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Footprints to Heaven.

By G. R. HALLMAN.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. And as many as walk according to this rule peace be on them and mercy upon the Israel of God. For the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all thy works of thy hand. He knoweth thy walkings through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. We took sweet counsel together and walked to the house of God in company. For thou hast delivered my soul from death; wilt thou not deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living. He that walketh uprightly walketh surely; but he that perverteth his way shall be known. Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved, but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once. He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand and when ye turn to the left. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon; it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there. Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls. O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Who is wise, and shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them. But the transgressors shall fall therein. He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.—*Lutheran Church Visitor.*

SERMONETTE.

John 3: 1-15.

The Trinity of God is humanly incomprehensible. It is a question of faith and not of reason. Fortunately the Trinity Sunday Gospel does not lead the mind into the unfathomable depths of speculation regarding this mystery. Its central thought is the more practical one of regeneration or the new birth, which is the work of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The emphasis is not upon the nature of Him who shall rule, but upon the requirements for entrance into His Kingdom.

Is a New Birth Necessary?

Jesus in His conversation with Nicodemus goes straight to the point and declares in unmistakable terms that a new birth is the unqualified requisite for entrance into the Kingdom. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." First of all, the Kingdom of God is a kingdom of life, and its citizens must be living men and women. Even the power and glory of earthly principalities depends not upon dead subjects, but upon living, active persons. God's Kingdom cannot be made up of citizens "dead in trespasses and sins." One must have a new birth, a new spark of life must be enkindled in his dead soul before there can be an entrance into the new Kingdom.

God's Kingdom is also a spiritual Kingdom. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Men are born into this world with the life which such a birth bestows—a life sufficient to meet the needs of the flesh and the demands of this world. But Jesus says, "My Kingdom is not of this world." Those who would enter it must have a new life to meet the needs of a spiritual Kingdom. This new life comes from above and can be supplied only through that new birth of which Jesus tells Nicodemus.

How Is the New Birth Accomplished?

Nicodemus would not deny its necessity, but how was such a birth into the spiritual Kingdom to be attained? How could he, an old man, with his best years behind him, again experience birth, childhood, youth, and maturity? Oh, the blindness that would measure everything in terms of this life! "It is contrary to reason" is the answer of the worldly wise man to so many of the mysteries of a spiritual religion. What a rebuke to such an

attitude was Jesus' reply! "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." Here was the answer to the sceptic's question, but he was still mystified. Perhaps we can grasp its meaning little better than he. With him we ask, "How can these things be?"

How Can We Understand the New Birth?

Even in this life there are mysteries which cannot be accounted for. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth." You hear the rustle in the trees, you see the waving branches, you feel the breath upon your cheek, but you do not understand it. You know it by the effects it produces. When the man born blind answered the Pharisee, "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see," he was explaining the things he did not understand by those he knew. So it is with the mystery of the new birth. We see men blind to the good, powerless to act if they could see, and dead to all that is higher and spiritual, who are given a new power and a new life. We may not know how a man can be born again, but we can interpret the mystery in the light of its effects.

The mystery of the Trinity may be incomprehensible, but the work of a Triune God is manifest in the new birth of the Christian. The new birth may baffle human understanding, but its effects are evident in the life of a regenerate child of God. Both are comprehensible only through an implicit faith in that God "Whose judgments are unsearchable, and His ways past finding out."—B. S. Brown, Jr., in Lutheran Church Visitor.

GUARDING THE LORD'S TABLE

Because the Lord's Supper is the Sacrament of His body and blood it has ever been held in the highest reverence in the Lutheran Church. And just because it is the Lord's Table, and not man's to deal with as he pleases, the Lutheran Church has never felt itself free to cast aside the restrictions with which the Lord has hedged it about. Other churches which deny the Real Presence and regard the Sacrament as a mere memorial or

typical ceremony where the communicant gets out of it only what he puts into it, have felt no restraint in this respect and have in many cases reduced it into a mere mark of fellowship or badge of charity. Consequently they feel free to invite everybody, or at least all who profess to love the Lord Jesus. Not bound by Scripture in the interpretation of the Words of Institution, they are not bound by any regulations which these words involve or which are expressly imposed upon them. They cannot understand, therefore, the attitude of the Lutheran Church and charge us with illiberality and bigotry. But this should not be disconcerting; much less should it cause us to deviate from sound practice. We are "the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful." And with St. Paul we should say concerning all calumniators and fault-finders, "But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: but he that judgeth me is the Lord."

Now in the Lord's Supper we have that which others do not profess to have, viz., the Lord's Body and Blood, according to His own institution. This very fact imposes upon us the duty of exercising the utmost care in administering a Sacrament so sacred. It necessitates that the Church see to it as far as humanly possible that proper preparation has been made and that each communicant is now ready to receive these blessed gifts worthily. For the apostle says: "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (I Cor. 11: 27-29). It is the bounden duty of the pastor as the chief executive of the congregation to see that such examination is made and that people do not come to the Lord's Table to become "guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." That pastor takes upon himself a fearful responsibility who gives a general invitation to all Christians or to all who love the Lord, regardless of whether by faith and profession they discern or fail to discern the Lord's Body in the Sacrament. It is not real love or charity for a pastor to become particeps crim-

inis in inducing people to come to the Lord's Table, who he has reason to believe may eat and drink to their injury or condemnation. Rather as a Christian man and pastor he should do all in his power to prevent it. We dare not degrade the Lord's Table to a mere human feast of love. Besides it is a Sacrament of unity, not of divinity of faith: "For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread." (I Cor. 10: 17). The Lutheran pastor is bound confessionally to exercise discipline in guarding the Lord's Table. Augsburg Confession, Art. 24, p. 50 (Jacobi) says: "And none are admitted, except they be first proved." Now the Lutheran pastor cannot "prove" those who are outside of the Lutheran Church; he has no authority of discipline over them. Nor has he any means of ascertaining their Christian faith or life. Hence the rule in our General Council known as the Galesburg Rule, viz.: "Lutheran pulpits for Lutheran pastors only and Lutheran altars for Lutheran communicants only." This rule, adopted at Galesburg in 1867, was affirmed as the policy of the General Council at Akron in 1872, and is morally binding upon every Lutheran pastor in the General Council. It is true that it is not legally binding, for the reason that the General Council is not a legislative but an advisory body; but it is morally binding as in accordance with our Confessions and as the deliberate counsel of our General Body. It is morally binding also from necessity, because it is necessary in order to preserve in our Church purity of doctrine and sound practice. We allow others to believe what they will believe and we rejoice in the good that they do, nor do we question their honesty and sincerity; but it is wrong to compromise the truth or to pretend that we are all one when we manifestly differ. Luther refused to give Zwingli the right hand of fellowship because he refused to accept the words "This is my body." He would not surrender divine truth for any human advantage. He was right. We must do the same.

