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## The King's Birthday Message

*To the Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden,*

*Premier of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.*

We, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, assembled at Williamsburg, Ont., on this, the birthday of His Majesty, the King, do again affirm our unfaltering faith in the justice and ultimate triumph of the cause for which our Empire is fighting and pledge ourselves and our congregations anew to the support thereof by all our resources, both material and spiritual.

*(Signed) J. MAURER, President*

*N. WILLISON, Secretary*



## PRAYER.

Almighty God, Who rulest over all things in Heaven and on earth, and before whom all the might of man is less than vanity: Mercifully regard the scenes of desolation and anguish that have come upon the world. Bring Thou an end to the reign of violence. Make wars to cease unto the end of the earth. Break Thou the bow; burn Thou the chariot in the fire! Scatter the people that delight in war, and let all kings and rulers know that Thou art God, even Thou only.

Give success to our arms on land and sea. Be with our soldiers and sailors at all times, in camp, and at sea, and as they face the enemy. Not only protect and defend them from all peril of body and soul, but make their arms effective to the maintenance of right, and the deliverance of the world from wrong and oppression. Arise, O Lord, as in the days of old. Be Thou a wall of fire about our hosts. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; as smoke is driven away, so drive them away; and grant us and all nations speedy, just and lasting peace.—H. E. J. in the Lutheran.

## SERMONETTE.

"With all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit." Eph. 6: 18.

Note should be taken of what it means that the apostle has not made prayer a special weapon but simply adds the words: "With all prayer and supplication." But this he has been desirous to make clear that prayer and God's help would be needed in the use of all the weapons. Prayer is the atmosphere in which the whole warfare must be waged—prayer is the breath of those fighting, without which no strength, no life can be thought of. Note how the apostle begins and ends by leaving it all to God. He begins by speaking of "the strength of his might" and ends by referring to "prayer and supplication." And it is always thus: the very best equipment is of no avail if God takes His Spirit away from you. Would you gird your loins with truth, you must entreat Him to give you the "Spirit of truth," otherwise you will soon be deceived. Would you "put on the breastplate of righteousness, then you certainly must pray to God Who alone "worketh in you both to will and to work, for His good pleasure." If you would have your feet

shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace or be able to hold up the shield of faith against the fiery darts of the evil one—O how you must pray for all these things! This is true also of the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit; prayer is necessary for everything.

Therefore watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. If we have understood what a powerful enemy we have, then we must not sleep in security, but expect on all sides the wiles of the devil and therefore in all seasons call on the Lord and be prepared with the weapons. This is the true watchfulness, to which the Lord Jesus so graciously admonishes: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation"—to which He in another place adds: "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." And when we behold the whole Church of God exposed to the same attacks and dangers that we are fighting against, let us not forget the apostle's admonition to prayer for all the saints and especially the witnesses of the gospel. Yea, may all the faithful of this age pray without ceasing for themselves and for all God's people.

Heavenly Father, Thou hast taught us

Thou to seek Thee in our youth;

Hitherto Thy grace hath brought us,

Lead us onward in Thy truth.

We are weak, do Thou uphold us,

And from every snare defend;

Let Thy mighty arms enfold us,

Save us, keep us, to the end.

—Rosenius.

## PRESENT FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. J. F. Bermon.

## Present Opportunity.

There never has been a time in the history of the Church, when the Church has had such an opportunity for foreign mission work as it has to-day. Every day sees the world drawn closer together. Yesterday it was the telegraph and cable; to-day it is the wireless message that brings the news of the whole world before us in our morning papers. Knowledge of the various races of peoples with their conditions, their needs, and the great problems that confront them is daily increasing. Swift steamships touch at every port in the world. Railroads are rapidly increasing, and are opening vast territories, that were formerly almost inaccessible. And where the steamships and railroads cannot and do not go, the automobile is at hand



and ready for service, later on we shall also see the mails and passengers transported through the air as if on eagles' wings. All these—facility of communication, facility of transportation, and a growing knowledge of the races of the world and their needs give the Church an unprecedented opportunity for foreign missions.

Besides this, authorities on the foreign mission situation agree that previous neglect of the Church, the willingness on the part of those in foreign lands to hear the gospel message, the responsiveness of the peoples to that message, and the promise of large numbers of converts to Christianity make the Church's opportunity a very pleasant one.

Then there is the urgency of the situation. Japan for instance, is ready, and fitted to become the leader of the far east in intellectual and moral matters as well as in material civilization. If we win Japan for Christ we will win all the countries of the east with whom Japan is so closely related. It is a most urgent need to Christianize Japan, so that Japan may Christianize the east. Urgency also demands that we prosecute with more earnestness, and zeal our activities in countries in which the Mohammedan religion is strong. Mohammedans are carrying on an extensive and successful missionary work. If we do not realize the urgency of the situation, and win the un-Christian lands for Christ, they will be won for Mohammed. In the religious theatre of spiritual warfare things are so shaping themselves that there will be a bitter struggle between the followers of Christ and the followers of Mahommed. Mohammedans have the advantage, they are on the field, and are active in large numbers. If the cross is to win over the crescent, if Christ is to conquer Mohammed, it is high time that we learn of this urgent need, and understand how great the present opportunity is.

And finally there is the motive for foreign mission enterprise, and that motive spells present opportunity. This motive is a threefold motive. It is found first and chiefest of all in the last command of Christ to His disciples. "Go ye," says Christ, "and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, etc." It was Christ's wish, it is God's will that all should come to repentance, and through faith in Christ find pardon,

peace, and eternal life. Because it is the Father's will, and because Christ Himself expressly gave us commandment to preach the gospel to the whole world, and bring its news of salvation to every sinner, it should be our wish also. How we can constantly pray—"Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," and still be so unconscious of the present opportunity of foreign missions, and so disobedient to that will is beyond all human comprehension. It is found next in the world's need of Christ. The light of the gospel shines for all. All are sinners and in need of that light. Unless that light shines upon the heathen world to scatter its poisonous vapors of ignorance, idolatry, and superstition, the inhabitants of the heathen world must perish. There is no salvation outside of Christ. Unless we give them Christ, their souls will be lost. The need is great, greater now than ever, because the time is short. And then that motive is found in our personal experience in Christ. If we have had but a normal Christian experience, we have learned to know something of fellowship with Christ, and what peace, and contentment that fellowship has brought us. And in proportion as this experience of ours is sincere and deep, we will naturally have the desire in our hearts to communicate it to others. Our own salvation should make us instant in season and out of season to bring that salvation to someone else who as yet knows nothing of it. Our own Christian experience should make us zealous to win souls for Christ. We can readily find then in this three-fold motive—the last command of Christ, the world's need of Christ, and our personal experience in Christ, a present opportunity for foreign missions. We might still speak of other things bearing on this subject, such as the fact that over 200,000,000 of people now speak the English language, and that over eighty per cent. of the world is ruled by Christian nations, but we have said enough to show that the present opportunity for foreign missions is unprecedented.

