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The Holy Week and Easter Theme



Church Extension Review and Preview

CHARLES L. FRY, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

At the beginning of this historical year, 1917, which is to be made memorable in many ways, the Church Extension Society was happy to learn that its accumulated capital had passed the \$300,000 mark. Every dollar is a loan-fund, for perpetual use, without interest, to help build mission churches in the English-speaking Synods of the General Council. And by constitutional provision of the Society itself, not one cent has been loaned, or can be loaned, elsewhere than to congregations of the General Council. It is therefore happy in the confident hope that before the close of Quadri-Centennial Festival its assets may be increased to \$400,000, which would mean a thank-offering averaging \$1,000 for each of the 400 years of our Church's history as the Mother of Protestantism.

Our Share of the Jubilee Fund

The most favorable indication of this "consummation so devoutly to be wished" is the fact that the General Council's Committee on the Jubilee Fund, representing all the Boards at work within the Council, by unanimous and enthusiastic vote has recently recommended that 20 per cent. of the total Quadri-Centennial Fund shall be devoted to the treasury of the Church Extension Society. If the large projects of this Jubilee Committee shall be fulfilled, our loan fund will thus receive a much-needed increase of \$80,000 in this year 1917. And in that event the remaining \$20,000, to make up the \$100,000, our Society will positively pledge itself to secure. The effort known as the ONE DAY'S INCOME plan, which was inaugurated last year, to be a perpetual policy for each Ash Wednesday, or some day during the Lenten Season, will greatly help to this end in the Quadri-Centennial year. All our members, too, will gladly strain a point this year, for the same object, to pay up their membership dues in full. The hearty response to the proposition from all sections of the various Synods proves the warm interest which our people, both in the East and in the West, are taking in the project. It proves also

their fullest confidence in the management of the Extension Fund as a vitally important factor in the development of the General Council's field in North America. Whilst the relationship of this Society, because of the historic circumstances of its origin in 1871, has necessarily differed from that of the other Boards, which were created by the General Council for various objects from time to time, yet this relationship of the Church Extension Society to the General Council has always been similarly intimate and harmonious.

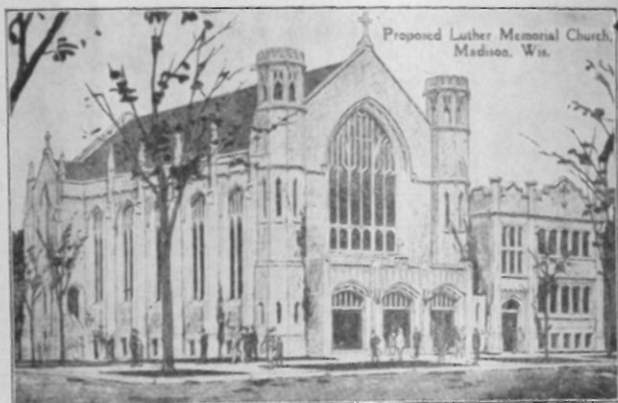
Almost Half a Century Old

As everybody knows full well, it was not the Church Extension Society's own option to be organized otherwise than by the General Council officially, because the Society would be most happy and proud to have been organized by the General Council, if such were the fact. The reason it had to be organized so long ago, that the General Council itself was then almost in its infancy, hardly more than four years old, hence, was not yet ready to launch a movement of that kind, is because the Society's existence was demanded at that early date, by the pressing exigency of the project to make possible the building of the Church of the Holy Communion in Philadelphia, by buying the desirable lot at Broad and Arch Streets.

But, whilst it was thus required, by an emergency case, to be organized by a voluntary association of individual Lutherans, on their own initiative, yet from the first moment of its existence until now, the General Council has always regarded it with full favor. And in reciprocation of this attitude of perfect confidence and good will the Society, on its part, has loyally and devotedly given all it ever had and to this day is giving absolutely all it has, both of money and of service (as it will continue to do in the future), to the furtherance of the Council's tremendous mission work on this Continent, and thus in other parts of the world.



CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, CEDARBURG, WISCONSIN



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH, MADISON, WISCONSIN



CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, RACINE, WISCONSIN



HOLY TRINITY, LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

SOME FRUITS OF CHURCH EXTENSION SOWING IN WISCONSIN

Guaranteed by Its Own Constitution

The very first article in its published rules and regulations expressly stipulates as its binding law: "The object of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society shall be to extend the work and operations of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this country." And the article on Loans very explicitly states: "They shall be made only to applicants who are members of a Synod or Conference in connection with the General Council."

In the year 1889 the General Council took unanimous action, which is printed in its official minutes of that year, making the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society the trustee of whatever funds the Synods shall contribute for Church Extension. And the fact that at every convention of the General Council since that time, a full report of the Society's doings is submitted for approval of the Body, and by its vote is published in its official minutes, in conjunction with the reports of all the other Boards, is the General Council's public evidence that the trust has been satisfactorily discharged.

A Further Step in Advance

At the Rock Island convention, in 1915, the most recent of them all, the General Council went still farther, and, as a Body, expressed its hope that every English-speaking Synod would, if possible, send an official representative to each meeting of the Board of Directors and to the annual meeting of the Church Extension Society, not only to give full information concerning applications for loans within the bounds of his own Synod, but also to present the claims of the Church Extension Society at each meeting of his Synod.

In response to this action the Pennsylvania Ministerium has appointed the Rev. E. E. Fischer, of Allentown, the Chicago Synod the Rev. R. G. Catlin, of Decatur, Ill., and the Synod of the Northwest the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., of Minneapolis. The Synod of New York and New England has one clerical and one lay member on the Board, and the President of the Pittsburgh Synod is in constant communication, as one of the Society's staunchest friends and supporters. The District Synod of Ohio will appoint its representative at its 1917 convention.

By its own voluntary motion the Synod of the Northwest has placed the Church Extension cause on the list of its regular apportionments to all its congregations, the same as every other mission cause. And in consequence there is scarcely any Church in that Synod which does not make a contribution to Church Extension

regularly every year. If all the Synods of the General Council would do likewise, making no discrimination against the Extension agency to which Lutheranism owes so much in these days, there would be a different story to tell.

Not Only Desirable, But Indispensable

Indeed, we may go farther and say that the experience of the past twenty years proves conclusively that *unless* such inclusion in the list of apportionments be made, a large percentage, more than *one-half*, of our pulpits will continue in the future, as in the past, to make no allusion, from beginning to end of the year, to the Church Extension work. The members of such congregations hardly know of the existence of the perpetual loan fund, and are thus deprived of any opportunity to lend their aid in a movement which would so broaden their vision. The pyramids and the special Lenten envelopes are either not used in those congregations at all, or else moneys contributed in these Church Extension receptacles are deliberately diverted to other objects—a practice which common business honesty would brand as an abuse of trust funds.

Remembrance in Your Will

Legacies and bequests for Church Extension (as suggested by the recent bequest of Mr. Josiah Rumbaugh) are again earnestly invited in this annual report as in those of former years. The fact that not a dollar of the moneys so bequeathed is ever given outright to the recipient mission congregation, but only loaned, to be returned and loaned again and again, in perpetual motion, always being spent, yet never expended, ought to commend this channel of Christian beneficence as a unique investment which has nothing to resemble it in this respect.

Interest Paid on Annuities

So likewise the Church Extension Annuities, as suggested by the bond lately taken by Miss Henrietta Bartholomew, are once more brought to your attention as an investment by which you draw interest regularly from our treasury as long as you live, at the same time having the satisfaction and pleasure of seeing your money at work in helping to erect one mission Church after another whilst you are yet alive. After your death the money simply remains in the treasury as the permanent possession of the Society. In this way a person never really dies at all, because to live is to exert influence. When that ceases you are dead—not till then. In the case of some persons it never ceases. This is what is meant by the



CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION, MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN



ST. JOHN'S, OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN



CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, RACINE, WISCONSIN



CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, BELOIT, WISCONSIN

FURTHER CONVINCING ARGUMENTS IN THE SAME STATE.

Church Extension Loan Fund being perpetual. It goes on and on—then on and on some more.

New Loans Voted

Churches which have received loans during the past year are those in Neenah, Wis.; Haddon Heights, N. J.; Detroit, Mich.; North Yakima, Wash.; St. James', Minneapolis; Grace Church, Roxborough; St. Andrew's, Brooklyn; St. Luke's, West Collingswood, N. J.; Prince of Peace, West Philadelphia. Permits to build parsonages or make other improvements, by adjustment of mortgages, were given to Oshkosh and Neenah, Wis.; Redeemer and Resurrection Churches, Milwaukee; and Perth Amboy, N. J. Special emergency relief was also voted to Beloit, Wis., and the Church of the Covenant, in Brooklyn.

List of Loans Now Due

The concluding word of the report is in reference to prompt repayment of loans by the Churches when they become due. The General Council has a standing resolution, which applies to all our annual reports, from the year 1916 forward in perpetuo, that each year the Society is to publish the names of all Churches whose loans are due and those which are overdue, giving the amount of the loan and the date when it was received.

In compliance with this resolution the following is the list of Churches as specified:

Church	Date	Am't	Rep'd
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	1896	\$1,000	\$600
Coshocton, Ohio	1903	1,500	1,130
Resurrection, Phila.	1901	2,500	900
St. Mark's, Boston, Mass.	1905	8,000	1,200
Trinity, Minneapolis	1907	1,200	980
Apostles', Phila.	1902	5,000	2,500
Perth Amboy, N. J.	1904	3,000	1,900
Yonkers, N. Y.	1909	3,000	200
The Dalles, Ore.	1898	900	700
Wildwood, N. J.	1911	1,000	300
Harrisburg, Pa.	1907	3,000	350
Emmaus, Cleveland	1912	1,500	150
Conway, Pa.	1911	1,000	500
Hamilton, Ontario	1910	5,000	20
Transfiguration, Phila.	1900	1,000	800
Tacoma, Wash.	1909	3,500	....
Grace, Newark	1906	6,000	....
Redeemer, Milwaukee	1897	9,344	3,644
Portland, Ore.	1906	12,000	....
St. John's, Duluth	1897	5,000	1,063
Kenosha, Wis.	1903	2,500	200
Bethlehem, Phila.	1903	5,000	700
La Cross, Wis.	1899	1,450	200
St. Paul's, Detroit	1904	5,000	....
Holy Communion, Racine	1901	1,500	....

Trinity, Seattle	1903	3,500	....
Our Saviour, Trenton ...	1902	2,000	1,000
Vancouver, Wash.	1903	1,500	225
Elmira, N. Y.	1903	1,000	200
Our Saviour, Phila.	1909	5,000	....
St. Luke's, Chicago	1905	2,500	....
Attleboro, Pa.	1906	1,000	....
Washington, D. C.	1906	5,000	4,000
St. Paul's, Scranton	1906	2,500	100
Epiphany, Milwaukee ...	1906	8,000	300
Aurora, Ill.	1907	2,500	....
New Britain, Conn.	1910	4,900	....
St. James', Chicago	1908	2,500	....
Austin, Ill.	1908	2,500	....
Reformation, Milwaukee.	1909	5,000	....
Superior, Wis.	1909	2,000	....
Guelph, Canada	1909	2,000	....
Winnipeg, Canada	1910	3,000	....
Holy Com., Minneapolis..	1913	2,000	....
Victoria, B. C.	1910	3,000	....
Atlantic City, N. J.	1910	1,500	200
Fargo, N. D.	1911	3,000	....
All Saints, Phila.	1912	7,000	int'st
Christ, Detroit, Mich. ...	1911	3,000	1,700
Cedarburg, Wis.	1911	1,000	....
Overbrook, Phila.	1911	2,000	....
Madison, Wis.	1911	5,000	....
Epiphany, Chicago	1912	5,000	....
Carrick, Pa.	1912	3,000	....
Mediator, Phila.	1912	7,570	int'st
St. Stephens', Phila.	1912	5,000	....
Livingston, Mont.	1912	5,000	....
Ashtabula, Ohio	1912	1,000	....

Repaid in 1916

Of the above re-payments the following were made the past year: \$5,000 from Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh; \$1,400 from Christ Church, Detroit; \$900 from Apostles', Philadelphia; \$875 from Perth Amboy, N. J.; \$850 from Dunkirk, N. Y.; \$688 from Incarnation, Philadelphia; \$500 from Atonement, Washington; \$300 each from Resurrection, Philadelphia, and Epiphany, Milwaukee; \$250 from Transfiguration, Philadelphia; \$200 from Conway, Pa.; \$100 each from Weehawken, N. J.; Harrisburg, Pa.; St. Luke's, Toledo; St. Paul's, Scranton; \$80 from Holy Trinity, Minneapolis; \$50 from Wildwood, N. J.; \$25 each from Vancouver, Wash., and Berlin, Ontario. Total, \$11,843.00.

These same Churches are determined to make further repayments during the Quadri-Centennial year, and others have made much-appreciated promises to take advantage of the general spirit of enthusiasm, which is widely prevalent this year, to liquidate their debt to the Church Extension Society as far as possible.

The startling fact that over \$150,000 is now outstanding, in our accounts with the Churches



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



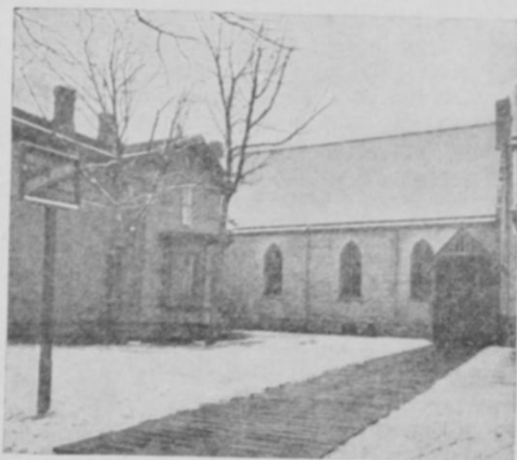
GRACE CHURCH, KENOSHA, WISCONSIN



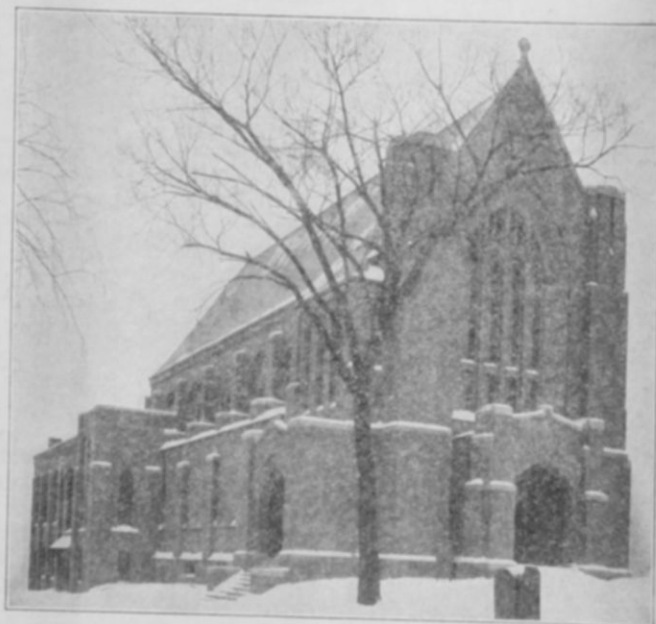
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEENAH, WISCONSIN



CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN



CRADLE OF ENGLISH LUTHERANISM IN WISCONSIN
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, MILWAUKEE, UP TO 1917



NEW CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

A THIRD WISCONSIN PAGE OF EFFECTUAL PLEA

holding overdue loans, is known to those mission congregations which are being held up on the waiting list at a time when delay means disaster. No wonder they are therefore chafing at thus being deprived of their honest rights and are saying some sharp things about a square deal!

Pastors Not Alone to Blame

Not in every case is it the indifference of the pastors of these Churches holding the loans which accounts for failure in making repayments. Many a pastor is suffering keenly a personal sense of the injustice of his Church Council's holding on to the loan, year after year, to save themselves the payment of interest which would be involved in their borrowing the money from a bank. Failing to realize the moral, as well as the financial, obligation of having sacredly pledged repayment by a specified time, affixing their own signatures and official seal, thus investing the promise with all the solemnity possible to any legal document.

Significance of the Present Year

Nineteen hundred and seventeen ought to be a favorable time for awakening the consciences of these Church Councils, and also to interest all our people in the furtherance of the Church Extension cause, using the term in its widest sense. This year, in the course of the world war now raging, is to determine tremendous issues for the future of mankind, hence will be a crucial year for Christendom in both Hemispheres. If ever there was an outstanding time in the history of the United States when the extension of the Church ought to loom large in the minds of God's people in this land as of supreme moment, that time is the present pivotal juncture of world affairs, when Divine Providence has so marvelously given our nation the lofty place of recognized controlling influence. This high civic vantage ground, coupled with the religious and historic importance attaching to Quadri-Centennial year of Protestantism's birth, combine to make 1917 opportune, in a high sense, such as has never been known before, for stressing the extension of the Church as the great vital need of America, from every point of view.

Here is "big business" indeed, and it ought to appeal to men and women of large outlook. It ought to make life worth living to have a hand in a kingdom enterprise so fraught with possibilities of far-reaching good. And as such the Church Extension work is earnestly recommended to our people in all the Synods, from ocean to ocean, at the threshold of our Quadri-Centennial year.

DISPATCHES TO THE CHEX OFFICE

(No Message Allowed More Than Fifty Words)

Every Synod of the General Council is represented in the pile of urgent dispatches stacked up on the secretary's desk in the Church Extension Office at No. 846 Drexel Building, Philadelphia. Thus the territory which the Society's inadequate loan-fund must attempt to cover is the vast sweep from New England to the Pacific Coast, and even includes the Provinces of Canada. The \$280,000 ought, by all means, be increased to \$400,000 in 1917. This would mean a thousand dollars for each year of the four centuries of our Church's history. It would not need more than half a dozen persons whom God has blessed with large means to make it up by contributing \$20,000 apiece. And for a supreme cause like this we read continually in these days of gifts of \$50,000 and even \$100,000. What a thrill would shoot through every fibre of our ecclesiastical body, if six Lutheran men or women in the General Council would rise to this new standard of beneficence!

