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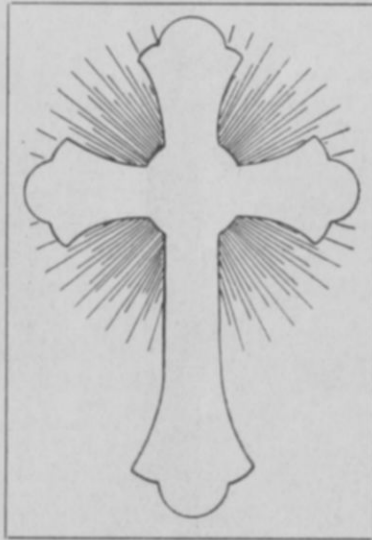
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## Our Second Federation Gathering at Toledo

### STRONG WORDS OF ENDORSEMENT FROM OFFICIALS

The wide-spread interest of the Church at large, in the second convention of our Women's Missionary Society, at Toledo, is strikingly indicated by official comments on the event and its significance, by the Presidents of the different Synods and representatives of Mission Boards.

From the President of the venerable Mother Synod, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, came this message of recognition and encouragement: "In this age of unrest and uncertainty, of searching and seeking, the answer of the Church's missionary progress is very potent. In this progress we need the counsel and activity of all. It is very encouraging, therefore, to find in our own General Council, the forward movement of the work of women, whose donations, earnestness, sympathy and liberality will be still further increased by their second gathering for inspiration and education at Toledo.

JOHN A. W. HAAS.

From the President of the German Ministerium of New York: "The Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran General Council has been a most helpful auxiliary in the work of our Church, and will become more and more so. Just as the Ladies' Aid Societies have become an important factor in congregational work, so this larger federation will knit the individual societies more closely together and inspire all to more efficient work.

C. G. FISCHER.

From the President of the Pittsburgh Synod, who is now a salaried permanent officer, the first in the General Council: "This convention is awakening the Church. Its deliberations and actions will greatly aid in extending her vision and increasing her devotion. What a boon to our beloved Zion, in this age of Christian opportunities and responsibilities!"

G. FRANKLIN GEHR.

From the President of the District Synod of Ohio, in whose territory the convention was held: "The Women's Federation of the General Council is to be congratulated on its success in disseminating an educative literature, which is

rousing dormant activity for our united effort in missionary work. Our women in Ohio are very much encouraged. It will not be long until there will be a Women's Missionary Society in every congregation of our Synod. We all anticipate the most cogent convention of women ever held in Toledo."—W. GEO. DRESSLER.

From the President of the Swedish Augustana Synod, the largest body in the General Council: "The greatest thing in this world is the Church of Jesus Christ. And it is the commission of the whole Church to give the whole Gospel to the whole world."—L. A. JOHNSTON.

From the President of the Chicago Synod: "The federation of our Women's Societies is one of the great forward movements in our General Council. It has made possible the doing of work hitherto impossible. Greater things will yet be accomplished. 'Help these women,' Phil. 4: 3."

BENJ. F. HOEFER.

From the President of the Synod of the Northwest: "There is no organization today which needs the efforts of good women as much as the Church. Men, as a rule, take to business as ducks take to water. In doing so they frequently forget the Church. They talk, advertise and boost business, early and late, never letting go. They practice the "follow up" system. Business never sleeps, and hence, it moves the world. As for the Church army, it needs recruits faster than they come. More zeal, devotion and liberality must be cultivated, and just here is where the influence of the Women's Missionary Society is potently felt. It deserves the recognition of the whole Church. 'Be ye, therefore, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.' A. F. ELMQUIST.

From the President of the Pacific Synod, on the far western coast: "The Federation has had a stimulating influence on every Synod of the General Council. Even way out here on the Pacific coast, there is the feeling that we now are a factor, though a small one, in unifying the mission interests of the General Council."

MERRELL E. BOULTON.

From the President of the Synod of New York and New England:

The unity of effort aimed at by the Women's Federation should prove a powerful factor in the promotion of inter-Synodical unity, and ultimately a united Lutheran Church in America.—EDWIN F. KEEVER.

From the President of the Nova Scotia Synod: "It is to the leaven which the Women's Federation has infused through their Societies into the local congregations that we owe, under God, in large measure, our increased interest and zeal for missions. By their ardent study of missions, they have added greatly to the intelligence of our Church members in the one great business in which the Church is engaged, and for which it stands." C. H. LITTLE.

From Central Canada: "It was a happy day for Canada Lutheranism when the General Council Federation was formed. Its *Monthly Topics* and literature have increasingly instructed, inspired and directed our women. It has helped to unite flags and Synods. Its world-wide benevolences have given vision, outlook and strength. It has multiplied missionary prayers and gifts in Societies, Sunday Schools, congregations and homes. It has assisted the Lutheran women of Canada to think imperially on The King's Business." M. J. BIEBER, *Field Missionary*.

From the English Secretary of the General Council: "Federation lifts the women out of local into national views. It makes the Northwest interested in Nova Scotia, and relates Pennsylvania to Puget Sound. The Lancaster Convention was a revelation in the organizing ability, sane leadership and intelligent missionary enthusiasm of our American women. I am sure Toledo will be a good second."

WILLIAM K. FRICK.

From the Superintendent of the English Home Mission Board: "The blessing of the Lord, even more abundantly than in years gone by, attend the Toledo Convention of our loyal women. May unceasing prayers ascend for the neglected fields and for the unsaved people in the United States and Canada, as well as for those in India, Porto Rico and Japan."

J. C. KUNZMANN.

From the Superintendent of the Slav Mission Board: "It is with a devout feeling of gratitude to God that I think of the movement of federating all missionary societies of the Church into one great progressive body. Through the helpfulness of this organization, the work that lies so near my heart has won many friends and substantial support during the past bi-ennium. Your Convention will be a potent

dynamic, felt throughout the entire Church."

A. L. RAMER.

From the General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board: "To the now fully-organized and co-operative effort of the women of our Church.—The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council,—their unfortunate sisters in our foreign mission fields are looking for the faith, the freedom and the full blessing of Christianity. White Sisters! Save them!" GEORGE DRACH.

From the General Secretary of the Porto Rico Board: "No words can commend your work too highly. THE MISSION WORKER and the literature you are sending out has awakened a great interest in every department of the Church's work. The Women's Missionary Societies have done great things for India, but if that be possible, they have done greater things for Porto Rico."—CHAS. H. HEMSATH.

From the Chairman of the Inner Mission Board and the Editor of the General Council's official organ: "The Women's Missionary movement has found expression in the Women's Federation of the General Council, which means that it is here to stay. The interest, earnestness, and aggressiveness it manifests are a wholesome object lesson to the Church. One could wish that a similar Men's Federation might follow." G. W. SANDT.

From the Chairman of the Deaconess Board: "Ever since the days of our Lord and His Apostles, down through the ages, wherever the Gospel has renewed hearts, women have been the most devoted followers of the Saviour, and the most zealous workers in His Kingdom. Happy indeed is that Church that throughout its length and breadth has thousands of Marys and Marthas, Tabithas and Lydias, Phebes and Priscillas, Tryphenas and Tryphosas, to be 'helpers in Christ Jesus,' and to 'labor in the Lord.' May the number of such among us grow steadily larger, and their labor be abundantly blessed!"—J. F. OHL, *President of the Inner Mission Society, Philadelphia*.

From the Chicago Theological Seminary: "One cannot be justly accused of extravagant language in saying that he who does not approve of our Women's Federation of the General Council does not properly belong to the twentieth century. Every wide-awake Lutheran rejoices in the aggressive work of our women, in their talent for leadership, which they have developed in their ranks, and in their loyal and enthusiastic enterprise. Among the blessed results, not the least is the palpable stimulation of the deliberate and andante movements of the sterner sex." ELMER F. KRAUSS.



From the New Seminary on the Pacific Coast: "To those of the far west, the Federation removes the sense of distance, separation, aloneness. It gives stimulus to our energy and direction to effort. It gives a feeling of oneness with the great host of willing, earnest women of the whole Church, and carries everyone with it on the sweeping crest of its wave."

J. A. LEAS, Portland, Oregon.

From the President of the Allentown Conference: "One of the hopeful signs of the times is the fact that the women of our Church are uniting their energies, throughout the length and breadth of our land, to do what they can to sustain the efforts of the General Council in the stupendous tasks that lie at its door. Our dreams of twenty-five years ago have come true. We rejoice in the Federation, and wish it God-speed of the future."

C. J. COOPER.

From the Faculty of the Mt. Gretna Summer School: "Though the actual work must be done in the local congregational Society,—in fact, in the heart and life of the individual member,—the union of congregational Societies in Conference Societies, and of Conference Societies in Synodical Societies, and so on up to the federation of Synodical Societies in the General Council Society is a most valuable aid in organizing effort, in dispelling provincialism, and in inspiring the high enthusiasm that comes of the sense of oneness and co-operation."

ALBERT T. W. STEINHAEUSER.

From the Southland: "It dare not be longer doubted that the most serious, practical duty devolving upon the Lutheran Church in America is to harmonize her differences and unify her forces. The Federation principle, universally practiced, will accomplish that desirable and blessed end. Already much progress has been made, and the face of the Women's Federation of the General Council is set in the right direction."

GEORGE J. CONGAWARE.

From the far-sighted Dean of the Chicago Seminary: "Of the aggressive and progressive practical work of the General Council, I said several years ago: 'The women come first, the laymen second, and the ministers, to whom I belong, third.' God bless the women! They must give us more ministers and a higher average grade, who then in turn will give us better institutions of learning, a deeper spiritual life in our congregations, a better understanding among our divided and distracted forces, and still better women to do the still greater work of the next generation."

G. H. GERBERDING.

From the President of the Conference of Lutheran Deaconess Mother Houses in America: "All Inner Mission workers are united with you and encouraged by you. The ignorant, the fallen, and the godless, living within the shadow of our Churches and our homes, must be brought to Christ, as well as the idolaters in foreign lands. To whom else can we look, than to our Women's Societies, for faithful volunteers who will consecrate their lives to work among the destitute of every type?"

E. F. BACHMANN.

From one of the veteran pioneers of the General Council: "The Federation has developed vast latent powers, and directed them in systematic and orderly activity, with cheering results. Hence it has earned and holds the fullest confidence of the General Council."

EDMUND BELFOUR.

From the Metropolis: "

Rev. A. L. Benner: "Your Society is a great movement. Its work is most encouraging and helpful. I purposely employ superlative terms in speaking of the women's progress at home and abroad."

Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, D.D.: "It is at once one of the most important and promising projects of the Church. It is of such character that all our women should co-operate. A great result has been accomplished in a remarkably short time."

Rev. G. C. Loos: "Four things we ask of men in the Church: to give, to counsel, to work, to pray. These same four things are being done also by women in the Church. In other words, women are doing their *full* share of Church work, and your organization will concentrate and focus their efforts more and more."

From a typical Swedish American: "Thank God for women filled with missionary zeal! Like an epidemic, it is catching. It infects the children and a lot of drowsy men. Result: more missionaries, more money, more souls for Christ and His Church. Sincere thanks for your work, ladies! Push on! Heart and soul, I am with you in your work, and wish for it the utmost success."

G. A. BRANDELLE.

This last sentiment is a good one to stop with, for we must stop somewhere, though we might go on indefinitely, until every page be filled. It surely is a high responsibility to live up to such expressions of confidence and expectation as are here so cordially voiced. And the call comes to us anew, as with the clarion tones of a trumpet, to redoubled effort and consecration.

# Doings of the Synods in the Biennium

## The Pennsylvania Ministerium

BY MRS. H. E. JACOBS, PRESIDENT

Generous contributions have been made to the India Hospital, to the Church in San Juan, and to the special \$60,000 Home Mission Fund, besides contributions to all regular objects. The laces from India, the embroidery drawn work from Porto Rico, and the post cards for the India, Japan and Italian Missions, have been disposed of in large quantities, through the energetic chairmen of these departments. Beside the gathering of funds, much has been done along educational lines. A chairman has been appointed in every congregation to secure a wider circulation of the *MISSION WORKER*, and the *Monthly Topics*. Much attention has also been given to Junior work, to instruction in the Sunday Schools, and other means of interesting and educating the young people and children, as well as to Mission Study Classes for adults, both in the congregations and at Summer Schools. Within the past year, this Society has given another young woman to India, Miss Borthwick of Chestnut Hill, who went out in October last, to do zenana work. We also indicated our readiness to educate another woman physician. The total amount of contributions for all purposes for the biennium, has been about \$26,000.

## The Augustana Society

BY MRS. EMMY C. EVALD, PRESIDENT

Of all our twenty-one years of history the past biennium has been the most important and progressive. All along the line, we recognize a growth and increased devotion to the Mission cause. Four new Conferences have been added to our Augustana Society: the California, Nebraska, Red River Valley and New England. Nine Conferences are now affiliated with us, only two remaining to join our ranks. Five local Missionary Societies (paying 50 cents per capita annually) and nine "Permanent Societies" (paying \$5.00 annually), have been added to our list.

Both the annual meetings have been held in Chicago. We will always remember them on account of our being so fortunate as to have with us those zealous missionary workers, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, in 1912, and Mrs. Charles L. Fry, in 1913. Their ardent spirit and earnest words infused much enthusiasm into our conventions.

The printed calendar, a report of fifty-nine pages, issued by the Executive Committee, has proved an eye-opener to many. We had not even known ourselves, nor realized our own strength

and resources. Indeed, we are just about beginning to wake up!

For the first time in our existence we printed the names of our 662 life members, 1,331 annual members, 97 permanent societies, 213 contributing societies, 55 "In Memoriam." The columns looked really imposing!

Our Conference branches have worked zealously for their respective Home Missions. Illinois women gathered \$9,261; Kansas, \$2,085; Minnesota, \$1,840; New York, \$1,060; Nebraska, \$188; total, \$14,436.39. Adding this to the annual pledge paid to the Synod's Home Mission Fund, our Women's Boards have raised the astonishing amount of \$17,436, besides the sales of laces, aggregating \$1,563, and the India and Porto Rico boxes, reaching \$795.

Our chapel in Monacillo, Porto Rico, is furnished, and we are rejoicing at its completion. Our *Mission Tidning* has 5,715 subscribers. Two years ago we had no society using the *Monthly Topics*, now we have twenty-nine.

At the cost of \$1,825, we support four native teachers in India, two Bible women, two zenana teachers, twenty girls, three boys, and our much-beloved Dr. Betty Nilsson.

Our total contributions for home work during the biennium were \$21,510, and for foreign work, \$10,571, making \$32,081 in all.

It is a source of genuine wonder to ourselves, and of devout thanksgiving to God, that He has so signally blessed our united efforts to serve the King of kings, and our united prayers and expressions of Christian love be permitted to send out light and life and love to some of the many millions of downtrodden women who sit in darkness. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory."

## Pittsburgh Synodical

BY MISS ZOE L. HIRT, PRESIDENT

This society will be four years old next month. Every English Conference is now organized. The Ridgway Conference has a society in every congregation, and the Western Conference almost likewise. The number of societies throughout the Synod has been nearly doubled within the past two years.

Our educational work has been made possible through the splendid literature provided by the Literature Committee of the General Council Society. The monthly programs are used by nearly all our societies, and the number of subscribers to *THE MISSION WORKER* is steadily increasing. Mission Study Classes are becoming more and more common among our

congregations. Letters from missionaries on the field, and visits from missionaries on furlough, are doing much to broaden and deepen interest among our members. We are contributing to every missionary cause within the Pittsburgh Synod, and at the same time responding generously to appeals from the Church at large.

During the past two years, we have been carrying on a campaign to aid financially in the Synod's Home Mission operations. More than \$2,100 has been raised for this purpose.

A year ago, we resolved to assume the support of our faithful missionary, Miss Agnes I. Schade. The Erie Conference Society is leading in an effort to provide Miss Schade with a comfortable bungalow, large enough to accommodate an additional missionary. A new sewing machine was our Christmas gift to her last year, and we have made her a life member of the General Council Society. We also took a membership "In Memoriam" of the great pioneer Home Missionary and Inner Missionary of the Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D. Some individual members and societies have also taken life memberships and memorials.

Within the past half-year, about twenty of our societies have contributed \$10.00 each toward the support of Mr. Jiro Murakami, the Japanese student who is being prepared at Roanoke College to become a teacher in the Lutheran Mission School in Japan. Several Conference Societies have been doing definite work for Porto Rico ever since they were organized. It is now the purpose of the Synodical Society to unite the efforts of all our women in the building of a chapel at Dorado.

We have decided to have printed each year, for circulation among all our members, a Missionary Bulletin, setting forth the specific work to which, as a Synodical Society, we are pledged, and also indicating the needs outside of these special pledges.

The Junior Programs are meeting the requirements of the Junior Societies; but what about the children in congregations where there are no such societies, and what about the boys and girls who do not belong to the Junior Society, where there is one? What are we doing to kindle missionary zeal in the souls of boys and girls brought together each Lord's Day in our Sunday Schools? Too many Sunday School teachers look upon mission work as "an unessential ornament of Christianity," "an enterprise of superior and superfluous piety." There is a way to get safely around such an attitude on the part of the teacher, viz., by placing in the hands of the children attractive missionary literature. Any normal child will fairly devour a hero tale or a story of adventure. There is a wealth of most fascinating stories in the lives

of missionaries, from the days of St. Paul to the present. Day by day, and year after year, let the child accumulate the impressions which directly and certainly make for missionary interest, and it is not too much to expect that in mature years, missionary activity will dominate his life and character. Let us expend no less energy upon interesting our women in the extension of Christ's kingdom, but, at the same time, let us give more serious attention to the training of our children.

## New York and New England

BY MRS. J. L. SIBOLE, PRESIDENT

Our various departments of organized work had never been brought into line systematically, till the federated movement united the scattered forces under one head. A chairman has also recently been found in each local Society, as well as in the Conference and Synod, for Inner Mission work, and good results may be confidently expected. So too from the new activity in junior circles. Our young people were being neglected till a general chairman was chosen, through whom the need was presented to each local Society, and endorsed by all. Likewise when the memorial and life-membership roll was personally shown to people by an ardent chairman, names began to be added, and the honor roll will grow year by year.

We have been steadily increasing in numbers. During the biennium, fourteen new Societies were added. In the past twelve months our contribution to Home Missions was \$1,800, Church Extension, \$818.58; Inner Mission, \$375.78, making for the Home work, for one year, a total of \$2,996.12. For Foreign Missions, \$916.36, for Porto Rico, \$827.48, besides special offerings for special work. Altogether we feel encouraged, hoping for larger things in the future.

## District Synod of Ohio

BY MRS. J. W. RICHARDS, PRESIDENT

Compared with her older sisters of double her years, this twelve-year-old Society is the "little Benjessamine," among them. Many of the charter members were present at the recent convention, held in Lima, its birthplace. As yet it is like a factory built, but without the machinery installed. The internal organization of Conference or District Societies is not completed, and the wide expanse of the State, makes a large attendance at the Synodical Conventions impossible.

For many years it aided in the support of St. Luke's, Toledo, as the women's one lone mission, but it has recently branched out into wider Home Mission work. In the last biennium it

grew from 42 to 51 Societies, though 15 Societies are not connected with our State body, and 19 congregations have no Society at all.

The sale of India laces has increased. The post cards, mite boxes, and thread Sunday, have been introduced. The returns of the mite boxes last fall, surprised the women themselves, as the income was increased from \$600 to \$1,400.

The great flood in Ohio has hindered this year's work, utterly crippling some strong centres like Zanesville, where the home of Madame Treasurer Smith was washed across the street. Her records were destroyed, but the "first dollar" for the Women's Special Home Mission Fund, after a bath in the tawny flood, was recovered. The pledges for this year had been increased, and we had planned for a better year, instead of a wetter one. One blessing still remains, the meeting of the Federation in our borders. May the delegates carry home as much good as they are sure to bring us. In the flooded valleys there now waves a bumper corn crop among the fertilizing silt. So may all our trials end in triumph.

### Chicago Synodical

BY MISS B. A. ZIERARTH, PRESIDENT

Though there is room for much more improvement, yet we have made progress during the past two years. A new Conference Society was organized last May, called The Northern Indiana, with Mrs. L. J. Smith as president, Miss Lodema Wener, secretary, and Mrs. B. F. Wert, treasurer.

Many phases of work previously unknown to our women, have been brought before them through the department chairmen. Some societies have invited these chairmen to meet with them personally, and explain the different branches of work.

More and more have our women seen the need of young people's societies, Mission Study Classes, Inner Mission work, literature and post card circulation, MISSION WORKER subscriptions, use of the *Monthly Topics*, interest in life-memberships and memorials, and in organizing new Societies, also taking advantage of the Missionary Exhibit.

A few years ago, not more than one or two Societies sent boxes to India or Porto Rico. Not so to-day. The interest has so deepened that many Societies are glad to lend a hand. Also the sales of laces have largely increased, not only because of the beauty of the laces themselves, but because of the privilege of thus helping our heathen sisters, industrially, morally, socially and spiritually.

We are counting on much enthusiasm in the subscription canvass of next month.—EDITOR.

### North-west Synod

#### I. CENTRAL CONFERENCE

BY MRS. L. F. GRUBER, PRESIDENT.

