's business. The children of this world are tenser in their generation than the children of light. Ex means out beyond the little circle of your own immediate pastoral sphere of action. Out toward the farthest horizon of our Continent, and thus of our world,—the Continent and the world that belong to our Christ, therefore to us. Do you see what "big business" this Extension work is? To what extent will you measure up to your share of it, in the Lenten offering to be laid on the altar at Easter?—The Lutheran.

THE LANGUAGE QUESTION.

The "Lutheran Companion" says:—"After this, the foreign language church that is not fully awake on the language question, and not able and prepared to meet the growing need of English in its work is sure to decline. The decline may not be rapid, but it will be certain and inevitable, and we will see it more clearly after the war. It is not a question whether parents do not have the right to teach their children their language, whatever that language may be. That right is inherent in them. It is not a question whether a local church has the right to worship in a language other than that which is the official language of the land to which its members owe allegiance. But it is a question whether a church is wise enough and big enough to read the signs of the times, and willing to accommodate itself for its own preservation to conditions that surround it every day. Any Lutheran church in America that is not American in spirit will not survive many generations. And the American spirit must eventually express itself in the language of the American people."

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EDITORIAL.

Lent.—Look back, once more, my soul, to that most wonderful of all movements in the world's history, the progress of a King from the heights of divine glory to the depths of a sinner's shame. Look back upon Him as He treads the way of sorrows to the place of the skull. Where the wrecks of sin seem strewn in hopeless death there the Son of Man treads alone the winepress of consuming wrath and pays the price of new life. He dies! The Incarnate Son of God dies! To save a poor sinner like me! He wends His weary way for me! His sensitive being is racked in pain for me! He dies! Lo, He dies! To save me from my sins! O Soul of mine, look within and see what is your attitude to such love. And not for me alone. He dies to save us all. The passion and death of Christ avails for all men. A world to-day is treading its own way of sorrows. Sounds of lamentation and weeping are heard throughout the earth. Look around, my soul, and see if the sounds proceed from persecuted pilgrims to the cross or from a scoffing Jerusalem besieged by armies called forth by its own ingratitude and unbelief. Then, dear soul of mine, when you have looked back upon that sacrifice and seen

the love that yearns even in death for the malefactor; when you have looked within at your own poor heart and seen its share in that death; when you have contemplated a world's persistence in unbelief in spite of its dire need of salvation, will you not look up with new self-surrender and devotion to Him who bears a world's sin that He may free all burdened souls? Will you not, my soul, yield Him unreservedly, that poor heart of yours for which He paid so great a price and will you not go with His message of love to some others who labour and are heavy laden, Lent! What does it mean? L-e-n-t! "Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth." "Everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." "Turn ye even to me with all your heart."

Church Extension.—Lent is Church Extension season and we are asked to make some real self-denial offerings for the development of God's kingdom. Will we take the appeal seriously? Possibly we could deny ourselves some things that are after all only luxuries. Try to compute, if you will, what funds could be placed at the disposal of the Church at Easter, if during the six weeks of Lent all men who smoke would forego that enjoyment and put the money thus saved into their Church Extension treasury. Add to this the money that might be saved by refraining from gum-chewing and the eating of expensive sweets and other dainties. Then the money spent in attendance at places of entertainment and for unnecessary travelling. An honest examination may discover still other avenues of Church Extension income through self-denial. We have known of owners of hens placing the value of all eggs laid on Sundays in their self-denial treasury. Our own circumstances must determine our actions. We are a free people and our offerings, whatever they be, should be cheerfully given. The above are simply a few suggestions. Will you ask God about it and bring what you think is your share on Easter Sunday?

Other Apportionments.—The year is passing. Before we realize it Luther League, Missionary Society and Synodical conventions will be due. Many things should be done before that time. Representatives at conventions

do not like to present poor reports but reports will be poor unless we act as faithfully during the year as we talk enthusiastically at convention time. What about synodical apportionments for example? Look up your Minutes of Synod and see what they are. The representatives of your congregation became responsible in your name for the amounts there set down. You will want them paid when Synod meets. Now is the time to act. If the Church ever needed money for its work she needs it now—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, etc., etc. She counts on you for your share. Some congregations have already paid their apportionments in full. How about yours?

Excuses.—A word about excuses from church attendance. Is it harder to attend church on Sunday than to travel an equal or greater distance to work on Monday? Is the weather always conspiring against would-be church-goers? Do rheumaticks and colds and other maladies rest on six days of the week and work only on Sunday? Must a person always be so busy that no time on Sunday can be found for public worship? True, we live in a busy age but are we really honest when we say we are too busy to go to church? If we are were it not better to curtail some earthly duties than to jeopardize eternal salvation? Friend, will you think it over again?

Prayer for Authorities.—The Rev. Archdeacon Armitage, Secretary of the Committee on Revision of the Church of England prayer book said recently that the Church of England was "the only Church which regularly offers prayers for all those in authority." He must be unfamiliar with the Lutheran liturgy in which the following prayer or its equivalent is offered at every service: "Grant also health and prosperity to all in authority, especially to our Most Gracious Sovereign, to our Judges and Magistrates, and to all others in authority; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hinderance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty."

A Summer School.—We would call attention to the letter of Rev. E. H.

Beckman, published elsewhere in this issue. It is timely. If we are to have a Summer School at Waterloo next July or August, it is not too soon to plan. What about it?

