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The Ministry is Different

President Woodrow Wilson.

WHEN I HEAR SOME THINGS WHICH YOUNG MEN SAY TO ME BY WAY OF PUTTING THE ARGUMENTS TO THEMSELVES FOR GOING INTO THE MINISTRY, I THINK THAT THEY ARE TALKING OF ANOTHER PROFESSION. THEIR MOTIVE IS TO DO SOMETHING. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR TO BE A LAWYER. I HAVE BEEN A LAWYER AND I KNOW. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR, EXCEPT A KIND-HEARTED MAN, PERHAPS, TO BE A PHYSICIAN; YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ANYTHING, NOR TO UNDERGO ANY STRONG SPIRITUAL CHANGE IN ORDER TO BE A MERCHANT. THE ONLY PROFESSION WHICH CONSISTS IN BEING SOMETHING IS THE MINISTRY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR—AND IT DOES NOT CONSIST OF ANYTHING ELSE. IT IS MANIFESTED IN OTHER THINGS, BUT IT DOES NOT CONSIST OF ANYTHING ELSE. AND THAT CONCEPTION OF THE MINISTRY WHICH RUBS ALL THE MARKS OF IT OFF AND MIXES HIM IN THE CROWD SO THAT YOU CANNOT PICK HIM OUT, IS A PROCESS OF ELIMINATING THE MINISTRY ITSELF.

THE SERMON.

Luke 16: 25—"Son, remember."

We learn from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus that memory is not lost among the awful pangs of torment. The rich man remembered his five brothers still on earth, and Abraham bids him remember some other facts which in life he had completely ignored. Let us while we have the day of opportunity remember to our soul's salvation the things which Abraham called to the attention of the poor rich man.

1. The condition of men in this world is not indicative of their eternal state. In life the rich man had his good things, and Lazarus had his evil things. In eternity Lazarus was comforted, gloriously compensated, inexpressibly happy, and the rich man was tormented. On earth Lazarus was only a ragged beggar, while the rich man lived in royal magnificence and was princely in his walk before men. Now Lazarus is a heavenly prince and in hell the rich man turns beggar. Lazarus was no doubt buried in the potter's field, and the rich man in a tomb of marble. But this concerned only the body. That which was mortal of both soon turned again to dust, and at the grave earthly distinctions ceased. But the soul cannot sleep in the tomb, it goes at death to its happiness or misery.

This parable was not given by our Lord to condemn the rich or to make the beggar a saint. The conditions might easily be reversed. God is no respecter of persons. He judges us not by the setting of our lives but by our faith in Christ His Son, who came to die alike for rich and poor. Whoever we are our souls must be fed on that Bread which cometh down from above. The soul cannot live on royal purple and rare jewels. Grace, not grammar; faith, not favor; Godliness, not goods, are the requirements of the soul. Holding as supreme that which is perishable, we perish with it. A vireile faith, nourished by divine grace, though the body be in rags and foul with sores, alone can save the soul.

2. Abraham again bids the poor rich man to remember that there is a great gulf between him and Lazarus now, and that this gulf is fixed, that it is impassable even for those of the spiritual world. Oh, how the man pleads for just one drop of water to cool his burning tongue! No, Lazarus cannot take him even a drop of water. None

of the woes of torment will ever be ameliorated by one drop of water or the momentary presence of that which is heavenly. None of the beauty, sweetness, and bliss of heaven will ever be sullied by any of the foulness of hell. How blessed the thought for the redeemed, but how awful for the damned! Let us in life remember these things.

When was this gulf fixed? In death? No, because what we call death does not concern the eternal state of the soul. The gulf existed in this life. There is a gulf between the children of God and the unsaved in this life. The rich man at his sumptuous feasts and Lazarus hungry at his door, how wide and deep seems the gulf between them. But it is only the gulf that money can make. There was another gulf between them. The real gulf was not visible but it was real. It is the gulf that must separate faith from unbelief. It is a separation of souls. They differed significantly in that which is heavenly.

This gulf runs through life, yea, through death, and in eternity it becomes fixed. In life the gulf is passable. It is in life that grace transforms and renews, when the faith that is born and nourished by divine power justifies. Many are the trophies of grace, many are the brands snatched from the burning, many are the wandering sheep brought back to the fold. Now is the acceptable time, and now is the day of salvation. We have Moses and the Prophets, yea, we have the full and divinely revealed Word, the Sacraments, and through Word and Sacraments the Holy Spirit operates to enlighten, sanctify and preserve us in the true faith. He who neglects so great a salvation in life will have no second chance in eternity. Then the gulf will be fixed.

3. Abraham reminds the rich man that his opportunity for service had forever slipped from him. He realized that his own was sealed, and he asks no reprieve for himself. But will not Lazarus go and warn his five brothers at home? No, not now. It is too late. Good desires have no fruitage in torment. The rich man on earth wasted his precious God-given moments in sumptuous living and in adorning his body in royal array when he might have been leading five immortal souls to wells of life inexhaustible, to pastures ever green, to mansions celestial, to glory, bliss and immortality, but not now. The day of opportunity is gone. Loved ones untouched, not led

to the Master, not uplifted by us in life must at our death pass from the sphere of our influence.

Would we save a soul from death? Lo, God is giving us these days. Would we evangelize the world? He is giving us these years. Would we leave the impress of the Christ life upon a needy world? Let us know that we are the salt, life, light of the world through Christ. Would you lead a wife, husband, father, mother, sister, brother, or child to Christ the Saviour? Do it now. From the rich man we learn that in torment not only will there not be a chance to undo the evil of life on earth, but the opportunity for service to undo the evil of life on earth, but the opportunity for service will cease. Our salt-seasoning, light-shining, life-giving power will cease at death.—P. D. Brown in Lutheran Church Visitor.

DO WE KNOW OUR BIBLES?

Rev. George A. Joplin, D.D.

That it is a good thing to know the Bible is not a debatable question. Thousands upon thousands can give testimony to the comfort and strength that have come to them from the knowledge of the Bible. This is an age when we congratulate ourselves upon the large number of Bibles that are being sold every year. We are trying to supply every young man who leaves home for the camps with a copy of the Bible. The number of people attending our Sabbath schools is constantly increasing. Great efforts are being made to establish the family altar in all of our homes. We all believe that the greatest thing that could come to the world would be that all people everywhere would read God's Word, believe its teachings and live them in their lives. Then those of us who live in Christian America, who have been raised in godly homes, who have attended church and Sabbath school all our lives, ought surely to know the Bible.

