

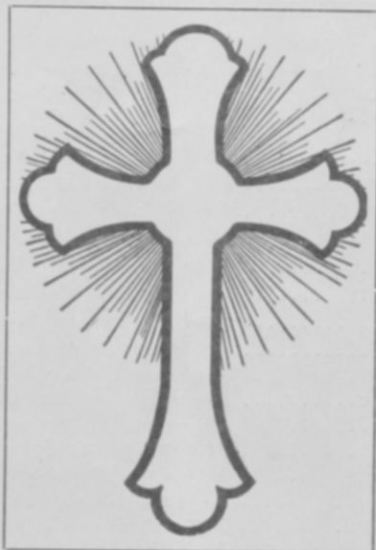
Volume XX

Philadelphia, Pa., September, 1917

No. 4

MT. AIRY, PHILADELPHIA.

Lutheran Mission Worker



"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD"

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY
SOCIETY OF THE LUTHERAN GENERAL COUNCIL
Published Quarterly at 2323 N. Seventh St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Lutheran Mission Worker

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LUTHERAN
GENERAL COUNCIL, PUBLISHED QUARTERLY AT 2323 N. 7TH ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ENTERED AT THE PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER

SUBSCRIPTION 35 CENTS. FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 10 CENTS ADDITIONAL. SINGLE COPIES 15 CENTS

VOLUME XX

PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER, 1917

NUMBER 4

General communications should be sent to the editor, Mrs. Charles L. Fry, 224 Manheim Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence concerning subscriptions should be addressed to THE LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER, 2323 N. Seventh St., Philadelphia, Pa., or to Miss Ida H. Zinzer, Business Manager, Women's Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER.

Send cash or postage stamps with small orders.

CONTENTS

	PAGE		PAGE
LUTHERAN UNITY MOVEMENT.....	1	HOME MISSION WEEK, NOV. 18-25.....	23
COMMENDED BY OFFICIAL ORGANS.....	2	OUR COMING PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION...	24
EVERY REQUIREMENT FULFILLED.....	2	NOVA SCOTIA PROGRAM.....	25
OUR HOPES AND PRAYERS REALIZED.....	2	KITTANNING CONFERENCE.....	26
NO LONGER OUT OF SIGHT.....	3	SCHEDULE OF AUTUMN DATES.....	26
ALREADY UNITED.....	3	THE AUGUSTANA SILVER JUBILEE.....	27
LET THE WEDDING BELLS RING.....	4	NORWEGIAN WOMEN CONSOLIDATE.....	28
AN APPEAL TO THE CLERGY.....	4	CHICAGO SYNODICAL.....	29
MISSIONARY WOMEN FOR UNITY.....	5	ARMY WORK A NEW FUNCTION.....	30
VERDICT OF THE JURY.....	9	CHICAGO MASS MEETING CANCELLED.....	30
WOMAN AND THE REFORMATION.....	10	OUR PRESIDENT'S BIENNIAL MESSAGE.....	31
WOMEN MEMBERS OF BOARDS.....	11	TWO-FOLD OFFICE TO BE DIVIDED.....	32
WOMEN AND THE THANK-OFFERING.....	12	LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.....	33
THE PACIFIC SYNOD'S POSTER.....	13	MISSION-STUDY CLASSES.....	38
ALL PROTESTANTS WILL COMBINE.....	14	MID-WEEK SERVICES AND MISSION STUDY...	38
THE TEN JEWELS RECOVERED.....	15	THE PLAN IN SCRANTON.....	39
NORTH WESTERN LUTHERANS UNITE.....	16	AMERICA AND THE GOSPEL.....	40
PROTESTANT EXHIBIT IN NEW YORK.....	16	PAN-LUTHERAN SUMMER SCHOOL.....	41
A CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN WOMEN.....	16	VERDICT OF THE PASTORS.....	43
FAREWELL TO OUR JAPAN MISSIONARIES....	17	IMPRESSION OF A VISITOR.....	44
OUR INDIA BOXES.....	18	VERDICT OF THE WOMEN.....	44
OUR NEW SAN JUAN CHURCH.....	18	STUDENT CONFERENCE AT SILVER BAY.....	44
PORTO RICO VOTES LIQUOR OUT.....	19	THE GROUP AT LAKE GENEVA, WIS.....	45
FOURTH BULLETIN FROM SOUTH AMERICA..	20	SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTHLY PROGRAMS.....	45
OTHER SYNODS APPROVE THE WORK.....	21	THE MUHLENBERG PORTRAIT.....	46
HOME MISSIONS IN THE MOTHER SYNOD....	22	LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.....	47

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR MARCH ISSUE FOR THE DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, WHICH IS CROWDED OUT OF THIS ISSUE BY QUADRI-CENTENNIAL ARTICLES

WRITE OUR OFFICE FOR INFORMATION YOU MAY NEED AT ANY TIME

Lutheran Mission Worker

VOLUME XX

PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER, 1917

NUMBER 4



Lutheran Unity Movement



Scene At The 1917 General Synod In Chicago

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE GENERAL BODIES ARE HERE GROUPED
IN THE CHANCEL

Front row (left to right), Doctors Singmaster, Voigt, Tressler, Weller, Manhart, Simon.
Second row, Doctors Epting, Peery, Frick, Deck, Clutz, Gehr, Bauslin, Herman.
Third row, Doctors Davis, Harms, Bell, Gongaware, Keiter, Anderson, Abrahamson, Zimmerman.

THIS ISSUE OF THE MISSION WORKER, COMING JUST ON THE EVE OF THE MEMORABLE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1917, IS THE SPECIAL QUADRI-CENTENNIAL NUMBER. PRAY GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR COMBINED THANK-OFFERING OF \$400,000 (OCTOBER 7TH).

Warmly Commended by all Our Official Organs

EVERY REQUIREMENT IS FULFILLED

DR. G. W. SANDT, in *The Lutheran*.

The Church was startled to learn that a movement looking toward the consolidation of at least three General Bodies, and ultimately of still more, was given a decided impetus on April 18th. As the desire for union has been widespread within the Lutheran Church in this Country, it was felt by the laymen that no more fitting climax could be given the celebration than the inauguration of a speedy and actual unity. The Committee therefore proposes to memorialize the three General Bodies immediately concerned, to take definite steps to effect this consummation, because never in the history of the Lutheran Church in America has there been fuller doctrinal accord than now. Never has adherence to the faith of the Confessions been more sincere and unequivocal. The adoption of a sound confessional basis, and actual co-operation between the three oldest Lutheran Bodies reared on the Muhlenberg foundation, has proven that doctrinal accord has been attained. We have been growing together, and all that now remains is to begin the process of actually getting together.

Lutheran union movements in this country are a matter of history from which we must not be unwilling to learn in the present instance, and we believe we are helping to advance the cause of the proposed union by urging earnest, thoughtful and prayerful work first, and shouting afterwards. There are three requisites that must precede union. One that is vital and fundamental is unity in faith and practice. We must be agreed to confess and teach the same thing, and we must follow this up with a practice that is consistent with our teaching. All the Lutheran Bodies in the country are agreed as to this necessity. Another is unity in Church polity. The matter of bringing three or more different Bodies, accustomed to certain forms of government and administration for many years, into harmonious co-operation is a large and perplexing problem. Many will favor centralization, and others will as strenuously oppose it. A third requisite is harmonious adjustment of the educational and missionary problems, with the complete merging of Boards, that will present themselves. All this will require a breadth of sympathy and a practical statesmanship that have not been any too conspicuous in the counsels of our provincialized Lutheran Church in this country.

The Lutheran is heartily and devotedly committed to Lutheran union, and would hail with unspeakable joy the successful consummation.

OUR HOPES AND PRAYERS REALIZED

DR. F. G. GOTWALD, in *Lutheran Church Work*.

We are glad that we had dared to dream, and though our dreams seemed to mock us, yet we are not ashamed of them awake. Beholding our dreams gradually changing into solid fact, our hearts are filled with a strange glory.

To some "The United Lutheran Church" has been more than a dream. It has been a vision leading them on. That, and not a specific General Body, has been the boundary of their thinking. They have realized that the present imperfect must give way to that which is perfect, that the dismembered family must be reunited, that the sheep of the one flock must find shelter in the one fold.

The United Lutheran Church will be more to us than fulfilled visions; it will be the answer to our prayers. We have criticised each other overmuch, but the Church will not come into a great unity by the criticisms of the past or of the future; we have endeavored to show the other how he might dwell at peace and in unity with us if only he would be just as we are, but we did not find unity along that way; we have prayed earnestly and believingly that the Holy Spirit would lead us into "all truth," where alone true unity is to be found, and we believe that God is even now answering our prayers. We are glad for the word that has gone forth. It ought to be a trumpet call to the Church. It ought to lead to earnest heart searching, and especially to renewed and deeply honest and prayerful study of the Holy Word of God.

Let us all hope and pray that the scandal and the sin of our divided household of faith may be removed, and that the children of the Great Confession may also be the children of the Great United Lutheran Church.

We call attention to the fine conservative temper of the laymen who proposed the Merger in this jubilee year. They did not rush in without thought. They proved themselves true Lutherans, and not rash and sentimental syncretists, wanting union before the time was ripe. The first thing they wanted to know was whether there were any doctrinal obstacles in the way of union? That was the sign-manual that they were genuine, dyed-in-the-wool Lutherans. Had they not been, they would have said, "Don't bother about doctrine! Let's get together in spite of doctrinal differences!" No, their good Lutheran instinct and teaching told them that such a union would be only a rope of sand, and that the Lutheran Church is the Church of the "pure doctrine," or its vocation

is gone. When they were assured that all doctrinal obstacles were eliminated, their sure Lutheran instinct told them that no other obstacles would be insurmountable. And they urged the theologians to come together and formulate a basis of union. This was done, and behold the happy result, which augurs so well for the future. Thus all of us have need of the rest. The hand cannot say to the foot, "I have no need of you;" nor the eye to the ear, "I have no need of you."—*Lutheran Church Work and Observer*.

NO LONGER OUT OF SIGHT

DR. JOHN HORINE, in *Lutheran Church Visitor*.

At first the news seemed too good to be true. So superlatively good that the editor was dazed by it, and has only gradually recovered his poise, and adjusted himself to the glorious issue which has been so auspiciously and opportunely raised. And he is fain to believe it will not fail to be realized in the still more glorious event. The news left him—he says it reverently—in something of the state which Simon Peter was in on the Mount of Transfiguration, when "he knew not what to say." He did, however, know what to *pray*. And he is sure that since the news has gone abroad many thousands of Lutherans have prayed, are praying, and will not cease to pray the Great Head of the Church to enable the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod to enter the open door which He has set before them, and to emerge on the other side, in the larger room, as the United Lutheran Church in America.

In the business world combination is the order of the day. The children of this world clearly perceive its advantages, and when they push combination too far, they are restrained by law. But against such combination by the Church of God there is no law. The children of light need to be as wise in their generation. The wonder of it is that they have been so slow.

Until quite recently it was believed that unification was a long way out of sight. On the other hand, unification has only just now come into sight. We admit that it is not yet in our full actual possession, but, like our salvation, it is nearer than when we believed,—it is nearer than when it was "in the air" as a devout and impalpable hope. At least a beginning has been made. A few drops have fallen,—visibly, at a definite time and place,—and the hope is justified that they will be followed by an abundance of rain. The first step has been taken; and if the Joint Lutheran Committee, looking the difficulties in the face, was able to master them and take the step, we

are encouraged to believe that the General Bodies, to which the recommendation is made, will have equal courage and faith to take the successive steps leading to a successful termination.

Movements and events of our times in the political world, and in the ecclesiastical, all point in one direction. The mysterious hand is writing, if we can but read. The Lutheran Church in this country cannot, nay, nay, it dare not longer delay to deal in all earnestness with this question of inner union. The time is past when we could complacently think of that Confessional unity which prevails to a large extent among the General Bodies of Lutherans in this country as in itself sufficient; when we could without fear hesitate and draw back from the problem of dissolving all divisions among us, except such as may be necessary for the sake of wise and efficient administration, and of bringing all our forces together in peaceful and harmonious co-operation; in fine, when we could satisfy and justify ourselves before Christ and the world with anything short of a unity of fellowship in Word and Sacrament. The difficulties and dangers which lie in the way to such a unity should no longer deter. Haste in negotiations should be avoided, only so that we keep steadily at it until the end is attained. Much will have been accomplished, and great gain will be ours, so soon as we have made a good and true beginning."

ALREADY UNITED

The Quadri-centennial recommendation is as opportune as it is grateful to a large number of Lutherans throughout the land. There is, in reality, no Church in America, or anywhere else, more truly unified in spirit and faith than is the Church of the Reformation. All Lutherans everywhere are one in their confession of faith, as expressed not only in the ancient creeds of Christendom, but more particularly in the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism. He who from his heart accepts the teachings of God's Word as explained in the Five Parts of Luther's Catechism, viz: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is a Lutheran.

Since, therefore, the Lutheran Church, in spite of its many Synods and General Bodies, is one and indivisible, and cannot be otherwise, it would seem that the removal of outward barriers, traditional, ritualistic, ecclesiastical, or even linguistic, should be timely. For the day of great things is upon us as a Church and as a nation. "In union there is strength" is as truthful as it is a faithful saying. The forces

of evil are so great and overpowering that it is high time that the entire Church of the Reformation in our land stand together shoulder to shoulder, in solid phalanx. There is not a Christian Church in America to-day which, in principle and doctrine, is more thoroughly and entirely in harmony with the principles of genuine democracy and free institutions than is the Mother Church of Protestantism.

Unitedly, the Lutheran Church of America will command infinitely more prestige than she has done in her state of division and dissension.—*American Lutheran Survey*.

In this connection *The American Lutheran Survey* pays a distinct compliment to THE MISSION WORKER by saying:

"The movement for union between the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod South is best presented in its background by the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER's full history of the action taken at the meeting of the Joint Committee on the Quadri-Centennial, at Philadelphia. Much light is thrown upon that action by the MISSION WORKER's (June issue) published addresses of the two most prominent and active laymen in the movement, which they delivered at the meeting of the Lutheran Women's League of Philadelphia, held immediately after.

LET THE WEDDING BELLS RING

We Lutherans are of the over-cautious kind. Already we hear some few incoherent cautions against undue haste. We ought to be cheered on to the haste which was due years ago. It will be a good advance when we have one Publication House in Philadelphia, one branch house in all the large cities, one Home Mission and Church Extension Board, one Foreign Mission Board, and one Latin American Board. It will be splendid when all the Lutheran forces will be helpful to the institutions, in Philadelphia, Chicago and elsewhere! What a help it will be to Thiel College if the General Synod and General Council forces of Western Pennsylvania rally to its support, and when all the Lutheran forces in Ohio gather around the institutions at Columbus and Springfield! So elsewhere.

The Home Mission Boards of the General Synod, the General Council and the Committee of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society held a splendid, enthusiastic and earnest conference and drew up a plan for the merging of the Home Mission and Church Extension Boards of the General Council and General Synod. There was a fine spirit of Christian love and frankness manifested, and some were surprised that questions which had given room for concern, were so easily and naturally

settled. This plan of merger and consolidation will go to the committee on constitution, and be submitted to the General Synod, General Council and United Synod South, at their next meeting for adoption.

We believe the days of courtship are about to close. The time for marriage has come. Forty years of courtship are behind us, the question has been popped, the worst is over, and the better is at hand.

DR. J. C. KUNZMANN,
Editor of The Home Missionary.

AN APPEAL TO THE CLERGY

REV. H. DENNINGTON HAYES, in *Lutheran Church Work and Observer*.

The motion for unity is a clear, definite, positive appeal from the laymen of our Church. And in giving heed to it, and trying to respond promptly to it, the Church is but living up to its great principle of the priesthood of all believers. The fact that such machinery was set in motion, is the brightest omen for our Church in these dark and trying times. If the ministers will give their earnest support to the project, studying and planning and working for its achievement as conscientiously and effectively as they have for the building up of their particular Synodical bodies, it will be quickly and easily brought about.

We pastors are naturally more interested, by virtue of our student life, in the theoretical than in the practical, while with the laymen the reverse is true. With our conservatism let us regulate, and if necessary moderate, the movements of the laymen, but let us never stand in the way of progress, which is often a clearer vision to the man of affairs than to the man of the study. I have talked recently with many laymen on the subject, and they are unanimous that the present separatistic situation is unnecessary and inefficient, hence from their practical business standpoint, should be immediately changed. Ministers, we have talked long enough; let us jump in and help to do the desirable.

We are bending every effort to a proper quadri-centennial celebration, and are all united in the effort. What greater jubilee movement than such a greater union? Our addresses and meeting and pageants are all good, but they will pass with the observing, and soon be forgotten. But here is something that would keep before the Lutheran Christian, for all time, the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of his great Church. One of the aims of the jubilee, constantly referred to, is to bring our Church into greater prominence before the American public. For the accomplishment of such a pur-

pose, all the plans of the Joint Committee combined,—and I mean no disparagement of them,—carried into successful achievement, would fade into insignificance compared with the establishment of the United Lutheran Church in America. It is the age of big things. Not for the sake of big things, but for the sake of results. Big problems, big tasks, big sacrifices, and big movements face the Christian Church of the twentieth century. And our Church has a magnificent share of them laid at her door. Only a big Church, with a big shoulder-to-shoulder effort, can successfully meet them.

Our Missionary Women For Unity

When the present auspicious Quadri-Centennial effort toward Lutheran unity is crowned with final success, a Jubilee Monument will have been erected, of vastly greater value to Evangelical Lutheranism than countless statues of bronze and marble. All honor to the laymen who have had the courage to force this momentous issue, at the present psychological moment. All honor to the noble women of the Missionary Societies of the three Synods, who by their missionary zeal and steadfast devotion to the larger interests of the Lutheran Church, have contributed so much to this result. Their vision, which many of us have heretofore been inclined to regard as only a dream, has given definite trend to their efforts. By means of a common literature, and many inter-synodical gatherings, they have brought hesitating elements to a closer understanding. True, the union is not yet consummated. Much patient and self-denying work will have to be done, to adjust delicate and difficult questions. But a sympathetic candor, in negotiating, will clear away lingering suspicions and prejudices, and enable the three General Bodies to deal with the proposition on its true merits. And with confessional agreement established, success will surely be attained.

N. WILLISON,

Editor Canada Lutheran.

Who is responsible for this Unity move, now so big with promise? The laymen had longed for and agitated for such a move for years, and it was they who brought it before the Joint Committee. God bless them for that.

But back of them and ahead of them were the Lutheran women. Twenty-four years ago the first Lutheran Woman's Congress met in Chicago. Mrs. Emmy Carlson Evald was the moving spirit of that great gathering. In an address at the opening of that Congress of 3,000 women, Mrs. A. V. Hamma said: "Shall we not to-day join in one united prayer that as the fifty millions of Lutherans throughout the world are one in faith and one in history,

The way to unite is to unite. And let us not waste too much time in starting. As the motorist would express it, let us make a running start "on high." We want this to celebrate the eighth jubilee, not the ninth.

Men of the Church, the world needs it, the Church wants it, it is within the realm of the possible. Let us accomplish it! And let us do it now! Some of us not yet too old, would like still in our lifetime, not only to be members of, but also to see as one of the great Christian forces of the land, The United Lutheran Church of America.

the multitudes of Lutherans in this our own land may be one in heart, one in hand, and one in effort: one undivided army of the living God? And may we not, once again, with woman's simple faith and loving heart, go before, in the early dawn of this our Church's brighter day, and join the angels in rolling away the stone of our divisions?"