Though numerically our Synod is one of the smaller organizations of the General Council, geographically it is next to the largest. Its units are scattered from Albert Lea, Minnesota, on the south; to Winnipeg, Canada, on the north; from Superior, Wisconsin, on the east, to Livingston, Montana, on the west.

As an evidence of the forward steps of the Central Society, whilst in 1911 it pledged \$75.00 to Home Missions, in 1912 it raised this pledge to \$300. In like manner, in 1911 its pledge for Foreign Missions was \$75.00; in 1912 it was raised to \$100. Fifty dollars was also paid to the Mission at Livingston, Montana, and \$50.00 to Porto Rico. Three native workers in India are being educated by the Societies of St. John's, Duluth; and Salem, Minneapolis. The MISSION WORKER has a fair circulation among the various Societies, while the *Monthly Topics* are also being used. More, however, could and will be done along these lines. We have an increase of 209 members over two years ago. There is not a single Church in the Conference that does not have a Women's Society, thoroughly imbued with the missionary spirit. Our field is large, and its possibilities are great. Better and greater things are no doubt before it, which can, however, be attained only by the consecrated zeal and united effort of all the organizations.

#### II. EASTERN CONFERENCE

BY MRS. H. K. GERHART, KENOSHA, WIS.

This Society, though almost the smallest in numbers of any in this Federation, nevertheless measures up to the full average contributions of the larger bodies, and is doing effective work in literary lines, and Mission Study. Fifty dollars is given annually for the support of a woman in India to oversee the lace-workers, and our local Societies keep the laces on hand.

The \$15,000 Home Mission Fund has not been forgotten, and each Society will contribute its quota. Our greatest need is to secure the interest and co-operation of the young people. This is the key which unlocks the problem of the future.

### Central Canada

BY MRS. M. J. BIEBER, TORONTO

We have just completed our fourth year, and God has signally blessed our feeble efforts. Though our numbers consist as yet of only seventeen Societies, our territory stretches from Montreal on the east, to Berlin in the west, a distance of 500 miles.



During the biennium four Societies have been organized, two senior and two junior. The latter are doing excellent work, using the *Monthly Junior Topics*, and our future leaders will be gotten from their ranks. Four Mission Study Classes are reported. The greatest difficulty in organizing these is the language. The majority of our women have been educated in the Scandinavian and German languages, and though many can speak the English, they cannot read it, hence our difficulty.

The work is thus slow, but it is sure, and in time we will be able to take our place in the front line.

We contribute \$100 yearly to the India Hospital, and to all the objects of our General Council Society. Several of our Societies support a catechist in India, and each year the interest in missions is growing. The majority of the Societies use the *Monthly Topics* regularly, with much success. We are honored by the membership of a Society in the Canada Synod (German), which joined us at our last Convention. We pray that the time may soon come when the women of the German and English congregations of our Synods will work together, in the greatest of all the objects of the Church—Missions.

The future looks bright with encouragement to us. One of our special aims during the coming three years will be to assist in the education of a young Canadian girl as a missionary to India. In this work we will be assisted by the Nova Scotia Society, and we hope also by the women of the German Canada Synod.

All the Lutheran women of Canada are greatly interested in the development of the Theological Seminary at Waterloo.

Four of our Societies have taken out life-memberships, and our aim is to have every Society do so.

The possibilities for English Mission work in Eastern and Western Canada are such, that instead of one Field Missionary, we should have at least six.

## Pacific Synodical

BY MRS. W. S. T. DERR, VANCOUVER

We have had a busy year in our missionary work, and the National officers have welcomed us whole-heartedly into the Federation. Of course, our new and small organization, covering an immense area, is as yet in the formative process. Our work has been exceedingly difficult, since the expanse of country is so large, requiring much travel and expense, making it practically impossible for many to assemble in our conventions. Little opportunity is therefore afforded for the infusing of enthusiasm in the

work of Missions, other than what could be done by the local pastor. Nevertheless, during the past year our Synodical officers have made special efforts to visit all the Societies, and the result was splendid. Interest has been aroused and a better attendance at our recent convention at Vancouver secured. The India lace chairman has worked hard to dispose of laces, but our proximity to the Orient, with a profusion of Oriental goods upon our Department Store bargain counters, has made it difficult. Yet reasonable success has been achieved. Many of our Societies being composed of German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, as well as English-speaking women, the work in most organizations had heretofore been simply that of Pastor's Aids, confining their interest mainly to teas, sewing bees and money-making entertainments, but the Society at Holy Trinity, Seattle, has developed within the past year, under the guiding hand of our treasurer, Miss Clara E. Hazelgreen, a splendid Mission Study Class. She presented this work during the convention, and we think during the coming winter quite a few pastors and Societies will establish Study Classes. The prospect is exceptionally promising. All our delegates to the Federation, Mrs. D. J. O. Westheim, Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. Fred Schuh, Bellingham, Wash., and Miss Beulah I. Derr, of Vancouver, have arranged to journey across the Continent and be present with me at Toledo. One of the great prospects of our future is the completion and opening of the Panama Canal. Whilst the mighty northwest already is a great Mission Field for the General Council, the flood of immigration from Lutheran Europe, not to speak of Asiatics, will be unprecedented. Will our Church measure up to its opportunity and its duty? The East does not fully appreciate the magnitude of the problem, because of its unfamiliarity with true conditions. The greatness cannot be appreciated by lectures or by mere reading. It can come only by personal contact. We trust therefore that the General Council will see the wisdom of accepting the invitation of the Pacific Synod to assemble in its 1915 Convention at Portland, Oregon. A trip through the whole gigantic stretch of the Northwest, then down the coast, will do more to open the eyes of our Eastern leaders than any amount of book study. We want all of you to see this region, for we know that the result will be to your enthusiastic interest as long as you live.

## Nova Scotia

MRS. W. E. BUCHHOLTZ, BRIDGEWATER

In June, 1912, ten Societies, which resulted from an itinerary of Field Missionary Bieber and his wife, were organized in a Synodical



union, and chairmen of all departments were appointed. At the first convention, three months ago, six Societies were represented by 22 delegates. The organization numbers 273 members, with 95 subscribers to the *MISSION WORKER*, a magazine entirely unknown to our women eighteen months ago. [If the same proportion, of one copy to every three members, could be secured in all Societies of the Federation, the aim of 12,000 subscribers would be speedily realized. In many instances the three women are in one family.—Editor.] There are 68 *Monthly Topics* in use, five Sunday Schools have missionary exercises once a month, one

school using *Junior Topics*. Fifty dollars a year is pledged for three years to help educate Miss Bockleemann, of Waterloo, as a zenana worker in India, and \$25.00 was subscribed to place the name of Rev. Carl Ernst Cossmann, D.D., on the honor roll of memorialized members. Our organization is composed only of Missionary Societies. Whilst all our congregations have Ladies' Aid Societies or Sewing Circles, which do some missionary work, especially for Bethany Orphan's Home at Bridge-water, yet these work mostly for the local Churches, and are not connected with the Synodical organization.

## Program Themes in their Regular Order

### OUR FINANCES

September 17, 1911 to September 1, 1913.

Offerings at Lancaster Convention...	\$145.21
Annual dues .....	145.00
Life-memberships and memorials...	2,445.00
Salary of India lace worker.....	100.00
School sites in India.....	2,175.00
Envelopes for committees.....	3.93
Literature Committee loan .....	200.00
Sale of leaflets, etc.....	88.28
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	\$5,302.42
Paid for School sites in India.....	\$2,175.00
Salary of India lace worker.....	50.00
Rev. Arps, kodak.....	60.00
Literature Committee loan.....	200.00
Expenses of committees.....	445.40
Gold crosses .....	75.00
Literature expenses .....	492.35
Delegate to Atlanta Convention....	56.30
Business manager's salary.....	225.00
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	\$3,779.05
Balance in bank .....	1,523.37
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	\$5,302.42

MRS. H. N. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

### Home Missions

BY MRS. G. H. SCHNUR, CHAIRMAN.

After the Federation had resolved to attempt the raising of the \$15,000 special fund, each Conference and Synodical Society fell into line by appointing the desired committee and promising to do something toward the fund. Such as had been doing Home Mission work on their own territory, and are obligated for this work, asked to be excused from taking up the \$15,000 fund during the first year. But, without exception, all our Conference and Synodical Societies have similar obligations that must be met each year.

Since the special fund is \$15,000, and since there are 15,000 members in our General Coun-

cil Society, exclusive of the Augustana Society, which has its distinctive Home Mission operations, the pro rata needed is easily seen. The 16,000 little envelopes, sent out broadcast, therefore provided for \$1.00 to be given outright, or raised among friends, by every woman. Accompanying this envelope was as strong a letter as I could prepare. Into its composition went not only thought and home mission enthusiasm, but prayer as well. For after twenty-five years of Home Mission experience, I still rely more on God's help than on human encouragement to obtain results.

### NOT FOR THE APPORTIONMENT

To the Ohio Society belongs the honor of contributing the first \$500 toward this fund. But under the impression that if it were used for Lutheran Home Mission work, it mattered not where, this entire amount was credited on the Home Mission apportionment of the different congregations in that Synod, and the women who pledged and raised this money found, to their disappointment, that they had no credit as a Synodical Society on our \$15,000 fund. Now these same conditions prevail in other Synodical Societies also, since so many congregations depend on the Aid and Missionary Society to help raise their apportionment to Synod. Whereas, it was distinctly intended, from the outset, that this Special Home Mission Fund should be over and above all apportionments. Our women so understood it. Our literature always carefully explained this point. Only one dollar per member was asked to make up our \$15,000. And if our Federation shall take up further special fund work, for any object, it will be necessary for our women to clearly understand that these special funds are over and above all apportionments of the congregation, and cannot be credited on the same.

Central Canada has contributed to this

fund, \$48.60; Chicago, \$172.36; New York, Eastern Conference, \$633.88; Western Conference, \$770.16; total, \$1,404.04; North West, Eastern, Conference, \$301.13; central Conference, \$508.15; total, \$809.28; Nova Scotia, \$26.75; Ohio, \$177.33; Pittsburgh, \$220.26. In the Penna. Ministerium—Allentown Conference gave \$278; Danville, \$71; Lancaster, \$425.59; Norristown, \$709.45; Philadelphia, \$863.07; Pottsville, \$39.69; Reading, \$52; Wilkes-Barre, \$320.77; total, \$2,760.07, making the grand combined total, \$5,618.69.

Is this total a disappointing one? At first it was, to me, bitterly so. I was so sure (and am still) that we could have raised it all. But, after consideration, I am not only not disappointed, but encouraged. Two years ago, our hopes of federation were realized. We were undertaking an entirely new and untried task. As for the \$15,000 effort, many said, "That is impossible." But had we said \$5,000, might not these same people have said, "That is too much"? "Nothing venture, nothing have." "Aim high," for one never shoots higher than his aim. Of our \$15,000, we have actually paid in over \$5,000. But think of the Home Mission impetus we have gained. Is that worth nothing? From an educational standpoint alone, we should feel no disappointment. The cause of Home Missions has made many friends. Some staunch champions have come to the front, whose enthusiastic words and deeds will help us for years to come.

### THE BEGINNING, NOT THE END

Greatest of all, the Home Mission problem is still before us. We need not stop. This is not the end of something. We have just made a beginning. "God hath set before us an open door, and no one can close it." In our Mission Study Classes we have had impressed upon us anew the needs of hosts of our own brethren in the faith. Lutherans of other tongues and dress, coming or already come to our land. Shall we quietly sit in our parlors and study books on these interesting subjects, winter after winter, prepare papers and lead discussions as to how to make better citizens of the new-comers, while all the while our Boards are pleading for men and means to give to these same people the Church they love, and which they left when they came to our shores?

But someone says, "Other kinds of mission work are so much more interesting. It is so much more heroic to go to other lands, and spread the blessed Gospel. It is so commonplace to go out on the frontier, or into the crowded districts of our own cities, and hunt up scattered Lutherans." Well, it may not be very romantic, or even pleasant, but it is vi-

tally necessary to the future of our Lutheran Church. What is to become of these people who rightfully belong to us, if we do not provide for them, or at least for their children, Church homes? History always repeats itself. What has become of the descendants of those early Lutherans on the Delaware? Who make up the bone and brawn of our American demoniations to-day? If we do not provide for our own, where then, pray, will be the Lutheran Church of America in another century? Not in the front rank of Protestantism where she belongs,—O no! Unless we wake up and take advantage of our present unparalleled opportunity, we will be simply allowing our Church to die by inches,—to commit slow suicide.

Let us thank God this is not the end of Home Mission effort on the part of our Federation. Rather it is the beginning of a great and powerful Home Mission campaign. We are older. We are stronger. We are more experienced than when last we met in convention. Perhaps we are saner. Certainly we are not any less enthusiastic. We know we have been able to accomplish something. We have faith that in future we can do greater things. Let us plan wisely, and let all unite in carrying out these plans.

### Our Slav Work

BY MISS LAURA R. SWOPE, CHAIRMAN

Since 1909 the scope of the Slav work has been so enlarged, by action of the General Council, as to include "all Lutheran immigrants not already provided for." This is an enormous contract, in the light of the totally changed character of immigration to America at the present day. These Slavs, and others not yet provided for, have come to be no longer the few exceptions, but the prevailing rule. Statistics show these are a majority of Lutheran new-comers to our shores to-day.

Our Women's Federation has turned its attention to this work only since the Lancaster Convention. Hence it is our newest department. So new indeed, that in the very nature of the case there can be nothing to report, except that we are now fully ready to begin operations in a strategic untried sphere, full of possibilities which none of us can half imagine.

Your Chairman has sent a letter and literature to each Synodical president, asking for co-operation. Responses have come from New York and New England, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Central Canada, Pittsburgh, the Northwest, Nova Scotia, and Pacific Synods, which have each appointed a chairman, who has assured me of her willingness to work.

What we need most, at present, is to educate men for the Slav ministry. During the year the Board supported ten students in different schools. Three have been added for the coming year, with two applications pending. Pledges have been received for the Slav Scholarship Fund from the New York and New England Synodical. In the Pennsylvania Ministerium from the Reading and the Norristown Conference, Christ Church Society of Allentown, and a lady in Easton, are also each supporting a student. The Buffalo Lutheran Union has pledged \$400 a year toward the support of a local missionary from Hungary in that city, and \$100 for his traveling expenses to come to America.

All summer Dr. Ramer has been very actively occupied. Net results for the opening of the fall are: Four new students for our cause, a Lettish missionary called for Winnipeg, a Magyar ordained missionary called from Hungary (no acceptance yet), to work in Ohio, and a theological student called from Hungary. The cry is no longer, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," but they are saying: "We have come over to you from Macedonia. Will you help us?" The mighty foreign immigration of a million a year, twenty times the population of a city like Allentown, the great majority of these souls without any saving knowledge of Christ, they are our future citizens. Will we evangelize them, or will they heathenize us? Some will return to their native land. Will it be with or without the light?

### Our Italian Mission

BY MRS. E. R. CASSADAY, PHILADELPHIA

Like the Slav work, this department is less than one year old, hence the chairman has not yet been able to reach all the Synodical Bodies. For she is in the position of "Alice in Wonderland,"—she "has to run very fast to stay where she is." Nevertheless, progress has been made, and the Italian work has been officially taken up by the Pennsylvania, New York, Pittsburgh and Ohio women. Post cards, stationery, etc., have been sold also in other localities and at many conventions, where no committee has yet been appointed, and I wish to extend my hearty thanks to the many kind friends who have helped, either officially or unofficially. The financial help is something that can be reported, but the good seed sown in the children's hearts, and the brightness put in their poor little lives, cannot be counted, and are immeasurably more precious than silver or gold.

The growth of the work during the past two years has been most encouraging, in spite of the severe blow experienced by the defection of our first Italian pastor in September, 1911. We were

fortunate enough to secure the services of Professor Welden immediately as lay-reader, and one of the Italians optimistically said: "This all ri', Il Reverendo Neyroz—he only a man. Now we got a 'Purfess.'" But after a few weeks the same person shook his head, saying sadly: "The 'Purfess' is mighty smart, an' molto educato,—but—he not make it sound sacred." The language was not his mother tongue.

A few months later, Rev. Augusto Di Benedetto, D.D., offered his services, attended the Theological Seminary at Mount Airy for a year, and was ordained last June. He was formerly a Roman Catholic priest and monk. He says: "I speak to the people with *autorita*,—jes' same like priest,—that's what they're used to."

Italian services are held in St. Peter's Church, Ninth and Reed Streets, Philadelphia, every Sunday at 10 A. M., and 8 P. M. These services are well attended, especially in the evening. Our Martin Luther Neighborhood House has been of immense value. The daily Christian Kindergarten became so large that a year ago we were obliged to engage a second teacher. (See pages 40 and 52.) The daily attendance was frequently 125,—with several hundred more on the roll. First we divided the school,—putting the youngest children in a room upstairs. This room was soon too small, so we took out a partition and threw two rooms into one. We also divided the sewing class. During the past summer we had a daily Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment of over 300 children, in charge of four experienced teachers. Each fall and winter free lessons in English are given, four evenings of the week, in the Neighborhood House. Of course, every added activity costs time, labor and money. In order to meet the expenses of over \$100 per month for salaries, taxes, water rent, interest on mortgage, repairs, coal, gas, etc., I have added to the postcard business, pictures, calendars, stationery, booklets and various novelties, which find a ready sale on account of their quality and beauty. I beg that if you have not yet appointed a committee, you will do so at once, and make it possible to begin Lutheran mission work in other Italian colonies. The need is great and the "field is white to the harvest."

### Inner Mission Progress

BY MRS. A. J. D. HAUPT, CHAIRMAN

Nearly all our Synods have increased their interest in Inner Mission work, due to the consecrated activity of our missionary societies.

Two years ago many professed ignorance as to what the nature of the work really was. To-day there is a marked change. A deeper knowledge has been spread abroad. We need a consecrated deaconess in every parish. And

we call upon the mothers to consecrate their daughters, and the daughters to consecrate themselves to the sweet service of their Lord, in going about doing good in His name; healing the sick, leading the blind, raising the fallen; as our Master was won't to do when He was here on this earth.

How many of our women ever visit the orphans' homes, or the old folks' homes, or the local hospital, or even the city lock-up or the county jail, to see if there is not some one that they can cheer and comfort? Oh, the joy of service for the Master!

Mrs. M. S. Waters, of Newark, N. J., Chairman of the Inner Mission Committee of New York and New England Synod, writes: "Letters were printed and sent out, asking that someone be appointed in each congregation to interest others in the work, and to look after it. I think most of the Societies in the Synod do some kind of Inner Mission work, such as visiting the sick and needy, distributing religious literature in hospitals, etc. But the most telling work, so far, is being done in New York. Our special work last winter was aiding in the furnishing and maintenance of the new hospice for young men. We are very proud of the progress there, and much interested in Dr. Buermeyer's wonderful work."

Miss Lodema Wener reports that the Chicago Synod Society is doing Inner Mission work, distributing leaflets, and in some Societies house to house canvasses were made

In the Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, the Inner Mission chairman, selected five of six ladies to go with her, visiting different institutions of the city, taking flowers, and doing their best to cheer the unfortunates. With the aid of some of the children, an Easter program was rendered for the inmates of the Layton Home, and Sunday School papers are distributed among the children in the hospitals.

Mrs. Ira M. Wallace, reporting for the Pittsburgh Synodical, writes: "From June, 1912-1913, our Society contributed for the Orphans at Zelenople, \$74.72; for Pittsburgh Inner Mission work, \$83.20; for Old People's Home at Zelenople, \$105; for Rochester Home for Epileptics, \$77.80; making a total of \$340.72, as against \$138.20 for last year."

## Mission Work for Juniors

BY BERTHA ZIEBARTH, CHAIRMAN

Stated missionary exercises are held in the following Sunday Schools, on a regular Sunday of each month. Most of them use the programs as outlined in our *Junior Topics*. Is your own School included in this list?

Philadelphia: St. John's, St. Mark's, As-

cension, St. Stephen's, Bethlehem, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, Holy Communion, St. James', Chestnut Hill, Trinity. Lancaster: Trinity, Zion's, Advent, Emanuel. Brooklyn: Redeemer, St. Stephen's, Ascension. New York City: Holy Trinity and Epiphany. Buffalo: Holy Trinity and Redeemer. Canada: Williamsburg, Berlin, Port Colburn. Also in Jamestown, Doylestown, Easton, Catsasauqua.

Junior Societies in active operation: Philadelphia: St. John's, St. Mark's, Apostles, Incarnation, Bethlehem, St. Luke's, Trinity, St. Peter's, Our Saviour, Zion's, Olney, St. Michael's, St. Stephen's, Holy Communion, Ogontz. Lancaster: Trinity, Grace, Emanuel, St. Mark's. Reading: Trinity, St. James', Grace.

Also in Salem, Lebanon; Emanuel, Pottstown; North Wales; Royersford; Dublin; Tinticum; Telford; Sellersville; Perkasio; Red Hill; Atlantic City; Gibraltar; Montreal; Toronto; Albany; Trinity, New York; Ascension, Brooklyn; Jamestown; Indian Point. This list ought to be multiplied twenty-fold. If the subject has never been broached in your own Church, why your own hesitancy?