#### Present Forces.

How inadequate the forces of the Church are to carry on the foreign mission on a scale worthy of so great a cause, as the cause of Christ we can see by comparing the number of people to each Protestant minister in the States with the number of people to each Protestant minister in foreign

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### EDITORIAL.

**Dominion Day.**—Still another Dominion Day finds our Country and Empire in the throes of the mighty struggle of nations. Year by year we have laboured to bear our part in maintaining principles that as a people we treasure, and there is no indication of relaxation of effort. Four years of war have brought many changes and vastly increased the problems of national administration. Sorrow has followed suffering and generations must pass before conditions that five years ago we called normal can return. Indeed we venture to predict that Canada will, in many respects, change her course of life because of the experiences through which she is passing. As a young nation in possession of untold resources, we have reasons for an optimistic outlook, but we face many dangers. Our material assets and our free life are great blessings in our hands if used in trust to God's glory, but they have been and are and may continue to be snares to arrest the very progress we desire. We are told the war has chastened our spirit. We hope so. May whatever good that comes through such chastening not be too fleeting. It is so easy to forget. An army in defeat cries aloud

to heaven for deliverance and victory, but when victory comes that same army is apt to exult in its own prowess. Such is the natural man and to win real victory over this spirit is a greater task than to destroy armies. Alexander the Great could subdue the world but lost his life in conflict with his own passions. As Canadians we may be proud of our past, but let us at least recognize God's hand therein and give Him glory. The Church has the greatest task on its hands of all time. Let her be faithful. If we as Canadians go forth in Godly fear with devout faith in the Saviour through Whom we are styled "Dominion" we need fear no evil. God is with us. His rod and His staff will comfort us.

**Our Synods.**—The meetings of our Synodical bodies that have been held during the past few weeks have left an impress on our Church that we trust many generations yet unborn will read with gratitude. It has been good to be alive in these stirring times. In a remarkable way God has revealed His goodness. He has not only preserved His Church according to His promise so that the very gates of hell have not prevailed against her, but He has comforted her and given her the joy of increase and development. No one can read the reports of our Synodical activities without being impressed with an oft-recurring phraseology of progress. And it is not merely the rhetoric of reporters but an expression of facts. Our hardships have been the pangs of travail for many souls have been born into God's kingdom. The Synod of Central Canada reports, in many respects, the best year in its history. All its congregations except one were served with regularly called pastors and that one had a faithful student pastor. The total accessions were greater than in any previous year and the treasurer's report showed the contributions to the general funds of the Church to be \$1,062.83 in excess of those of the banner year of 1915. The Canada Synod reports the building of two new churches and a parsonage and the best financial year in the history of that body. Owing to its efforts the debt on our Seminary buildings at Waterloo is now paid. Both Synods endorsed the new Church Merger and participated in the organization of a Canadian Lutheran War Commission for Soldiers and Sailors Welfare. The past was indeed a year of many blessings. It was great to be a labourer in



God's vineyard. By His grace we are still in His service. Brethren, let us not grow weary in well-doing.

**The Merger.**—There are fourteen district Synods in the General Council and according to the latest reports to hand ten of these synods have endorsed the proposed merger of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod of the South. Three synods had not yet acted and one—only one, but the largest in the General Council,—the Augustana, resolved that it was not yet ready to enter the merger, but looked forward to “a confederation of all Lutherans in America.”

Of the action of Augustana Dr. Schmauk, President of the General Council, says: “The Synod is not opposed to the merging of the remaining elements of the General Council, which it believes homogeneous, into a United Lutheran Church. And it even looks forward to a deliberative or nominal connection with this new church on equal terms and along with other independent general bodies in the more or less distant future. The one great loss to the United Lutheran Church will be, not loss of numbers, for numbers unassimilated are impedimental, but will be that we shall miss the conservative faith of the Augustana Synod, its adherence to the old foundations, and its strong testimony and activity against non-ecclesiastical organizations, whose principles or practices appear to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Church.”

We must all regret the action of Augustana. Out of 760,441 baptized members of the General Council 278,333 are in the Augustana Synod. Out of 21 educational institutions 11 belong to Augustana. Augustana also controls 40 out of the 69 Inner Mission institutions and for years has conducted independent and foreign mission work in China and Home Mission work in America. What a power this body would have been as part of the new United Church, but probably it was the very consciousness of its strength that led it to seek the status of a general body. The vote on the merger seems to have been merely the occasion for a separation from the General Council which has long been contemplated. It is a comfort to know that Augustana does not part company with us on doctrinal or confessional grounds nor yet on grounds of practical Lutheran Church life but solely on grounds of general adminis-

tration of synodical forces. Let us hope the separation will not be wide nor of long duration.

In the meantime the bodies that are merging need the union more than ever. Without Augustana the membership of the three bodies is as follows:—General Council, 482,108; General Synod, 474,740, and United Synod of the South, 73,510, a total baptized membership of 1,030,358.

**The Canada Lutheran.**—Again we thank our many friends for their staunch support during the past year and solicit their continued assistance. We want to be of so great service that our readers shall feel they cannot do without us but we must look to our friends every where to help us attain and hold so honored a position. Send us your news and your opinions. Don't let your subscriptions lapse and get new ones until we have “The Canada Lutheran in every home.”