On Ash Wednesday of 1916, at the threshold of Lent, when the

ONE DAY'S INCOME

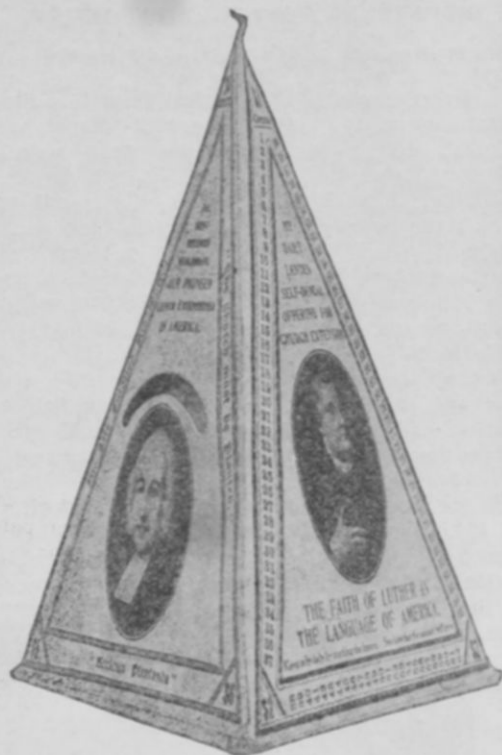
offering for Church Extension was launched as a popular, equitable democratic plan, to be perpetuated each year, every Synod in the General Council was represented by the persons from all sections of the country, who gladly sent their one day's income, or more (some of them multiplying it by ten). In no Synod was there a failure of responses in 1916, the initial year of the plan, though in none was there a deluge of responses, such as will come on February 21st, Ash Wednesday, of this memorable year, 1917, or on some day before Easter.

Then in the climax month of October, to which every Lutheran is looking forward with great expectations, the vital work of Church Extension is to receive 20 per cent. of the Jubilee Thank Offering of the General Council, which will mean a mightily needed supplement of \$80,000, if the amount hoped for in the total Thank Offering shall be realized.

To show how urgently necessary is this increase of the Loan-Fund, here are some of the dispatches in the Chex Office classified:

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

We have a lot, well located in the centre of the town of our new Theological Seminary in Canada. If we can get a loan for a Sunday School Chapel, the Seminary students will be a fine help in the work.



GREATER NEW YORK

The Church of the Covenant, in Brooklyn, is located in a residential section numbering Lutheran families by the hundreds. Its Sunday School now enrolls 1,000 children and young people. Unless it be granted a Church Extension loan it cannot possibly continue to carry its crushing interest-bearing obligations, and Lutheranism will lose a conspicuous vantage ground in Greater New York.

ASBURY PARK

This favorite summer resort has a growing winter population, and imperatively needed a better church building. The new location is choice. There is none finer in the city. A parsonage adjoins the church. The appeal for a \$5,000 loan is being pressed hard.

PHILADELPHIA

St. Simeon's congregation over-taxes the capacity of its outworn original frame chapel. What could it do with an efficient equipment, which it cannot get without a \$5,000 loan?

NEW JERSEY

Such suburban communities as Haddon Heights, West Collingswood, Magnolia, etc., are welcoming the Lutheran Church, which will soon become self-sustaining after it gets a foothold.

ALLENTOWN

The appeals for loans by St. Stephen's and St. James' Churches are so valid and so pressing and so deserving that nothing but the lack of funds holds them up.

ERIE (CONNEAUT)

The whole Pittsburgh Synod is specially concerned (and this is quite an exceptional fact) about the speedy granting of this \$1,000 loan for Conneaut, so that the Lawrence Park, suburb of Erie, can be cared for.

COLUMBUS

Now that this fast-growing capital of Ohio has secured a field missionary of its own, Rev. J. M. Wenrich, and the best building site of any church in the Hilltop section has been acquired, there is absolute necessity of building at once. The consequences of delay will be fatal.

BOWLING GREEN

Prospects of the new movement in this educational centre are so bright that the Board of English Home Missions has unanimously endorsed its application for a \$1,000 loan. Also the application of the Norwood Park, suburb of Toledo, for \$2,500, and the same amount for Appleton, Wisconsin, where the outlook is full of promise.

DETROIT

No city on this Continent can match the phenomenal growth of Detroit during the past six or eight years, and the next six or eight will break even this astonishing record. One superintendent of missions, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church of that city, has bought eight sites at once, in a new section which has just been projected. And the Lutheran Church will have far more members living there than the Episcopal.

OAK PARK, CHICAGO

This is in the immediate vicinity of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and Oak Park is a desirable residential suburb, which needs a churchly edifice of creditable appearance, exterior and interior.

BELOIT, WISCONSIN

Nothing could have saved from utter wreck this brave ship, amid the cyclone which suddenly struck it, but the prompt and generous action of the Church Extension Board. After it gets back into smooth waters it will send a wireless message expressing its gratitude.

MINNEAPOLIS

St. James' flourishing mission could have found no store room or public hall in its entire district for gathering its Sunday School

or congregation, had the God-send of an Extension Loan not been received just when its emergency was pressing heaviest.

THE PACIFIC COAST

The growing cities of North Yakima and Everett are ripe for occupancy. If we do not enter the open door now, it will be too late for realizing our Lutheran possibilities after years of further delay. The same is true of La-Grande, Oregon, whose application has been in hand for more than ten months. The proverb is verified in the case of many a mission enterprise, that "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

SLAV EXTENSION WORK

The recent establishment of this separate fund, for loans to Slav Lutheran Missions, in their heroic, desperate struggle for existence, calls the Church's attention to an element of the Lutheran population of the United States, which will become a potent factor in the not far distant future, if it be adequately cared for

in these days of its feeble beginnings of organized life.

WESTERN CANADA

In no part of the British Empire has the European War wrought such sweeping disaster as in Western Canada. Whole towns have been practically depopulated of their vigorous young men. Hence, there was no alternative but for the Extension Society to assume temporary ownership of such church buildings as the one in Victoria, B. C., to save them for the generation which shall need them when the war is over.

THE FINAL MESSAGE

Can you imagine the heart-break of being compelled to say no to such appeals for loans as these, which by no means exhaust the number now in hand? And advance word has been received that more are on the way, each requiring immediate response!

CHARLES L. FRY, Gen'l Supt.,
846 Drexel Bldg., Phila.



Home Missions Expansion

MRS. GEORGE H. SCHNUR, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



ENGLISH HOME MISSION FORCES

The second annual Conference was held in Buffalo, the same as the first, and was attended by the writer in response to an invitation to represent the Women's Work for Home Missions.

The program stated that it would be "a two-day study of Home Mission achievements, opportunities and needs, as we face the Quadri-Centennial Year." There was an intensive study of our "Home Mission Map" as seen through the eyes of the General Superintendent Doctor Kunzmann, the District Superintendents, the Synodical Boards and the Conference Mission Committees. Added to this was a personal presentation of the work in the district of each of the fourteen Field Missionaries. Then followed a study of a local field, Detroit, presented by Field Missionary Lineberger.

A large map of our Home Mission Field, with each Field Missionary's territory given a different color to make it clearly visible, enabled us to realize as never before the vastness of our territory, the fewness of our Field Workers, the need for greater aggressiveness. As each one presented his particular work, we became convinced that *there in his field* lay our greatest opportunity, our largest responsibility. After all had been put before us, we knew that as a Lutheran Church we must do our utmost to give ALL the means and men to carry for-

ward English Lutheran Home Mission work. We also realized that if the Lutheran Church wants to leave a lasting monument for 1917. In America it can be in no better way than by increasing her Home Mission forces, so that east and west, north and south, our scattered people may have preached to them the same Gospel which awoke the Church in 1517.

The women's part in our Home Mission work was given a place on the program the second afternoon. Your representative told of the Thank Offering Box plan, and how enthusiastically it was being received by all our women. The study of our *Monthly Missionary Topics*, our formation of Study Classes for Home Missions, the use of the Thank Offering Boxes and the organizing of a Missionary Society in every congregation where none existed during 1917 were urged. THE MISSION WORKER was also recommended.

The last part of the program, "Changing the Map,"—(1) through Men; (2) through Money; (3) through Me, was shortened for want of time. However, the impetus gained through the presentation of the vast needs and opportunities, will help every one present to use their utmost endeavor to "Change the Map" as rapidly as possible.

The cordial treatment of the only woman delegate from a distance showed the appreciation which the Home Mission Forces have of

the work of the Women's Missionary Society as a helper to all our Boards. Both a voice and a vote were accorded her. Nor were the women of Buffalo unmindful of her presence, for two meetings of ladies were held in different Churches, and she was asked to speak on Home Mission work.

The wider view of our English Lutheran Home Mission work, gained at this Conference, and the impetus to help "Change the Map," will be passed on to our Women's Societies at every opportunity.

OUR THANK OFFERING BOXES

BY MRS. GEORGE H. SCHNUR, CHAIRMAN HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

Beyond my most sanguine hopes, almost beyond my fondest dreams, has been the triumphant march of the Thank Offering Box. From all sections of our General Council Missionary Society have come such messages as these: "Just what we have been wanting"; "Am so glad we at last have them"; "Send me 250 more—our ladies are clamoring for them";

The sequel to the above is: our large (at least we thought it large when we ordered them) issue of Boxes is GONE. I have less than 25 here at my end of the line, while the Literature Headquarters has a possible 500 remaining, and there are requests for every one of those on hand now.

But—I am glad, glad, glad. It proves to me that you are interested in our Home Mission problems, that you want to increase our Field Missionary Forces, that you are thankful for your own blessings, and want to pass them on to others less fortunate.

We will get more. But until we can get them to you, if you are not supplied, just take any little box, and mark it Thank Offering, cut an opening in the lid, and use it until your "really truly Thank Offering Box" arrives.

Dear Friends, just a bit of personal chat. This has been such a busy winter, so many opportunities have come to present Home Mission work here and there. Perhaps I have not answered your letters promptly, but certainly I have filled every order for Thank Offering Boxes as soon as received. Please keep those "Thank You" boxes right where YOU ARE. In your kitchen, if there is where you are most often—right in sight. And don't, please don't, as one good woman told me, "try not to say I am thankful so often, for it will break me up." Keep right on saying it, meaning it, and putting in your offering and the Lord will do His part and "pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to contain it."



LITTLE MARY'S TITHE BOX

BY MRS. C. R. DYSON

It was a bright, beautiful morning and I was in the yard tying up a spray of roses here and there, when my niece, little Mary, seven years old, who lives across the street, came in to see me. She is fond of coming over, and we always have good, lively times together.

This morning of which I am writing, she asked me to tell her about the boys and girls in my Sunday School.

Then she said, "Let's play we are in Sunday School now," and although our attendance was small, Mary proved such an attentive scholar that I became greatly interested. After being the scholar for some time she said, "Oh, let me be the teacher. I know verses out of the Bible, and I know how to pass the plate around for money."

The plate proved to be the card-tray, and buttons and small pieces of paper were put in for money. She seemed very much mystified when I suggested for the offering verse, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

She said, "Oh, but I don't like that verse." "Why?" I asked. "Oh, I like to get things, but I don't like to give anything away."

I saw that I would have to explain and make clear to Mary the responsibility of individual giving. My task was not an easy one. I then talked to her about the Tithes, or Tenth, of everything we have being the Lord's. Now that God, our Heavenly Father, is the owner of everything, but He gives all into our hands, and only asks that we each one give Him our heart's best love, and one-tenth of everything that is all our own. If we do this we are working with God, and THAT is being in partnership with Him.

I asked her if she would like to be in partnership with God?

Mary said eagerly, "Can a little girl or a little boy get in partnership with God?"

I replied, "Certainly."

"Then please show me how," said Mary. I told her I thought, a good way would be to get a little box and call it her Tithes Box, and in it she could put one penny out of every ten she receives. I will let you decide for yourself just how well Mary grasped the truth

I was trying to teach her.

A few days after, she came in great haste to where I was seated sewing, and said, "Now watch me, Aunt, for something quite nice is going to happen."

Opening her purse she turned all the pennies out on a chair, and picking out the brightest one she held it up and said, "That is God's. This is His part, and goes in my Tithe Box." And then looking at the pennies that were still on the chair, she added:

"Why there are nine pennies left. I don't often have so much money at one time. Do you think it is because I am in partnership with God?"

Then she said, "This second penny is for some candy. My! I am real hungry for candy. I have not had any for, — Oh, it seems such a long, long time, for I have been saving my pennies so I could get God's part out and start my Tithe Box."

Still looking at her pennies, she said: "These two I am going to save, for next week is Mama's birthday, you know, and I want to

buy her a present. Then with this penny I will buy a prize package. Did you ever buy one, Aunt? You see you don't know just what you are getting. Oh, it is SUCH fun."

"Taking two pennies in her hand she said, 'These I am going to give to Jesus.'"

"Why," I said, "you HAVE given your first one to Jesus."

But she quickly said, "Oh, no, Aunt dear, that first one BELONGED to Him. That was His part of the ten pennies. But now I want to GIVE Him two pennies."

I said, "Certainly, Mary, you can give Him just as many as you want, and I would call them Love Offerings, but always remember, if you are in partnership with God one penny out of every ten BELONGS to Him."

Mary went home a very happy little girl. That evening going up to her papa in the library, and climbing into his lap, she put her arms about his neck and asked softly, "Papa, did Mama tell you that I am in partnership with God?"—*Leaflet issued by the Presbyterian Women's Board.*



The Foreign Field



Opportunity in Japan To-day 8 Reasons for More Zealous Work in Japan

BY REV. C. L. BROWN, D. D., GENERAL SECRETARY, BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, U. S. S.

Apart from the question of Japan's dominant position in the East, and increasing leadership among non-Christian nations, which position of influence makes her accession to the family of Christian powers of exceedingly great importance, there is the further fact surprising to some, that no great non-Christian country can boast of a larger number of unbelievers, in proportion to the Christian population, than Japan.

The difficulties to be overcome in Japan have been peculiarly trying, due to the intense nationalistic and patriotic feelings of the people. They fear that, in some way, Christianity is subversive of the highest interests of the State. This attitude was occasioned largely by experience with Spanish missionaries in the sixteenth century, and is not yet entirely absent from the masses, or even from some highly educated men. You can readily see what it means to the very sensitive and independent disposition of the people, when confronted with anything like foreign control. Because of the trying con-

ditions of missionary propaganda, the work has had to pass through periods of great discouragement, and only in the immediate past may it be said to have reached the stage of substantial and steady growth. The days of great prosperity before the year 1890, when all Japan seemed ready to become Christian, and the missionaries prophesied that no more of their number would be needed after twenty-five years, were soon to pass away, because the great pro-Christian movement was more political than religious. This reaction had spent its greatest force by the year 1900, and, from then till now, each day registers some victory for the power of Christ.

True, the reaction against Christianity in Japan has taught us valuable lessons, and much good has come out of it, but one of the very lessons taught is that, humanly speaking, the Church could have prevented the reaction, and it need never have happened. It was a time when the Boards were not awake to the situation. Proud of their successes, and too careful



HOW JAPAN WORSHIPS A GODDESS WHO IS SUPPOSED TO PREVENT SICKNESS. THIS IS A PROCESSION DOING HONOR TO HER. THE BLURRED LOOKING PLACES ON THE PICTURE ARE CAUSED BY WATER THROWN ON THE RUNNERS.

A Religious Festival

BY REV. L. S. G. MILLER, FUKUOKA, JAPAN

You will notice that the street is swarming with men and boys. Only men and boys are supposed to take part in this celebration. The big, heavy frame-like object in the center of the picture, on which a man is riding, is being carried on the shoulders of about thirty men. Six of these heavy floats, highly decorated, are located in different parts of the city, in the middle of the street. The idea is that a large crowd of men, probably five hundred, attached to each float, rush with it through the streets of the city, over certain prescribed courses. The one covering the distance in the quickest time wins. This continues for three consecutive days, very early in the morning. During this time there is a great deal of drinking, and the streets swarm with more than half-naked men and boys. At places you will notice that the picture is blurred. This is water that is being thrown out on the men as they pass by to cool them off. They get drenched, as the streets are lined with people, many of whom throw out buckets of water on them. Fortunately, because of their lack of dress, this does not bother them.

This is a sample of present-day religious festivals. With these things going on in the name of religion, and many, many millions yet untouched by the Gospel here in Japan, dare we say to Christ: "The Japanese do not need You"? This is what we say when we say, "I do not believe in the Japan work," or "We have already done enough for Japan, and now it is time to stop sending money over there," or "Wait until America is converted, and then I will give to foreign missions."

"Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation," for the Japanese as well as for the American.

of their funds, the needed reinforcements were not sent to the field of action, and the territory was not occupied. As we look back over those early days, the conviction grows that if, at that time, the Church had placed in Japan anything like adequate forces, and had strengthened its educational enterprises then, as they are being strengthened now, Church history in the East would have had a very different story.

But now the Church has another great opportunity. In spite of much national sensitiveness still remaining; in spite of a great flood of irreligion caused by a certain type of education, and reaction from old faiths, and in spite of a desperate attempt to revive Buddhism and

Shinto, the progress of Christianity, during the last five years, has been very striking. Even the European war has been unable to check the impetus gained. The National Evangelistic Campaign, inaugurated for the purpose of a wide proclamation of Christian truth, could report 500,000 hearers and 20,000 inquirers, at the end of the first half of the third year. It has been demonstrated, beyond doubt, that the masses are ready for a sympathetic hearing of the Gospel. Missionaries and Board Secretaries are calling for a large increase in men and means to meet this rising tide of prosperity for the Church. Moreover, it is deemed necessary to strike now while conditions are favor-

able, for who knows how soon the opportunity will pass?