Junior literature ordered in the *Pennsylvania Ministerium*: Topics, 35; Tidings, 13; Everyland, 1; Junior recitations booklet, 1. *Svedish Augustana*, Topics, 1, Tidings, 1, Everyland, 1. *Ohio*: Topics, 1, Tidings, 1. *Chicago*: Topics, 5, Tidings, 2. *Canada*: Topics, 2, Tidings, 2. *Pittsburgh*: Topics, 14; Tidings, 14, Everyland, 1. *New York*: Topics, 6, Tidings, 30. *Northwest*: Topics, 5, Tidings, 1, Everyland, 1. *Nova Scotia*: Topics, 1, Tidings, 6. Total: Topics, 70, Tidings, 75, Everyland, 4, Recitations, 1. How pitifully meagre is this showing will only be made the more manifest by the striking contrast of next year's big advance.

## Mission Study Growth

BY MRS. F. A. KAEHLER, CHAIRMAN

Since the days of our copy-book, "Knowledge Is Power." In this day of Mission Study, knowledge is power, and light, and fire of love. "To know God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, is life eternal." To know His work on earth is life revealing. We have education in this country, oh, yes! Our daughters learn all about a thousand arts and sciences. We educate them for every position in life. We have manual training, physical culture, domestic science classes, we are even approaching "education for Motherhood," but where have we adequate education for Mission work? With greedy minds we gain the whole world of knowledge, and risk losing our own souls, for the soul of noble living IS the soul of Mission work.

Efficiency is the cry of the hour. Cer-

tainly! By all means! We want efficiency in leading darkened souls to Christ. "The power that serves" is a familiar phrase in electrical circles. The power that serves, and saves us, and our dark sisters alike, is knowledge of Christ and His work. And Mission Study Classes give that knowledge. They light the flame, enkindling nobleness, and will people heaven with adoring multitudes. "May I among them stand!"

The ideal class work presupposes students eager, interested, wanting to become efficient, ready to serve. We have a few such classes. Not very many, in proportion to our great numbers of Lutheran Women, but we have more than we had last year, and in the next decade we shall have many more, if we are not "disobedient to the heavenly vision." Classes flourish best where the pastor is a missionary pastor, but even where he is not, one woman can start a class, with the valuable aids now furnished, and the entire congregation may feel the impetus of her work. Keep a genealogical record of your mission study class, and see how many generations it may have, in one or two years. Junior classes, reading circles, lecture courses, traveling libraries, new Sunday School and Church members, etc. New study classes grow from the parent study club, naturally and rapidly. It is worth while. All well and good for regular Missionary societies to study the admirable *Monthly Topics*. So with junior work and the new plans for monthly missionary exercises in all our Sunday Schools. All these work splendidly, but none takes the place of specific weekly, intensive Mission Study Class work. From such classes the best workers of the next decade will come.

Read "Immigrant Forces," by Shriver, and you will long to give your life to our own America by helping to save the foreigners. God has brought Foreign Missions to Toledo and Buffalo and Chicago and all our cities. Read "The Desire of India," by Datta, and you will be ready for any sacrifice to help lift eastern millions from their darkness to Christian light. Read "The King's Business," by Maud Raymond, and you will embrace the world in your prayers and labors for women who know not our Christ. The best women the Lord ever made are working as never before for other women. The intelligent Christian women our churches are reaching hands across the seas, and at the same time touching the heart of America's future, with their loving interest and help. Shall Lutheran women be foremost among them? We may lead if we will. We have numbers, wealth, intelligence. We have all the time there is. I hope we have the WILL.

In the past year our Mission Study Classes

have nearly doubled in number. The Pennsylvania Synod women report 28 classes, New York and New England, 11; Chicago, 7; Central Canada, 1, Ohio, 5; Northwest, 8; Nova Scotia, 2; Pittsburgh, 6. The Augustana Synod seems to confine itself to study of the *Monthly Topics*, reporting 29 such classes. The *bona fide* Mission Study Class meets weekly for a period of six or eight weeks, for hard, intensive study of some meaty text-book. Local circumstances often govern the plans, and choice of books, but a sturdy will on the part of a wise leader may govern circumstances. Mission Study is tremendously interesting. You meet surprises everywhere in the fascinating books you read. The greatest surprise is that you could have let so many years slip away without having read these books. You long to read more. You grow. You know. Sometimes you even go!

Lutheran Women's Mission Study Classes mean business. They mean to sweep the continent, like an avalanche, crushing obstacles of ignorance, grinding down prejudice and superstition, smoothing the way for fertile soil and tropical growth of information and active interest in missions. But, oh, so slowly does our glacier move!

There is a temple in India where a hundred generations of Brahmans have tended a tiny, undying flame for two thousand years, and to its shrine have pressed millions of pilgrims. The flame is as small as it ever was, and gross darkness lies all about it.

We are guardians of the shining light that streamed over Bethlehem's manger. That flame has been spreading through the whole earth, and lighting the pathway to heaven, and our Saviour's dear presence. We must keep the light burning brightly. We must pass it on.

What is Mission Study to you?

What are you to Mission Study?

## Our Organizing Work

BY MRS. M. J. BIEBER, CHAIRMAN

One Synodical and 87 local societies have been organized during our first biennium. This makes 780 societies in the 1,900 congregations, counting the 900 of the Swedish Augustana Synod. This leaves 1,120 Churches for our further efforts. Last year all our Conference Societies reported. This year, all but seven. Four of these are in the Pennsylvania Ministerium, and three in the Pittsburgh Synod, hence all in the Keystone State. Of the Synodical Societies, three failed to report. Model constitutions, in English and German, and the pamphlet "Hints on Organization," have been sent everywhere.



## NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND SYNOD

September, 1911, to September, 1912

Conference	Org.	Cong.	Mis. Soc.	New Soc.	Organizing Chairman
Eastern .....	1907	39	33	4	Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten, Brooklyn.
Western .....	1907	18	19	6	Mrs. F. F. Fry, Rochester.

September, 1912, to September, 1913

Eastern .....	1907	39	34	3	Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten, Brooklyn.
Western .....	1907	18	18	5	Mrs. F. F. Fry, Rochester.

## SYNOD OF THE NORTH WEST

September, 1911, to September, 1912

Central .....	1905	21	23		Every Church has a Missionary Society, and some have an additional one for Juniors.
Eastern .....	1910	16	15		

September, 1912, to September, 1913

Central .....	1905	21	23		
Eastern .....	1910	16	16		

## PITTSBURGH SYNOD

September, 1911, to September, 1912

Pittsburg .....	1909	47	25	2	Mrs. H. F. Obenauf, Pitcairn.
Greensburg .....	1910	33	21	6	Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Penn Station.
Kittanning .....	1910	27	14	2	Mrs. Herbert Martins, Freeport.
Western .....	1910	19	14	6	Mrs. Walter Langhaus, Jewett.
Ridgway .....	1910	10	8	2	No Chairman.
Erie .....	1910	27	12	3	Mrs. N. Scheffer, Meadville.

September, 1912, to September, 1913

Pittsburgh .....	1909	47	18	1	Mrs. H. F. Obenauf.
Greensburg .....	1910	33	21	3	Mrs. J. D. Rankin.
Kittanning .....	1910				Mrs. Herbert Martins.
Western .....	1910	18	17		Mrs. J. L. Miller, Youngstown.
Ridgway .....	1910	10	8		No Chairman.
Erie .....	1910				Mrs. N. Scheffer.

## MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

September, 1911, to September, 1912

Allentown .....	1886	107	32	3	Mrs. J. H. Miller, Nazareth.
Philadelphia .....	1890	84	36	2	Mrs. M. S. E. Alexander, 3828 N. 7th St.
Norristown .....	1893	45	35	3	Mrs. Wm. Shaw, Quakertown.
Lancaster .....	1896	58	30	3	Mrs. John K. Meisner, Denver.
Reading .....	1896	85	14	2	Mrs. C. A. Homan, 1444 Spruce St.
Wilkes-Barre .....	1895	70	19	3	Miss Eva Roth, Wilkes-Barre.
Danville .....	1903	70	18	1	Mrs. E. D. Zweier, Sunbury.
Pottsville .....	1905	38	7		Mrs. Geo. Steidel, Minersville.

September, 1912, to September, 1913

Allentown .....	1886	111	32		No Chairman.
Philadelphia .....	1890	92	36		Mrs. M. S. E. Alexander.
Norristown .....	1893	52	35		Mrs. Wm. Shaw.
Lancaster .....	1896	58	30		Mrs. John K. Meisner.
Reading .....	1896	85	14		Mrs. C. A. Homan.
Wilkes-Barre .....	1895	70	18		Miss Frieda Rohrig, Mauch Chunk.
Danville .....	1903	69	18		Mrs. C. D. Zweier.
Pottsville .....	1905	38	7		Mrs. Geo. Steidel.

## SYNODICAL SOCIETIES

September, 1911, to September, 1912

Min. of Penna. ....	1895	516	161	16	No Chairman.
Augustana .....	1892	900	310		Mrs. P. Martisen, 3043 E. 91st St., Chicago.
Ohio .....	1901	86	51	2	No Chairman.
N. Y. & N. E. ....	1902	57	52	10	Mrs. Weiskotten and Mrs. Fry.
North West .....	1905	37	38	1	No Chairman.
Central Canada .....	1909	14	14	1	Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Toronto.
Pittsburgh .....	1909	160	94	20	Mrs. C. T. Benze, Greenville.
Pacific .....	1909	16	11	1	Mrs. P. W. H. Frederick, Portland, Ore.
Chicago .....	1908	66	25	1	Mrs. A. H. Arbaugh, Mulberry.
Nova Scotia .....	1912	26	10	10	Mrs. H. J. Behrens, Rose Bay.

September, 1912, to September, 1913

Min. of Penna. ....	1905	530	172		No Chairman.
Augustana .....	1892	900	310		Mrs. P. Martisen.
Ohio .....	1901	86	51		No Chairman.
N. Y. & N. E. ....	1902	57	52	8	Mrs. Weiskotten and Mrs. Fry.
North West .....	1905	37	38		No Chairman.
Central Canada .....	1909	15	17	2	Mrs. M. J. Bieber.
Pittsburgh .....	1909	175	94	4	Mrs. C. T. Benze.
Pacific .....	1909	19	11		Mrs. P. W. H. Frederick.
Chicago .....	1908	68	25		Mrs. A. H. Arbaugh.
Nova Scotia .....	1912	26	10	10	No Chairman.

# Our Foreign and Medical Work

BY MRS. FRANKLIN F. FRY, CHAIRMAN

During our first biennium, the support of two woman missionaries has been assumed, viz.: Miss Agnes C. Schade and Dr. Amy B. Rohrer. This makes a total of six woman missionaries, whose support is now guaranteed by our societies.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in Buffalo, last September, it was decided to educate a young woman for medical work, as soon as a suitable applicant, approved by the Board of Foreign Missions, could be found. An application was received from Miss Lillian Bockelman, of Waterloo, Ont., Canada. But later she changed her plans, and decided to prepare for zenana work, provided the General Council Society will agree to support her during three years' course of training. She would thus be ready to go to India in 1916. \$100 a year has been pledged by the Synodical Society of Central Canada, and \$50 a year by the Nova Scotia Society. This provides for one-half of her support for the three years. Mrs. M. J. Bieber has volunteered to make a personal appeal to the German congregations of Central Canada for the balance.

During the biennium the following amounts have been reported by the different Synodical Societies:

	Foreign.	Medical.
Pennsylvania .....	\$4,606.93	\$4,993.65
Ohio .....	357.85	
New York and New England .....	3,251.33	1,376.67
Eastern Conf., Synod N. W. . . . .		
Central Conf., Same .....	263.00	
Pittsburgh .....	1,168.37	429.61
Central Canada .....	60.00	210.45
Chicago .....	145.00	334.22
Pacific .....	10.00	
Nova Scotia .....	25.00	11.50

The Western Conference Society of the Synod of N. Y. and N. E. is undertaking to gather funds for the building of a Rest House for our missionaries, on a lot donated by Mrs. Julia Harpster, in the Kotogiri Hills. The estimated cost will be over \$3,000. Thus far \$382.52 have been pledged. Generous gifts from individuals, outside of the Conference Society, are earnestly solicited, in order to secure the early completion of a much-needed vacation home.

The fixed expenses for the woman's work in our Telugu Mission in India, for 1913, are as follows:

Girls' Central School .....	\$1,716.00
Hindu Girls' Schools .....	890.00
Zenana Work .....	244.00

Training School for Bible Women.....	198.00
Medical Work .....	2,334.00

Total .....\$5,382.00

The total required in 1914 will be larger.

The salaries of our woman missionaries amount to \$5,240.

Miss Schade receives, per year.....	\$780.00
Dr. Nilsson .....	500.00
Miss Tatge .....	500.00
Miss Weiskotten .....	680.00
Dr. Rohrer .....	580.00
Miss Borthwick .....	500.00
Miss Esberhn .....	500.00
Dr. Woerner .....	600.00

Miss Monroe pays her own expenses, which would be \$600.

Of this \$5,240, fully \$4,060 has been provided for. Miss Schade's salary by the Pittsburgh Synodical, Dr. Nilsson's by the Augustana Synodical, Dr. Woerner's by the Eastern Conference Society, N. Y. and N. E., Miss Tatge's by Advent Church, New York City, Dr. Rohrer's by the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y., Miss Esberhn's by the Icelandic Synod.

The salaries of Miss Weiskotten and Miss Borthwick are the only ones not yet provided for. Is it not possible for someone at this convention to offer the \$1,180 to support them?

In order to care for the work already established, and to provide for its extension in the immediate future, the following are needed: Dispensary Building, Rajahmundry...\$2,700.00  
Dispensary Building, Dowlaiswaram... 2,000.00  
Medical work at Bhimawaram..... 1,000.00  
Zenana work at Peddapur..... 300.00  
Bible Women's Training School..... 3,000.00  
Widows', Converts' and Orphans' Home. 3,000.00  
Additional Hindu Girls' Schools..... 2,000.00

These are low estimates, and the

total would be .....\$14,000.00

The need of additional woman missionaries is very great, and at least two must be sent out in 1914. The Foreign Mission Board would like to send four, among them one medical missionary, one for school work, and one for zenana work. Meanwhile the education of others must be undertaken, and the Board petitions our Society to provide for the education of two medical missionaries, and for the Normal School training of two young ladies to be called as teachers.

The expense of furloughs in 1914, and the sending out of two additional woman missionaries are estimated at \$2,500. If more than two

are sent out, the cost will be proportionately greater. Estimating the cost of the education of each of the four young ladies at \$250 would make \$1,000 on that item.

To sum up, the cost of the woman's work for the year 1914 would be:

Running expenses in India.....	\$5,382.00
Salaries of missionaries .....	5,240.00
Furloughs and traveling expenses...	2,500.00
Expenses for education .....	1,000.00

Total fixed expenses .....	\$14,122.00
Buildings needed .....	14,000.00

Total estimated expenses.... \$28,122.00

Our women missionaries have sent a strong appeal for more missionaries, which the Board transmits as an urgent and important message to our society at this convention, printed in a separate circular. Those who are to be selected to go out as missionaries should be young ladies between the ages of 21 and 30, well educated, and all those not sent as "medical" missionaries should have a Normal School education. They should be members of our Lutheran Church, of good character, and spiritually minded. Other necessary qualifications are: ability to learn a foreign language, executive ability and amiability.

Canada for the balance. But if the entire amount can not be secured, the remaining sum should be paid by this body.

The Board wishes all of its women missionaries to finish their preparation for the work by taking the special one year's course arranged at the Mary J. Drexel Home and Mother House of Deaconesses, in Philadelphia, chiefly to be assured of their fidelity to the faith and practice of our Church, and that they may have an opportunity to study to some degree the science of missions, and the art of religious instruction.

### Our India Boxes

BY MISS MARY MILLER, CHAIRMAN

For more years than we can tell, these boxes have been sent annually to India. In the last four years the character of the contents has been entirely changed. Formerly, they supplied the general mission, with goods as needed. Now they contain almost entirely supplies for our hospital and the lace industry.

The hospital supplies consist of drugs, bottles, instruments, bandages and other necessities which cannot be bought in India. Other goods sent are bed spreads, sheets, pillow cases, nightgowns, infant slips and sacques, towels, pads, bandages, etc. These, our members take great pleasure in making, knowing that we are in a small degree, helping on the great work

which our sisters in India are doing.

In 1912 twelve boxes were sent out; as described in the columns of the MISSION WORKER.

In 1913 again, we sent twelve boxes, contributed by the same people. Seven were sent from Philadelphia, two from New York and three from Canada. Money collected in 1912 was \$664.62, in 1913 it was \$621.59. Of this sum, \$50.00 came from New York, the balance from the Pennsylvania Ministerium, as follows: Philadelphia Conference, \$81.05; Pottsville, \$15.00; Allentown, \$99.00; Lancaster, \$83.25; Reading, \$39.10; Danville, \$102.74; Wilkes-Barre, \$12.30; Norristown, \$139.15; \$67.05 was spent for drugs, \$149.15 for instruments, \$50.00 for supplies purchased in India; \$14.96 for freight, \$350 to the Foreign Mission Board, and \$30.66 is the balance on hand.

We wish our people could see the packing of these boxes. The room is full of packages of all sizes. We hardly know where to begin. For each, even the smallest, we must find the name of donor, the name and address of person responsible for freight, and a detailed account of contents, with the valuation of same. When these items are on or in the package, it is easy, but often we have to open and count and value all. Even the name is often missing. These add greatly to the work and cause anxiety, which could be avoided if all followed directions.

### Our India Laces

BY MRS. ANNETTE S. WOLL, PHILADELPHIA

This industry has now rounded out its ninth year, and when we consider that twenty-six million women of India, or one in every six, is a widow, and that the heaviest curse of Hinduism falls upon these, we feel it a blessed privilege to be identified with an industry which, in giving many of them employment, saves them from the degradation and hardships that—because of traditional laws they would otherwise endure. Whilst if young girls are taught this work it adds to their sense of independence. Even though they may not have to pursue it they know they have a trade which they can follow should the necessity ever arise. And that necessity *does* arise when they become widows.

Steps are being taken to secure a capable general manager. Such a person is now indispensable for the work. Who will volunteer to go?

The education of the two little girls is progressing. Money has been sent to purchase some of the school sites needed, and more will be forthcoming soon to erect the necessary buildings. The financial showing for the biennium

is as follows: balance two years ago, \$1,320.37. Receipts, \$7,375.59; expended, \$6,390.43 (principally for sites of schools, \$2,175.00; drafts to India, \$2,850.00; customs, over \$1,000.00, services of helpers, etc.); present balance, \$2,305.53.

Laces were sold in the Augustana Synod to the amount of \$881; Central Canada, \$152; Chicago, \$57; Nova Scotia, \$12; Pacific, \$129; Ohio, 216; Pittsburgh, \$1,302; New York, \$1,483; Northwest, \$684; Southern, \$244; Pennsylvania, \$1,677. The latter also gave \$100 for the education fund, and \$271 for lace supplies.

### Foreign Post Cards

MRS. W. P. M. BRAUN, CHAIRMAN

In June, 1912, nearly 12,000 India post cards arrived in Philadelphia, and were arranged into sets of one dozen each, at 25 cents a set. The cards are beautifully and artistically colored. All who have seen them are delighted. A descriptive leaflet is enclosed with every set, and greater interest would be given this branch of our mission work, if the cards could be seen.

Some societies have appointed a chairman on post cards. May we not have one in each Synodical Society, and in every Conference Society? Then the money for the Book Depot in Rajahmundry, to which all the proceeds are devoted, would flow more rapidly into our treasury. There is no need of emphasizing how much good is derived from this Printery and Book Depot, and through the literature distributed therefrom in all the districts of our India field.

The cost of the cards, including the duty, postage, and the descriptive folder, amounted to \$107.75. A contribution of \$100 enabled us to meet nearly the whole of this expense. Therefore, all moneys now received from sale of cards are profit, and in the near future we hope to send a money order to India, which will cheer the hearts of our publishers there. We wish to express our grateful appreciation to the Rev. K. L. Wolters, one of our stand-bys on the field, who was so helpful in getting this new series published. Without his very prompt and kindly assistance, it would have been impossible to get the business accomplished.

From Japan we received, through the valued efforts of the Rev. Frisby D. Smith, a consignment of 500 sets of cards, costing \$59.35. These too are unusually attractive, depicting various scenes of Japanese life. All who have seen them are enthusiastically pleased. We hope at some future time to publish a series of cards showing the different phases of our Lutheran Mission Field in that country, to which the profits from the sale of these cards

are sent.

If every friend of Missions will purchase only one set of the India and Japan Post Cards, we shall be in a position to send a substantial sum. Do not delay in sending for one or more sets, from your Synodical Conference chairman, or from the Department chairman, Mrs. Wm. P. M. Braun, 250 Pelham Road, Germantown, Philadelphia.

Only complete sets, of twelve cards each, will be sent out. Individuals or societies can in turn dispose of less quantities at their own discretion. Payment must accompany orders of less than a dozen sets. Price per set of twelve, 25 cents, postage one cent extra. Large orders placed by congregational or Conference Societies may be charged, and paid for after the cards have been sold.

### Life Memberships and Memorials

BY MRS. L. K. SANFORD, CHAIRMAN

#### SUMMARY

Designating each of our 134 life-memberships by the letter L, and each of our 44 memberships in memoriam by the letter M, from the *Pennsylvania Ministerium* came 3 L; Allentown Conference, 20 L, 3 M; Philadelphia, 10 L, 8 M; Norristown, 3 L, 3 M; Lancaster, 22 L, 6 M; Reading, 12 L, 2 M; Wilkes-Barre, 5 L; Danville, 4 L; Pottsville, 2 L, 2 M. Total, 81 L, 24 M.

