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Easter

See the land her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose;
Seeds so long in darkness sleeping
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and garlands hail the spring;
Sloughs and woodlands ring with voices
While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,
Use the craft by God implanted—
Use the reason not your own.
Here while heaven and earth rejoices,
Each his Easter tribute bring—
Work of fingers, chant of voices
Like the birds who build and sing.
—Kingsley.

EASTER SERMONETTE.

Bishop Laache.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, our living Saviour; quicken us, and sanctify us with Thee. Amen.

Text: "Purge out, therefore, the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." I. Corinthians 5: 7, 8.

The use of leaven was, under penalty of death, prohibited among the children of Israel during the Easter festival. They ate the passover every year; and with the faith of our heart we eat the true passover all the time. Christ was sacrificed for us, and they that believe in him live in communion with Him always, and celebrate Easter without ceasing. "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." (John 6: 63.) Reference is here had to the union with the heart of Jesus. In this union only is there life. But do you hear what the apostle says in regard to the leaven? Do you remember that the leaven is prohibited, and that it is death itself? "The old leaven" is the nature and life of the natural man. War must be made on all lusts of the flesh, even as the Israelites were to have no leaven in the house at the time of Easter. It means death if you again conclude peace with any of your carnal lusts. "The leaven of malice and wickedness" means an evil and deceitful mind. Is it possible, do you think, that hate and anger, the spirit of Esau and Saul, can be united with Jesus who is all love? Or how should malice, deceit, and craftiness be connected in any way with our holy and blameless Lamb of the passover? No, sincerity and truth shall be our bread. You, the Lord's believers, are the new lump, unleavened and pure; and this is what you should be. The passover is sacrificed; and therefore you are become a new lump, says the apostle. How happy we would be, did we but understand the word of God and believe the truth. As you are a new lump you can and shall purge out the old leaven. Your whole life shall be a life in sincerity and truth. It shall be lived in the power of Christ's resurrection, and in the fellowship of His suffering. Your whole life shall be on a high plane; you shall not wallow in

the mire of sin, but climb the heights, bathe in the sunshine of truth and holiness, and breathe the pure and heavenly spirit of Jesus: In like manner as leaven leavens the whole lump, so shall the new life, the life of Christ's resurrection, be manifest in all that you do. It is a life of the heart, and must be seen in every act, down to the least important, even as the heart-beat sends the blood coursing through the body out into the tips of the fingers.

God help us to be true believers, and to lead a life of true holiness. Amen.

The strife is o'er, the battle done!
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun,
Hallelujah.

The powers of death have done
their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst,
Hallelujah.

"THAT THORN IN THE FLESH"

By Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D.

There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.—2 Cor. 12: 7.

Paul was a giant in intellect and in spirituality. He stood head and shoulders above the other apostles. Though called last to the apostleship and a rabid Pharisee, he was the first to break away from Judaistic rites and customs in the early church. He was a pioneer—a trail blazer—the first missionary to the Gentiles—the writer of the bulk of the New Testament epistles. He was consumed by a passionate love for Jesus Christ.

He was, however, not a giant in physique. He was weak-eyed, "contemptible in speech," and bowed in body by a disease. These infirmities were his "thorn in the flesh." He says they were given to him to keep him humble after he had been exalted to the third heaven and given a glimpse of Paradise. He often prayed that they might be removed, but the answer runs: "My grace is sufficient for thee. My strength is made perfect in weakness."

God cannot use a haughty spirit and man despises it in others. "Pride goeth before a fall." It lost Heaven to Satan and Paradise to our first parents.

It brought Germany into the dust. She held an exalted position among

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EDITORIAL.

A New Easter.—Spring has come again with all its fullness of beauty and richness of promise. Birds that winter in the South have returned to raise new broods. Animals that slept underground have been roused from their slumbers and are eagerly assuming the tasks of life. Buds swell, grasses creep, and flowers bloom again. From everywhere comes the same glad message of resurrection. Death has given way to life. How is it among men?

Six months ago a halt was called to the grim progress of hosts of human warriors, and a world waiting for peace, celebrated the great event. Today the peoples of the world are still wrestling with the powers of darkness and making great efforts to bring new life out of a terrible chaos. The world is not yet at peace. The noble ideals of our best leaders are in conflict with the selfish purposes of the ambitious and the avaricious, and resort must be had to compromises, based not on right but on expediency, to so great an extent that stable foundations for peace can scarcely be

laid. How very much like its former self is unregenerate human nature after all! The principles of righteousness are still very elusive when men seek to apply them in practical life. Democracy, leagues of nations, self-determination of peoples, disarmament, and universal peace, based on a recognition of the brotherhood of man, are fine phrases, but to prevent democracy from degenerating into chaos, to keep leagues of nations from becoming mere groups of allied powers in the age-long historic sense, to check self-determination at the borderland of selfish ambition, and to make disarmament applicable to friend as well as foe, are achievements for which man is but imperfectly trained. Self-redemption is still as difficult of attainment as when Jesus said, "Of your own selves ye can do nothing."

Were it not for the Easter message of a Victorious Redeemer men's hearts must indeed fail them; but Jesus is risen from the dead and offers a peace that passeth understanding to all who will believe in Him. In possession of this peace men can press forward in the path of duty, confident and serene in the midst of every tumult.