In our own judgment, the following facts should leave no doubt as to the presence of an opportunity today:

1. In recent years the Government of Japan has shown sympathy for the Christian cause, and Christian leaders have been consulted on matters pertaining to the uplift of the nation.

2. The Emperor and leading men have made substantial contributions to Christian causes, thus giving practical demonstrations of their sympathy.

3. The press of Japan gives frequent notice to Christian enterprises and, in contrasting Christian effort with Buddhist propaganda, nearly always makes a comparison favorable to Christianity.

4. A sense of personal and national sin grows stronger each year, as evidenced by the increasing outcry against political and social corruption.

5. Better audiences, and the large number of inquirers, indicate that the nation is earnestly seeking the truth.

6. The spasmodic efforts of the old faith would seem to show that the priests thereof believe that they are losing the hearts of the people.

7. The boldness with which Japanese Christians themselves are defending the faith is strikingly in contrast with former days.

8. The harmony with which Christian groups are co-ordinating their work, and the decreasing friction between missions and the independent Japanese Churches, point to growth in spirituality.

It may be said that, if the Lutheran Church ever intends to show a strong hand in Japan, further delay is folly. There are fewer difficulties now than ever before, and we have no right to suppose they will be any less five years hence.

FIELD DISPATCHES FROM JAPAN

Mrs. Miller writes from Fukuoka:

"Misses Akard and Bowers came to us on Christmas eve, and stayed with us through that week. We also had other guests for Christmas dinner. Mrs. Yamanouchi had presented us with three chickens a few weeks before the holidays, and they took the place of turkey very nicely, and we had real cranberries—canned, of course. It was lots of fun opening

our gifts on Christmas morning. Mary was very happy and thankful all day. We have been having the coldest weather since Christmas that Kyushu has experienced in forty years. At such times I always feel so sorry for the natives in their open houses with no heat or maybe just a small charcoal brazier. I really think the average Japanese doesn't know what comfort is in winter. It's pitiful to see the poor shivering children."

Miss Bowers writes:

"There was a generous response to the appeals for shuttles in *Tidings*. Sixty girls, members of our three Young Girls' Societies at Saga, Ogi and Hakata, each received a shuttle. To say that the girls liked the shuttles would be expressing it far too mildly. They were perfectly delighted. Tatting is proving very popular indeed. The girls have been most earnest in their efforts to learn how to make this lovely "foreign lace," as they call it. The loving kindness of people, whom they have never seen, in sending them Christmas gifts touched their hearts. One girl said: 'I think all those good, kind people must have hearts like the heart of the gentle Jesus, because, although they have never seen us, they send us gifts. I wish I could be like Him too.'"

Miss Akard adds a postscript: "I am so encouraged over two new Sunday Schools I am going to open up next week—one by special request, with no rent to pay."

Mrs. Lippard's letters from Saga are full of hope and plans for the week. Here are just a few peeps at the things which fill her heart and hands:

"The new parsonage at Saga is a great addition to the work.

"We have had more children in our Saga kindergarten this term than ever before.

"A table for the Ushidzu kindergarten is one of the appreciated gifts from Lexington, Va.

"At last we have a new worker in our Saga-Ogi-Ushidzu field—a young evangelist, Mr. Watanabe, and his bride. He is located in Ogi, and works two stations from there, with Mr. Lippard's help.

"We have had good Bible classes this last term, and had more young men in our home than ever before.

"The kindergarten homes are always most cordial, and the teachers who belong to our English classes receive us kindly. We have reached several high-class homes, and had the women, including the governor's wife, attend our meetings."



THE LATEST PICTURE OF THE KINDERGARTENERS AT HAKATA, WAITING FOR THEIR NEW BUILDING

The 20 children in the back are graduated and are gone to government schools, where they hear not a word of the Lover of children. Twenty or more children have come to take their places, so you can count the children waiting for a bright, new kindergarten.

Extract From a Letter of Miss Martha Akard

The Hakata kindergarten is the youngest school of the family. Twenty children graduated and are gone to Government schools, where they hear not a word of the Lover of children. Twenty or more new children have come to take their places. Now you know just how many little children are waiting for a pretty, bright, big kindergarten instead of the dark, ugly one where they are so crowded. These are the children Mr. Miller writes to you about so often, and when you see "Hakata Kindergarten Fund" think of these waiting children. I'm sure their little bodies and minds will be healthier and their hearts happier when they have a bright room in which to live every day. It will be so lovely for Sunday School too. You know, Mr. Miller and the teachers have Sunday School in the kindergarten every Sunday afternoon, and most of the children are those who go to kindergarten or have graduated from it. The people in Hakata hate Christianity so much that it is hard to get them to listen to Bible stories. Other missionaries have tried to have Sunday Schools there and have had to give up. I'm sure you don't want to give up these precious

children.

In America everybody loves to sing "My Country 'tis of Thee." In Japan everybody sings "Kimi ga yo"; we might call it "Our Emperor 'tis of Thee," for that is about what it means. Every kindergarten boy and girl and every school boy and girl can sing it, and they are taught every day that they must try very hard to become great men and women for their emperor's sake. The most beautiful thing about our Christian kindergarten is that these precious children learn that there is One greater than their emperor for whom to live and become great and good. So the day these children graduated they sang—oh, so sweetly—"Father, We Thank Thee," and bowed their heads and prayer that Jesus would make them good and kind for His sake, before they sang "Kimi ga yo." I think they understood who is the "King of kings."

But let me tell you what I saw a few days later, when these children had started to the city schools, where they hear nothing of the Christ and much of Japan's heroes who have been killed in battle or have given their lives for their emperor. The tombs of many such



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN A LUTHERAN SCHOOL, JAPAN

Nearly 1,000 children took part in the Christmas celebration in the district of Missionary L. S. G. Miller's work. This represents nine Sunday Schools. In one village there was an attendance of 150 children, who heard the Christmas story the first time.

About 400 people attended the Sunday School celebration at the new Hakata Church. Representatives of the city newspapers were present. One of them took a picture of the tree, which came out in the daily paper. The city papers are getting very good about announcing and reporting church services.—*Extract from a letter of Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka, Japan.*

men have been made into shrines, where the people go to do homage to their spirits, as if they were gods. As I walked down the street one morning I met a long line of little school girls marching along with their teachers to the shrine of an old Saga hero to do honor to his departed spirit. I walked along close to the line so I could see every face, for I wanted to see if any of our kindergarten children were among them. I was so glad I didn't see any, but I knew it was only because they didn't happen to be in this school, and I knew that some other teacher was taking them to bow before some other shrine. I passed on, praying that they might not forget the real Lord of lords and King of kings, the real God who is Spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and in truth.

A Lutheran Hospice for Girls in Japan

For a long time some of our missionaries in

Japan have been feeling the need of a hospice, or Christian home, for girls in Japan. In Saga there are 2,000 high school girls. Our mission has been reaching none of these girls. The Saga Lutheran Hospice is now a reality, and we should be happy to know that we are giving a Christian home to at least some of Japan's girls. The mission has guaranteed only the rent, and the workers are hoping and praying that the other support needed will come. Mrs. Lippard writes: "We have rented a house, and Mr. and Mrs. Tanka, a fine Christian family, are in charge. Whether girls will come and with what success we will meet are still problems. We do so wish for an organ and some other things to make the place 'homey' and Christian-like for the girls. Mrs. Tanaka was with us for three years as kindergarten teacher. She met her husband in our home, and theirs was a real love marriage."



South America



Our Messenger's Safe Arrival at Buenos Aires Missionary Ceder's First Message Awaited With Keen Interest

If ever the friends of the forward movement in South America suffered a severe nervous tension for twenty-three consecutive days, it was while Pastor and Mrs. Ceder's ship was running the blockade, at a dangerous period when twenty or more vessels had been captured or sunk just a short time previously. One of this number was the very ship on which Pastor and Mrs. Ceder had first engaged passage, intending to sail for Buenos Aires on December 23d. The vessel is among the missing, and its fate is unknown. Fortunately, unexpected invitations delayed them until January 6th. This is as appropriate a date for their embarking (the Festival of the Epiphany) as the Festival of the Reformation had been for their outstart, last October 31st, from their parish in Colorado toward their new field in South America. No other ship was to be had from the United States to Buenos Aires but "The Vauban," of the Lamport and Holt Line, flying the British flag, because there is no American line which traverses those waters floating the Stars and Stripes, as there surely ought to be, and will be ere long. Hence our immense relief and our fervent thanksgivings to God when the cable despatch flashed the good news under the sea that "the Vauban" had escaped the raiders and was safe in the splendid harbor of Buenos Aires.

Intended to Write Within a Week

Had there been any regularity and reliable date of the return sailings, Pastor Ceder's eagerly-awaited report of existing conditions in that South American metropolis would have arrived in Philadelphia as promised, in time for publication in this number (which is why it was held up till the last moment), together with some photographs by the Kodak he took with him for that purpose, of making the prospects of Pan-Lutheran work more real to the eye. Doctor Abrahamson did get a letter, post-marked Buenos Aires, which was mailed the very day that Pastor Ceder landed, on a boat which left for New York within an hour or two. The letter related what a delightful voyage they had, and promised an article very soon for the Church papers, especially for the official organs of the various General Lutheran bodies, Swedish, Norwegian, German and Eng-

lish, which he hopes will federate in a Pan-Lutheran movement, so eminently fitting for the quadri-centennial year. A bulletin of extracts from this statement of conditions as he finds them will also be mailed to the individual address of every member of the Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society for Latin America.

Another letter had previously been mailed en route, from the port of Rio de Janeiro, to the MISSION WORKER office in Philadelphia, stating the cheering news, "There are nine missionaries of us on board, all bound for Buenos Aires." One of these was Pastor Kramer, a newly ordained missionary from the Missouri Synod, sent to look after the spiritual interests of some of the 12,000 shepherdless German Lutheran residents in the city. He and Pastor Ceder became good friends during the voyage's twenty-three days of constant companionship, as did also the wives of these men, Mrs. Kramer being a bride. The Mission Board of the Missouri Synod was so impressed with the urgency of the South American need, at the present crisis juncture, that it even took Mr. Kramer out of the Seminary in St. Louis, before he had completed his theological studies, and appointed a special ordination service at which he was inducted into the ministerial office by himself alone. His marriage, too, was likewise hastened so that the bride and groom might be passengers on the same ship which Pastor and Mrs. Ceder first intended to take on December 23d, but which has mysteriously disappeared.

Commended by the Archbishop

Rt. Rev. Nathan Soederblom, LL.D., Archbishop of Sweden, in sending to his friend, Doctor Abrahamson, an official letter from Upsala, the cathedral city, written with his own hand, and bearing the imprint of the ecclesiastical seal of the State, commends in warmest terms both the forward movement for South America and also the pioneer missionary of the newly-organized Pan-Lutheran Society to the most cordial welcome of Scandinavian Lutherans living in the Argentine. This letter, from so eminent a source, will have great weight with the persons to whom it is addressed, and will prove of substantial value to Pastor Ceder. The postscript which the bishop took pleasure in addressing is full of encouragement to us all. It



reads as follows: "I have much joy in assuring you that your forward movement is timed most opportunely. Just this very day I have been told by a Swedish diplomat, who lived in consular service at Buenos Aires for some years, that now is the psychological moment for this much-needed effort."

His closing sentence is a fervent prayer "that God may abundantly bless this very important and worthy undertaking to promote Lutheran work in South America, and bless the observance of our jubilee year throughout the whole world. (Also allow me, if I dare, to include a prayer for the success of President Wilson's noble efforts to advance the cause of world-peace, which efforts certainly deserve the united support of Christian men and women everywhere.)"

"I remain yours with great respect and fraternal love,

"Nathan Soederblom (Seal).

"Upsala, Sweden, December 29, 1916."

Discovers an Efficient Helper

Another valued letter is from Mr. J. Louis Schaefer, the leading Lutheran banker of New York City, whose missionary interest in Pastor Ceder's errand was so ardent as to prompt him,

of his own voluntary accord, to write a personal letter to different business friends among the Scandinavians and Germans of Buenos Aires, where he has large mercantile concerns in progress. This letter encloses the warm-hearted reply of one of these South American merchants or manufacturers to Mr. Schaefer's introductory note, which had just been presented to him in his private office by Pastor Ceder. He expresses his sincere pleasure at having met him, and mentions that the man who came with him to make the call was Mr. George A. Kuhirt. This is good news indeed to us, because Mr. Kuhirt is one of the men among all others whom we would have chosen to have Pastor Ceder meet first, upon arrival at Buenos Aires, if we could have had the ordering of events there from the outstart. During his residence in New York City ten years ago, as a devoted member of Holy Trinity Church he was one of the prominent Lutheran laymen of the metropolis of the north. And now, that he should be living in the corresponding metropolis of the Southern Continent just at this juncture when a layman of his rare type is peculiarly needed in the inauguration of a new era for the Lutheran Church in the Argentine, is surely a providential arrangement which calls for our special gratitude to God. Like Mr. Elowson, not only does he know the city, the language, the people, the customs, but he also knows the spirit and genius and principles of our Church. Pastor Ceder will therefore find both men invaluable advisors, whose judgment and loyalty and co-operation can be implicitly depended on under all circumstances.

GREETINGS FROM PORTO RICO

The third of the trio of encouraging letters came from Pastor Ostrom, the General Council's senior missionary in Porto Rico: "It is a matter of sincere regret to me that I had to leave the United States, and return from my recent furlough, on November second, before Brother Ceder had gotten far enough on his itinerary to Buenos Aires for me to meet him and have a hearty shake of his hand. I did so much want to assure him of my interest in the great work he is to do in South America. If there be anything I can do for the cause of South America, just let me know. We have recently printed 5,000 copies of a revised edition of Luther's Catechism in Spanish. Should he need any of these we will gladly forward them. I am enthused about our Lutheran Church doing her share to give the Gospel to South America. God speed the day when she shall be a power in that land."

THE WELCOME WORD CAME AT THE LAST MINUTE

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, St. Valentine's Day, February 14, 1917.

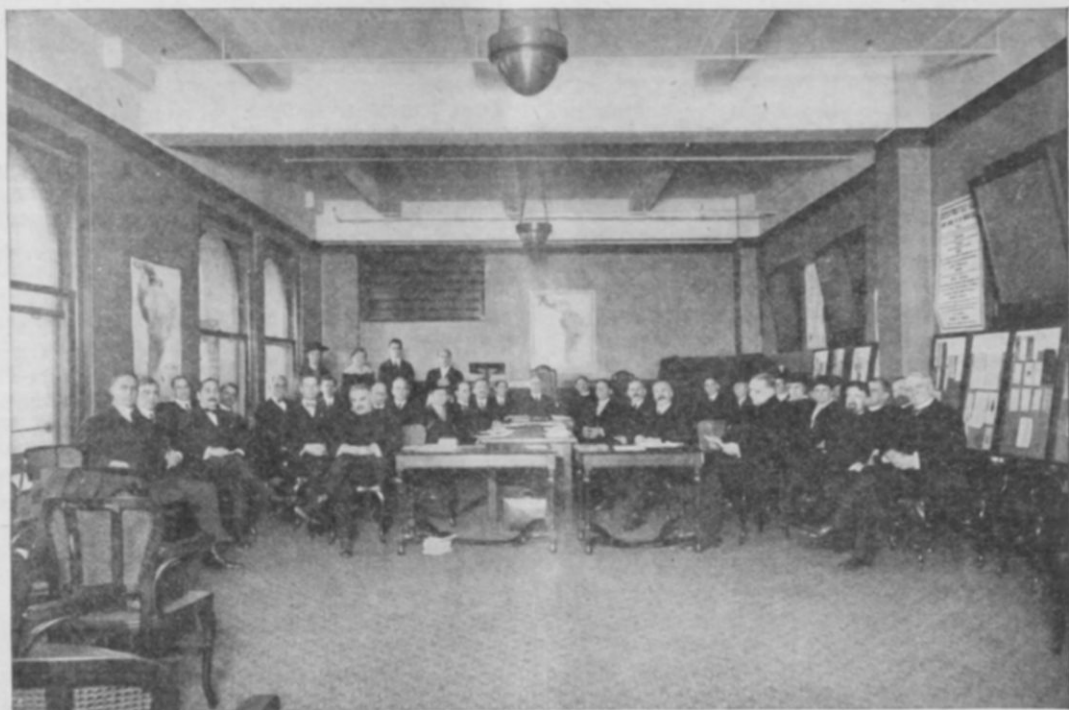
Dear Friends of the Pan-Lutheran Work in South America:

Though I have not quite gotten my breath as yet, in this mid-summer atmosphere of Buenos Aires, and cannot in the very nature of the case send detailed description of religious conditions in the Argentine, yet "The Vauban," which brought us here safely is ready to sail north on her return trip, and even were it not the suggestive time of St. Valentine's Day, I could not lose this chance of sending an affectionate message of greeting and good cheer, because every prospect is certainly hopeful.