*Swedish Augustana*, 3 L, 2 M; Ohio, 4 L, 1 M; New York, Eastern Conference, 3 L, 1 M; Western Conference, 11 L, 3 M; Chicago, 2 L, 1 M; Northwest, 1 L, 1 M; Central Canada, 5 L; Pacific, 2 L, 1 M; Nova Scotia, 1 M.

Pittsburgh Synodical, 1 L, 1 M; Greensburg Conference, 1 L, 2 M; Kittanning, 4 L, 3 M; Pittsburgh, 3 L, 3 M; Erie, 4 L; Ridgway, 3 L; Western, 5 L. Total, 21 L, 9 M.

### Our Literature Expansion

BY MRS. CHARLES L. FRY, CHAIRMAN

The literature department is the agency through which our Federation does the publication work which is vital to every other department. Without it each of our Synods would have to develop its literature singly and alone, handicapped financially by the small output. Unitedly we can issue monthly programs and the large circulation of this year, 1913, proves that our societies are ready to use such material as prevents our monthly gatherings from being familiarly known as meetings for Church gossip, "Ladies Aid and lemonade." The more women we can get to read and study the better for the work. But how to get them to read and study? aye, there's the rub! The average

Church member will not pay the price of current leaflets, though they cost but a penny. Hence they must be given away in many cases, sometimes recipients are not even willing to pay the postage.

#### MONTHLY PROGRAMS LARGELY USED

Our literature business therefore is not self-supporting, and we would have to go into bankruptcy if we depended on our expenses being met by our sales. You will be happy to hear, as we are to report, that the monthly programs have proved a conspicuous exception to this rule, and January 1, 1914, will find us ready to pay all our program bills as soon as they come from the press. In the three years previous, the money had to be advanced by personal friends, who were willing to wait till our treasury could pay it back, several months later, as it always did. Please notice that the General Council treasury has not spent one cent on this output. 2,100 booklets and 1,200 leaflet sets were sold in 1912, and 2,350 booklets and 1,275 leaflet sets thus far in 1913. This allowed us to send out hundreds of booklets free to pastors, to other Synods outside the Council, and to interdenominational conventions. The universal verdict is that nothing just like this literature is published anywhere. The programs are translated into German, through the kindness of Dr. Bockelmann, of Berlin, Ontario, and Pastor Hoepfner, of Norristown, Pa., and are published regularly in *Der Deutsche Lutheran*. Our total output of leaflets was 160,000. Miss Kate Fry has freely rendered invaluable service in handling the programs, and it is proving a large task.

The sale of our tasteful celluloid badge buttons has also materially helped to swell the publication fund, and we ask for an invariable use of these official badges of our Federation at all Synodical and Conference gatherings.

#### CO-OPERATIVE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

A significant event of this biennium was the formation of this new committee, to secure such co-operation in the production of missionary literature as shall meet the needs and be advantageous to the three bodies represented, the General Council, United Synod of the South and General Synod. In the biennium, this Co-operative Committee has issued the following leaflets: *Ringling Bells, Will You Form a Class?*, *Lutheran Fact Series*, and the book of *Missionary Exercises and Recitations*.

#### OUR HANDSOME MUHLENBERG PORTRAIT

Just within the last few days, in fact, the ink is hardly quite dry (so that it might be

ready for this convention), a beautiful portrait of the honored Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, Rev. Henry Melchior, Muhlenberg, D.D., has been copied from a treasured oil painting, which is an heirloom, in possession of some of his descendants. This is a new experiment which no publication board of our Church in this country has ever attempted. It is intended to be the first of a series of ornamental pictures for the walls of all Lutheran Sunday School rooms in the land, making the faces and characteristic features of our missionary heroes familiar to the young people of the rising generation, as an incentive to their own missionary consecration. The price has, therefore, purposely been kept so low as to put each portrait within every School's reach, even the smallest, viz., 75 cents postpaid.

Nobody ever heard of so liberal an offer. The size is suitable for framing, as every copy is meant to be mounted and put into a neat frame. Just how many portraits will be issued in the series depends on the degree of welcome with which the first is received. When the striking face is publicly unveiled, on the School's monthly missionary Sunday, an appropriate new leaflet on Muhlenberg's career, written within the past fortnight by Mrs. Laura Scherer Copenhaver, of the United Synod South, is meant to be distributed to the teachers and scholars of every grade. The charge for this leaflet, as of all others which we put out, is barely sufficient to cover the cost of printing and postage, 75 cents per hundred, only three-fourths of a cent apiece (eight pages).

#### A CLEARING-HOUSE PROJECT

Another proposition which is brand new, and of large dimensions, is to make our literature department a sort of "clearing house" as it were, for popular leaflets for wide distribution in Churches and Sunday Schools, on each one of the months of the Church year, in their regular missionary order. These leaflets would, of course, have to be issued with the hearty sanction of the respective Mission Boards, whose causes they set forth. For instance, in January the theme of the illustrated missive would be India, Japan in February, Church Extension in March, Slovak work in April, and so on. Home Missions would, of course, be the theme in October, the Inner Mission in November, Porto Rico in December, presented in such interesting way as to be attractive to the boys and girls, as well as to older folks. The subject matter and the pictures, in every case, would first be submitted to the various Boards, for their approval and endorsement.



## MISSION WORKER BUSINESS MANAGERS

We have been rarely fortunate in our two ideal business managers, painstaking, accurate, obliging, courteous. First, Miss Mary Brooke, now Miss Ida Zinser. The former felt very proud when the number of subscribers reached 8,000 before she laid down the office, and the latter is rejoicing that we have now passed the 10,000 mark, which was our goal by this convention, with 169 as a nucleus for the next thousand.

Pennsylvania leads with over 6,500, and more than 900 of these live in Philadelphia. Ohio and New York States are making splendid strides, aggregating 1,900. Canada, too, is doing bravely, with well on toward 500. Only let there be no lapses among those we now have, and we will easily attain our cherished ambition. The receipts from subscribers since May, 1912, have been over \$3,000, and the expenses for cuts, printing, postage, binding, etc., over \$2,800. We have never admitted any advertisements.

## Our Missionary Exhibit

BY MRS. S. G. WEISKOTTEN, CHAIRMAN

The Exhibit now consists of fifty-three charts, presenting in pictures all the forms of missionary work. It is divided into different groups, Home, Foreign, Porto Rico, Inner Mission, Educational and Literature. It has been the aim to get a picture of every educational and eleemosynary institution belonging to the General Council. As the work develops it calls for additional charts to replace the old.

The following is the number of times the Exhibit was sent to different places in the various Synods. Pennsylvania Ministerium, 5; New York and New England, 5; Pittsburgh, 6; Chicago, 4; Northwest, 2; Ohio, 1; Augustana, 1; Central Canada, 1.

To give you some idea how the Exhibit has traveled about, it has visited Newark, Greensburg, Allentown, Rochester, Greenville, Hicksville, Chicago, Elgin, Mt. Gretna, Doylestown, Ohio, Buffalo, Columbia, Sellersville, Irwin, Pittsburgh, Hazleton, Erie, Lafayette, Ind.; Port Colborne, Can.; Goshen, Waterloo, Milwaukee, Toledo.

When the Exhibit is not in use, but is waiting at some place for the next engagement, I have tried to make arrangement with some nearby Sunday School. It is a practical missionary lesson for the children, and will make a deep impression when used with a missionary talk. One School writes: "It was visited by each class, under the guidance of the teacher.

Also by many Church members after services." Surely no dollar could be invested better.

And now a word in regard to the handling of the charts themselves. Sometimes the Exhibit has been at six or eight different places, and has come back in perfect order. But sometimes it comes back from one place badly torn, corners loose, edges damaged, poorly packed, and even one chart missing. Therefore I earnestly request that you instruct those who take charge of these charts that they carefully follow the written instructions fastened on the cover.

Another request: in sending the Exhibit from place to place, I have always considered the distance it had to travel, and have tried to make it as cheap as possible for each Society. Therefore, when I ask you to prepay the expressage, please do so. If instructions are not followed, some one must pay your share.

The Exhibit thus far has not been a burden to the Society, but has paid for itself. In fact, there is a small balance to report. Receipts were \$25.60; disbursements, \$21.88. Balance, \$3.72. So far the chairman has been working alone, but now a committee has been appointed, whose duty it will be to help gather material, arrange for places to exhibit, and keep the chairman informed of anything new in her Synod. The following are the committee:

Pennsylvania Ministerium, Miss Kate W. Fry, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia; Swedish Augustana, Mrs. Felix Hanson, Jamestown, N. Y.; Chicago, Mrs. Frank Kling, Hicksville, Ohio; Central Canada, Mrs. O. P. Becker, Williamsburg, Ont.; Pittsburgh, Miss Etta I. Frederick, Greenville; Northwest Central Conference, Mrs. George U. Exshand, 1103 Lincoln avenue, St. Paul; Northwest Eastern Conference, Mrs. W. F. Rex, 2911 Wright avenue, Racine Wis.; Pacific, Mrs. A. P. Gram, 362 Larrabee street, Portland, Ore.; Nova Scotia, Miss Dena Snyder, Bridgewater.

The cost is \$1.10 for the rent of the Exhibit, plus the expressage, hence we urge you to make the fullest possible use of the charts.

## A SUGGESTION

What could be a pleasanter attraction for a Church Sociable, such as every congregation in city, town and country, ought to arrange some time during this Fall or Winter (and our pastors and committees are usually put to their wit's end to devise suitable, popular programs for such sociables), than a showing of this Missionary Exhibit, with its half a hundred pictorial charts, suspended on the walls of the Sunday School room? Why could not our beautiful foreign post cards and our dainty India and Porto Rico laces be sold at the same time?

# Protestant Home Mission Week, Nov. 16-23

Nothing in recent years has done so much to encourage those engaged in home mission work in all denominations, as the general and hearty observance of Home Mission Week, last November. To the fellowship of home mission boards, with the 25,000 workers under their commission, it brought new hope and cheer. It is equally gratifying to know that, to thousands of churches, the Week brought new vision and spiritual power. The Councils unanimously in view of these facts, have decided to ask the churches to join in a similar observance the coming autumn, culminating in the week of November 16-23. They are impelled to do this by a deepening sense of the

## Gravity of Their Task

The obligations which face us cannot be met save by a strong and concerted movement:

To give religious care to the one and half millions annually added to our population.

To match and master the swift growth of cities.

To meet the disastrous transformation going on in rural communities.

To provide the immigrant a Christian environment and give him the Gospel.

To win the victory for righteousness in the newer states of the Union, in five of which Protestant church members are but six per cent. of the population.

To carry the burden of the religious welfare of the millions in our land, belonging to belated races.

To reach out a helping hand to our island possessions.

These are things which cannot be done but by the united strength of the whole Church. To this end we ask the Church unitedly to face its demand.

## "New Americans for a New America"

Last year a general view of the whole field was attempted. This year it is suggested that emphasis be centered on the immigrant. Scarcely a community is without its foreign-speaking element. We are in the midst of as hazardous an experiment as any nation ever tried. To fuse a score of race stocks, with a half-dozen colors of skin, speaking forty languages, and inheriting the most diverse social and religious traditions, into a single homogeneous, democratic, and righteous nation, is a task beyond the strength of men. All home mission boards are addressing themselves to this problem.

## Outline of the Plan

No uniform method of observance will be proposed. Each pastor and church committee will be asked to use the period to such extent and in such way as seems best for furthering the end in view. The Councils only ask that whatever is done be commensurate with the problem before us. A multiplicity of meetings is not desirable, but some are practicable in every church. The culmination of the inspirational meetings may well be the Thanksgiving day service. A mission study campaign should by all means result.

## Relation to United Missionary Campaign

Since the plans for Home Mission Week were formed, the home and foreign mission boards of all denominations have formed plans for united presentation of the mission cause as a whole, to the churches forming their constituency, during the coming fall and winter. This is for the purpose of introducing more adequate methods of missionary education and finance in the churches of North America, that they may discharge their full missionary obligation at home and abroad. It aims at the enlistment of the entire membership of all communions as intelligent and regular supporters of missions. One feature of the campaign is to be a nation-wide, simultaneous, every-member canvass for home and foreign missions and all regular benevolences in March, 1914, on the part of as many congregations as can be led to undertake it at that time.

The campaign aims not only at securing larger missionary offerings, but at the development of the latent spiritual resources of Christian people. Prayer, personal Bible study, personal service and stewardship will all be emphasized in their relation to Christian efficiency. These plans will not in any way interfere with the observance of Home Mission Week. Its observance simply becomes a part of the larger arrangement by which the entire strength of all missionary organizations is put behind every appeal, of whatever type. The officers of these organizations are confident that, with the blessing of God, it will result not only in an effective and economical presentation of the claims of world-wide missions, but will also reveal and promote that oneness of heart and effort among all Christian bodies, so greatly longed for by all who seek to bring in the fullness of the kingdom of Christ.

**These Conjoint Efforts Have Proved a Stimulus to Every Church Co-operating**



RECREATION CONTEST BETWEEN THE RED AND THE GREEN SQUADS

Cronk, will also bear rich fruit in a hundred fields. These gifted souls could really constitute a whole faculty in themselves, and there is no end to their resources. How they are able to endure the tremendous strain on their nerve force, so steadily for twelve months of each year is a marvel indeed. If they counted Mt. Gretna as a holiday week, we can only wonder what one of their working weeks must be!

Pastor Steinhäuser as an exegete was absolutely unique, in his unmatched combination of profound scholarly insight with intensely interesting manner of presentation, and everybody is looking forward to his course of studies in St. Paul's Epistles, next August, with keen anticipation. Missionary Kuder made India live before our very eyes, and no one who heard his six wonderful presentations can ever henceforth be vague in his conceptions of our foreign field. Dr. Sandt's trenchant exposition of the Inner Mission as vitally related to the life of every congregation, Dr. Schmank's inspiring survey of the General Council's progress dur-

ing the past biennium, and of the imperative call for Lutheran co-operation in this country, Dr. Hunton's masterly analysis of the Graded System and its basic principles, Pastor Laury's clear demonstrations how archaeology confirms our faith in the inspired Scriptures, Mrs. Monroe's stereopticon views of "Christ in Art," illustrating His titles as the Alpha and Omega of the Gospel, also her historic scenes of Luther and the Reformation—all these features, and more besides, contributed to make the program one which will long be remembered as a standard of comparison for the Summer Schools to come.

The entertaining novelties were also enjoyed hugely, beginning with the Acquaintance Sociable of the opening night, and ending with the Farewell Bonfire, out on the open ball field, under a beautiful moonlight sky, on the closing night. In the midst of the week came the annual concert by the Lebanon chorus, with orchestral accompaniment, and interspersed throughout the different evenings were cottage

receptions, full of sparkle and fun.

No account of the Summer School would be complete without a special reference to the splendid Literature Exhibit, on which time and labor and money were spent without stint. Besides the selected Loan Library of fifty choice volumes for teachers of Bible Schools, and the rare collection of Chinese curios, a separate building, just adjoining the Inn, hence readily accessible at all times (in personal charge of Miss Ida H. Zinser, as librarian), was filled with specimen books, librettos, pamphlets, leaflets, etc., and many of the latter were given away free. This was at the expense of the Summer School treasury, on the principle that one of the chief functions of such an assembly, of representative leaders from so many different communities, is to disseminate far and wide the best literature extant.

### Summer School Echoes

"Well, surely it was a great conference in all respects. Wisely planned from beginning to end. Who can estimate the results?"

DR. AND MRS. E. C. CRONK.

The Summer School was a revelation to me. That three hundred Lutherans, including sixty ministers, can be brought together in this way, is a hopeful sign of the times. Not only the various public lectures, and other numbers on the program, or the recreation features, but above all the opportunities for confidential interchange of ideas, and for intimate discussion of the problems and polity of our Church, were invaluable. God grant the Summer School a long and vigorous life.—A. T. W. STEINHAUSER.

Cool, green woods, shady roads, a little gem of a lake set among the hills, an airy auditorium, and many pleasant friends with whom to enjoy both the sports and lectures,—what more could be wished for a vacation week? Especially when the lectures themselves are so inspiring and instructive, such a wonderful source of help for the work and problems of the coming year.—RUTH SENER.

Day by day we built our "Mount of Vision" from the excellent tracts and missionary books in the Summer School Library, which was so unique and valuable a feature. Some of us prefer the high altitude of continuous study to the warmer climate of the "Valley of Service." To all such I would say:

"Who reads and reads, and does not what he knows,

Is one who plows and plows, and never sows."

LILLIAN W. CASSADAY.

One certainly does enjoy a pleasurable and profitable week at the Summer School. Emphasis is rightly but not unduly laid upon the social fellowship of those who come from the different congregations. Besides the public recreative features, several receptions of an impromptu and entirely informal character are given at cottages. It is delightful to engage in these and the many other functions which promote the joys of Christian fellowship. I feel constrained by what I personally observed, and compelled by the expressions of the large number of those that spoke to me, to commend most heartily the optimistic leadership, without whose persistence, before and during the Conference, there could not have been the splendid success which crowned the week at Mt. Gretna. The possibilities of this opportunity for study and prayer can be realized when yet greater hosts ascend this Mount of Privilege. May God bless what has been done, and grant His benediction upon the work that lies before us in the Lutheran Summer School of the year 1914.

I. CHANTRY HOFFMAN.

The Mt. Gretna Week will always remain joy to me, not only because of the kindly fellowship, but from the growing assurance, as the days went by, that I saw here the foundations of a truly great Lutheran Summer School. The specialized discussions, the latest and best Christian literature, the helpful human companionships, the broadened outlooks, were not paths which led nowhere, but every road guided toward what was best and practicable for the great Lutheran Church of North America.—SALLIE M. PROTZMAN, *General Secretary of Literature, Women's Missionary Society, General Synod.*

The Mt. Gretna Summer School is an inspiration that you can take home with you, to be of help through the whole year. For even our churches that are far distant, it would pay them to send at least one representative to bring new thoughts and courage to those at home. Try it next year.

MRS. P. ALTPETER, Buffalo, N. Y.

It was a rich, spiritual and intellectual feast, which, combined with the pleasing variety of recreation, makes it an ideal place to spend a vacation week. W. M. MEARIG.

Combining the three factors of spiritual uplift, educational stimulus and bodily relaxation, each in good proportion, the program was well arranged, and the addresses fostered a spirit of devotion to the great work of the Kingdom.—FRANK S. KUNTZ.

Instead of a few sentences, I should like to write a few pages. The Summer School was the first I ever attended, and proved a new world to me. All the presentations, excluding my own, were so excellent and helpful that it would have been a serious mistake to have omitted any. [Nobody would by any means allow Professor Kuder to exclude his own!—Editor.] The effect on the congregations will be that of a wholesome leaven. The attendance was the largest ever, but should have been still larger, and the week was too short." C. F. KUDER.

"With an indefatigable leader at the head of things, every moment was pre-empted, even the sleeping periods being specified, and the working time indicated by a rising bell. Those who went for vacation got it, and a full week of information and inspiration thrown in. And those who went to school had a busy session, and much recreation in the bargain."

W. L. HUNTON.

If the desire for Biblical and missionary information, manifested by the attendants, is a criterion by which to judge, then the school at Mt. Gretna is supplying a real need.

P. A. LAURY.

The hints and suggestions were many and valuable, and the missionary zeal there kindled will keep the missionary fires burning in our various congregations for a year. E. K. SNELL.

Mt. Gretna is an ideal spot for a Summer Conference, and the 1913 gathering of Church workers will long be remembered by all who attended. The program covered a wide range of timely topics, presented by a wisely selected corps of instructors. A noteworthy feature was the cordial atmosphere which prevailed throughout the week, and the splendid arrangements for nature study and diversions could nowhere be excelled. We need a "Lutheran Week" such as this, and no one can afford to miss it.

P. GEORGE SIEGEL.

It was the most unique, as well as the most inspiring Summer School it has ever been my pleasure to attend. There were teachers all the way from Buffalo, N. Y., to Columbia, S. C., who spend eleven months out of the year in giving out continually, Sunday after Sunday. But during this week the mental process was reversed, and there were physical recreations too. Never before have we seen such absolutely informal sociability among Lutherans, as at the field-day contest, between the comical red and green squads, and at the farewell bonfire with its Indian war dance, the "Indians" being appeased with roasted delicacies taken from the oven of the great conflagration. May the efforts of the Summer School leaders be crowned with abundant blessing, as they work and plan to make this vacation institute the most efficient and beneficial our Lutheran Church can produce.

PAUL L. YOST.

## Augustana Impressions of an English Visitor

When the feasibility of the General Council Federation was first discussed by our women, and some feared that the Synods were too widely scattered to get together for effective work, one of the unanswerable arguments was the Swedish Augustana's women's holding a vigorous convention, not once in two years, but every year. And this largely attended, not only from the Illinois Conference, of which Chicago is the heart, but from New England and New York, all the way to Idaho and California.