Our Motto.—"The Canada Lutheran in every home."

HEART AND TONGUE.

No people can successfully hide either their joys or their sorrows. The tongue will speak of them and the countenance will reveal them. Nothing on earth can compel heart and tongue to act separately. The concerns of life that bring pleasures or cares will be more or less strongly emphasized. The farmer has his stock, the mechanic his tools, the architect his plans, the hunter his game, the politician his election campaign, the student his problems and the soldier his drill and rank. If the heart were always as full of God and the tongue as ready to speak of Him as the multitudes are concerned to obtain their desires among men the army of Christ would rapidly increase and extend until its message of hope and salvation were heard around the globe. The King's proclamation, "Be ye holy for I am holy," would sound forth in voice and echo incessantly and grace to respond would come to all people through the one Saviour for all the world. Life without Christ is Godless. Whosoever is silent before the world about the Christ is like Judas, ungrateful and a shameful betrayer of the Saviour even though he may rejoice in a Creator's wonderful works. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If the heart embrace the Lord, High and Holy, joys unspeakable will move the tongue to declare his wondrous love. Opportunity will be found each day to tell of that peace which passeth understanding.—Carl Sorensen.

Retain Jewel of Friendship.

If we have had the good fortune to win the esteem of a friend, let us do anything rather than lose him. We must give and forgive, live and let live. If our friends have faults, we must bear with them. We must hope all things, believe all things, endure all things, rather than lose that most precious of all earthly possessions, a trustworthy friend.

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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

PARISH BUDGETS.

Galt.—The past has certainly been an unusually busy month in our congregational activities here. A special service was held at 8 a.m. on Christmas day which was very well attended. The annual Sunday School Christmas tree service was held on the evening of Dec. 27. The church was filled and all took their parts well. The Superintendent, James Kent, gave the address of the evening, his subject being "Play the Game." The scholars received books and oranges. One scholar, Helen Wood, received a special gift for not having missed a Sunday all year. Miss Edna Leutwein, the ever-faithful organist of the congregation was made the recipient of a twenty-dollar gold piece. On Sunday, Jan. 6, the congregation observed the Day of Prayer according to the proclamation of our King. New members were also received and Holy Communion administered at the morning service of that day. The new members received were: Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. Schoenan and Mrs. Specien, and those who communed numbered 37. Offerings have been taken in our congregation for Halifax Relief amounting to \$44.55.

The coal situation in our city has been very serious. Our congregation did what it could to relieve matters by handing over to the city our entire supply of coal which was delivered to needy families, the church being heated with natural gas.

The Luther League has again begun to hold its weekly devotional meetings after church on Sunday evenings. The Happy Thought Girls are knitting for the soldiers. During the month they also surprised the pastor on the occasion of his birthday, presented him with some new records for his Sonora and spent a pleasant evening at his home. At this writing they are planning a sleighing party to be held in the very near future. Our Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society continues to meet regularly for business and mission study. At their last meeting the ladies voted \$5 for Foreign Missions and an equal sum for Halifax Relief. Our Choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Frank Carpenter is in better shape than ever

and assisting greatly in our services. On the afternoon of Christmas Day the pastor baptized Cora Emma, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon C. Bier. Mr. Frank Carpenter was also received into the congregation through adult baptism on Jan. 6th. On Dec. 27th the pastor, at his home, solemnized the marriage of Mr. James Capon and Miss Elizabeth Schaus, both of Hespeler. On Jan. 8th the pastor also preached the sermon at a large union prayer service held in the Methodist Church of this city. His subject was "The True Spirit of Prayer" based on the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. At present he is preaching the series of Home Mission Sermons based on the Speakers' Handbook.

Guelph.—Jesus our Saviour never changes and so the year opens with hope and promise for us and for all Christians. Notes of special interest are few. We had an inspiring Christmas celebration on the evening of the 23rd. A fine programme had been prepared by the pupils and teachers and it was rendered with credit. The usual Christmas tree with gifts for the boys and girls was in evidence. An audience of one hundred and forty was the largest in a year and a half. Miss Anna Berner was presented with a gold Lutheran S. S. pin and wreath for practically perfect attendance during two years. The choir rejoiced the hearts of all at both services. On the last Sunday of the year Student S. W. Hirtle preached at both services. On the first Sunday the Rev. Dr. Little supplied the pulpit and administered communion at the morning service. Twenty dollars was voted and sent by the Church Council for the Halifax sufferers before the special appeal came from our President. Efforts to raise more have been successful. Services are being held in the basement so as to need only one furnace.

Hamilton.—Our Christmas Festival under the auspices of the Sunday School was a decided success. It was held on Christmas night, and consisted of 40 numbers, including recitations, anthems, tableaux, solos and musical selections, all of which were

thoroughly Christo-centric. The church and galleries were filled to their capacity, and all present felt that they had taken part in a real Christmas Festival. Services were also held on Christmas morning. The annual S. S. meeting, held in November, showed that our Sunday School is advancing both in numbers and weekly contributions. The officers of the last year were all returned to office. Five new teachers were added to the staff during the last month, namely, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Rahn, Mrs. Ruppel, Mr. Fess and Mr. Lehman.