Mr. Schumann, the Y. M. C. A. Secretary in Buenos Aires, was at the dock to meet us, but not knowing he would be there, hence not looking for him, we missed him in the crowd, since we were anxious to hasten uptown to find a convenient boarding place, and such we found on Avenida de Mayo, No. 623. A little later on during the day, however, we met Mr. Schumann and dined with him. Already at this first dinner I had the good fortune to meet two Scandinavian gentlemen, Mr. Jensen and Mr. Pruger, and through them I have become acquainted with several others of equal prominence. The Swedish consul, Mr. Swenson, received me very kindly and promised me all assistance possible. Those Scandinavians whom I had especially desired to meet, such as Mr. Elowson and others, I have not seen yet, as they are out of town. This is just the midst of the hot season, when many withdraw from the city to the country, or to the seaside. Therefore I can not expect to have such great results from my efforts yet for some time, since mid-summer is not auspicious for vigorous church work. But I will be busy making acquaintances, and especially in studying the Spanish language, for which this lull gives me a fine chance. The La Plata Synod has 13 pastors in Argentina and Uruguay, though in in the city of Buenos Aires they have only one church property, with two pastors. Among a German population of at least 12,000, the German Lutheran congregation has only a few hundred communicants. What they do about the children of inter-marriage between Protestants and Catholics, etc., I shall inquire. I called on the German Lutheran Pastor Dufft last Friday, and I was most heartily welcomed by him. He is a very friendly man, of exceptional refinement and culture, and he cheerfully promised me his kind help in my work.

That we have a great work and difficult problems ahead I am fully convinced, but I am also convinced that if our Pan-Lutheran friends in the United States will remember this mission in their daily intercessions at the Throne of Grace, and will give us the assistance of the necessary means until we get a firm foot-hold, our dear Lutheran Church of North America will, in the future, give a good account of herself, even down here in the land of the Southern Cross.

EPhRAIM CEDER.



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The influence of this committee has dispelled from the minds of the educated classes in South America the idea that Protestantism is hopelessly divided.

Mission Interest Among College Girls

BY ELSIE CATCAMP, CARTHAGE COLLEGE, ILL.

Every possible field of service ought to be presented to the college girl, in order that she may properly choose how to invest her life. Only through the study of missions will the needs of the world be made vital to her, and assist her to face her responsibility. Mission study helps us to realize the great purposes God has for his world, and to see ourselves as potential factors in the carrying out of these purposes. Until there is information and knowledge about the oppressed and needy races of the world there can be no deep and absorbing interest.

College girls have a deep sympathy and love for those of their own sex. In a large sense, Mission work in these days has come to mean the work of women for women. A noted Hindu physician says that twenty-five per cent. of Hindu women die prematurely through early marriage, twenty-five per cent. more are made invalids by the same cause, and the vast majority of the remainder suffer ill-health from it. An old Chinese proverb says, "For every pair of bound feet there is a bed-full of tears." Nearly half the women of the world live in China and India. Think of the pain and suffering in these two countries alone! It is estimated that only one woman in a thousand in China can read, and about six in a thousand in India. Less than a hundredth of the women in India are Christian, but four-fifths of the girls in its secondary schools are Christian girls, and these are the ones who are coming forward as India's future leaders. "As are their Christian missionary teachers, so will they be," because in those countries, in most cases, the teacher is the only Christian influence in the young girl's life. What wonderful openings for teachers, in kindergarten, primary school, grammar school, high schools, colleges and normal schools.

In Japan, China, India, Africa, Korea, and all Mohammedan lands women physicians and nurses are sorely needed, if the sickness and suffering of women are to be alleviated. China has only 140 missionary nurses to 400,000,000 people. Persia has only five missionary nurses to 100,000,000, and similar conditions exist in all countries of the Orient.

It is very truly said that "no nation can rise higher than its womanhood." Who but women can bring these suffering heathen women to the Light, and how except through them can their nations rise?

Never in history has such a crying need for helpers in God's harvest-field presented

itself. Not half enough women are offering themselves. "The highest form of service is that which meets the sorest need, and the sorest need in the world is that of the women in Christless lands." The call comes to college girls as nurses, doctors, deaconesses, zenana workers, teachers, and as wives of missionaries.

For those girls who cannot go to the foreign field there is the great work in our home churches of being Mission leaders. This form of service is indispensably necessary, for in the Church mission information is essential to true Christian life. Until our people know the condition of the harvest field they can not really pray the Lord of the Harvest, not even His own prayer.

America, for several years after the present war is ended, will have to face the stupendous task of shouldering the mission work of the world, until the warring countries again have adjusted their economic conditions.

As to methods of furthering interest in missions among college girls, the Y. W. C. A. offers much valuable literature. Each year the Student Volunteer Movement publishes a Mission Study Prospectus, which is the best available guide in selecting mission study textbooks. In the course which they plan, this year Seniors and Juniors in the Colleges are studying "Our South American Neighbors"; Sophomores are occupied with "India's Awakening," and Freshmen are acquainting themselves with "Comrades in Service."

In the minds of most students there is very little real knowledge of the life and work of the modern missionary, because they are likely only to know about the unusual events. As a result, the prevalent impression is that missionary life is very romantic and quite unlike our own. Mission study is helping to overcome this false conception. We are coming to realize that the everyday life of the college woman in the foreign field is a perfectly normal life, and that the people in India and China and Japan are just as really human as we ourselves.

Inspiration and new interest always is the result of sending delegates to our Lutheran Summer Schools, also to the Summer Conferences of the Missionary Education Movement, the Y. W. C. A., and other student mission organizations. Our earnest prayer is that our Lutheran Church will soon be able to have a salaried student secretary, who can help our college girls plan their missionary program. Surely the problem of bringing the needs of

the mission field before the girls of our Colleges is of vital concern to us as a Church and as a Nation. Mr. William T. Ellis says: "It is impossible for the women of the West to rise permanently higher than the women of the East; either they must raise their Oriental

sisters, or else ultimately be pulled down themselves." And Dr. Henry Van Dyke says: "It is not so much a question as to whether the heathen can be saved without Christ, as whether WE can be saved, if we keep our Christianity to ourselves."

Our College Women and Social Service

BY DEACONESS MALINDA MUNSON, OF THE NORWEGIAN MOTHER-HOUSE, CHICAGO

The Mission work of the Church has not been the least of its triumphs. And why shouldn't this be true? What a lamentable fact it is that our Lutheran Church in this country has been so slow in fully grasping the idea of the nature and object of the Kingdom of God! We rejoice and praise God for the blessing she has been in foreign lands, but she needs a greater vision of her immense opportunity and responsibility for home missions, home evangelization.

The Lutheran Church in America should lead in world-wide evangelization. I think it is God's plan. To the Christian Young People of America, and none more than our Lutheran Young People, is committed this sacred trust, especially at a crisis-time like the present. How vast the need is! This country is one great Home-foreign field. Every third person in the United States is either foreign-born or the child of foreign-born parents. Our Church must be a Home Mission Church, and the "trying-out place of religion is the city."

Is the Church joining issue with the cities, or is it beating retreat from the point of danger? The social problems are growing more difficult and complex. The growth of industries, the drift of population to the great cities, the coming to our shores of large masses of illiterate immigrants, give rise to many social evils. Whilst there are certain redeeming features in some socialistic plans and efforts for the reconstruction of society, by which they vainly hope to effect its ultimate betterment through natural evolutions, yet these human schemes for social and moral improvement are not enough. Hence it becomes the duty of the Church to supply that which is lacking, and place it upon its proper basis. If the City is a peril to civilization, therein lies the opportunity of the Church, and the Lutheran Church should take a keen interest in this modern social movement, quoting as her Scriptural warrant and commission Luke 4: 18-19: "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 preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

That the Church has hitherto paid too much attention to theory, and too little attention to practical life, can scarcely be denied. But we, living in this present day, and coming in touch with the vital problems of modern life and thought, must take an active interest and participation in modern social betterment. To this end she must turn to the Colleges and enlist her young men and women to do her work. Christian social service must be given an important place in the courses of our Colleges and Universities. Reports on file show numerous associations at work on various aspects of its problems. What is the effect? It reveals the dire need in a large city, and thus reveals the opportunity for the consecrated young woman. What woman's heart is not touched by the need of a cold, hungry, homeless child; by the lonely, forsaken, wronged girl; by the congested and unsanitary condition of the slum districts; by the child-labor permitted in the sweat-shops of our large cities? Who does not realize the need of skilled care for the sick in the homes of the poor and the foreigner?

We find woman in all these activities today, in many instances their originator, propagator and main supporters. Surely she is in her proper sphere. In the Scriptures themselves God has recorded the works of women, both in the Old Testament and especially in the New Testament. How they ministered to the needs of the poor and sick with their substance. Paul seemed perfectly convinced that the Holy Spirit has equipped woman in an especial manner for service in the Church. He himself recruited a number of his workers from among the women, calling them his "fellow workers" who "labored much in the Lord." In the fourth century, in one instance, forty women were employed in one congregation. Only when the Church deviated in her doctrine and practice from that of the Apostolic times, woman's work was lost.

We thank God for the salutary influence of Lutheran Woman's Leagues, and for the work done by their Traveling Secretaries, in our schools and colleges. They are movements

in the right direction. For it is the mission in our Colleges of today to have strong girls and women, whom the Church should influence, and she can if she will.

It is the mission of the Church to turn its attention to the Christian Colleges, in order to recruit her force for this great work.

What Christian womanhood must stand for is not only social service, but social service plus religion. Because nothing but the Gospel can save the city, and the power which has penetrated the forest and crossed the seas must force its way into the cellars and garrets of our cities. Woman is willing to do Christian social service work, but let her know it can be done as distinctively Christian, and is done by the Church, and not only by the associated charities.

The Lutheran Church has done Christian social service ever since Theodore Fleidner opened the institution for deaconesses in Kaiserwerth. Thousands of deaconesses are at work in Europe today, though in America she numbers but few as yet. May God speed the day when the Church will open wide her doors, and recognize woman's ability in works of mercy. Let us acquaint the women of our Colleges with the fact that they are wanted, that the Church needs them, not merely to bring about social betterment, but to get at the root of evil, which is sin, and to apply the one only remedy.

June Program

Lutheran girls in State universities wonder why their denomination does not send a Student Secretary to visit them, as do the other denominations?

The girls' high school at Rajahmundry, when established, will call for college-trained women as its teachers.

The meeting of Pan-Lutheran women at Chicago, November 9, 10, 1917, will discuss the need of a Student Secretary. Will you be at the meeting? Unless we have the hearty interest and co-operation of our women, the office of the Student Secretary cannot be created. (See page 40 of this issue.)

Student conferences will be held this summer at Northfield, Eagles Mere, Estes Park, Lake Geneva, Silver Bay and Blue Ridge. Our Lutheran girls in attendance will be met by a Lutheran leader. The General Synod and General Council have united in this work and have arranged that a secretary attend these conferences.

Miss Annette Kahler is our representative from the General Council, and Miss Sarah Van Gundy from the General Synod.

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articles on the visits of these secretaries at the student conferences held last summer.

AN IMPORTANT QUERY

How shall the Leagues, already organized, answer? Request has come from colleges in Ohio, and a most insistent call from Minnesota also, that Miss Kahler be sent to visit our Lutheran girls in the colleges of these two sections. What shall we do this matter?

Wouldn't it be fine if we could assume the financial expense of sending Miss Kahler on a six weeks' trips between Easter and the close of the Spring term? The Woman's Leagues already organized could assume this financial obligation together very easily.

I should like to hear from the sister Leagues as to whether they would be willing to help make this plan a reality? The Philadelphia League bore the entire expense of Miss Kahler's visit to the Southern Colleges last fall, and this League would, I am sure, favor extending this work, in co-operation with the other Leagues.

Lutheran sisters, tell us whether you think the suggestion feasible, and to what extent your League will help. We have no time to lose if the plan is to be carried out.

LAURA F. FRY.

LUTHERAN BODIES AT WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA

For May Program

1. The General Synod has one central church and four mission points in British Guiana, located at New Amsterdam and along the Berbice River.

Then we have the remnant of the work in Argentine which we established in Buenos Aires, at Caseros, a suburb of Buenos Aires, and at Rosario, where Rev. Mr. Halburg labored as a licensed minister of the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

2. The Lutheran Church of Denmark has work in the southern part of the province of Buenos Aires, with the central church at Tandile, with Rev. Mr. Andrasen and an assistant as the pastors. They have a day school also and a number of outlying stations.

3. The Missouri Synod has work in southern Brazil and Argentina, with approximately twenty-five men on the field.

4. The Prussian Union, which is largely Lutheran in membership, had work in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, until the war came with its awful havoc.

5. The Norwegians of Europe have made a feeble beginning of work in the ports of the Argentine. Their headquarters is at Buenos Aires, where they have a home for sailors, with a chapel.



Summer Schools



Summer School Expansion in 1917 The Number of Lutheran Assemblies More Than Doubled

As was to have been expected, the present world-famous year will witness a marked growth in the sphere of Lutheran Summer School activities. There is scarcely a section of our English-speaking Church in this land which will not find one of these delightful vacation week's outings within reach, and they will be so imbued with the Federation spirit, which is coming to be universally prevalent, that all Lutherans, of whatever Synodical connection, will feel thoroughly at home in any of them. At the present rate of progress, the time is not far distant when the Chautauqua plan can be put into operation among them. This means that their dates can be so arranged in a consecutive schedule, as to make it possible for a Lutheran faculty of half a dozen specialists, in their respective spheres, to spend an entire summer at one after another in this chain of holiday assemblies, on the beautiful grounds of our Seminaries and Colleges, which used to be entirely idle and unutilized in the summer time. It will be well worth any man's while to fully prepare himself to give his very best, in his own chosen department, to these syndicated gatherings of picked men and women, who are leaders in their congregations and Conferences and Synods. Through them the leaven will permeate the lump, and since they themselves have hitherto been entire strangers to each other (especially if they belong to different Bodies), their own mutual personal acquaintances will prove a mighty factor in the Church's future progress.

NEW SUMMER SCHOOLS THIS YEAR

It is a little too early in the season to name the complete list, with definite exactness, since the question is still pending and has not yet been finally decided in some instances. But a tentative schedule would include the Central Canada Seminary at Waterloo, Ontario, Rev. P. A. Laury, D.D., dean; the Western New York Summer School, at Rochester or Buffalo, Rev. Peter Altpeter, chairman; the Chicago Seminary Assembly, at Maywood, which has fixed its date for August 6 to 11, Rev. William Eckert, chairman; the Weidner Institute gathering, at Mulberry, Indiana, Rev. Elmer D. S. Boyer, chairman, and the Pacific Coast Summer School, at Seattle, Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, chairman.

Mount Airy, Philadelphia, has chosen the week following the Fourth of July, from Monday to Saturday, July 9 to 14, and in addition to teacher-training courses in the Graded Text-Books, which are its specialty, will offer a theological program for ministers, appropriate to 1917. This means two Summer Schools in one, and the doubled registration will soon check off every available room on the campus, engaged in advance. As likely as not, this is already the case. At least it will be wise policy for those persons who do not have rooms elsewhere in the city, to bespeak their accommodations without delay, and save regrets afterwards for unnecessary postponement. Address Rev. Zenan M. Corbe, 3120 North Park Avenue, Philadelphia. Dr. W. L. Hunton, of the General Council's editorial staff, is chairman of the Program Committee.

Please Do Not Procrastinate

The same urgency about prompt correspondence in engaging rooms in the dormitories, to save any possible disappointment, pertains also to the Thiel Summer School, from Saturday, July 28, to August 4, which has won for itself the enviable reputation of being a veritable power-house for Western Pennsylvania. Every section of the Pittsburgh Synod feels its impulse very decidedly, as a source not only of suggestions, but also of energy to put them into execution. This year the throng will test the capacity of Thiel's large auditorium, even more than last year, which registered the high-water mark of all Lutheran Summer Schools up to that time. By all means drop a line this very day to Rev. Frank S. Beistel, chairman, Greenville, Pa., if you have any intention of joining this happy throng. Not a cent of advance payment is to be made, hence there is nothing to lose, and everything to gain, by thus taking time by the forelock.

So, too, in reference to the Gettysburg week, from Friday noon, August 3, to Friday noon, August 10. Since this is to be a federated assembly of the Muhlenberg and the Gettysburg Summer Schools, both these groups will be as large as they were last year, and larger. In many respects this will add greatly to their combined employment and profit, but in regard to the important question of lodgings which are

in complete accord with your own tastes and preferences, the 100 per cent. increased attendance should be matched by 100 per cent. increased attendance to this matter of sending word in advance. Those troublesome telegrams which come rushing in at the eleventh hour, when the very same message could just as well be sent by mail right now, for a two-cent postage stamp, or a one-cent postal card, are distracting to the last degree, and upset the whole plan of arrangements. More than fifty persons have already engaged their domiciles at Gettysburg, and another fifty letters will probably come in within the next few days, in response to this article. These we can take care of without difficulty, and are not worried about them at all. But when it comes to the third fifty in late June and early July, and the fourth fifty in late July, to say nothing of what may follow after that, these will be our perplexity, which might so easily be avoided, if friends will exercise a little thoughtfulness. That which means nothing of trouble to you, means everything of assistance to the men who have in hand the business of the best possible housing of the Summer School people in each section.



THE CHICAGO SEMINARY AT MAYWOOD ANNOUNCES A SUMMER SCHOOL THIS YEAR

Heads of Departments

In no instance has a complete schedule been able to be prepared for print as yet, but some definite announcements can be made. The faculty of the Chicago "Summer School for Sunday School and Church Workers," to be held at Maywood, will include Doctors Krauss, Gerberding, Frick, S. P. Long, Bieber, Professor Birch,

of Wittenberg College; Inner Missionary Hering, of Pittsburgh. Woman's work will be presented in a series of stereopticon views by Rev. Paul Wagner Roth, of the Milwaukee Mother-House, and the teacher-training department will be in charge of Rev. E. A. Trabert. The chaplain will be Rev. A. J. Holl, of Columbus. The total cost of the four and a half days, from

berg Summer School, where he was deeply impressed with the possibilities of the movement, and carried back home much of the enthusiasm. The Executive Committee working with him is intensely anxious that the same fire shall kindle at Weidner Institute a beacon for Sunday School and missionary leaders, in both the General Council and the General Synod Churches

Monday evening, August 6th, to Saturday morning, August 11th, will be \$6.00, or \$1.50 per single day, including board, lodging and tuition. Among the recreations will be the trip known as "Seeing Chicago in Summer Time," also the usual outdoor field-sports. Since it is characterized as a distinctively Missionary Seminary, the program will be especially strong in its missionary features. All the diverse Lutheran Synods working in the Metropolis of the Middle West (and the number includes nearly every one of the General Lutheran bodies in the United States), will be represented, it is hoped, in this Summer School assembly of 1917.