The Conference.—The Conference of the Synods and Boards of the United Lutheran Church in America, held in New York city on February 25-28, was an earnest effort to make a survey of the great work that looms up before the newly-merged body. Forty-five synods, thirteen boards and some special committees called attention to the many needs and opportunities on all these fields of labor. All seemed possessed with a keen sense of responsibility, and fervent were the prayers offered for vision, wisdom and strength. It was no mere man's venture that confronted the Church, but it was a launching out into the deep at the word of the Lord. Great problems were discussed candidly and without reserve, for all were of one mind as to the general purpose, and resolved to subject all personal preferences to the common interests of the whole. Organizations cannot be merged without concessions being made in many ways, but our leaders are showing a true spirit of service in their readiness to make such adjustments as promise an increase in efficiency for the whole Church.

True, the needs and rights of synods were stoutly maintained by their representatives. Men who believe in their own work cannot and

are not called upon to abandon positions that have strategic value to the general plan. They see more clearly than those afar off what possibilities lie within their reach. Canada, for example, had much to say about needs because her representatives knew her peculiar conditions. The Canadian Church must still be nurtured—not because she is unwilling to assume her share of the common burden but because she is not yet able to bear the share of the strong. We are still in the missionary and formative stage. Our territory is large, and many of our parishes are small. The Synods of Canada and Central Canada have contributed to the work of the whole Church, and besides established and maintained educational institutions at Waterloo. During the past eight years a property has been acquired approximating in value possible \$75,000. And it is almost free from debt. The worth to the Canadian Church of these institutions is beyond words, but they have demanded the major part of our powers. We have received no assistance from outside. The cost of maintaining these institutions is steadily increasing. Is it reasonable that our percentage of support to the whole Church should be calculated on the basis of our special efforts in building churches and establishing educational institutions? Or is it more reasonable that assistance should come to us from portions of the Church under less strain? The cost of maintaining our institutions on a proper standard of efficiency during the coming year will approximate \$10,000. Is it not reasonable for us to expect such assistance from the Board of Education of the United Church as shall not be offset by an increased apportionment for the general budget?

The Conference heard our plea, and we think sympathetically. The Synod of Central Canada is in need of Church Extension funds and of continued Home Mission support, our institutions at Waterloo will need help. The United Church will surely stand by us. And let us be understood. We are not seeking help that we may rest on our oars. We are willing to do as we are able alongside of others, but we ask that our obligations be not made greater than we are able to bear.

One word more: we believe it to be essential to the prosperity of our Church in Canada that our position as a Canadian Church be more fully recognized than has been the case in the

past. Though our missionary needs are great, we are not a mere missionary outpost of another Church, but have an independent history closely identified with Canadian life. Four Canadian Synods hold membership in the United Church, and have as definite a claim on all the privileges of that great Confederacy as any other Synods. This being granted, it ought to follow that we are entitled to the use of the machinery of the United Church for such adjustments of our work in Canada as are deemed proper for the Church in the United States. We believe that the same machinery that compiles statistics for the Lutheran Church in the United States should compile similar Canadian statistics. We believe adaptations should be made in Church literature; that Canadian representation should be granted on the Boards; and as far as practicable the international character of the Church be recognized in all its activities. Here, too, the Conference in New York voiced its sympathy and as a consequence, a formal statement has been published by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension endorsing the aspirations of Canadian Lutherans for the development of a strong, united, Canadian Lutheran Church, as the ultimate goal of Lutheran Mission work in Canada.

It was a great Conference and its fruits will be many and varied. We came away impressed with the excellency of the leadership under which we begin our new work. May God graciously continue to guide these leaders and grant abundant blessings to all efforts put forth for the extension of Christ's kingdom.

"A Request to Our Dear Readers."

We want to make this paper more valuable to the Church at large and must therefore give it a wider circulation. May we hence ask you, to give this copy to your friend, after you have read it, **with your warm recommendation** and so **win a new subscriber?** Kindly do to our Church and the "Canada Lutheran" this service. May the Lord bless all your efforts!"—Contributed.

I believe in to-day. It is all that I possess. The past is of value only as it can make the life of to-day fuller and freer. There is no assurance of to-morrow. I must make good to-day.—Charles Stelzle.

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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

PARISH BUDGETS.

Dunbar.—The Luther League at the annual business meeting unanimously re-elected their officers for the coming year, Pres., Andrew Allison, Dunbar; Sec., Miss Violet Weegar, Williamsburg; Treas., Miss Clara Barkley, Dunbar. The League has in its treasury over one hundred dollars towards building a Luther League hall.

Our congregation is at present canvassing to help our Waterloo Seminary. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society have contributed toward various missionary causes. Chain-teas have been held lately and are enjoyed by all the ladies.

The following children have been baptized: William John, son of Genzmer Clark. Carl Graham, son of Edsel Merkley. Anna Victoria, daughter of Wm. Merkley. Harold Floyd, son of Andrew Barkley.

Galt.—Two more of our boys returned from overseas during the month in the persons of Gordon Seyffert and Albert Erison, the latter of whom brought a wife and son along with him. Our hearty welcome is extended to these boys of ours as also to the newcomers.

Our Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society now meets three times each month, for business work and Mission Study. The work being done is for Dr. Grenfell's Labrador Mission. The Sunday School Teachers and Officers meet twice each month, once for business, and once for teacher training. Our Adult Bible Class is also wide awake and working as are also our Laymen's Brotherhood and L. L. and are all working toward a common end, the upbuilding and extension of Christ's kingdom locally and throughout the world.