#### APPRECIATION OF THE LATE MR. C. H. STIVER.

The following resolutions were passed by rising vote at the recent Convention of the Synod of Central Canada:

“Whereas death in one of its most tragic forms has removed from our midst our beloved co-labourer and friend, Mr. C. H. Stiver, of Unionville, and

Whereas Mr. Stiver filled an almost unique place in our Canadian Lutheran Church, being one of the founders of the Synod of Central Canada, the Theological Seminary of Canada, and the Lutheran Laymen's Movement of Canada and an ardent and constant supporter of all spiritual and practical Christian endeavour, be it therefore hereby

Resolved, That we as a Synod record our grateful appreciation of the services which he rendered to our beloved Church and prayerfully commend his beloved wife and family to the tender care of our heavenly Father, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be embodied in our minutes, that a copy be sent to the bereaved family and that they be published in the Church papers.”

Life never begins to be serious in the largest sense until we feel that we have a mission in the world.



## CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Parish Budgets: Note**—Parish budgets are unavoidably held over till next month on account of Convention reports.—Ed.

### TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.

Rev. E. H. Beckman.

The tenth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada was held in St. Peter's Church, Williamsburg, Ont., the Rev. J. Maurer, M.A., Pastor, one June 2, 3 and 4. The visiting delegates attended the Sunday School at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday, June 2, at which several of them made short addresses.

At 10.45 a.m. the opening service of Synod was held at which the President, Rev. J. Maurer, preached an excellent and timely synodical sermon. This was followed by the administration of Holy Communion to the visiting delegates by President, the Rev. J. Maurer, and Secretary, the Rev. N. Willison.

In the evening at 7.30 o'clock the Vesper Service was conducted by the Rev. C. Sorensen and a fine sermon was preached by the Rev. N. Willison.

#### Monday.

On Monday at 9.30 a.m. the Rev. E. H. Beckman conducted the Matin Service after which President, the Rev. J. Maurer, formally opened the Synod according to the prescribed order. Immediately thereupon a resolution was unanimously carried by a rising vote that a telegram be sent to Sir Robert L. Borden, Premier of Canada, affirming the Synod's faith in the Allied cause and pledging its utmost support thereof.

After the Credential Committee's Report had been adopted and the hours of Synod established the President read his annual report which showed progress in every department of the Synod's work. The most interesting item no doubt was that which reported the organization of a Canadian Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare. This had been organized in the City of Ottawa at a meeting of the representatives of the Nova Scotia, Canada, and Central Canada Synods and of the Canadian Conferences of the Missouri, Icelandic

and Norwegian Synods. This meeting was also attended by two representatives of the National Lutheran Commission of the United States of which organization the Canadian Commission will be an auxiliary.

Representatives of this Commission at once outlined their plan of work and interviewed the Canadian Government. They were assured that the Lutheran Church in Canada would have its proper proportion of chaplains appointed for service in the army as soon as qualified men are presented for the positions. At present the officers of the Commission are considering the men qualified to serve as chaplains and also looking for the right man to serve as its Eastern Executive Secretary.

The treasurer's report showed that, with the exception of two years ago when the special Whirlwind Campaign for our Seminary was conducted, the past was the Synod's banner year as far as financial receipts were concerned. The total benevolent receipts recorded by the treasurer during the past year amounted to \$5,107.23.

Thereafter Synod resolved itself into a Ministerial Session for the balance of the morning.

On Monday afternoon the report of the Ministerium showed that Rev. A. A. Zinck was by virtue of his ordination and having signed the constitution already a member of Synod as were also Revs. Hirtle and Wahl. It recommended that Revs. P. W. Mueller and J. H. Bermon be received into synodical membership. These two brethren were thereupon formally introduced to the Synod by the President.

The election of officers followed resulting thus: President, Rev. J. Maurer; Secretary, Rev. N. Willison, and Treasurer, Mr. O. Summerfeldt.

The Publication Committee of the Canada Lutheran reported a most successful year. For the first time in its history this splendid little organ of Canadian Lutheranism has reached the self-supporting stage. The officers were all re-elected.

In connection with the report of the Committee on President's Report a resolution was carried that the Synod unite in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings He has so



bountifully showered upon our beloved Seminary at Waterloo and prayers for His continued guidance and protection. The Rev. Prof. Little, D.D., led the Synod in prayer in consequence of this resolution.

The Committee on Dorchester House reported progress in connection with the work of this much needed Inner Mission Institution at Montreal.

In the evening at 8.30 o'clock Vespers were conducted by the Rev. P. W. Mueller and the Rev. W. H. Knauff gave a very interesting anniversary address on "A Ten Year Retrospect" showing the progress made and achievements accomplished by the Synod during the first decade of its history just closed.

Following this address, the Rev. A. A. Zinck in accordance with a resolution passed at the afternoon session gave a brief address in which he emphasized the Church's duty to pray for a righteous victory and peace in the present world crisis. Thereupon he led the Synod in prayer using the Litany as found in our Church Book.

#### Tuesday.

The Synod reopened for business Tuesday morning after the Rev. H. L. Siegner conducted the Matin Service at 9 o'clock. A doctrinal paper on "The Atonement in Acts" was then read by the Rev. Prof. C. H. Little, D.D. This paper, which showed much care and study in its preparation, was discussed at some length, after which Synod proceeded with business.

The Home Mission Report showed progress despite the fact that the Board was forced to economize in its expenditures and retrench in many places where advances should have been made. The Rev. J. Maurer was re-elected as Synod's representative on the Home Mission Board. He was also elected Clerical Delegate to the General Council, the Rev. N. Willison clerical alternate, and Messrs. J. C. Casselman and M. A. Barkley were elected as lay delegate and alternate, respectively.

The auditors reported having found all of the treasurer's accounts correct.

At the afternoon session the Rev. E. Bockelmann was welcomed as the fraternal delegate from the Canada Synod. He brought greetings from that honourable body and stated that it had voted in favor of the proposed merger of the General Council, General Synod and United Synod of the South into the United Lutheran Church in America. He also stated

that the Canada Synod would welcome proposals from the Synod of Central Canada with a view to uniting these two bodies.

The question as to what stand our Synod should take in regard to the proposed merger then came up. The proposed constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America was discussed by articles and adopted thus. It was then adopted as a whole with a few recommendations for reconsideration after which the Synod unanimously adopted the same resolution that had been adopted by the Ministerium of Pa., approving the merger.