During the last month our congregation has sustained a number of regrettable losses due to removals. Our able Secretary, Mr. A. R. Lay, who has filled the office, as well as trustee of our property for seven years, has accepted a position in Erie, Pa. Mr. Lay is already living in Erie, Pa., and it is understood his family will follow in the near future. Likewise, also Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Miller, and Miss Emma Miller, who have been faithful and valuable members of our congregation since its inception, have moved to Windsor, Ont., and expect to live in Detroit ere long, where Mr. Miller has accepted a position in one of the auto factories. The loss of the above mentioned families affects every organization in the church. Mr. Miller has been a member of the Church Council for many years and our able chairman of the house committee, while Mrs. Miller was treasurer of our Ladies' Aid, and a regular S. S. teacher, Miss Miller likewise taught in our School and was active in the Choir and League. Much as we regret the loss of these families we all join in wishing them God's blessing in their new homes.

Notwithstanding our losses we are also happy to announce the following accessions during November and December: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kempf, Mr. and Mrs. John Stickle, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scherer, Mrs. C. Roth, Miss Emma Roth, Miss Freda Roth, Mr. Adolph Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Johansen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boyer, Mr. J. A. Walker, Mr. Albert Hignell, Mrs. Wm. Snyder, Misses Mabel, Olive, Nettie and Tillie Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. V. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruppel, Mrs. Leah Reichheld, Miss Carrie Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Paulsen, Misses Clara, Esther, Florence, Paulsen, and Mr. Louis Paulsen, a total of 39 in two months. Others will

be announced in the near future. May God bless our new members and fill them with a desire for thorough Christian activity!

The members of the Church Council and their wives gathered at the home of Mr. I. B. Miller prior to their removal to spend a social evening, at which time the members of the Church Council, presented Mr. Miller with a watch fob, of the standard Quadri-centennial Jubilee medal of Dr. Martin Luther. The presentation was made by Mr. E. B. Westcott and Dr. C. J. Johannes. Mr. Miller in a few well chosen words replied, thanking the members for the gift, and expressing regret to leave the congregation in which he had made a circle of friends.

Humberstone.—The Christmas programme of the Sunday-school, rendered Dec. 25th, was a decided success and again well attended, the church being crowded to the doors. Of course the usual Christmas tree was in evidence. Besides other gifts presented by the S. S. to each scholar, every member of the Sunday school received a Reformation pocket-piece as a keep-sake. Pastor and organist were each presented with a purse. There was also a morning service at 10.30. Dec. 26th, the congregation elected its new officers, viz.: Deacon, Mr. J. H. Snider; trustee and treasurer, Mr. Frank Kramer (re-elected); ushers, Messrs. Herbert Kramer, Carl Kanold, Fred Cronmiller, Clark Snider. These officers were publicly installed on Sunday, Jan. 6th. Empire Prayer Sunday was observed Jan. 6th, with an unusually large attendance. The "Litany" was used. Holy Communion was also administered, about 70 members communing. The annual meeting of the Luther League was held at the home of Mr. Wm. Reichman, January 6th. Reports were presented by officers and committees. There was an average attendance of 21 at the meetings the past year. \$147.29 is in the treasury to date which will be given to pipe-organ fund. All officers and committees were re-elected for another year. The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was held at the parsonage January 9th. The officers were all re-elected, but a change of committees was made. The Society numbers 30 members, and had receipts of \$167.76 during the year. Eleven persons were received into full communicant membership with the Church, at the annual meeting, they

are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Falkenhagen, and Misses Agnes, Lulu, and Frieda, besides a boy not yet of confirmation age; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Livingstone, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ebert, Mr. Wm. Kramer, Mr. Aden Ramey. Reports showed that the congregation has had a very successful year, one of the best in its history. The finances are in a most excellent condition, thanks to the duplex envelope system in operation just one year. Total receipts during the year \$1,151.78, with cash on hand at close of year \$101.72. Twenty new members were received during the year. At last the builders have completed the pipe-organ for the church and it is being installed at this writing. This will no doubt occupy several weeks. We trust to be able to report its dedication in next issue.

Ottawa.—At a mass meeting of the men of the St. Peter's English Lutheran Church on Sunday evening after service, a Lutheran Brotherhood, the second in Canada, was inaugurated, a considerable number of the male communicants signing themselves for membership. Mr. A. Akerlindh, the promoter, was elected president; Mr. Hans B. Kihl, vice-president; Mr. Arndt Loa, recording secretary, and Mr. Christian Olsen, corresponding secretary and treasurer. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Siegner, is an ex-officio member of the staff of officers. Monthly meetings will be held.

Preston.—The Women's Missionary Society held its annual meeting on Jan. 23rd at the home of Mrs. G. Fink with a good attendance. The following officers were elected for the year: Hon. Pres., Rev. Voelker; Pres., Miss Martin; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Kleindinst; Sec., Mrs. Merkel; Treas., Miss C. M. Fink; Chairman of Lit. Comm., Mrs. Chas. Pelz. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers who worked so faithfully during the past, especially the retiring President, Mrs. F. Stahlschmidt, who has been untiring in her zeal since the Society was organized six years ago, with her as the president. The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Merkel. The members have been busy sewing for the Red Cross, and it has been very gratifying to notice when the monthly reports of the different churches were published in our local papers, that the Lutheran ladies usually led in the

sewing of pyjamas. Women of the church who have already passed the allotted span of life are sewing and knitting to help the noble work of the Red Cross.

The Luther League members have been raising money for a handsome baptismal font which is shortly to be placed in the church.