The Church Council rejoices over the success of our \$500 Thank Offering for Peace and are at present conducting a campaign to raise an additional \$500 on notes from our members. It is expected that this will be accomplished by next Sunday when the fourth anniversary of our pastor's taking charge of the work here will be celebrated and when this \$1,000 will be solemnly dedicated to God for the purpose of wiping out the first mortgage on our church.

Mid-week Lenten Services are being held on Wednesday evenings with good attendances. Holy Communion was administered the first Sunday in Lent and was well attended.

During the month the pastor baptized Arleen May and Edith Jean, children of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peter Weber; also Hilda Bernice, child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carpenter.

All the apportionments of this congregation have been paid in full and some have been overpaid. During the month our pastor spoke at the Community Service in connection with the organization of the local Baptist Mission into a full fledged Church. He also addressed the Men's Bible Class of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Mission.

Humberstone.—As pre-Lenten events we would note the following: A grand organ recital was given in the church on the evening of Feb. 26, by Mr. Franklin C. Legge, organist at Central Methodist Church, Toronto, who was also the builder of the organ. The church was comfortably filled with an audience appreciative of high-class music, for all numbers were of a high order. The Luther League, under whose auspices the recital was given, thus added \$30 to its treasury. Feb. 27th, the Lutheran Mass Meeting was held, an account of which will be found in another column. March 3rd, the Luther League, having as its object a good time rather than adding to its treasury, gave an "Indoor Picnic" to members of the congregation and friends in the Town Hall. A programme was rendered consisting of vocal selections, recitations, and several sketches and playlets by members of the League. Races and contests, for which prizes were given, also formed part of the amusements. A fine picnic lunch was enjoyed, each family having brought its own basket. All sat down to long picnic tables. Even though the night was cold, "straw-lids" worn by men, women and children were in evidence.

Lenten services had their beginning with Ash Wednesday and are being conducted every Wednesday evening. Holy Communion was administered the 1st Sunday in Lent. At the monthly meeting of the Luther League held at the home of Miss Mildred Cronmiller, a very profitable discus-

sion on the introduction to "Christian Science, Weighed and Tested" by Dr. Sandt, followed the routine business. The study of this subject is to be continued. At the monthly "Afternoon Gathering" of the Ladies' Aid, held at Mrs. Chas. White's, work was begun on articles to be prepared for a bazaar in the fall.

The Sunday School is preparing for an Easter programme.

On Monday, March 17th, another of our members returned from overseas—not a soldier boy, dear reader, but a Nursing Sister—Miss Louise M. Kramer, who had been in Vischy, France, with the Rochester Base Hospital. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of other of our soldier boys.

Kitchener.—We regret to announce, that at the writing of this report Pastor Maurer is still in the hospital, but we trust that our hopes to see him in his home in a few days, will be realized. The congregation owes much thanks to Prof. N. Willison for his splendid services in carrying out the work of the church during the pastor's illness. Regular Lenten services are being held on Wednesday evenings, which are attended better than ever in the history of the congregation. Rev. Bockelman of Waterloo, and Prof. Willison will exchange pulpits for the evening service on Sunday, March 16th. The monthly Luther League meeting was held on March the 3rd, at which time the young men promised to prepare a programme, which shall be conducted exclusively by men. The Ladies' Aid gave a tea in the basement of the church on Saturday, March 15th.

Waterloo—The monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Jacob Conrad, Young Street, on Wednesday afternoon, March 5th, there being a good attendance of members present. The topic for the month of March was "In Mountains and Mills," papers being read by Mrs. Wm. Conrad, Mrs. M. Sturm and Mrs. J. Herb Smith. Mrs. (Rev.) E. Bockelmann read the Scripture lesson. A donation of \$10 each were made to Home and Inner Missions. After the business had been transacted, dainty refreshments were served and the meeting was brought to a close by the members repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The many societies of St. John's Church are busily engaged at present preparing ways and means of raising money for the erection of a much

needed parish hall. The Girls' Club gave a most enjoyable entertainment in the basement of the church on Tuesday, February 25th, the place being crowded to capacity with an enthusiastic audience who thoroughly enjoyed each and every number. There were playetts, vocal and instrumental music and recitations concluding with Club cheers by the girls, followed by the College "yell" from the students at the College. The singing of the national anthem brought the most delightful evening to a close. The Club have been requested to repeat the programme after the Lenten season. A goodly sum was realized in aid of the Parish Hall Fund.

The choir of St. John's Lutheran Church, under the direction of Mr. Chas. Froehlich, are preparing an oratorio entitled "The Minister's Honeymoon," to be given sometime during April.

Welland.—Lenten services are being conducted every Thursday evening by Pastor Knauff with good attendance.

March 6th, the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. Ott. \$5.09 was gathered through the thankoffering boxes for the special Field Missionary Fund. The topic presented was on conditions and work in India.

At the meeting of the Luther League, held at the home of Miss Florence Ott, March 10th, it was decided to secure a cross either of wood or brass for the altar. The League welcome back Mr. Wm. Gram, who during the war had been working in Toronto on aeroplane manufacture; also his brother, Mark, who has received his discharge from the R.A.F. Both intend to locate in Welland.

March 13th, Pastor Knauff baptized Eva Christine, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goring, formerly of our Trinity Church, Hamilton. They have come to the city a few weeks ago and will unite with the church.