But do we know the Bible? Do not answer the question out loud so that any one can hear you. Test yourself first. How many verses of the Bible can you quote correctly and locate from memory? Have you ever been in a meeting when the leader asked for memory verses and noted how few people can repeat the words of even the shortest verses without making mistakes? You would not like for others to see the result, but make a

trial of your knowledge of just the simplest, most familiar verses of the Bible. Take a pad of paper and begin to write them down. It will be a splendid Bible study and you can not spend time in a better way. In some of the years of long ago many began at the beginning of the Bible with the beginning of the year and read the entire book through every year. It was a sacred duty with them. It was sometimes hard work to labor through some of the long chapters with the hard names, they may even have fallen asleep over the task, but they were holding communion with God, and their lives were sweetened and made more beautiful day by day. How some of the older people could quote the Scriptures. Not just a verse here and there, but entire chapters and even whole books. It has been a long time since I heard any one tell how many times he had read the Bible through, and it would probably be a dangerous experiment to ask any one now to repeat for us an entire chapter.

Are you writing down the verses that you can recall from memory? Be sure and write them down, you want to see if they are correct. Now have you one hundred of them? Stop if you have and give the book, chapter and verse where they are found. Open your Bible and turn to them one by one and find how well you know your lesson. It is a splendid thing for us sometimes to learn just how much we do know.

Do you know your Bible? Take just a very few of the most familiar things and see if you can locate them. Where would you read about the flood? Where would you find the Ten Commandments? Where would you read of the call of the Lord to Samuel? Where is told the wondrous combat between David and Goliath? Where would you find the Lord's Prayer? Where the Beatitudes? After you have located these, make out a list for yourself and write opposite each one just where you will find it in your Bible.

Do you know your Bible? Could you give an outline of any one of the books of the Bible? Could you tell about any one book, who wrote it, why it was written, the leading events and the characters mentioned in it?

Then can you take any book of the Bible and give the leading thought in the chapters as they come?

These are just a few questions for us to ask ourselves. Many of us are

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EDITORIAL.

The United Church. — Comparable with the great victories of the war in its significance is the great event within our Lutheran Church in America that we hope to celebrate in New York City during the week of November 12th to 19th. On Friday, November 15th, the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod of the South will be formally merged into "The United Lutheran Church of America" and what has been styled "the swiftest unification movement on a large scale in the history of the Christian Church" will be consummated.

It will be a great triumph for church statesmanship, a triumph for large units of thought in American Lutheranism. It will be a triumph of missionary duty on an œcumenical scale over mere synodical preferences and will mark the establishment on a basis of true Lutheran teaching of a unified control of missionary agencies of far-reaching potentialities. The membership of the new body will be about 800,000 and its property value well over \$53,000,000. Large mission fields will be brought under one con-

trol including the Guntur and Rajahmundry Missions in India with 82,000 converts, a well-established Mission in Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, a flourishing mission in Japan and others in Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands, British Guiana and elsewhere. The number of foreign missionary workers will be 1,709, and the first annual budget \$300,000. A big step will have been taken to develop our great Home Mission work. One Board will take the place of three. There will be a great saving in manpower and money, and consequently opportunity given for more extensive as well as intensive missionary operations.

The merger will be another milestone on the way to Lutheran unity. It will show that we are outgrowing our narrow synodical viewpoints and laying aside differences in non-essentials that the great tasks of gathering and holding human souls in the kingdom of God may be attended to with the utmost vigor.

Peace?—At last the tide of victory has begun to flow for the Entente Allies. The enemy is retreating rapidly on all fronts and hundreds of thousands of prisoners and thousands of canon have been taken. The western battlefield, so long considered an almost impregnable fortress for either side has been moving rapidly towards the German frontier. Bulgaria has withdrawn from the struggle and Turkey has been rendered practically impotent. The German and Austro-Hungarian governments have asked President Wilson to arrange for peace on the basis of his "Fourteen Points."

So far, however, this offer of peace has received little consideration and President Wilson has intimated that he will enter into no peace discussions of any sort with men who hitherto have conducted the war for Germany. In all the Allied countries the press and many persons of influence are demanding "Unconditional Surrender" and suggesting that a number of German fortresses be occupied by Allied troops, that the German fleet and colonies be confiscated, that Germany be made to pay for all the damage inflicted on France and Belgium and that the Hohenzollerns and other German leaders be made to answer to a court of the Allies for their alleged crimes.

Naturally, only a nation that recognized itself completely overthrown would accept such terms and Germany

has not yet said the word that will place her entirely at the mercy of the Allies. She may elect to fight on even to the bitter end. Much depends on the morale of her own people who have been repeatedly described as in a rebellious mood and eager for peace at any price. The neutral world is not agreed as to what would be just terms of peace and allied peoples after all their sacrifices can scarcely be expected to show much consideration for a foe that in their estimation has perpetrated on mankind the greatest wrong of modern times. Tremendous victories may have made them feel that they have power to impose any terms they please and it is but human to demand that those terms be of a sternness proportional to their consciousness of power to enforce them.

Thoughtful Christians, however, will agree that vindictiveness dare not and probably will not have a place in the dealings of the Allies. After all their protestations of unselfish motives they cannot afford to employ any weapons that are tempered with the bitterness of hatred. History also shows that terms of peace which drag a people's self-respect in the dust are not in the interest of permanent peace. In 1871 Prussia ruthlessly imposed the terms of a conqueror on France and the humiliation would not die. The seeds of war were there and began forthwith to sprout. President Wilson said they made peace in Europe insecure and would have to be removed. It is not easy to keep steady under the exciting stimulus of victory but such steadiness must be resolutely maintained. For the sake of lands that should not be devastated again it must be maintained. For the sake of millions of lives to whom the world owes a tremendous responsibility it must be maintained. Above all, in the interests of absolute righteousness the peace that comes, while it must fearlessly avenge wrong must so avenge it as to betray no malice. The peace treaty must bear on its very face such marks as will convince the world of an earnestness of effort to deal justly with friend and foe alike. It is just as important that it leave no room for rankling hatreds begotten of a sense of wrong as that it do not indulgently make possible any chuckling over easy escapes from judgment.