Sherwood.—Mr. James Oster, one of the old respected members of this congregation, died at his home on Monday, Jan. 28, after a long illness. May the Lord comfort his dear wife and other sorrowing kindred. The Ladies' Aid met on the 22nd of Jan. at the church to prepare their boxes for our soldier boys at the front. The annual meeting of the Sunday School showed the past to have been a good year. The average attendance was 55, the receipts \$368.58, and the disbursements \$206.18. The officers for the new year are: Supt., Eli Lahmer; Asst. Supt., R. Keffer; Sec., Roland Keffer; Asst. Sec., E. J. W. Wisswaesser; Treas., Alf. Hollingshead; Librarian, Elsworth Keffer; Asst. Lib., Esther Wisswaesser; organist, Mrs. E. Lahmer; Asst. organist, Esther Wisswaesser.

Toronto.—St. Paul's last report should have read, "the union of St. Paul's and St. Peter's congregations was affected Oct. 21st," instead of Oct. 28th. Our church here reports a record attendance at the Christmas celebration. The Christmas early morning service was also very well attended. This candle-light service is gaining new friends each year. Four new members have been added to the congregation since the last report.

Trinidad, Colo.—In a letter to the Canada Lutheran, the Rev. A. Fiebelcorn, until recently pastor at Hespeler, tells of his arrival at Trinidad, Colo., and of his installation on Jan. 13th, by Rev. Finkbiner, D.D. We wish him God's richest blessings. His address is 613 Prospect St., Trinidad, Col., U.S.A.

Unionville.—Mr. W. H. Stiver, Co. Constable and a life-long resident of this community, died at his home here on the 16th inst., after a very brief illness with scarlet fever and pneumonia. He leaves to mourn his loss a devoted wife, two daughters, an aged father, four brothers and three sis-

ters. May the Lord comfort them as He alone knows how. A memorial service was held in the church on February 3rd. Anniversary services were held here on Sunday, Jan. 27, the Rev. H. J. Behrens, of Kitchener, preaching the sermons. Old men of more than sixty years experience in this community tell us this is the severest winter they have ever known. On two Sundays we were unable to hold our regular services because of the storms.

Welland.—The Christmas and New Year's services were held in due season, and owing to many members visiting their respective homes or friends, these services were not so well attended. This, however, did not mar the true festive spirit of the worshippers. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Kottmeier, Jan. 10th. All members ordered copies of the monthly topics. The Society decided to work the quilt patch for the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Seminary, "spokes" are being bought and sold at this writing. Mrs. Guinther and Mrs. Weaver have been appointed a committee on this work. The Luther League met at the home of its president, Mrs. Frank Hesler, Jan. 14th. Young Lutheran friends, employed in the city, were visitors at this meeting. We trust they may become members. Envelopes for the Students' Aid Fund were turned in at this meeting. Jan. 6th, Empire Prayer Sunday, was observed at the evening service. This was also Welland's "Come-to-Church Sunday," in which movement this congregation took part. The special cards of announcement brought us some Lutherans of whose presence in the city we were not aware. The attendance was not good owing to a severe sleet-storm and icy walks. On Sunday, Jan. 13th, the day of that severe storm, the worst in many years, the service had to be cancelled.

Williamsburg. — Miss Grace Olive Merkley, only child of Mrs. Agnes Merkley and the late J. D. Merkley, passed peacefully away Tuesday evening, December 18th, 1917, aged 26 years. Her funeral was conducted on Thursday at 1 p.m., by her pastor, Rev. Maurer, assisted by Rev. L. M. McCreery, Rev. Maurer taking for his text Phil. 1: 2: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Grace was

a life-long invalid, but while able was a faithful attendant at all the church services, especially the S. School and Luther League, in which she took a great interest. She was deeply interested in having the church decorated on each Lord's Day and on festival occasions. Some of these beautiful floral tributes still spoke to us from the church altar during the Christmas season. When on account of her weakened body she no longer was able to leave her home her spirit and interest were still with her church and God's people. The "Young Folks" was taken to her every Sunday morning and it was her delight to solve the queries, which she generally succeeded in doing. Her Bible and Hymn Book were her daily companions. Grace has departed, but in the rich fullness of faith and unselfish service her life still speaks to us. May God comfort the sorrowing mother and all who mourn.

Rev. Maurer spent a few days in Toronto with his daughters, Anna and Ruth, and on December 23rd, 1917, officiated at the ordination of A. A. Zinck, B.A., to the Holy Ministry.

Rev. L. M. McCreery, who has spent some time among us, left Dec. 23rd, 1917, for Montreal, to spend Christmas with his children. On Dec. 25th the annual Christmas service entitled, "Come to Bethlehem," was rendered by the School. During the evening Pastor Maurer and Mrs. Maurer were presented with a set of dining room chairs and a purse. The funeral of Mrs. Robert Stata, who died at Brockville, was held on Jan. 4th, 1918. Pastor Maurer taking for his text Ps. 6-4. She leaves to mourn five sons and two daughters. Another of our aged members has passed away in the person of Mr. Herman Merkley, aged 86 years. His wife predeceased him several years ago. One brother, Silas, and two sisters, Mary and Maggie, survive. The funeral was held on Jan. 8th, 1918. The pastor's text being Ps. 51:1. On the evening of Jan. 9th, Rev. Carl Sorensen, of Dunbar, addressed the Luther League on Students' Aid. A special offering was taken for this cause. It is to be regretted that a larger congregation was not present. Our Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Linden Shennett, has taken unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Elda Mary McIntosh, daughter of Mr. Peter and Hagar McIntosh. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home on Jan. 9th. Congratulations!