Williamsburg.—Baptism: On Feb. 14th, Eva Beatrice, child of Elgie and Irma Johnson.

Guy Loucks, Sr., a highly respected citizen and faithful member of St. Peter's congregation, passed away Feb. 15th. Funeral was held at the house on Feb. 18th. He was 76 years of age and leaves to mourn, his widow, three daughters and five sons.

John Casselman, of Winchester Springs, died March 11th, at the age

of 85, the funeral was held in St. Peter's Church on the 13th.

In the canvass for the Waterloo Seminary fund which is now nearing a successful completion, the people have responded very liberally. It is to be hoped that by Easter practically all our apportionments to Synod will be met.

The annual banquet which was held Feb. 18th, was a great success. The basement was nicely decorated, the programme well rendered. The Luther League held a social in the basement of the church on the evening of March 4th. Although the evening was a very disagreeable one and several of the members taking part in the programme could not be present, the treasury was increased by \$20.

The congregation of St. Peter's was very sorry to hear of the illness of their former Pastor, Rev. J. Maurer, of Kitchener. May God grant that he may soon be restored to health and be able to resume his work again.

WESTERN NEWS.

Edmonton, Alta.

January 26th, 1919, was "Red Letter" day for English Lutheranism in Edmonton. On that day, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, St. John's German Lutheran Church opened its doors to the first English Lutheran Sunday School to be held in this city.

The organization had been effected several weeks previous at which the following officers were elected: Supt., C. J. Johannes; Sec. and Librarian, Miss Schoepp; Treas., Mrs. Gatlenmeyer. Realizing and fully appreciating that the Lord in His good providence had thus far led us, the Sunday School was opened at 2.30 by singing the hymn, "Jesus Still Lead on," and the opening service as found in the S. S. hymnal. Thereafter Mr. W. Weicker, Secretary of St. John's congregation, in the unavoidable absence of the Pastor, the Rev. Tuerkheim, read a lengthy and appropriate address of welcome, couched in terms expressing the warmest welcome to the new congregation.

The classes were then arranged and teachers placed in charge of each. After a short lesson and the offering which amounted to \$7 the first session of the Sunday School was brought to a close with the use of the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God." The Secretary's report showed an attendance of 18.

The teachers and officers hold a monthly business meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month, and after the transaction of business the Teachers' Training Course is taken up, conducted by the Superintendent.

Subsequent sessions of the S. S. since the opening leave no doubt as to its self-sustaining power, as already about \$21.00 are in the treasury.

WINNIPEG.

Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D.

New.

On the first Sunday in the new month of March (2nd) the First English Lutheran Church of Winnipeg had a "new song in its mouth" and it gave renewed praises to Almighty God for His loving kindnesses and tender mercies. It hardly knew itself in its new joy. It listened (1) to a new organ which is being secured by a very good friend of the congregation; (2) the beautiful tones were brought out by a new organist, Mr. Atkin, the manager of the music department of the Hudson Bay Co., city, who plays gratis "because he likes our church"; (3) the beginnings of a new choir (augmented); (4) a new pupil in Sunday School; (5) a new janitor (who fires on Saturday nights, the members of the Council still taking care of the church during other times). All these factors gave the congregation a new impetus and a new determination to press forward with more vigor than ever.

The "furnace fund," collected by the Pastor from friends and congregations in the United States, is also assuming such proportions that it is hoped and expected that a new furnace can be installed by spring or summer.

A suite of five (5) rooms on one side in the basement of the church for a janitor's home, is also contemplated. Then it is hoped to keep the church open seven days in the week, fit up a reading room, and make it a true community church. "From Joseph's Tomb to Olivet," an Easter service will be rendered by the School and congregation on Easter evening. The new "Common Service Book" is being introduced into the choir and congregation. Lenten services are held on Wednesday evenings, the pastor preaches on Christ's "I am's." A new "sermon subject tablet," the gift of a member of the Council, makes a fine appearance on the outside of the church and is of prime assistance in

advertising the church and the various weekly services.

Gifts of the various books of the New Testament are given to pupils for faithful (assigned) Bible study each Sunday.

Missions.

Since the Synodical Convention last June, the congregation is forwarding the quota of its apportionments monthly to the treasurer of the Northwest Synod. The Bible School takes a monthly offering for missions and the Woman's Missionary Society takes a Red Cross offering at the doors of the congregation after the services on the last Sunday of each month.

The Missionary Society is studying the "Path of Labor" at its monthly meetings. At the meeting on March 7th the Society authorized its treasurer to forward the monthly per capita dues of 10c. since January 1st; and also the 5c. per member annual dues, to the treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United Church Society as authorized by the United Society at its organization meeting in New York.

The Luther League added 5 new members at its last meeting at the home of the Misses Peterson; decided to forward the 15c per capita dues to the Treasurer of the Luther League of America through the Canada Luther League Treasurer. On March 7th the League had a toboggan party. Our people have a mind to work while they work and to play while they play.

On March 9th the Pastor baptized Julius Michael Machalek in the home of the parents; and officiated at the funeral of Ole Christian Jorgensen, who was 84 years old, was fatally burned in his home a few days before. The Lord comfort his invalid widow and children! He was born at Fljoring, Denmark, lived 30 years in Winnipeg and on Dec. 23 last he and his beloved helpmeet celebrated their (diamond?) 60th wedding anniversary.

LUTHERAN MASS MEETING.