Out of this Woman's Congress grew the Lutheran Woman's League of Chicago. In its constitution a part of its object is set forth to be "To cultivate the spirit of sympathy and co-operation between the women of the different synods, in all practical ways." Similar Lutheran Woman's Leagues have recently been organized in other cities. In all of them Lutheran unity and co-operation are not only advocated but demonstrated. The women have shown us how. The great Norwegian Lutheran Church in America is showing us how. The Quadri-Centennial spirit and celebration impel us to go to it and do it. Schism is sin. There is no valid ground for remaining apart. Diverse and differing elements made up the General Council at its beginning. It was meeting together, working together, worshipping together and learning from each other, that we became more and more united in faith in heart and in aim. So will it be also in The United Lutheran Church of 1917.

G. H. GERBERDING,

Chicago Theol. Seminary.

Our Lutheran women have wept together, and prayed together, and worked together, in their common missionary tasks, until the Spirit has given them one mind and one heart, though of different Synods. As teachers in our Sunday Schools and leaders in our Mission Study Classes, they bid fair to impart this spirit of Unity to many Lutheran disciples, and thus contribute no small share to the larger Union of the General Lutheran Bodies. God speed the day when this may be accomplished.

A. M. MEHRKAM,

Be it said for the far-sighted wisdom of our Women's Societies, that they have quickened the missionary impulse within the Church, and demonstrated the utility of united efforts in handling her great mission problems.

A. L. RAMER,
Genl. Supt. Slav Work.

It is a pleasure to express my appreciation of what our Lutheran women have done, in paving the way and creating a sentiment for Lutheran Unity. While the Church has been speculating as to the possibilities of Lutheran Union, the women, by uniting and co-operating, have furnished the clinic to demonstrate the possibilities. Their method is reminiscent of the advice of the experienced old pastor to the young theologian who requested his advice on preaching: "Young man, the best way to preach is to preach."

Legal questions, problems of procedure and organization, are no real obstacles, where there is sincere purpose and consecrated intelligence. This movement for the strengthening of AMERICAN Lutheranism must not fail!

PAUL H. KRAUSS,

It is a fact. By the grace of God, the missionary women have done and are doing remarkable things, toward bringing about a United Lutheran Church. Inter-Synodical Mission Study Classes, Lutheran Women's Leagues, effective literature, and earnest prayer, have contributed much to the 1917 attitude toward visible unity.

W. S. LANGHANS,

Unmistakably, our missionary women have made large contributions of silent but effective influence, and of active inter-Synodical co-operation in missionary enterprise, to that spirit of Lutheran fraternity which is now dominating the attempt of a United Lutheran Church in America. Missions is universal. When the Lutheran Church, built upon so sure a foundation as the Augustana and correlated confessions, can catch a full vision of the "fields white unto the harvest," then adiaphora are left behind. The women of these three Bodies, for more than a quarter of a century, have been sowing the seed of the larger vision, and, lo! the whole lump is leavened.

As a "pan-Synodical advocate," I am hopeful that this glorious consummation, so devoutly to be wished, shall be launched in this year of Jubilee.

CHARLES P. MACLAUGHLIN,

In my opinion too, the women of our Church have exerted large influence in bringing about the proposed union of the three Lutheran Bodies in this country. The laymen also have been working to some extent, with the same end in view. Let us all work more, pray more and trust more, that before the close

of this year of jubilee we will be assured of
A UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA.

W. M. MEARIG,

There is no question but that the Women's Missionary Societies of our Church have done more than any other organization in showing to the Church how varied and how wide are the interests with which she must concern herself, if she would fulfill her mission in this country, and for the world. And it has been this practical aspect of the situation which has done more than anything else to manifest the folly of a continued divided Lutheranism in America. A real union of large portions of our Church now seems more than possible, and it is to be hoped that the hour of realization will not be delayed under one pretext or another. The interests of the Kingdom can no longer be efficiently served by a divided Lutheran Church in America.

FREDERICK A. REITER,

All hail to our progressive Lutheran women! May no repressive forces restrain them in the Apostolic Succession of those noble women of the early Church, as they carry the Cross to new victories, in fruitful activities at home and abroad. God created and redeemed woman as the help-meet of man and we men welcome their cheering presence and invaluable aid, as we march side by side, directed by one and the same Spirit, to save a fallen world.

J. C. KUNZMANN,

Genl. Supt. English Home Mission Work.

How could it be otherwise? Since the women of our several General Bodies, were working for the same ends, in mission fields among the same peoples, and along the same general lines, how could there have been any other result but that their prayers, their hopes and their aspirations should also be directed to the securing of a greater degree of unity among the Bodies of which they formed a part? May their prayers be answered, their hopes fulfilled and their aspirations realized by the efforts begun during this Quadri-Centennial year.

ALBERT F. SIEBERT,

No one who knows the love and zeal of our faithful women for the cause of Christ, and their abiding interest in the forward movement of the Church toward full employment of its latent powers in effective work, will doubt, either that they have contributed largely to the promotion of that spirit of unity now so surprisingly manifested, or that they will heartily work together in the Church for the realization, in due time, of that hope which rises on the prayers of all her true children; namely, the unification of all Lutherans.

M. G. G. SCHREER,

President United Synod South.

The change of sentiment upon this vital question of Lutheran Unity, during the last year or two, has been well-nigh marvelous. He would have been a far-sighted prophet indeed who could have foretold it even as late as three or four years ago. To this epoch-making change the missionary women of the Church have contributed in no small degree. May God continue to bless their efforts along this line.

A United Lutheran Church in America was for a long time the dream of the enthusiastic few. Now it seems suddenly to have become a reality almost within our grasp. For the greater conservation of our resources, and for that harmony of effort which alone can spell ultimate success, this is the thing for which we all should strive. God speed the day.

E. J. HEILMAN,

Undoubtedly the co-operation of the Women's Missionary Societies has done a great deal to further the spirit of unity in our Lutheran Church. The best way to become sound in doctrine is to be faithful in service, as the Lord says: "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine."

ERNST A. TAPPERT,

The women have again won out. While the men were timidly arguing unity, the women were appealing to the heart of the Church, and the silent leaven is accomplishing its purpose. When the women federate, the men capitulate. The United Lutheran Church of America, which is bound to come, will owe much to woman.

M. L. ZWEIZIG,

The co-operation of the women of the Lutheran Church of America has surely served a splendid purpose, and has been a movement in the direction of LUTHERAN UNITY, a thing so much desired for the sake of economy and efficiency and progress in the Home and Foreign Mission work of the Church. The movement has brought together the women of Youngstown, Ohio, in ever increasing numbers.

JESSIE LEROY MILLER,

The living Church of to-day is a missionary Church. And our women through their missionary societies have done more than any other human agency to make the Protestant Church of this century a missionary Church. All honor to our godly women! It is this same leaven that has been quietly and potently working in our own Church, making stronger and stronger sentiment for the much-desired Lutheran Unity. We will never become a united Church until we become thoroughly consecrated to this ONE GREAT WORK OF THE CHURCH.

H. F. J. SENEKER,

I do unhesitatingly say that the missionary women of our Church, irrespective of Synodical boundaries, during the last twenty years have been the leaven leavening the entire Lutheran Church in our land, so as to make possible The One Lutheran Church in America.

The most fitting celebration of the Quadri-Centennial is not simply the payment of congregational mortgages, and the holding of vast meetings (the memories of these assemblies soon fade), but the beginnings of the amalgamation of the Lutheran forces into one General Body, whose one purpose, aim and end shall be to make America Christian first, then conquer the world. To make our Church, which is one in faith and doctrine, similarly one in prayer, loyalty, devotion, *missionary activity*, benevolence, work and sacrifice for Christ and the extension of His kingdom. E pluribus unum.

PETER ALTPETER,

The fundamental unity of the Lutheran Church, in faith and confession, is the only explanation of its abiding vitality and increasing growth, in spite of all manner of adverse conditions, hitherto. The vigorous activity now developing in all departments of its life, among our women as well as our men, is more clearly experiencing this unity and more decisively emphasizing it. Therefore it is more eagerly pressing for the outward demonstration of it, in a closer union of our Church leaders, a more effective service and a stronger co-operation in our vast common work in the world. In this awaking consciousness the missionary women and their excellent magazine, THE LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER, are doing their full share.

F. A. KAHLER,

Our acclamations to the Deborahs, for their Lutheran Unity propaganda! The issue bids fair to outrun even their own most ardent expectations. I have not heard one single voice against the project of consolidation. How can we but recognize God's hand in this astonishing trend of thought? May He grant to each and all the Bodies a sufficient spirit of self-effacement to bring the proposal to a happy consummation.

FRANK C. OBERLY,

Every Lutheran heart must have been filled with gratitude at the announcement of the proposed merger of the three great Bodies. May we all hope that during this memorial year 1917, the beginning of the consummation of this event may be realized. We feel assured that our earnest and devoted women have been an inspiration and help in this movement.

JAS. M. SNYDER,

Treas. Foreign Mission Board.

The Church owes a debt to the Woman's Missionary Societies which it will be difficult to repay. The note of union in the Lutheran Church has been sounded long and loud by THE MISSION WORKER, and by the women who have done so much to make the Missionary Conferences powerful to mould opinion. When out of this 400th anniversary celebration there shall come at last a UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, to the Woman's Missionary Societies must go a great share of the satisfaction and joy, for they have been consistent in this much-desired advance.

Personally, I hope and pray that the way may be opened to bring about this longed-for union at the earliest possible day. If with her divided forces, with her efforts needlessly duplicated, with her competition and her chronic financial shortage, the Lutheran Church in America is holding third place among the Protestant denominations, who dares say what will be accomplished when UNION is a fact, and a united force, working under a great general plan, with a wise concentration of funds, shall take the field?

ROY GEO. CATLIN,

Chairman Home Mission Board, Chicago Synod.

God bless the Lutheran Woman's League for what it has done, and in what it hopes to do, for our beloved Lutheran Church! Hitherto the League has been the "Better Half" in the Quadri-Centennial Unity movement. May the projecting of the union become a reality in 1917!

MILTON J. BIEBER,

Supt. Eastern District Home Missions.

A good, new day has been long in the dawning for the Lutheran Church in America, but now its fuller light appears. Many of the darkening shadows have been removed by the faith, the hope and the charity of our devoted women. The future is big with promise because we have learned to know and trust each other in our Household of Faith. May the gloom of suspicion and the darkness of distrust nevermore obscure our way. The United Lutheran Church in America is destined to be our finest inspiration and our strongest arm of power in serving our Christ and His world.

GEORGE J. GONGAWARE,

With the Common Service, and the Common Hymnal about to appear, a Common Organization is all that is yet needed to complete the expression of our Common Faith. Such a consummation is bound to increase the Church's efficiency. And of the many instrumentalities preparing the mind of the Church for this consummation may be prominently mentioned the activity of its missionary women.

BENJ. F. HOEFER,

As General Secretary of the Luther League of America, which has been the pioneer organization in bringing Lutherans of various angles face to face, I am glad to acknowledge the potent influence of our Missionary Women, in preparing the hearts and minds of our people by the dissemination of literature, and creating an impulse to execute the mission of the whole Lutheran Church in the evangelization of the world.

HARRY HODGES,

Every great movement is inaugurated by some prophet, furnishing the needed information and inspiration. Three such factors are at work now,—the Luther League, the Men's Brotherhood, and the Women's Society. Each of them has been steadfastly praying and working for an organic unity of our Church. These three. But the greatest of these is the one named last. The publication department of the Women's Society deserves first place.

What glorious objective is the goal!—made possible and stressed by our Saviour's prayers,—hoped for by our most devoted workers,—urged in our conventions and press! When attained, how it will liberate ministers for our vacancies, reinforce our feeble congregations, spread goodwill among all Lutherans, clarify public opinion about our real position in America, and enable us, by team-work, to move forward with the momentum and enthusiasm of our rightful numbers!

WM. ECKERT,

Financial Secy. Chicago Seminary.

I have not in any wise exaggerated this statement because of the fact that it may appear in print. I sincerely believe that our women have blazed the way for great things. Representatives of our ecclesiastical bodies have discussed at great length how it could and could not be done. The women have demonstrated how it could be done by actually doing it. The former have spent their time and energy discussing differences, while the latter, standing together on our essential unity, have gone to work, doing the task.

If history should record that "The United Lutheran Church of North America" had its rise in this Quadri-Centennial year, then the generations to come will have occasion to celebrate the year 1917.

E. C. CRONK,

General Secretary, Laymen's Movement, United Synod of the South.

I heartily congratulate the missionary women of the General Council upon their efforts to help along the great forward movement of Lutheranism in our land. It is a big step in the right direction, and may the next step consummate the hope into reality.

J. J. BRUBECK,

Surely the action of the Joint Committee of the Quadri-Centennial looking toward a united Lutheranism has stirred a responsive chord in the heart of every true Lutheran. We will all hail that day with unspeakable joy.

In addition to other evidences of its possibility let us not forget the work of our Lutheran women. Their Co-operative Literature Committee, the Lutheran Women's League, the Mission Study Classes and the Mission Worker have demonstrated that Lutherans can get together in hearty co-operation in the great work of our beloved Church.

The capable body of women we have in the Lutheran Church will be multiplied in power, when they are united for service. Therefore we hail with joy the action of the Conjoint Quadri-Centennial Committee, for it will prove a wonderful stimulus to the women, in unitedly bringing Lutheran mission work a point never before possible.

S. G. WEISKOTTEN.

The women who have prayed and worked for this much-desired beginning of Lutheran unity have wielded a wonderful influence. Let them continue to pray and to work, and may the whole Church pray and work with them, for the too long-deferred but devoutly wished-for consummation.

J. F. SCHOLL.

The good missionary women of the Lutheran Church were evidently chosen of God not only to give expression to that which every loyal, thoughtful Lutheran heart has long desired, but also to venture, courageously in united labors to give the whole Church an irresistible example.

JOHN I. SHAUD.

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Again we see this Scriptural truth fulfilled. To the missionary women of the great Lutheran Church these words will always have a new and larger meaning. Their prayers, it seems, will be answered sooner than they themselves dared to hope.

When the good news reached Wisconsin our Conference was in Convention assembled. It was a thrilling moment. Unanimously we adopted an enthusiastic endorsement, and rushed it to headquarters in Philadelphia. Laus Deo.

G. KELLER RURRECHT.

President, Synod of the North West.

Unification will bring a more intense as well as a wider sphere, for the activities of both the women and the men of the Church. The opportunity for faith to multiply works, and of works to stimulate faith, will be one of its great benefits. Hence unification cannot, within reason, come too soon.

FRANK M. RITER.

Financial Sec'y, Education Fund, Philadelphia.

Of course I am anxious to join those who are permitted to express their sincere gratitude to God because of the momentous things happening in our day. In this merger I hope that we may not forget the very great importance of merging our Women's Missionary Societies and our growing Men's Societies into united organizations, in which there shall be EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

E. P. PFATTEICHER,

Pres. Phila. English Conference.

The best news of the year is the conjoint, unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation for uniting into one efficient organization the great Lutheran Bodies of America. May the whole Church pray with the Missionary Women that such a union may be speedily brought about, on the basis of the Word of God and our Scriptural Confessions.

ELMER F. KRAUSS.

President Chicago Theological Seminary.

At this time of universal desire for permanent peace, our Church can do nothing better than to set the example for it within her own borders as the historic Protestant Church. In this year when all eyes are fixed on the birth of Protestantism, all minds and hearts centered on the facts and results of the Reformation, unity on the basis of the unchained Word and clear Confessions by a living faith, will assure universal and permanent peace in our dear Church. May the movement be guided to a glorious consummation.

GEORGE GEBERT.

Sec'y Penna. Ministerium's Examining Com.

"It is indeed an act of Providence that the three bodies are to unite in one powerful Lutheran organization, and the MISSION WORKER is to be congratulated on its efficient labors for the realization of this plan. The good women, under the leadership of their official organ, are serving the Church and up-building the walls of Zion as effectively as the watchmen on the towers thereof.

A. F. ELMQUIST.

Ex-President, Synod of the Northwest.

There is not a woman in the whole General Council Society to whom this surprisingly unanimous verdict of the gentlemen of the jury does not come as a veritable revelation! And surely the jury is composed of competent men. Run your eye again down these columns of signatures, with that thought in mind. To note how each man speaks from his own personal experience in efficient church work, and to weigh their combined declaration at its full intrinsic worth, will settle the question from henceforth, in the minds of many, and furnish a new viewpoint.

Mrs. Martin Luther

A Picture Which Presents Her in the Foreground

BY REV. JOHN T. HUDDLE, D. D., WASHINGTON, D. C.



[This skillful portrait was delineated by request of the 1917 celebration committee in Virginia. We purposely present only a few outline touches, to make you want to see the complete sketch, which Dr. Huddle will gladly give at one of your Society meetings.]

Mrs. Martin Luther need make no apology for her appearance on any Quadri-Centennial program. She takes her place as a *right*, beside her distinguished husband, with all the dignity and poise of her noble lineage. In her way, and in her sphere, she was almost as remarkable a personality as the reformer himself. Luther gave to the world, in a very real sense, a new home, a new school, a new State and a new Church. It was the first of these, and the one which is at the foundation of all the others, that Catharine helped to found and to sanctify. The history of the past 400 years would be mightily different, had Catharine remained a nun and Luther a monk. It was woman's hand in the Reformation which to a great extent

humanized it. It was she who brought priest and parishioner into closer and holier relationship, because of the fireside virtues and graces in whose glow the once lonely celibate now found fulness of joy.

We at this late day can have no conception how radical was the step which Luther took, when he advocated the marriage of the clergy. But from his study of the Bible, and knowing as he did the reeking impurity of the religious orders, he was sure that he was right in his contention, so he went ahead with this phase of his reform, despite all opposition. His friend Schurff, the lawyer, excitedly cried out: "If this monk should marry, the devil himself will burst with laughter! Because by this step he will destroy the work which he has so grandly begun." That is one case in which a lawyer's advice was utterly wide of the mark.

Catharine von Bora was a nun of noble

lineage. Having been left an orphan when a child, she entered the convent at the age of ten, and was consecrated at sixteen. Aroused by the reading of Luther's writings, she with eight of her companions escaped from the convent on Easter eve, 1523. Secreted in a midst of a wagon load of barrels they were conveyed to Wittenberg, where she found a home with the mayor of the town. In this new environment of freedom and motherly affection, the roses began to bloom again in her cheeks, and her varied charms developed.

When the time came for Luther to propose, he did it in a very ponderous way. In company with Kranach, the painter; Bugenhagen, the president of the University, and Apel the jurist, he started out on his momentous expedition. Giving the door a vigorous knock, which resounded all through the house, he said to the mayor's wife, who admitted them, "Will you permit me, in the presence of yourself and these three honorable men, to speak with Catharine von Bora on a matter of great importance?" Permission was of course granted, and Luther thus began: "Dear Mistress Kate, you know my great interest in your welfare, and how faithfully I have tried to find for you a worthy husband, so that as a wife you might fulfill your true vocation. But up to this time my efforts have been in vain, whereat I have been much troubled. Today I appear not for another, but since God has put it into my mind to delay no longer, in enforcing my teachings by my example, my heart has told me beyond any question who is its choice. Therefore I now ask you, in the presence of God and these human witnesses, will you plight your troth to Dr. Martin Luther, and be his wedded wife?"