For this very reason, in the nature of the case, a large vision is theirs, and they plan big and aggressive campaigns, because they come to be possessed by the missionary impulse. At the Home Mission Festival of their convention in Chicago last June, it was thrilling to listen to the plea of a devoted young girl delegate from far-distant California, urging that missions be immediately established among the 13,000 Swedes of that state. At Los Angeles several Lutheran women's missionary societies have been organized, and no matter how feeble

the beginnings, meetings are regularly held, with the earnest hope that each of these little groups shall become the nucleus of a permanent congregation. And she added: "If you will only give us the needed help now, we will ere long welcome this Convention to our Churches on the Pacific Coast."

And a royal welcome it would be, judging by the proverbial Swedish hospitality of which I had a taste at the twenty-second convention. What would we women of the East say to entertaining a convention of three days, if we had to provide convention luncheons twice each day, besides entertaining the delegates for nearly a week in our homes? Yet that is what those Augustana women did,—and splendid luncheons they were. Such coffee and such cream! The real article, indeed! And unless you have been a guest in a Swedish home, you have never known the delicious flavor of Swedish bread. I tasted it then for the first time, and have tried since to buy it in Philadelphia, but failed to find the genuine.





A GROUP OF DELEGATES TO THE RECENT SWEDISH AUGUSTANA CONVENTION ASSEMBLED FOR A LUNCHEON AT MRS. EVALD'S HOME IN CHICAGO

I marvelled at how faithfully the delegates attended every session of the convention, from beginning to end. There were nine of them, and the heat was intense. On Sunday afternoon I saw the influence of consecrated Swedish motherhood, when twenty-nine stalwart young men, stood in solid phalanx, to be ordained to the Gospel ministry. Some of these warriors were going out to the frontier to do picket duty on that far-flung battle-line. They have been born in that crisis era of mighty transition, when great changes are taking place in Church and State. They will find the language problem acute, for one thing. A strong tendency among their people to hold on to the Swedish language and customs and ideals, and on the other hand, among the rising generation, a rapid assimilating of American ways and standards, and the increasing use of the English. Will they resist these tendencies to the bitter end, or will they adapt themselves tactfully and wisely to inevitable conditions?

The women are taking a big share of the work in their Synods, and stimulating every form of missionary activity. The younger women are a capable and progressive element, most effective in every department. Missions in the Sunday Schools are urged will all possible emphasis, as well as Junior Societies. Our *Monthly Topics* are being translated and published in every issue of their Synodical organ *Mission Tidning*, and at every opportunity the President, Mrs. Evald, urged the use of the *Monthly Topics* in English, where that language may be more familiar. To conduct a convention in two languages is unique, and I envied the splendid facility with which she could change from the Swedish to the English, or vice versa. The older women, of course, preferred the Swedish, and while younger women were able to debate in Swedish, it was plainly perceptible, in both their speech and manner, that they were American-born. The question is, will their children be able to speak fluently in two lan-

guages on the floor of a convention? I trow not. So with the coming pastors themselves. The demand is for the man who can serve his people in both Swedish and English with equal fluency, to please the old and hold the young.

Hence the Swedish women are struggling with exactly the same problem and they are keenly alive to the language transition. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Evald, the Augustana women are developing into a force that is already counting effectively. She is an ideal

president, of rare gifts and graces. Jane Addams and other philanthropic people of Chicago know this full well, if we do not, as evidenced by the flattering offers she has received, to throw her irresistible energies into social service, instead of Christian missionary lines. But to every such proposition she resolutely turns a deaf ear. Heart and soul are given with entire and unreserved consecration to her Church, and its missionary work.

LAURA F. FRY.

## Missionary Literature "At Home" to Friends

BY MRS. KATHERINE SCHERER CRONK



LUTHERAN PUBLICATION BUILDING OF THE UNITED  
SYNOD SOUTH, COLUMBIA, S. C.

Of all the delightful "At Homes" I have ever enjoyed, the one that has most to offer, in delights continued and increasing, is "Missionary Literature At Home in the Lutheran Building, Columbia, S. C."

After having had literature headquarters in almost every conceivable place, from boxes to trunks, and from suit-cases to closets, the members of the general literature committee of "The Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in the South" are at last standing enraptured before a modest sign which bears our title (though in abbreviated form as to make the sign painter's bill fall a little below our annual stipend)!

One of the best things that has come to our missionary work is this central office for Literature Headquarters and with all my heart I wish you had one too. Already we are realizing its benefits. It is becoming a center from which influences are going out to the Synodical Societies, the auxiliaries and the individual members; a sort of bureau of information. "The test of the heart-beat is in the finger-tips." If we are not reaching the individual members with our missionary literature, there is something wrong with the heart-beats at the central office. It is splendid to have some place to get the heart-beats going right! Not long ago one of our members from a country Church came into our office. We spent practically the whole morning talking with her, and explaining literature, Mission Study, etc., and showing her helps and supplies. She left with her arms full of Mission Study and program literature, saying that she would make good use of it, not only in her Church and Sunday School, but also in a large day-school, with which she was connected. We have many calls from pastors, students and other missionary workers, who want to know something about missionary literature. Just now we are working on a literature exhibition which we hope to make very effective in displaying helps for every department.

By and by we hope to furnish complete exhibits for all our conventions. Our room is becoming headquarters in many ways. If we had kept a register of callers, it would show the names of many of our ministers, of all our theological students, of missionary workers from several States, of our own and other denominations.



THE LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GENERAL  
SYNOD WOMEN OF BALTIMORE

Being in the splendid new building of the Lutheran Board of Publication we have many community advantages. Just across the hall from us is Dr. Geever, the editor-in-chief of the *Church Visitor*, who planned the room for our use. To the front is Mr. R. C. Counts, the

manager in charge of the book store and affairs in general, who is always ready to help us out in making up missionary libraries, and in the more difficult task of making up balances. Just back of us is Mr. W. P. Houseal, who knows everybody and everything in the Southern Lutheran Church. And last is Mr. Farrell, the manager of the printing plant, who has taken so much interest in all of our leaflets. We go in the front door, with an idea in our brain, and Mr. Farrell prints it while we wait, and mails it out the back door! It is a most complete arrangement for our committee, and we are very grateful to our Board of Publication which had us in mind even when the building was planned, and invited us to walk in and take possession when it was finished.

What we have done is just the first step to the things we are planning and hoping to do. So much of the missionary harvest is dependent on the seed-sewing of missionary literature, that we hope our office will become a center of prayer, of purpose and of power, in the extension of the kingdom.

[In thanking our dear Mrs. Cronk for her kind hope that we too some day may have a headquarters in a handsome General Council Publication Building, we are delighted to assure her that precisely this splendid facility just loomed above the horizon whilst she was in the act of writing the prophetic wish! The *Lutheran* promises that the new building will be a noble massive structure, facing the projected Parkway Boulevard in Philadelphia, and will rank among the finest of its kind in the Lutheran Church of America.]

## "The American Lutheran Survey"

One of the interesting and big subjects discussed at the Lutheran Editorial Conference at Chicago in May was *The American Lutheran Survey*. To say that the first proposition of the big project almost dazed the conference is not exaggerating. It took some time to get the mind accustomed to the proposition and to think of it calmly.

The originator of the idea is Rev. Dr. W. H. Greever, editor of *The Lutheran Church Visitor*, United Synod of the South. His clear statement of the character of the publication and business-like presentation of the enterprise, at once commended the project to all present. It received the hearty endorsement of these conservative and thoughtful men.

The proposed *American Lutheran Survey* is to be a weekly magazine. It is to be somewhat similar to *The Literary Digest* in size and treatment of subject matter.

"It is to devote its attention to the Lutheran body in particular, but is to take a comprehensive view of everything that pertains to the welfare and happiness of mankind in general. Primarily the journal is to be national in scope, but there are to be many international features. Already numerous connections have been formed with parties in western Europe, and during the past few weeks Dr. Greever and the Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., of Philadelphia, have been in Europe to extend their list. They had taken with them many letters of introduction to the leading men of affairs in England, Germany and Scandinavia."

The following statement of the plans and purposes will be read with interest:

"America is the field which it proposes to cover. It is to draw especially upon Lutheran talent and scholarship for its matter; its viewpoint will be Lutheran; and it will devote its

attention to the Lutheran body, particularly, as the great religious force through which it can fulfill its largest mission. It is to take a comprehensive view of all that pertains to the welfare and happiness of men, for time and for eternity, comprehending as much as possible in order to select most effectively those things which are of prime importance. So the name is explained.

"It is the purpose of this publication to deal adequately, from the Christian standpoint, with the great questions of the day; those questions which men, both leaders and the masses, have to face day by day, the practical questions which concern all classes of society, and those more fundamental questions which leaders recognize as involving the basic principles of religion, philosophy, science and the social and civic laws which grow out of them. To this end its purpose will be to study and promote and express the best life of that body of Christians upon which it depends for its larger work—namely, the Lutheran Church.

"The plan of the publication through which this purpose is to be attained contemplates a magazine with six or more departments and a staff of five or more editors, specialists in their lines, with competent assistants. The department will exist for the sake of the magazine, and the magazine will not exist for the sake of the departments, which means that the plan for the presentation of the matter in the magazine will be flexible. These departments, as contemplated, are as follows:

"1. The editorial department will secure the balance and unity of the magazine. It will steer it always toward the definite purposes for which the magazine is published, and will provide and determine its spirit and personality.

"2. The *'Forum Department'* will be the heart of the publication. All other departments will centre in this one, and will yield space to it according to need. Here the great, vital questions of the day will be discussed in the ablest and most adequate way possible by picked men from the world-wide field of thinkers and writers, to whom the questions, scheduled by the combined editorial staff, will be assigned.

"3. In the Department of *'Current Periodical Review'* the gist of the thought of editors and contributors to other church publications will be given from week to week.

"4. The Department of *'Book Reviews'* will provide for genuine reviews of books of real merit. The editor of this department, with his assistants, will cultivate the personal acquaintance of publishers and authors and will secure as early as possible, in manuscript or proof form, copies of those books, in whatever department of thinking, which actually contribute

to the sum of human thought. And these books will be assigned to specialists in their department who will analyze them, measure them, value them and interpret them adequately and fairly without fear or favor to either authors or publishers. All such books will be bought so as to make the magazine independent, and reviewers will be required to do their work according to the most thorough method and the highest standards.

"5. A department of interpretative biography, written in simple, popular style, will present matter of peculiar interest and permanent value.

"6. The editor of the department of *'News and Statistics'* will devote his specialized attention to the study of the life and activities of the Church. This department will present and interpret the life of the Church, as shown in its activities, the third department showing the life of the Church, as it appears in its thought.

"The editors of these departments must be men of first-class ability and right spirit. These editors are to be paid salaries which will enable them to do their best work. All contributors are to be selected with the same care, are to be paid amply for their work and are to be required to bring their work up to the highest standard in both thought and form. All trivial matters and dead issues are to be excluded. The continual effort will be to make the magazine indispensable. In addition to the departments already enumerated, a brief summary of current events in the world at large will be published from week to week.

"This magazine is to be published weekly. It is to be published from Columbia, S. C., with branch offices in New York, Chicago or other such centres as may be found advisable.

"The policy of this publication will be simple. It proposes that everything about the periodical shall be strictly first class, up to the highest standards, and if possible it will set new, high standards. Then it proposes to go out strictly upon its merits. Its basis will be the fundamental truth of revelation, to which it will adhere faithfully. Its purpose will be service to mankind in the best and largest sense of the word. Its motive will be love. Its rule will be strict honesty, and it will follow sound business principles and practices with unwavering consistency."

The magazine is to be published by a joint stock company. The shares are to have a par value of \$100 each. Not less than \$1,000 of stock will be sold to any individual. The total amount of stock to be offered for sale is \$250,000. Dr. Greever reports that the "work has already progressed far enough to guarantee the

launching of the enterprise. One hundred and twenty-five thousand of the \$250,000 have been subscribed, with a large increase practically insured. Just now, interested friends of the cause are ready to take up the sale of the remaining stock from different centres in the North and West."

This is the most comprehensive plan ever projected by the Lutheran Church. Indeed we question whether any other Christian body has ever planned on so large a scale or anything to compare with it. And its success, all honor to its able projector, seems to be assured.

—*Lutheran Church Work.*

## A Slovak Itinerary Across the Continent

BY DR. A. L. RAMER, SUPERINTENDENT



A YOUNG SLOVAK AT ELLIS ISLAND

When one becomes accustomed to extensive travel, the novelty of sight-seeing soon wears off, and personal comfort is reduced to a very small margin. Two things are always uppermost in your every thought, namely, time and distance. "The King's business requires haste." The stations where we must transact this business are far apart. I sometimes journeyed from 1,500 to 2,000 miles to attend successive Sunday services. And there was one stretch that required travel for eight consecutive nights to be on hand for a promised appointment.

Heading for Montana as soon as the Eastern Synods were over, my first service on Sunday,

June 8th, was at 7 A. M., in the town of Stockett. Almost the entire colony of Slovak people were present. It was indeed an inspiring occasion. Two young girls were confirmed, both baptism, and the Holy Communion were administered. The dear old hymns of the Slovak home-land were sung with a volume and devotion that voiced deepest the yearnings of the soul. At the close of this service, with no opportunity for a morsel of food, I was driven about seven miles to Sand Coulee, where another congregation was in waiting and anxious that I should take plenty of time for the sermon.

With but one Church assembly a year, there dare be no hurrying of the services, or omitting any hymn verses. Thus it was the middle of the afternoon ere we concluded, and many did not want to stop even then.

From Montana I went to the State of Washington, to canvass Pasco and North Yakima, thence back to Cle Elum. A year ago, when I first visited this place the people earnestly entreated me to return, and as I went from house to house, visiting them on the Saturday previous our service, there seemed to be no limit of the gratitude that the shepherd returned to his flock. The distance traveled this week was over 1,700 miles.

The following week my first attention was given to Tacoma, then on to Portland, Ore., where I visited the people on Tuesday, and on Wednesday morning we conducted our first service in this wonderful western city. Having heard that some Slovak people resided in Everett, Wash., I retraced my steps northward, and found the people. A service at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning was arranged in a private family, some distance from the center of the city. A pouring rain, and no street cars running at this early hour made the trip memorable. When I came to the home I found the people waiting, and devoutly reading their Church Books. Here I became acquainted with a bright consecrated young man, and since my return home he has announced his decision to prepare for the ministry. Who can tell but that the inclement weather of that morning was a shower of blessing to the Church?



On Sunday, June 29th, the first Slovak services ever held in the State of California were conducted in San Francisco. Some families lived here as long as twelve years, who had not heard the Gospel preached nor participated in the Holy Communion during all that time. It was really a touching scene, and attracted no little attention, when, at the close of the afternoon service, a large part of the congregation accompanied me to the trolley, wishing me Godspeed on my journey, and urging me not to forget them and their spiritual needs in the future.

By previous appointment, Rev. W. O. Zahlis, of Walsh, Ill., met me in Winnipeg, to make a canvass of the Lettish people in that region, and has since been called by the Slav Mission Board to this new Lettish field.

During this itinerary of eleven weeks, I traveled across the northern portion of the United States from ocean to ocean, and across Canada from the Pacific east to Toronto, covering a distance of 14,000 miles, conducting foreign services in eighteen different places. The mere recital of such facts is an imperative call to enter now upon aggressive Slav mission work.

## The Northwest Our Opportunity Land

BY REV. LUTHER B. DECK, FIELD MISSIONARY, THE TWIN CITIES

When Horace Greely, a half-century ago, gave his prophetic advice, "Young man, go West," he was not speaking to immigrants who had newly come to our shores, but to the youth of American birth, many of whom are today richer and wiser by the experiment. For the man from Scandinavia no such advice was necessary. Trained on the soil of Europe, with characteristic wisdom and foresight, he turned his face toward the western sun, and did not drive the stakes of his homestead until he had reached the rich and fertile prairies of the great Northwest, and joined the settlers on the frontier.

The States of Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas can truly be claimed as Lutheran States. For the backbone of the population, the progressive spirit of the business and educational centres, and the democratic principles of the government, are supplied by the sturdy Germans, Swedes, Norwegians and Danes of our own Church. There is an old saying, that when you take the Lutheran Churches out of Wisconsin, the remaining Protestant forces will make a poor and feeble showing. In almost every county the Lutherans are as strong in numbers as all the other churches combined, excluding the Catholic, and in many cases the preponderance of Lutherans rises to the multiple of four, five or six. The same is true of Minnesota, where more striking proportions prevail, while North Dakota holds the record of being the only State in the Union where the Lutherans exceeded even the Catholics in number.

With such a startling array of figures before us, no one can deny that there is an immense field for Lutheran work in the great Northwest. There is not a town or hamlet where our Church could not gather some of her children. If we should gather in all who have been baptized and confirmed across the sea, we



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could double the number of shepherds, and still have ungathered sheep. Just as a matter of self-preservation, there never was a better opportunity for the investment of money and men.

But our Church is not only to care for her own. She is also commissioned by her Master to seek and mother the lost, the careless and indifferent. The West is full of such, and on the Church with the largest membership rests the greatest responsibility and obligation to care for them. The Lutheran Church dare not shirk this duty and be true to herself. There is no danger of doing too much. The matter of overcrowding need never enter into the problem. Next to the vastness of the deep and dark blue ocean, comes the greatness of the boundless rolling prairie of the great Northwest. Like a ship putting out to sea, the fastest train can start from Chicago and travel for days before the towering Rockies have been reached. One fourth of that journey would be made through the State of Montana, a veritable empire in

itself. Within its boundary lines there can be crowded the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and part of Virginia. This wonderful State alone, with its rich mines, extensive homesteads, and rolling prairie, will, within a generation, be the home of teeming millions, and yet, with all its vastness, it claims to-day a population of less than 425,000! which means less than the single city of Buffalo. Is there room for expansion? Let no one ask the question, but sit down and ponder the immense amount of good our Church could do for the millions yet unborn, by caring for the thousands who are there now. And yet, in this immense State, there is at present ONLY ONE English Lutheran Mission!

The same wonderful opportunities are true to even a greater extent in Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas, where the population being greater offers more immediate returns. There are sections of these States to-day over-ripe for Lutheran work. All that is needed to secure a strong, self-supporting congregation in a short time is a missionary and a place of meeting. And to withhold these is ecclesiastical suicide. There need be no fear of crowding in the great Northwest. All the missionaries of the General Council could be placed in these States alone, and they would all have plenty of work to do.

But if the Northwest spells opportunity in the United States, what must it be in Canada, just opening up to the ever-increasing stream of home seekers? There it can be spelled with nothing less than a great and prolonged OH! Close your eyes if you will to the needs, but the facts keep staring you in the face like phantom figures, ever growing larger and more formidable as you flee from them. A group of shanties to-day—a village to-morrow—and before many summer suns have passed, a city, growing by leaps and bounds into a thriving metropolis! There are cities to-day in Northwest Canada, having a population of over 50,000, in which as yet we have no English Lutheran Church. And if this be the case in the cities, what of the towns? May the Lord give His Church a vision that will take the gaze of every Lutheran across the international boundary line, to every village and hamlet, and then add the love which will bring the help so sadly needed.

Realizing the necessity of prompt action, the Board of English Home Missions is placing men in all the strategic centres, as fast as funds will permit. These Field Missionaries, acting as pickets on the Church's line of advance, spy out the land, and line up the forces to bring



AN ORGANIZED BIBLE CLASS AMONG THE COWBOYS  
THE TEACHER IS A NOBLE-HEARTED WOMAN  
CHRISTIAN WOMAN

a decisive victory out of seeming defeat. Experience has demonstrated that the cities must first be taken, not only on account of the vice and crime that prevail there, but also on account of the ever-increasing stream from the country, of young men and women who need the Church to protect them from dangers of which they are ignorant. A successful general will not only ultimately rout the enemy, but meanwhile will keep him from cutting off his source of supply. Statistics have proved that during the past decade there has been such a shifting of population from the country to the town, that the Church is almost overwhelmed in her effort to keep pace with the in-rushing tide of humanity. Hence the greatest care should be exercised that the largest good to the largest number be secured at every outpost established.

The latest point occupied in the Field Missionary system is the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Situated a day's journey north from Chicago, on the line of the great trunk railroads to the Coast, they form the logical centre for the business of the Northwestern States. The mammoth flour mills along the Mississippi River, at St. Anthony Falls, grind the wheat of Montana, the Dakotas and Canada, and send thousands of barrels of flour daily to the uttermost parts of the earth. Here is also the State Capital, the State University, of world repute, and Church Seminaries, Colleges and Academies, making these cities an educational centre hard to duplicate, and the Twin Cities are a centre for Lutheranism. In both cities the Lutheran Church outnumbers the combined strength of the Presbyterians and Methodists, and there is an equal multitude of

Lutherans outside the Church still to be gathered in. No wonder the Board voted a Field Missionary for this territory, for it is one of the fields so predominantly Lutheran that no Church but our own can properly care for them.

Work was begun thirty years ago, and has brought good results. Eleven General Council English congregations, and a flourishing mission, prove that in addition to the immense amount of work done in foreign tongues, our Church has a wonderful field in the tongue of the land. The mother Church of St. Paul, the Church of the Reformation, Rev. G. H. Schnur,

pastor, is at the present time erecting a superb new building, which is hard to surpass in grandeur and compactness. Missions in the Twin Cities soon become self-supporting, and always meet all requirements in the line of benevolent contributions.

Let every woman who reads this article resolve that her own Missionary Society is going to make a substantial offering every year to the Field Missionary Fund, that our Church may come into possession of her own in this land, and thus become a mighty force in foreign lands.