A mass meeting of the Lutherans of Humberstone and vicinity was held in the Town Hall, Humberstone, Ont., on the evening of February 27, in the interests of the \$500,000 fund which Lutherans of America are endeavoring to raise for re-construction service overseas.

This meeting is an epoch-making event since it is the first time, we be-

lieve, in the history of Lutheranism in Welland County, that Lutherans have gotten together, sat together, sang together, prayed together and worked together for a common cause. Surely a get-together of Lutherans is in the air. And since the great merger meeting last fall, we believe it is contagious. We are getting to know our brethren of the faith better, and, generally, are considering the things that make us one, rather than the things that keep us apart. We all, as Lutherans, have a common name, a common History, a common Task, and best of all a common Saviour. We shall find it sufficient to hold together concerning the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel; and it ought to be sufficient among American Lutherans that "in essentials there shall be charity."

To come back to the report of the mass meeting—it was a grand success in every way, excepting that not all Lutheran churches participated, although an invitation had been extended to the two Missouri churches in the community, but the invitation was not accepted. However, the churches united in this campaign to lend a helping hand to our suffering brethren overseas, were those served by Pastor Beutler (Buffalo Synod), and Pastor Knauff, viz., St. Paul's, Humberstone; Holy Trinity, Humberstone; St. Matthew's, Welland; Emmanuel, Sherkston, and St. Luke's, Ridgeway.

Extensive preliminary preparations had been made. Each congregation appointed from their number a committee of three. Several meetings of the joint committee were held, a chairman (layman) appointed, also a secretary and financial secretary. Each congregation appointed its own treasurer. A united choir of about 30 voices did some faithful rehearsing and rendered two excellent anthems in fine style.

At the mass meeting, which was called to order by the chairman, the Town Clerk, the congregation which well filled the Hall, sang the good old Lutheran hymns from printed programmes and made the hall ring with their voices, so that we still hear it re-echoed, "How those Lutherans sing!" The address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Walter Krumwilde, Supt. of Inner Missions in Buffalo. His appearing in the uniform of a camp-pastor, in which capacity he served during the war, gave color to the splendid educational and

elevating message which he came to bring. He spoke of conditions in Europe which followed in the wake of this war, and how the churches there need re-constructing, especially in France, Norway and Sweden and parts of the Central Balkan States. He did not touch on conditions in Germany—and it is doubtful if any assistance could be brought to Lutherans there now even though we should want to, and God only knows that the churches there need our help as well as the nation needs food-stuffs, etc., from America. The \$500,000 which Lutherans in America hope to raise is our share of the ten million dollars which 14 Protestant denominations are at the present time endeavoring to raise for reconstruction work in Europe, etc., etc.

After the address the chairman gave ten minutes for the ushers to distribute pledge cards and envelopes for the subscriptions. The canvassers are still busy and hope by April 1st to be able to report the result of the campaign held here.

The mass meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem and will long be remembered here, not so much because of the campaign in itself, but primarily because it was a fine get-together in the true Christian spirit.—W. H. Knauff.

THE MORALE OF THE CHURCH

By Rev. John J. Clemens.

The excuse which the writer has for presenting the following article for publication in the public press is the fact that the welfare of the state and nation is dependent upon the spiritual as well as the physical condition of its individual members. The Church is the leaven which leavens the whole lump of the family and state. As the Church and her members are true or unfaithful to the principles of the Christian religion will be the morality or immorality prevalent in the homes and the nations laying claims to Christianity as their basic principle of life and action.

Let us get clear on the meaning of the two terms: Church and morale.

What is the Church?

"The church is the congregation of saints, in which the Gospel is rightly taught and the sacraments rightly administered."

So the "Augustana" defines the Church.

The Church is a congregation, not conflagration; an organization, not an

aggregation. The Church is composed of saints, not of unregenerated sinners. There are two kinds of saints. The saints in glory are the sanctified members of the Church Triumphant—in heaven. The people called saints by grace are the not-yet-perfect members of the Church Militant, here on earth. The latter are saints in the process of sanctification.

In the Church the Gospel is rightly taught. The Church has a mission and a message. Her message is the Gospel,—the good news of salvation. Her mission is to bring this message to all nations. Salvation and service are the two watchwords of the Christian Church.

In the Church "the sacraments are rightly administered" according to the Word of God. To the Church have been committed two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These together with the Word of God,—the Bible—are the Church's means of grace. They are the Church's instruments to bring men into a saving relationship with God, the means by which men are sanctified.

Now you know what the Church is. What is morale?

To quote "Trench and Camp": "It is something so important that a separate branch of the general staff of the United States army was created some time ago which was to concern itself only with morale.

It is something so important that Marshal Foch stationed intelligence officers at many points whose sole duty it was to report on the state of the enemy morale. (The Church may learn many things from the army.) At the moment when it was reported that the German morale was weakening, Marshal Foch struck the counter attack that was never stopped until the armistice was signed.

The dictionary calls morale, "The state of mind, in reference to courage, fidelity and the like in movements or enterprises in which a large number of men are engaged, as, for instance, soldiers in battle."

But the dictionary definition stops short of a definition. Morale can best be defined by illustration.

During the Mexican campaign a national guard battalion had achieved an almost perfect record on a march covering three days. On the third day the hike had been fourteen miles and not a man dropped out.