We have tried consistently to pray that peace when it comes may avenge wrong and vindicate right, that it may lead to reconciliation and good will: in short, that it may be in harmony with God's purposes and glorify His

Holy Name. If such a peace comes it will be glorious to be alive to witness its application. May God in His mercy guide our heroic and noble leaders in the accomplishment of the great task.

Seminary Donations.—That our College and Seminary at Waterloo are holding their place in the affection of our people has again been clearly demonstrated. In spite of the demands of the war, which have not been shirked, twenty-eight students have enrolled of whom twenty have registered in the College department. They have come with a mind to work and their relatives and friends are seeing to it that they shall have encouragement. One family has donated a beautiful piano for use in the assembly room. Another friend has placed a handsome eight-day wall clock in the main corridor. The Woman's Auxiliary has furnished equipment for the Science laboratory costing \$200 and pledged itself to supplement this with an annual grant of \$100. What splendid acts and so encouraging! Friends, we thank you all. You show by your practical interest that you have confidence in our institutions and will render all the assistance possible in furnishing necessary equipment. The institutions have not failed you hitherto and by God's grace they never will. We have as fine a body of students as can be found anywhere and aggressive work is under way. Who among our friends will bring the next gifts? We need books for the library, especially for college use. We should have Lippincott's Gazetteer of the World and the works of the standard English prose writers and poets. We have none of these. We also need wall maps of Palestine, Greece and Rome. Who will gladden the hearts of Faculty and Students by donating some of these supplies? Such donations will yield rich returns. Thank you!

The Spanish Influenza.—Is that epidemic that has raged among us for some time and caused so much inconvenience and so many deaths of a kind with plagues such as history knows about? War and pestilence are words that often occur together in sacred story. Are they keeping company still? Modern science, skill and organization tend to alleviate such scourges and but for them we might have had a grievous visitation. Another of the many signs of final and near-impending judgment.

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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

PARISH BUDGETS.

Galt.—Our Teacher Training Class is now in full swing, meeting every two weeks, with great interest and enthusiasm. Our Sunday School is at present taking part in a ten weeks contest with the Sunday School of St. Paul's, Guelph. Guelph is considerably ahead at this writing, but we are not discouraged. Our first annual Sunday School Rally on Sept. 29th, was a big success. The attendance was the largest in the history of our school. A Sunday School Library of about 100 volumes was established during the month and Henry Miller has been appointed Librarian. A Sunday School Choir is now in training under the able leadership of Mr. W. H. Bernhardt. Mrs. VanEvery has been added to the teaching staff of our school. The scholars will soon begin preparing for our Christmas service.

Our Rosebud Circle is taking up Red Cross work. The Happy Thought Girls are arranging to have Prof. Lowe of Hespeler, give one of his famous illustrated lectures in the Church, in aid of the Red Cross. These girls are also planning to again send a Christmas box to each of our soldier boys overseas. In case the Spanish "Flu." does not get any worse in Galt, these girls also plan to hold a masquerade party in the near future. Our Adult Bible Class was re-organized for the winter, at the home of Mrs. Wilford, on October 11th. It was decided to place a Question Box in the Church and also to take up some form of benevolent work.

The Luther League hopes to install a new pipe-tone organ in the church before very long. They are also planning a Hollowe'en Party at this writing. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society has subscribed for 40 Mission Workers, one for each member. These ladies also voted \$3 for the Montreal Hospice. The Brotherhood held an open meeting in the Church during the month and after transacting their business (which included a report that \$22 had been used in relief work during the month and flowers had been sent to the sick men of the Church, also two copies of "The Lutheran" were subscribed for to be placed in the reading rooms of the Y.M.C.A.

and the Public Library) the Rev. A. A. Zinck, B.A., gave a very fine address on "The Characteristics of a True Lutheran Layman." This was greatly appreciated. Refreshments were then served by the men in the rear room of the Church. The men are planning for a series of interesting meetings to be held throughout the winter.

On the evening of Oct. 9th the Church Council men with their wives surprised one of their number, Mr. A. M. Rush, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his birth. After spending a real happy social evening together, Mr. Rush was made the recipient of a beautiful solid oak office chair, which was followed by the happy company sitting down to a fine war-time birthday lunch which had been prepared by Mrs. Rush.

During the month the Pastor preached at the Mission Festival of St. John's Church, Waterloo, and St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener, on Sept. 22nd and Oct. 6th respectively. The Galt pulpit was supplied, on both occasions, by Student Geelhaar to the entire satisfaction of the congregation. Our Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 29th. The Church was completely filled. We are now planning for our Reformation Festival on Sunday, October 27th, when the Pastor will preach on "Luther and Democracy" or "The Reformation in the Light of Current Events." Our attendance is on the increase and our finances were never better. The offerings for September were the highest in the congregation's history, totaling \$237.50, just a dollar more than June. The offerings on Sept. 29th were the highest regular offerings for a single day in the congregation's history, amounting to \$66.85.

Hamilton.—Our Mission Study Class has resumed meetings after the summer's recess. Twenty-three members attended the Study Class held at Mrs. Johnson's. Catechetical classes have also again begun studies. We have a junior and senior class, each of which has fourteen scholars.

When the Pastor and his bride returned from their wedding trip, to take up their home in the parsonage,

they received a cordial reception. They were met at the depot, and escorted to the Church, where a large number of members had gathered. The Pastor and his bride were escorted before the altar amidst the strains of a wedding march, after which the congregation arose and sang hymn No. 506, after which Miss Lucy Veit sang a solo. An address of welcome was then given, on behalf of the congregation, by Mr. E. B. Westcott, whereupon the Pastor and his bride were presented with a well filled purse of gold. A social hour was then spent in the basement of the Church.