## The Panama Canal and Pacific Immigration

BY REV. W. E. BRINKMAN, SEATTLE, WASH.



YOUNG WOMEN IMMIGRANTS FROM RUSSIA DETAINED AT THE PORT OF ENTRY. THEY HAVE BEEN KINDLY SUPPLIED WITH LITERATURE BY A FRIENDLY DEACONESS  
(Courtesy of "Lutheran Woman's Work.")

The industrial concerns of the large cities on the Pacific coast are very busy these days making great preparations for the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915, an event expected to revolutionize commercial situations and to effect a new distribution of trade. But another problem will be the tremendous immigration to the Pacific coast. Little has been said about the immigrant, but men have been realizing that the opening of the Canal will revolutionize man travel as well as freight travel, and will make the Pacific coast a continental front door to Europe as well as to the Orient.

What the effect will be can only be guessed at. These incoming myriads will represent every nationality beyond the seas, lured by the promise of a better country, where their labor will be better rewarded. From oppression and poverty and limited opportunity at home, they are drawn by a mysterious force, that mighty magnet of liberty.

The steamship companies will also have no small part in increasing the tide of immigration by their low rates and their glowing advertisements which describe America as the promised land for those who come to be farmers. The



TIMID WOMEN, JUST ARRIVED AS STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND, APPRECIATE THE PROFFERED HELP  
OF A NEEDED LUTHERAN SISTER  
(Courtesy of "Lutheran Woman's Work.")

agricultural opportunity is not only the most constructive outlet for alien labor, but also the place where the Pacific coast people are willing to give him his greatest chance for success. Many will find employment in the lumber industry, or coal mines, or construction camps.

At this point will arise the problem of moulding these people for Christian citizenship and helping them to appreciate our American institutions. Every Christian American will appreciate the necessity of giving those foreigners who are debased and ignorant the Gospel as the first step toward becoming citizens.

If we leave them in mental and moral darkness, a gigantic peril will threaten our land. Our one sure way to safeguard the future of America is to make them thoroughly Christian.

Even now the great States of the Pacific coast have need of many more churches. There are countless numbers of unreached people who need the Gospel. Men and means are necessary to properly man the waiting mission fields. The greater work is still before us, and the Lutheran Church must be ready and prepared to share the burden and help solve the problem when the Panama Canal is opened.

## THE PIONEERS

BY BERTON BRALEY

They're not the plotters and schemers,  
Who work for glory and pay,  
But the "utterly foolish dreamers,"

Who dream of a better day  
Their courage is undiminished  
By waiting, and failure too,  
For—after their work is finished,

The beautiful dream comes true!

They're the fighters who fight undaunted,  
For the "utterly hopeless" cause;  
Ridiculed, jeered and taunted,

With never a lull or pause,  
But after they've fought and perished,  
And after their work is done,  
The cause they have loved and cherished  
Is lifted to fame—and won!

They know the hope and the yearning;  
The sting of the blind world's scorn—  
But never the sunshine burning  
The skies of their visioned morn.  
They're the warriors, true and splendid,  
The fond and faithful few—  
Whose battle and works are ended  
Ere ever the dream comes true!

# Our Outlook in Greater New York City

BY REV. GEORGE C. LOOS, FIELD MISSIONARY

In many respects Greater New York presents the most striking picture in the world, of mankind of all nations and tongues gathered within the limits of one corporate community. Therefore from a mission viewpoint, it is the most remarkable city on earth.

Its 315 square miles of territory are more thickly settled than any other large city in this land, being nearly one and a half times more densely populated than Chicago, and one and one-third times more than Philadelphia.

With its 5,300,000 souls it is far larger than the two next largest cities, Chicago and Philadelphia combined, and more than 200,000 are added to its population every year. At this rate of growth, according to scientific calculation, this huge metropolis will outrank London in 1930.

Even now New York City outnumbered the combined populations of the twelve great States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. As to the comparative necessity for Home Mission work, it is a noteworthy fact that New York City's population exceeds the combined populations of the Lutheran States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Oregon, and Colorado.

This prodigious city has more inhabitants than any country on the American Continent, except Brazil, Mexico and Canada. More than Denmark, or Greece, or Norway, or Sweden, or Saxony, or Switzerland.

Moreover, New York City is growing more rapidly than the country as a whole, and faster than any large city in the country. The ratio of increase for the nation, in the decade 1890-1900 was 20.7 per cent.; from 1900 and 1910, it was 21 per cent. In New York City the rate of increase was 37.1 per cent. and 38.7 per cent. for the same periods. In the past decennium, Chicago grew at the rate of 28.7 per cent., and Philadelphia at 19.8 per cent. This would indicate that Home Mission work is more imperative in Greater New York than in the country at large, or in any great city of the land.

Of the 838,172 immigrants entering the United States in 1912, by far the large majority came in the port of New York and more than 200,000 remained here. Among them were scores of thousands of Finns, Germans, Lithuanians, Russians, and Slovaks, from among all of whom our Church should be largely recruited. In addition to the American-born Lutherans, there are in Greater New York 8,000 native

Danes, 7,500 Finns, 280,000 Germans, 23,000 Norwegians, and 35,000 Swedes, many of whom, and many more of whose children, can be saved to our Church by the operations of the English Home Mission Board.

Again, if it is true that there are 400,000 unchurched Lutherans among New York City's 5,300,000 people, and 4,000,000 among our nation's 95,000,000, the proportion in this City is about .08 per cent., while in the entire United States it is only about half as large, showing the need of Lutheran mission work in Greater New York to be twice as great as in the whole country.

There can be no question, therefore, that, whatever difficulties our Church has to meet in carrying on Mission work in this metropolis, she will do wisely to retain and even increase her prestige as a communion. All things considered, no treasure of men or money, judiciously expended, would be too great to preserve our recognized standing as the second largest Protestant denomination in the metropolis, with 60,000 members now and a fair chance to gather a large number of the 400,000 unattached Lutherans residing here.

There are, unquestionably, tremendous difficulties in prosecuting Church work under existing conditions, some of the obstacles being almost insurmountable. There are, for instance, 1,000,000 Jews here, making this the largest Jewish city in the world. It is an open question whether the fact that only 28,000 of this million are loyal to their Judaism, while the remainder are worldlings and infidels, makes our work harder or easier than if they were consistent followers of the laws of Moses? At any rate, here they are, a million of them, denying Christ, and to some extent affecting the rest of the community with their denial.

A kindred difficulty is the diversified makeup of the population. There is a saying that while everybody lives in New York, nobody is born here. People settle here from every land under the sun. This phase of our difficulty thus becomes duplex. For one thing, the various elements, reacting on one another, have a most despiritualizing influence. For another thing, while our people from Lutheran lands are here in goodly numbers, they are so scattered among the millions of other nationalities, that it is hard to find and gather them.

The high price of land is not an unique difficulty, but it is poignant in New York. One corner lot, down town, is worth more than the gold dollars, laid on edge, that would be re-



quired to cover it. Not all pieces of real estate in the metropolis are so expensive, but all are proportionately so, and young congregations face a great problem in buying property.

There are many other difficulties confronting the Church, as for instance, the growing American custom of week-end trips, which empties our Churches of people, and fills our hearts with concern; the persistent thirst for amusement, which almost effectually deadens the hunger for the Gospel; the money mania, which in some cases becomes so nearly monomania that the sufferer can think of little else, especially not of Matthew 6: 33; the density of population, which huddles the people together in almost inaccessible flats and tenements, and leads to the paradox that the people are so hard to find, because there are so many of them.

These obstacles, instead of staggering us, must serve the more to nerve us. For while

they present serious problems, they do not make our progress impossible. They are very sobering to enthusiasm, but not at all discouraging to faith. The New York dominie who removed to a western pastorate, several years ago, because Church work here is so hard, would, if universally followed, leave these millions of sheep shepherdless, for the precise reason that they need Shepherds—because they are sheep, to be sought, and found, and nourished, and saved. The greater the population, the greater the number of souls to be saved. The greater the difficulties, the greater the need of courage. The greater the godlessness, the greater the need of Church work.

New York is indeed the most remarkable city in the world. It holds for our particular denomination wonderful opportunities. May we be wise, and seize them.

## Home Mission Convictions Deeper Than Ever

BY REV. J. C. KUNZMANN, D.D., GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

When I left Philadelphia, on the twentieth of last May, to continue my visits to the Synods, I had already spent fourteen years in Home Mission and Church Extension work (by the way, I rejoice in having such an excellent successor for Church Extension as Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D., who will enable me, after October first, to give all my time to Home Missions), and I had gone over the field time and again, from Coast to Coast, but this time its immensity, its unparalleled importance, and the call from high heaven to our General Council, startled me as never before. When I came to New York City, and confronted its addition of about 200,000 population per year, the metropolis in which we have grown in larger ratio than any Protestant Church, and even than the Roman Catholic Church itself, is almost paralyzed me when I thought of Rev. G. C. Loos as the one lone field missionary, with three missions and some vacancies on his hands, and the men for the ministry so scarce! When I reached the Smoky City, where Father Heyer planted the first Lutheran Church, and that was English, and thought that here labored Passavant, Krauth, Laird and Geissinger, I felt that by all the memories of the heroism and devotion of our sainted dead, we must send a field missionary here too, to help raise our Lutheran Church to the position of the same influence in the larger city, which she occupied in the days of our fathers. Then as we went through Ohio, where the brethren of the District Synod are heroically pushing the work forward, I thought of our

field missionary in Cleveland, where we already stand first in communicants among Protestants, but unless we plant English Churches we will, as in other places, soon stand last. Next I traversed that huge most-Lutheran city of all Chicago, where outside of the Roman Catholic, the Lutheran Church is the only one which is making headway. Here, there and everywhere, vast stretches, large new sections, plenty of Lutherans, but no Lutheran Church. Everybody alert except us! Well, is it any wonder that our cities go to the bad? Most of our women's tear-ducts respond to everything except the cry of our American cities!

Passing through Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and the Dakotas, I found Lutherans everywhere. They are in all churches and in all clubs. There are thousands and hundreds of thousands of them lapsed into worldliness, because we have but one field missionary in this vast stretch of territory, among these un-gathered Lutherans. If Philadelphia had not given us the Rev. Luther B. Deck we would not have even him. We must travel about 500 miles from the eastern line of Montana before we reach the center of that mighty state, and strike our lone missionary, Klingensmith, at Livingston, the gateway of Yellowstone Park. When we reach the Pacific Coast, no man can imagine the possibilities of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, the territory of the Pacific Synod. What will not that new Seminary at Seattle do, when the Board of Trustees have raised the \$100,000? O women of the General

Council, here is an enterprise worthy of your effort. What will not that Pacific Coast begin to become when the Panama Canal is completed in 1915? Why not have both the men and the women of the General Council hold their 1915

conventions at Portland? Let our leaders, male and female, see this country from end to end, and they will know what it means to the world to win America for Christ.

## A Mighty Expansion Coming in the Far West

BY REV. J. A. LEAS, PORTLAND, OREGON

"The Oregon," that monster battleship which was the once boasted pride of the American Navy, before it goes to the scrap heap in the near future, will lead the procession of those huge fighting machines through the wonderful Panama Canal, and will assist in making another "front door," on the Pacific coast for the American Continent. The Secretary of the Navy promises great things for the sea, and the Secretary of War promises as great things for land from the national storehouse of military achievement. But the Ruler of all the Universe promises greater things from the natural resources of the great empire of the west. Transportation companies are already making rates on tonnage, and passenger lines are framing their passenger tariff from European as well as Asiatic ports. The time will come when even a western preacher may be able to make a trip to Europe via the Panama Canal, as many of to Europe via the Panama Canal, as Eastern men so systematically do from year to year.

Sane and sober men do not look for immediate transformation or revolution, but they realize that the things now being done are the clearing of the debris, the digging for the foundation, whereon a solid structure shall be builded, and a future greatness reared. The change will come gradually, but surely. Time must be allowed for the population to gather, and the population can not gather, in contentment and prosperity, until the resources have been developed with which they shall be fed and housed and clothed. Oregon, Washington and Idaho can feed the continent, but not now. Their natural resources lie dormant. Their soil is fertile, but it needs the touch of man to make it respond with its kind beneficence.

Two classes of European people (not to speak of the Orientals) are waiting to come to the Pacific coast when the Canal shall be open. The Latin races and the Teutonic. The Latin come without inducements. They come to be the hewers of wood and the drawers of water. They will lay the rails for the railroads, the gas mains in the cities, just as in the East. In short, they will furnish the brawn for the brain already here.

The Teuton is not so ready, yet he is the

more needed. Our commercial clubs and publicity men on the Pacific coast are expending vast sums of money, as is the Government, for the purpose of inducing the worthy Scandinavian and German people to come to a country where they will be willing to make their home, establish their religion and seek their fortunes in a region unsurpassed in climate and unequalled in resources.

The Swedish settlement of Carlsburg, near the city of Portland, and soon to have rail transportation, is named after a Swedish minister, who started the project with no funds of his own, but with the conviction that unparalleled opportunities are offering themselves to his people in the fertile soil of this western country. Land was purchased at \$8.00 per acre, and parcelled out in suitable tracts to this frugal people, who now have their own homes and are independent. A neat church stands in the midst of the community, where the faith of the fathers is preached by the minister-founder of the colony. The class of people which the commercial bodies are after are the sturdy Scandinavians. They will play an important part in the development and settlement of this yet undeveloped country. The lesson is obvious. The "Church must be planted." Other denominations are doing this now. They have been on the ground in all sections of the country. An Episcopal bishop gets into the interior of Oregon per automobile and horseback. His diocese is large in territory, and his hardships are not a few, but the joy of service is without alloy. The General Council has one English Field Missionary on this territory to do similar pioneer work. Thus far he has not had an opportunity to engage in it. The larger cities and towns are yet not occupied. We are, like all large bodies, moving slowly. All too slowly, alas! We shall be ninth-hour laborers. The wages will not be the same as those of the earlier occupants. There is a vast difference between the kingdom of grace and the kingdom of the world. Why could not the Women's Society of the General Council support ONE missionary who might form a circuit and ride it, and labor, and pray, and preach on it? He could sow the seed, and water it. God would give the increase.

# Principles of Christian Citizenship

AS FORMULATED AT THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY IN PORTLAND, OREGON

The object and inspiration of all Christian effort is the establishment of the kingdom of God. This kingdom is inclusive of all life, in all of its relations and activities. Nothing that concerns man can be alien to the kingdom of God. Its advance among men is promoted in and through all the institutions of man's life: the Family, the Church and the State.

I. The Church is to proclaim the Gospel, to teach men the whole will of God, to infuse the religious spirit into all life, to unite all the people in behalf of righteousness and peace, to witness for justice, for equality, for brotherhood in all the relations of society, to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

II. The Family is the primary unit of human society, and an important agent in social progress. The Church depends upon the family, and exerts its power through it. Civil society is grounded upon the family, and rises or falls with it. By their effect upon family life we may measure the defects in the social order and the evil of social vices. That the family may be preserved and may fulfil its function in the world, the following items are essential:

1. The training of the young in sex hygiene, and the single standard of purity for both sexes.

2. The preservation of the home against overcrowding, unsanitary and immoral conditions—thus guaranteeing health and decency.

3. The provision for each child of an adequate physical, mental and moral training, to prepare it for life and citizenship.

4. The education of men and women for marriage and parenthood.

5. The adoption of uniform laws of the highest standard regulating marriage and divorce.

III. The State too, is a Divine institution, and has a vital function in the economy of life. It is therefore under obligation not alone to maintain justice, to safeguard human rights, and to conserve human well-being; but also to promote social welfare, to moralize human life, and thus to realize among men the righteousness of the kingdom. In the fulfillment of this mission the following are some of the aims that now claim attention:

1. The education of the youth in the principles of Christian morality and good citizenship.

2. The abolition of Child Labor, and the provision for all children of adequate playgrounds.

3. The extension and improvement of juvenile courts, and the reformatory system for all prisoners.

4. The proper care and treatment of the defective, the insane, the feeble minded.

5. Strict regulation of the hours and conditions of labor for women, to safeguard the physical and moral health of the nation.

6. The protection of workers from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases and mining disasters.

7. The duty of society to make suitable provision for the old age of workers, and for those injured in industry.

8. One day's rest in seven for all workers.

9. The principle of conciliation and arbitration in industrial disputes, and the creation of proper arbitration boards.

10. The adoption of such a system of taxation as shall destroy monopoly, equalize the burdens of society, and secure to every person the equity of adequate advantages in life.

11. The conservation and control of all the resources of the earth, in the interest of all the people.

12. Such action as will eliminate the social and moral wastes caused by alcohol, opium and other habit-forming drugs.

13. The suppression of prostitution.

14. The cleansing and prevention of city slums.

15. The abatement and prevention of poverty, sickness and crime.

In every community there should be union of all moral forces in behalf of civic and social redemption. Four things are vital to this end:

- a. The investigation of civic and community conditions.

- b. The agitation of civic and social wrongs and abuses.

- c. The union of all men of good will in behalf of all measures affecting the life of the people. An effort should be made to unite every agency that is working for human betterment in any one line, that thus the conscience of the people may be massed in support of all approved measures.

- d. The utilization of public buildings as social centers, and for the discussion of questions of citizenship and community welfare.

IV. For International Relations. The kingdom of God includes all people of the earth, and the life of the kingdom seeks to realize itself in international relations. It is necessary therefore that Christian principles be interpreted in terms of international life.

that thereby the moralization of the world may be ensured. In the application of Christian principles to international relations the following action is now requisite:

1. The recognition of the fact that nations are moral agents, having a moral responsibility, and should hence be guided in their political, national and international relations by the principles of Christian morality.

2. The submission of all questions of international dispute to an international court of arbitration and award, thus making possible

the disarmament of all the nations.

3. The acceptance by the nations of the principle that they who are strong should bear the infirmities of weaker peoples, thus rendering the impact of Christian nations upon non-Christian nations helpful and not destructive.

4. The concerted action of all Christian powers in the suppression of international trade in alcohol, opium, and unclean literature, and all other things that are socially and morally destructive.



ST. PETER'S ITALIAN CHRISTIAN KINDERGARTEN, PHILADELPHIA. MRS. CASSADAY IS STANDING IN THE REAR, TO THE LEFT. ON THE RIGHT, THE TWO TEACHERS (See pages 10 and 52.)

## Next Month's Festival

No event in all the history of the ages more clearly and plainly evidences the hand of God's over-ruling Providence than the great Reformation. In the time, place, persons, circumstances and relations, both religious and civil, there is a wonderful combination to secure for the epoch-making movement a firm base, a safe position, a healthy tendency, strict purity, powerful protection, general recognition, successful progress, and permanent results. There was everywhere a profound sense of the errors of the Church, and an eager longing after Reformation. The papal throne was occupied by a man as indifferent and indolent as

Leo X. Another man as foolhardy and shameless as John Tetzel vended indulgences. For the tender plant there was provided a protector as pious and conscientious, as faithful and honored, as Frederick the Wise. The Imperial sceptre was in the hands of Charles V, sufficiently hostile and powerful to kindle the purifying fires of affliction, but too much involved in political trouble to make a reckless, arbitrary and violent suppression of the movement either prudent or even possible. Besides these, there were a great many other persons, circumstances and complications, which all seemed to conspire, as by design, to strengthen and advance the cause.

Then, finally, just at the psychological mo-



LUTHER NAILING THE 95 THESIS ON THE CHURCH DOOR

ment, at the most propitious place, amid the most favorable circumstances, arose a genius like Luther, in whom was found the rarest combination of all the gifts and qualities of body, mind and spirit, of temperament, character and will, requisite for the tremendous task. Moreover, he was providentially trained for his high mission by the events of his life. Experiencing in his own soul, as he did, the essential principles of the Reformation, and making such convincing personal proof of its divine power, he felt irresistibly compelled to communicate to the world this most sacred and precious experience of his life. The great work began, in its public phase, with his nailing the ninety-five theses to the church door, on October 31, 1517.—JOHN HENRY KURTZ, D.D.

### First Step Toward Unity

*The Lutheran Standard*, which is the official organ of the Joint Synod of Ohio, asks the question:

"Could the Lutheran bodies of this country,

which seem to be approaching one another, before they reach the desired full unity, co-operate in some few things? Could they, for instance, carry on some of their literature enterprises in common?"

"A significant step taken lately is that the General Synod decided to sever its connection with the International Sunday School lesson people, and also to abandon the International lesson plan. It furthermore resolved to seek the co-operation of other Lutheran bodies in publishing Sunday School literature, teacher training helps, and a beginners' catechism."

If a manuscript originates with one of our publication boards, it ought to be natural for that manuscript to be submitted to all of the other boards for examination and let each arrange for an imprint edition. If the manuscript is not acceptable to some, they need not participate in the publication, but if we had this kind of co-operation, we could multiply the circulation of some of our most important publications by ten, and could reduce the cost of production, and the selling price proportionately.

We are glad we are living in a day like this—but there are stern duties ahead of us, the greatest and gravest responsibilities that have ever come to any generation of men. This is all the more reason why we should get together, all the more reason why we should rejoice in the hope of the greater unity—but this is no time for sentimental spring songs, or for the hallelujahs of surface enthusiasm. This is the time for a steady step forward, timed to martial music, and strengthened by a dauntless courage.—*Lutheran Church Visitor*.