On the morning of the fourth day forty-nine men had to be taken up by the ambulances. A surgeon was called. He examined the men and said

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SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

Conducted by Student L. Irschick, Waterloo Seminary.

OUR COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

I. Cor. 3: 9: "For we are laborers together with God."

Our dear Seminary. We love it, we pray for it, we work for it, we have it on our mind all the time, and the whole Lutheran Church here in Canada cannot do without it. The Seminary has done unspeakable good to our Church for years. Where would we be to-day without it, and in what condition a large number of our congregations? Our future is most hopeful. Almost a dozen of our students have been graduated, who do the most valuable service in their congregations, and for the Lutheran Church at large. Other young ministers will follow in the course of time. Indeed, we have splendid men in preparation for the holy ministry. The Lord has called them and sent them to us.

Just as dear to us is the **College**. What would we be without it? We need it to prepare the young men for the Seminary or to give them an education on a par with the requirements of the Department of Education of our Province. Others want to get a good Christian education only and we strive to give that. We want to build Christian characters, to train leaders for our congregations. This is the way to make the future of our Church secure and strong. You should see our jolly, good natured, Christian young students with a heart open for all good things and ever willing to do their part in the Church. Can you afford to let **your son** grow up without such education? Is it not better to give him first a good training, to build his character before you train him to earn money and nothing else but that. On the other hand **your son** perhaps will be confirmed this year and the question has been ventilated around the family table again and again, "What shall become of our boy?" Have you ever considered that your boy belongs first of all to the Lord, who has the first claim on him? Why not consecrate **your son** to the Lord and for service to the Master?

Your son has made good progress in school, has passed his "entrance," has given good evidence to the pastor who confirmed him, that he is a pious boy and well fitted by the grace of

God, for the holy ministry; why not give **your son** to the Lord with prayers that come from the very bottom of your heart? The Lord wants such sons and the Church needs them. The world never furnishes young men for the holy ministry; they must come from the pious homes, from **your home**.

Our Seminary and College here in Waterloo is just the place to send **your son**.

We have not yet said a word about **our teachers and professors**. They are all men of experience, of fine qualification and merit. We do not claim that every thing is perfect in our institutions, but we do claim that we have all the material possible to do justice to the young man and our dear Lutheran Church. We hope to make great strides with the beginning of the new scholastic year by adding two new professors to our teaching staff.

But you and every church member must help us to strengthen our institutions by your prayers, which should rise daily in behalf of our College and Seminary, and also by your money. Every church member should willingly do his or her share every week to support them to the utmost. Why not support these home institutions with all money possible?

To maintain them, we ask from you only 5c. a week and that is indeed a small amount which could not be employed in a better way than this. Will you do it?

500 Pastors Wanted.

Is the need of the Church really so great as we are told sometimes? Indeed it is and perhaps even greater. The writer put the number very low, for he knows after careful calculation, that the whole Lutheran Church is short about 1,000 pastors, and this was the case even 10 years ago; since then the shortage of ministers has become greater. But for fear, that he might be accused of exaggerating things he lowered the need 50%. There is a constant cry for able ministers in our own synods; our North-West Synods need ministers by the dozen every year. We have not the men, or we must import them from the States, where the salaries are higher than here in Canada, and the shortage of

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

MISSION EXHIBIT.

Will all those who may have pictures or articles of interest for the missionary exhibit for the coming convention please forward same to Mrs. Melissa Stiver, Unionville, Ont.

CORRECTION.

Please note the following correction in list of secretaries in the "Bulletin": Sherwood, Mrs. D. Julian, Maple, Ont.

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

In response to an appeal of the Finance Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference the sum of \$500 was appropriated for the preservation of the work of the former Basel Mission among the Mahrattas and along the Malabar coast in India. Action concerning the relief of the former Gossner Mission in India was reconsidered, pending further information concerning the final disposition of this mission field.

The budgets of the Guntur and Rajahmundry Missions in India were presented and the following estimates were sanctioned: Guntur Mission, for the year 1919, \$50,000 for the general work and \$27,000 for the women's work, a total of \$77,000 for this Mission; Rajahmundry Mission, for the year 1919, \$45,198 for both the general and the women's work. The total needed for the India Missions during this year, not including the salaries of foreign missionaries, is \$122,198; for the general work of the former United Synod's Mission in Japan, the sum of \$600 a month was allowed.

ministers is just the same. Besides this, is it right to let the Church in the States pay for the education of the ministers and then ask them to serve us in Canada? Long enough we have pursued this poor policy. We must raise **Canadian born ministers for our Church here in Canada or if we cannot do that, our Church is dead.** What has your congregation and your home contributed to the ministry as it is and for the ministry to come?

Concerning the Mission in Japan a number of important resolutions were presented by Secretary Brown and were adopted by the Board. The Board looks with favor on the earnest desire of many of our workers in America to establish in Japan a Christian school for girls. An estimate of the probable cost and definite suggestions are to be secured from the Japan Mission. The Holland Memorial Fund is to be completed as speedily as possible. The building of a Women's Home at Fukuoka-Hakata, Japan, the total cost not to exceed \$7,000, was authorized, and the women of the various societies in the South are to be encouraged to continue their efforts to raise this amount.