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"God is unchangeable; and therefore faith is invincible, for it sets the heart on Him; fastens it there on the rock of eternity; then let winds blow and storms arise, it care not."—

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EDITORIAL.

Summer,—

"Nay, the Summer joy is on,
And lo, the foliage and the bloom,
The fuller life, the bluer room,
'Twas this the sweet spring promised me."

Spring has merged into Summer. The Creator's handiwork, wonderful at all times, is now in its greatest glory. It shows a fullness of life and a richness of grace that baffle all human powers of description. Who will stand before the crowned maple of the landscape and adequately describe it's waving grandeur? Who will inhale the woodland airs and give their fragrance a name? Who will listen to the purling waters and reveal the secret of their power to impress the soul of man? Will you? Will we? The soul may drink deeply from Nature's flowing fountains but the physical powers of man can but very imperfectly express the value of such draughts. The countenance of man turns upward in search of Him to Whom the raptured soul mutely offers its adoration. The best that speech can do is to indicate the overflow of the soul with repeated exclamations of: "Father, I thank Thee. Father, I thank Thee. Father in heaven, I

thank Thee." Yes, who is so base as to withhold gratitude from God in the midst of these things! Man wounds and kills, but God heals and brings to life again. No sooner is the deadly battle over than God's grass creeps forth to cover the shell-holes and adorn the graves of the dead. Mutilated trees throw out new leaves to cover up man's foul deeds. Summer breezes bear far away the stench of death. "Only man is vile." Should he not, like Adam, seek to hide himself from very shame? Will not every tree suggest and remind of his base betrayal and turn all pleasure into the anguish of remorse? Eve looked into the tree and saw a serpent. He became a curse unto her. Never again could the soul of man have seen a loving heavenly Father through the tree had not the curse of the tree been laid upon Him Who was crucified. Those who believe in Him and they alone can look into the tree and behold salvation. Only then can we fully enjoy the Summer and our souls have blessed communion with God when through faith in Him Who was nailed to the tree we look up with confidence and say "Abba Father," the Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

Salary Increases.—We cannot refrain from expressing our appreciation to those congregations who have recently increased the salaries of their pastors. We know of at least three pastors within the Synod of Central Canada who have been thus encouraged. We hope there will be several others before long. A raise now is after all only a move to restore the balance between income and cost of living. In a series of articles on "Wages and What They Buy" the Toronto Star points out that "the cost of the family budget, exclusive of clothing, etc., has advanced in Canada about 45 per cent. during the war." A salary adjustment to correspond would mean that \$800 should be raised to \$1150, \$900 to \$1305, \$1000 to \$1450, \$1100 to \$1595 and \$1200 to \$1740. We know of no pastor who has received so large increases. It seems only fair that congregations should seriously consider the circumstances in which their pastors find themselves as a result of the altered conditions of life.

Dr. Laury—As reported elsewhere, the Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., has resigned from the position of Presi-

dent and Dean of our educational institutions at Waterloo. His resignation has been accepted by the Seminary Board with profound regret for we had hoped to retain for years to come the services of a man who did so much for our Church during his brief term of office. Dr. Laury's attainments as a scholar are very great and his skill as a teacher is recognized by all his students and associates. He is a man of energy and execution. His convictions are strong and he possesses the courage necessary to carry them into effect. He guided our Seminary safely through the most critical period of its history and the Lutheran Church in Canada will not soon forget its obligations to him. We wish him continued success in any future work he may undertake.

The Canada Lutheran.—For the first time in its history the Canada Lutheran closes its fiscal year without any outstanding obligations and without having drawn during the year on the Synodical funds for its support. For this we thank our many friends everywhere. We hope the usefulness of the Canada Lutheran will be recognized more and more so that all Lutherans in Canada will ultimately regard it as their special representative. We mean what we say when we advocate "the Canada Lutheran in every home."

WINNIPEG

M. J. Bieber, D.D.

"Christ in Canada," adapted from "Christ in America," a fine missionary programme, was rendered in the church, under the auspices of the Missionary Society and the Luther League, on Tuesday, April 30th, to over 250 people. An offering of \$40.27 was received which was all appropriated to Missions. It was so well received that its repetition was asked for by many. About 40 persons took part. Readings and musical numbers were additional features.

On Thursday, April 20th we officiated at our first funeral in this city when Elenora Tressler, aged 21 years and 4 months, was laid to rest. We had visited her at the general hospital on Good Friday at the request of the Rev. M. Ruccius, her pastor (G. C.), who also took part at the funeral in the German language.

The Rev. E. F. Frefz, a former Lutheran Minister, now a member of the U. S. Food Commission, and who has been an eye witness of conditions in

France, recently toured Canada, especially the West, and appeared in our fine Industrial building auditorium on Thursday evening, May 2nd. He was greeted by 3,000 people, the largest audience he spoke to in Canada. As an orator and convincing speaker he has very few equals. He was loaned to Canada by the U. S. and helped to strengthen the ties between the two great countries in this world crisis. We knew him while we were in the pastorate in Binghamton, N.Y. and we again cordially greeted each other.

We were pleased to receive a phone message from David Goldhang, a student in the Toronto University (and we trust and pray with the Lutheran ministry in view) on Saturday, May 4, and we invited him at once to our rooms. He in company with Mr. McKenney, also a Toronto University student, passed through to the West to canvass books among the farmers. We took them to the Hudson Bay Store Saturday free concert, supper and lodging with one of our faithful members who has a hostelry and who then also showed them and us the parks, suburbs and other sights in this extensive city in his Chevrolet. They attended our services the next morning and David taught a class in S. S. He is one of our boys—a product of our Church in Hamilton at its organization in 1909. May success attend their efforts!

Rudolf E. Kron, confirmed in Kenora, Man., became a member of our Church on Sunday, May 5th, and another one of our boys, our former S. S. Secretary, returned to the city on Saturday and worshipped with us, but both, together with one of our S. S. teachers who is also a member of the Church Council, will be in the draft together with others, thus taking every one of our boys of draft age. At this service two children were baptized, one whose father is a Roman Catholic.