Of course, as in all such cases, Catharine was properly startled! She remarked that this was extremely sudden, and caught a chair for support! But just the same, she had her wits about her, and said yes with becoming reluctance, before Luther had a chance to change his mind!

After the betrothal, not believing in long engagements, Luther went ahead with his usual energy in preparing for the wedding. Scarcely two weeks elapsed between the proposal and the marriage.

By arrangement of the Elector, the old cloister was assigned to Luther as a residence, and it was in this big barn of a place that he and Catharine began housekeeping. It became, as it were, a huge boarding house. Besides their own family and a half dozen relatives, they always had a number of needy students at their table. Then they brought up no less than eleven orphan nephews and nieces, and of

course so far as their physical wants were concerned the burden fell upon Catharine. Because Luther, with all his versatility, was the most helpless kind of a mortal, when it came to catering for such a household, and looking after its financial matters. If it had not been for the splendid domestic efficiency of Catharine, that big cloister boarding house would soon have gone into bankruptcy. It was his Katy who raised the vegetables, constructed a fishpond, looked after the cattle and fowls, and ran the farm. So by her thrift and energy she kept the establishment going, in spite of Luther's reckless generosity. From a religious standpoint she was a rare combination of Mary and Martha, with Martha somewhat in the majority.

Perhaps all the qualities of her nature can best be appreciated when we consider to what an extent she complemented Luther's own life. She commanded his respect by her culture and her splendid executive ability, and she won his ever-increasing love by her intelligent and tender sympathy. In every respect she was eminently *worthy* to be the helpmeet of the greatest religious and moral leader of the modern world.

For centuries before the Reformation, the true "woman-spirit" had been crushed out of the Church. But when woman went back into the parsonage, and took her rightful place again, not as a veiled nun behind prison walls, but as partner of the minister's innermost life, then a new influence began to be felt. It was Catherine Luther who helped immensely to effect this change, and for 400 years her spirit has been a leavening influence in Protestantism, aiding to equip it with the womanly qualities necessary to fulfill its mission.

WOMEN TO BE REPRESENTED ON ALL OUR CHURCH BOARDS

One of the most surprising and gratifying forward steps, unanimously voted as its future polity by the venerable and conservative Ministerium of Pennsylvania at its last meeting, is the movement to have the women of the Church represented at all sessions of its Mission Boards, as advisory members.

In the official report of the president, Dr. Weller put the case thus:

"As a statement of fact it is correct to say that, while the Ministerium has looked with favor upon the Women's Missionary Society movement, it has *not opened avenues of contact* and information which such movement deserves. Having instituted a recent series of colloquies with the executive officers of the W. M. S. of the Ministerium, the result was the following resolutions by the Executive Board of the W. M.

S. of the Ministerium:

"Resolved, That wishing to show our interest in all branches of Mission Work carried on by our General Council, we ask for a greater knowledge and closer touch with the work. To further this purpose, we would ask: First—For an advisory representation of at least three women on each Mission Board.

"Second—That a semi-annual conference of men and women be held, to discuss plans and methods of Mission Work, as outlined by our governing Body.

"Third—That the women be given advisory representation also on the Budget Committee, so that they may intelligently co-operate in the work of the Church.

"Fourth—Such advisory representation is asked on all those Committees and Boards of the Ministerium, which administer the funds to which the W. M. S. contributes."

"These requests are made so that such advisory members can report to the Societies

the work in greater detail, thus increasing the general interest.

"From a study of this situation, and acknowledging the gentle imputation that the Ministerium has been remiss in giving detailed information to its Women's Missionary Society, I recommend the favorable consideration of the request of the Society, so far as it relates directly to the Ministerium. For this cause it may not be out of place for the Ministerium to report such action as it takes in the premises, to the General Council at its next meeting, with the favorable commendation of the women's requests of the General Council."

It is likely that the General Council will take action, at its coming convention, suggesting that the same course of procedure be adopted in all its Synods. The matter seemed so self-evident to the old Mother Synod, that the vote was passed without any lengthy debate, and without a dissenting voice.

The Women And The 1917 Thank-Offering

It was the loyal members of our Women's Missionary Societies who gave the General Council's committee on the Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering its first encouragement, by responding so promptly and so enthusiastically to its request for assistance in reaching the membership of our churches with its literature. We are depending upon their assistance to the successful climax of the effort on Sunday, October 7th, and all signs show that we will not be disappointed.

CHAS. K. FEGLEY,

Executive Secretary.

This month of September is seeing the "Big Drive" toward having the whole Church thoroughly informed as to the purpose and the plan. If you have not noticed anything about it by the time you read this page, it will not be too late to look around, to make some inquiries, or even to assist in distributing literature. When September draws to a close, and October, the harvest month, comes, not a single member of any General Council congregation ought to be in ignorance of the fact that *there is to be a Thank-Offering*, that *each one is to take a personal part*, and that the suggested measure of giving is *at least one day's income*.

First of all came that fine Reformation poster, hanging somewhere in the Church. Then that letter of explanation in that attractive envelope. The following week that ten-page folder emphasizing the fact that *all the mission interests of the General Council are uniting in this movement, and will share in its benefits*.

Finally there will come the envelope which is to contain your offering, when you place it on the Altar on October 7th. And just before you put your one day's income sacrifice into the envelope, a last short word of earnest advice will greet you.

The biggest factor in preparation for the Thank-Offering is *prayer*. If all who desire the success of the effort will plead with God for His benediction upon our labors; if all to whom the appeal comes will seek Divine guidance in answering it, how worthily will we prepare ourselves for co-operation with Christ Jesus in the work of His Kingdom!

Another determining factor is *service*. How busy many of our women will be, in carrying out the plans of the Committee! How active hundreds of our young people will be, in placing our literature in the homes, according to the suggested method! The extent to which such service is rendered, and the faithfulness with which it is executed, will be most telling factors. That congregation will render the best account of its celebration, and make the best returns, which has enjoyed the most complete service in this respect.

A third factor which will influence the final result, is *consider*. The literature must be read, before the reasons for the Thank-Offering and the need for it can be understood. The explanations must be given thought, before the method will appear possible. One must know the plan, before he will be able to decide to act. Hence careful reading, earnest thought

and prayerful decision will be important factors.

Are you contributing any share to any or all of these factors?

You can if you will.

The Fund is Possible

1. Because we have the *numbers* which make great accomplishments possible: About 1800 ministers, serving over 2500 congregations, in 14 Synods. Something close to half a million communicant members, and over three-quarters of a million baptized members in those congregations.

2. Because we have the *prosperity* out of which liberal gifts to such a worthy object can be made. Despite all the difficulties and losses which the world war has entailed, the people of the United States are more prosperous today than for many years. Surely our Lutheran Christians share with their fellow-citizens in this.

3. Because the *occasion* and the *motive* and the *object* are such as to inspire to acts of unselfish sacrifice. To take part in a celebration which occurs but once in 100 years, to express gratitude to God for 400 years of blessings, to bless our fellowmen with like mercies—these are things no one will want to ignore, things in which no one will fail of having part.

4. It is possible because the *plan is within the reach of all*. "One Day's Income" makes it possible for each to give according to the Scriptural standard, "as God has prospered him."

Is It Necessary?

Yes; absolutely so! For two reasons:

First, because our Church of today needs training in unity of action. The inspiration of a successful undertaking like this will help her face the challenging demand of the days to come. She must do something really worth while, in order to come to a new realization of her strength and dignity and importance.

Secondly, because the Church of the future needs it. The story of the sacrifices and successes of the heroes of the 16th century arouses us to noble deeds today. The story of what we do in this Jubilee Year—the sacrifices we make and the services we render—will be the incentive to fire coming generations to those worthy deeds which their day will need. We enjoy temporal and spiritual privileges today because Luther rediscovered Truth and restored it to men. That was his gift to us. We must *give* too. The generations of the future will be blessed only as we make some things possible for them.

Is Its Attainment Certain and Sure?

Once more, Yes!

It is a certainty because *Christ's promises*

are sure. When He sent out His disciples to fulfill His commands, He confirmed the word to them by signs following, working with them. Surely He will do no less for His disciples of the Twentieth Century, as they endeavor through this Thank-Offering to equip ourselves the better for our share in His mighty task of world salvation.

It is a certainty because the *Church is responding to the appeal*. She is addressing herself to the task right worthily. All the Synods have approved of the Thank-Offering. Three of them are making it a part of special efforts of their own, inaugurated before the general movement began. Almost 400 congregations in the other eleven Synods have indicated their intention of co-operating according to the committee's plan. Hundreds of our people have expressed a determination to have a share in the fund; and some have sent their gifts already.

So you see that the certainty, from the human side, depends on *you!* Knowing that, you will not fail to take a personal part in fullest measure.



BRACE YOURSELF FOR THIS

The most searching and electrifying of all the Quadri-Centennial statements of the case, which we have yet seen, comes all the way across the Continent, from the General Council's farthest extremity on the Pacific Coast. It is published as an official document, in striking poster form, attractively printed in large type, to be suspended in Church vestibules and other public places where our people in that distant Synod will be sure to see it. You may judge what a shock, like touching a live battery, these brothers and sisters of the far West have experienced in reading it, by the effect upon yourself, of these sentences which strike fire:

"Precious beyond price, and worthy of all commemoration, are the blessings with which, under God, that mighty awakening of the XVI Century endowed the world, blessings which our fathers have handed down to us through many and great and heroic sacrifices.

"Poor, indeed, in loyalty, or deficient in undertaking, were we, their spiritual heirs, if our hearts and souls were not stirred to rejoicing and gratitude in remembrance of what God hath wrought for us thereby. 'Tis a year of

Jubilee, therefore, to the Church of the Reformation everywhere, and in a lesser degree to all Protestantism.

"Great assemblies will gather, great words will be spoken, great deeds reviewed, great enthusiasms evoked.

"But amid all our felicitations, it behooves us to bear in mind that unless we, in our turn, are willing to make the very real sacrifices needful to impart these blessings to our fellowmen, and to pass them on unimpaired to our and to their children, we have no proper part in this celebration. Whatever commemoration we may attempt, will be a mockery and a sham, as well as a failure.

"And for that imparting and that perpetuation, precisely, it is that the Church of the Reformation, in fidelity to her Master's word, asks all her congregations to signalize the festival year by fully discharging, for once, all their obligations to the Church at large, for the ex-

tension of the Kingdom. Not in any hard-and-fast, legalistic fashion, but in the age-old way of genuine loyalty and love, with 'good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over.' And we need but to recall how often in the past we have meted with a different measure, to deter us from too precise a reckoning with the Lord now, on the question of ONE DAY'S INCOME.

"Brethren, let us not, even while we are counting our blessings and magnifying our heritage, stultify all our words and belie our professions by a shameful, damning indifference to the great work God has given us to do. If we are the Lord's, if 'He hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad,' we shall be moved gladly to undertake great things for Him. Let us be honest—with ourselves and with our God. And to this end, let us inaugurate among us a Little Reformation of our own, and 'bring TITHES into the store-house.'"

October 7th is the appointed day.

All Protestants Will Combine In Celebrating

MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERAL COUNCIL TO THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

Of the many important dates in the reform movements of the sixteenth century, the most notable is October 31, 1917, the day when Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, for discussion next day by the university students. How this discussion, aided by the recently invented art of printing, quickly spread over Germany and beyond, fanning into flame the smouldering fires of freedom, is well known history. In all subsequent progress the cardinal principles of the Reformation have been the leavening factors. And this time of stress and strain, in which we are now living, makes its solemn special appeal for a universal experience of that which was the essence of the movement—justification by faith, and the resultant privilege and responsibility of the individual soul before God. The supreme authority of the Scriptures, the right of private judgment, and such consequent benefits as popular education, and religious and civil liberty, have, by reason of this great movement, become the cornerstones of the American nation. This Jubilee year is, therefore, not only to praise the reformer heroes of the sixteenth century, but to speak of their principles and apply them anew to our own age.

We urge upon all Evangelical Churches and Christian agencies a recognition of this

great Reformation festival. All are rooted in a common historic epoch marked by noble faiths and heroic achievement. Surely it will be worth while to unite in such a celebration as shall result in deeper knowledge, a more profound faith in God, renewed zeal, and an advancement of those truths, tasks, and missionary enterprises committed to the Church of Christ.

Signed by Rev. William H. Roberts, LL.D., Chairman; Rev. Howard R. Gold, Secretary. Other members of the committee who signed the call are Rev. Drs. W. C. Bitting, H. J. Burnett, Morris W. Leibert, B. S. Winchester, Peter Ainslie, F. R. Hutton, Dennis S. Idleman, S. C. Breyfogel, Wm. Bourquin, Edwin Heyl Delk, G. U. Wenner, F. J. Prettyman, M. G. Kyle, Robert Bagnell, Edgar Blake, Frank M. Thomas, Lyman E. Davis, E. B. Sanford, R. A. Webb, R. H. Fleming, D. S. Schaff, William H. Scott, P. S. Leinbach, James I. Good, George W. Richards, D. F. McGill, C. W. Dorsey.

These men represent all Protestant denominations. The headquarters for the distribution of the Federal Council's literature on the Quadri-centennial is the office of the secretary, Rev. Howard R. Gold, Hornor Building, 925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

They suggest a Pan-Protestant mass meeting on or about October 31st, which should be a culminating event in every community, as far as possible. Is there any movement toward this in your own community?

The World's Debt To The Reformation

Ten Jewels for Which We Give Thanks

BY CHARLES L. FRY

1. The Open Bible

The inalienable right of every human soul in all the wide world is to have the open Bible. The very first thing a Protestant missionary does upon entering a new country is to translate the Bible into the language of that people—the last thing that Rome would ever think of doing. This is the guarantee of Protestant permanence. The Protestant Reformation put the Bible in the hands of the people. Every time we find consolation, inspiration and blessing in its precious pages we are in debt to the Reformation.

2. Justification By Faith

What a gracious thing it was, in God's Providence, that Luther was allowed to find this key, which unlocks all the Scriptures, before he became a translator! He found it amid his inward struggles during his stay in the monastery. The fakirs, sitting on beds of spikes to obtain peace, the poor widows of India measuring their length to a shrine to propitiate the gods, the mothers casting their children into the Ganges, millions who do penance and make gifts to obtain pardon for sin, would give all they possess for the assurance we have of justification through faith.

3. The Universal Priesthood of All Believers

This means doing away with all the false distinctions between the clergy and the laity. During the Apostolic age every Christian was a missionary. The evangelization of the world dare never be limited to a select few. Whatever obligation belongs to one, belongs to all.

4. The Right of Private Judgment

We deny that the only authority to decide our religious belief is the Pope. Every believer decides it for himself, with God's own Word as his absolute rule. Luther claimed this right in his immortal answer before the Diet of Worms, and in this he was the spokesman of all Protestants, for all the future.

5. The People's Part in Public Worship

What a priceless privilege it is that we have of taking part in public worship. No practically all Protestants have some form of service in which all the people join. In Old Testament days even the High Priest himself could go into the Holy of Holies only once a year. We have access every Sunday.

6. Universal Education

The principle of Protestantism is the general enlightenment of the people. Every public school system on earth is the gift of the Reformation. How much would North America

take for it? How much would South America give for it? Or Mexico, or Spain, or Italy, or Porto Rico?

7. An Unmutilated Sacrament

This is another of the ten treasures which had been lost, and which were found again, in the Reformation. The withholding of the cup from the laity is a high-handed usurpation of Rome, to bolster up the caste distinction of the priests.

8. Christian Hymns

The Reformation was literally sung into the hearts of the people. In Romish countries there are no hymns, either in the Churches or in the home. Without Bibles, without hymn-books, without schools such as we know on every hand, how dark and cheerless were those days compared with the light in which we rejoice!

9. Protestant Parsonages

How much does North America owe to the Protestant parsonage which is another gift of the Reformation? Name the senators in our halls of legislation, the judges of our courts, the statesmen, the lawyers, the physicians, the surgeons, the merchants, the ministers, the men eminently useful in every walk of life, who have come from Protestant parsonages. What hospitality is there dispensed; what cheer is given to help those who come for advice and strengthening; what example of Christian home-life in our own and in non-Christian lands!

10. Civil and Religious Liberty

In Luther's day the States of Europe were chained to the chariot of the Emperor, whose driver was the Pope. Into their hands Luther placed the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and States which have wielded that sword have severed the chain and become free. Modern freedom is the fruit of the tree planted by Martin Luther. "The priceless blessings of liberty and the rights of conscience, recognized, enjoyed and guaranteed in our own great Republic, and working like a leaven among all people who do not enjoy them, are, directly or indirectly, the result of the truths and principles so clearly and so forcibly proclaimed by Martin Luther four hundred years ago."

[Published in leaflet form. Price, 1 cent each; 10 cents per dozen; 50 cents per hundred in quantities. Address Literature Headquarters.]

This page may be used as part of your Festival next month, if ten young ladies will each name one of the Jewels, carrying a gilt shield with the number of the Jewel in red.

ANOTHER UNITY MOVEMENT

The Northwestern Lutheran Synod

Delegates representing about 200,000 communicant members belonging to the Lutheran Synods of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Nebraska of the Synodical Conference met last month in St. Paul and completed the consolidation of these synods. The new Synod will be known under the name: The Northwestern Lutheran Synod. The largest of the synods is the Wisconsin Synod, which has 340 pastors and 190,639 baptized members; Minnesota has 107 pastors and 97,291 members; Michigan 45 pastors and 21,673 members; Nebraska, 23 pastors and 7,227 baptized members. The new Synod will have a total of 515 pastors and 316,830 baptized members. The church property of the three synods is estimated at \$2,510,000. Rev. D. E. Bergmann of Fond du Lac, Wis., the President of the Wisconsin Synod, was elected President of the new body; Mr. W. H. Graebner, of Milwaukee, Treasurer, and Rev. A. C. Haase, of St. Paul, Minn., Secretary. Rev. C. Gausewitz, President of the Synodical Conference, was elected President of the Board of Trustees. A budget totaling \$264,154 for the next two years was approved by convention. A twenty-fifth anniversary and Reformation festival was held in the St. Paul Auditorium, Sunday the 19th of August. The official church papers of the synod will be the *Northwestern Lutheran* and the *Gemeindeblatt*.

FESTIVAL NOTES

The Federal Council is planning a Protestant Exhibit to be held in the Grand Central Palace, New York, the last ten days in October. It promises to be one of the greatest displays or spectacles of any kind ever seen in America. Not only will the history and achievements of Protestantism be graphically portrayed, but local churches, especially in New York, will exhibit the work they are doing. It is expected also that the great inter-denominational agencies will make elaborate presentations of their activities.

Several denominational bodies have set up important committees which are planning not only celebration programs, but also undertaking very important forward movements in honor of the Quadri-centennial. The Presbyterians are placing Bible chairs in many of their colleges. The Reformed Church in the United States is raising a one million dollar fund for celebration, and \$100,000 for the erection of a Schaff Memorial Building in Philadelphia.

Most of the great Summer Conferences recognized the anniversary on their programs this year.

A CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The following challenge to all Christian women sounds a note clear and strong and true: "From the Executive Committee of the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America.