New missionaries, men and women, are being called especially for India and Japan, the need of reinforcements in our India fields being particularly pressing and urgent. Every department of our mission work in India is severely handicapped on account of the lack of a sufficient number of foreign missionaries. The Candidate Secretary will at once bring the challenge of our foreign mission fields to the attention of the young men and women of our United Lutheran Church. As for the funds, which are urgently needed, we are convinced that our pastors and people everywhere realize the supreme importance of the spread of the truth and reign of Christ throughout the whole world, just at this time of reconstruction after the great war, and will measure up to their full Foreign Mission responsibility.

George Drach, Secretary.

Who will give his son to make up the 500 pastors needed for immediate service?

Besides these pastors we are in need of 14,000 missionaries. Yes 14,000 and even more. People that read no Church and missionary papers or study no books on missions never know how many missionaries are needed, how strong the cry comes from afar: "Come over and help us!"

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THE LUTHER LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Student S. Cooper, Waterloo Seminary

We are sorry an error has crept into the heading of this page. Apart from the above heading it should have read "By S. Gartung, Vice-President Canada Luther League.

Your Editor is glad that the Vice-President has not forgotten and forsaken this page and we have longed for a few words of advice and encouragement from the President, also a yearning for the doings of the Junior League workers and other departments which would all go to make our page interesting. But we hope they are all holding the good things for their reports on May 24. Boost the convention to be held at Preston. Plan to have a good delegation present to promote your ideas which were suggested to the executive. Work and Pray that the questions discussed may be guided along a proper course for the advancement of the kingdom of God. How about a subject for discussion like this, "A United Luther League of Canada," comprising all the Lutheran young people of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific? You are aware that the Luther League took the forward step of union in America, which was a forerunner of the United Lutheran Church, and why not our young people take the forward step for a United Canadian Lutheran Church? Perhaps you have not thought of it. But why not? Is not the time about ripe when our League could do a greater work for our Church and for our country, united from ocean to ocean?

The Lenten Season.

The Lenten time with Christ's sufferings and cross ever before us is passing. "Behold we go up to Jerusalem." The joy of Easter will be ushered in and we will abide on the resurrection side of the cross. As Luther Leaguers what has this Lenten season done for us? Has it drawn us nearer to the cross from which we receive unbroken and undivided the great blessings of the Saviour's sacrifice? Has it softened our hardened heart, that, from the heart, broken and contrite, there will flow out a great love and compassion for our fellowmen. If we realize our unworthiness and what Christ has done

for us, then nothing in this life will be too sweet or too dear to our heart, to sacrifice for His sake. Then and only then will we receive the fullness of the blessings of Christ's passion. In His great zeal for righteousness and his passionate love for the chosen people of God, a true idea of self-denial and its attending blessings is vividly described by the prophet Isaiah, chap. 58. Some deny themselves many luxuries and pleasures during Lent but forget to turn the value of their denied luxuries into the Lord's treasury and the satisfaction of their pleasures into doing good to their fellowmen. Thus by casting self out, honoring God with our substance and doing good to our fellowman we can enter the

Easter Season

with joy and gladness. Then can we receive the message of the angels, "He is risen as He said—Go tell the disciples." Our hearts filled with gratitude to God can burst forth with songs of hallelujah. The Saviour who came to this earth a lowly Babe has burst asunder all the bands of death, hell and the grave, victorious. Four Easter seasons have we rejoiced with saddened hearts on account of the struggle of the nations. This year we can rejoice and sing with great gratitude that the sad cloud of war has been lifted. Let us do so ever thanking God for His gifts to the children of men.

"TRY RELIGION."

Horace Greeley once received a letter from a woman stating that her church was in distressing financial straits. They had tried every device they could think of—fairs, strawberry festivals, oyster suppers, a donkey party, turkey banquets, Japanese weddings, poverty sociables, mock marriages, grab-bags, box sociables and neck-tie sociables. "Would Mr. Greeley be so kind as to suggest some device to keep the struggling church from disbanding?" The editor replied: "Try religion." Church suppers and fairs are devices to make the goats pay for the pasturage of the sheep.—Selected.

THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

The first general conference of the Synods and Boards of the United Lutheran Church in America was held in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, on February 25-28. With the exception of three synods all the interests of the Church were represented and a survey was made of the great fields that have been opened up in the various departments of Church endeavour.

With the merging of bodies having contiguous fields of operation, it is natural that there should now be found to exist considerable overlapping of synodical territories. A large part of some reports was therefore devoted to a consideration of the practicability of merging some synods or changing their boundaries. Much stress was laid on the work in the great cities and the Church was urged to give heroic support to new missions. The great opportunity in the foreign mission field was again emphasized. Treasurer Miller was present to explain the new financial budget. A number of synods advised less haste in raising the apportionments. While the basis for the budget seemed equitable and fair to all when compared with statistics of past activities, it was pointed out that there were many inequalities in the resources of synods not made plain by statistics. The aim of the United body is to centralize all efforts of the Church and administer the work through a common treasury. This may be in the interests of good order and efficiency so far as administration is concerned, but there is a danger that certain interests that possess a strong local appeal, as, for example, our Canadian Seminary, will not secure so large a measure of support if merged in the general programme of the whole. Canada has peculiar interests. The Pacific Coast has peculiar interests. But the Conference had not been called to pass on matters that would adjust themselves, but to find solutions for problems. The candid discussions threw much light on the situation.