## The United Norwegian Women's Federation

BY MRS. T. H. DAHL, MINNEAPOLIS, PRESIDENT

The Federation from which I bring you sororital greeting, is yet in its infancy. Organized in June, 1911, it is the first attempt to unite our Norwegian Church women into one organized body, working for the great cause of missions.

The six Norwegian Lutheran Synods in this country have a communicant membership of more than 300,000. Of this number my own Synod has 165,000, in over 1,500 congregations. In every one of these congregations there is one or more women's societies, thus aggregating considerably over 2,000 societies. I do not call them "Ladies' Aids," because all, or nearly all, are to some extent Missionary Societies as well. Quite a number work exclusively for missions, but the majority divide their activity and their income between local interests and

the missions of the Church at large.

Our Federation aims to bring all these Societies into one organization, to concentrate their efforts, to unify their labor, to bind them into closer companionship as "handmaidens of the King," to pray and to work for the extension of His kingdom. In order to do intelligent, effective service, people must be familiar with the needs, the conditions, the prospects and the success of an undertaking, and to this end our Federation has given the foremost place on its program to the dissemination of missionary literature. To educate our women along missionary lines, bring them face to face with the problems to be met, enlist their sympathies for their downtrodden, idol-ridden sisters, east and west, without peace, without hope or happiness, and for the helpless little children, un-



welcome and unblessed, this is our first and our chief concern. For this is not a vocation of a day, or for a favored few. Our prayers and our work reach into the future, including all the to-morrows that are to follow, after our little day is over. The missionary spirit must permeate our homes, until children and young people imbibe from their Christian mothers such love and devotion to the Lord's cause as will make them zealous in all good works.

There is to-day a general awakening among all people along missionary lines, and the need of concerted action is felt as never before. While the Macedonian cry rings across oceans and continents, our Lutheran women must not be laggards in the advancing army of the Lord of Hosts. Said the superintendent of Home Missions: "In most instances the inception of a new congregation is in a Women's Society. In the woods, in the mining towns, and in the cities, it is difficult to get hold of the men. The women are more approachable, and on the whole more religiously inclined. The future of their children is a matter of grave concern to most mothers. To have them instructed in the faith of the fathers, to have a Sunday School established, appeals strongly to their feelings and their reason. With a Women's Society and a Sunday School, it will not take long before a congregation is established. The men are generally the last to come. When the question arises of a house to worship in, the women will bend every energy to build a chapel, and will keep right on, laboring with faith and dauntless courage until the erection of a church crowns their efforts. Surely this deserves to be called Home Mission work."

Some twelve or fifteen years ago, our Synod's treasurer declared, that more than half the money contributed for our missions came from the women. "Not for a single year could the Church carry on its mission work without the aid of the Women's Societies," said he, "and if they should fail us, we might as well give up."

During the past year over 20,000 tracts were sent out for free distribution. The Executive Committee has also published a series of twelve lessons, *Monthly Topics*, for use in missionary meetings and women's societies. These have been favorably received and found a ready sale. Most of our literature is in the Norwegian language, because the demand for English is not yet general enough to warrant any large pub-

lication of mission literature, except tracts. The Norwegian Church is in the midst of that transition period which inevitably comes to every foreign-speaking people in this country, and we are fully aware of the great issues at stake.

The beginning of a campaign, for systematic giving to missions, dates back ten years, when a small circle of pastors' wives inaugurated the mission boxes, and asked each woman who received one to put in a nickel weekly. Five cents a week is a small sum, to be sure, but if every church member would only give that, if one of these silent little missionaries could be placed in every home, and its appeal heeded, our Mission Boards would at no time be hampered by lack of funds. Though adopted only in a few of our congregations, the mission boxes have in these ten years brought into the treasury over \$41,000.

A little out of the ordinary, perhaps, is the first special work undertaken by the Federation. It is to provide homes for our missionaries during their furlough. After seven years on the foreign field, they are entitled to a vacation of two years, which they usually spend with the home churches. The majority prefer Minneapolis as their headquarters, this being considered the Church centre of Norwegian Lutherans. Close by the Theological Seminary at St. Anthony Park, midway between the Twin cities, four cottages will be erected. Two are being built this summer and two more will be put up next spring. Each house will be furnished complete, and be in readiness for the travelers to take possession upon their arrival.

The great need of our mission fields to-day, both in China and Madagascar, is Medical Women Missionaries. At our last convention an urgent appeal was made for young women to enter this service, and we trust that among our College graduates some will heed the call and enter upon the study of medicine this fall. The prayers of our missionary women are for this special need.

Do we expect great things of the Lord? Then we must ask much, because our Saviour says, "WHATSOEVER ye ask in My Name, shall be given unto you." We await the fulfillment of His promise, praying that whatever we plan or do may redound to His glory, and hasten the day when the whole world shall hail Jesus Christ as Saviour, and crown Him Lord of all.

**OUR SIMULTANEOUS SUBSCRIPTION CANVASS IN THE  
WEEK BEFORE OR AFTER OUR REFORMATION FESTIVAL  
LET NONE OF OUR SOCIETIES PROVE DISLOYAL**

# Memorials and Life Memberships

BY MRS. L. K. SANDFORD, LANCASTER, CHAIRMAN



REV. J. L. SIBOLE  
BUFFALO, N. Y.  
1846-1913



CHARLES E. COSSMAN, D.D.  
NOVA SCOTIA  
1806-1897



MRS. REBECCA STETLER  
SYRACUSE, IND.  
1855-1911



MRS. LYDIA A. SWINGLE  
STOVERTOWN, OHIO  
1834-1873

From the face of the now sainted pastor, J. L. Sibole, even on the printed page, the magnanimous soul of the man looks out, which so peculiarly endeared him to everybody who came within the favored circle of his deeply spiritual presence. Not mere personal magnetism, but the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, explains the potent charm to be exerted. His memorial was sent by the Redeemer Society of Buffalo. From Portland, Oregon, Mr. Alexander H. Kerr contributes a loving memorial of his cherished wife Albertina, and from the opposite extreme of the continent, the Nova Scotia Society sends a memorial of Father Cossman, the venerable pioneer Lutheran missionary, who, notwithstanding his many hardships and privations, lived until his ninety-second year. Though he had already reached three score and ten when the English language began to prevail among his German people, he decided that for the sake of the future of the Church, he was not too old to learn to preach in English even then, and his strong conviction surmounted every obstacle.

Our honor roll of life-memberships has been enriched by the addition of twenty-two new names this quarter. In June we reported a member aged two months. This month we have the pleasure of adding a still younger member, Charles Hertzell Frantz, the second son of Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Frantz, Warren, Pa., who enrolled this baby at the age of six weeks as a co-member with his brother James, reported last quarter. Another young life-member is John Alexander Albertina Kerr, not quite two years of age. This membership was given by Alexander H. Kerr, Portland, Oregon, who himself also becomes a life-member. Lydia Marie Sommer, born October 23, 1912, another baby-member,

whose membership was presented by the parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Sommer, Neenah, Wis. Other young members are: Helene Gable (11 years), Melrose Park, and Dorothea Kostenbader (13 years), Catasauqua. Both these latter memberships were presented by their grandmother, Mrs. Matilda Kostenbader, Catasauqua, and Helen Elizabeth Gerlock was enrolled by her mother, Mrs. F. H. Gerlock, Scranton, who is the life-membership chairman of the Wilkes-Barre Conference Society.

Adult life-members are: Mrs. C. D. Werley, Topton, Pa., and Mrs. George J. Schuler, Reading, Pa. These two memberships, together with that of Mrs. Charles A. Homan, honored by the Reading Conference Society at the Spring Convention, give the Reading Conference Society the third place on the honor roll for the biennium. Rev. Prof. C. F. Kuder, our recently returned missionary from Rajahmundry, was honored by St. Peter's Society, Preston, Ont. Miss Emily K. Dietz was enrolled by her mother, Mrs. Geo. W. Dietz, Philadelphia. Two Societies became life-members; Trinity, Bangor, and Reformation, Rochester. The Executive Committee of Western New York honored its retiring president, Mrs. Edwin F. Keever, and Grace Society, Rochester, Pa., made a surprise gift of a life-membership to Pastor A. M. Mehrkam, as did St. Paul's Society of Catasauqua, to Mrs. J. F. Lambert. Mrs. Victor J. Bauer, Bethlehem, and Mrs. F. W. Koch, of Allentown, are also welcomed to the honor roll, as are three Youngstown, Ohio, missionary workers, Miss Margaret S. Hendricks, Mrs. Edwin Webb, and Mrs. C. H. Medicus. Mrs. J. H. Strenge's membership is a gift from St. Mark's Society, Lancaster, and Miss Zoe I. Hirt's was presented as a birthday gift by her Erie Society.

With this report, our first biennium ends. To all Societies and members who have given us their financial support, by subscribing to our Membership Fund, we return most grateful acknowledgement. May we not confidently hope that in the coming two years, we may meet with the same encouragement? If we all

thoroughly believe that the best way to foster missionary zeal among the women and children of our congregations, is by just such literature as we are now circulating, let us all be alive to the importance of this Membership Department, which furnishes the means.

## Children Enrolled as Our Life Members



JAMES HERTZEL FRANTZ, WARREN, PA.  
BORN FEBRUARY 2, 1911.  
PRESENTED BY HIS PARENTS,  
DR. AND MRS. C. J. FRANTZ



LYDIA MARIE SOMMER, NEENAH, WIS.  
BORN OCTOBER 23, 1912.  
PRESENTED BY HER PARENTS,  
REV. AND MRS. A. J. SOMMER



DOROTHEA KOSTENBADER, CATASAUQUA, PA., AGE, 13 YEARS  
HELENE GABLE, MELROSE PARK, PHILA., AGE, 11 YEARS  
PRESENTED BY THEIR GRANDMOTHER, MRS. MATILDA KOSTENBADER

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Dr. John Henry Harpster.....	India
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Mrs. Godfrey Hess.....	Williamsport, Pa.
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John Bridges Stopp.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
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Baby Florence Lucile Reiter.....	Leechburg, Pa.
Mrs. Wilson M. Rehrig.....	Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Mrs. Meta J. Kalbitzer.....	Wheeling, W. Va.
Mrs. Walter S. Wells.....	Reading, Pa.
Miss Louise Barron.....	Reading, Pa.
Mrs. Francis F. Seidel.....	Reading, Pa.
Rev. Charles E. Read.....	Knox, Pa.
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Charles Hertzler Frantz.....	Warren, Pa.
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Mrs. C. H. Medicus.....	Youngstown, O.
Helen Elizabeth Gerlock.....	Scranton, Pa.
Mrs. John H. Streuge.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Miss Zoe I. Hirt.....	Erie, Pa.
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# The Sanctuary of Missions

## OCTOBER: HOME MISSIONS

**Leader.**—The Lord is high above all nations.  
All nations shall serve him.

**Response.**—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

**L.**—But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people. He hath not dwelt so with any nation.

**R.**—And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

**L.**—This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

**R.**—Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

**L.**—Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.  
Love ye, therefore, the stranger (alien).

**R.**—The stranger that dwelleth with you shall be as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself.

**L.**—And I will be a swift witness . . . . against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his sight, and fear not me, saith the Lord of Hosts.

**R.**—Jesus said, I was a stranger and ye took me in. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

## PRAYER

*O Thou Keeper of Israel, Who dost neither slumber nor sleep, guide with Thine eye Thy Church in right paths. Bless and strengthen every agency, and every individual who prays and works for "God and home and native land." Use Thy missionary handmaidens mightily among the millions Thou art sending to our doors. Hear Thou in Heaven, Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, forgive, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

## NOVEMBER: INNER MISSIONS

**Leader.**—When Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And, behold, there came to Him a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightway his leprosy was cleansed.

**Response.**—And when He was entered into Capernaum, there came unto Him a centurion, beseeching Him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth in the house sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And He saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

**L.**—And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick of a fever. And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and ministered unto Him.

**R.**—When the even was come, they brought unto Him many possessed with demons; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah, the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.

**In Unison.**—The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

## PRAYER

*Lord, bless the deaconess in her labor of love. Thou whose patient feet grew weary in Galilee's highways, bless her as she goes on Thine errands still, and whatever her work may be—ministering to the poor, caring for the sick, comforting the sorrowing, seeking the wandering, saving sinners, do Thou work through her. May she never for a moment forget that the work is Thine, to Whom belongs the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**DOES YOUR SOCIETY RANK IN THE FRONT LINE COLUMN?  
ARE YOU STRIVING TO ATTAIN THE FULL STANDARD OF  
EFFICIENCY?**



# The Church Extension Secretary's Hopes

BY REV. CHARLES L. FRY, D.D., THE NEW INCUMBENT

Having been called by the Executive Board of the Church Extension Society of the General Council, to the superintendency of its work, which has now been made a department by itself, no longer in organic connection with the Home Mission department, as heretofore, this brief fore-word is simply to express my confident assurance of the willing and enthusiastic co-operation of the Women's Missionary Societies, in the tremendous task that stretches far and wide before us in Church Extension.

The new headquarters of this forward movement, which will be opened on October 1st in the Drexel Building, Philadelphia, will also mark an important advance step for the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, since it will then, for the first time have a "local habitation," in the same office. The Literature Business Manager, Miss Ida H. Zinser, will most likely devote her whole time to the work of the Society, and in connection with her secretarial desk in my office, there will be a permanent exhibit of the newest and best literature (books, librettos, pictures, pamphlets, leaflets, curios, etc), as soon as issued by any missionary press in America. This perpetual exhibit, will of course be freely open, during the office hours of every day, not only to all the women of the Societies as they may visit Philadelphia, but also to all pastors and laymen, who desire to keep in touch with the latest output of missionary apparatus. Never once can anybody come into the Church Extension office, which will be the Women's Missionary headquarters too, without getting some new practical suggestions for his or her own home-work, and without being convinced that it is to the mutual advantage of both Societies to have the office in common, since each can be of so much help to the other.

It will be a mighty satisfaction and relief to me personally, while I am out on my constant rounds through the congregations and conferences and Synods, to know that callers at the office in the Drexel Building are being met by Miss Zinser, with that careful and courteous attention which characterizes all her business methods, and to which the Church as a whole is much indebted for the recent expansion of its literature propaganda. On the other hand, it will prove a big asset to the women's work to have a central home, where callers are always welcome, where the literature table is always bountifully spread, where the walls are hung with portraits, ornamental

scrolls, charts, maps, etc., where the atmosphere is full of genial good-cheer.

As to the Church Extension Society itself, by every law, both of heredity and environment, this organization ought to have had a vigorous life from the very beginning of its existence. Born in 1871, in the Mayor's office in Philadelphia (for the Mayor at that time, Hon. D. M. Fox, was a prominent Lutheran, and chairman of the committee on organization), it could boast of decidedly aristocratic origin, and every condition was in its favor. The venerable Dr. Seiss was its president, and all the members of the Board of Directors had the implicit confidence of the Churches without exception. Yet in spite of all advantages, the movement proved so flat a failure that at the end of TWENTY YEARS, its entire capital fund amounted to a paltry \$2,000! If anybody wants convincing evidence that no Christian enterprise, however salutary and invaluable, can run itself by its own momentum, not even with the aid of printed circulars and articles in the Church papers, here is positive proof.

Then what happened? The Board decided that the only way to prosecute vigorously this urgent cause was to call a man, to devote at least part of his time, in connection with Home Missions, to the furtherance of Church Extension, and Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., was elected Superintendent. With all the ardor of his zealous nature, he threw himself into the self-consuming two-fold effort, and so strenuous did his life become that it burnt itself out, in a most lamentably brief span, just on the threshold of a career of widest usefulness.

His worthy successor, Dr. J. E. Whitteker, though physically robust and stalwart, likewise found the double strain more than human flesh and blood could endure, and after three years resumed the sphere of the pastorate. Dr. Kunzmann, with a constitution of wrought iron, which can laugh at fatigue and discouragement such as would utterly exhaust both nerve and heart in a body of less inflexible fibre, has been able, with the aid of two Church Extension assistants, to accomplish the heroic achievement of increasing the capital fund to \$200,000. But he profoundly realizes that even this must be trebled and quadrupled, if it is to measure up to anything like an adequate loan-fund, commensurate with our boundless opportunities, or commensurate with the same fund in other denominations, which are gathering in our anglicized Lutheran young people by the thousands.

# Every-Member Canvass in the Reformed Church

BY REV. WM. E. LAMPE, PH.D., CHAIRMAN

With a view to having the canvass made universal throughout the Reformed Church in the United States, it was urged that every congregation appoint a Missionary Committee to lead the entire congregation to adopt systematic plans for missionary education, prayer and giving. One Classis after another, all the District Synods, and the General Synod itself, officially endorsed the plan, but the difficulty was to make it operative on a large scale.

In September, 1912, a group of pastors, lay-workers and officials of all of the Boards of the Church met by mutual agreement in Philadelphia, and at the close of an all-day session resolved that to commemorate the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the Heidelberg Catechism, and the special anniversaries of a number of the Church Boards, there should be a Campaign culminating, in the month of April, 1913, in a simultaneous every-member canvass for benevolence in every congregation of the Reformed Church. It was agreed that this financial effort be accompanied by an earnest effort, on the part of all the pastors, officers and members, to deepen the spiritual life of the Church, and bring the largest possible number of souls into the Kingdom.

In order to prepare for the every-member canvass in April, much literature was needed, and it was necessary to hold a number of training conferences. Campaign committees were formed in almost all of the Classes, and in many instances they have been very efficient. 325,000 pieces of printed matter, in English and German, were sent, upon request, to congregations for distribution among the members. We have reason to believe that this literature reached more than half of all our members. One of the most effective features of the publicity work was a large poster, to be placed in each church vestibule or Sunday School room. On the poster was a blank space in which to place bulletins sent out every week or two, announcing the progress of the Campaign, and the next work to be done. Forty-four Classis conferences were held, under the leadership of members of the Committee on Training, in all of the eight Synods.

The Campaign met with general favor, as was shown not only by the requests for literature and the attendance at the conferences, but also by the appointment of congregational missionary committees, and the thorough training of canvassers, to go out two by two to visit each member, and ask for a pledge for a weekly offering for benevolences. Nearly five hundred

congregational missionary committees have been reported, and these have about two thousand members. In many congregations there were "missionary discussion groups" for men. When the time came for beginning the canvass, special sermons on our missionary and benevolent work, and on stewardship, were preached by the pastors, and in many instances the canvassers were publicly set apart by prayer, and thus officially sent out on their work of visitation. Definite reports have been received of canvasses in more than three hundred congregations. This will result not only in very great increase of receipts in all the missionary treasuries during the coming year, but in greater activity along many lines on the part of the lay members of the congregations. It is also resulting in the inauguration and permanent installation of a definite financial system, in harmony with Scriptural teaching. This will make possible a larger and more successful missionary and benevolent work, and will put the finances of the local congregation upon a stable foundation.

One of the immediate results has been a uniting of all the forces, sections and agencies of the Church, to carry out the plans of the Campaign and to promote all the denominational work. Arrangements have already been made for a United Missionary Campaign, during the coming year, under the auspices of the Home Missions Council of the United States, and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, to culminate in a Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass of all denominations, in the month of March, 1914. Our own Home and Foreign Mission Boards have already officially endorsed this United Missionary Campaign, and every one of our congregations should participate in it next year. We shall have fully as comprehensive and a more thorough Campaign next year. Plans are now being made and committees will soon be at work.

## The United Missionary Campaign

REV. L. B. WOLF, D.D.

What is the United Missionary Campaign? The various Boards, Home and Foreign, were called to gether in New York on the 8th of July to confer with one another. The aim before the conference was to get all the missionary forces to work harmoniously to a great end and to secure for Missions their right place in the life of the Church.

Plans were discussed and suggestions were

made; and the utilization of the forces of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in developing more deeply the spirit of Missions and the endeavor to assist in making its plans and aims, those of the local Church, were seriously considered. The holding of 1,200 meetings in various parts of the country must be seized upon by the denominations and utilized to arouse most profoundly their constituency and the whole Church, to undertake in a more adequate manner the missionary programme of the Church, at home and abroad.

The various Boards, Home and Foreign, have been asked to correlate their working forces and engage, if necessary, additional workers to lead in this campaign to enlist the whole Church and every member of it, in a larger and more determined effort to evangelize the world and establish the Church.

There are no new plans to be tried, only those which past experience has shown both wise and helpful.

The most striking suggestion made is to have all the denominations, and their own Boards unite in an effort to bring about a simultaneous, every-member canvass for Missions, some time in March, 1914.

Already in our own Church, at York, in

November, 1912, such a scheme was outlined and voted upon by the representatives of the Boards. Now we are to have the picture before us of the whole Protestant Church at work with the same end in view, and towards the same objective—to enlist every member of the Church in Missions and to ask each one to agree to make an annual offering for the evangelization of the world and the establishment of the Church.

The plan of the every-member canvass is not new. It has been tried and found very helpful. This plan is entirely independent of the Duplex system of contributing or collecting what has been promised. Some Churches have tried the Duplex system of collecting money but have failed to carry out the preliminary plan of making the "every-member canvass." The two must go together in right order.

Now it is proposed to make a united, national and interdenominational effort to introduce these up-to-date methods to finance the work of the Church and Missions.

How shall our Boards stand related to this United Missionary Campaign? What shall be our answer to this new challenge to progress, and to the undertaking of larger things at home and abroad?