"In these crucial days which are testing the character of all men and women, when the political and moral life of our nation is imperiled, we must face the fact that our *missionary* enterprises stand also in grave danger. With the appeals from the Red Cross and other relief organizations, to which our hearts eagerly respond, many a woman feels that the *missionary* cause must give way for a while to these other emergencies. But the result of such turning away of regular gifts upon which the Boards have depended would result in a crippling of established work, and a loss of ground which would be irrevocable. It is time to send out a word of warning.

"The new need must not be met at the EXPENSE of the old.

"The history of missions shows that times of great national crises were also times of great missionary activities. The Woman's Missionary Union was born in 1861, amidst the throes of the outbreak of the Civil War. And in the decade following, nearly all the leading Woman's Boards were organized. During these last three years a Canadian Board had the largest receipts in all its history."

Women, the challenge comes to us. We must hold fast to the work to which God has appointed us. The great lesson of the war is that true Christianity has been lacking. To give Christianity to all the world is the supreme task of the Church, and have not we women dedicated ourselves to this task?

In the special meeting of the Federal Council held in Washington, Dr. John R. Mott and Dr. Robert E. Speer uttered stirring words calling to a larger work of evangelism than ever before. Never were there such challenging opportunities as today. Africa and Asia and South America stand at the crossroads. *Today* we can lead them to Christ if we are faithful, but it may mean at such cost as we never have dreamed.

The challenge is calling us to a greater unselfishness—yea, to sacrifice, and it is leading us out to a larger service than we have ever been capable of in the past.

How will you meet it? How will I?

Mrs. J. H. Moore,

President of the W. B. F. M. of N. A.

[Will it be appropriate in this connection to ask whether your subscription payment to THE MISSION WORKER is being allowed to go by default?—Editor.]



The Foreign Field



MRS. LOTTIE WYSE NORMAN



REV. CLARENCE E. NORMAN

FAREWELL RECEPTION, EAST AND WEST In Honor of Our New Japan Missionary and His Bride

Rev. and Mrs. Norman, of the United Synod South, on the Saturday preceding the day of their public commissioning, in Philadelphia last July, for their future work in Japan, were visited by many friends of the mission, and given every assurance of constant remembrance and intercession. This was during their brief, but delightful stay at Mt. Airy, which they will long cherish in pleasant memory, as guests in the hospitable home of Mrs. Horn, and her sister, Miss Chisholm, who is chairman of the Japan department of the Philadelphia Conference work. The day was rarely beautiful, and the occasion so overflowed with good cheer as to leave a permanent impress on the minds and hearts of both the travellers, who were sent on their way treasuring many new friendships.

Then when they had gone speeding across the whole stretch of the Continent without a pause, and reached the Pacific Coast, another cordial farewell reception was tendered them in Seattle, with Mrs. L. Koch as hostess, the warm-hearted president of the Pacific Synod's Missionary Society, who had been apprised of their coming, by telegram from Philadelphia after they had started on the journey. "We have had a splendid time here," was the word of

appreciation, which Pastor and Mrs. Norman sent back to us, as their good-bye just before stepping on board the ship. "Tired upon arrival, to the point of sheer exhaustion by the long trip, you cannot imagine what a lovely surprise awaited us here, and how completely it has made us forget all about our fatigue!" The fine occasion in the private parlors of the Hotel Seattle, one of the handsomest in the city, where kind expressions of whole-souled encouragement were spoken impromptu by Doctor Frederick, of the new Theological Seminary, also by Pastors Pluegger and Bergeman, was followed by a charming auto ride about the city in Mr. Koch's touring car. Next morning the new missionary had the pleasure of preaching in Holy Trinity Church of Seattle, and on Monday morning when they took ship, his happy bride was just loaded down with a great armful of luscious roses, which were then in the height of their bloom, as a fragrant reminiscence of the visit.

PLEASE NOTE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 30, THAT THE CHICAGO WOMEN'S PLANS FOR A NATIONAL MASS MEETING OF LUTHERAN WOMEN MUST BE GIVEN UP ON ACCOUNT OF THE STRENUOUS CONDITIONS WHICH NOW PREVAIL.

OUR INDIA BOXES

We all consider our Hospital and Dispensaries important factors of our mission work in India. If this is to continue, supplies must be sent each year from America. Without these our Hospital and Dispensaries would have to close. But we are happy to say no such emergency is confronting us this year. Through the generosity of our women, money enough to supply every need has been contributed. All this, too, in spite of the high prices of drugs, instruments, etc., and the almost prohibitive charges of freight. \$702.13 was contributed as follows: Philadelphia Conference, \$146.25; Norristown, \$113.23; Reading, \$134.58; Allentown, \$111.22;

Danville, \$76.60; Lancaster, \$80.25; Wilkes-Barre, \$10; Pottsville, \$5; Pittsburgh Synod, \$25.

We are more than pleased to announce that we have the prospect of a Medical student. Miss Bertha Anderson, who had offered to go to India as a teacher, now has offered herself for the study of medicine. She will have to spend one year in preparation, after which she will take up her medical course.

But the need for a doctor to go at once to the assistance and relief of Mr. Betty Nilson is as great as ever, as Miss Anderson's service will not be available for five or six years.

MARY A. MILLER, *Chairman.*



Porto Rico



OUR NEW SAN JUAN CHURCH

April 29th was one of the greatest and happiest days in the history of our Lutheran Mission in Porto Rico. Our beautiful church in San Juan was then consecrated, and the sun which had been hiding behind clouds for the three previous days shone forth in all its glorious splendor, adding much to heighten the festivities.

Printed invitations had been sent out to all American friends and to prominent Porto Ricans. Our Spanish and English congregations in San Juan had received special invitations, each congregation forming a group of its own, as did also the Sunday Schools. We had the pleasure and honor of having with us Rev. Axel Bergh, of the Danish Lutheran Church on the Island of St. Thomas, formerly belonging to Denmark, but transferred to the United States on March 31st of this year. He came especially to be present at the dedication, and in the procession, headed by Pastors Ostrom and Ander-

son, who carried the sacred vessels, Rev. Bergh carried the Holy Bible, followed by the choir and the two congregations, walking side by side. The one congregation seated itself in the pews to the left of the main aisle, the other to the right.

Rev. A. P. G. Anderson preached the consecration sermon in English and Rev. Alfred Ostrom the one in Spanish. Rev. Bergh read the Scripture lessons. Hymns were sung in English and Spanish, and the last hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," was sung in both English and Spanish. It was indeed a solemn and impressive service. The Church and Sunday School rooms were completely filled with an attentive audience. A cablegram of congratulations was received from the Lutheran Church at Fredericsted, Island of St. Croix, now belonging to the United States, and a very cordial letter of congratulation and greetings to the two congregations from the Secretary of the Board, Rev. B. F. Hankey.

An offering was taken during the day amounting to \$55.00. The art glass windows, which have all been donated, added much to the beauty of our church. The five panel window of the Good Shepherd, above the altar, is a donation of Mrs. H. L. McMurphy, Lingonier, Pa. The two lovely windows in the tower-room used for the pastors study, are a gift from the Womens' Society of Zion's, Greensburg, a memorial to Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D. The nine small windows were given, one by St. Michael's, Sellersville, one by St. John's, Minersville, one by Mrs. Ella C. Stine, Allentown, two by Mr. Paul Eisler, Butler, one by Miss May C. Mellander, and three by the Missionary pastor's relatives. The sweet-



MISS SCHOEN AND TWO NATIVE HELPERS
SHE IS TAKING MISS MELLANDER'S PLACE

toned Meneely bell was presented by Mr. J. S. Seaman, Pittsburgh, a member of the Board; the hymn-board by the Lutheran Church of Evans City; the two offertory plates by Miss Catherine Fackner's Sunday School Class, Summit, N. J.; the altar rail by the architect; the altar by the Miram Society of the Swedish Lutheran Church, Sioux City; a set of altar vestments by Mrs. Robert Gaskell, New York City; the pulpit by the Missionary pastor, and the organ by the Advent Missionary Society, New York City; the baptismal font by our English Sunday School.

Adjoining the Church is built a Parish House, on the second floor of which is the parsonage, consisting of four rooms, kitchen, bath, and store-room. The rooms are light, and the cool ocean breezes make it exceedingly pleasant. On the lower floor are the Sunday school rooms, which open to the main Church auditorium. These rooms will be used for the kindergarten, Sunday Schools, Luther Leagues, smaller meetings and an industrial class.

We have had many discouraging experiences in our Mission work. It is so sad to see how very indifferent the masses of the people are toward the Church; and we often find it hard to convince them of their need of salvation. But now that the Lord has gladdened our hearts, new life has entered into us to do more active and consecrated work, because the Lord has given us such a beautiful place of worship.

MRS. ALFRED OSTROM.

[Shall our own great Protestant Christian nation be put to shame in the vital regard of its attitude to the traffic in intoxicants, by the example of people who, have so few educational and religious advantages as those in Porto Rico? When will the glad day of the moral emancipation of the United States from this awful bondage be celebrated?—Editor.]

PORTO RICO'S VICTORY IN VOTING LIQUOR OUT

The first Latin American country in the world to shake off the shackles of the alcohol curse is Porto Rico. The big majority vote was cast on July 16, 1917. We are happy and proud that the good example has thus been set to all the rest of Latin America by the little Island which the Lutheran Church was the first of the Protestant denominations to enter, after the United States had unfurled its flag there.

What a striking proof is furnished by this notable victory of the temperance forces, of the efficacy of Pan-Protestant Federation in Porto Rico, consequent upon the Panama Congress, which has proved such a great help to South America's progress within the past year. Nothing is more certain than that such a conspicuous and amazing moral achievement as the routing of the demon of strong drink, so strongly entrenched behind heavy investments of capital in the infernal business, would have been utterly unthinkable, and would not even have been attempted, without the religious forces combining their strength for the overthrow of this giant common foe.

And is not this achievement also a signal testimony, as the *Sunday School Times* put it, that God's choicest national blessings follow surely in the wake of missions? The conscience of the masses of the Porto Rican people was aroused on the subject, with the splendid result that 100,000 of them voted to smash the bottle and substitute the cocoanut. And this against the will of their political graft leaders, who wanted to hold on to their dividends of the rum traffic.

This is, indeed, a new thing under the sun, for people of the Latin race. It is the first time in history that any Spanish speaking country has banished booze by its own deliberate and decisive choice. It never would have come to pass without Protestant influence. And it is a prophecy that more victories of the same kind will be won, in South America, through the exertion of the same federated forces for civic righteousness.

Mass meetings were held in San Juan, in which our Lutheran people heartily participated, and the power of the religious press proved a strong faction in creating a Christian public sentiment. This triumph will encourage the same forces to push forward to further conquests. It was won by the grace of God, through the weapon of His Word, which was the only source of strength the Porto Rican patriots had in the struggle.



South America



Cedar Bulletin, No. 4



REV. EPHRAIM CEDER

Buenos Aires, July 30, 1917.

Dear Friends of the Pan-Lutheran Mission in Latin America:

The time is indeed going fast. Today we have been here six months, and begin to feel quite at home in our new environment. But as this is Winter time here, we begin to understand that in the Argentine Summer is the more pleasant season, since the houses have no heating facilities. Even if they had, I suppose a warm house would anyway be but a dream for us, because coal costs \$50 a ton, in your money. Yet we like it here. We pray God will help us to do a good work, and lay a solid foundation for a widely influential future mission in this land.

Every Sunday we have been holding services regularly, hence our Swedish colony is be-

ginning to talk about the work in real earnest. The Swedish minister in civic affairs, Baron Lowen, has been of great help to me, and the good success is in no small measure due to his example. I have been very busy in following up the work here, as I have to visit the families in order to get necessary facts for our Church records. Owing to the long distances I have not been able to see more than two or at most three families in an afternoon, as they are very much scattered over this large city and its many suburbs. My pastoral duties to visit the sick have also started. The preparation of sermons is taking a great deal of time, for I have to do effective work in the pulpit, first to get the people, and then to foster in them an ardent love for Church work. We must remember that we have to deal with people used to a State Church, where the whole spirit and atmosphere is quite different from a free Church. Before we can get them to see the outlook from our point of view, they will not be such potent factors in mission activities as they should.

But I am satisfied that our Church is here to stay. We are late on the field, and consequently must do a great deal in a short time, but that also means all the stronger backing from home. When I read about the generous funds the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches have raised in the States, to promote their missions in South America since the Panama Congress, I cannot but wish that our dear Lutheran people within the different Synods would lend us aid in larger measure at this critical time of the outstart of the movement. Think what the Methodist and Presbyterians already have in the field: workers, churches, schools! Whilst we have only a rented chapel, in an unfavorable location, with no time permitted for Sunday School work! I feel it is a great handicap. But good cheer! We are coming! We are coming! The United Lutheran Church of the Americas will make good down here, in the future. Do, by all means, send us reinforcements of competent men and women! Make our mission known to our people at home. I have nothing sensational to write from this field, but why should they be looking for the sensational? What should appeal more to Christian men and women than the plain statement that there are millions in Argentina and the other South American repub-

lies who are suffering continually, in the very depths of their souls, because they have not the life-giving Gospel. I have learned from personal conversation, that large numbers of the men are favorably inclined towards Protestantism. The women as a rule are Catholics. The men are nothing, but are longing for something. *We have the thing for which they are longing, and which alone can satisfy.* Let us give it to them, through missionaries who can take up entirely Spanish work. There lies thy mission in this great land, oh, thou United Lutheran Church! Let us take care of our own Kinsmen in Buenos Aires. We owe it to them and to ourselves. But shall we wait until these shepherdless unchurched Lutherans are imbued with missionary zeal from other sources than ourselves? Then we will be late again. No, men and women from the States to take up native work right now, in the nick of time! Help from the European Lutheran colonies in Buenos Aires, under existing war conditions, can come only in the future. Many of our people here have been without Church privileges and influences for 20 and 30 years. Others had been torn away from the true faith, even before they left Europe to come here, on account of critical, rationalistic and anti-Churchly movements with which they had come in contact in their homelands. Then, living here ever since, in a materialistic and indifferent atmosphere, they may in all candor be said to be spiritually on a par with the Argentines themselves.

This then is my plea: that from our Churches which will heed the call to work here, we must get missionaries to go to The Argentine. In Uruguay the Methodists have gotten the upper and the educated classes interested enough to become members of their Churches. I begin to see a chance where we Lutherans perhaps could make the same connections in Argentina, as have the Methodists in Uruguay, among the leading *native* elements. Because our Scandinavian *native* elements. Because our Scandinavian men and women are associating among English or the North Americans. Along these lines, I have an inspiring vision, and see a great future. O, that we had a man of good, strong, commanding personality, of the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg type, who could win entrance into these circles, a man of refinement and learning, too. Such a man should do nothing but study the language of the land for a time, so that he could don his thoughts elegantly in the Castilian tongue."

THE TREASURY IS DRAINED DRY

Free-will offerings for the maintenance and furtherance of the Pan-Lutheran forward movement in The Argentine are welcomed by the

treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brandt, 1131 South 46th Street, Philadelphia. The expenses of Pastor Ceder's, getting a firm foothold in that South American metropolis have been tremendously heavy, at so costly a time as this past year. But it was precisely *Now* that his presence was indispensable, for the sake of the future of the Lutheran Church in that Republic.

The Pan-Lutheran Society's treasury is almost depleted as the initial year is drawing to a close, and we well knew from the outstart that this would be the case. Hence the subscriptions as indicated by the printed cards were made for a term of three years, by which time the Merger will doubtless be effective. Payments for the second year are now receivable, therefore, and amounts subscribed for the first year which have not yet been paid, are most urgently requested because they were confidently depended upon, in figuring our budget of outlay.

THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD'S ACTION

Resolved that the Synod endorse the formation of the Pan-Lutheran Society for Mission work in Latin-America, which has as its aim the organization of Lutheran Churches for the Lutherans residing in the South American Republics, as well as the conducting of missionary work among the spiritually benighted natives; and that it especially rejoices over the fact that the first missionary sent there was one of its own pastors, who has already succeeded so well that he has been able to organize a Swedish Congregation in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. This congregation already numbers over one hundred communicant members, who have shown their interest in church work and will some day assume large financial responsibilities.

The Synod also recommends that its congregations take part in this work, and urges for it a liberal financial support at its present initial stage.

OTHER SYNODS APPROVE THE WORK

By unanimous and ardent vote, the General Synod in Chicago, after allotting a generous slice of its busiest session to a consideration of Missionary Ceder's going to Buenos Aires, the populous metropolis of South America, just in the nick of time to deal with the emergency into which the Lutheran elements of the population were precipitated by the war, endorsed the Pan-Lutheran Movement which sent him to investigate and report to the three General Bodies, at their 1917 convention.

A commission of three ministers and four laymen was appointed on this promising, combined work, and both the General Council in October, and the United Synod South in No-

vember, are to be invited to appoint similar commission, to take the management and development of the work into their conjoined hands. This plan was proposed by the Pan-Lutheran Society from the very beginning of its organization.

It is a foregone conclusion that the Swedes will doubtless be represented on the General Council's commission because the Swedish Augustana Synod in Rock Island last month, on motion by Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, passed a unanimous resolution favoring the forward movement in the Argentine, and cordially commending it to the prayers and the co-operation of their people. President L. A. Johnston, D.D.,

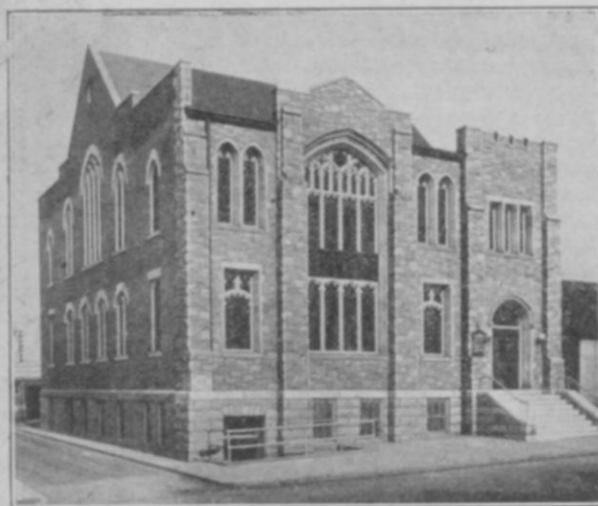
had included South America among the special items of his official report.

The United Synod South likewise has already put itself on record as approving this project, by official action taken a year ago at Wilmington, N. C., on motion of Dr. John W. Horine. The action was based on that portion of the report of the president of the United Synod, Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, which referred to South America in most sympathetic terms and the formulation of the endorsement was by Dr. W. H. Greever, Prof. A. G. Voigt, LL.D., chairman of the delegation to Chicago, is also deeply interested. The same is true of every member of the delegation.



Home Missions Expansion

MRS. GEORGE H. SCHNUR, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



NEW PARISH HOUSE, ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ALLENTOWN

HOME MISSIONS IN THE MOTHER SYNOD

The problem of housing and homing our scattered brethren is not as acute on the territory of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania as it is on the Pacific Coast, in the Northwest, or throughout Central and Western Canada. Nevertheless our people do scatter. Our towns and cities do grow. Many souls stand in danger of losing their hold upon life's vitalities; hence, they continue to be in need of constant and careful shepherding.