On Tuesday, May 7, the Luther League had an inspiring meeting at one of the member's homes, received one new member, reported the piano (\$225) now paid for, made arrangements to repeat the missionary pageant on May 20th, and to work towards securing robes for the choir. The four topics were also discussed.

On Sunday, May 12th, Mothers' Day was observed in our church by holding a re-union of all those who have been confirmed in the congregation since 1908, and who are still in the

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CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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PARISH BUDGETS.

Brantford.—Tuesday, April 23rd, the Pastor baptized Eileen Patricia, Duretta Alexandra and Beatrice Marie, children of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hatch. The Ladies' Aid held its May meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Hansen. Two dollars were voted for the Canada Lutheran and three dollars for dues in the Synodical Society. Mrs. Geo. Kiel was elected delegate to the convention at Williamsburg. A decision was reached to take up definite mission study, using Elsie Singmaster's "Story of Lutheran Missions." Officers were elected for the ensuing year. The Luther League was entertained by Mrs. F. Lipsky. Officers were elected. It will be represented at the Galt convention. Two members, Mr. Chas. Kiel and Mr. Leslie Hoey, each donated one dozen Sunday School books to the S. School. Sunday, May 5th was a red letter day when the first anniversary of the present pastorate was marked with special services. The total attendance at both services was nearly 200. At this service Mr. E. Neff presented the congregation with a beautiful pair of offering plates. The offering was good. Wednesday evening, May 8th, the congregation was honored by a visit from the President of Synod, Rev. J. Maurer, at which time the pastor was officially installed, before a good sized gathering. The people were cheered and encouraged by his presence and timely words.

During the month one new scholar has joined the Sunday School and the average attendance has increased. Luther League devotional services on Friday evenings have been fairly well attended.

Dunbar.—The annual congregational meeting was held on May 1st. The treasurer announced that the pledges not paid would cover what was lacking to close this year's books. Mr. J. E. Barkley was elected treasurer, releasing Ira Dillabough. Otherwise all the officers were unchanged. The W. M. Society and Ladies' Aid presented a favorable report. They certainly need all encouragement for their faithful and persistent efforts.

The Sunday School has at present 52 on its roll. The unfavorable roads have made the attendance somewhat irregular. The Cradle Roll is being introduced. Mrs. Sorensen has charge of this department. A blackboard is being purchased for the School. The Luther League held its last business meeting at Geo. Weegar's. We indeed appreciate the willingness with which the members gave their homes to entertain the young people. Several of our members have been ill. Mrs. Geo. Miller is slowly recovering. Mr. Adam Pemberton is not at all well; may God be his chief comforter. We are glad at this time to announce that Mr. John Merkley's little boy is improving. April 21st, Mr. Ernest Cassel and Miss Grace Prunner were united in holy wedlock at the home of the brother, Mr. Roy Cassel.

Buttonville.—At the annual meeting of this little congregation the old officers were all re-elected. Reports showed that all local obligations had been met and the apportionments to Synod fully paid. By unanimous vote the pastor's salary was increased \$100. Walter Scott has entered the Canadian army.

Galt.—April 28th will long be remembered as a real Red Letter Day in the history of St. Paul's congregation here. On that day the first every-member canvass was held, but it will not be the last one. At the morning service fourteen men appeared before the altar and were solemnly commissioned to conduct the canvass. These men had been thoroughly prepared and fully instructed for this work. In the afternoon they assembled at the church, received their lists, cards and envelopes, bowed their heads in prayer and received the benediction. Then they canvassed each other after which they started out through the congregation. There were seven teams and each had nine families to call on. At 5 p.m. they returned, totalled up their results and sat down to supper prepared for them by the ladies. At 7 p.m. the church was full. The opening service was conducted when the pastor stepped to the blackboard that faced the congregation and tabulated the results of the canvass as the various

teams reported. The results when totalled stood as follows: 120 persons canvassed; 71 promised to read some portion of the Bible daily; 71 promised to pray daily for the Church; 73 promised to attend the services regularly; 5 promised to join the S. S.; 3 the Luther League; 3 the Ladies' Aid; and 20 the Laymen's Brotherhood. Three promised to subscribe for the Canada Lutheran; 110 promised to contribute for local expenses \$1,840 and 95 promised to contribute for benevolence \$485. Nine applications for church membership were received and two other prospective members were reported. The financial aim of the canvass was \$2,000 for local church and \$500 for benevolence—\$2,500 in all. The result is a total of \$2,325 pledged and an estimated loose offering of \$200 or a total of \$2,525—\$25 "over the top." But the financial, splendid as they are, are by no means the only good results from the canvass. The spiritual results cannot be tabulated.

The annual congregational meeting was held on May 15. The expenses for the past year were at least \$400 greater than the previous year, but they were all met, apportionments were all paid in full or overpaid and the year was closed with a balance to the congregation's credit. The various organizations, according to their reports have been busy during the year. The congregation by unanimous vote increased the pastor's salary \$200 per year and also voted \$100 per year to Miss C. Leutwein, the ever-faithful organist who has always offered her services without any hope of financial remuneration. A. M. Rush and L. Wendell were elected as delegate and alternate, respectively, to Synod. The delegate was also instructed to invite Synod to meet in Galt next year. A. M. Rush and H. Schoenfeld were re-elected as members of the Church Council and Jas. Kent and I. Carpenter were elected as new members. A committee was appointed to see about procuring a new organ for the church and the congregational budgets for the coming year as prepared by the Church Council were adopted as a whole.

At the annual meeting of the S. S. teachers and officers a standing Missionary Committee was appointed to have charge of this part of the School's work. Also 40 copies of "Young Folks" were ordered for the School. This is the first time that "Young Folks" has been used here.

The Happy Thought girls at their last meeting resolved to join the Women's Missionary Society of Central Canada as a junior organization and appointed Mrs. C. H. Van Every to represent them at the coming convention.

The L. L. held a very enjoyable Wiener Feed during the month at the pastor's home. The losers in the recent Canada Lutheran subscription contest "fed" the winners. The Leaguers are now busily preparing for the convention which will have passed into history ere these lines are read.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society re-elected their officers at their recent annual meeting and, together with the Happy Thought Girls are sending Mrs. Van Every to Williamsburg as their delegate.