The chairman of the assembly to be begun as an experiment, in this federation year, at Weidner Institute, Mulberry, Indiana, got his inspiration last year at the Muhlen-



BATTLEFIELD, FROM BIG ROUND TOP

of that entire section. And these men are working hard in preparation of the best Summer School curriculum they can possibly arrange, keeping the local expenses down to \$1.50 a day, including everything, which universal experience has found to be the minimum of practicable prices. If everybody who lives within reach of Mulberry, Indiana, and who is interested in the success of the project, will kindly write to Chairman Boyer and tell him so, it will have a stimulative effect in this initial stage of the evolution. Here is a splendid opportunity for progressive missionary women.

The large Gettysburg picture in this issue is by courtesy of the Reading Railroad Company, and because, as the years increase, one after another, it is hard to get striking cuts which have never appeared on our pages before, we appreciate the kind favor all the more. Whether from a panoramic or historic or ecclesiastic or Summer-Schoolic point of view, it would be hard to imagine a more attractive resort for a week's holiday outing. It is to be a Pan-Lutheran party this year, and men and women from every Synod in Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New York and adjacent States are welcome indeed, as they will better

understand within two or three hours after they get there. Doctors Wentz, Wiles, Steinhäuser, Professor J. Fry, among the men, and among the women, Mrs. Cronk, Mrs. Seebach, Mrs. Elsie Singmaster Lewars, Mrs. Baldwin, are some of the familiar names scheduled on the strongest program which either the Muhlenberg or the Gettysburg Summer School has ever offered. Others will be reported in our next issue, when we hope to give all the programs of the entire series in full, and you can anticipate a rich feast to select from. The rolling ground of the Seminary campus at Gettysburg is finely adapted for the quadri-centennial missionary tableaux and the festival pageant which are being planned in honor of 1917.

CHARLES L. FRY,
844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.

Other Missionary Conference Dates

Blue Ridge, North Carolina, June 22-July 1.
Silver Bay (Missionary Educational Movement), July 6-15.
Northfield (Foreign Missions), July 10-17.
Northfield (Home Missions), July 18-25.
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, July 27-August 5.

Lutheran Headquarters at Chautauqua, N. Y.

At the 1916 Chautauqua Assembly in New York State, the women of the Lutheran Church who gathered there last summer, held a meeting in the interest of a Lutheran Headquarters at that place. The importance of having the Church of the Reformation properly represented there was discussed and emphasized. All the other denominations have commodious places for the social, intellectual and religious gatherings of their members. Since, as many Lutherans spend considerable time every summer at Chautauqua, either in schools or attending the lectures and concerts, it was keenly felt that the lack of being adequately represented was a humiliating disappointment to hundreds of our people who annually visit Chautauqua.

It was unanimously resolved to present the matter to our Lutheran people in general, and through Women's organizations and Young People's Societies, irrespective of linguistic or Synodical differences, ask their co-operation in the work of securing a Lutheran House at the famous Mother Chautauqua of the world.

The Headquarters is to belong to the Lutheran Church as a whole, and is designed to serve as a rallying center for all Lutherans at Chautauqua, where public worship will be held on

Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. A Bureau of Information will also be found there, and free rooms provided for Lutheran missionaries on furlough from the foreign fields who may elect to spend their summer vacation at Chautauqua.

A valuable piece of property, on a corner lot, in the very heart of Chautauqua, was purchased a few years ago, though it is not yet fully paid for. This is a splendid location and should not be lost to the Lutheran Church.

A number of Conferences of the General Synod, General Council and Joint Synod of Ohio have been visited, and the matter has been presented to them with encouraging results. Individuals as well as Societies have made contributions. Will you also join in this praiseworthy enterprise? Here is an opportunity for the women of our Lutheran Church to testify to their unity in the faith, and during the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, make a small offering to a common cause that will ever stand as a worthy memorial of that celebration in its service to the entire body of those calling themselves after the great Reformer.

Send contributions to Mrs. G. G. Ruff,
Springdale, Pa. MRS. G. G. RUFF.

S. D. GORDON'S NOONDAY TALKS IN PHILADELPHIA

(Quiet Talks, etc.)

Mr. Gordon has been to town. He arrived in January. He upset a large number of modern ideas on attendance at religious services. We did not know that he intended to come to town. A great many people did not know who he was, after he arrived. He walked into the various pastoral associations, and announced his intention of giving a few "quiet talks" on matters pertaining to his Father's work, and that these talks would be held in the Garrick Theatre. He made his own announcements because he had no advance agents, no organized workers, no newspaper notoriety. He was not good "copy" for the reporters. We went to the Garrick Theatre to hear Mr. Gordon. We looked for the organized methods, and, happily, missed them. We failed even to see a trombone. The theatre was about half-filled. A small desk stood on the stage. At the appointed hour a diffident, rather awkward-looking man, in an apologetic way walked out to the little desk. His trousers bagged at the knees. His feet looked a little in the way. The services were now to begin. He called upon a D.D. to lead in the opening prayer. On several occasions when we attended these "talks" he called upon others of the same type to pray. These calls were the only jarring points in his services. We received instruction. We were edified. We were always glad that before the meetings were over Mr. Gordon himself *prayed*. The hymns were printed on slips: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," "Just as I Am." We had all these hymns in our Church book. We missed the "Brewers big horses," etc. There was something wrong with Mr. Gordon in the eyes of people looking for the sensational. He was disappointing them. The singing ended. Mr. Gordon announces that he will talk for half an hour. Thirty minutes at midday! We pitied poor Mr. Gordon. He should have known that we would not stand for that kind of thing! And now the talk. How we wish, as he awkwardly advances to the front of the stage, that the poor man would remove his hand from his trousers pocket! His other hand is safe. It holds a Bible. He talks! Mr. Gordon has disappeared from the stage. When he departed he left behind him a "voice" and a MESSAGE. A few minutes later another change is made. The "voice" leaves the stage, and now we only have the MESSAGE, and a great MESSAGE it is indeed, every time. For seven weeks this

thing was repeated. Each day those faltering legs, covered with the bagging trousers, forced the man out on the stage, forced the awkward body to rock and falter before the eyes of men, and after men looked and wondered, the body fled and left the "voice," and then the "voice" fled and left the MESSAGE. A message which greeted at the outstart, in the second week in January, a half-filled house. It ended, after seven weeks with a house packed and jammed from stage to the last inch of standing room in the topmost balcony. We have no comments to make. Possibly you may not have seen it in your paper, but MR. GORDON has been to town.

F. A. BOWERS.

OUR GENERAL COUNCIL SOCIETY'S FOURTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The fourth biennial convention will open on Thursday morning, October 25, 1917, in old St. John's, Philadelphia, Fifth and Race Streets. The opening session will be preceded by a communion service. Business sessions on Thursday, Friday and Monday. Saturday will be given over to sight seeing, including Valley Forge and the Trappe, and the day will close with a large banquet, attended by both men and women.

Elaborate plans are being outlined by the men's committee for the General Council convention, and the women have been invited to participate in the various features.

The 50th anniversary of the organizing of the General Council will be fittingly signalized. The 175th anniversary of Muhlenberg's arrival in America will be observed in Old Zion's Church.

There will be a magnificent musical evening in the Academy of Music. Also a mass meeting at a prominent point. The Muhlenberg monument will be unveiled. One night will be given over to the women's mass meeting, probably Friday, October 26th.

The heartiest co-operation is existing between the two committees representing the Woman's Missionary Society and the General Council.

Our June issue will contain in full the detailed arrangements, also the name and address of the chairman in charge of the information bureau as to hotels, convention plans, etc., etc.

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Leaders of the May Program will note material for "Field Dispatches" on pages 16-18.

15 Minute Programs in the S. S.

MRS. T. W. KRETSCHMANN

April

Topic—*The Word Brings Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom.* Decorate the platform with cherry blossoms. If early in the season use the budding branches, and tie white tissue paper flowers on the twigs. It will make an effective showing.

Scripture—*The Prophecy that Kings of the Isles shall pay Tribute to the Christ.* Psalm 72: 8-19, read alternately with pastor.

Hymn 44—"All Things Bright and Beautiful."

I. THE OPEN DOOR AND THE OPEN BIBLE. (See article in *Monthly Topics*.) Ask a member of the Men's Bible Class to tell this to the school.

II. THE FIVE W'S OF LUTHERAN MISSIONS IN JAPAN. Prepare strips of cardboard, 12 by 10 inches. On each, print one of these words, WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? Nail these to the top of slender sticks. Five classes hold aloft these signs, as they read in concert answers to the questions of leader. A member of the Woman's Missionary Society may conduct the exercise, selecting the questions from among those given in the *Monthly Topics*.

III. THE GOD WHO COULD NOT GET BACK ON THE SHELF. (Leaflet in *Junior Topics*, 40 cents a hundred.) This is an interesting account of the life of Neesima, who did so remarkable a work for his people of Japan. The story of his conversion and adventurous journey to America will capture the interest of the boys and girls.

Hymn 188—"Thou Whose Almighty Word."

May

Topic—*The Word Goes into the Neglected Continent.* Display flags of the South American Republics.

Scripture—*In Paul's words we see a picture of the spiritual darkness of South America.* I Timothy 4:1-11 read alternately by girls' and boys' classes.

Hymn 187—"Jehovah Thee to Praise."

I. THE CALL OF SOUTH AMERICA TO NORTH AMERICA. (Leaflet in *Monthly Topics*, 20 cents a hundred.) Distribute to School, and let each class read a paragraph as called for by the leader.

II. THE RESPONSE TO THE CALL BY OUR LUTHERAN CHURCH. See articles in December and March *MISSION WORKER* on Missionary Ceder and his errand to Buenos Aires, the metropolis of the Argentine Republic. Five-minute talk by Superintendent.

III. THE LAND OF THE GOLDEN MAN. Leader

gives a brief summary of this interesting book, asking boys and girls to apply to her for the loan of it. (See "Book Notices," page 44.)

Hymn 186—"My Church, My Church, My Dear Old Church."

June

Topic—*College Students Needed to Enlist.* Ask children to help decorate the platform with college pennants. If any college graduates are in the home Church, ask them to appear in cap and gown for this program.

Scripture—*The Glorious Call to the Lord's Work.* Hebrews 11: 32-40 and 12: 1-2, read alternately by college graduates and school.

Hymn 198—"Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

I. THE FIRST STUDENT VOLUNTEER PLEDGE. This should be written in large letters on blackboard, and read in concert by School. (See *Monthly Topics*.)

II. A STUDENT VOLUNTEER OF TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO. (See leaflet in *Monthly Topics*, 40 cents a hundred.) Distribute to School and direct in reading paragraphs. This will give them good information about Hans Egede, the pioneer missionary to Greenland.

III. THE HAYSTACK MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS. (See *Monthly Topics*.) Let a young college graduate tell of this important meeting.

Hymn 211—"O, Jesus, I Have Promised."

OUR PATRIARCH, MUHLENBERG

The project to erect a fitting statue to memorialize the illustrious life and work of Doctor Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, in the city of Philadelphia, which was the scene of many of his labors, is one of the quadri-centennial features. This is therefore an opportune time to urge again that every Lutheran Sunday School ought to place on its walls a portrait of this missionary organizer and hero as an incentive to the young people of the present generation. The Women's Missionary Society has published a beautiful portrait, suitable for framing. The cost is so small a sum as 50 cents, postpaid, by our Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Building. This artistic portrait, at so trifling a cost, ought by all means have a wide sale this year, 1917, the 175th anniversary of his arrival in this country. A public ceremony of unveiling such a portrait would be an appropriate exercise for the Sunday School, to acquaint the teachers and scholars with the conspicuous events of his career as a great missionary.

Life Memberships and In Memoriams

BY MRS. LEWIS K. SANDFORD



PETER SEIBERT
ALLENTOWN, PA.
1821-1914



MRS. SARAH SEIBERT
ALLENTOWN, PA.
1819-1899



MRS. G. W. FREDERICK
PHILADELPHIA
1841-1916



REV. G. W. FREDERICK
PHILADELPHIA
1837-1904

NOTE THIS IN ADVANCE

[FOREWORD.—Special request is made by the Chairman of the Department to all treasurers to forward fees for Life Memberships and Memoriams very promptly. She asks this because as treasurer of the Membership Fund, she is accountable for all moneys received. Certificates and pins, representing Members enrolled, are her receipts given for such moneys. It can readily be seen that for the sake of accurate bookkeeping she cannot give credentials until the fees are actually in her hands. When the checks are delayed by the various treasurers, through whose hands they must pass, prospective Members are deprived of their credentials—in some cases, for months. This request is made solely in the interest of these Members, and for the sake of prompt enrollment and accurate bookkeeping.

This rule will be followed hereafter in all cases. Another source of delay will be remedied if all information concerning Memberships—the shorter statements, in the case of the Life Members, and the longer sketches for those honored “In Memoriam”—are forwarded also to the chairman of this Department, whose duty it is, each quarter, to prepare this article for the MISSION WORKER. If the sketches are sent to the editor, they must be remailed to me, thus entailing unnecessary labor and delay.

A careful observance of these two requests will be greatly appreciated.]

OUR LARGER HEADQUARTERS

You will be encouraged and gratified to know that the increasing and ever-widening demands made upon our General Council Society's Literature Department require additional

space at Headquarters. A double room must be secured, and the one connecting with our present suite of three rooms in the Drexel Building, is now available. Another office assistant is also absolutely indispensable. The editor is literally working night and day, and the business manager, often overtime, too. To meet these new requirements, in conjunction with the expenses already assumed, means a much larger outlay of money each month. The conclusion is self-evident. This Department calls for a liberal support, one that shall keep pace with the widening sphere of the Society. A select few local Societies do now contribute names to the Honor Roll, and funds to the treasury, regularly every year. Many more could do likewise. May we not lay it upon the hearts of our women to recognize their loyalty to this Department as a *missionary obligation*, to be considered of equal importance with the other missionary causes, and to be supported just as generously and systematically as any other?

Since the beginning of the Quadri-Centennial, as proved by this article itself, the response has been liberal and very encouraging. Let us measure up to our opportunities and privileges, more and more, and make possible the still broader work that is opening up to us in these rapidly advancing times.

IN MEMORIAM

This quarter's eleven Memoriams bring to mind eleven consecrated lives, transferred to the Church triumphant. Through these Memberships given in their memory, we are enabled to carry forward the work that fell from their hands when they passed to their eternal re-

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REV. JOHN A. ZUNDEL
MINNEAPOLIS
1864-1910



SISTER CAROLINE EWALD
TOLEDO, OHIO
1887-1917



MARY MAGDALENE WENSAL
POTTSTOWN, PA.
1850-1915



MRS. SALLIE F. BEALER
TYLERSPORT, PA.
1848-1916

ward. Rev. G. W. Frederick, who died in 1904, will be remembered as the original owner and publisher of *The Lutheran*, the official organ of the General Council, together with many other Lutheran books. Before his entrance into the ministry he was in active service during the Civil War, finally being breveted Colonel of New York Volunteers, for gallant and meritorious conduct, and later still, being in command of the Regiment. At the conclusion of the War he entered the Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1866, serving two congregations before failing health caused him to relinquish active pastoral duties to assume the business management of the publication house. His wife, who survived him for twelve years, was a fitting helpmeet to her husband, always interested and active in the work of our Church, and when ill-health overtook her, she served it by giving liberally to its causes. She was an example of patience and Christian fortitude to all who knew and loved her. These two servants of the Lord have been honored by their daughters, Mrs. A. W. Leibensperger, Lebanon, and Mrs. M. B. Schmoyer, Macungie, Pa. Mrs. Frederick's Membership is a transferral from that of Life to Memorial.

Rev. J. A. Zundel has received his tribute from the Redeemer Society, in Minneapolis, of which Church he was the pastor at the time of his death. This self-sacrificing home-missionary was a martyr to the Cause, as the great strain of mental and physical labor broke down his health, and he was cut off in the very prime of life. His efforts in Fargo, North Dakota, were signally successful, and in his second field in Minneapolis and St. Paul he organized the Church of the Redeemer—the last one of all—and “he felt so proud of it, for there were so many good, faithful people in it.”

He was also favorably known in Greens-

burg, Pa., where he taught in various schools, before he entered the ministry.

Mrs. Dora Scott Laughner, Whitestown, Ind., was honored by the Willing Workers of St. Mark's Church. As the wife of Mr. J. T. Frank Laughner, an active Church officer and superintendent of the Sunday School, she became the teacher of a class of girls in the primary department, and remained through the whole graded system. Interested in missions herself, as soon as her girls were old enough she organized them into a missionary society. Her early death at the age of thirty-seven, was a great loss to her class, but encouraged by her teaching and example they still continue their Society, and contribute this Memorial as an appreciation of what she did for them.

Mrs. Sallie F. Bealer's Memorial was presented by her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Koppe, and the Ridge Valley Society, in which she was active for twenty-three years, serving as its treasurer for eight years. She was a member of the Sunday School for twenty years and the Luther League for eighteen.