The Seminary Board reported a year of progress despite the handicap caused by the coal scarcity. Four more graduates have this year been sent forth into the Canadian Lutheran ministry by this School of the Prophets at Waterloo, making a total of thirteen since 1914. Synod learned with much regret of the resignation of Rev. Dr. Laury as Dean and President of the Institution, he having accepted a call from the National Lutheran Commission of the United States to take up war work in his native land.

The Statistical Report of Synod showed 16 congregations forming 14 parishes served by 12 pastors and one student. Confirmed membership 1,824. Baptized membership 3,174. Total accessions for the year 290. Total losses 151. A net gain of 131. Sunday Schools in every congregation with total enrolment of 1,423 and total receipts of \$1,899.53. Total church papers read in the Synod numbered 1,593. Total value of churches and parsonages, \$182,100. congregational expenses for the year totalled \$19,940.18 or \$10.93 per communicant. Benevolences totalled \$3,992.67 or \$2.19 per communicant.

The Apportionment Committee reported all apportionments the same as last year with the exception of the Seminary apportionment which was changed in cases where the membership had changed and which was placed as usual at the rate of \$1 per communicant.

The Equalization Committee reported the equalized expenses to be \$8.64 per delegate.

A resolution of thanks to the Pastor and members of St. Peter's, Williamsburg, for their very kind hospitality in entertaining the Convention as they did was carried unanimously.

An invitation for the Synod to meet next year in St. Paul's, Galt, was gratefully accepted.



A motion was carried instructing the Executive Committee to have the Synodical Conventions open hereafter on a Tuesday instead of Sunday.

A resolution of sympathy on the sad death of the late C. H. Stiver, one of the Synod's strongest and most devoted laymen, was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

The matter of amalgamating the two Canadian Synod's in Ontario was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Thereupon Synod was formally closed by the President according to the prescribed order.

### GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

We are indebted to the Rev. J. Schmieder for the following report on our 56th Annual Convention in Elmira, Ont., May 30-June 3rd.

The Canada Synod in session in St. James' Church, Elmira, the Rev. J. Stremper, Pastor, has decided to join with the General Council in the proposed merger. This action came after a prolonged consideration of the proposed constitution which extended over three and one-half days. The final resolution as presented by the Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., reads as follows:

Resolved: 1. That the Ev. Luth. Synod of Canada approve the action of the General Council to unite with other Lutheran bodies in America on the basis of the constitution which has been submitted and which has been discussed and accepted by our Synod.

2. That it instruct its delegates to the next convention of the General Council to be held on the second Tuesday of November, 1918, to take all the steps which may be necessary to bring about the proposed merger.

The confessional basis set forth in the new constitution met with the unqualified approval of all members but considerable opposition developed in the discussion of articles dealing with lax practice. The discussion found definite expression in a resolution passed on Saturday at noon, just previous to the resolution presented by Dr. Hoffmann. This resolution contains the urgent request that "the ways and means committee" insist upon a clear enunciation of the principles embodied in the "Four Points" and informs the committee of the grave concern of the Canada Synod because the proposed constitution does not contain a statement which clearly

shows what position the United Church will take on these points.

In order that the Synod might be prepared to take intelligent action on the important matter of the merger a general pastoral conference was called for Wednesday, May 29th. At this conference the Rev. Brenner, of Baden, Ont., and Prof. O. Lincke, of Waterloo, read papers in which the proposed merger was dealt with in a comprehensive way and sharply opposed. In the discussion which followed Prof. Neve, of Springfield, O., was frequently called upon for information which was given with exquisite tact and accepted with good grace. When the conference ended, many matters had been cleared up, but the fate of the merger-question was still very much in doubt.

It was taken up again in the regular sessions of Synod on Thursday. The articles of the constitution were discussed and adopted section for section. On Friday evening a laymen's meeting discussed the impending union of the three large bodies. On Saturday at noon after the most thorough discussion the merger has yet received in any synodical convention, the above named resolutions were satisfactory even to the dissenters.

President Hoffmann's report noted the reception of two new pastors, Rev. Zimmer from the Wisconsin Synod and Rev. John Schmieder from the Pennsylvania Ministerium. Two substantial churches were erected during the past year at Ellice and Eganville. A modern parsonage was built at Normandy.

The treasurer's report was said to be the best financially in the history of the Synod and showed a gratifying interest in the benevolent operations of the Church on the part of the people. The Waterloo Seminary received \$20,133.29 for its Jubilee Fund. The total disbursements of Synod amounted to \$32,014.91. There remains in the treasury \$1,729.27.

The election of a new president came as a complete surprise to many of the clergy when the tellers announced the elevation of the Rev. Voelker, of Preston, to that office for the ensuing year. The Rev. Zarnke was made vice-president. The Revs. H. L. Henkel and E. Holm were retained as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Synod adjourned on Monday night, June 3rd.



To the above a few supplementary items may be added. The suggestion in the President's report, that occasional fraternal conferences of the two Canada Synods be held to promote mutual understanding and harmonious co-operation, was approved by the Synod. All our missionaries were voted an increase of salary. The action recently taken at Ottawa in organizing a Canadian Branch of the "National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers and Sailors' Welfare" was endorsed by the Synod. A full delegation (four clergymen and 4 laymen) to the last convention of the General Council and the first convention of the "United Lutheran Church in America," to be held the first week of November this year, was appointed. For the Seminary Board the Rev. E. Hoffmann and Mr. L. Peine, whose term of office had expired, were re-elected. A committee was appointed to draft a set of articles as a basis for regular church visitation by the Synodical authorities.

The Birthday of His Majesty the King on June 3rd was duly observed by an address from the chair, appropriate prayers and the singing of the National Anthem. Divine services were held every evening and Sunday morning and afternoon, with splendid attendances. The convention at Elmira was one of the liveliest and most eventful in the history of our Synod. God bless the Canada Synod!

#### ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN COMMISSION FOR SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WELFARE.

This meeting was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa, Canada, May 22nd, 1918. The meeting was called to order at 1.30 by Secretary J. A. O. Stub. The following delegates and visitors were present:—

Rev. J. R. Lavik, 128 8th St., Saskatoon, President Norwegian Lutheran Ch. of Canada.

Rev. B. B. Jonsson, 659 William Ave., Winnipeg—Pres. Icelandic Luth. Church.