Two field missionaries are at work on this field, Rev. Charles K. Fegley, since 1910 in the Interior Conferences, and Rev. U. S. G. Bertolet,

since 1911 in Philadelphia and New Jersey. During these years eleven missions have been organized or resuscitated in Philadelphia, in its suburbs and in New Jersey. The local city churches have contributed liberally to the cost of housing them, and the results have been most encouraging. Portable chapels played a prominent part in these developments, but in some cases creditable permanent structures have been erected. St. Simeon's grew to a membership of 400 in four years. Others have made equally remarkable returns on the investment of time and energy by the field missionary, and of money by the Church. The field has unlimited possibilities, since a recent canvass revealed the fact that fully half of the resident Lutheran population of Philadelphia is not connected actively with any Church.

In the other sections of the Ministerium's territory four congregations have been organized, two reorganized, and several revived and strengthened. The latest development is in the rapidly growing suburbs of Bethlehem, where a Seminary student is canvassing, conducting a Sunday School and holding services. In one suburb a devoted layman has advanced the funds to secure a central location, and the United Councils of the Bethlehem Churches will make provision for housing the work.

This Synod handed to the General Board, under the Unification plan, more missions than all the other Synods combined. Many of them were in a sad state of discouragement and disorganization. Careful, systematic and patient supervision through these eight years has brought thirty-four missions to the self-sustaining point, and increased the efficiency of the rest. Yet through this same efficient man-



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, MAGNOLIA, N. J.

agement the Ministerium is expending today about \$2,000 less upon her own missions, is raising \$10,000 more for the Home Mission cause, and is maintaining more missions than she has ever done before. Here is an encouraging proof that other portions of the Church are benefitting directly through the intensive work done among her missions.

The present register of our missions is as follows: Philadelphia Conference, 17. Seven of these are in Philadelphia. Allentown, Danville, Lancaster, Reading and Wilkes-Barre Conferences, 19. Most of these are in the large centers of population. The net gain in membership during the last year was about 700.

CHARLES K. FEGLEY.

HOME MISSION WEEK, NOV. 18-25

The greatest weakness of our English Lutheran Home Mission work in the General Council is the lamentable lack of knowledge on the part of our people as to its needs, its conditions and its opportunities. To correct this fault and supply this lack is one of the chief aims of the "Six-Year Program" adopted by our Home Mission Board. The beginning of the educational campaign is to be made this quadri-centennial year by the observance of a "Home Mission Week," from Sunday, November 18th, to Sunday the 25th.

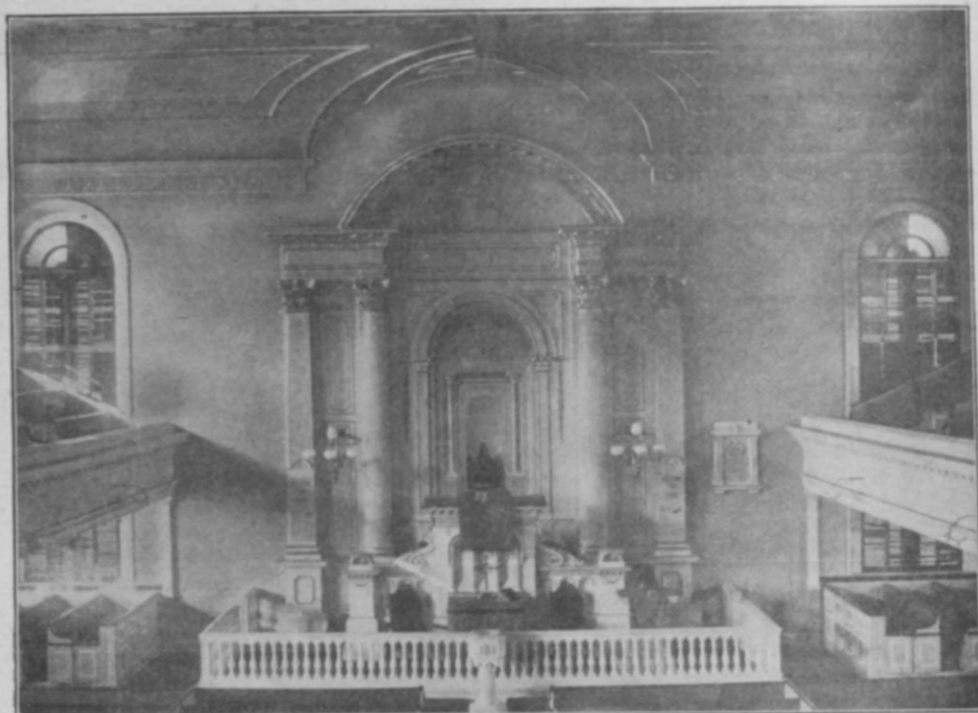
The Board is asking each Conference Mission Committee to arrange a schedule of one week's services, in such a way that either in a central Union Meeting in the larger cities, or in individual congregations through the interchange of speakers, our people should have seven opportunities to hear a discussion of the most vital and up-to-the-minute Home Mission topics. The purpose is to give instruction and inspiration, to impress upon us all the vital importance of the Home Mission task. A "Speaker's Book," crammed with facts about English Home Missions, will be furnished free by the Board to all who apply for a copy.

The general theme of the topics is "Transforming 20th Century America." The seven special subjects are: "Our God hath chosen us" (Isa. 55:5), "Our territory challenges us," "Our scattered brethren call us," "Our program directs us," "Our contributions help or hinder us," "United we stand, divided we fall," "Our Captain leadeth us" (Mark 16:20).

Literature chairmen of the Women's Societies, also those who have charge of the monthly programs, those who want to make a special Home Mission address, and leaders of Mission Study Classes, ought to secure a copy of the "Speaker's Book" before the supply is exhausted.



Our 1917 Conventions



Our General Council Society will be honored to hold its biennial session in the venerable and beautiful Old St. John's Church of Philadelphia. It is a typical specimen of chaste Colonial architecture, and was the first Church in which the Lutheran faith was preached in the English language.

Those Great Days At The Close Of October

The programs of the fourth biennial convention of the General Council Society, also of the General Council itself, and the Philadelphia celebration—in fact, all the Quadri-Centennial events for the eight days, from October 24 to 31—are almost completed, and will be combined into one souvenir booklet, which will therefore be valuable as containing many cuts of historic places, prominent men in the Church, etc.

The public events of the week will open on Wednesday morning, October 24th, with the Communion Service of the General Council in Old Zion's Church on Franklin Square. All the business sessions of the Council will be held in Witherspoon Hall—a very central location.

Our own Executive Board will hold its business sessions on Wednesday, the 24th, morning and afternoon. That evening we will join with the Council in celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

Our own Communion and the opening of our Convention will take place on Thursday morning, the 25th, in Old St. John's Church on Race Street below Sixth, where all the sessions of the Women's Society will be held—day sessions on Thursday, Friday and Monday, and our great Mass Meeting on Friday night.

The day sessions will be devoted to the various departments of Convention business which are continent-wide in their scope. Each afternoon will conclude with a model Mission Study Class. Mrs. Margaret Seebach, editor of the General Synod women's official organ, and author of the new Mission Study textbook, "Missionary Milestones," will have one class in her book on Thursday. Mrs. Seebach will also tell the story of one of the women of the Reformation on Friday afternoon. Mrs. E. C. Cronk, so well known that she needs no introduction, will conduct the Mission Study Classes

on Friday and Monday afternoons, using the Junior textbooks on Foreign and Home Missions for 1918. A series of charts illustrating these books is being prepared by Miss Brenda Mehlihouse, of Norristown.

Thursday evening, the 25th, will be the occasion of the great musical celebration to be magnificently rendered in the Academy of Music at 8.15. Mendelssohn's Symphony (Reformation) will be interpreted by the Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by the world-famous Leopold Stokowski. This will be followed by the superb cantata, "The City of God," written especially for the Quadri-Centennial by Professor Matthews, with the musical setting arranged by Dr. Luther Reed, and accompanied by the full orchestra. Mr. Matthews will himself conduct the chorus of three hundred voices. Following is the schedule of prices: boxes seating six, \$18; boxes seating four, \$12; parquet and circle, \$2; balcony (including seats in rear boxes), \$2; first two rows in family circle, \$1.50; remainder of family circle, \$1; amphitheatre (seats reserved), 50 cents. Advance sale will be held at 1212 Chestnut Street from October 1st to 8th, from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m. Mail orders (accompanied by checks) should be addressed to Frank M. Riter, 1212 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

On Friday evening, the 26th, our Women's Convention will hold its big Mass Meeting, when all the delegates and visitors to the General Council will be the guests of our Society. President T. E. Schmauk, LL.D., Miss May Mellander, returned missionary from Porto Rico, and Mr. Hajimi Inadomi, a Japanese student in Roanoke College, who makes a most forceful presentation, will deliver the addresses. The choir from the Deaconess Mother House will be in charge of the music, as appropriate to a Women's Missionary occasion. Since this is the only evening meeting under the auspices of the women, no effort will be spared to make its program worthy of the Quadri-Centennial year in every respect.

Whether Saturday afternoon can be spared for sight-seeing will depend on the amount of important business demanding the Council's attention.

On Sunday the pulpits of Lutheran Churches in Philadelphia and vicinity will be supplied by visiting ministers. It is proposed to hold a combined meeting in the evening, possibly at the Metropolitan Opera House.

On Monday evening, the General Council Mission Boards will present their causes and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania will hold its celebration on Tuesday, the 30th. The chief feature of this event will be the unveiling of

a \$15,000 monument to the Patriarch Muhlenberg on the Mt. Airy Seminary grounds. The speakers will be Dr. H. A. Weller and Dr. H. E. Jacobs, and Dr. Reed will direct the music.

The Philadelphia local celebration will occur on Wednesday, October 31st, the exact historic date. For this 400th anniversary two huge public meetings have been arranged. One will be held at the Academy of Music, with Dr. J. A. W. Haas and Dr. S. P. Long as speakers, and the other at the Baptist Temple, Broad and Berks Streets, with Dr. H. A. Weller and Dr. M. H. Valentine as speakers. Choirs of from 300 to 500 voices will sing.

From first to last, these eight days, therefore, will be filled to overflowing with Church business, oratory and music that will never be forgotten. May we all bring to the celebration hearts ready to receive the inspiration which will there be given. As announced in the June MISSION WORKER, the Philadelphia women will extend the hospitality of their homes to the members of the Executive Boards of the General Council Society and of the Ministerium Society. Mrs. A. S. Woll is taking charge of this feature. All other delegates and visitors who desire to secure accommodations for the Convention period will write to Mrs. M. F. Hildrich, 4235 North Ninth Street, Philadelphia, who is appointed to receive all inquiries in this line. She has lists of hotels, boarding houses, etc., with their rates, and if prospective visitors desire her to engage their accommodations, she will do so. Trains will be met by a committee of ladies wearing red badges. All questions relating to the comfort and convenience of our visitors will be cheerfully answered.

Special request is made that applications to Mrs. Hildrich be not too long delayed. Also that train notifications be accurately given and in ample time.

MRS L. K. SANDFORD,

Chairman Committee of Program.

NOVA SCOTIA

The fifth annual convention was held in Rose Bay on June 28th, nine societies responding. Mrs. F. Theakston, of Halifax, presented a paper on "What Should We Do to Celebrate the Quadri-Centennial," after which the convention listened to the following topics:

"Is the Individual Society Awake to Its Opportunities," Miss G. E. Conrad.

"Why Foreign Missions?" Mrs. Ella Murdock. "Missions in Japan," Mrs. E. B. Smith.

Over \$350 was contributed to the various missionary objects during the past year, in spite of the war. We have 127 subscribers to the MISSION WORKER. MRS. A. L. ERNST.



GREAT GATHERING OF REPRESENTATIVE AUGUSTANA WOMEN FROM MANY STATES TO CELEBRATE THE SOCIETY'S QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF WONDERFUL PROGRESS

Augustana Synodical

The Silver Jubilee of the Augustana Synodical Society was held at Rock Island and Moline, June 13 to 16, 1917. The twenty-fifth anniversary being celebrated the same year as the four hundredth Reformation festival, made it a very notable meeting, as was clearly evidenced by the large number shown on the photograph.

Our special aim for this year 1917 was the enlisting of one-sixth of all Augustana women as members of the Society, 10,000 subscribers to *Missions Tidning*, and a jubilee gift of \$10,000, to be divided equally for a "Widows' Home in India," and a "Girls' School in China." On Thursday evening the Silver Jubilee Festival was held in Moline. Three-minute reports of the jubilee work in the different Conferences were given by the respective presidents. These reports were made vivid by printed placards bearing name of the Conference, the number of its jubilee members and the amount of its jubilee gift. The President, Mrs. Evald, then had the pleasure of announcing that by the grace of God we had more than

accomplished our aim. We now have 14,000 members and 14,000 subscribers to *Missions Tidning* (an average of 100 per cent.), and a jubilee gift of \$11,096. That this announcement was joyously received is putting it very mildly.

That God has signally blessed the Society is plainly understood by the fact that when it was organized in 1892 it had 50 members. Whereas, now it has over 14,000, with 12 organized Conferences and 82 societies, which contributed during the past year \$22,504.86, and has today in its treasury, for the India Hospital, the Charlotte Swensson Memorial Fund and the Jubilee Fund, \$26,022.06.

At the meeting on Friday morning, Mrs. Evald was publicly presented with a bound set of *Missions Tidning* as a little testimonial of the society's grateful appreciation of her arduous labors during this quarter of a century, through the whole of which she has been its president. At the same time a gift was also presented to Mrs. C. A. Swensson, who has for twenty-five years served as its secretary and as its editor of *Missions Tidning* for many years.

One of the inspirations of a missionary convention is always the attendance of returned

missionaries. We had the privilege of having with us during this meeting Miss May C. Melander from Porto Rico, Rev. and Mrs. Trued from China, and Mrs. Bjork from India. They spoke on several occasions, and made their hearers fully realize that work for the "Christianizing of the World" is truly not in vain.

Among the more important decisions of the convention were: (1) That the jubilee work be continued until May, 1918. (2) That junior work be given more attention. (3) That Miss May Mellander be temporarily appointed as the Society's field secretary.

Space does not permit mentioning all the splendid addresses, but they will be better remembered by the deeds which they inspired. During these troublous times we have need of much faith and much hope in doing the will of God. May His grace grant the Augustana women power to continue the work they have begun.

ANNA M. OKERSTROM.

KITTANNING CONFERENCE

The seventh annual convention was held in Kittanning, on June 15th, attended by 18 delegates representing 13 societies, and a num-

ber of visitors. Receipts during the year were \$1,054.42. Two new societies were organized. Excellent papers were read on "Practical Inner Mission Work in Our Own Communities," and "The Continent of Tomorrow." Edifying addresses were made by Mrs. Constantine Herberster, on "Woman's Emancipation Through the Reformation," and by Rev. F. C. Oberly, on "The Recoronation of an Exiled King."

CONVENTION DATES

General Council, October 25-31, St. John's, Phila.
Wisconsin Conference, Northwest Synod, October 3, 4, Reformation, Milwaukee.
Western Conference, Northwest Synod, October 10, 11, Albert Lea, Minn.
Ridgway Conference, October 10, Ridgway, Pa.
Rochester Conference, October 10, Trinity Church, New Brighton, Pa.
Lancaster Conference, October 18, Zion, Lancaster, Pa.
Eastern Conference, New York and New England, November 1, Epiphany, New York City.
Norristown Conference, November 1, Augustus, Trappe, Pa.
Danville Conference, November 7, 8, St. John's, Berwick, Pa.
Philadelphia Conference, November 8, Nativity, Philadelphia.
Western Conference, New York and New England, November 8 (?), Zion, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Pittsburgh Synodical, November 16, Leechburg.
Pittsburgh Conference, November (?), Mt. Calvary, McKees Rocks, Pa.
Home Mission Week, November 18-25

Three Norwegian Women's Societies are One

This large new organization is composed of the missionary women, belonging to the three Norwegian Synods, which formed the Union of 1917. The Pastors' Wives Society of The Hauge Synod, was organized in 1901, for cultivating a closer bond of sympathy. Later on its name was changed to "The Mission Dove," and its membership was broadened to include women missionaries, and wives of teachers. For ten years it supported a Bible School for women in China, equipped a Hospital for students at the Red Wing Seminary, and contributed to the Hospital at Jewell College, Iowa. It has also started a fund for pastors' widows, and erected a missionary cottage at St. Anthony Park, where missionaries spend their furlough. This home cost \$6,000, and is all paid for. The total receipts of the last four years amounted to \$8,260. For many years it has edited its own department in the official organ of the Synod, with Mrs. M. O. Wee in efficient charge.

The Pastors' Wives Society of the Norwegian Synod, Mrs. C. K. Preus, of Decorah, president, was organized in 1904. It has worked chiefly for the home field. Among other things it erected the Martin Luther monument, which graces the campus of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

The Women's Missionary Federation of the United Church was organized seven years ago and has raised over \$34,000 by mite boxes in the homes of its members. This mite box activity was, however, inaugurated as early as 1903, and during these fourteen years over \$65,000 has been gathered for the missions of the Church, which shows what nickles and dimes can accomplish. Out of these funds the Federation has erected four missionary cottages, adjacent to the Theological Seminary grounds at St. Anthony Park, which afford delightful homes for missionaries and their families. During the past year all the cottages were constantly occupied. This last year the mite boxes brought in \$5,213.62, and the Federation also voted to raise \$4,000 for a Girls' School building at Sinyang, China. This project will continue to be prosecuted until the required sum has been received. It is also collecting funds for an X-ray machine in the Hospital at Kioshan, China. It has distributed a large amount of mission literature to be studied and discussed by its societies all over the Synod. It has two Literature Secretaries, one for the Norwegian and one for the English Church papers. Mrs. T. H. Dahl has been the president, since the Federation was organized. She has a



MRS. T. H. DAHL, MINNEAPOLIS

WHO HAS SUFFICIENTLY RECOVERED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND OUR COMING CONVENTION WHERE SHE WILL BE ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED.

wonderful capacity for work, and for inspiring others to work. It is largely due to her able leadership that such progress has been made. It is indeed a matter of deep concern and regret, therefore, that, by reason of impaired health, Mrs. Dahl has not been able to give the Federation her usual service during the past year. But Mrs. Th. Eggen, the vice-president, has most faithfully taken up the duties, and proved herself a very capable executive.

Mrs. M. O. Bockmann has served as treasurer for the Federation the last five years, and has very faithfully devoted time and energy to the great cause of the Federation.

UNION OF THE THREE BODIES

On the 12th of June, 1917, women belonging to the three organizations met in the Palm Room of the St. Paul Hotel, and merged into "The Women's Missionary Federation of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America." The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. H. Dahl; vice-president, Mrs. H. G. Stub; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. J. Eastvold; recording secretary, Mrs. I. D. Ylvisaker; treasurer, Mrs. M. O. Bockmann. The usual committees were elected, also delegates to represent the Federation at the meeting of the General Council's Society, at Philadelphia in October.

MRS. H. B. KILDAHL,
English Literary Secretary.

CHICAGO SYNODICAL

The ninth annual convention was held in St. John's Church, Anderson, Indiana, on June 5th and 6th, attended by 24 delegates representing 14 societies, and a number of visitors.