The Laymen's Brotherhood is now an established fact in our congregation and promises to be heard from during the coming year. It meets weekly. The officers are: President, W. Doerfling; Vice-Pres., G. Fletcher; Sec., F. Carpenter, and Treas., H. Seyffert.

On April 18th, Geo. W. Ehrhardt, late of Preston, Ont., and Miss Laura Gremm, of Kitchener, were united in marriage at the pastor's home. Our congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy married life go out to this young couple who have now settled within the bounds of our parish. Mr. Ehrhardt is English Secretary of our Canadian Lutheran Laymen's Movement.

The pastor also conducted the funeral of the 13-day old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berner of Hespeler, during the month. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to these bereaved parents.

During the month the pastor also addressed a banquet in St. Peter's Church, Preston, served as Chairman of the local publicity committee in connection with the Y.M.C.A. Triangle Fund, addressed the young people of the local Baptist Mission and is invited to speak to the young people of the Baptist Church and also to address the convention of the Waterloo Township S. S. Union. Holy Communion was administered on Whitsunday and was well attended. Our sick are all doing nicely.

Guelph.—We are very sorrowful to record one of the saddest events which have occurred in this city for several years and to our congregation. Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Rothmel of 16 Albert St., and suddenly robbed it of their only two children. Gladys, aged fifteen years, and Harry, 18 months. On Sunday, April 14th little Harry was taken sick with diphtheria. Gladys was removed from the home believing she would escape the disease and that she might continue her studies at college. But the following Saturday she was brought home, having also contracted the disease. On the 23rd Harry passed away, followed by his sister a few hours later on the following morning, and together their remains were interred in the Union Cemetery, side by side, on the afternoon of the 24th. Gladys was a dutiful naughtier and an exceptionally bright student, always keeping her place at the head of her class. The many letters of condolence from her teachers testify of her obedience and ability in the class-room. She will be greatly missed in the circle of our Junior Luther League. Harry was a loving little boy full of life and play for one so young. May God comfort the parents in their hour of bereavement. "God's ways are not our ways." "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." Miss Mogk is progressing slowly. Mrs. Sankey is ill and suffers much. We hope for a speedy recovery. We are glad for the improvement in health of Mr. A. Pfaff who has been suffering for some time from the effects of blood-poisoning. Our Sunday School will begin on the first Sunday of June to hold its session before the morning service. "Let us be up and doing" in the morning so that we be there on time. The new Student Pastor is now in the field all the time and aside from the sadness cast over many homes, he is enjoying the work, and is busy getting acquainted with his people. Rev. Wahl writes that he has arrived in Nova Scotia, enjoyed his trip, via New York, has had a good rest and wishes to be remembered to his many friends in Guelph.

Hamilton.—The annual meeting and election of officers of the Luther League was held on May 14th. The following were elected into office: Pres., Mr. Chas. Vollick; Sec., Miss Lobitz; Cor. Sec., Miss Prong; Treas., Miss E. Marquette. The treasurer's report showed that during the year nearly \$200 was raised, not including \$50 recently raised at our devotional meetings and which will be presented to the Church Council to reduce our

mortgage. Delegates were also elected to represent the League at the annual convention to be held in Galt.

The League recently lost one of its members in the person of Mr. Fred Hignell, who died in a Halifax hospital. Pte. Hignell was the first draftee of Hamilton to make the supreme sacrifice. Mr. Eric Reise and Pte. Catchpole are also in uniform, in training in England. Our own President, Mr. Schwenker, also resigned his office, preferring to serve his King and Country. He has left to join the artillery forces.

The surroundings of our church have been greatly improved. The men came and levelled the spacious lawn adjoining our church and converted it into a suitable lot for lawn tennis in the summer, which may also be used for a rink in the winter. The work was done under the direction of Mr. Hansen, a Danish expert gardener and lawn artist. Rose bushes, flower beds, clamatas, and Boston ivy were also planted in suitable places. The work done will do much to beautify the surroundings of our Home of Worship.

Our Sunday school continues to show progress. We have now an enrollment of 182. Eleven new scholars were added during the last two months. The average offering per Sunday for the last two months was \$5.22 and \$5.05, respectively. For the first time in the history of the School, the treasurer's report shows a good balance with all obligations met, as well as having paid a substantial sum to eliminate the congregation's mortgage. The Laymen of the congregation recently held what we hope will go down in the history of our church as a "momentous meeting." Important resolutions were adopted and work was immediately begun. More of this later.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was held on May 2nd. Reports for the year were presented by the officers. The President, Mrs. Hagey, expressed her thanks to the ladies for their hearty co-operation during the year, and also urged that many more join the Society during the year. Mrs. Johnson gave the secretary's report, which showed a membership of 28, seven new members were added during the year. By removal from the city the Society lost three members during the year. Eleven business sessions, at which time the monthly topics were also discussed, were held throughout the year.

The Society also did Red Cross work towards which cause a sum of money was raised. The ladies are also engaged in knitting for the soldiers. Contributions were also made to Foreign and Inner Mission causes.

During the year the organization collected about \$120, most of which was paid out to missionary and benevolent causes. The Treasurer, Mrs. Fess, reported a balance of about \$20 on hand. Much of the Society's progress during the year must be attributed to the incentive gained at the Mission Study Classes. Mrs. McDonald reported 17 study classes held throughout the year. During the period of Lent the Mission Study Classes were held every week, which proved to be very profitable. The following books were read and studied in the past year: "Missionary Milestones," "India Awakening" and "The Telegu Missions." The average attendance at these meetings was 13, and \$25.00 was collected at these meetings which was devoted to Beneficiary Education.

Humberstone.—There is not very much to report from Holy Trinity congregation this month. We are sure we could well nigh fill the pages of the next number of Canada Lutheran with reports of the dedication of our new pipe organ, which is to take place on Trinity Sunday, May 26th. All organizations are busy preparing for the grand opening. The Luther League met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chambers, May 14th, with an attendance of 23. The League will be represented at the Galt convention. The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Albert Kramer, May 15, when sewing was done. The Sunday School is having increased attendance. Four new scholars were added during the month. We regret to report the death of one of our members, Mr. Fred A. Deterling, who after a protracted illness of some time fell asleep in his Saviour, May 2nd, aged 69 years. Funeral was held Sunday afternoon, May 5th. God comfort those who mourn!