Rev. H. L. Siegner, 250 Lyon St., Ottawa, Canada—Member Central Canada Synod.

Rev. J. Fritz, 1948 Ottawa St., Regina, Sask.—Pres. Canada Dist. Ohio Synod.

Rev. J. Maurer, Williamsburg, Ont.—Pres. Synod of Central Canada.

Rev. A. Orzen, 326 McKay St., Ottawa, Ont.—Member Missouri Synod.

Rev. J. C. Streufert, 4317 S. Mozart St., Chicago—Sec. Army & Navy Board, Synodical Conference.

Rev. E. Hoffmann, 213 Carlton St., Toronto—Pres. Canada Synod.

Rev. Geo. B. Pifer, Queen Street, Bridgewater, N.S.—Pres. Nova Scotia Synod.

Rev. L. J. Ebinger, 272 Creighton St., Ottawa, Ont.—Member Ohio Synod.

Rev. J. A. O. Stub, 437 Fifth Ave., New York City—Executive Secretary National Luth. Commission, U.S.A.

Rev. Arthur Brunn, 45 Hale Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.—Representing N.L.C., U.S.A.

Rev. Oscar C. Mees, 437 E. 140th St., New York City—Representing N.L.C., U.S.A.

Rev. W. C. Boese, 79 Queen St. So. Kitchener, Ont.—Pres. Can. Dist., Missouri Synod.

Secretary J. A. O. Stub was elected Temporary Chairman with the Rev. Arthur Brunn as Secretary.

#### I. Plan.

1. Sec. Stub outlined the plan and scope of the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' & Sailors' Welfare in the U.S.A.

#### II. Organization.

1. Resolved, to effect a permanent organization to be known as the Canadian Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

#### III. Relation to National Lutheran Commission, U.S.A.

1. Resolved, that the Canadian Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare be an auxiliary of the National Lutheran Commission of the United States and that we adopt their rules and charter.

#### IV. Representation.

1. Resolved, that every General or District Synod may be represented in the Canadian Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

#### V. Officers.

1. President. The Rev. B. B. Jonsson, 659 William St., Winnipeg, was elected President of the Canadian Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

2. Secretary. The Rev. J. R. Lavik, 128 8th St., E., Saskatoon, Sask., was elected Secretary of the Canadian Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

3. Treasurer. Resolved, that the election of a Treasurer be left to the Executive Committee.



**VI. Executive Committee.**

1. Resolved, that two more members be elected who together with the President, Secretary and Treasurer constitute an Executive Committee.

2. Members. The Rev. J. Maurer, of Williamsburg, Ont., and the Rev. W. C. Boese, 79 Queen St., So. Kitchener, Ont., were elected.

**VII. Chaplaincy Committee.**

1. Resolved, that the Executive Committee confer with the Canadian Government in regard to the appointment of Lutheran Chaplains, and nominate candidates for chaplains in the army.

**VIII. Executive Officer.**

1. Resolved, that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint an executive secretary with power to act.

**IX. Finance.**

1. Immediate Finance. Resolved that we ask the National Lutheran Commission of the United States for a loan as may be needed to start the work in Canada.

X. Resolved that we express by rising vote our appreciation of the visit paid us by the Representatives of the National Lutheran Commission of the United States.

The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. ARTHUR BRUNN,

Temporary Secretary.

**Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Canadian Lutheran  
Commission.**

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the newly organized Canadian Lutheran Commission was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, at 5 o'clock, Pres. B. B. Jonsson presiding.

**I. The Field.**

1. Resolved, that Revs. Boese and Maurer be authorized to select a man to work in Eastern Canada in a preliminary way for three months; and that Rev. Jonsson and Rev. Lavik have similar authorization with regard to the Western part of Canada.

**II. Financial Matters.**

1. Treasurer. Mr. T. E. Thorsteinson, of Winnipeg, was elected Treasurer of the Commission.

2. Immediate Finance. Resolved, that we ask the National Lutheran Commission of the United States to deposit \$500 with our Treasurer.

3. Disbursement. Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to make payments on order from our President.

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. LAVIK,

Secretary.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS**

The following congregations of the Synod of Central Canada have contributed to the Quadricentennial Thank-offering for Missions:—Galt, \$62.70; Hamilton, \$15.25; Kitchener, \$36.90; Montreal, \$40; Ottawa, \$11; Port Colborne, \$40; Riverside, \$32; Sherwood, \$31.15; Unionville and Buttonville, \$23.75; Welland, \$25. Total \$316.75.

Congregations of the Canada Synod contributed \$1,529.98.

**REPLY TO KING'S BIRTHDAY  
MESSAGE.**

President Maurer received the following reply to the message sent by the Synod of Central Canada to Premier Borden:

Ottawa, Ont., June 5, 1918.

Dear Sir,—

In the absence of the Prime Minister I beg to acknowledge your telegram of the 3rd inst. conveying resolutions adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada on the occasion of the King's Birthday, affirming its faith in the justice and ultimate triumph of the Allied cause and pledging the members of the Synod and their congregations to the support of the Allies by all their resources.

Sir Robert Borden left for England ten days ago and is not expected to return for several weeks and in his absence I can assure you that he will very much appreciate the action taken by the Synod in the matter referred to.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE BUSKARD,

Asst. Private Secretary.

J. Maurer, Esq., President.

The first Medical Missionary of the gentler sex who was sent to India to offer relief to the silent sufferers in the Zenanas, arrived in 1880. To-day there are more than one hundred of these human "angels of mercy" there, and their number is steadily increasing.



**PRESENT FOREIGN MISSIONS**

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lands. In the United States there is one minister for every 594 people, in Africa one for every 82,000; Korea, one for every 123,000; Japan, one for every 172,000; South America, one for every 195,000; India, one for every 231,000; and in the Chinese Empire, one for every 476,000. And this after almost two centuries of Christianity. More need not be said of the Church's neglect in the matter of augmenting its forces in foreign mission enterprise.

The forces of our own Church are small, and not at all in proportion to our numbers or to the wealth of our communion. In Japan our General Council has but six out of thirteen missionaries of the American Lutheran Church in Japan. Of course, when we consider that 25 years ago there was not a Lutheran missionary in Japan, and that up until nine years ago our General Council was not represented by a missionary in Japan, we feel encouraged that some progress has been made, but our argument is that considering our numbers, our wealth, and the fact that we are loyal and faithful to the pure Word of God, we ought to have three hundred men on the field to-day.