Humberstone. — Because of the Spanish Influenza epidemic Holy Trinity Church here, as well as the other churches in both towns, have been closed Sundays, Oct. 13th and 20th, and will be closed the 27th. We have held no meetings since then. The Catechetical Class organized on the 12th and then disbanded. While several of our members were afflicted with the dread disease, we thank God that theirs were mild cases. May God in His mercy soon "heal the land." At the monthly L. L. meeting, held at the home of the Misses Hazel and Bertha Funkhouser, a committee was appointed to arrange for the sending of Christmas boxes to each of our soldier boys. The topic "The Open Church," was discussed to much profit. At the last meeting of the S. S. teaching staff, Mr. F. C. Hesler announced that he is about to hand in his resignation as Superintendent of the S. S. at the next congregational meeting. As Mr. Hesler has been exemplary in faithfulness towards the school for well over ten years, much regret was felt, but as he is to leave town owing to a change of occupation, the resignation will have to be accepted. His place will be hard to fill. October 3rd, the sad news was received that Pte. Reuben Kramer, son of our worthy treasurer, Mr. Frank Kramer, gave his life for his country in France. He had been in France scarcely a month, he and his younger brother, Herbert, going together. A sister, Miss Louise, is also in France in the capacity of nurse. Much sympathy is extended to the sorrowing family. Reuben had been a faithful church member and a member of our S. S. Orchestra. A memorial service is to be held later. Oct. 15th, Mrs. Knauff was hurriedly summoned to the bed-side of her youngest brother, William L., in Waterloo, but before

she could arrive he had fallen a prey to the dread disease, pneumonia. Rev. Knauff attended the funeral on the 18th, which was conducted by Prof. Little, D.D., as the pastor. Rev. E. Bockleman had not sufficiently recovered from his illness. May God comfort all who mourn the loss of dear ones!

Pastor Knauff the past week officiated at the sad funeral of Leonard Foster, a prominent Humberstone boy of twenty years, who was killed in an auto accident at Welland. His Lutheran mother was formerly a member of St. Paul's Church here, the pastor, Rev. Beutler, being ill at the time of the funeral. Rev. Knauff has declined the call extended to him from St. James' Church, Hespeler. Holy Trinity congregation, which he has served for nearly ten years, unanimously voted for the pastor to remain, after several speeches by members, expressive of re-assurance of confidence in him and a pledge of undivided loyalty to him. The pastor announced his decision at the church service one week later, Oct. 6th, and hearty congratulations were extended by members. God bless this relationship!

Kitchener. — Mr. Walter Strahl, manager of the Lutheran Book Rooms, who was severely ill with influenza, has gone to Linwood to convalesce with friends there.

Toronto.—Pastor Mueller is conducting a series of lectures on Church Government in the Lutheran Church and the Doctrinal Basis of the Lutheran Church, with open discussion following the lectures. The first lecture was well attended and it was decided to continue monthly. The next will be on the 1st three articles of the Augsburg Confession. A Young People's Society has been organized with the following officers:—President, Theodore Mueller, 52 Warren Rd.; Secretary, Albertine Berner, 345 Show St.; Treasurer, Ruth Zingg, 352 Clinton St. The attendance at Church and Sunday School has suffered somewhat on account of the epidemic of Spanish Influenza.

Waterloo.—The Women's Missionary Society of St. John's Lutheran Church, held a large and successful meeting yesterday afternoon, Mrs. P. Linker and Mrs. M. Ernst being the hostesses, the meeting convening at the home, corner of King and Young

streets. The attendance of members was very gratifying and augurs well for the success of the Society during the coming fall and winter seasons. During August and September the attendance was not as large as the officers would have liked, in fact on different occasions not enough members were present to constitute a quorum. This was due to the fact that a great many were out of town on their vacation, but it is confidently expected that from now on the Society will take on a new lease of life and flourish as it so richly deserves. The topic for this month was "Our Missionary Society a Community Force," interesting papers being read by Mrs. G. Bolduc, Mrs. G. Hamacher, Mrs. E. E. Frey, Mrs. Theo. Schaefer, and Mrs. H. Germann. The annual donation to Porto Rico Missions which is always passed at the October meeting was this year given as usual. Some two years ago the Society decided to furnish the chapel at the Lutheran Seminary and Waterloo College at an outlay of \$500. Since that time \$350 has been paid on these furnishings, and as there still remains \$150 the Society decided to pay this balance within the Society year, viz., before June, 1919.

Much regret was expressed by the members owing to the illness of the Pastor, Rev. E. Bockelmann, he being confined to his room, having become ill after his return from his vacation. The prayers of the Society will go out for his speedy recovery.

Welland. — St. Matthew's Church held its annual Harvest Home Festival, Sunday, September 29th. The attendance was good, the service beautiful and the decorations varied and fine. A quiet Hungarian wedding was solemnized in the church on the 28th when Pastor Knauff united Miss Annie Shurek to Andrew Blascik in holy matrimony. National Thanksgiving Day was observed Sunday, Oct. 13th. If the attendance is a token of true thankfulness, St. Matthew's was indeed thankful, as a good number attended the service. The congregation also re-affirmed its loyalty to Pastor Knauff by requesting him to remain as supply-pastor. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society met in the Church, October 3rd. The study of the topic consumed the greater part of the time. On Sept. 28th, the pastor baptized the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dew, of Toronto, while on a visit in Welland with the mother's sister, Mrs. Esser,—Dorothy Lillian

and William Emerson. Because of the Spanish "Flu." epidemic the church was closed October 20th, and will be closed again the Sunday following until the ban is lifted. God grant that the plague may soon wane and that people's hearts and prayers may be turned heaven-ward!