Preston.—The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Schlueter, on the evening of April 24th, with a good attendance. The Red Cross shipment for April from the Lutheran ladies was 64 suits pyjamas, 252 handkerchiefs, and 10 bags. The teachers of the Sunday School

banquetted the members of the choir on Thursday evening, April 25th, in the basement of the church. Rev. E. Beckman, of Galt, was also present, and gave an earnest address. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. R. Holden of a beautiful wicker chair on the eve of their leaving the choir to take charge of their new duties in the Methodist Church. On May 5th five boys and five girls were confirmed. The church was prettily and appropriately decorated.

Sherwood.—Three more of our boys have reported for service,—Roland Keffer, Emmanuel Wisswaesser and Ross Keffer. A Woman's Missionary Society has been organized in this congregation with the following officers: Pres., Mrs. John Keffer; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jesse Keffer; Sec., Mrs. David Julian; Treas., Miss Margaret Keffer; Literature Chairman, Mrs. H. Fierheller. The Society has now ten members and looks forward enthusiastically to its future work. During the month the pastor baptized Clayton Conway, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Denby and Verna Elaine, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Calhoun.

Unionville.—The Woman's Missionary Society held its annual meeting during the month. Reports showed the past year to have been the best in its history, the amount of \$53.11 having been raised. The old officers were re-elected. The Ladies' Aid officers were also re-elected. The new officers of the Mission Circle are: Pres., Miss Helen Stiver; Vice-Pres., Miss Ada Stiver; Sec., Miss Myrtle Summerfeldt; Treas., Miss Mary Harper; Supt., Miss Irene Pingle. The annual congregational meeting was held on May 12th. Considering the sad losses this congregation has sustained the reports were very satisfactory. The pastor reported three accessions during the year—Pte. Ross Summerfeldt left recently for overseas service in a tank battalion and Ptes William Summerfeldt and Orville Stiver are now in England with the infantry. Pte. Murray Summerfeldt has been held in Halifax on account of illness.

Waterloo.—The Luther League of St. John's Church held their annual meeting of the year on April 8th after a few months of rest on account of the shortage of coal and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—

Pres., Herb Schaus; Vice-Pres., Henry Linke; Sec., Miss Clara Conrad; Treas., Miss Hilda Hoffman; organist, Ralph Ziegler. The Society has fulfilled its promise after seven years of hard plugging and has ordained its graduate, Rev. Oscar Neeb to the holy ministry. May the Lord grant him the richest blessing. The League very ably entertained the Preston Luther League on the evening of the 30th to a social gathering. Our League having visited Preston some time past.

The annual meeting of the Missionary Society of St. John's Lutheran Church was held at the home of Mrs. A. Kranz, Duke street, on Wednesday afternoon, May 1st, when the following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs. C. Mueller; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Herb. Smith; Sec., Mrs. A. Heller; Asst. Sec., Mrs. M. Sturm; Treas., Mrs. H. Liphardt; Asst. Treas., Mrs. Ed. Liphardt; organist, Mrs. (Dr.) Weidenhammer; Asst. organist, Mrs. A. Kranz; reporter, Mrs. J. H. Smith; auditors, Mrs. (Rev.) Bockelman and Mrs. C. Huenergard. Mrs. A. Kranz was appointed a delegate to attend the annual convention of the missionary societies at Williamsburg in June. The annual reports presented by the different officers showed that our Society has been very active and we are elated over the splendid report, which we will be able to send to the convention.

The grim reaper has removed from our midst one of our very faithful members, Mrs. J. H. Roos. Mrs. Roos has been a member of our Society ever since it has been organized and took an active part in all the work until ill-health forced her to retire. She was of a kind and loving disposition and will be greatly missed by all. The sympathy of our Society goes out to Mr. Roos and family in their sad bereavement.

Welland.—Annual meetings were the order of the day the last few weeks at St. Matthew's. On May 2nd the annual meeting of the L. A. and Miss. Soc. was held at the home of Mrs. D. L. Weaver. The treasurer reported receipts during the year of \$42.03. The Society helped the Church Council considerably in paying of the salary of the organist. \$2.10 was sent to the Seminary Auxiliary; \$2 voted to Canada Lutheran; \$2 to the Seminary; and \$3 dues to the W. H. & F. M. Society of Central Canada was ordered paid. The new offi-

cers for the year are: Pres., Mrs. John Kottmeier; Vice-Pres., Mrs. M. Hill; Sec., Mrs. John Guinther; Treas., Miss Carrie Kottmeier. The annual meeting of the Luther League was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Esser. Officers and committees presented annual reports. The League had receipts during the year of \$29.88. The following are the officers for the year: Pres., Mr. Frank H. Hesler; Vice-Pres., Rev. W. H. Knauff; Rec. Sec., Mrs. V. Esser; Cor. Sec., Miss Elizabeth Reichheld; Treas., Miss Flo. Ott. Membership, devotional and entertainment committees were also appointed. The League will be represented at the Galt convention by three or four delegates. The annual meeting of the congregation was held May 19th. All officers presented annual reports, and the various organizations also reported. The Treasurer, Mr. Ott, reported total receipts during the year of \$586.49, including specials and regulars for benevolence. Messrs. J. Kottmeier and C. Engelbrecht were re-elected to serve on the Church Council and Mr. V. Esser was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. Sankey. Miss S. Cronmiller, who has been ill for some little time is very much improved in health. Mr. J. Kottmeier, the secretary, is in Alden, N.Y., taking treatments in the health baths, and is much improved.

Williamsburg.—Another of our aged members has passed away in the person of Mr. Matthew Barkley, aged 85 years. The funeral, which was held on April 17th, was largely attended. The pastor preaching from the text, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

A very pretty wedding took place on April 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Whitteker, of Dundela, when her sister, Miss Flo. Casselman, was united in marriage to Mr. William Casselman, of Williamsburg. Rev. Maurer officiating. Congratulations.