Receipts during the year were \$993.24. Of this \$181.36 was sent to Home Missions, \$150.61 to Foreign Missions, \$70.90 to Field Missionary Fund, \$101.70 to Porto Rico, \$130.45 to Church Extension, \$71.10 to Slav Work, \$45.78 to Children's Nurse in India, and \$65.00 to Bible Woman and Evangelist in India.

The following recommendations were adopted: 1. That each Society already affiliated with the Synodical influence a neighboring Society not yet affiliated. 2. That each Society hold at least one public meeting commemorative of this jubilee year, and devote the offering to the Quadri-Centennial thank-offering fund. 3. That each Senior society organize a Junior society in the congregation, and urge mission study in the Sunday school and the Junior League. 4. That Thread-Sunday be observed again this year in each local society. 5. That we urge the dele-

gates to instruct the secretaries of the local societies to answer all appeals that come to them, whether they can respond or not. 6. That Junior societies be accepted as members of the Synodical society by paying a membership fee of one dollar a year, and that the leader be privileged to be a delegate; also a junior if so desired.

Edifying addresses were given by Rev. Paul H. Roth on the "Quadri-Centennial" and "Foreign Missions," and by Rev. J. Allen Leas on "Home Missions."

Beautiful music was rendered by the choir, a cantata and solos, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the sessions. A recitation and a solo were given by a junior and a missionary carol by a chorus of juniors from the local church.

Pledges for the coming year were made as follows: Foreign Missions, \$300; Home Missions \$250; Field Missionary Fund, \$200; Porto Rico, \$100; Church Extension, \$100, and Slav Work, \$50.

Mrs. H. E. ANDERSON,

Recording Secretary.



The Inner Mission



Army Work An Important New Function For Us

On Thursday, September 6th, a committee of the United Inner Mission Boards of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod South, met in the Philadelphia Hospice, for a colloquium on this subject with a committee of women representing the Lutheran Woman's Leagues of Philadelphia, Long Island and Harrisburg. Drs. Knubel and Freas came over from New York, Drs. Sandt and Bechmann were there from Philadelphia, Rev. Bechtold and Gold in official capacity, Rev. Hering arrived from Pittsburgh too late for the meeting, and Mrs. Pretz of Allentown was prevented at the last moment.

The provisional committee outlined this statement of imperative needs, for discharging our combined Inner Mission responsibilities in behalf of Lutheran soldiers in the U. S. military camps at the present juncture:

1. To equip and maintain a Camp Headquarters for each Lutheran Chaplain in the Army, to fulfill his ministry to his regiment. This includes: Bibles, Testaments, Church

books, Catechisms, Communion Vessels, Christian literature, wholesome recreations, writing material, etc.

2. Religious provision for the Officers' Reserves, which have no Chaplain.

3. Spiritual care of the camps comprised of interned aliens. Since the majority of the people who are Protestants among them are Lutherans, therefore the Federal Council of Churches, which has assumed full responsibility to the Government for these souls during the War, rightly holds our Church accountable for ministering the Gospel to them, in their desperate need amid the awful calamity.

4. The Lutheran congregations located near those big Government reservations, where troops are being drilled in immense numbers, far too great for those churches to cope with unaided, must depend on us for the needed reinforcement of supplies and money.

5. Women's agencies in all communities, to knit comfort-kits and furnish articles of personal use.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION EFFECTED

In view of the absolute immediacy of the special call to the Christian people of the United States, which is sent to us and to all Protestant denominations through the Federal Council of Churches (the only agency recognized by the Government in prosecuting religious work in the army camps), a temporary organization has been effected, to prosecute this two-fold work: First to discharge the responsibility of our Church towards its men, who are soldiers; second to line up as many Lutherans as possible to actively interest themselves in their own home towns, for this business of prime importance just now. What could possibly be a more effective reason for the co-operating of everybody, whatsoever may be the Synodical affiliation?

The three women whom the chairman of the United Inner Mission Board appointed on this Commission, are Mrs. Chester Buck, of Harrisburg; Mrs. M. S. Waters, of Newark, and Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Philadelphia.

The presidents of the different General Bodies not represented on the conjoint Inner Mission Board, are being requested to designate three persons who may be invited to membership in this Executive Board. It was also unanimously and cordially resolved to invite the help of all the Lutheran women of our country. Because only by united efforts will the Lutheran Church of all Synods be able to take her place, for the immense work, religious and philanthropic, on behalf of the United States soldiers and sailors, which is now being under-

taken by all the leading denominations of our country. This is a Christian task which appeals alike to the women of every branch of Lutheranism in America. Because our Nation having publicly declared its entrance into the War, has made it very clear that the aid of our women must inevitably be tendered to the Government, as a mark of loyalty in the great struggle which is to have such momentous issues. Stalwart young men of our Churches all over the land have been drafted into military service by the hundreds, and even the thousands, and are entitled to our ministrations, not as a courtesy which is optional with us, but as our bounden duty and their absolute right.

A CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

In order to bring the whole business down out of the air of sentimentality, to the solid ground of plain practical substantial Inner Mission service, both to the men themselves as our Lutheran brothers, and also to our common Lord and Master, the plan of operation as outlined above, has been formulated. Under stress of our Nation's present emergency, this kind of service to the country and to our Lord, will make a tremendous appeal to multitudes of Lutheran women, of all Synods, who are not in the membership of any organized missionary societies, hence would not be reached if the scope of the work were confined to missionary societies alone.

Of course, they will not enlist of their own accord, as volunteers, but neither will they have to be drafted, if we will only make known the importunate call and invite them to join.

Chicago Mass Meeting Called Off

Just as we went to press the following telegram was received from Mrs. Emmy Evald for publication:

OWING TO UNLOOKED-FOR DIFFICULTIES, THE STRESS OF THE TIMES, AND THE WAR PROBLEMS, THE COMMITTEE OF 100 OF THE LUTHERAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE OF CHICAGO DEEMS IT ADVISABLE TO WITHDRAW THE INVITATION TO THE QUADRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, WHICH WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN CHICAGO ON NOVEMBER 8-10, 1917.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED.



Our Church and the War



So Different From What We Had Devised

Our President's Quadri-Centennial Message

MISS ZOELI HIRT

For several years past the leaders of our Church everywhere have been devising plans for calling the attention of the world to the events of the sixteenth century, which brought into existence the Evangelical Lutheran Church. We wished to focus the attention of all people upon Protestantism in general, and upon Lutheranism in particular. For we believed that there was nothing in our history, development, customs and doctrines that would not bear the closest scrutiny of the entire world. But in all our thinking and planning we conceived of nothing like the thing that has eclipsed all our devices for focusing the world's attention upon us, in a sense that we never dreamed of.

When the Great War broke out in 1914 we realized the possibility of its interference with our quadri-centennial plans for 1917, and the certainty of its interference with the progress of Christian love and universal brotherhood for decades to come. The progress of the war has proved our forebodings to be only too true, and has brought immeasurable danger to us as a Church. Our hearts are wrung with the question, "Why? Why? Why did this awful cataclysm have to come just at this particular time? And why should it bring a threat of exceptional persecution upon the Lutheran Church?"

Many who might otherwise have been numbered among the pacifists of our land have been led to endorse the entrance of our country into this war, because of certain high moral principles and sacred rights which they believe to be at stake. But are not those principles and rights the very ones for which Martin Luther stood? Did they not come to be recognized, both by individuals and by nations, through the controversies of the Reformation period? Then why should the Lutheran Church, as a Church, be singled out above all others and asked to give an account of itself at this time? Some will answer that its membership includes so many Germans. "But there are German Methodists, German Reformed, German Presbyterians, German Baptists and German Roman Catholics, and they are all passed by."

On the other hand, is not the opportunity to give an account of ourselves just what we

were seeking, in this Jubilee Year? "Yes," we say, "but not in this way—oh, not in *this* way!" No, we ourselves were planning to create the conditions that would give rise to the inquiry into our life and doctrine. Evidently our way and our plans were not God's way and His plan. But who will say that our plans cannot be made to fit into His purposes? Surely the campaign of education that has been going on as an important part of our Quadri-Centennial celebration has prepared our members to meet criticism, as they would not have been prepared at any other time. Enlightened members of the Lutheran Church mean loyal members, and if it is God's will that persecution come, He has been preparing us in a wonderful manner to meet it. So many things give evidence of His guiding and sustaining Hand, and so few are the indications of His Hand uplifted in displeasure.

Today, as in the sixteenth century, the crying needs of the world are the need of searching His Word to discover His Will, and the need of direct and individual communion with God. A call has gone out from a consecrated woman in another branch of our American Lutheran Church asking all Sunday School teachers, all mothers, all members of Missionary Societies, all other church members and all pastors, to spend at least fifteen minutes each day during the noon hour in prayer and meditation upon God's Word, until this war closes. It is suggested that we pray especially for forgiveness for our personal and Church sins; for a deeper work of grace in our own hearts, to the end that we may not let the work of the Church suffer financially; that God will use the war to bring in His Kingdom by diffusing His Word, and that all men "called to the colors" may stand as firmly for Christ as for their country; for our foreign mission stations and all our missionaries, those at work, those interned, and those commissioned for service but unable to enter upon their work; for our Sunday School teachers, for our Sunday School pupils, for our catechetical classes, for an increased activity throughout our Church in the personal work of saving souls; that the war may soon cease, and that God may be gracious

to all soldiers, sailors and war prisoners, and return them to their countries physically, morally and spiritually sound, ready and willing to do their part in building up the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

Let us as members of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council gladly respond to this earnest entreaty to unite with our Lutheran sisters in drawing nigh to God. Then will He, according to His promise, draw nigh to us. And let us add to the above list of petitions one that will beseech God's guidance for those who are now planning for the biennial convention of our Society in Philadelphia on October 25-31, and for all those who shall meet in that convention.

Recall that characteristic paragraph from Luther which gives us a description of a life that has learned the secret of real prayer: "Wherever there is a Christian, there is also the Holy Spirit. He does nothing else save pray continually. For even if the mouth be

not always moving and uttering words, yet the heart goes on beating unceasingly with cries like these, 'Oh, dear Father, may Thy name be hallowed, may Thy Kingdom come, and Thy will be done.' And whenever there come severe buffetings and trials and needs, then the aspiration and supplication increase, even audibly. So that you cannot find a Christian who does not pray. Just as you cannot find a living man without a pulse, that never stands still, but beats and beats on continually of itself, although the man may sleep or do anything else, so being all unconscious of his pulse."

Let us all strive, with the help of the Holy Spirit, toward Luther's ideal of a Christian. Then, if the worst should come upon us through this terrible war, we shall be earning one of the Beatitudes: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake."



The Mission Worker



MAKING ENDS MEET—WHAT WILL BE OUR RECORD?

The biennial convention of our General Council Women's Missionary Society is soon to be held in Philadelphia, and will bring together a body of competent and devoted women from the various Synods, as helping to signalize the Quadri-Centennial year.

You do not wonder that on such a conspicuous occasion your official organ, the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER, is anxious to make the best possible report of its finances and outlook.

Subscriptions Paid in Advance

To this end it sends out this appeal to every subscriber whose stencil does not show that the subscription is paid up at least one year in advance—September, 1918. If you are not sure as to your date, help us by paying a year in advance. The date of your expiration will be extended one year. Our financial status with the printer will be strengthened if you will give us such much-needed support.

"This is no time for slackers," is the slogan sent out to the nation from Washington. May we as Lutheran women take up the call, and pass it along the line to our sisters in the Church? Even if it means straining a point, we plead for your loyalty to support our magazine which with this biennium will begin a new decade. It completes its twentieth year with this issue.

The convention will be signalized by large forward steps. One of far-reaching importance will be a division of work in our department of literature. So rapid has been the growth and development that it has proved too much of a tax for the present incumbent to give the necessary close attention to the expanding literature department, with all its needs.

Two spheres of labor and of influence will therefore take the place of the one sphere. This will mark a distinct new stage in our evolution, and a decided advance in our work.

Let us urge again a campaign for subscriptions—new ones, as well as renewals for old ones. If all the money that is owing the magazine were paid before the biennium is up, and the next forward step is taken, which means progress in all directions, there would be no deficit. Every bill—paper, typesetting, cuts, presswork, stencils, wrapping, postage, drayage—all could be paid in full.

Had you any idea that so many people were involved? And mind you, not a word has been said about remunerating any of the writers for their time and labor. In every case this is a labor of love.

Send your renewal *at once*. Send it through your MISSION WORKER chairman, if there is one appointed to take care of this work. If not, send direct to our office, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia. The subscription price is 35 cents a year.



From Department Chairmen



Life Memberships And Memorials

BY MRS. LEWIS K. SANDFORD, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



MRS. OLIVIA F. W. HAYUNGA
RIVERSIDE, ONT.
1840-1915



MR. ADOLPH WOLL, SR.
PHILADELPHIA
1858-1897



REV. FRANK MUHLENBERG SEIP
LEBANON, PA.
1863-1898



REV. S. A. BRIDGES STOPP
ALLENTOWN
1875-1917

This year of the 400th anniversary celebration will be a fitting one to stress a campaign for life memberships and memorials during the Philadelphia convention sessions. A number of memberships have always been given during our biennial meetings. Could not we have an inspiring list of names added to the Honor Roll in recognition of the occasion, and as an incentive to strong support of this department for the next two years, 1917-19? Any names (and fees) forwarded to the General Council chairman between October 15th and 29th will be counted among this special campaign showing. All those given before the 15th will be added to this biennium's report, and credentials furnished at once, so that pins can be worn to the convention.

It is hoped the Conference chairman, and officers of local societies, will note this campaign and emphasize to their constituents that in a few short weeks our third biennium will end. The books of this department will be closed on October 15th, and delay in forwarding fees will prevent names being entered on the convention report of the Honor Roll.

As has been the case in each previous biennium, the total amount of money received by this department will amount to a much larger sum than that of the preceding ones. The interest in the Society, the expansion of its work and influence, are shown by the substantial evidence received through this source. So-

cieties and individuals now realize that they are giving the best possible aid to the educative and inspirational purpose of the General Council Society, to the extent that they support the Honor Roll. At the same time the memory of many sainted workers have been thus enshrined, and the hearts of earnest, consecrated workers still living, made happier by appreciative gifts of life memberships.

A special word of acknowledgment is due those individual women who have enrolled themselves or their children or friends as members. We have had many of these personal gifts, and some of them have entailed real self-sacrifice.

In Memoriam

Six names have been added. Mrs. Olivia Frederica Whittaker Hayunga is honored by St. John's Society, Riverside, Ontario, as its first president. Organized in 1874, it is probably the first Society organized in Canada. She was active in all local interests, and especially in missions and Church Extension.

The memory of Mr. Adolph Woll, Sr., a prominent and influential layman, was honored by his wife, Mrs. A. S. Woll, she herself being an eminently active worker for missions in all phases. As a member of St. James' (German) Church, Philadelphia, he did much for the cause of Christ, of which the world never heard. One substantial thank-offering he made was the redecorating of the entire interior of



REV. ERLAND CARLSSON, D.D.
CHICAGO
1822-1893



MRS. EVA C. CARLSSON
CHICAGO
1829-1911

St. James' Church on the occasion of his marriage. He was the originator of the project of starting a mission at Thirtieth and Diamond Streets, near his own home, and quietly but effectively he aided the undertaking. The organization of Bethlehem congregation took place just ten days after his death. He had counted so much on that event, and the new congregation had counted so much on his assistance, especially valuable on account of his superior business qualification, that his passing away was a serious blow to their enthusiasm. But God's ways are not our ways, and Bethlehem Church has grown to be a power even beyond his fondest dreams. His family have continued his good work, and are worthy successors of his ardent interest.

Rev. Erland Carlsson, D.D., and his wife, Eva C., are placed "In Memoriam" by their daughter, Mrs. Emmy Carlsson Evald, Chicago, the indefatigable permanent president of the Women's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod. It is because the Augustana Society has its own Membership Roll that the General Council Society has not received a large number of additions from the Augustana women. But we are honored by having five illustrious lives memorialized, the last two being those of Mrs. Evald's parents, workers whose efforts were tremendous, and brought far-reaching and never-ending results.

Dr. Erland Carlsson was one of the trio of pious, cultured pastors that left their Fatherland and came to this New World to minister unto the scattered immigrants of Sweden. He was one of the illustrious founders of the Augustana Synod and its institutions, colleges, orphan's homes and hospitals. He held many positions of trust, for many years president of the Synod, for thirty years on the Board of Directors, as president or treasurer of Augus-

tana College. In 1859 he started the publishing house. He edited the Church paper, all without pay. He served Immanuel Church, Chicago, for twenty-two years, and it grew from thirty-five members to 2,000, when he left. He served the Andover Church fourteen years.

Preaching was only a part of the work in those pioneer days. He had to be father and guardian of his needy countrymen, and get work for them. "He did it with all his heart and prospered," because a man of prayer and faith cannot fail. Being a powerful and enthusiastic preacher he was called "the Swedish evangelist." His field of work was unlimited. In several States he journeyed and organized several Lutheran Churches. Few, if any, have done more out West to build up the Lutheran Church and its institutions than Dr. Erland Carlsson. In 1873 he went to Sweden to petition King Oscar II that a collection in all Churches be taken for the Immanuel Church after the Chicago fire. The King granted it, and offered him a splendid position in the Church of Sweden, as an appreciation for all he had done for his countrymen. Dr. Carlsson gratefully declined, saying: "Where the young man has given his strength and life for his Heavenly King, there the old man wishes to lay down his pilgrim staff." Then King Oscar, with tears, bade him Godspeed for the remainder of his life journey.

The faithful helpmeet who stood at the side of this energetic pioneer pastor was warmly interested in all his work. The first Lutheran parsonage of Chicago was a virtual employment bureau, Inner Mission headquarters, an immigrant home, a home for strangers, and sometimes it served as a hospital. The mother of the home had strength and health, love and wisdom, tenderness and skill to accomplish the manifold duties. Hundreds and hundreds of strangers were fed at her table. The sick she nursed, the poor and sick-at-heart she helped with cheering words. Dr. Passavant, their lifelong friend, called their home "a Castle Garden in miniature." Their home was his abode in Chicago. Mrs. Carlsson even at the advanced age of eighty-two was still interested in the homeless and lonely girls of Chicago, taking an active part as one of the directors of the Immanuel Women's Home. She never grew too old to be active.

They both died in Mrs. Evald's home, the father in 1893, the mother in 1911. On the spot of their pioneer home on Superior Street stands the Passavant Memorial Hospital, and on the spot of their other home, at Lincoln and Garfield Avenues, stands the Augustana Hospital.

What the two consecrated workers did for Lutheran strangers, sick and needy, is continued on a greater scale. "Their works do follow them." What an inspiration their noble and self-sacrificing lives have been! No wonder they are treasured in the loving memory of those for whom they labored.

Mrs. Ella C. M. Stopp, of Allentown, who has given a number of life memberships, now enrolls her son, Rev. S. A. Bridges Stopp "In Memoriam." After graduating from Muhlenberg College in 1896 he took one year in Princeton University. Being ordained in 1901 he served as his first charge St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pa., where he remained until 1906, when he accepted a call to St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, Atlantic City, N. J. In 1909, on account of his health, he retired, but continued his intense interest in charitable work, and was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Good Shepherd Home in Allentown. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, an active member of the Lehigh Historical Society, and of the Pennsylvania German Society.