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

Our contribution will be very meagre this month. News is scarce, and what little there is of it, is not of a very enjoyable nature. The prevailing epidemic has greatly interfered with the usual activity in many of our congregations. Rev. Bockelmann had hardly returned from a pleasant holiday spent with friends and relatives in the United States, when he had to take to his bed and suffer a very unwelcome prolongation of his holidays, lasting a couple of anxious and dreary weeks. It must have certainly been hard for our brother, who is used to untiring activity, to be compelled to let his head and hands and feet rest so long and have his congregational work be done by others. Thank God, he is recuperating now and ready to be harnessed up again for service. First Lutheran Church, Toronto, had to be without the usual services Sunday, October 13th, the Pastor being laid up with a touch of the "Flu." He was happy, however, to escape with but a few days of real illness, doubly happy, as immediately afterwards his services were required for nursing his wife, who very faithfully took turns with him. All is well again at this writing. The parsonage of St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener, was similarly visited, both Rev. and Mrs. Schmieder having been quite ill. It is no wonder either. Bro. Schmieder's congregation was unusually hard hit by the dread malady and for several weeks the pastor was kept on the go almost day and night visiting the sick and burying the dead, and it was to be expected that he would eventually break down under the physical and nervous strain. We express the sincere hope that by this time both of the patients may have fully recovered. Sunday, October 6th, the writer had the pleasure to preach at the "Missionsfest" in St. Matthew's Church. Although the attendance suffered considerably from the fact, that but few families of the congregation were free of the prevailing plague, the

event was nevertheless a fine success. \$180 were offered for mission purposes. In the English evening service a very stirring sermon was preached by Rev. Beckman of Galt. During the latter part of September, Rev. H. C. Schmieder of Roxboro, Philadelphia, paid a very welcome visit to his son, Rev. J. Schmieder, Kitchener. He was no stranger to St. Matthew's, having visited there twelve years ago under the pastorate of the writer, and that the people had not forgotten him, was demonstrated on Sunday, Sept. 29th, when Rev. Schmieder, Sr., preached in St. Matthew's to an audience, which crowded the large church to the utmost. He is well-known throughout Canada as the first Lutheran Missionary in the Canadian North-west, whose youthful enthusiasm thirty years ago has yielded wonderful fruit, the modest beginning, with which his name is connected, having developed into a missionary undertaking which now extends from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast. On his way to Kitchener Rev. Schmieder made a short stop-over at the parsonage of Toronto to the great delight of his old chum, Rev. Hoffmann, with whom a friendship of more than 40 years duration, reaching far back into the years of our boyhood, connects him. Rev. Schmieder has another son in the ministry, stationed at Lancaster, Pa.

EASTERN CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. J. F. Bermon.

September has been a busy month for the pastors of the Eastern Conference of our Synod. On September 2nd and 3rd the annual meeting of Conference, which was attended by all the pastors, was held in Ottawa, in St. Peter's Church, the Rev. H. L. Siegner, pastor. On September the 5th, the annual re-union picnic of the Lutherans of Dundas County was scheduled to be held at St. John's, Riverside. The heavens were not propitious, however, and they opened up their flood-gates and deluged this part of the province with a torrential rain, which lasted for twenty-four hours. The re-union picnic was postponed to the next day, but delays are dangerous. The crowd that anticipated a delightful day among acquaintances, and the treat that had been prepared for them by the programme committee failed to put in an appearance on the postponed date. However about fifty

of the faithful turned out to listen to Dr. Little and Rev. W. E. Murray, formerly of Williamsburg, but now of Rochester, N.Y., and were not sorry that they came. Dr. Little, in a forceful address told of the history of our Waterloo Seminary, and emphasized its needs,—men, money, and prayers. Rev. Murray eloquently spoke of the power of religion in the hearts of men, and its great need in the lives of the people of to-day. September the 8th was the day set for the drive by the Luther League of Canada to raise a thousand dollars for the Students' Aid Fund. Owing to delay in getting out printed matter the drive in our Conference did not take place until the week following. From all reports the drive is progressing well, and the amount set will be nearly reached. At the congregational meeting held in St. Peter's, Williamsburg, on Wednesday, Sept. 18th, the resignation of Pastor Maurer was reluctantly accepted. Pastor Maurer has been called to Kitchener, to succeed the Rev. H. J. Behrens, and will leave for his new pastorate the first of November. The Conference will feel the loss of Rev. Maurer, he has done a good work at Williamsburg, and has always had the welfare of the Conference at heart. Our loss is the gain of the Western Conference, and while we regret his removal from our midst, we wish him well in his new field of labor. Pastor Maurer's place will be hard to fill in more ways than one. Ministers are scarce. Every church paper we read tells us of the great and increasing number of vacancies, and of the few men there will be from our seminaries to fill them. We need more men for the ministry. It is our crying need at present. This need should be placed close to the hearts of the mothers in our Synod. Our Church needs a thousands Hannahs, Nonnas, and Monicas who will give their Samuels, Chrysostoms, and Augustines to the service of the Lord, in the holy office of the ministry.

WINNIPEG.

Milton J. Bieber, D.D.

Plumas.

This town of 250 inhabitants lies 106 miles north of Winnipeg on the C. N. R. It can only be entered at night and he left at night if you go by rail. Leaving Winnipeg at 10.30 we landed at 2.10 a.m. and by following a few travelling men we found the only lodging house in the place (a hotel is

building) and were soon ushered by lamp light to our room which we shared with a fellow guest in a separate bed.

After breakfast at 9 we called on the only Protestant minister in town, the Rev. John McAskill, a Presbyterian, who has charge of the Union Church, and who with his wife hails from near Waterloo County. I was cordially received and given the names of half a dozen German Lutheran families whom I visited and received the key to the church from one of them, who was the janitor, a Mr. Aug. Besser. There is a German Lutheran Church about 10 miles away but the children in Plumas attend the Union Sunday School.

At 2 p.m., in the church, in the presence of about twenty persons, I baptized Lilly, Katharine, and Alma Johnson, whose parents and friends came by auto and team twelve miles from the north from Grass River P.O. The parents are Finns and the three sponsors are Icelanders, one of them a public school teacher (Hannah Spandenberg and Bertha and Lieve Breckman). The mother took communion. It was a solemn and impressive service.

The country here is level and the crops were excellent. I retired at 8 p.m., rose at 3.20 a.m., my train (3.55 a.m.) left at 4.55 and at 8.30 a.m. I was at home in Winnipeg at breakfast. Four of the sisters of the baptized children are in my Catechetical class in Winnipeg.

Conventions.