On Sunday, April 28th, Mr. Stanley Casselman and Mrs. Morley Casselman were confirmed and communion was partaken of by the following members of the family. Mr. John Casselman, Mr. and Mrs. Morley Casselman and Mr. Stanley Casselman. Pastor Maurer attended a special meeting of the Seminary Board at Waterloo and on May 1st was in Brantford, where he installed Rev. A. A. Zinck. On May 6th Pastor Maurer

left for Philadelphia to attend the Home Mission Board. Mr. Paul Maurer spent Sunday, May 5th, at his home here before leaving for overseas.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

A glorious spring day, one of the good and perfect gifts of the Heavenly Father, marked the installation of Rev. John Schmieder in St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener, on Rogate Sunday, May 5th. The beautiful, large church was filled to its capacity with worshippers long before the service commenced, practically the whole congregation having turned out to thank the good Lord for having so kindly remembered His shepherdless flock. The liturgical service was in charge of Rev. Arendt, who had very acceptably supplied the congregation during the vacancy. Your correspondent preached on Hebrew 13: 7, 8 and 17, and performed the act of Installation according to the Church Book, after which the newly installed pastor pronounced the benediction. In the English evening service Rev. Schmieder preached a very fine and appropriate sermon on the parable of the Sower. Both morning and evening, the various church choirs rendered admirable service under the leadership of their esteemed master, Mr. Otto Smith. Monday evening the congregation tendered their pastor and his young wife a rousing and royal reception. An immense multitude of happy people had gathered to welcome them and make them feel at home. Mr. V. R. Berlett acted as master of ceremonies in a very proper and dignified manner. The musical part of the programme consisted of a number of well selected anthems by the choirs and male quartette connected with the church. Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Revs. Arendt, Maass and Hoffmann. The climax was reached, when Mr. Charles Smith, one of the elders of the church, addressed the pastor and on behalf of the congregation made him the recipient of a most elegant dining room suite, immediately followed by Mr. A. L. Bitzer, who in a few well chosen words told the young couple that bed room suite of the same material, a gift of the Church Council, was ready for them in the parsonage. Needless to say, the new pastor, could no longer hold his tongue now. Very happily he expressed his and his wife's feel-

ings of gratitude and appreciation of the many tokens of good will and cordiality on the part of his people. Refreshments were then served and an informal mutual greeting between pastor and people brought the happy gathering to a close at a pretty late hour. The Lutheran clergy of Kitchener and Waterloo was well represented, besides the three brethren already mentioned, the Revs. Behrens, Lincke, Holm and Dr. Little were present. Rev. Schmieder certainly begins his ministry in St. Matthew's Church under unusually favorable auspices. May the Lord abundantly bless his ministrations, according to His promise: "I will bless thee and thou shalt be a blessing!"

St. Peter's Parish, Wiarnton, which a couple of weeks ago lost their church by fire, have not yet decided whether they will re-build at the present time or not. The regular Sunday services are meanwhile held in the parsonage.

The vacant Philipsburg-St. Agatha Parish have engaged Student R. Brenner of Baden to serve them till a permanent pastor is called.

Student R. Geelhaar, of Kitchener, has gone to work among the scattered Lutherans in Northern Ontario during the summer months. The field has been vacant for the last two years, though occasionally supplied by various pastors of the Synod. Mr. Geelhaar's address is Massey Station, Ont.

Mr. Oscar Neeb, of Waterloo, one of this year's Seminary graduates, has been called by the German Home Mission Board of the General Council, to work on our North Western Canadian Mission Field, and, we are glad to say, is willing to follow the call. He will be the second of our Waterloo men to do pioneer work in this great and most important field of our Canadian Lutheran Church, where the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.

I. Lutheran Church, Toronto, on Rogate Sunday had the pleasure of listening to a fine sermon by Prof. Dr. Little, who had charge of the services in the absence of the Pastor, who officiated in St. Matthew's, Kitchener.

The Rev. Zarnke, Desboro, Ont., is the happy owner of an automobile, the gift of his congregation. It is, as far as we know, the first case of one of our congregations supplying their pastor with this modern convenience. Rev. Dr. Kasdorff, of Arnprior, is the happy father of a first-born son. Congratulations!

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

A NEW SOCIETY.

We are sure all the societies of Central Canada will rejoice with us in the birth in Zion congregation, Sherwood, of a Missionary Society. It was organized on May 18th, with six charter members and now has ten. It will use the regular programmes and missionary hymnals. We would also call special attention to the good work done by several of our societies as reported in this issue. The developing interest in missions in our congregations is undoubtedly due in large measure to the efforts of our Woman's Missionary Societies.

AFTER THE CONVENTION.

Before this reaches our readers our convention at Williamsburg will be over and its activities reported to the congregational societies. There will be new resolutions, new plans and new methods but the appeal will be in substance the same: "Do what you can during the coming months to answer the plea of the heathen world for help." Our work is to help preach Christ and Him crucified, in the dark places of our earth. Let us not be weary in well-doing.

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At least one mission study class in every congregation. This will develop leadership, increase knowledge and deepen the sense of personal obligation.

Winning YOUNG women into our ranks.

The Price.

Willingness to give to careful preparation for the monthly meeting.

Calling on the indifferent woman, and tactfully presenting to her the work of the society.

Inviting her to the regular meeting, and calling for her, if she will not otherwise come.

Informing your own self by reading and study.

Choosing to eliminate many time-consuming demands, to give the bigger work of the Church the right of way.

Willing to serve, in a high or a lowly position. Ready to answer: "Here am I; send me."

There is a PRICE to pay. Are YOU willing to pay the price? Then our ideal will be realized.

WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN AWAY.

Carve your name high over shifting sand,

Where the steadfast rocks defy decay.

All you can hold in your cold dead hand

Is what you have given away.

Build your pyramid skyward, and stand

Gazed at by millions, cultured they say.

All you can hold in your cold dead hand

Is what you have given away.

Count your wide conquests of sea and land,

Heap up the gold and hoard as you may.

All you can hold in your cold dead hand

Is what you have given away.

—Selected.

REAL MISSIONARY INTEREST.

If those who send the missionaries forth more fully realized the nature of the battle to which they go, none would ever suppose that his Christian duty were done when he contributed for the outfit, the passage money and the salary for sending the ambassador abroad and maintaining him upon the field. The real support of the missionary and the whole missionary enterprise calls for something even more valuable than money—sympathy, desire, heart burden—finding their expression in intercessory prayer.—Ferguson.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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

GALT CONVENTION.

The eleventh annual convention of the Canada Luther League (celebrating the tenth anniversary of its organization in the same place) was held in Galt, Ont., May 24-25. About 125 delegates and visitors attended its sessions, coming from about 25 different points in Ontario and the U. S.