## Doctor Lydia Woerner's Message

Since my last furlough, you have made great strides forward, and the Federation is a wonderful factor to bring you in closer touch with each other, and give unity to your efforts. The field is enormous indeed that is open for you in every direction. Naturally my own heart is chiefly solicitous about the woman's work in India. This, too, is your work, and worthy of your best endeavors. Its development on a larger scale depends upon you, here in America.

Until now the woman's work has been located almost exclusively in Rajahmundry. And why? Because the workers were too few and other facilities were missing. The first and greatest need that the Federation can supply is well-equipped women workers. Let each one make it a personal matter. If you can not go, do not rest until you help to send a substitute. Oh, if you could go through our Mission districts and see the teeming hundreds and hundreds of women in the villages, who could be reached by women missionaries and their helpers, see many beautiful caste girls who could be gathered into mission schools, and there learn of a personal Saviour, you would realize how great are our opportunities and responsibilities right now.

The district missionaries are doing all they can in this line, but they are men (few enough, God knows, even at that), and this is a particular work for women which can only be done by women. I learned this from the many secluded caste women who came from the villages and were patients in our hospital.

To follow up this important branch of work, we absolutely need suitable quarters for a Bible Women's Training School. Have you ever thought earnestly about your zenana work? What is its object? Your reply, "To make converts." But what are you going to do with these caste converts, who, by their Christian baptism, usually become outcasts to their family and friends? We have no home for this class of women. One of them I sent to Pandita Ramabai's home. Some others I urged to go to a Converts' Home in another mission, but failed every time. These women have never been away from their villages, and cannot be persuaded to go away and spend their entire future lives where they are total strangers. In many respects they are like little children, and need much loving care to develop them into good and useful Christian women. Dear friends, is it not time for our Federation to have its own Converts' Home?

So far as the Hospital is concerned, it stands high in the official recognition of the English Government, and supplies a long-felt need. For the past eight years a Municipal Hospital, in Rajahmundry, under an efficient civil surgeon and his subordinates has been giving adequate medical service to the men. Meanwhile, it has been our institution alone which has ministered to the needs of sick women and children. And until caste, with its binding customs, shall be no more, the care of suffering women will be distinctively woman's work.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: To Dr. Woerner has been given the Kaiser-i-Hind silver medal, as a recognition of her services as a medical missionary in India. These medals are given as special New Year's honors by the king-emperor, and the names of those thus distinguished are printed in all Indian papers directly after their announcement in England. We most heartily congratulate Dr. Lydia Woerner on having received this high honor from the government.]

Your medical department also desires to be in the progressive movement, and we, therefore, do not hesitate to come to you and make our needs known. You have always been kind and generous to supply our wants.

Unfortunately, we must still retain the Dispensary for women in Rajahmundry in the same small, low, dilapidated building where

our medical work was first started. It is beyond the province of whitewash and repairs to make any improvement in a shanty such as that, and we always feel humiliated when strangers call. The last time the Surgeon General of the Madras Presidency called on his inspection trip, after expressing his unqualified approval of the work that was being done, he looked around the old shack with a quizzical air, and pointing to a hole in the roof, declared the place unfit for a white person to work in. I did not inform him that in the rainy season we get soaked from the leaky roof, and the floor is flooded by the overflowing muddy gutters. It takes several days of hard work at such times to make so damp a room fit for patients to attend a clinic in. And happy the doctor and helpers if they get off with merely a bad cold! Frequently, one or the other is ill for weeks, after such a siege.

Yes, your medical work is in sore need of a new dispensary, on some site near the present location, which is easily accessible to all. And thus continue to let its light shine as a worthy accession to the noble Jesu Hospital (as the people love to call it), which cares, as He did, for both body and soul.

## 15 Minute Sunday School Programs

BY MRS. T. W. KRETSCHMANN, PHILADELPHIA

### OCTOBER: HOME MISSIONS

Topic: How Muhlenberg gave Churches to Lutherans in America. And Lutherans who Need Churches in America Today. Unveil the fine new portrait of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, just published by our Federation at the absurdly low price of 75 cents per copy, postpaid. This will be a permanent ornament to your Sunday School room, and a constant, silent incentive.

Scripture: "Our commission to 'Plant the Church.'" Mark xvi: 15-20, read in concert by boys' classes.

Distribute the excellent leaflet prepared by Mrs. Laura Scherer, Copenhagen, for this special occasion. It fits in finely into the Reformation season, with its annual Home Mission appeal. Price of leaflet, only 40c. per 100.

Hymn 186, "My Church, My Church."

- I. Muhlenberg the Patriarch of Lutheranism in America. Leaflets distributed to school, and some selected sentences from it read in unison with superintendent. He calls attention to the picture of Muhlenberg, and explains that it is the first of a "Hero Series" to be hung on the walls. Watch it grow.

- II. Some People in America Today who Need the Church. See articles in "Mission Worker," "Our Opportunity Land," "New York City as a Field," "The Coming Expansion on the Pacific Coast," etc.

Paragraphs read by classes under direction of Pastor.

National Hymn 256.

Topic: Helping Others Along the Way. Scripture, "A Little Girl who Cared for Her Baby Brother." Ex. 11:2-10.

Hymn 253, "We Give Thee but Thine Own."

### NOVEMBER: INNER MISSIONS

- I. "Five Pictures of Inner Mission Work." New leaflet, 40 cents per hundred
  - II. What We can do for Lutheran Institutions of Mercy Nearest Our Own Door. Five minute talk by Pastor.
  - III. Inner Mission Leaflet (10 cents per dozen). Five classes rise and read one selected fact each.
- Hymn 18, "Love Divine All Love Excelling."
- Why can not your Women's Society invest forty cents in a hundred leaflets, for distribution in your Sunday School?

## River-Crest Dedicated to Inner Mission

BY MRS. ANNETTE S. WOLL, PHILADELPHIA



THE RENOVATED MANSION

This is the country-branch of the Kensington Dispensary, intended for the cure of children in the early stages of tuberculosis. It is located near Phoenixville, Pa., and by the friends assembled for its dedication last June, from Philadelphia, Norristown, Phoenixville, Royersford, Trappe, etc., it was unanimously voted an ideal spot for the noble purpose. A shaded driveway leads to the roomy house, which has been completely renovated and beautified. Here the weak and wan little waifs of the city's crowded tenements will find that there is something else in this great wide world besides dark, crowded alleys and courts. The glen is a lovely touch of primeval nature, and the crest commands a charming panorama of river and meadows.

After an opening prayer by Rev. W. O. Fegley, president of the Norristown Conference, and the dedication liturgy read by Rev. C. J.

Gable, the significance of this unique Inner Mission enterprise, the first of its kind in American Lutheranism, was set forth by Dr. Charles L. Fry, the first president of the Kensington Dispensary's advisory board, and by Pastor Aug. Fischer, who gave the first dollar to the work, and assisted Sister Maria Roeck to launch the movement. Revs. E. F. Bachmann, N. E. Miller, J. C. Seegers, G. A. Kercher, A. B. MacIntosh, J. F. Kramlich, H. E. Meyer, and others, honored the occasion with their presence and encouraging words. Each speaker made special mention of the 37,000 treatments given without charge to 2,500 sufferers in Kensington, and the free distribution of 120,000 quarts of pasteurized milk.



SEEN FROM THE MEADOWS

## Different Views of Immigration

Immigration is a problem that has perplexed statesmen, ministers, and students of political economy for more than fifty years. Mr. Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, has insisted that we have been inconsistent in that we have sought to protect our *industries* from the foreign trader, while we have permitted unlimited competition in our *labor* markets.

President Elliott, of Harvard University, has said that self-protection is not the highest motive that should appeal to our American institutions, and that if we have that which Southern Euro-

peans have not, we are obliged to share that thing with them.

On the other hand, Andrew Carnegie insists that there is no immigration problem; that the percentage of newcomers is not greater than fifty years ago; that our country is a nation of alien-born people, and always has been; that our present condition is the natural outgrowth of the past, and is in no sense a menace.

It matters not which of these views we accept, we are bound to agree with President Roosevelt in his statement to the Hungarians at New





CAN ITALIAN WAIFS MAKE GOOD AMERICANS?  
(Courtesy of Mrs. Cassaday.)

York City when he said: "Immigration is not a matter of birthplace, of ancestry, of education, but it is a matter of the spirit that is in a man's soul."

How are we going to give these strangers that come to our land the spirit of true Americanism? The best lovers of our race believe that this American Republic is to be the field for the development of the highest civilization the world has ever known. Can this be possible if these people are allowed to come to us in uncounted multitudes, bringing with them their ignorance of the Bible, their false conception of Christianity and true liberty, and their low moral standards? Will not their presence in time change the entire face of our civilization, civil, social, and religious? This will be the undoubted result unless they can be assimilated, and given truer conceptions of life and government. Only a positive evangelical Christianity can do anything for them.

The great multitudes have as yet been scarcely touched by the Protestant Churches. For instance, in Chicago there are 300,000 Poles, and yet there are only two Polish Protestant missions. There are nearly 100,000 Italians, with only four struggling missions to overcome the tides of materialism and skepticism, and give them God's message of life and salvation. Under the influence of new and changed conditions, thousands of these people are becoming indifferent to the claims of the Church of their native land. The majority of the Italians have left the Catholic Church and cherish the most positive hatred for the priests. There is a large element among the Bohemians who have drifted into the most violent forms of infidelity, and are teaching their children that there is no God and, in fact, to discredit everything Christian. There are hundreds of German

and Slavic societies that have their unbelief incorporated in their very constitutions.

The forces of evil are working day and night for the degradation of these strangers, who have come to this land believing it to be a haven of new life and prosperity. The worst types of Americans are taking advantage of their ignorance to defraud and debase them. Is it any wonder that they think every man's hand is against them, and that, if this is a Christian land, they want none of its Christianity!

## Our Strong and Weak Points

BY MRS. EMMY C. EVALD, CHICAGO

Strong Points are these:

- (a) Our organization and federation.
- (b) Woman's definite share in "World Evangelization."
- (c) Our unparalleled Lutheran opportunity in this country and abroad.
- (d) Our growing Mission Study Classes.
- (e) Our excellent Missionary Magazines and literature.
- (f) We are at last convinced of the indispensable need of personal work.
- (g) Our average attendance is better.
- (h) Our membership crusade is being undertaken in real earnest.
- (i) We have more women workers and women givers than ever.

Weak Points are these:

- (a) The meagre enrollment of Lutheran women in missionary work.
- (b) Haphazard methods which bring no results, no just and fair division of labor, no accurate reports.
- (c) Our lack of definite purpose, of requisite self-confidence, of glowing interest, of reliable leaders, of business principles.

The three absolute essentials of efficient mission work, are these: 1. Consecrated service. 2. Spiritual power. 3. The glory of God, our one sole constant aim.

## From A German Professor

REV. WM. LUDWIG, WAGNER COLLEGE, ROCHESTER

"In the organization of the Women's Society of the General Council, an ideal was realized which I have been cherishing for many years. I rejoice in the blessed work it has accomplished in the short period of its existence, and I am sure that in the future it will prove to be one of the most important factors in the work of our Church. I am anxious to have my own congregational Society join."

# Why Join a Missionary Society? 7 Reasons

BY MRS. K. B. SHAFER, PH.D., IN LUTHERAN CHURCH WORK.



"A Great cause, lacking helpers, was weak because unheard;  
I might have been its champion, but did not say a word."

1. The Woman's Missionary Society is acknowledged to be one of the forces of the Church for the bringing in of the kingdom of heaven. It is an organization of splendid leadership, a loyal constituency, and with the manifest blessing of the Divine Spirit, evidenced by its growth and the ever-increasing demands made upon it. I should join this Society because it is a God-given privilege that comes to me.

2. By becoming a member of this organization I become part of a world force. Single-handed and alone I cannot do much to extend the Lord's cause, but as a member of a great army, I become individually responsible for a certain part of the conquest for which the army was organized, and the victory or defeat of the army depends upon my loyalty to my post of duty. No one can substitute for me in this army, and no one can claim my royal bounty.

3. Then, by joining a successful and well-equipped Society, I embrace a God-given opportunity to do effective work at once. The way has been prepared for me, through long years of experience and efficient leadership, and I come to my heritage with everything in readiness for aggressive service. The keyword of God's revelation to man is "Better," and His test of all movements is the same. The organization that is not looking for better things is not His organization. With Him to bivouac is to die. It is from the new recruits the Society looks for new ideas, fresh courage, enlarged vision and power. It is to this enlarged field, this better service, that I am called.

4. We are living in an age of specialization, when nothing worth while is accomplished without incessant activity, and knowing how to do the right thing at the right moment. "This world means something to the capable," said the great German poet. God has given us capabilities, capacities, talents. The Missionary Society, through

its course of United Study and its abundance of literature, will not only help me to develop the talents He has given me, to a standard of perfection, but it will help me to solve in a practical way the problem of making my life tell for the most possible.

5. The Missionary Society brings us into affiliation in prayer and service with the rarest spirits of the Church, and it opens fields ripe unto the harvest which can only be cultivated and gathered in by women. I will join that I may help to give to others the one thing that satisfies my own soul.

6. The Missionary Society, in its reflex influence, has given the women of the Church something to think of worth the thinking, to talk of worth the talking, to do worth the doing. It has stimulated courage and enthusiasm, and brought out the best in them. I will join the Society that I may be a full-orbed Christian woman, ready and equipped for service.

7. Two-thirds of all the people who live scarcely know the name of Christ. The doors of every country have been unlocked by an unseen Hand. The chief difficulty in the world's evangelization is not with non-Christian peoples, but with a reluctant, indifferent Christian Church, and a hesitating discipleship. I will join the Missionary Society, because it is one way in which I can give the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour to a lost world; because the Society needs my assistance and my prayers; because the Lord needs me, and I need the work; because it is my duty and blessed privilege.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Sometime in October, the address of the MISSION WORKER and the Literature Headquarters will be changed to the Drexel Building, Philadelphia, though the number of the room has not yet been decided. Neither has the editor's residence in Philadelphia been determined. For the present, therefore, address Catasauqua, Pa.

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## WHAT WILL BE YOUR GAIN?

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# Women as Helpers in Church Work

BY REV. J. P. KRECHTING, D.D.

The statement of this theme implies that, in the New Testament conception, men are the natural leaders in Church work, and that women are to be helpers. Whether all men want them to be helpers or not, the fact remains, they will help. They have already accomplished much, and their work will grow a hundredfold, when men once awake to realize how much more and better work can be done by a combination of two forces, the strong and the gentle, the head and the heart. From the very beginning, Divine compassion felt that it was not good for man to be alone, and declared, "I will make him an helpmeet for him." And ever since, no home, no society, no church-organization has been complete, where woman, man's suitable helper, has been lacking.

Every added year, as the human race grows broader and deeper, it will approach to a more evenly adjusted social balance, where the two sexes working together in union, divinely blessed, offer variety yet unity,—a God ordained "mutuality." Step by step and year by year, the gentler sex is advancing to the goal of her fullest development, and high destiny, as man's fellow-worker. As the true rights of the two sexes are settled, there will be no hindrance or obstacle in the way of her unfolding the peculiar character of her personal faculties, intellectual, moral and spiritual, as an independent power, in the practical work of the church. And that independent power will not create division, or difference of plans or interests; but inconceivably greater will be the gain for the kingdom of righteousness, as the result of the balance and harmony of masculinity and femininity, each developing that which is highest and best in each other.

Woman's quicker insight into things, and her warmer affections, will act as a mighty spur and inspiration on the slower, perhaps stronger, intellect of man, mutually helping to solve all the practical problems of humanity. They will help each other most, when in closest intimacy, they yet remain most different and distinct; she constantly growing more womanly, he constantly growing more manly.

"Man when he is truly manly, carries his strength in his head. Woman, when she is truly womanly, carries her special strength in her heart. Neither monopolizes the special department; but by eminence, he is reason, she is love. Woman, however powerfully she may think, and in some instances she will think more powerfully than man, is the representa-

tive of affection. Man, however ardently and constantly he may love,—and in some instances he will love more ardently and more constantly than woman,—is the representative of thought. If any of us think this discrimination gives any advantage to man, it is not only because we are not yet Christian enough to acknowledge that the spirit is grander than the intellect, holiness wiser than logic, the human heart deeper and nobler than the head."

Wonderfully the truth of Scripture is being verified in the history of the church of Christ, that "There are diversities of gifts, but one Spirit." In the practical work of the Church, therefore, "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

It is strange, with the splendid results of woman's beneficent work before them, that every Church in the land has not yet an active woman's missionary society. If the fault could be traced, would we not find that in most cases this lack is due to an unreasonable prejudice of the pastors?

For wisely it has been hinted, "It is by the law of social diversity, reciprocity and balance, that the greatest results are worked out," the greatest good is accomplished. And nowhere is this so true as in the practical work of the Church.

Here, woman finds her most congenial and useful field for the exercise of her consecrated gifts. Oh, how wisely and usefully she has employed them during the last quarter of a century! With man, she has entered the wildest and most savage lands; faced deathly climates, all manner of unimagined horrors and perils by lands and sea. Hardships and dangers have not dampened her zeal and devotion in the pathway of duty. Love to Christ and love to man, having become the master passion of her redeemed heart, she has laid every gift and talent at the Saviour's feet. As physicians and Zenana workers, women have gained access into homes, walled by the custom of centuries. And the same heroism and spirit of self-sacrifice distinguish many of the lives of our women—home missionaries—wives of clergymen who serve the master at starvation salaries. How many of them plan and toil to keep the wolf from the door—to nourish the children, and to keep the dominion looking respectable! Why the long-continued hardships and sacrifices they endure, shame the swift death of the martyrs who died at the stake. Woman helpers are the joy and

inspiration of many a pastor's heart. The Church would not endure, without them, and the practical help which they render. Did you ever think of this, that even God, I say it reverently, could not redeem the world without woman's instrumentality? The God-man was born of a woman, to save the world. Who therefore would set a limit to her sanctified activity? How the Lord has blessed their efforts, and glorified their work, since the start of the first missionary society, fifty years ago! Pray for the mothers and sisters, the trainers of youth, the deaconesses, all helpers in the practical work of the Church! And let him be ashamed who does not bid them God-speed in the work, upon which God has so manifestly set His seal.

(Culled from a *Lutheran Conference Address*.)

### What About the Other Two?

Do you know that for every communicant member in the Lutheran Church in America there are two persons baptized as Lutherans, who have not yet been gathered into any congregation? There are at present 2,307,887 communicant members in the Lutheran Church in America; if all were gathered in who ought to be in, it would give us a membership of nearly 6,000,000 communicants. That is, instead of being the third among the Protestant denominations of this country, we would be first. And why should not all these Lutherans be in our Churches? There is no reason in the world why they should not, but every reason why they should. There is no other church body in America of which it can be said that so large a proportion of its people are without the Church. The rapid immigration of Lutheran colonists from Europe partly accounts for this situation. The Lutherans came here faster than they could be supplied with pastors. The Church Extension Fund was small, and the means within the Church too little to cope with the situation. But things are changing now. The immigration is going on more slowly, and the means of the members are increasing. It is becoming possible to reach most of the second generation with the English language; thus proportionately fewer pastors can reach a larger number of people. Are we anxious about the other two who are outside for each of us who is inside? Are we praying and giving to the Home Mission and Church Extension Funds? Our actions will speak louder than words.—REV. IRA O. NOTHSTEIN.

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"Home Missions are affected by Foreign Missions, not as by exhaustion, but as by fermentation."—THOMAS CHALMERS.

### Why Propagate Our Christianity?

"Take the subject, change names, and see what every live business man says about it. Talk about missionaries? Why, every wholesale drug house, or dry goods establishment, has its missionaries. Every "drummer" or traveling man is a missionary. Every railroad passenger agent or ticket seller is a missionary. Every great business is conducted on missionary principles. It is only when the church becomes missionary that objection is made. If it is legitimate to extend trade, it is legitimate to extend religion; and I hope to see the day when the church will be as aggressive as business.

"On the same principle one may justify foreign as well as home missions. Why send our religion to foreign lands? I ask: "Why impose our civilization upon foreign lands, upon the heathen?" You say, "If a man wants to believe in a dozen gods, let him." Well; if a man wants to go on plowing with a crooked stick, let him. What business is it of yours or mine? If he is happy with a handful of rice, why teach him to eat meat? Why found schools for people who are happy in ignorance? If a man is satisfied with the belief that the earth is flat, why roll the round ball of a later astronomy through his dreams to shatter them? Why build a railroad in China? The teeming millions there do not care anything about it. The first railroad, even in England, was torn up by the populace. If that had happened to a mission in some heathen land, you would have said, "This is what comes of trying to force your religious ideas upon these people. Take warning, be sensible, give it up." Civilization not only meets needs, it creates them. We push out, we extend our influence and our ideas, our manufactures and our commerce, because we cannot help it if we are alive and awake. The instinct of expansion is in us all. When God made man, he set the springs of progress in his blood and turned his face to the future. Let us have the same spirit in religion!

"The same question may be asked in this Advent Season in regard to Christ. Nobody wanted Him to come. No one wanted Him after He came. The Jews were satisfied with their religion. They only wanted to be let alone. They did not want Christ and they would not have Him. They got rid of Him as soon as they could. But He had a message and a mission for the world. We rejoice to-day that He came and gave it, and that the centuries have brought it down to us. It is that message, as we understand it, that we are trying to give to mankind."

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