The Western Conference of the North-west Synod held its Fall Convention in Moorehead, Minn., 280 miles south of Winnipeg, on Sept. 24th and 25th; and the Conference Missionary Society met in the same church (First English Lutheran), on Thursday, the 26th. Our congregation belongs to this Synod and Conference and to the Conference Missionary Society, and the conventions were attended by the Pastor and four women delegates, Mrs. J. C. Peterson, President of the local Society; Mrs. R. Casey, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Conger, and Mrs. Jalmer Hollberg. The Pastor preached the conference sermon; Mrs. Conger was chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the Conference Society; Mrs. Peterson was on the Committee on President's Report and she was also elected Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society; while Mrs. J. A. Holl-

berg is the Chairman of the Conference Junior Mission Work. All the sessions were very interesting. The Conference extends from Moorehead to Butte, Mon., 1,000 miles and 700 miles from south to north. The territory is teeming with Lutherans of all nationalities, but only seven congregations are English and each of the seven has a Missionary Society. The Winnipeg Society last year raised \$408 for benevolence and current expenses.

Closed.

The "Spanish Flu" has invaded Winnipeg and has tightly closed our churches, theatres, schools, and all public meeting places for an indefinite time. There are only 21 cases at this time (Oct. 12) but prevention is better than cure and therefore we will not murmur at the order though we are very sorry. It seriously interferes with our Thanksgiving and Harvest services, (Oct. 13 and 20), when we expected to raise much needed special funds to pay notes due the bank and other creditors, but "All things work together for good to them who love God," and therefore there will be a way out. God will help us to overcome and will not leave us in the depths. He tests us and thereby strengthens our faith.

The various organizations and the congregation are making slow but steady and sure progress.

DO WE KNOW OUR BIBLES?

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parents in the homes where our children are getting the impressions that are going to have an influence on all their future lives. These children can never be what they ought to be and what God wants them to be unless they have an adequate knowledge of the Bible. We can not teach the things we do not know ourselves. At this time there are thousands of young men leaving our homes to fight for the liberty of the world and thousands of these will never come back again. In the days when the news comes from the front that one and another has been killed, there will be nothing that will sustain us like a knowledge of God's Word. The time has come anew to set up the family altar where the family will gather around the Bible and study it, that it may give new life and power.

Many are teaching in our Sabbath schools, and there the Book should be taught with new power in these days,

when there is so much of worldliness to combat. Let us not be satisfied with just studying a passage here and there, but in some way let us learn the Bible ourselves and then teach it to our pupils, so that they will know where to find the passage that they want, will be able to tell its connection with what precedes and follows. Then let us all, teachers and pupils, get a general knowledge of the Bible from the beginning to the end. There can be nothing more important for us this year than to daily study the Word of God, and to get as many others as we can to join us in the study. But this article is not written to tell how we may learn to study the Bible, but just to put us to examining ourselves, that we may discover how really limited is the information most of us have of the Bible, and to give us a desire to know more about the Book of books.—H. & P. in Lutheran Church Work and Observer.

MEN FOR THE MINISTRY

A Topic For Our Leagues.

By DR. G. H. GERBERDING,
Prof. of Practical Theology, Lutheran
Seminary, Maywood, Ill.

Did you ever ask yourself what the world would be without the Church? Imagine if you can that every house of God were closed, that every pulpit were silenced, that there were no more comings together of young men and maidens, old men and children to praise and to pray and to be instructed out of the living and life-giving Word of God! What kind of a world would it be? It is bad enough as it is. It is bad because too many despise the Church which Christ loved and purchased with His own blood and too many that do go to church do not rightly receive and live that Word which is able to save the soul. It still pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. But too many do not hear or do not rightly believe and are not saved. It is the unsaved who make the world so full of sin and suffering.

Yes, the world would be a sad place without the Church. You and I would not want to stay in it. It would again be all covered over with the dark places which are the habitations of cruelty.

But there can be no Church without preachers. There can be no preachers unless boys and young men are made willing to be trained and prepared for this high and holy work.

Paul lays down the Church's programme thus: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" This is the inspired programme. No being saved without calling on the name of the Lord, or praying. No praying without believing. The unbeliever cannot pray. No believing without hearing. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. No hearing without preaching. No preaching unless preachers are sent.

Look at it from the other end. No sending out of preachers, no preaching. No preaching, no hearing, or learning, i.e., no instruction in heavenly things. No hearing, no believing. No believing, no calling on the name of the Lord, i.e., no true praying. No such praying, no being saved. Salvation then depends on having preachers. These must themselves be saved men, true preachers of God's truth.

Look again at the first and last demands of this inspired programme of salvation. The first is calling on the name of the Lord. Praying. Believing prayer. Prayer prompted by a faith wrought by the preaching of the living and powerful Word. God reaches and quickens man through the preached Word. Man hears, in hearing he is enabled to believe, as a believer he prays and is saved.

The first need of the individual and of the Church is such prayer. We need ministers. We do not have what we need. The appalling fact stares us in the face that there are considerably over one thousand vacant pulpits in our Church! Think of it. One thousand churches without preachers! If this goes on what will the end be? Where will our Church be?

Why this startling state of affairs? Something has gone wrong, what is it? We must know. The Church cannot live at this rate. She cannot maintain what she has. Much less can she start missions. The question of the supply of an adequate ministry is fundamental. Our mission as a Church and our whole mission policy and work depend on it. What is wrong?

Jesus once looked on ripening fields without laborers to reap them. He gave directions to the young Church to remedy the need. Pray! Pray ye.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the President of W. M. Society of
Central Canada.

Williamsburg, June 5, 1918.

Dear Friends and Co-Workers:

We are assembled in our tenth annual Convention. We are happy to see each one of you here to-day. It is a joy and a privilege to look into the faces and give the glad hand to those who have been able to attend these meetings year after year, and it is likewise a great pleasure to welcome those who are present with us for the first time. We extend to all a very cordial and hearty welcome and may our association together be one of harmony and redound to the honor and glory of Christ's kingdom.

We are indebted to St. Peter's, Williamsburg, for their kind invitation and their generous hospitality. It has been a pleasure for us to meet here and we hope in return you may be the happier and have profited by our convening with you. Thank you.

We had hoped e'er we met again that this great wide-world war might have been ended. We are still to be tried, our faith has to be put to a further test and yet can we not find comfort and fortitude in this? Our Christian faith has been tested and has proven sufficient to bear up those who patiently wait at home while it has strengthened and made brave and true our boys at the Front. We are told repeatedly there is a spirit of sincerity among these boys that might never have been there were it not for existing circumstances, and we can rest assured that our gracious Heavenly Father is not witnessing all this terrible sacrifice and blood-shed, except to bring about some equivalent good and blessing to mankind.