The pastor of St. Paul's, the convention church, Rev. Ernest H. Beckman, conducted the opening Matin service sharp at 10 a.m. on May 24. The Mayor of the City, Dr. W. S. Dakin, extended a civic welcome. Mr. James Kent welcomed the delegates and visitors on behalf of the local League. To both of these addresses, Mr. Stanley Gartung, Vice-President of the convention, very fittingly responded. A letter of greeting was read from Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., which breathed the spirit of optimism and enthusiasm so characteristic of its writer.

In the absence of Secretary Wisswaesser, who is now serving in Uncle Sam's army, Mr. G. Boyer was appointed Secretary pro tem. He read the minutes of the previous convention which were adopted as read. The Extension Committee reported the organization of a new league in Dunbar. The President appointed the following committees: Nominating, S. Gartung and Revs. Zinck and Willison; Press, Revs. Willison and Beckman; Auditing, Messrs. Neeb and Vollick. Corresponding Secretary's report was adopted. The delegate to the Canada Jugend Bund Convention reported having been well received and granted the privileges of the floor. This session was closed with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. Voelker, of Preston.

The convention then adjourned to the banquet room of the Galt Y. M. C. A. where the women of St. Paul's had dinner awaiting them. Much thanks is due these good women who left nothing undone to minister to the needs of the "inner man." After dinner a photo of the convention was taken in front of the church.

Second Session.

The second session was opened with devotion by Rev. E. Bockelmann, of

Waterloo. The President then welcomed the Rev. O. Klaehn of Stratford, fraternal delegate of the Canada Jugend Bund. He addressed the convention, referring especially to the proposed union of his organization with the Canada Luther League. He was followed by Mr. S. Cooper, Student Pastor of St. Paul's, Guelph, who presented a very fine paper dealing with the Keynote of the Convention, "Strength in Unity."

A motion was carried that a telegram of greeting be sent to the Nova Scotia Luther League in session at Bridgewater, N.S. This was followed by the report of the Committee on Union of the Canada Luther League and Jugend Bund. This report, after some discussion, was adopted. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$138.64. The auditors reported having examined the treasurer's accounts and found all correct. The President appointed Rev. Bockelmann, Mr. Cooper and Miss Pierce to act as Resolution Committee. It was decided that hereafter the statistical reports shall be sent with the dues to the treasurer of the District Leagues. The Student Aid Committee reported the work accomplished during the year and presented for the approval of the convention plans for raising and rules and regulations for disbursing the monies of this fund. The report, after some discussion and a few alterations, was adopted. A motion was carried that the offering of this session be contributed to Student Aid. Harry Hodges, of Philadelphia, Pa., then presented greetings from the Luther League of America. He stated that we should consider ourselves more closely related than ever since our two countries were united in a common cause. He also told of how the Lutheran Church leads in all patriotic work in the States through the agency and activity of the National Lutheran Commission. This session was closed with devotion led by Rev. E. Huenergard, of Hamilton.

A fine supper was served by the women of the Church at the Y.M.C.A. This institution's kindness in throwing open its doors and giving the delegates and visitors the freedom of its building was greatly appreciated by all.

Rally Session.

At the Grand Rally in the evening the church was crowded to the doors. The Rev. A. A. Zinck, B.A., of Brantford, conducted the Vesper Service. The first address, "The Luther League a Training Camp for Service," was delivered by Harry Hodges. He said in part:

"Jesus Christ drafted every member of His Church for all ages to come into His service when He gave the great commission 1900 years ago. We must all serve His cause and happily we of the Lutheran Church have a training camp for that service in the Luther League. Here are some good reasons why every young person of the Lutheran Church should be a Luther Leaguer. The Luther League is built on God's Word. It is soundly Lutheran. It is churchly. It is of the Church, by the Church and for the Church. It is educational not sentimental. It emphasizes the points of agreement between Lutherans of all bodies—not their points of difference. It is open to all Lutherans. This is no time for partisans. In this crisis of our Church all Lutherans must stand united as all parties in the nations are united at this time. The Luther League has grown out of a necessity recognized by the leaders of our Church. It is conservative, but it is as progressive as it is conservative. Some people use the word conservative when they mean stagnation. There is a difference. The Luther League is spiritual, social and practical. It is our Church's training school for service. It keeps our youth from drifting. There are three words much used to-day: Conservation, Loyalty and Preparedness. These words express what the League stands for. Some men say this war proves that the Church has failed. It hasn't. Men have failed but not the Church. The second psalm pictures to us the present failure of men, but the Church cannot fail. Banks, stocks and business may fail but the Church cannot. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go ye therefore into all the world and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world.' 'Upon this rock will I build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her.' These are the words of Jesus Christ. They are the words of God. Therefore if the Church could fail, God would fail and if He could fail, He would not be God. The Church cannot fail. The Church

has all the equipment and appliances necessary for the service of God. It needs you and the Luther League is a training school in which you can prepare for that service."

This was followed by an eloquent Rally address on "Service and Salvation in the Lutheran Church," by Rev. John Schmieder, of Kitchener.

Fourth Session.

Just prior to the opening of this session on Saturday morning the delegates were entertained to an auto ride around Galt. In the absence of the President, Vice-President Gartung took charge of this session which was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mr. J. O. Neeb, of Waterloo. The session was handed over to Mr. Harry Hodges, who conducted a very interesting Round Table discussion on Luther League Work. He showed the duty of each officer, committee and member of the League and gave the following standard to be aimed at at each League meeting: 1. An average attendance of at least half of the enrolled members at each meeting. (2) The punctual attendance of all. 3. The following officers, at least, present: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. 4. The following committees, at least, present: Devotional, Membership and Social. 5. Meetings begun on time. 6. Leaders present and prepared. 7. Each member to take some part at least once each quarter. 8. Daily Bible reading at home.

The report of the Nomination Committee was adopted and the following officers, committees and delegates were elected for the coming year:—Pres., E. B. Westcott, Hamilton; Vice-Pres., S. Gartung, Kitchener; Recording Sec., G. Prestien, Hespeler; Cor. Sec., Miss A. Otterbein, Hamilton; Treas., B. Knauff, Waterloo; Literature Sec., Miss E. Jones, Galt.

Credential and Statistical Committee: Miss C. Thiel, Kitchener; Miss G. Braun, Preston; and Miss E. Scherer, Kitchener.