Mrs. Mary Magdalene Wentzel was a faithful member of Emmanuel Society, Pottstown, from its organization in 1900, and at her death in 1915, she bequeathed to it a legacy in her will. Though loyal to the local activities of the congregation, yet her interest extended to all the institutions of the Lutheran Church at large, especially to Missions and Church Extension.

We are privileged, at this time, to enroll our first child “In Memoriam”—Dorothy Lenora Dittmar, daughter of Rev. G. F. Dittmar and his wife, Hicksville, Ohio. Having contracted infantile paralysis at the age of seven years, she made a remarkable fight for life, even returning to her school duties after a long absence, being taken there in her brother's wagon,



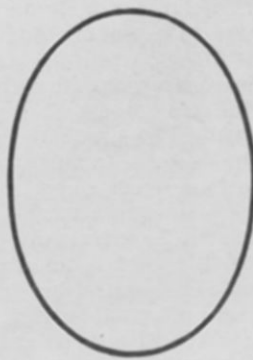
MRS. DORA S. LAUGHNER
WHITESTOWN, IND.
1878-1915



SALLIE A. HOUSEKEEPER
PHILADELPHIA
1843-1917



DOROTHY LENORA DITTMAR
HICKSVILLE, OHIO
1908-1916



and aided by her fellow pupils, who were most kind and helpful. But a constant succession of illnesses proved too much for her frail strength, and this Memorial is given by the sorrowing parents and a few dear friends, with the earnest prayer that it may accomplish a little of the good for the Master's Kingdom that was hoped from her, had she been spared. The Loving Saviour took her to His own Kingdom of Glory, in the innocence of regenerated childhood. Transplanted there, she will shine resplendent forever, a bright jewel in His crown.

Mrs. Sallie A. Housekeeper, wife of Mr. Henry M. Housekeeper, was a member of Trinity Reformed Church, Philadelphia, her husband being an Elder of that Church and a layman prominent in every line of his denominational work. Mrs. Housekeeper's life was one of ceaseless Christian activities. The Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, was aided by her gift of Frick Cottage for infant orphans, while Home and Foreign Missions, the work of education, the Y. W. C. A. interests of Philadelphia, and other beneficences were equally dear to her heart.

This tribute is from her daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Fry, whose unceasing, selfless work for the Kingdom, as editor of the *MISSION WORKER*, and literature chairman, is given to the interests of the General Council Society, and to the cause of Christ in its widest sense, proving that a devoted mother's example and training are great factors in developing lives to full fruition of consecrated service.

Peter Seibert, in his boyhood days, learned the occupation of his father—carpet and coverlet weaving. Several months after his marriage in 1843, he moved to Easton, Pa., to engage in yarn dyeing and weaving. There he united with St. John's Church, being elected

one of the deacons and treasurer of the congregation. Upon removal to Allentown in 1867, Mr. and Mrs. Seibert and their two daughters transferred their membership to the other St. John's, which he served in an official capacity for fourteen years, being considered one of the most liberal contributors. In his will he left about two-thirds of his estate to the institutions and mission work of the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Sarah Seibert (nee Schmick), was likewise a regular attendant of Church services and proved her interest in charitable and missionary work by her contributions. She was also a very industrious, economical home-keeper, beloved by all her acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Seibert were honored by their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Scheffer, Allentown.

Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, Pelham Road, Philadelphia, has again shown her unfailing interest in the Deaconess work, the chairmanship of which she holds in the General Council Society. She presents this "In Memoriam" of Sister Caroline Ernestine Ewald, the third of the seven children of Mr. Charles Peter Ewald, of Allentown, and his wife, Caroline Johlin, of Toledo. From the Martin Luther Church, in Toledo, where she was confirmed by Rev. J. S. Herold, on Pentecost, 1902, she came to the Philadelphia Mother-House under the present pastor, Rev. William Brenner, whose interest in the deaconess work encouraged her very much in reaching a favorable decision. She entered as a Candidate on October 24, 1914, and almost at once won the fullest confidence of everybody.

The Christian influence of her home was soon noticed in her character and conduct, for at home, as she herself said in her application, the children were taught to reverence and to fear God. Prayer and grace at table were early impressed upon her mind as essential to a

Christian, as well as regularity and promptness in attending Sunday School and Church.

She gained her first information of the deaconess work from the *Luther League Topics*. And from the teaching and preaching of her pastor, she gradually came to see how useful she could be in this life by giving her strength to Him, from whom she received it, in a service of love and mercy. Her expressed purpose was "to be a fruitful branch of the True Vine."

But in His infinite wisdom, the Lord has called her out of her labors after less than two years of actual service. She had been received into the Sisterhood as a Probationer on March 31, 1915, and after six months' experience in nursing at the German Hospital, she was assigned for a year's training and experience in dietetics. Last October she returned to nursing, this time at the Children's Hospital, where she filled her place with her usual ability and faithfulness, until relieved early in January, because of what was then considered an attack of the grippe, but which, after her removal to the German Hospital turned out to be a most virulent attack of typhoid fever, to which she succumbed on January 27, 1917.

The entire Mother-House mourns for her, and will cherish her memory as that of a Sister whose uniform kindness, self-sacrifice and self-control, together with her sweet and retiring disposition, has left us in many respects an example worthy of emulation.

41 NEW LIFE MEMBERS

We are happy to report more Life Memberships than have ever before been received in three months' time. Forty-one is the number. Eight were Christmas and three birthday gifts.

One Christmas surprise was for Miss Florence A. Beaver, Greenville, Pa., given by Miss Zoe I. Hirt, the capable president of the General Council Society, as an expression of gratitude for much help along various lines of missionary work, in both the Pittsburgh Synodical and the General Council Societies. Miss Beaver was treasurer of the former Society for several years, and she is now the recording secretary.

Miss Elizabeth Blackman's gift was given by the Luther Memorial Society of Erie. After five years of very efficient service as the secretary of the local Society, she is now its literature secretary—a consecrated all-around missionary worker in her home congregation, and in the Sunday School.

St. John's Junior Society, Martin's Ferry, Ohio, honored their organizer and leader, Miss Lena Kuckuck, also at Christmas. These sixty boys and girls have received their enthusiastic interest because of their leader's example, and

her untiring efforts and splendid work among them.

Mrs. Samuel C. Brown, Erie, Pa., received her gift from the President of the Pittsburgh Synod and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. Franklin Gehr, as a Christmas token of the love with which she is regarded by these dear friends, in whose home she spends much of her time. Mrs. Brown is the chairman of this department in the Erie Conference, and dates her intense missionary interest to the time of the Federation of the General Council Society in Lancaster, Pa., in September, 1911.

Rev. Austin H. Roeder, Rochester, N. Y., was honored by the Ever Faithful Mission Girls of Christ Church, their Society being particularly active in his congregation.

Mrs. G. G. Ruff, Springdale, Pa., was given her Membership by Grace Society, Dunkirk, N. Y., of which Church her husband was formerly the pastor. She had been president of the Society and gave her best efforts to its work. She is now actively identified with that of the Pittsburgh women, and to all forms of mission service for the Lutheran Church.

The two remaining Christmas gifts were for Rev. Emil Meyer and his wife, by the Emmanuel Guild and the Master Workers of Bethel Church, San Jose, Cal.—the Guild being the German organization, and the Workers the English one, in this congregation. High praise was received with the announcement of the membership, crediting Pastor Meyer and his wife with "having done some wonderful missionary work in the far West, and fully deserving of this honor given by their people."

The three birthday remembrances were for Lois Mildred Buck, Tarentum, Pa.; Miss Margaret Bramer, Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Jonas G. Lagerstrom, Minneapolis, Minn. Lois, ten years old, on the first of February, was honored by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Buck, the membership being presented at a birthday party. Miss Bramer, the financial secretary and chairman of the department of public enterprises of the Ever Faithful Mission Girls of Christ Church, Rochester, was given her appreciation by a leader of the Girls, Mr. Kurt I. Saleski crediting the gift to the Society. "Unconsciously she first suggested to her Bible Class teacher, the taking up of missionary work, and half a year later the organization of a missionary circle was effected, which developed rapidly. Her youthful exuberant spirit has been of unusual inspiration to the organizer," the Wagner student who presented the Membership.

Mrs. Jonas Lagerstrom received her gift from her son Carl, who had previously given us



LOIS MILDRED BUCK,
TARENTUM, PA.
10 YEARS OLD
DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS.
GEORGE B. BUCK. PRESENTED BY
HER GRANDMOTHER, MRS. FRED M.
BUCK, TARENTUM, PA.



THREE SISTERS
HELEN EDELLA, 15 YEARS OLD
EVELYN LUCILE, 13 YEARS OLD
MARY MATILDA, 11 YEARS OLD
DAUGHTERS OF MR. AND MRS. ED-
WARD J. FRIEDLINE, JONES MILLS,
PA. PRESENTED BY THEIR MOTHER,
MRS. JESSIE FREEMAN FRIEDLINE.

the privilege of his sister's name, Mrs. R. L. Leatherman. Three ladies have given us their names and individual support, Miss Julia S. Wattles being the first. Miss Wattles is identified with all phases of mission activities, particularly in the work of the Pittsburgh Synod. She has held various offices, and now serves on several important committees, using her time and means wholeheartedly for the cause. Mrs. Frank C. Smink, a member of Trinity Church, Reading Pa., shows her interest in our work by enrolling, as does also Mrs. Jessie Freeman-Friedline, Jones Mills, Pa., a member of North Zion Church, Donegal, Pa. Her fervent love for the mission cause is evidenced by the fact that she not only gave us her own membership, but those of her three daughters, Helen Edella, fourteen years; Evelyn Lucile, twelve years, and Mary Matilda, ten years of age. These young girls are receiving precept and example for growing into the same missionary spirit displayed by their mother, the two older belonging to the Women's Society of the Church, and Mary to her mother's Mission Study Class, which is to become a Junior Society in the near future. Helen has already decided to become a missionary to India. May God bless these three girls and all others who plan and work for the Master's service. In addition to Pastor Meyer and Pastor Roeder, three other ministers' names have been enrolled, all the tributes being given with warm expressions of love and appreciation.

Rev. Carl G. Toebke, Richmond Hill, N. Y., was honored by St. Paul's Society, Dunton, L. I. Last year this Society gave a membership to Rev. Steinbicker, who was then Field Missionary. Now the congregation has a resident pastor of its own, whom it is happy to enroll. Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister, Vancouver, Wash., was enrolled by St. Peter's Society, Janesville, Wis., of which Church he was pastor for a number of years, and in which Society he took a great interest, introducing the missionary programs and speaking of every general object of the Church.

Rev. J. H. Waidelich, another staunch friend of missions, received his appreciation from St. Michael's Society, Sellersville.

Two Conference Societies enriched the Roll with two names each. The Eastern Conference of the New York and New England Synod, at its Convention in November, presented their retiring president, Mrs. M. S. Waters, and Mrs. Julia A. Leckner with life memberships. Mrs. Waters, of Newark, gave splendid service to the Conference, and while still continuing in the work of it, has added to her activities that of president of the Lutheran Women's League of New York. Mrs. Leckner, of Brooklyn, acted as secretary for the Society for about seven years, besides giving her energies to the Home Mission in Brooklyn itself.

The Greensburg Conference Society *never* fails to support our Department. At its recent

convention, the names of Mrs. J. B. Geissinger, the president, and Miss Luella M. Ambrose, the treasurer, were added to our Roll. The women in this Conference are exceptionally capable and devoted to the mission cause, and these two are emphatically included in the number. Mrs. Geissinger is also serving on the special Synodical Committee for the Pittsburgh Neighborhood House.

The Western Conference Society of the New York and New England Synod, which likewise has nobly added membership after membership to the Honor Roll, commemorated its tenth anniversary by enrolling itself, a very timely, sensible and welcome action.

Mrs. M. F. Trexler is a name known to every active mission worker in the Philadelphia Conference. Cheery in face and disposition, her very appearance at a convention is an inspiration. As chairman of this department I bear grateful witness to the cordial manner in which Mrs. Trexler took a new-comer under her care, on the first visit to the Philadelphia Conference Society, making her feel thoroughly at home at once. In her own Society of St. Luke's, she has served as secretary for twenty-seven years, giving faithful service to an unusual degree. In the Conference Society she holds the Porto Rican chairmanship, and is foremost in all the work of the Conference. With her membership came the tribute, "she is one of the dearest and most consecrated souls I have ever known."

Mrs. Elizabeth Gerken, New York City, is enrolled by her daughter, Miss Henrietta. These two ladies, members of the New York Ministerium, became interested in the work of this department through reading the MISSION WORKER, and the daughter, who is devoted to the cause of Missions, has given us her support, and the honor of her mother's name, even while she is not in actual connection with our General Council organization. Special appreciation is therefore due her for her aid of our work.

Mrs. S. M. Kielland, Buffalo, N. Y., was honored by the Redeemer Society, Buffalo, of which Society she is the efficient secretary. This Society has to its credit quite a few memberships, among them being that of Mrs. Kielland's daughter, Miss Dorothea, a missionary at the Inanda Station, Africa, mother and daughter both giving their consecrated energies to the cause of missions.

Mrs. W. O. Fegely, wife of the pastor of Augustus Church, Trappe, Pa., was given her membership by the Pastor's Aid Society. This honor was really intended to be a Christmas gift, but circumstances delayed the enrollment one month.

Mrs. Mary Voigt, Holgate, O., received the

following tribute with her membership, presented by St. Peter's League. "The Society desires to honor her while she still lives and labors with us. She was the first president of our Society, and has held that office almost continuously from the time our Church was organized to the present. Her whole life and energy have been thrown into the work, laboring in season and out of season for our Church Society and the activities at large. In fact, she has been the most efficient and untiring worker that our Society has been blessed with."

Another capable Conference chairman for this department is enrolled by her husband. Mrs. A. C. Schwend, of Minneapolis, has for her territory the Central Conference of the Synod of the Northwest. It is always a great pleasure to welcome as a life member, one of our faithful corps of workers, whose efforts in behalf of the Honor Roll make possible much of the work our General Council Society is accomplishing.

Mrs. J. H. Graf is another pastor's wife to be honored by her fellow-workers in the Good Hope Society, North Lima, Ohio. Mrs. Graf was preceded in our membership by her husband, who was enrolled by the same Society three years ago, the Society numbering but a few members, but being extremely active and liberal to all mission causes.

Mrs. A. J. Holl, wife of the pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, Columbus, O., received her membership from the Young People's Missionary Society of that Church, as an expression of affection and esteem. We are happy to add these Young People to our list of supporters.

Four local Societies have themselves become life members, viz.: McKees Rocks, Pa.; Holy Trinity, Scranton Pa.; St. Peter's, Lancaster, O., and St. Luke's, Youngwood, Pa. This latter Society is enrolled by one of the members, Mrs. Millard Hillis, an active worker in the Society, holding office for a number of years, but who has now relinquished these duties to younger hands. That her interest in the cause and in the Society has not abated, is evidenced by the gift of this membership.

Two memberships have been received under unusual circumstances. Sister Cora Wagner and Sister Friedricke Cluss, of the Mary J. Drexel Home, Philadelphia, are enrolled by Mrs. Harry H. Koch, Birdsboro, Pa., as "a thank offering for faithful and loving care," bestowed upon Mrs. Koch's daughter Sarah, while the latter lay at death's door, for weeks, following upon an operation for a very serious attack of appendicitis. The mother's appreciation of the services given by the Deaconesses is beyond

expression, and to their care, under God's providence, she attributes the saving of her daughter's life and her return to health. This is a beautiful and fitting tribute to pay these devoted sisters, whose lives are wholly given to serving God in relieving human needs, by works of love and mercy.

The last two memberships received come from Seattle, Wash. Rev. Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, B. D., and his wife being honored by two members of Holy Trinity Society, "in appreciation of their faithful work in the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary." The Society which presented these memberships has sent nine of its names to our Honor Roll during the past six months—a record of which to be proud.

IN MEMORIAM

Beginning with September, 1915
FEE, \$25.00

MacNair, Mrs. Phoebe Jane Hatmaker.....	Dansville
Keller, Mrs. Emma Harpel.....	Bedminster, Pa.
Beates, Mrs. James F.....	St. Paul, Minn.
Stein, Miss Kate M.....	Lebanon, Pa.
Shunk, Rev. John.....	Morgantown, W. Va.
Kaull, Mrs. Caroline A.....	Quakertown, Pa.
Gruhn, Mrs. Emily Louise Gorman.....	Erie, Pa.
Butler, Miss Jennie.....	Goshen, Ind.
Butler, Mrs. Emma.....	Goshen, Ind.
Eisenhardt, Rev. George C.....	Philadelphia
Weigand, Adam Fernau.....	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Kuntz, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyer.....	Slatington, Pa.
Dietz, Mr. George W.....	Philadelphia
Stoeckroth, Miss Catharine Elizabeth.....	Hazelton
Baudisch, Miss Olga Amanda.....	Warren, O.
Pottelger, Mrs. Mary Joanna.....	Reading
Fiechthorn, Rev. Andrew Smith, D.D.....	Norristown
Haring, Mrs. H. G.....	Philadelphia
Bauer, Mrs. Caroline.....	Philadelphia
Breneman, Mrs. Minnie.....	Mt. Joy, Pa.
Seifing, Mr. Leonard.....	Allentown, Pa.
Grim, Mr. Daniel.....	Kutztown, Pa.
Smith, Mrs. Edna V.....	Goshen, Ind.
Reap, Mr. William.....	Tinicum, Pa.
Johnston, Mrs. Eliza Ann.....	McKees' Rocks, Pa.
Roos, Miss Emma R.....	Waterloo, Ont.
Kitzmiller, Rev. J. H. A.....	Whitestown, Ind.
Laughner, Mrs. Dora.....	Whitestown, Ind.
Zundel, Rev. J. A.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
Bealer, Mrs. Sallie T.....	Tylersport, Pa.
Wentzel, Miss Mary Magdalene.....	Pottstown, Pa.
Dittmar, Dorothy Lenora.....	Hicksville, O.
Frederick, Rev. G. W.....	Philadelphia
Frederick, Mrs. G. W.....	Macungie, Pa.
Selbert, Mr. Peter.....	Allentown, Pa.
Selbert, Mrs. Sarah.....	Allentown, Pa.
Housekeeper, Mrs. Sallie A.....	Philadelphia
Ewald, Sister Caroline Ernestine.....	Philadelphia

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Beginning with September, 1915
FEE, \$10.00

Eckert, Mrs. William.....	Maywood, Ill.
Coplin, Mrs. Phoebe Baker.....	Zanesville, O.
Kabler, Sister L. Ella.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Lehmann, Miss Minnie D.....	Albany, N. Y.
L. A. and M. Soc., Zion's Church.....	Greensburg, Pa.
Lessig, Mrs. Hilary M.....	Pottstown, Pa.
Hemsath, Miss Ruth L.....	Bethlehem, Pa.
L. A. Soc., Grace Church.....	Royersford, Pa.
Strasser, Mrs. E. W.....	Souderton, Pa.
Fluck, Rev. W. A.....	Tinicum, Pa.
Faber, Mrs. George A.....	Pottstown, Pa.
Gebert, Mrs. George.....	Tamaqua, Pa.
Schnur, Mrs. George H.....	Zellenople, Pa.
Petrich, Miss Elizabeth.....	Philadelphia
W. M. Soc., St. Jacob's Church.....	Miamisburg, O.
Henrich, Janet MacNair.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Shunk, Ursula Cotta.....	Morgantown, W. Va.