GLEANINGS FROM THE CAN- ADA SYNOD.

January 20th, the annual congregational meeting of I. Lutheran Church, Toronto, was held. Of all the different reports presented the one dealing with the finances was the most encouraging one. The total receipts amounted to \$4,600, of which \$2,284 went for Church benevolence outside the congregation, fully \$2,000 for the Seminary Jubilee Fund. Considering the numerical strength of the congregation, which during the past three years has been decidedly retrogressive, this is a remarkably good showing and to some extent compensates for the rather discouraging features in some of the other branches of congregational life. Church attendance is not as it should be; the number of communicants is far below the lowest admissible standard of at least one annual communion for every confirmed member; the Sunday School continues to show a downward inclination in regard to attendance; the membership list gives an altogether wrong impression of the congregation, in so far as a considerable percentage of those whose names adorn that list, may not improperly be designated as "dead timber." In short, we have nothing to boast of, but our weakness and the Lord's goodness, who has graciously sustained our little band of faithful ones in their struggle for existence. To many of our readers it may seem strange to lay bare the shortcomings of our congregation. Well we do not believe in rose-coloring and covering up with beauty patches the spots or wrinkles on the body of our churches which should be holy and without blemish. We often feel as though some of the reports in our church papers went rather to the limit in the art of presenting things in a rosy light at the expense of truth and reality. After all it is not how we represent things, that counts, but how things are in the sight of the Lord, Who taught us to tell the truth, whether pleasant or unpleasant to hear. But notwithstanding the mentioned shortcomings we are glad to acknowledge the bright spots in the countenance of our Church at Toronto. We have a number of exceptionally regular and reliable church-goers. We have men and women, who are ever ready to act upon the call for service. We have unmistakable proofs of growing spirituality and consecration to the Church and its Divine

Head. Thus we enter the new congregational year undismayed and firmly sustained by the Lord's gracious promise: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure, to give you the kingdom."

St. Matthew's, Kitchener, is vacant. Rev. Zarnke left Jan. 16th for Sullivan Tp., his new field of labour, and was installed the following Sunday, II. Epiphany, by the Secretary of the Synod, Rev. H. Henkel. During the vacancy in St. Matthew's Rev. Arendt will have charge of the German preaching, while Prof. Little of our Seminary will take care of the English work. May it please the Lord, soon to provide the proper man for St. Matthew's.

The temporary administration of the vacant Hespeler church has been entrusted to Rev. J. Maas, of Kitchener, whose auxiliary services have been a veritable blessing to our many shepherdless flocks.

The Walkerton-Mildmay parish has finally succeeded in its repeated efforts of securing a pastor, the call extended to Rev. Lamack of Philipsburg, having been accepted. He will, however, not remove to Walkerton before Easter. The field vacated by him is composed of the rather strong congregation at Philipsburg and the smaller church at St. Agatha, with parsonage at the former place. The parish numbers about 300 souls, its members being farmers with few exceptions. The church at Philipsburg is the mother of a goodly number of our churches in Waterloo and Perth Counties. The proper man for this field must have all the good qualifications of a country pastor. Where may we look for him? Up to the hills from whence cometh our help!

A fine record is that of Grace Church, Eganville. Not quite three months ago they dedicated their handsome new church, which had cost between \$16,000 and \$17,000, and today the report reaches us, that the remaining debt has been reduced to \$1,000. A most remarkable showing. Another step in the right direction was taken by the Eganville parish by the decision to relieve their pastor of the heavy burden of serving the very distant congregation at Sebastopol, asking the latter to seek connection with one of the other parishes in the community. The intention is, gradually to secure the entire time and strength of the pastor for Eganville proper.

New St. Paul's Church in Ellice Tp., which was erected during the past summer and fall in place of the one that was destroyed by fire a year ago, was dedicated to the service of God, the Sunday before Christmas. Rev. Klaehn, of Stratford, assisted the pastor loci, Rev. Blunck, in the various services of the day. Our congratulations to Pastor Blunck and his people!

Rev. O. Stockman, of Tavistock, was granted a substantial raise in salary at the recent annual congregational meeting. Many of our congregations could hardly do anything better than take the hint: Go and do likewise!

WINNIPEG.

Milton J. Bieber.

The annual congregational meeting of the First English Lutheran Church was held after the evening service on Sunday, Jan. 13th, 57 attending the service and 48 the congregational meeting. It was held on Sunday in order to save at least a half ton of coal (\$6.50). A spirit of optimism and a determination to go forward prevailed. The annual reports were read. The church treasurer received \$754.64 through the regular church offering, \$670.91 from societies and special offerings; and a \$94.19 balance from last year, or a total of \$1,521.74; and \$425 was received as loans or \$1,944.74 in all. The congregation lost members during the year owing to removals from the city and the draft, leaving 43 on the subscription list. The estimated expenses for the coming year are \$2,000 and it was decided to make a strong, steady forward movement along all lines. Sacrifice, willingness, service, liberality will do it.