Trustees: Messrs. G. Boyer, Hamilton; J. A. Loa, Ottawa, and G. Caselman, Morrisburg.

Extension Committee: Revs. E. Beckman, Galt and A. Zinck, Brantford and Messrs. S. Cooper, Guelph; J. A. Loa, Ottawa; S. Gartung, Kitchener.

Student Aid: Rev. E. Beckman and G. Prestien for 3 years; Rev. M. Voelker and H. Seyffert for 2 years, and D. Knorr for 1 year.

Delegate to Jugend Bund: Rev. E. Beckman.

Delegates to Luther League of America at Buffalo, N.Y., Aug. 27-29: Mr. E. B. Westcott, Rev. E. Beckman, Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., Rev. A. Zinck, B.A., Miss E. Jones, S. Cooper, Miss A. Otterbain, Rev. G. Weidenhammer, Miss M. Bockelmann and S. Gartung.

Alternates: Revs. W. H. Knauff, E. Huenergard, E. Bockelmann, and H. J. Behrens; Misses H. Hoffmann, H. Stiver and E. Scherer and Messrs. B. Knauff, J. Kent and A. Grosz.

Motions were carried that dues to the Luther League of America for two years, amounting to \$75, be paid; that \$5 expenses of Harry Hodges from Buffalo and return be paid and that the treasurer be informed of these motions. This session was closed by the Rev. N. Willison.

Fifth Session.

This last session of the convention was opened with devotion by Mr. S. Cooper. The Vice-President then welcomed the Rev. Mr. Schultz, of North Tonawanda, N.Y., who was present. The Committee on Credentials and Statistics then reported: 44 lay delegates, 7 pastors, 2 fraternal delegates, and 57 visitors were present at the convention, a total of 110 in addition to quite a number who failed to register. Eighteen Leagues sent in statistical reports showing a total membership of 703, there being a gain of 28 for the year. Total receipts of all leagues for the year amounted to \$1,504.65; expenditures \$1,139.77 of which \$424.59 was contributed to benevolent causes, or 72 cents per member.

Rev. Beckman read a telegram of greeting received from the Luther League of Nova Scotia. An account of \$11.20 for printing was ordered paid.

The question as to the length of next year's convention was left to the Executive Committee which shall hereafter meet regularly each year on Good Friday to arrange for the convention. Hereafter only the essential items of the minutes shall be read and the minutes of the preceding session shall be read at the opening of each business session of the convention and at the close of the last session.

The Committee on Junior League work reported through Miss Prestien of Hespeler. There are six Junior societies; 4 organized in 1917 and two in 1918, with a total membership of 177. This report was adopted and the committee re-appointed consisting of

Miss S. Kuhl, Preston; Mr. Irschick, Waterloo; Miss Prestien, Hespeler.

Mr. Irschick was appointed to make an investigation of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Test programme for boy's work and report in the form of a paper at our next convention the advisability or inadvisability of the Canada Luther League officially taking up this work.

Rev. Beckman was elected General Secretary and Organizer of the Canada Luther League and he is, in the meantime to supervise the Boy's Work of the Luther League.

The following report of the Resolution Committee was adopted:

1. That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Pastor, members of the congregation and all who so kindly received the delegates and visitors into their homes and contributed to the success of the convention.

2. That a vote of thanks be extended to the Press for their kindness.

3. That a vote of thanks be extended to the local Y.M.C.A. for their hospitality and in giving this convention the freedom of their building.

4. That the local leagues put forth every effort possible in support of the Red Cross and patriotic work of their respective communities.

A motion was made that the Student Aid Committee of the Canada Luther League approach the Synod of Central Canada at its Convention for the purpose of eliminating the existing confliction of the Student Aid Funds of these two bodies.

Mr. S. Cooper was elected Editor of the Luther League page in the Canada Lutheran for the coming year. A motion was carried that a bulletin containing the list of officers of the Canada Luther League and local leagues with their addresses be printed and a copy of this be sent to each officer whose name appears therein, also that the local leagues notify the Corresponding Secretary of the Canada Luther League of the new officers elected whenever an election occurs. An invitation from the Luther League of St. Peter's Church, Preston, to hold the next convention in that church was accepted. A motion was carried that all offerings received at this convention except the second session be devoted to the relief fund of our Church of the Resurrection at Halifax, N.S. Twenty-five dollars was voted to the Student Aid Society. A motion was carried that each local league be asked

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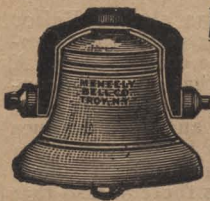
for a special emergency offering of 25 cents per capita to be contributed to the Jubilee Fund of the Luther League of America before the convention of that body in August. A motion to adjourn was carried and Rev. Ernest H. Beckman conducted the closing services. The offerings of the convention amounted to \$35.70 for Halifax Relief and \$10.83 for Student Aid. Thus the eleventh annual and most successful convention of the Canada Luther League passed into history. Another big step forward.

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Gleanings From the Canada Synod.

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Before this number of the Canada Lutheran is in the hands of its readers, Synodical meetings will have passed into history. Questions of far-reaching importance, above all the great merger question, will come up for discussion and decision. May the Holy Spirit be our guide in these momentous deliberations, that they turn out to the greater glory of God and the true welfare of our beloved Church.

WINNIPEG.

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city. Of the 79 confirmed 40 were men and 39 women; 16 were adults and 63 young people; 35 are still in the city and 44 are elsewhere. At this service the duty of these "children" to their "Spiritual Mother" was emphasized. Mother's Day is Decoration Day in Manitoba and is annually observed by impressive services on the University commons, followed by a monster parade of infantry, artillery, veterans, boy scouts, daughters of the empire, red cross nurses, camp fire girls, girls' brigades, and the graves of those who fell in the Rebellion of 1885 are decorated. The weather here though cool was ideal and the skies as usual were clear.

PRESIDENT LAURY RESIGNS.

The Rev. Prof. P. A. Laury, D.D., has resigned from the position of President of our Seminary at Waterloo. The news came as a distinct shock to all his many friends in Canada and it was with deep regret that at a special meeting of the Board the resignation had to be accepted. Dr. Laury entered upon his work in the fall of 1914 and has laboured with great success to place our institutions on a firm basis. We sincerely regret his departure. The Rev. Prof. C. H. Little, D.D., has been appointed Acting President and a committee named to suggest a President and also other teachers.