Our Synodical Society of Central Canada has given her quota of men—200 have or are now representing us on the battlefield in Flanders. The supreme sacrifice has been made by sixteen (16) of our boys.

While the year has been a trying one, still we have much cause for thankfulness. Our treasurer reports finances have come in better than any previous year. This certainly means our people are interested and working.

As the various chairmen give their reports we will see all have had some cause for encouragement. All of our societies are doing some kind of patriotic work, more noticeably Red Cross work.

Five of our members represented our Synodical Society at the Biennial meeting of the Women's General Council Society, held at Philadelphia, last fall.

The General Council has graciously granted the request of the Women's Synodical Societies, provided there is no legal objection, to giving representation of our women on their Mission Boards. This request was made that the work might be carried on more expeditiously.

It was decided by the Women's General Council Society that the Executive Committee of that body write each month to one of our Home or Foreign Missionaries, a letter of cheer and encouragement, the secretary to notify each member to whom to write. Your President, by virtue of her office, is a member of this committee. I have written in the name of this Society and extended greetings to Mrs. Edwin Olsen, Rajahmundry, India; Mrs. S.O. Thorlaksson, Tokyo, Japan; Miss Emma Schmidt, San Juan, Porto Rico; Mrs. E. F. Horn, Nagoya, Japan, and Mrs. August Neudoerffer, Rajahmundry, India.

A telegram of sympathy and inquiry was sent to Rev. Weaver of Halifax, re the terrible disaster which befell their city and the loss sustained by our Church there.

An appeal was issued for financial help and our societies responded quite generously. Results of this will be reported by the Inner Mission chairman.

It is encouraging to learn that a Union Medical College has been started in Vellore, India, for women. The Women's General Council Society is pledging itself to the extent of \$1,000 a year. We are asked to give ten cents (10 cts) a year per member. It is to be regretted that no woman physician has been found to assist Dr. Betty Neilson, who is head of our Women's and Children's Hospital, Rajahmundry. Dr. Neilson was compelled by overwork and her eyes giving out to take an enforced holiday. We

THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Student S. Cooper, Waterloo Seminary.

At this writing Mr. Seymour Cooper is just recovering from an attack of the Spanish "Flu," hence the paucity of Luther League notes this issue.

LUTHER LEAGUE NOTES.

The results of the Student Aid Campaign are as follows, up to Oct. 16th:—

St. Peter's, Preston	\$62 85
St. Paul's, Galt	35 00
St. Paul's, Morrisburg	27 00
St. Peter's, Kitchener	25 00
First English, Kitchener	24 00
Zion, Sherwood	17 50
St. Jacob's, Hespeler	8 25
Dr. Bieber, Winnipeg	5 00
St. Paul's, Guelph	2 00

Total

\$ 206 60

In addition to this, Humberstone and Hamilton Leagues have each pledged to contribute \$50.00 to this cause, Guelph has promised to pro-

ceed the campaign later and Waterloo distributed the literature, but thus far we have not heard with what results. Literature was also sent to Montreal, Ottawa, Riverside, Williamsburg, Dunbar, Unionville, Toronto, Welland, Brantford, Conestogo and St. Jacobs, but no word has been received from any of these. We hope the reason for this is that their offerings were so large that they have not been able to finish counting them to date, but we hope to soon receive them. We're still a long way from our \$1,000.00 mark and say we haven't received any more of that L. L. of America Emergency Jubilee Fund money either.

During the month we received the resignation of St. Peter's L. L. of New Hamburg, from the Canada L. L., but we also received an application for membership from the L. L. of First English Lutheran Church of Winnipeg.

are glad to report she has sufficiently improved to be back at work again. In time help can be secured for the hospital through the Union Medical College, Vellore, but the head of this institution must always be English in speech and education.

We will now take a glimpse in our various departments:

Foreign Missions.—We have continued to pay towards the maintenance of our Women's Hospital, Rajahmundry. Two scholarships were taken out while the Junior Societies or Sunday Schools have contributed towards the support of the Children's Nurse. We have also responded to a special appeal—The Vellore College Fund.

The General Board at the outbreak of the war assumed the responsibility of the missions in the Jeypore District, formerly known as the Brecklum Mission. In order that the Board may meet its growing demands we are asked to enlarge our contributions.

Home Missions.—In all of our Societies are to be found the Home Mission Thank-offering Boxes. Please let it be understood whatever goes in these boxes is for the "Field Missionary Fund," not for general missionary

purposes. We are asked to drop some change in these boxes when we have reason for thanksgiving or feel especially grateful for some blessing. I would recommend the conscientious use of these boxes. If we but realized how much some of our Home Missionaries are sacrificing and have often to wait and wait before receiving their meagre but well earned cheques we would be glad to sacrifice a little in order to help out. Several of our congregations are receiving aid from the Home Mission Board.

Inner Missions.—Each Society is doing its own quota of Christian work in its own immediate neighborhood. Besides this we have contributed to the Protestant Girls' Home, Montreal, and sent a nice sum to the relief of the Church in Halifax.

Porto Rico.—Many of our Societies responded to the appeal of our chairman for help for the Christmas boxes. Our Missionary, Miss Schmidt, a bright and consecrated girl, is doing a splendid work among these people as also are Rev. and Mrs. Ostrom and Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Anderson.

Slav.—These foreigners have come to our shores to better themselves in material things, it is up to us to make

good citizens of them, and we cannot better do this than by giving them the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Seminary.—If our Lutheran Church in Canada is to do her best work she must have a Canadian ministry. We must have men who are educated in our own institutions and the love of Canada fostered in them. Our Seminary in Waterloo is there for this purpose and a college course is offered in connection with it, second to none in Canada. It is incumbent upon us mothers that we furnish the boys for this institution and for our Lutheran ministry in Canada.

Mission Study.—This phase of our work has not appealed to many of our members as we would wish it to. Those who have organized a Mission Study Class have profited by them. A number of our societies have found a very agreeable instructive and patriotic afternoon can be spent by one reading aloud some of our new mission books while the rest of the circle are knitting or doing other Red Cross work which requires to be done by hand.