Leatherman, Mrs. Robert L.....	Mount Pleasant, Pa.
Smith, Mrs. John W.....	Rochester, N. Y.
Worth, Miss Daisy.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Fry, Mrs. Franklin F.....	Rochester, N. Y.
Hunken, Miss Anna.....	Orange, N. Y.
Bolton, Mrs. Mahlon.....	Philadelphia
Schmidt, Mrs. John G.....	Philadelphia
W. M. Soc., Phila. Conferences.....	Philadelphia
Arnsman, Mrs. W. H.....	Toledo, O.
Kielland, Miss D. E.....	Inanda Mission Station, Africa
Schmidt, Mrs. N. F.....	Schwensville, Pa.
Schuler, Mrs. Elizabeth.....	Warren, Pa.
Swartz, Mrs. Harry B.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Mehrkam, Mrs. A. M.....	Rochester, Pa.
Vogelsang, Mrs. J. J.....	Toledo, O.
Clawson, Mrs. Annie M.....	Greensburg, Pa.
Genszler, Mrs. George W.....	Columbia, Pa.
Myers, Mr. C. M.....	Elizabethtown, Pa.
Gregory, Mrs. Alice Hahn.....	Warren, Pa.
W. M. Soc., Trinity Church.....	Latrobe, Pa.
Steinbicker, Rev. Wm. H.....	Rockville Center, N. Y.
Rider, Mrs. Mary.....	Uniontown, Pa.
W. M. Soc., Holy Trinity Church.....	Irwin, Pa.
Kelter, Mrs. W. D. C.....	Allentown, Pa.
Waidelich, Mrs. J. H.....	Sellersville, Pa.
Conrad, Mrs. Jacob.....	Waterloo, Ont.
Berger, Josephine Oliver.....	Philadelphia
Herbster, Mrs. Constantine L.....	Irwin, Pa.
McCreary, Mrs. C. K.....	Greensburg, Pa.
Lonnquist, Mrs. H.....	Detroit, Mich.
Lindenstruth, Mrs. L.....	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Lay, Mrs. A. L.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Richards, Rev. H. Branson.....	Lebanon, Pa.
Peterson, Rev. A. C.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Cooper, Jacob Mauney.....	Germanstown, Phila.
Bornholdt, Miss Anna C.....	Waterloo, Ont.
Snyder, Mrs. Howard E.....	Kingston, N. Y.
Buddenhagen, Jean Pauline.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Braun, Mildred.....	Philadelphia
Stivison, Helen Amanda.....	Leeburg, Pa.
Stivison, Arthur Frederick.....	Leeburg, Pa.
Miller, Miss Mary A.....	Philadelphia
Smith, Mrs. Howard.....	Zanesville, O.
Schmidt, Mrs. Oscar C.....	Philadelphia
Krapf, Russel Lieb.....	Atlantic City, N. J.
Haase, Mrs. William.....	Toledo, O.
Lazarus, Mrs. L. D.....	Bethlehem, Pa.
Sauer, Mrs. A. J.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Zipp, Jessie Alberta.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Syddam, Miss Emily.....	Lancaster, Pa.
W. M. Soc., Frieden's Church.....	Myerstown, Pa.
Smith, Miss Sarah E.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Umbenhen, Rev. J. H., Ph.D.....	Pottsville, Pa.
Umbenhen, Mrs. J. H.....	Pottsville, Pa.
Krause, Mrs. Jacob.....	Pottsville, Pa.
Mayser, Mrs. F. P.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Perrett, Miss Lillie A. F.....	Elizabethtown, Pa.
Getter, Dorothy Louise.....	Amanda, O.
Allabough, Mrs. Ross.....	Souderton, Pa.
Shuler, Miss Anna M.....	Pottstown, Pa.
Mauger, Miss Kathryn.....	Pottstown, Pa.
Fetter, Mrs. C. R.....	Telford, Pa.
Kern, Mrs. Rufus E.....	Keller's Church, Pa.
Weidner, Mrs. O. W.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Manz, Miss Marie C.....	Rochester, N. Y.
Brinkman, Rev. W. E.....	Portland, Ore.
Brinkman, Mrs. W. E.....	Portland, Ore.
Beates, Mrs. W. A.....	Lancaster, O.
Danielson, Mrs. Hannah.....	Seattle, Wash.
Roach, Mrs. Mary Alice.....	Seattle, Wash.
Roach, Philip Franklin.....	Seattle, Wash.
Koch, Mr. Levi.....	Seattle, Wash.
Koch, Mrs. Josephine M.....	Seattle, Wash.
Koch, Rev. C. Franklin.....	Omaha, Neb.
Frankenfeld, Mrs. Ira.....	Tower City, Pa.
Richards, Mrs. Martha Anna.....	Rochester, N. Y.
W. M. A. Soc., Mt. Zion Church.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Heller, Mrs. Ella G.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
Boggs, Mr. George D.....	Elizabethtown, Pa.
Mentzer, Mrs. J. K.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Franke, Virginia Elizabeth.....	Erie, Pa.
Knell, Ruth E. C.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Kabler, Margaret MacNair.....	Evanston, Ill.
Reinhold, Marion Rebecca.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Gable, Rev. Charles J.....	Philadelphia
Gable, Mrs. Charles J.....	Philadelphia
Lagerstrom, Mrs. Jonas G.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
W. M. and A. Soc., Mt. Calvary, McKees' Rocks, Pa.	
Brown, Mrs. Samuel C.....	Erie, Pa.

Ruff, Mrs. G. G.	Springdale, Pa.
W. M. S., Western Conference	N. Y. and N. E. Synod
Kuckuck, Miss Lena	Martins' Ferry, O.
Beaver, Miss Florence A.	Greenville, Pa.
Wattles, Miss Julia S.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
L. A. and M. Soc., Holy Trinity	Scranton, Pa.
Blackman, Miss Elizabeth	Erie, Pa.
Buck, Lois Mildred	Tarentum, Pa.
Trexler, Mrs. M. F.	Philadelphia
Gerken, Mrs. Elizabeth	New York City
Waters, Mrs. M. S.	Newark, N. J.
Leckner, Mrs. Julia A.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Kielland, Mrs. S. M.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Roeder, Rev. Austin H.	Rochester, N. Y.
Senior M. Soc., St. Peter's Church	Lancaster, O.
Fegely, Mrs. W. O.	Trappe, Pa.
Toebke, Rev. Carl G.	Richmond Hill, N. Y.
Voigt, Mrs. Mary	Holgate, O.
Hoffmeister, Rev. E. O.	Vancouver, Wash.
Freeman-Friedline, Mrs. Jessie	Jones' Mills, Pa.
Meyer, Rev. Emil	San Jose, Cal.
Meyer, Mrs. Emil	San Jose, Cal.
Bramer, Miss Margaret	Rochester, N. Y.
Schwend, Mrs. A. C.	Minneapolis, Minn.
Geissinger, Mrs. J. B.	Greensburg, Pa.
Ambrose, Miss Luella M.	Ligonier, Pa.
Friedline, Helen Edella	Jones' Mills, Pa.
Friedline, Evelyn Lucile	Jones' Mills, Pa.
Friedline, Mary Matilda	Jones' Mills, Pa.
L. A. S. St. Luke's Church	Youngwood, Pa.
Waidelich, Rev. J. H.	Sellersville, Pa.
Graf, Mrs. J. H.	North Lima, O.
Smink, Mrs. Frank C.	Reading, Pa.
Wagner, Sister Cora	Philadelphia
Cluss, Sister Friedrick	Philadelphia
Holl, Mrs. A. J.	Columbus, O.
Frederick, Prof. P. W. H.	Seattle, Wash.
Frederick, Mrs. P. W. H.	Seattle, Wash.

OUR HEADQUARTERS ENLARGED

The suite of three rooms on the eighth floor of the Draxel Building which we have been occupying, in conjunction with the three adjoining rooms, on the north side, of the English Home Mission Board and the Church Extension Society, will be enlarged, by vote of our Executive Committee, on April 1st by another large room on the south side which has just been vacated after an occupancy of seventeen years. The one of these on the southern extremity, room no. 838, will be the office of Mr. Harry Hodges, executive secretary of the Luther League of America. And now that the Luther League and the Missionary Society are coming to be so happily affiliated in their educational ideals, it is an auspicious omen that they should have headquarters in the same apartments. These eight rooms comprise the entire one side of the north corridor of the Draxel Building's eighth floor, and the location is very advantageous. Who would have dared to hope, only a few years ago, that by 1917 the Home Mission, the Church Extension, the Women's Literature and the Luther League offices would be found side by side, each room opening into all the others, and every interest shared in common? We all invite you to come to see us.

OUR INDIA MEDICAL WORK

Having the privilege of examining the report of our Medical Work for 1916 which Dr. Betty Nilsson sent to our Foreign Mission

Board, we were so interested and impressed that we thought others would be the same.

So we will here give in brief what her report gives more fully. In our hospital she has treated medically 1023 patients, added to this she had 396 major and 1081 minor operations, 68 hearty infants she brought into the world. In the dispensary and among outdoor patients she had 6611 new patients and 17,187 who returned for treatment. With all these patients there were only 32 deaths. To us this report is simply wonderful, showing great skill as well as hard work on the part of our dear Doctor. Every disease that can be mentioned is named in the report as having been treated; even leprosy, one of the most loathsome of all.

It seems impossible that one woman could have the mental and physical endurance to accomplish what she has done. But there is a limit to all physical endeavor and no woman could keep up work at this rate for a great length of time. So again we ask is there not somewhere, a woman, a graduate of medicine, who will go to the relief of Dr. Betty Nilsson before she is entirely broken in health.

This report shows the need as no words of ours could do. We earnestly pray that God will move the heart of some woman, to offer herself to work for Him in our hospital in Rajahmundry.

Miss Mary A. Miller, 3639 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pa., will be truly grateful for any information that may lead to securing the help so greatly needed.

It is with much pleasure we are able to report the promise of a student to start the study of medicine next fall.

This student, Miss Anna Cesorder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Cesorder, of Sioux Falls, S. D., is finishing her course at Augustana College and expects to graduate there in June. She is a niece of Dr. Anna Kugler, has been most highly recommended by Professors of Augustana College and seems in all ways well fitted for the position.

From this you will understand the support of our medical student will start in the fall and must be provided for. M. A. M.

HINTS FOR THE PROGRAM LEADER

April—Material for *Field Dispatches* will be found on pages 13, 14 and 15. There is most interesting matter in this issue supplemental to the program packet. A good book for side reading showing the status of the lowly women, is called, "Working Women of Japan," by Sydney L. Gulick. Price, 50 cents, cloth; prepaid. Address our Headquarters.

May—*Field Dispatches* can be found in the articles and letter from Pastor Ceder, on pages 16, 17 and 27. Here again side readings are strongly urged. Why not develop a background, and learn something of the ancestry, the history of the Latin American? Don't be content with simply following the program. Put into it some original ideas. Aim to inspire your group of women with a desire for greater missionary intelligence. Consult the books on

South America listed on page 44.

June—This month come to the meeting determined to discuss the Lutheran Woman's League Movement, and its possibilities. Perhaps you belong to a league. What relation will the Student Secretary bear to this organization? Note material on pages 20, 21 and 22 of this issue. Of course, you will urge attendance at the Summer School in your Synod. (See article, page 23.)

Mission Study Classes

MRS. F. A. KAHLER, BUFFALO, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Lenten Mission Study Classes are becoming very popular, not alone in our own Church fold, but in the other denominations. This period, set apart for quiet meditation and for service to the point of sacrifice, is most suitable for them. We have every variety of class, from the strong, interdenominational class for intensive study for leaders, and led by some notable person, to the informal parlor groups of women that are really only reading circles. All varieties, chosen by the members themselves for their fitness to prevailing circumstances, are doing good work. But the "dead-in-earnest little groups of students, quiet and thoughtful, the small intensive classes that are the ideal ones are changing the face of the world and the attitude of the church at large towards missions. The churches where these classes are numerous are bound to come to the front in every useful work and success. A single instance of the value of such a class in a Pennsylvania Synod church may be given:—The Mission Study Class of 15 young women set itself the task of building up the Women's Missionary Society of the church, which was celebrating its 60th anniversary, but had lost many members by death or removal, perhaps some by that worst of foes, indifference. They actually brought in sixty-two new members, more than a member a year for the entire history of the organization. For "ways that win" this is a fine example. Perhaps the greatest need we Lutheran women feel in the mission study movement is the need of leaders. We have not been trained to public duties or to much leadership, *but we can learn.*

We must have leaders with vision, with determination, with consecration, with patience, and all the other cardinal virtues. We have them, too, only they have not yet discovered themselves, or we have not discovered them. It is comparatively easy to secure intellectual leaders, but they must also be spiritual leaders, women who are strong in faith and prayer. Let us send our young women to more Summer schools for missions, and help them get new ideas to pass on to others. Good "promoters" are needed to

make large classes, who will, after finding the right leader for a class, find a lot of good women to form the classes. Some strong personality must be behind the movement in every church. Sometimes the "promoter" simply throws people into the mission study class, half against their will, and always she uses every attractive plea to win them to come in. One western city had a "Mission Study Drive" last year, and it was most successful. Couldn't we have several "drives?"

POTTSTOWN, PA.

Again, during the Lenten season, active workers in Emmanuel's Congregation, Pa., the Rev. I. B. Kurtz, D.D., pastor, organized a Mission Study Class, using, as their text-book, Bishop Stuntz's fascinating story, "South American Neighbors." Sixty women are enrolled and to date the average attendance at these weekly meetings has been fifty-two. The eagerness with which this class is studying the conditions, the environments and the requirements of these people who have been victims of a "bad start," bespeaks a still greater missionary activity in Emmanuel's congregation. We are meeting in a spacious room in the home of one of our members. The home atmosphere, our devotional services preceding the discussions and the splendid Missionary hymnal add much to the inspiration of these Lenten meetings. The weekly offerings will be used for some definite mission work.

As a fitting close to this series of missionary meditations, the class will present "Christ in America."

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Two Mission Study Classes were organized in The Women's Missionary Society of St. John's Church. Six weeks were devoted to the study of Bishop Stuntz's book, "South American Neighbors."

By special arrangement with the library authorities, we borrowed a number of interesting books on South America for circulation among the members of the class.

Everybody entered into the discussion of problems to be solved. At no time did the interest fail. Questions came thick and fast. Opinions were freely expressed and all the time there was an incentive to think, to make comparisons and to seek more light upon the subjects presented for consideration.

As results of this study, we look for a development of spiritual life by Bible reading and prayer, the creation of a sense of personal responsibility in missions and a broader outlook on the field of activity.

The women have gained confidence in voicing their sentiments, and will take turns in the presenting of the monthly missionary program.

The spirit of "brotherly love" and "sisterly devotion" has touched the purse strings to such an extent that, although only a few months of age, the organization has already assumed the support of a native worker in India.

Now that the study has come to a close, the ladies are asking "what shall we do next?"

At one of the homes where the class met, a young daughter of the hostess was present and became very much interested in the discussions. Her mother has formed a little mission circle of the girl's friends and they meet on Saturday afternoons to sew for a local orphan's home.

How much further the influence will extend, remains to be seen, but we feel that this is only the beginning of a great work in our Master's vineyard.

C. K. H.

AN EPIDEMIC AT "OLD TRINITY," LANCASTER, PA.

Fourteen Mission Study Classes in one congregation and how we did it. The inspiration was caught at the Muhlenberg Summer School of 1916. The chairman for these classes just couldn't resist that remarkable line-up of Mission Study books and helps, found upon the literature tables during that week of intensive study, so she invested all her spare change in sample books, returned to her congregation, began talking about it, and never stopped talking; offering the books to various persons for reading, or at least, examination. Finally, as the Lenten season approached, individual appeals were made to the Sunday School teachers, sewing clubs, and the presidents of the various organizations in the Church.

Somehow the talking symptoms developed a peculiar kind of fever—"Mission Fever,"—which has actually become epidemic, and we give notice right here that we positively refuse to be quarantined.