Rev. Frank Muhlenberg Seip, son of Rev. Dr. Theodore L. and Emma Elizabeth Seip, graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1887, and received honorable mention for standing in his class. Upon his ordination in 1890, he became assistant pastor of Salem Church, Lebanon, having charge of the missions at Cornwall and in Lebanon, organizing the former in 1890 with fifty members, and the latter in 1891 with eighty members. Seven months later the North Lebanon Mission numbered more than one hundred and fifty souls and became self-supporting, electing the missionary as its pastor. After six years of active service, his health failed and he retired, passing into the life eternal on July 2, 1898. The North Lebanon Church, known as Trinity Church, now a large and flourishing congregation, remembers him as a faithful, consecrated pastor, and its Women's Missionary Society enrolls his name "In Memoriam" as a tribute of esteem and respect.

Life Membership

We have added 23 life members this quarter, two of them being children from the Kittanning Conference (Pittsburgh Synod), Wade Truman Shaffer and Cordelia Goodbread, both of Leechburg, Pa. A number of the children in that district have started "savings banks" as a means of securing life memberships for themselves in the General Council Society. These two are the latest ones to become proud possessors of their pins and memberships.

A young lad, Howard Rinker Kunkle, is our third new junior member. He is placed on the Honor Roll by his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Kunkle, recently established in their new parish at Rohrerstown, Pa. May all these young people grow in missionary grace and activity.

As usual, a number of memberships are gifts of appreciation from Societies to faithful co-workers. Mrs. George W. March was honored by Grace Society, Norristown. From Bethel Society, San Jose, Cal., two more tributes have been received, for Mrs. Margaret Finger and Mrs. Henry Langenschwadt. Bethel's women have thus furnished four welcome names for our Roll this year. Mrs. E. P. Pfatteicher, wife of the pastor of Holy Communion Church, Philadelphia, has been honored by its Mission Study Class, as a token of the helpfulness of their study together. Grace Mission Workers, Bethlehem, have enrolled their president, Miss Virginia Hafner. These "Workers" apparently have formed the very commendable habit of honoring each president in turn, for this is the third they have enrolled.

Mrs. Samuel E. Knabb, active for many years in the Reading Conference Society, and now its efficient secretary, was given her appreciation by St. James' Society. The Redeemer Society of Brooklyn sent two life memberships, one in its own name and one for their zealous pastor, Dr. S. G. Weiskotten, under whose intrepid leadership such phenomenal Home Mission work has been done in Brooklyn during the past decade. Then came two more as a personal gift from the same Society's treasurer, Mrs. Caroline Stanfield, for herself and her daughter, Miss Dorothy Elizabeth. This is one of the best records in memberships from one Society in three months in the history of our General Council Society.

Mrs. Chas. Neidhardt, one of the invalid "shut-ins," is honored by Holy Trinity Society, Orange, N. J. This tribute accompanied the gift: "She is very much interested in the work of our Society, and anxious to hear in her sick room what we accomplish at each meeting. Our members love to visit her, for she is always cheerful and a most staunch Lutheran."

Rev. H. N. Fegley, D.D., of Mechanicsburg, Pa., was given his tribute by his daughter, Miss Ethel, and his son, Rev. Charles K. Fegley, on the forty-fifth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry and his present pastorate. Dr. Fegley's services have not been confined to his parish, but he has given much time to Sunday School helps in lesson prepa-



HOWARD RINKER KUNKLE
ROHRERSTOWN, PA.
SON OF REV. AND MRS. H. A. KUNKLE.
PRESENTED BY HIS PARENTS



DOROTHY MYRTLE MCKAY
MEADVILLE, PA.
8 YEARS OLD
DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. J. EDWARD MCKAY. PRESENTED BY HER PARENTS.



WILLIAM PROCTOR CARTY
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
SON OF REV. AND MRS. A. C. CARTY.
PRESENTED BY MISS IDA R. REITER

ration, and to the Sunday School Book. He has also been professor of mental and moral science in Irving College for twenty years, and for some years has acted as chaplain for the college.

Mrs. Nathaniel Scheffer, Meadville, Pa., was enrolled by the Erie Conference Society upon her retirement from its presidency, in which capacity she had served since its organization in 1910 in the church of which her husband is pastor. The 1917 convention was held in the same church, and the small handful of women who were present at the organization, and who attended this year's splendid gathering, could appreciate the wonderful advance that has been made in these seven years.

St. Paul's Society, of Dunton, L. I., has again added a member. Mrs. Louise M. Roepe, of Woodhaven, N. Y., is interested in all lines of church work, but particularly in the cause of missions. Her enrollment was a birthday gift. Another birthday gift, for Rev. Erwin R. Jaxheimer, was presented by St. Luke's Society, Woodhaven. And Advent Society, Lancaster, Pa., again presents a membership, which brought much joy to "Mother Shaar's" heart.

Mrs. A. F. Sperling was enrolled by Reformation Society, Milwaukee, "in recognition

of her many years of faithful work in the Church, and also to commemorate this Quadri-Centennial year." This is a suggestive hint for our coming Convention. Parkside Society, of Buffalo, N. Y., enrolls Mrs. N. C. Siverson, its recording secretary for three years, and Mrs. Gustave Geikow, its financial secretary for five years. Parkside Society has previously sent other names for the Honor Roll. The chairman of this department makes special acknowledgment that many Societies are regular contributors to the Roll, giving each year, in unbroken succession, one or more memberships, thus furnishing a systematic, dependable source of revenue for the maintenance and furtherance of the General Council Society.

Trinity Church, Pottsville, Pa., is another of these regular supporters in recent years. This quarter the Class of Good Fellowship, in the Sunday School, has enrolled itself, the teacher of the class being Miss Annie Pfizenmeier. It is an indication of spiritual growth when a class shows this missionary spirit. Why could not many other classes throughout the General Council do likewise, and report themselves in time for announcement at the Philadelphia Quadri-Centennial Convention, and publication in our next issue?

Do not let the Historic Year pass without signaling it by a Life-membership or a Memorial. Please do it in time for our Convention.

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	Slaton, Pa.
Dietz, Mrs. George W.	Philadelphia
Steckroth, Miss Catharine Elizabeth	Hazleton
Baudisch, Miss Iigo Amanda	Warren, O.
Potteiger, Mrs. Mary Joanna	Reading
Fichtorn, Rev. Andrew Smith, D.D.	Norristown
Haring, Mrs. H. G.	Philadelphia
Bauer, Mrs. Caroline	Mt. Joy, Pa.
Sefling, 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.	Pittsburgh
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
Bolon, Mrs. Mary E. Pearce	Sherodsville, O.
Pearce, Bessie May	Sherodsville, O.
Rick, Rev. W. F., Ph.D.	Williamsport, Pa.
Hager, Mrs. John C.	Lancaster, Pa.
Ash, Rev. Jacob	Leechburg, Pa.
Byers, Miss Carrie M.	Pottstown, Pa.
Storb, Mrs. Anna Elizabeth	Pottstown, Pa.
Cooper, Rev. Frederick E.	Milwaukee
Craig, Mrs. Adelaide Richards	Reading
Hayunga, Mrs. Olivia F. W.	Riverside, Ont.
Woll, Mr. Adolph, Sr.	Philadelphia
Carlsson, Rev. Erlend, D.D.	Chicago
Carlsson, Mrs. Eva C.	Chicago
Seip, Rev. Frank M.	Lebanon, Pa.
Stopp, Rev. S. A. Bridges	Allentown, Pa.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Beginning with September, 1915

FEE, \$10.00

Eckert, Mrs. William	Maywood, Ill.
Coplin, Mrs. Phoebe Baker	Zanesville, O.
Kahler, 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. J.
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.	Schwenksville, 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.
Stelnbicker, 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	Germantown, 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	Leechburg, Pa.
Stivison, Arthur Frederick	Leechburg, 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.
Suydam, Miss Emily	Lancaster, Pa.
W. M. Soc., Frieden's Church	Myerstown, Pa.
Benze, Mrs. A. L.	Wheeling, W. Va.
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. Rosa	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.
Frankenfield, 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, Mrs. George D.	Elizabethtown, Pa.
Mentzer, Mrs. J. K.	Lancaster, Pa.
Frankie, Virginia Elizabeth	Erie, Pa.
Knell, Ruth E. C.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Kahler, Margaret MacNair	Evanston, Ill.
Heinold, 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	Martin's 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.
 Voight, 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' Mill, Pa.
 Friedline, Mary Matilda Jones' Mill, 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 Friedricke Philadelphia
 Holl, Mrs. A. J. Columbus, O.
 Frederick, Prof. P. W. H. Seattle, Wash.
 Frederick, Mrs. P. W. H. Seattle, Wash.
 Bennyhoff, Leah C. East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
 L. A. and M. Soc., Trinity Church, Amanda Parish. O.
 Pretz, Mrs. Reuben C. Allentown, Pa.
 Will, Mrs. David Amanda, O.
 Reiter, Rev. Frederick A. Leechburg, Pa.
 Reiter, Mrs. Frederick A. Leechburg, Pa.
 Albert, Mrs. R. A. Ada, O.
 Lape, Mrs. Theodore Amanda, O.
 Myers, Mrs. Henry Lancaster, O.
 Kohler, Rev. F. W. Milwaukee, Wis.
 Wehe, Miss Adele Lancaster, O.
 L. A. Soc., St. Peter's Church. Lancaster, O.
 Oberderfer, Mrs. H. D. Williamsport, Pa.
 Frey, Mrs. W. H. Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Carty, William Proctor Philadelphia
 Camman, Miss Lydia Buffalo, N. Y.
 Harnly, Mrs. A. L. Columbus, O.
 Bishop, Mrs. W. H. Stovortown, O.
 Casselberry, Mrs. Clarence M. Brooklyn, Mass.
 W. M. S., Trinity Church Hamilton, Can.
 Canup, Rev. M. L. New York City
 W. M. S., Holy Trinity Church New York City
 Saleski, Mr. Kurt P. Rochester, N. Y.
 Hurst, Mrs. C. Henrietta Buffalo, N. Y.
 Rosenberg, Miss Augusta New York City
 Hoffard, Mrs. Wm. F. Lehigh, Pa.
 Portz, Mrs. Fred, Sr. Pottsville, Pa.
 Rosengarten, Miss Addie Pottsville, Pa.
 Krauss, Mrs. Edgar O. Kutztown, Pa.
 Bosserman, Emma Irene St. Paul, Minn.
 Cooper, Mrs. Rosa Richards Milwaukee
 March, Mr. George Norristown, Pa.
 Finger, Mrs. Margaret San Jose, Cal.
 Shaffer, Wade Truman Leechburg, Pa.
 Pfaltz, Mrs. E. P. Philadelphia
 Hafner, Miss Virginia Bethlehem, Pa.
 Class of Good Fellowship. Trinity S. S., Pottsville
 Goodbread, Cornelia Leechburg, Pa.
 Knabb, Mrs. Samuel E. Reading, Pa.
 Weiskotten, Rev. S. G., D.D. Brooklyn
 L. A. S., Redeemer Church Brooklyn
 Stanfield, Mrs. Caroline Brooklyn
 Stanfield, Miss Dorothy E. Brooklyn
 Neldhardt, Mrs. Charles E. Orange, N. J.
 Fegley, Rev. H. N., D.D. Mechanicsburg, Pa.
 Scheffer, Mrs. Nathaniel Meadville, Pa.
 Jaxheimer, Rev. Erwin R. Woodhaven, N. Y.
 Roepe, Mrs. Louise M. Woodhaven, N. Y.
 Kunkle, Howard Rinker Rohrerstown, Pa.
 Langenschwadt, Mrs. Henry San Jose, Cal.
 Shaar, Mrs. Martha Lancaster, Pa.
 Silverson, Mrs. N. C. Buffalo
 Gelkow, Mrs. Gustave Buffalo
 Sperling, Mrs. A. F. Milwaukee

Mission Study Classes

MRS. F. A. KAHLER, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.

With the coming of autumn comes the renewed impulse to start more Mission Study Classes, and do more and better work than ever before. Everywhere our women will be meeting for ardent work in the new sphere of the Lutheran Woman's Inner Mission and Red Cross work, eager to send some comfort and help to our soldiers on land and sea and in the air. A new spirit of sacrifice is in the Church and in its Society circles. Everyone wants to help, to do something for our country. Would it not be doubly valuable if we read mission books at these gatherings? Thus, while our hands are busy making necessary things for those at war, our thoughts and hearts will be turned with new ardor and true devotion to the Prince of Peace and His victory on mission fields, at home and abroad. Let not all our thoughts be of the sorrow and horror of war. Let many of them be of the peace which will come when the whole earth turns to its God. And let us eagerly help to hasten the time!

Our special study this season turns, of course, upon "The Story of Lutheran Missions," by Elsie Singmaster; "Missionary Milestones," by Margaret Seebach, and "The Lure of Africa," all helpful and interesting books. It is a pleasure to urge also the reading of "Protest and

Progress in the 16th Century," by Rev. C. P. Harry, "a comforting book for those that mourn, and one to raise the courage of the poor." Its terse review of Reformation facts makes it a book for every Lutheran library.

Full report of Lutheran Mission Study Classes in the General Council for the past two years will be given at next month's Convention in Philadelphia. It is most encouraging. When each and every Lutheran woman will "show her colors," join a Mission Study Class and pass on to others the inspiration and information it gives her, we shall indeed be a power for good in our beloved land and in our beloved Church.

STUDY OF "PROTEST AND PROGRESS" AT THE MID-WEEK CHURCH SERVICE

ADAPTED FROM DR. T. H. P. SAILER

Interesting small study groups are sometimes hard to secure, because many people are little impressed with meetings that are not on a large scale. Pastors feel it to be a waste of their time to work up a course of study for only six or eight persons, and many individuals who would attend a meeting which was obviously popular are unwilling to come to a small group.

Under these circumstances the idea of turn-

ing the midweek meeting into a study class has two things strongly in its favor: It is good for the meeting itself, and it may be good for united study in the local Church. Experience has shown that a study class properly conducted may greatly increase both the attendance and the interest of a midweek meeting. There are many midweek meetings which could stand improvement in both these respects. On the other hand, it may so demonstrate the advantages of a systematic united study that many persons will afterwards join small groups for the purpose of yet more intensive work.

A Successful Experiment

In one typical Church the midweek meeting had an average attendance of less than forty. Not infrequently less than thirty were present. The Church Council then voted to devote nine meetings to the new textbook on "Protest and Progress." The attendance for these meetings averaged over eighty, and after the first meeting was never below sixty. Many attended who had not been seen at the midweek service for many months. The bulk of those who attended bought text-books and studied them, took notes, participated in the discussion, and a large number did collateral reading. Several persons had a definite interest in missions aroused for the first time in their lives. The plan was generally voted to have been well worth while.

The Conditions of Real Effectiveness

1. There was a single qualified leader for the whole course. Frequently this leader is the pastor himself. Without a leader of some ability in class work the plan will probably be a failure.

2. The entire midweek meeting was turned over to this leader. It is, in general, fatal to assign to a study class less than the entire time of a session, or to have sessions at intervals of more than a week. A later experience in another city has demonstrated the inadvisability of attempting to hold a prayer meeting before the session.

3. The class was thoroughly advertised. On a small four-page leaflet was a brief explanation of the nature of the course, the subject, the chapter of the text-book for each session. These were widely circulated.

4. The physical arrangements were such as to encourage informality and a social spirit. Instead of being arranged facing the desk, the chairs were placed in a semi-circle facing the side of the room. Persons on entering were encouraged to converse informally instead of observing the silence customary at devotional meetings.

5. Text-books were on hand for sale at the opening meeting and all during the course. Note-books and sharpened pencils were also

provided. The taking of notes was repeatedly urged.

6. At the close of each session there was made a clear assignment of the work to be done for the next meeting. Interesting questions were carefully selected and stated in a way to furnish motive for preparation during the week. These were given to the entire class, and it was understood that those who enrolled as regular members would prepare with the aid of the text-book. On the other hand, no one was asked any questions except in the course of informal discussion, and it was understood that visitors were at all times welcome.

7. Each week there was one special exercise in the nature of a report or debate. These exercises were announced in the Church calendar, and seemed to attract. They were in all cases considered only as preparatory to a general discussion.

8. Everything was done to encourage free participation. Questions were put on which it was possible to hold two opinions. The purpose of the class was stated to be to raise questions, rather than to settle them. The leader constantly challenged the members for their opinions, and several times succeeded in getting them to discuss directly with one another. It was felt that those present would be much more impressed by what they themselves could be induced to say than by what was said to them. As a result many persons asked or answered questions who had never taken part in the midweek meeting. The women participated freely.

THE PLAN IN SCRANTON

St. Paul's study class in Scranton, Pa., met one afternoon each week at the home of the leader, Mrs. Bernard Repass, to discuss "The King's Business." Many books of reference, as well as Synodical and Conference reports, were in constant use, and valuable charts made by one of the men of the congregation for this purpose, with missionary maps and a blackboard, added greatly to the interest and profit. The immediate results of the class held last spring are a determination to have another this Fall, and to take a more active part in the Conference Society, with a deeper prayer-life among the members of the circle.

What could be more timely than this suggestion of a study class of your own, begun on the threshold of October, and running through November, one evening a week?

[The "King's Business" is a remarkable book, which discusses the value of woman's organized work, and outlines plans for the development of an effective missionary society. Sold at a special price of 10 cents per copy. Originally published to sell at 30 cents. Address our Literature Headquarters.]

America Must Not Fail

BY A. G. JONES, IN MEN AND MISSIONS

It is a commonplace of history that this nation was created, and the foundations of our free institutions were laid, by men whose minds were illumined and whose hearts were inspired by religious faith. The fathers of our country were men who believed in God, and they were strong in the hour of danger, and won for us our goodly political heritage, because their faith in God failed not. It is indeed true that there is an organic separation and a mutual independence of Church and State in the life of this nation. Political institutions and ecclesiastical bodies have their separate and distinctive functions, and the one must not inter-meddle with the other in their respective jurisdictions. But the banishment of God from the political life of the country, and the exclusion of the influence of religion from the civil activities of its citizens, would be an unpatriotic blunder and a dire calamity to the nation. Underneath all possible laws, and their most efficient administration, the stability of the Republic rests upon the moral quality of its citizenship, and the loyalty of the masses of its people to those ideals of character and life which it is the peculiar function of the Church to foster.

Religion in National Life

General Ulysses Grant gave his most serious counsel to the American people in these words: "Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of our liberties." Andrew Jackson declared the Bible to be "the bed-rock on which our Republic rests." In the past crises of our country, and in the solemn hour which confronts the nation to-day, the great men of America, the men upon whom is the responsibility for the country's leadership, are men of reverence and faith, men who recognize that the spiritual fiber of the people, and their faith in God, is the real foundation of national strength, and the only hope of the future glory of the Republic.

A Nation Still in the Making

As we now have come to the time when there will be no more frontier, does this mean that there will be no more Home Missions of serious consequences? That the work is done? That Christian civilization in America is a finished task, and it is now for us and our children to enjoy, in peace and in perpetuity, the goodly heritage? Nothing could be a more fatal blunder. Splendid indeed have been the faith and the triumph of the American patriots and missionaries of the past. Wonderful

has been the development of a hundred years. But we face to-day only the *beginning* of the making of America. The nation is yet young. It is hardly past the experimental stage of its career, and the national life to-day has problems for which the solution is yet to be found. If America is to be won for the high destiny to which God is calling her, there is supreme need for good men and strong and true, to meet the issues of to-day; issues which demand a wisdom as deep, and a courage as high, as our fathers had when they faced and conquered the perils of the past. It is a time for the patriotic and God-fearing manhood of America to think soberly of the facts as they are.