The Sunday School numbers 43 members. It received \$116.26 and expended \$111.40 leaving a balance of \$4.86. It instituted a monthly missionary Sunday and monthly missionary offering at its last monthly meeting. The highest regular attendance has been 35, and on Christmas 82. A Christmas tree, recitations, gifts, decorations featured at the service. The School meets at 12 noon.

The Missionary Society received \$418.13, most of which it contributed toward the church pews, and has a balance of \$19.82 in the treasury. It also gave \$11.20 to the Red Cross. There are 26 members. The Society meets at the various homes. It has

instituted a Home Department, will have a mission study class, and recently became a member of the Western Conference Missionary Society of the North-west Synod's Synodical Society. It uses 25 monthly topics.

The Luther League meets monthly and discusses the topics at the members' homes. It numbers 20 members. It has just completed paying for the piano in the Sunday School room. It keeps track of the young men in the draft and at the front, it is placing an honor roll in the vestibule of the church and preparing for a memorial service on Jan. 27th at the evening service. It is also placing church calendars in the members' homes.

The church's faithful janitor is now in khaki, one of the congregation's representatives in service. The members of the Church Council contemplate taking turns as janitor in order to save the monthly salary (\$15.00).

A Catechetical class (to be confirmed on Pentecost) has been instituted and the congregation has decided that from Jan. 20th on, it would hold its morning service and the Bible School (S. S.) conjointly each Sunday from 11 to 12.30 o'clock.

LUTHERAN WAR SERVICE.

The following are a few facts gleaned from reports regarding Lutheran war service in the United States:

1. About 190,000 Lutheran boys are now in the United States army. This represents eight per cent. of the membership and is the highest percentage of any Church denomination.
2. A national Lutheran war commission to provide Lutheran war chaplains and Lutheran camp pastors has been established. Already 24 camp pastors and 35 chaplains are in service.
3. An official Army and Navy Service Book has been provided.
4. Many churches have organized their forces for co-operative help for the boys in uniform.

"Are we indeed sincere when we daily pray 'Thy kingdom come,' without a thought, or a resolve, of ourselves being co-agents to bring about this result?"

Friend, if you were called at this moment by death would it be well with your soul?

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

SPECIAL ADDRESS.

At our convention in 1917 it was decided that we should appoint two ladies to address our meetings to give us renewed inspiration and knowledge. Miss Bornholdt, of Waterloo, was chosen for the western part, and Mrs. Casselman for the east. It was proposed that during Miss Bornholdt's vacation she make a tour of the societies, each society paying the expenses of the speaker from her last place of meeting to their own and that special meetings be called for these lectures. Would not Easter week be an opportune time for holding these meetings? Miss Bornholdt will then be at leisure. I am glad to note that one society has already taken advantage of this arrangement and has had the benefit of Miss Bornholdt's address.

THE HAMILTON SOCIETY.

Our Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society held a special meeting on Dec. 27th, 1917, to listen to an address by Miss Bornholdt, of Waterloo. The speaker gave a comprehensive outline of the various heathen philosophies concerning woman's sphere, and pointed out how the teaching of Christianity recognizes and calls for woman workers for the extension of God's kingdom on earth. A hearty vote of thanks was given Miss Bornholdt for having favored the society with her helpful discourse. After the meeting a social hour was spent in the basement of the church. At the same meeting, the Ladies of the Society took occasion to give a farewell to Mrs. I. B. Miller, who has been the treasurer of the Society for many years. During the closing exercises of the meeting the Society presented Mrs. Miller with a Life Membership of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council. The address was read by Mrs. A. L. Lay, while the presentation was made by the President of the Society, Mrs. M. Hagey. During the month four new members were added.

A soft answer turneth away wrath;
but grievous words stir up anger.

GETTING MONEY FOR MISSIONS.

If you haven't it ready to give, there are many ways which a little inventiveness will point out. Here are two ways which came under the notice of our treasurer. Not long ago he received a letter as follows:

"Enclosed you will find \$26.18 for home missions. The money is from two young ladies of the congregation in L. The way they raised this money may be interesting to know. They simply adopted the rule that whatever eggs would be laid on Sunday should be counted as missionary eggs. The above sum is the result of selling the Sunday eggs for 'one year.'" If this were the rule in every farm house, the treasury for missions would never be low. And why could this not be done? Who will make the effort?

At the same time another pastor brought \$2.00 as a gift from an esteemed Christian lady. How had she obtained it? She had sown a small bed of parsley, sold the crop and turned the money over to the mission treasury.

In both cases the inventive givers had kept the interests of the synod's work in mind, and carried them in their hearts. By this their gifts were not only made possible, but were blessed and sanctified by prayer. And it is certain, that a rich blessing, that cannot be measured in terms of money, also flowed into these hearts that had thus opened to receive it.

When we hear of such examples of love and liberality, we may be assured that our work will not lag. If no others would help, the women would still be ready with their gifts. Would that all men and women would in the present Lenten season bring to the Lord a thankoffering in the form of a gift to missions! This could easily be done if all were half as energetic and inventive as the above-mentioned devoted women.—The Lutheran.

LEARNING TO GIVE.

Hawaii children learn to give to missions very early; the mother holds the baby's hand, with the penny in it, over the contribution box and gently shakes the little fingers till the money falls into the box; then she kisses the hand and the baby soon learns to think it a very nice thing to do.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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

THE JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE AND THE TEEN AGE.

By Leon Irschick—Concluded.

The Teen Age Problem.