Unfortunately Canada had but a small delegation at the Conference. The Canada Synod was represented by President Voelker and the Central Canada Synod by Secretary Willison. The Nova Scotia Synod and the Manitoba Synod had no representation at all. The Rev. Dr. Hoffmann reported as President of the North-West Mis-

sion Board; President Voelker reviewed the history of the Canada Synod and spoke of the work of our institutions at Waterloo. Secretary Willison dealt with the peculiar needs of the Central Canada Synod, and urged a larger recognition of Canadian conditions. Dr. Hoffmann spoke of the work of the Manitoba Synod and contributed valuable information on other matters of interest to Canada. Dr. Schmauk, Dr. Hoffmann and Rev. N. Willison also spoke on behalf of the Nova Scotia Synod in the absence of a delegate from that body.—N. Willison.

OUR COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

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Fourteen thousand missionaries needed to evangelize 350 million people, which would be the share of the Church of North America according to statistics of experts. Can we do it? Certainly, with God's help we can do it. How? If one young man out of every 1,150 becomes a missionary, the problem is solved. The Moravian Church with her strong missionary spirit, has even furnished more than that. Why can the great Lutheran Church not do it? We can, but we lack the consecration, the prayers, the zeal for the Master as well as the willingness to serve Him who gave His all to save us. May the Lord give us and our church the unction from above!

How about the mission fields? Is there really such a shortage of missionaries? Just one moment my dear friend. O, I wish, I could speak to you for a whole hour at least on this subject, for my heart gets warmed up on this most vital theme. Here is some enlightenment. The United States has one minister to every 594 souls, Africa one to every 82,000, Korea one to 123,000, Japan one to every 172,000, South America one to every 195,000, India one to every 232,000, China one to every 476,000 souls. Persia has more than 10 million people, three million more than our Canada, but only 84 missionaries. Bengal has one missionary for every two million people. Mongolia, 24 times as large as Iowa or 6 times as big as Ontario, has only 10 missionaries. That would not even make two missionaries for all Ontario. Please my dear reader, bear this in mind: India has 150 million people still untouched by the Gospel. It is estimated that out of all men 500 million people die

in one generation without Christ. I must confess my heart quivers when I ponder these statistics, my responsibility looms high before my soul and I wish I had the voice of an angel to arouse all those who call themselves children of God, for more active work, more gifts, more consecration, more prayers, that Christ be brought to all the world.

A soldier, one of our good boys from Waterloo, just wrote me, that where he is in Siberia, there is a Lutheran Church, whose minister has the pastoral care of a field, that is as big—now listen!—as France, Germany and Austria-Hungary combined. Such news is heart-breaking, at least to the writer, and I hope, also to you, dear reader. And yet we do so little for missions. We are so satisfied that we have the Gospel, grudge the dollar we could easily give, the little time we spend for a missionary meeting, yes, even get cross at the minister when he talks missions to us and say, "Shall I be my brother's keeper?" Is that Christianity? We must become entirely different Christians. To think that there is no need for our College and Seminary is indeed a sin. To say, that is all right enough, but how can we do it, is an utterance of entire ignorance. If all Christians in the U.S. and Canada give only two two-cent stamps a week more for missions, it pays for the 14,000 missionaries and their work. If all our members of our two synods in Ontario would pay 5 cents a week, we would have all the support financially that we need for our College and Seminary.

Will you give 5c. a week?

Note.—The Lord wanted Abraham to make the sacrifice of his son and three times Abraham said, "Lord, here I am." The Lord wants your gift, your son, what is your answer? It is Lent. I hear Christ say:

"This have I done for thee,

What wilt thou do for Me?"

O, dear reader, help to win the world for Christ!

—E. Bockelmann.

THE MORALE OF THE CHURCH

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there was not one among them suffering from a physical ill.

Therefore he ordered that they be carried only a short distance and then be ordered to resume the march.

But the military leaders began an investigation. This is what they discovered. On the morning of the fourth

day a major, after a sleepless night, had stated in the hearing of a sergeant-major that there was no reason for the hike, anyway. The only fact that he could discover was the regular army men were trying to "show up" the national guard. The battalion had been credited with fourteen miles on the third day. As a matter of fact it was more than twenty. And what was the use, when the regulars would write the reports?

The battalion sergeant-major, who overheard the major's remarks, told a top sergeant, who told a corporal, who told a squad.

Then the men began dropping out. Now you know what morale is.

The men that have given thought to the subject say that man is conditioned by his environment; the result is an emotion; the next step is a conviction; the final step is an action. In the case of the battalion the order was this: The major was depressed because of his environment; his emotions led to the conviction that he was not being treated fairly. His conviction led to the action of speaking his thoughts aloud. The same history can be traced in the enlisted men, and the action which was the culmination of their experience consisted in dropping out of the hike."

Now do you see the connection between the words Church and morale?

Morale is needed in the Church as much as in the army. The Church is an army. We sing: "Onward Christian Soldiers, marching as to war—" The Christian Church is an army of pilgrims. When faith failed among the Hebrews, on their way from Egypt,—the land of bondage,—to Canaan—the promised land, their morale also failed and they had to return to the wilderness and take a course of training for forty years until they were fit to enter and take possession of the promised land.

When the Church becomes bankrupt of courage and cheerfulness she must retreat, stay in the rear until order has been restored and she is made fit to go forward and "over the top."

If the Church has not been taking her rightful place during the recent great war, in the hearts and lives of the men and nations professing to be followers of Christ, who is to blame? Is Christianity a failure? We hear the question frequently asked. It has been well answered by the Christian English statesman who said: "The trouble is, it has never been tried."

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