We have applied the following prescriptions to our cases to date, and find that the treat-

ment is taking remarkably well, although we feel convinced that this is a disease of a progressive nature, and cannot be entirely eliminated. Neither do we aim to do so in our treatment.

Women's Missionary Society—"S. A. Neighbors" and "Living Christ for Latin America."

Women's Guild—"Martin of Mansfeld."

Girls' Missionary Society—"From Plaza, Patio and Palm."

Junior Band—"Martin of Mansfeld."

Boys' Mission Study Class—"Lutheran Pioneers and Landmarks."

One Sunday School Class (Girls)—"Children of the Lighthouse."

One Sunday School Class (Boys)—"S. A. Neighbors."

One Sunday School Class—"Martin of Mansfeld."

One Sunday School Class (Ladies)—"S. A. Neighbors."

Three Sunday School Classes—"Land of the Golden Man."

MRS. C. N. McHOSE,

Chairman.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

The Mission Study Class of Trinity Church, Pottsville, will use as its text-book, "South American Neighbors." A preliminary meeting was held February 19th, at which a trip to South America was taken, by means of a Raymond & Whitcomb itinerary. The geography was reviewed and the different cities described. The trip was prepared and delivered by the leader, Miss Alice A. Krebs, and enjoyed by the class.

MEN'S MISSION STUDY EXPERIMENT

REV. H. S. PAULES, PERKASIE, PA.

In the past women have been more interested in the mission work of the Church than men, but I am not afraid to say that this will not remain so in the future, if we can judge from present indications. The men are not only becoming interested in that part of Church work which appeals to them, but many have a desire to know something more about missions.

During the past winter I felt that an opportunity should be given to my men to study some text-book on missions. Nineteen men responded. I saw each one personally, and found that all wanted text-books. I selected the book myself, and decided that "South American Neighbors" would interest men, both on account of the proximity of South America and also because of her recent rapid development. The week before our first meeting I went over the first chapter carefully, and made out a list of questions, none of which could be answered

by a mere "yes" or "no." They were then published in the local newspaper, and thus prompted community interest. The same was done for each following chapter week after week.

The meetings were all held at my own home, on the principle that there are a few things important for a successful mission study class. If it is in winter the room should be well heated and lighted. The meetings should be as informal as possible. The men should be made to feel that their ringing of the doorbell is not necessary. They will soon learn to come in without much confusion. It is also important that the teacher should know the members personally, so that he can judge of their ability to read, to explain and to understand.

Our period of business and study was strictly confined to one hour, namely, from 8 to 9. If any subjects came up which might require a lengthy discussion, they were left over until after the adjournment. This gave those who wanted to leave early the privilege to do so. The meetings were always opened and closed with prayer. The business part followed the opening prayer, after which the lesson was taken up. Ten cents dues per member were decided upon for each meeting. It is also a good feature to take an offering, but do not lay too much stress on financial matters in your first class. In conducting the lesson we always had before us a map of the country we were studying. Beginning with the printed question No. 1, some member was asked to answer it. If the answer was not definite and sufficient, the class as a whole was asked, and

there was nearly always someone who could answer more fully. This method insures two important things: First, the studying of the lesson, and, second, attention. It is also well to assign subdivisions in a chapter to some capable members of the class, but it is not wise to permit them to read from the book, for that would foster lack of preparation. After the book has been studied it will be a suitable climax if a special service is held in the Church under the auspices of the class. Be sure to get a good speaker for the occasion, and one who knows that phase of mission work in which the class has become interested.

Perhaps the reason why we do not have more men's mission study classes is because we are afraid to make a start. Why not start a class now? You will, I am sure, be surprised by the response. Work out a plan of your own, founded on a few good suggestions, and see how well it will repay you.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

For 1917 we have changed our study class method of previous years, which was to have six classes in different parts of the city, with that many leaders. This year we decided to announce one combined class, on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4, during Lent, held in the Parish House. This class enrolled forty to start with, and more came in each week. Then there was another class of thirty-five young ladies on Friday evenings, likewise taught by Mrs. Franklin F. Fry.



Our Quadri-Centennial Slogan

A MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN EVERY CONGREGATION



THE IDEAL

Every woman in the congregation a member of its society. An effective, intelligent partner in the greatest, most far-reaching business of life—the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Every society presenting carefully worked-out programs. Discussion and expression encouraged.

A continuous 1917 campaign to enlist the uninterested woman who does not know, who does not care.

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

Winning the YOUNG women into our ranks.

THE PRICE

Willingness to give time to careful preparation for the monthly meeting.

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

Inviting her to the regular meeting, and calling for her, if she will not otherwise come. Informing your own self by reading and study.

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

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

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



Lutheran Woman's Leagues



ON TO CHICAGO

Lutheran Woman's League of North America
to Be Organized in Chicago,
Nov. 9 and 10, 1917

The Lutheran Woman's League of Chicago extends an invitation to all Lutheran Woman's Leagues and other Woman's Societies, including the Missionary, to convene in Chicago November 9 and 10, 1917.

The Purpose

of this gathering is two-fold. First, to celebrate the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation, with suitable programs of information and inspiration. Second, to conserve the influence of this gathering by federating the Local and District Societies into a NATIONAL LUTHERAN WOMAN'S ORGANIZATION.

Entertainment

A Committee of One Hundred is busy preparing for the convention. There are ten Synods represented on this committee. They aim to furnish entertainment (room and breakfast) to all delegates; and also for visitors, as far as possible. Dinner and supper will be provided near the place of meeting at a nominal cost.

Meetings

There will be sessions extending over two days, beginning November 9th at 10.30 A. M., and concluding on November 10th, with an evening mass meeting at 8 o'clock. The mornings will be devoted to business, the afternoons and evenings to subjects included under the general themes, "Work Among Lutheran Women-Students," "Child Welfare Work," and "Lutheran Women's Organizations."

Watch

for the details in a forthcoming circular, and in the Church papers, which will give information concerning the number of delegates to which each Local, Conference and Synodical Society is entitled. Meanwhile, (1) keep the OBJECT before you—FEDERATION. This world is planned to run on federative and co-operative principles. Competition and antagonism may be permitted in the small external things of life, but at the heart of the essential things there must be co-operation. The Church must get together. (2) Pray for this, as our Saviour prayed (John xvii), "that they may be one." If we pray, then we already desire this unity: and if we do not desire it, we ought to pray that we may get it. When we are all in one accord with our Saviour and His work, we

can readily come together in outward organizations. (3) Talk it up. We have something worth talking about. Christ has given woman her place as she holds it in America today. The Reformation has done much to bring this to pass, and we have a Missionary duty to other lands, and ought to measure up fully to our present splendid opportunities.

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED,
LUTHERAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE, CHICAGO.

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE OF PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY

The two Mission Study Classes conducted by the League were well attended by women representing fifty different Lutheran Churches. The leaders, Mrs. Clinton Stein, of Braddock, and Mrs. George Ruff of Springdale were excellent, and our women owe them a debt of gratitude for their service. It is hoped that this course will result in the forming of a Mission Study Class in every Lutheran congregation in our district. The woman who attended can render an act of loving service to her Saviour, by forming a class in her home Church and teaching one or both of these study books.

The midwinter meeting of the League in the First Church was well attended, notwithstanding the intense cold. The program opened with a devotional service, conducted by Mrs. Theodore L. Crouse; solos were rendered by Miss Weitsel. The address by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C., on the subject "The Crime of the Twentieth Century Against the Sixteenth," was full of inspiration to Lutheran women to prove worthy of their past by undertaking big things, in the proper spirit, for Christ.

At the same meeting a resolution was passed unanimously, pledging \$2500 as a Quadri-Centennial gift toward the \$10,000 Woman's Hospice Fund of the Inner Mission Society, the money to be paid in before 1918, and the plan of raising it to be determined by the Executive Committee. It is understood that the money contributed as dues is not to be used toward this fund.

For some time there has been considerable agitation as to local Lutheran publicity in the daily press, etc. Early in January, the President, Mrs. Himes, directed the League's Publicity Committee, Mrs. T. L. Crouse, chairman, to co-operate with the Ministerial Association, Lutheran Brotherhood, the Inner Mission Soci-

ety and the Luther League, in the organization of Lutheran publicity work. On February 8th a Lutheran Press Bureau was organized, and the raising of \$5000 as a 1917 publicity fund was finally authorized. It is hoped our women and League members will do their share in the raising of this amount.

The Committee of the League, Mrs. C. F. Stifel, chairman, is again co-operating with the Inner Mission Society in arranging for the mid-year Lutheran Student Meeting. Miss Annette M. Kahler, of Buffalo, Student Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, General Council, delivered the address on "The Student Religious Movement in America."

Our League has now about 500 members. Our goal is 1000 by June, our first anniversary. Nearly fifty congregations have appointed key-women to push the interests of the League. The dues are only 50 cents a year, and in this Jubilee year especially, every Lutheran woman in Pittsburgh and vicinity should enroll as a member. Great League opportunities are making urgent pleas. May our women hear with open ear.

PITTSBURGH STUDY CLASSES

Following the example of Chicago and Philadelphia, the Lutheran women of Pittsburgh have organized an inter-synodical Lutheran Woman's League. This organization, though less than a year old, realizing the need of mission study, early in the winter planned for two mission study classes, one to be held in the East End, with Mrs. C. Stein, of Braddock, as leader, and the other on the North side, the writer of this article leader.

The classes began January 20th with one lesson each week for six weeks. The course was to be completed early in Lent so as not to interfere with the regular Lenten classes held in the various churches during that period.

The League had the pleasure of hearing Rev. and Mrs. Ceder, just before starting for Buenos Aires, tell of the plans and hopes for Lutheran work in South America. Because of the enthusiasm aroused, and with a desire to make this new Lutheran work a success, the Executive Committee decided that the first book to be studied should be *Our South American Neighbors*. Three lessons were given on this splendid book. Several hundred women were in attendance, including representatives from more than fifty congregations. Much interest and enthusiasm has been manifest, and it is hoped that these women will go back to their respective congregations and start mission study classes there.

"The Story of Lutheran Missions," by Elsie Singmaster (Mrs. Lewars), was chosen for the

second period of three weeks. This most excellent short history is going to arouse our Lutheran women to a greater love for their own Church. After the first lesson from this book, many came to the writer and said, "I am surprised, I did not know that Lutherans had been foremost in going to non-Christian lands. I did not know that the Lutheran Church had such a wonderful history back of her. This proves that this book of facts can be made a very interesting and profitable study book. We venture to prophecy that others, not Lutherans, will also use this book, and after awhile the Lutheran Church will begin to get proper credit for the work she has accomplished.

The women of Pittsburgh would say, Let us have more Lutheran Women's Leagues, and let us have more league study classes. During this quadri-centennial year let the Woman's League not only study the past, but also make plans for united future work, and so do its part, "to hasten the transformation of the twentieth century."

MRS. GEORGE RUFF,
Springdale, Pa.

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE OF NEW YORK AND VICINITY

A Study Class was held Friday afternoons during Lent at Holy Trinity Church under the auspices of the Lutheran Woman's League. "Lutheran Problems and Possibilities," by Dr. G. H. Gerberding, was the textbook and presented very forcibly the opportunities and responsibilities of the Lutheran Church. The book was divided into six lessons, four were studied under the leadership of Mrs. C. P. Wiles, of Philadelphia. The subject of "Religious Education in the Public Schools" was presented by Dr. G. U. Wenner, and Inner Missions by Rev. C. E. Krumholtz. The lecture and assignment methods were combined, and questions on correlated topics were taken by volunteers at each lesson. Each session closed with a discussion.

PHILADELPHIA LEAGUE

The organization has an enrollment of 1400 contributing members. Our goal for October, 1917, is 3000. With our communicant membership this is a standard which can be realized, and that without difficulty. But it will mean personal work and co-operation.

A Mission Study Class with an attendance of sixty or more is studying "South American Neighbors" under the leadership of Mr. B. Carter Millikin, of New York. We hope the result will be a large number of classes in Philadelphia and vicinity. A luncheon, attended by hundreds of our Lutheran women, is being planned for May.

THE HARRISBURG LEAGUE

The Lutheran Woman's League of Harrisburg and Vicinity covers such a large area that sectional inspirational meetings are held at various places on its territory. A gratifying meeting was held January 11th in Trinity Chapel, Lancaster. Doctor Whitteker led the devotions, after which Mrs. Sandford introduced Mrs. Buck, our presiding officer. Miss Annette Kahler, of Buffalo, and Mrs. C. L. Fry, of Philadelphia, were the principal speakers, the former presenting Student Secretary Work, the latter, a general survey of the scope of the League. A Joint Mission Study Class is about to take up Mrs. Lewars' "Story of Lutheran Missions."

On February 7th a large and enthusiastic audience of Lutheran women greeted Mrs. E. C. Cronk in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, to hear the message of "Sixteenth Century Reformation and Twentieth Century Transformation," which was so inspiring that a thank-offering of \$44.65 was added to the League's treasury. There was much rejoicing because the goal of 1000 members was over-reached by 21, 451 being from Lancaster. A balance of over \$300 is now in the treasury. The membership committee is continuing its efficient work and by October 31st we expect to add another 1000 members. Plans are being outlined for a mass meeting at Lebanon in the near future, and the Harrisburg Conference Missionary Society (G. S.) will convene at Lancaster on May 29th, in St. John's Church, Doctor Alleman, pastor. Mrs. Buck, our president, is planning for an open meeting at 8 P. M. for Lancaster Lutherans, to hear two speakers—one a returned missionary, the other on a Reformation subject.

MRS. J. H. MILLER.

AT BUFFALO

Plans for a large woman's mass meeting are developing and taking definite shape. The meeting will be held early in May, and not only Buffalo women but others from adjacent towns will be urged to attend. Two thousand women are expected to attend this meeting.

Surely this means the formation of a Lutheran Woman's League!

FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Delegates representing three Lutheran Churches of Youngstown, O., and visitors from a fourth met at the Young Women's Christian Association parlors Thursday afternoon, January 25th, in order, as had been previously announced, to organize a Lutheran Woman's League.

Mrs. Edwin Webb, as organizer, outlined the proposed work, explaining that such organizations were in existence in several cities and were in contemplation in others. The motto,

"Onward, Together," and its significance, the needs of such a movement and its untold possibilities were outlined to an attentive audience, and upon motion it was unanimously carried to effect an organization, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Edwin Webb; vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Kratz; secretary, Mrs. Emil J. Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. George J. Gardiner. Other officers are to be elected at some future time. It is hoped to have the co-operation of the ten Lutheran churches in Youngstown and three or more others in the vicinity. Upon motion authority was conferred upon the president to appoint a committee on constitution and by-laws, resulting in the following committee: Mrs. Emil Westlund, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. C. F. Geiger. This committee, with the officers, will draft the constitution, to be submitted at the next meeting. The meetings will be held on the last Thursday afternoons of each month, at the various churches.

AT TOLEDO

Two hundred and fifty women, from eighteen Lutheran Churches, sat down together at a luncheon on January 16th. This was followed by a program of business and discussion, devising plans for celebrating the quadri-centennial. Five hundred women were in attendance.

We hope these Lutheran sisters will arrange to send a big delegation to the Chicago meeting.

ALLENTOWN, PA.

Plans are under way looking toward the organization of a Lutheran Woman's League. There will be a banquet, followed by a meeting, when the scope of the movement will be presented. This is the result of a conjoint mission study class, held since New Year's, on South American Neighbors.

With interest in the course developed a larger interest in each other and a reluctance to give up the meetings. Then came the query: "Why not continue working together?" The call for a Lutheran Woman's League is the result.

ORGANIZATION AT OMAHA

Twenty-five ladies from different parts of the city were invited to meet for the presentation of plan for arousing an interest in the work of the missionary society of the Augustana Synod. A carefully prepared program emphasizing the organization and work of the Society was presented. The result was that twenty-two of these ladies held simultaneous group meetings at their homes in various sections of the city. The aggregate attendance was 500. Contributions to Home Missions, \$140. Reported by Mrs. E. Chinlund.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN FOR HOME MISSIONS

The annual meeting was held in the Broadway Tabernacle, New York City.

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Missionary Preparation

Mrs. R. B. Fenner represented the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council at the sessions of the Conference held on December 4th and Miss Friederika Pfender attended the sessions on December 5th. From their excellent reports we glean the following:

The topics discussed by the Conference were all vitally important, and the leaders in the discussions were all specialists on the subject of Missionary Preparation. A glance at the program proves this.

"The Real Objective of Educational Missions," Rev. Douglas Mackenzie, D.D., Hartford Seminary Foundation.

"The Personal Qualifications of the Missionary Educator," Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, Continuation Committee.

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"In the Near East," Rev. George E. White, D.D., Turkey.

"In Japan," Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, D. D., Kyoto, Japan.

"The Essentials of a Program of Missionary Education as Viewed by an Educational Administrator," William Orr, Ph.D., Educational Secretary International Committee, Y. M. C. A.

"The Spiritual Task of the Missionary Educator and His Preparation for It," Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D.D., Princeton Theological Seminary.

"The Facilities Afforded in North American Institutions for the Adequate Preparation of Educational Missionaries," Prof. Edmund D. Soper, D.D., Drew Theological Seminary.

"The Training of the Missionary Educator," "His Non-professional, Cultural Preparation," Dean James E. Russell, LL.D., Teachers' College, Columbia University.

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"His Specific Training for the Field to Which He is Appointed," Rev. Morton D. Dunning, Doshisha University, Japan.

"His Training During the First Period of Service on the Field," Prof. Walter E. Haffsomer, Principal Meiji Gakuin, North Japan.

The following are some of the striking sentences taken from the reports of Mrs. Fenner and Miss Pfender:

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"The Church cannot sustain institutions for purely secular education divorced from religion."

"The Church must secure the training of its workers under its own auspices."

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