Every grown up person, but especially parents, will know only too well how, between the ages of 12 and 17, the corporeal frame of the child is developing, just like a bud unfolding itself in the spring. The hands and feet always seem to take the lead, resulting in a quaint appearance and a very clumsy behaviour. The boy or girl does not know what to do with these members and consequently becomes restless. Doctors and specialists have written hundreds of books discussing this problem and various special methods of physical training have been devised for this period of early adolescence. But in whatever has been advocated by these scientists, on three things they seem to have generally agreed, namely that the child in this period needs plenty of food, lots of sleep and proper physical exercise. Since the first two hardly come within the sphere of Junior League work we will pass over them. During the meetings we certainly want our children wide awake.) But in the line of physical training the Luther League has not done enough in the past and has thus deprived itself of a valuable and altogether justifiable means of winning especially the boy to whom this kind of exercise always appeals. During the winter little can be done outside of possibly some country hikes, that have to be well-planned before being undertaken, a sleighing or skating party and possibly the organization of a hockey team from among the boys. But as soon as spring begins, trips into the country will be profitable for both boys and girls. This can be accompanied by a systematic study of Nature and its wonders and along this line let us suggest the study of the life and habits of the ant, the bee or wasp, if this can be done without painful consequences. From the standpoint of every boy, and some types of girls, however, nothing in the line of physical development will excel the summer camp. Here, besides daily devotion, the children may learn group games, indulge in swimming, canoeing and rowing. A baseball

team may be organized, camp-craft may be taught and many other useful, healthful and interesting practises may be introduced. Now is the time to plan for next summer's camp.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE.

It's Development.

The work of the Committee on Extension of Work appointed by the District Association of Lutheran Young People in New York City, in 1889, was fully explained in the resolutions calling for its appointment and adopted by the delegates. They were as follows:

First—To ascertain, through correspondence with the Lutheran pastors in New York State, how many Young Men's or Young People's Associations are in existence, and after explaining the object of a District Association to the several pastors and members of these associations, they suggest that a similar central body be formed wherever it is found that a sufficient number of associations exist in a certain district or county, as may be decided.

Second—That where a pastor reports no association in existence, a further correspondence be instituted, and aid given by furnishing model constitutions and other data to form a Young People's Association in that congregation.

Third—That by the formation of new associations in time the State will be sufficiently canvassed to form District Associations in each county, and then steps can be taken toward forming a state body.

Fourth—That this committee correspond with Lutheran pastors and Young People's Associations in one of the largest cities of each State and territory, and recommend to them the formation of a District Association in their respective cities. Also to suggest that these bodies carry on the work in their individual States similarly to the Central Association of the City of New York, as recommended above.

Fifth—That by a formation of State organizations, if God will, ere many years a National Association of Lutheran Young People's Associations may be formed.

(To be continued.)

A SUMMER SCHOOL.

Dear Canada Lutheran:—

If you can find space for it in your columns would you kindly publish the following suggestion. For a number of years we have been talking of holding a Summer School within the bounds of our Synod. Why not begin to plan for one to be held this summer?

I understand the Women's Missionary Society was, at its last convention, invited to meet this year at Waterloo. Could that convention not be arranged to be held immediately after the close of the Seminary? The closing exercises always draw a number of our people to Waterloo and coupled with the Women's Convention would draw even more. These women come filled with enthusiasm and a desire to learn and it has been our experience that a number of them always stay in the convention town for several days, why not spend those days in a study of church work as it is done at our Summer Schools. The Women always bring in one or more outside speakers, why not get Mrs. Cronk or some other Summer School specialist and have them stay several days instead of one. The faculty of the Seminary and speakers at the graduation exercises could be used in a similar way.

These are merely suggestions, but I believe that if we begin planning along these lines now, we could begin this year with a very successful Summer School. Dr. Laury is hard to excel in teaching Sunday School Work. Dr. Bieber is a specialist in Home Missions, and these men are right in our own Synod and would be able to present excellent courses in these subjects. Others could be secured to assist in these, or other courses could be added for pastors, for Women's Society Workers or for Luther Leaguers.

I believe the executive of our Women's Missionary Society should take the initiative in this matter and keep on pushing until something is done. Thanking you for the space, I am, yours for a Summer School in Central Canada.—ERNEST H. BECKMAN.

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"Life is a bridge; pass over it, but do not try to build upon it."

MY SAVIOUR.

Jesus is my Saviour,
Upon the cross He died;
For me He shed His holy blood,
For me was crucified.

But not for me alone,
This sacrifice was made;
It was for every son of man,
The cross on Him was laid.

God reveals this holy truth,
Within His Book divine;
'Tis there we learn our guilt and
shame,
'Tis there His mercies shine.

Then let us sing anew,
The praises of our Lord;
And find our highest, greatest joy,
In His most precious word.
J. Frederick Bermon.

LUTHER CRITIC'S.