Over two hundred years ago Ziegenbalg and Plutschau were ordained missionaries to India, and in 1707 established the first Protestant Church in India. Later on the great Schwartz carried on the work which resulted in the permanent establishment of the missionary work in India. Although first in the field in India our Lutheran forces are small and have not been increased at the rate the work demanded and the results showed. With a constituency of about 70,000,000 of people, as many as all Protestant bodies taken together, we have a few more than half of the 5,200 men and women missionaries in India. We ought not to congratulate ourselves with the fact that we have over half of all the missionaries in India credited to our Church, rather we ought to look upon ourselves with contempt because we have not twice as many as we have. Our own General Council Lutheran Church is represented in India by nine ordained men, and thirteen women missionaries. There are at present two ordained men, and four single women who are awaiting permission from the British Government to enter the foreign mission field in

India. When this permission is obtained our forces in India will consist of 11 ordained men, and 17 women missionaries. It is a pitifully small number, especially so when we consider the fact that the General Council number over 500,000 members. We have then actually at work in the foreign mission field, six missionaries in Japan, nine men in India, and 13 women, making a grand total of the General Council Missionary forces of 28 men and women. In a sentence pregnant with meaning to all of us, we have only one out of every 17,857 of our confirmed members a foreign missionary.

**Present Finances.**

From all Christians in the world the total income for foreign missions is about fifty million dollars. It is estimated that there are about 600,000,000 Christians in the world. This means that each Christian is paying on an average about nine cents a year for foreign missionary work. Small sum is it not, to turn into the treasury of the Lord for the evangelization of the world? How long will it take to evangelize the world if we continue to give at this rate? Our own G. C. has done a little bit better. Our income for foreign missions from all Synods connected with the G. C. for two years from July 1st, 1915 to July 1st, 1917, was about \$175,000. From 500,000 members this means an average of 35 cents for the two years, or 17½ cents per confirmed member a year. Our expenditures for those two years was about \$200,000. Previous to July 1st there was a balance on hand of \$30,000 which materially helped our Board to get through the bienium without a deficit. At present our Board is in urgent need of money to carry on the work on its usual scale, without any chance of extending its labours.

**Present Obligations.**

We must realize our present opportunity. If the Christians of the world, and we of the Lutheran Church are to be loyal and faithful to the Master, we must bend every energy towards helping to bring to a joyful consummation that glorious time, when beneath Messiah's sway, every nation, every clime, will the gospel call obey. The chief end of man is not riches. "A good name is better than riches," and "riches certainly take to themselves wings." It is not pleasure. For "pleasures are like poppies spread, you

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## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

### TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S MISSION- ARY SOCIETY of Central Canada.

From the Minutes by Mrs. H. L. Siegner.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central Canada was held in St. Peter's Church, Williamsburg, the Rev. J. Maurer, Pastor, on Wednesday, June 5th, 1918.

#### First Session.

The first session was opened with Matin Service by Rev. J. Maurer, at 9.30 a.m., after which the chair was taken by the President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, and Mrs. H. L. Siegner, of Ottawa, was elected secretary pro tem. A report of the Hamilton Convention was read. Forty-three accredited delegates were present representing the following societies: Montreal, Galt—Senior and Junior, Guelph, Pt. Colborne, Welland, Waterloo, Williamsburg, Kitchener, Ottawa, Brantford, Riverside, Dunbar, Unionville—Senior and Junior, Morrisburg—Sr. and Junior, Toronto, Hamilton, Sherwood. Thirty-seven dollars were received in dues.

Visiting delegates and speakers were accorded the privileges of the floor and greetings were read from Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Winnipeg, and Mrs. Ruth Hemsath. The new W. M. S. of Sherwood and the "Happy Thought Girls" of Galt were received as members. The President in a very complete report reviewed the work of the year. The report was placed in the hands of a committee. The treasurer reported receipts for the year of \$875.56 and disbursements of \$790.42. The Executive Committee made the following recommendations, all of which were adopted:

1. That a committee wait on the Editor of the Canada Lutheran with a request that the minutes of this convention be published in as complete a form as possible.

2. That the treasurer's report be published in full in the Canada Lutheran.

3. That treasurer be authorized to pay all necessary expenses of this convention.

4. That equalization of expenses of one delegate from each society go into effect in 1919.

5. That our annual bulletin be continued.

6. That remittances of foreign mission monies carry instructions as to whether they be applied to medical missions, children's nurse or the Vellore Hospital.

7. That letters received by president from foreign missionaries be read at the convention.

8. That the convention express its regret that Miss Zoe Hirt, President of the G.C. W.M.S., could not be present.

The offering was taken, amounting to \$5.95.

The following department chairmen reported: Mrs. Moeckel for Inner Missions, Mrs. Krantz for Foreign Missions and Literature, Mrs. Hagey for Junior Work, Mrs. Melissa Stiver through Rev. Willison for Mission Exhibit, Mrs. Van Every for Canada Lutheran, Mrs. Hagey for Mission Study, Mrs. Moeckel for Life Memberships, Mrs. Frisby through Rev. Willison for Slav Missions and Mrs. Olsen for Porto Rico Missions.

The following committees were appointed:

President's Report—Mrs. Sorensen, Mrs. Van Every, Mrs. Olsen.

Auditing—Messrs. Cooper and Gartung.

Resolutions — Mesdames Krantz, Hagey and Bermon.

The session adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

#### Afternoon Session.

The second session was opened at 2 p.m., with devotional exercises by Mrs. Hagey. The Rev. J. Maurer, on behalf of the Williamsburg Society, welcomed the convention and the President fittingly responded. The minutes of the morning session were adopted. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. C. Casselman; Vice-President, Mrs. Hagey; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Knauff; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Moeckel; Treas., Mrs. Becker. The following chairmen of standing committees were appointed: Foreign Missions, Miss Bornholdt; Home Missions, Mrs. Ludolph; Inner Missions, (Continued on page 14.)



## THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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

### EYES FRONT!

Our Convention is past. It marked the close of the first decade of our history as a Canadian Luther League. Ten years lie behind us. The future lies before. What will it bring forth? That depends a great deal on you and me, dear reader. What will we, by the grace of God, make of it? At our convention, as usual, we were quite enthusiastic. We made fine sounding resolutions and put them on paper. Shall they remain there? Shall that be the end of them or shall those resolutions become living facts? That depends upon us as leaguers.

Never mind looking back to the past. Let us face forward. The coward looks back, but the enemy is on ahead and if we are to gain the victory we must face forward. Ahead of us lie opportunities and with these opportunities come responsibilities. Shall we prove equal to them? Shall we arise as a unit and face our duty? Shall we come back to our Convention next year feeling that we have carried out our resolutions, that we have made a good start on the second decade of our history or shall we, when the minutes of the past convention are read next year, hang our heads in shame because we allowed our enthusiasm to die down so quickly and failed to carry through our part of this year's plans;

Imagine a council of war being called in France. The various Allied officers attend. They plan a great offensive and become quite enthusiastic over it and then they go out to their respective units, each one feeling that he and his unit has a certain definite part to play in carrying the whole offensive through to a successful issue. Now you will readily see that if each officer fills his men with that same enthusiastic spirit and the entire force co-operating moves forward as one gigantic unit with a common aim and purpose they stand a pretty good chance of attaining it. But let one of those officers' enthusiasm die down before he reaches his unit. Let him fail to give his men a vision of the objective to be reached. Let him line up his men in a half-hearted way and go into the offensive low spirited and you see the weak link in the chain. You see where the enemy will find it

easy to break through the line and gain a great advantage. Now suppose again that all the officers but one let the fire of their enthusiasm die. See how discouraging it will be for that one unit to move ahead while all the rest hang back?

Leaguers, that is a picture of our work. We attended a Council of War in Galt on May 24-25. We came together for a purpose, to carry forward aggressively the causes for which we are leagued together as stated in our "objects" and as amplified by our resolutions carried in assembly. Leaguers, we made our plans. We became enthusiastic about them. At the time we were in earnest. But that is not enough. We must keep up that enthusiasm. We must impart it to our leaguers at home. We must arouse them to action.

It will not do to let one officer try to pull us all forward while we hang back. It will not do for one league to attempt to advance while the rest of us remain indifferent. It will not do for all but one of our leaguers to go into the fight while that one exception refuses or is only half-hearted about the work. We must all line up. Every officer, every delegate, every league and every leaguer.

Hark! The bugle call is sounding. That, remember, is the signal we agreed on at our council of war. It is calling us to action. Arise! Line up! Eyes front! Forward march. Leaguers, the enemy's ahead. Let's advance against him as a single consecrated unit and we will realize the truth of our Convention keynote, namely, "That there is Strength in Unity."

HERE is one thing we must do this year, leaguers. We must quit playing at Student Aid. In a few months the doors of our Seminary at Waterloo will again swing open. Professors and students will return to their work. I wish you knew those students as I do. They're as fine a set of fellows as you'll find in any similar school anywhere and they're giving a good account of themselves. But some of them need our aid. You helped me through and I know what that help meant to me, that's why I appeal to every Lutheran Christian in Canada and especially to our Luther Leaguers



to join our Student Aid Society without delay and help some young man to get an education and some congregation to get a pastor. One dollar a year will not send you to the poor house but it will line you up as one of those who are willing to help those fellows at Waterloo who are trying to help themselves and others.

### TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S MISSION- ARY SOCIETY.

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Mrs. Moeckel; Porto Rico Missions, Mrs. Olsen; Slav Missions, Mrs. Frisby; Literature, Mrs. Germann; Jr. Work, Mrs. Sorensen; Seminary, Mrs. Conrad; Mission Exhibit, Mrs. Stiver; Canada Lutheran, Mrs. Van Every; Mission Study Classes, Mrs. Hagey; Life Memberships and Memorials, Mrs. Pickering; Editor Woman's Page, Canada Lutheran, Mrs. Willison. The Rev. N. Willison led in a dedicatory prayer for the officers and heads of committees.

The Committee on President's Report urged the adoption of the following recommendations of the President, and that they be published in the Canada Lutheran:

1. That we pay 10 cents per year per member to the Vellore College Fund.
2. The conscientious use of the Home Mission Thank-offering Boxes.
3. That we strive to enlarge our membership and interest our Juniors.
4. That as societies and as individuals we pledge ourselves to render all possible assistance to the Seminary and the Canada Lutheran.
5. That we pray daily that God would make our boys on the battlefield brave and true and that He would hasten the time when an honourable and righteous peace shall be restored.

The report also expressed appreciation of the President's untiring efforts and pleasure at meeting in historic St. Peter's Church. The report was adopted as a whole by rising vote.

The Auditors reported finding the Treasurer's books correct. The report was adopted. The deputation to the Editor of the Canada Lutheran reported a favorable interview. Due prominence to the report of the convention in the Canada Lutheran was promised.

Miss Annette Kachler, of Buffalo gave a very inspiring address on "Missionary Munitions" and Mrs. C. Olsen, a heartfelt talk on "The Power of Prayer." A very fitting solo entitled, "Teach Me to Pray," was sung

by Mrs. Bermon. The offering amounted to \$7.31. An interesting address on "The Life and Characteristics of the Native People of India" was given by Prof. H. H. Sipes of Peddapur, India. A full report of the convention of the G.C. W.M.S. was given by Mrs. Becker. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the delegates to that convention. In the absence of Mrs. Stahlschmidt Rev. Behrens gave a report on work at the Seminary. A question box was conducted by Rev. W. H. Knauff. It was resolved that this society take out one life membership each year and honored the Rev. J. Maurer, President of the local society with the first life membership so given. An invitation to meet in Waterloo next year was gratefully accepted. Equalization was dropped for the present year. The session closed with prayer by Rev. H. J. Behrens.

### Evening Session.

The evening session was attended by a large congregation. Vesper Services were conducted by the Rev. Prof. C. H. Little, D.D., and two excellent addresses were given by Prof. Sipes and Miss Kachler. Resolutions of thanks to the local congregation and of devotion to the Government in carrying out all regulations, especially affecting the life of women, were adopted.