Life Memberships and Memorials.—Our energetic chairman tells us she will not be discouraged but persist in presenting her cause until we respond to her appeal. We must have literature and we need more of it. The revenue derived from Life Memberships keeps our literature afloat.

Junior Work.—I am sorry to report there has been little progress made in organizing new Junior Societies. It is, however, satisfactory to know that many of our Sunday Schools are giving missionary instructions and one Sunday a month is designated as Missionary Sunday. They have contributed towards the support of the Children's Nurse.

Mission Exhibit.—Pictures and illustrations are becoming ever more popular as a means of education. The wonderful growth of moving picture shows proves this. If you have a picture of the inside or outside of your church or of anything that will be of interest to the other congregations send it to our Mission Exhibit Chairman. She will take good care of it and it will help to stimulate some other congregation.

Canada Lutheran.—Who would be without this bright, newsy little paper coming into our homes? I feel sure I express the feeling of our people when I say we would not be without it at twice the price. We look eagerly

towards its arrival, enjoy and are cheered by its contents and feel as if we had had a visit with our friends. Let us stand loyally by our Canadian Church paper and help it all we can both with news items and subscriptions.

Literature.—A number of our Societies have this year chosen other missionary topics than that mapped out by the Women's General Council Society. The reason being while they are excellent as prepared they are not always suitable to Canada. One enthusiastic worker writes they have prepared some excellent papers in their Society and would like to exchange them with another society.

The Mission Worker has changed hands, Mrs. F. A. Kahler, of Buffalo, being the new Editor. This magazine is brim full of interesting news and relates the very latest developments along all lines of missionary activities and promises to be even more fascinating under its new management. Be sure to keep up your Mission Worker subscription and read it carefully.

In conclusion I would recommend:

1. That we pay 10 cents a year per member to "Vellore College Fund."
2. The conscientious use of the Home Mission Thank-offering Boxes.
3. That we strive to enlarge our membership, also to interest our Juniors.
4. That as a Society and as individuals we pledge ourselves to render all possible assistance to our Seminary and 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 honorable and righteous peace shall be established.

Thanking my co-workers for the courteous and harmonious manner in which we have always worked together and praying that God would bless this Society in His work and prosper us therein.

Humbly submitted,

MRS. J. C. CASSELMAN.

EDITORIAL

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Christmas?—Yes Christmas is not far off. It is time for our Sunday Schools to get their Christmas programmes under way.

The Canada Lutheran.—What are you doing to help us place "The Canada Lutheran in Every Home?"

MEN FOR THE MINISTRY.

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Pray ye the Lord of the harvest. Pray that He may send. Ah yes, without believing prayer there is no individual salvation. And without believing prayer there will be no going forth of a ministry to preach the Word that enkindles faith.

Here we are face to face with a situation and an outlook that ought to startle everyone who believes in God and in His Church to ask seriously what is wrong. God is opening doors and giving opportunities to our Church that are calculated to make us shout with joy. But hold, where are the men to man the missions? A thousand Lutheran pulpits vacant now! It doesn't help the situation to constantly create one vacancy to fill another. It only increases the disintegration and restlessness of pulpit and pew. But what must we do to be saved from failure as a Church? Why is this crisis upon us? Why must the grandest work in the world fail for lack of workers? Why must the highest and holiest office that a child of man can fill go begging for men to fill it? What is wrong?

There must be a lack of appreciation of the office itself. Would that all mothers had the view of the mother of President Wm. McKinley. When he had been inaugurated for the first time and stepped down from the platform to kiss his old mother she looked up into his face and said, with a tinge of sadness, "Well, I did once hope that William would be a bishop, or minister." Her son had just received the highest civil office in the world but that old Christian mother believed that he might have been something better. He might have been a minister of the Gospel.

If all the mothers of bright boys had this conception of the holy office we should have more ministers. Then there would be more prayer for laborers. Prayer in the Church, in the Sunday School, in the Luther League, in the catechetical class, at the family altar, in the closet. Prayer for laborers for Christ.

But this spirit of prayer is all too rare. The spiritual life is at a low ebb. People are living the worldly life even in the Church. The great absorbing aim and purpose is to get money and the things that money will buy. This is the topic of conversation in the home. This is the table talk. Money, property, business, sport, pleasure, these are kept before the eyes, ears and minds of the children in the home and family.

Meantime the old Book is seldom if ever read before the children. Its holy lessons of life and love are not spoken of. The family altars are broken down and the force of prayer is not heard. How can there be prayer for ministers?

Too many ministers themselves are overcome by the cold, critical, worldly and materialistic spirit of the age. They also talk too much of money, complain about insufficient salary, speak as if money were the greatest and best thing in the world. Ah, they do not appreciate the privilege and the blessedness of serving Him and the least of His who gave Himself for them. They lack the joy of being rich in faith and in good works. They know not the joy of service. Hence they do not carry the spirit and impress of the Master into their public ministrations as they go from house to house. The real unction is lacking. The spirit of prayer is not what it should be. There is not enough depth and warmth of love to enkindle others. They do not magnify the office. They do commend it. They do not inspire parents to give their boys. They do not win candidates. Too many cold and unspiritual men in the ministry keep others out of it. They need to pray for themselves. They need to be prayed for.

Look again at the last point in God's programme. "How shall they preach except they be sent?" That last word! How much it means. It includes the whole process of seeking and finding and winning and preparing boys for the ministry. Boys should never be driven into the holy office. God does not want drafted men, but volunteers as leaders of His army. But boys that are prayed for and prayed with can be influenced. And here the word and influence of father and mother come in. If parents really desire and pray that their bright boys might become ministers they will begin early to inform them of the beauty and blessedness of this holy service, they will keep it before them, encourage them by word and through good reading matter, send them to the best schools and sacrifice everything to give them the needed education.

And here the pastor, the Sunday School teacher, the Christian can help the parents. A word in season, how good it is. A sermon on the glory of the ministry and the great need of preachers, a Sunday School lesson, a quiet talk with the boy, these all belong to the sending.

And there are those to whom God has not given the boys, but He has

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Watch this space next month.

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