The advice is frequently given, and certainly deserves to be heeded, to "distinguish things that differ." This thought has been particularly emphasized by a careful reading of a number of contributions during the recent Luther Commemoration. Most of the criticisms have been concerned with the man's personal character, and serious reflections have been made upon him for many things he said and did. And yet all the while a good deal of forgetfulness has been shown of the results of the great movement which he initiated. Those who wish to understand his career should endeavour to grasp the principles which through him have dominated so much of human life for the past four centuries. In many comments on Luther there seems to be little or no conception of the internal and spiritual forces which were producing such marvellous results during his time. As a careful writer has said, if Luther were no better or greater than is often shown by his critics, he is an inexplicable phenomenon in the history of the world. The fact is that with all his faults and failings, which were admittedly not few or light, he belongs to the very small class of great men who because of their abounding humanity feel as all sorts and conditions of men feel. A leading article in The Times the other day said that there is no man to whom the modern world owes a greater debt and no one to whom the generous saying of Bolingbroke about Marlborough is more applicable: "He was a great man and I have forgotten his faults." The Globe.

RESISTANCE.

"I'm afraid it was a mistake that I joined the church at all, pastor," said Harry Jordan to his pastor. There was a troubled note in his manly young voice. "I felt that it ought to mean everything to a man to take Christ into his life, and while I was in college it was easy, comparatively, because there was always a fair proportion of the fellows who thought as I did."

"And you find it different now, Harry?" the minister asked kindly.

"Yes, I do. Our people at home don't care about that sort of thing. They don't argue with me or ridicule me; they just ignore it. It is as if I'd joined a new fraternity, or overrun my allowance, or done anything else a little foolish, but not worth making a fuss about.

"At the office it's the same. No one counts religion in. If I should begin to talk of the subjects that the rest of us used to discuss, father and Mr. Delaney and the clerks would stare at me as if I were talking Chinese. Among my friends it's the same. It's like trying to keep a little blaze going in a dark, damp cellar, with nothing but wet wood to burn. There isn't any atmosphere."

The minister reached up to the electrical bulb over his head, and flooded desk and study with the soft white light.

"Did you ever think, Harry, of all this electrical energy stored up for thousands of years before anyone found a use for it? It was there, hidden away, when the prehistoric man crept into his underground cave and fumbled round in the dark for his stone hatchet and flint-tipped arrows. Perhaps it would always have been hidden if we hadn't learned that when we put an obstruction in the path of a powerful electric current something wonderful happens. All this light comes because the current is 'cramped.' Technically, you call it 'resistance.' 'Resistance' plays about as large a part in human living as it does in physics, Harry, but the current must be strong.

"There used to be a little mountain stream near our house when I was a boy. I have taken some fine trout in that stream, but except for that it was useless, until an enterprising company built a dam of solid masonry across the gorge. It spoiled the trout brook,

but it forced the stream back upon itself, until it found vent at a higher level and turned a mill wheel. The stream didn't sulk or get discouraged. It just stored itself up until its chance came, and then it did splendid work—ever so much more than it could have done if the dam hadn't been thrown across its path.

"You've known men in college, I venture to say, who never made much show in scholarship, not because they lacked ability, but simply because they were following the line of least resistance. Perhaps you've known the other sort, too. Our sturdiest type of great men have been made that way; and our best Christians, too. If the current is only strong enough, Harry, it will overcome the resistance and break through."

"I'll try to keep it so, pastor," the young man replied, earnestly, "with God's help."—Exchange.

STUDENT AID NOTES.

Quite a number of our Leagues have not as yet reported the results of their Christmas Offering for Student Aid nor turned in the money received through this offering. We have received a number of good wishes for the success of our efforts for Student Aid, but good wishes do not pay the bills of our needy young men at Waterloo. Join the Student Aid Society now by sending in that dollar as your year's fee. Watch for our report in next month's Canada Lutheran.

AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR.

They had returned to the trenches. An English officer was missing. Someone had seen him fall. Learning of the spot, his brother, also a member of the company, begged the privilege to attempt to find and bring him in. The permission was granted. The brother crept out into No Man's Land as best he could. He found him lying at the bottom of a shell hole. He managed to lift him out, and finally bore him back within the lines. But when he laid him down the life had fled. "Are you not sorry now," said the commanding officer, "that you ventured all this?" "No," was the reply, "because when I looked down into that shell hole he looked up into my face and smiled, and said, 'I knew you

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would come." Shall not all our sons and brothers in France know that by every means in our power we too will come to meet their needs?

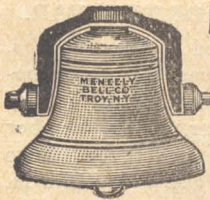
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DON'T STOP MY PAPER.

Don't stop my paper, printer;
Don't strike my name off yet;
You know the times are stringent
And dollars hard to get;
But tug a little harder
Is what I mean to do,
And scrape the dimes together—
Enough for me and you.

I can't afford to drop it,
And I find it doesn't pay
To do without a paper;
However others may;
I hate to ask my neighbours
To give me theirs on loan;
They don't just say, but mean it,
"Why don't you have your own?"

You can't tell how we miss it,
If it, by any fate,
Should happen not to reach us,
Or come a little late;
Then all is in a hubbub
And things go all awry;
And, printer, if you're married,
You'll know the reason why.

The children want those stories,
And wife is anxious, too,
At first to glance it over
And then to read it through;
And I read the editorials
And scan the local items,
And read the correspondence
And every bit of news.

—Lutheran Church Visitor.

Before you can get religion into anyone else you have got to have a contagious case of it yourself.—
Henry Sloane Coffin.

If people censure you unjustly, try to feel as charitable toward them as you would if they praised you too highly.

All common things, each day's events,
That with the hour begin and end,
Our pleasures and our discontents
Are rounds by which we may ascend.

—Longfellow.