### Executive Committee Meeting.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held after the evening session Mrs. Casselman was elected delegate to the merger convention and a committee consisting of Mrs. C. Sorensen, Mrs. Hagey, Mrs. Krantz, Mrs. J. Conrad, Miss Bornholdt and Mrs. Casselman were appointed to consider the advisability of holding a Summer School at Waterloo in 1919.

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seize the flower, its bloom is shed; or, like the snowfall in the river, a moment white, then melts forever." It is not glory, for "the path of glory leads but to the grave." The chief end of man is not found in these things. It is found in glorifying God. We are created to glorify God. We live, if we live at all to glorify God. And we glorify God, when we love Him, and keep His commandments. God is glorified every time a soul is won for Christ. Let us realize then the present opportunity of foreign mission enterprise. It is our supreme opportunity. Surely when men are paying



the supreme sacrifice on Flander's Fields for the preservation of a political principle, we should count no sacrifice too great to pay to save souls for Christ, and preserve the great religious principle of salvation from sin, through faith on account of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in the world.

#### **We Must Augment Our Forces.**

In the U. S. and Canada there are about 23,000,000 Protestants. It has been estimated that in order to carry on the work in a manner worthy of the cause of Christ our American and Canadian churches must send out and maintain in the foreign mission field about one in 1,150 of the membership. This is not at all impossible, for this ratio has been largely exceeded by the Moravian Church. Our own proportion of missionaries is one in about 18,000 of our members. Surely the Church that bears the name of Martin Luther, one of the heroes of the ages, surely the Church of Luther, that holds the Word of God so precious must not be outdone by other communions. We must get more men in the work of the foreign mission field. Fathers and mothers! At your country's call you have given up your son, perhaps your only one, to fight for your country and the cause it holds so dear, will you not then for the sake of Christ and the salvation of souls, dedicate your only son, or one of your sons to be a minister of the Lord, as Hannah did little Samuel of old? Let our Seminary have your boy, and under the inspiration and training of its leaders he will become a man, equipped to perform a man's work in the world. As a servant of God, he may not shine as a man of wealth, or as a politician, or as a man of worldly affairs, but he will save souls, extend the kingdom of God, and shine as a star forever and ever in the kingdom of God. The Church of Christ though a militant church, is not a military church. We cannot draft men into the service of Christ. They must come of their own free will. The love of Christ must constrain them, and the love of Christ must constrain you their parents. For the love of Christ then we beseech you to give up your sons in the service of the Church, so that they with others may help to bring to pass that hour "when all men shall hear the call of Christ, and the last lonely soul shall see the uplifted cross," the emblem of its salvation, "and the whole round world be bound back to the heart of the Almighty God," and Father of us all.

#### **We Should Increase Our Gifts.**

To secure the entire budget for the missionaries already on the field, and the 14,000 new ones that we would have if we could maintain the ratio of one out of every 1,500 church members, some 20,000 in all, the 23,000,000 Christians in America and Canada would have to give about \$2 a year for foreign mission work. If our G. C. Lutheran Church would give \$2 per confirmed member, we would maintain our proportion of one out of 1,500, and put a force of 300 missionaries at work. At \$2 per member we would raise annually \$1,000,000,000 for foreign missions. Deducting \$1,000 for salary per missionary a year, which is more than the average, we could maintain our 300 missionaries and have enough left to carry on all branches of work, and enlarge our work.

Two dollars a year is required of us, and we are giving 17½ cents per confirmed. How small, how pitably small. What is the matter with us? Is our love for Christ grown cold? Have we grown so worldly that we are indifferent to the claims of our religion? Have we no gratitude in our hearts at all? Do we not realize that we are our brother's keeper, and that as the blood of Abel cried out against Cain before God, so the lost souls of our brethren in foreign lands will cry out against us at the last great day? A month ago in the U. S. we, the Lutheran Church, started out to raise \$750,000.00 for carrying on a religious work among our Lutheran boys in camp. The Church was successful, it "went over the top" and secured over \$1,250,000.00. Last year we celebrated the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, our Church tried to raise a thank-offering of \$400,000,—\$100,000 for each century since the Reformation,—this money was to be used for missions, to help the Church carry on the great work of Christ, did we raise it? No, indeed. Far from it. For all benevolence our G. C. church members are giving one dollar to every four for local expenses. The time is at hand, when we must learn to give as much for benevolences as we do for local expenses. We have church property valued at \$36,000,000.00. Most of these churches are beautiful. Many call these churches monuments to God. But in most cases they are whitened sepulchres of dead men's bones. If they are monuments to God, God still holds the mortgage on them, and will hold it until we discharge our entire obligations to Him.



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If we do not discharge our obligations, and give, and give until the field is manned by an adequate force of workers, some day He will foreclose on us, and our Church will be bankrupt. It seems to me that in matters of missions our Lutherans are down right stingy. We give to the Church as some farmers feed their cattle during the winter. A little hay and lots of straw. And in the spring of the year their cattle are wobbly on their legs. No wonder our ministers must cry out like hungry cattle for more

money, no wonder our missionary finances are wobbly when we give so little to the church as we do. There is joy only in giving. We should give, and give until we learn to get the joy out of giving, and then we will give for the joy of giving. Let us remember that in the work of the church, "God expects cash and consecration, gold and goodness, riches and righteousness to increase together."

God works through methods. Men are God's methods. God works by means of His Holy Spirit through men, to carry on His work among the nations. Let us be men then. Righteous men, Christian men, men of God. Let us realize our present opportunity in missions, let us give our sons to the cause, and so augment our forces, and let us increase over, and over again our gifts, so that we may do our share to help win the world for Christ in this generation, and thus glorify God.

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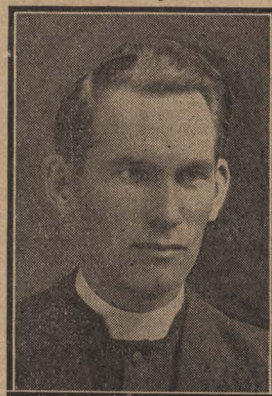


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The Rev. N. Willison, of Unionville, Ont., Editor of the Canada Lutheran and Secretary of the Synod of Central Canada, who has been appointed Executive Secretary for Eastern Canada of the Canadian Lutheran Commission for Soldiers and Sailors Welfare.