The New Day for Home Missions

The day has been when Home Missions was a simple and relatively easy task, the support of a denominational skirmish line upon the slowly moving frontier, but it is not so to-day. Home Missions has become a pitched battle, a complex and many-sided campaign in the very thick of the nation's life; pioneer work still, it may be, but no longer upon a frontier which is a geographical line upon the map. It is that invisible line of destiny which marks the advance of the Christian forces of the nation, as they marshal themselves to fight and to win the great moral issues. These are developing here and there, in the countryside and at the great industrial centers, in the mountains and on the plains, in the cities and on the farms, in the East and the West in the North and the South, a nation-wide campaign upon the triumphant issue of which depend the peace and the perpetuity of the Republic. Never before in the history of this nation, has the Home Mission program of the Church had such profound *national* significance, because never before have the vital problems of American life been so clearly reducible to terms of moral and spiritual values. At no crisis in the past of this nation, has there ever been a more definite and compelling call to the Christian patriot, for his love and sacrifice and heroism, than that which comes to American manhood to-day. Even more, the challenge of the hour is distinctively to the Church-men of America. Patriots of many kinds there may be, but the need of the hour in America is for the Christian patriot, because the deepest needs in the nation's life demand a type of service which only men of spiritual vision, and faith in God, are qualified to give to the country. If we must face the possibility that America may fail, the responsibility is already fixed, because we have faith in God to believe that it is not *possible* for this country to fail, unless the Church-men of the nation, engrossed with the selfish interests of their private life, fail to

respond to the call of their country and of God.

There may be something higher and wider than *national* patriotism, in this dream which would seek to make our country God's country. What are the secret purposes of the Almighty with this American nation, we may be able only to conjecture. It is possible that the issues which are to be determined upon this Continent are of vital significance to the whole human race. The destiny of our Country, in a larger way than we realize, may be indeed a *world* question. Peoples of every race and color are migrating hither. The American citizenship is absorbing the blood of the nations, until we as a people are developing ties of kinship which run out to the uttermost parts of the earth. In all the history of the world there has been nothing like it. Among all the countries of the globe to-day there is nothing like it. Is the hand of God behind these tides of the world's life, which are meeting and mingling in America? Is this Nation a laboratory of the Almighty, for the development of new social and moral reactions in human character and life, the making ready of some *new type* of man, as a citizen of the world? Are these multiplying ties of world-wide kinship to be vital nerves, along which shall go the thrill of new light and hope to the far places of the earth? If God has called our Country to such strategic position among the nations, it ought to make us very humble and sober, and we ought to be ready to quit us like men. Certain it is that America has been and is, to the

peoples of the world, as a Land of Promise. Despotisms and royal courts may regard us jealously, but the eyes of the *people* of the world are turned to us with hope. In the light of our Country they seem to see the dawn of a better day for all humanity. The clutch of sin and despair upon the heart of the world is not quite so strong and dark, because of this star of human hope which God through our fathers has placed here in the Western sky. But will America make good? What shall be the issue of these strange and unprecedented experiments which are being made in this nation?

America and the World Program

Thus Home Missions has come to mean the winning of America for the *world*, and is essentially a vital federation of all the Christian Bodies of the Country, as a constructive force in the life of the Nation. It is not a sectarian enterprise. It is not a competition of Churches for the promotion of selfish gains. Some confusions and overlapping there may be, here and there, but that does not change the larger fact that across this broad land, drawn up in solid array against the perils of the Nation, there is one battle-line of God, and the battle-cry of every battalion in the line is, "America Must Not Fail." We thank God for our comrades in the battle, for *all* the denominational banners which are lifted up here and there in the front. We find new confidence in their courage, and we have a larger hope because of their aggressive zeal. It is not only their victory but ours.



Pan-Lutheran Summer School



A Proof Of Lutheran Unity In Advance

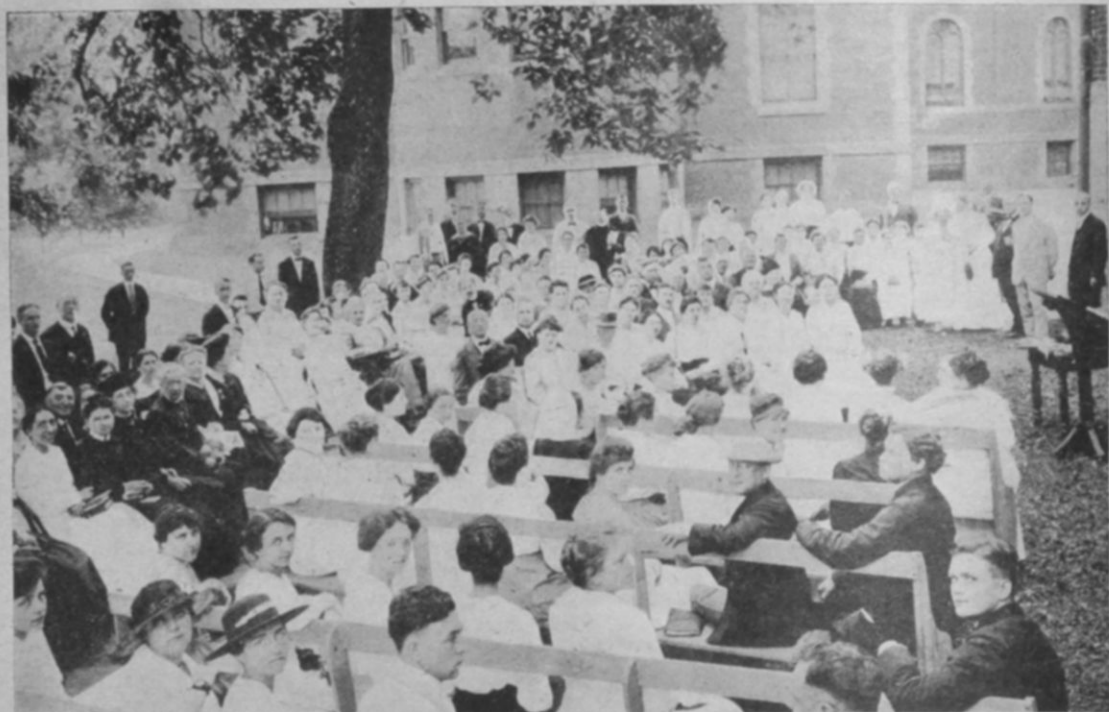
At the Gettysburg Pan-Lutheran Summer School of 1917

If ever a Summer School required plenty of confidence in its new and untried mission, and plenty of nerve for its execution in sight of the public eye, it was the one which (all unintentionally to itself, at its inception a year ago at Allentown) was confronted, by the time it came to meet at Gettysburg in 1917, with a decidedly sensitive task. This meant nothing less than its giving to the Church at large its first practical *demonstration* of Pan-Lutheran unity and compatibility, pro or con. In other words, its presenting a concrete object lesson of the proposed Mergers complete feasibility and ardent advisability, while the question itself is still pending, in two of the three Bodies involved. And doing it in

such spirit of perfect harmony and good fellowship, as to be proof positive in advance. An actual experiment which can be pointed to, in the discussions of this fall, both at the General Council and the United Synod South. No one need hesitate to claim that if the Pan-Lutheranism of our Church as a whole, is to be judged by the Pan-Lutheranism of the segment of it which assembled at the Gettysburg Summer School this year, it will abundantly fulfill the highest hopes cherished for it.

Not a Foregone Conclusion

Undoubtedly it was taking risks, which involved important consequences, to make this open experiment at the present delicate juncture. But no such thing as the big Merger



A SUMMER SCHOOL CLASS ON THE SEMINARY CAMPUS AT GETTYSBURG

since projected, was dreamed of when the Pan-Lutheran Summer School was arranged, twelve months ago. I very seriously doubt whether we would have had the courage to venture on such unknown waters, had there been any surmise of what MIGHT come of it? Suppose there had arisen among us occasional differences and disagreements, even of the most trifling nature, during the seven successive days we spent together at Gettysburg, with their experiences of every sort? You know how prone is human nature to magnify trifles and distort their significance. Isn't it remarkable, therefore, and isn't it a splendid omen that not a ripple occurred in one single instance during the assembly to mar the smooth and serene waters? The only thing that we were sorry for (and this included everybody without exception on both the registration rolls) is the fact that the week was over so soon, because nobody wanted to go home when the day came, and the vote to come back next year was unanimous.

Troops Specially Remembered

The homesick and soul-hungry young men in Uncle Sam's uniform were made to feel they were not forgotten in our thoughts and prayers, by the distribution of printed cards in every camp on the battlefield, reading thus:

A Hearty Invitation to the Soldier Boys
Now Encamped in Gettysburg
To Come and Enjoy the Sunset Services
Held Every Evening This Week,
August 3d-10th,
At 6.15 o'clock,
On the Beautiful Lawn of the Lutheran
Seminary, by the Pan-Lutheran
Summer Assembly
Be Assured You Will be Glad You Came.

A Capacity Attendance

From beginning to end of the Summer School Week, the seminary chapel was so filled to its capacity by the throng of registered attendants that all the aisles had to be filled with chairs. I had the new experience of being obliged to write to persons who inquired about accommodations at the last minute, advising them not to come to Gettysburg this year, since we had reached our capacity, both on the seminary campus and the college. Some persons who did come, without sending word in advance, had to seek rooms in town.

A Wide Reach of Influence

Among the places represented by the enrollment are these: New York, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Trenton, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, Reading, Harrisburg, York, Allentown, Bethlehem, Lancaster, Pottsville, Pottstown, Norristown, Hazleton, Tamaqua, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Freeland, Royersford, Nazareth, Bangor, Sellersville, Elizabethtown, Ephrata, Northampton, Bedminster, New Hol-

land; Mount Joy, Mount Vernon, Hagerstown, Frederick, Williamsport, Selinsgrove, Butler, Johnstown, Carlisle, Wrightsville, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Ohio, etc.

No Visitors For Only a Day

Since Gettysburg is not connected by trolley with any other town, the Pan-Lutheran Summer School had no transient visitors who came only for one day. This differed materially from our previous experiences at Allentown and Mount Gretna, where fifty per cent. of the registrations were transient. The attendance at Gettysburg was steady throughout the week, and this unique feature resulted in the people's getting the benefit of the curriculum as a whole. The carfare was too expensive for persons who did not intend to remain. And this proved to be more of an advantage than a disadvantage for the real purposes of the school. The same will be true next year.

THE PAN-LUTHERANISM OF IT

BY CHARLES L. FRY.

Upon replying to a question of the whereabouts of my home, that I lived in the Wayne Junction section of Philadelphia, the friend exclaimed, "Some people wouldn't be happy unless they lived in a junction section of their town."

Now that the glad day of Pan-Lutheranism has dawned, it will be the good fortune of all of us in our Christian life to be able to live in a junction section of the Church.

This pertains even to the sphere of our vacation outings. The Summer School, which was the pioneer a dozen years ago in the field of holiday assemblies, is happy now, in these days of the federation and unity for which these vacation gatherings have always stood, to be pioneer in the field of PAN-LUTHERAN Summer Schools. And to cherish the hope that each and all of these profitable holiday weeks, which are steadily multiplying, will henceforth be Pan-Lutheran in character.

VERDICT OF THE PASTORS

REV. J. H. WAIDELICH, SPOKESMAN

The place, the surroundings, the people, the program—in truth, all the features—proved most delightful and profitable. Inspiration, recreation, education, tell the tale of the week's work. The beautiful town itself, with its famous historic battlefield, this year had a special martial air, owing to a U. S. Military Camp of 12,000 troops under training, which was of keen interest to our people, from various points of view. The Pan-Lutheran atmosphere of a Summer School composed of different elements of our dear Church has a real charm, as we found by experiment at Gettysburg. Council and Synod people mingled and

intermingled with such perfect freedom and to such far-reaching extent as to become a real asset to the United Lutheran Church which is soon to be. The spirit of fellowship was most congenial, and the Gettysburg contingent which was "at home" on the campus did everything to make the visitors comfortable.

The informal reception held on the opening evening in the beautiful refectory, proved a fitting introduction, and injected an affable tone into the entire week of the first Pan-Lutheran Assembly. Dr. Wiles opened each day with a devotional study of Romans,—very practical, instructive and edifying. He was followed by Dr. Wentz's period on the Reformation and the outstanding problems of the modern world. As a master of close and searching analysis, the young doctor shows every mark of a great historian.

Mrs. Cronk, in her characteristically charming manner, brought a fund of tried new methods. Mrs. Baldwin, in her Teacher Training course, had such constant attendance and attention as attest the permanence of her impression. Mrs. Seebach did similarly splendid work in her Mission Study Classes. She showed herself a most capable teacher and was very cordially received. The wide-awake and alert Mr. Hodges had large classes on organization and efficiency in the various activities of the congregation. This was a sort of round-table, or open parliament, and proved very practical.

The afternoon hikes, with Dr. C. L. Fry as guide, were hugely enjoyed, as also his illuminated Luther Chart on Saturday night, and his blackboard exposition of the Graded System at 9.30 on Sunday morning. Dr. Singmaster's sermon on John 3:16 was a classic of its kind, and will long be remembered by many. The seven evening lectures by Dr. Steinhäuser were a rare treat in point of scholarship and of research. Surely one could not help loving the Reformer more than ever, and better understanding his spirit, labors and life. The illustrated lectures, stereopticon and otherwise, which followed were much appreciated as a restful close of the day's work. The registration was in charge of Pastor Yehl, and the refectory was managed by Mrs. Fry, with a competent corps of helpers. The entire body of the women, without any exceptions at all, were so enthused by the week's studies that they held a meeting of their own at its close, and adopted a series of resolutions, setting forth the distinct value and the benefits of a curriculum which is Pan-Lutheran in its make-up. This expression was purely spontaneous, and was based on their own experience at Gettysburg.

IMPRESSION OF A VISITOR

REV. PROF. D. H. BAUSLIN, LL.D., DEAN OF HAMMA
DIVINITY SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

I was the only person in attendance at the Gettysburg Pan-Lutheran Summer School who was there for but one day. Nearly all stayed for the entire time of the Assembly. But, I found that even if it could be only for a single day it was good to be there. The fellowship was hearty and delightful. We have at last emerged from our isolation, and it is already observed that our people, when they come together from various Synodical connections, think much alike, act much alike, and even look much alike. They seem to be equally interested in the same things pertaining to both their own personal Christian life and work, and also to the furtherance of the kingdom of our Lord. On the day I was at the Pan-Lutheran Assembly I came in contact with a fine body of intelligent, competent men and women gathered amid pleasant and inspiring surroundings, to consider things that would better equip them for noble and

disinterested service for Christ and His Church in their day and generation. All that I heard at Gettysburg on that day was sane, sound and spiritual in tone, highly profitable for instruction to the people who were there, and for the advancement of the Church in which they serve her Divine Master and Head.

Verdict of the Women

"I believe in the communion of saints." Where? In heaven? Yes, but also on earth. And we had it! It was wonderful to greet people of whom I had read, and to meet the younger generation of Lutherans, upon whom the responsibilities for the life, growth and spirituality of the Lutheran Church in the East will soon fall. The program was excellent. I never enjoyed a week more in all my life. I never learned more in any seven days! The fellowship was delightful, and I hope never, while I am able to attend, to again miss the Pan-Lutheran Assembly at Gettysburg.

MRS. H. E. MONROE,

Washington, D. C.



Student Conferences



At five of the Y. W. C. A. Summer Conferences where the college women of our country have gathered this summer, our Lutheran Church has been represented. At Blue Ridge, Mrs. E. C. Cronk took charge of the Lutheran girls; Miss Sarah Van Gundy at Eagles Mere; Miss Annette Kahler at Silver Bay; Miss A. E. Schumacher at Asiloman, Cal., and Mrs. E. C. Newcomer at Lake Geneva, Wis.

In these centres it has been possible, through the co-operation of the Women's Missionary Societies of the General Synod, United Synod South and General Council, to accept the opportunity offered by the Young Women's Christian Association, to present to our own girls the Church's task and their share in it. Although our Lutheran delegations are all small, compared to some others, we can well be proud of the quality of our girls, and the work they are doing and the influence they are exerting.

From two conferences there have been reported four possible medical candidates—two from General Council and two from General Synod churches. These, of course, cannot be considered results of student work entirely. Too many forces must co-operate for a right response to the missionary call, to count any one influence as the deciding one. But if the

student work has prevented any dissipation of interest, if it has encouraged the crystallization of plans, or strengthened a purpose, or sown the seeds of deeper interest in the Church's task in a college girl's heart and mind, any or all of these things, amid the helpful and uplifting atmosphere of a Summer Conference, it will be more than worth while.

At Silver Bay, for which we of the General Council Society were responsible this summer, there were thirteen Lutheran girls. Coming, as they did, from almost as many institutions, a large part of the task and enjoyment of our meetings together lay in making new friendships and discovering common interests. It was pleasant to note the sincere loyalty and love of our Church, and the eagerness to serve. But at the same time it was surprising to see the utter indefiniteness as to how or where service in and for the Lutheran Church was possible or practical?

The Summer Conference is not the sum total of our student work. Even when we shall have a representative for every group of Lutheran college girls at a student conference, armed as they ought to be with adequate literature, and with provision for follow-up work (which would trace the contact of the college girl with her Church back in her college town,

in her home town during the vacation periods, in the local Church after she is through college), even when we shall have followed up every one of the splendid openings that are ours through the Summer Student Conference, we are still only at the outside edges of the fringe of the task.

For every Lutheran girl who attends a Summer Conference there are tens and hundreds back in her college, or in those colleges where there is no organized student Y. W. C. A., or in the smaller colleges of other denominations and non-sectarian institutions—young women training themselves for leadership, and the Church yearning for their service. The connection can be made. It must be made. But it will require a big plan, and much work and many workers. May the time come soon when we may undertake it, unitedly, joyously, adequately.

ANNETTE M. KAHLER.

COLLEGE GIRLS AT LAKE GENEVA

The Student Summer Conference for 1917, under the auspices of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., for women of colleges of the Central District, was held at Lake Geneva, Wis., during the latter part of August, with Miss Oolooah Bruner in charge. As the representative of the Lutheran Women's Societies, I felt

very much at home from the moment when I walked into Weidensall Administration Hall to register, and found that the building was dedicated to the honor of a Lutheran, Robert Weidensall, the Nestor of all Y. M. C. A. secretaries. Mr. Weidensall was my own father's room-mate in Gettysburg College, and a frequent visitor in my childhood home.

On this year's program, practically all the Bible class and the Mission study work was in answer to the general question, "What is the American woman's responsibility toward the world at the present time, in view of the European situation?"

The Lutheran Rally was held on Thursday evening, and from the data obtained from the cards distributed to the girls present, the following facts were learned: Lutherans present 28, States represented 8; Synods—General Council 1, Synodical Conference 10, Independent Synods 14, General Synods 3. Lutheran Colleges represented, NONE. Student Volunteers 3.

Sixteen girls signified their willingness to offer their services to their own Church, and all expressed their devotion and love for her. I am more than ever convinced that what we need is a Lutheran Student Secretary, who will devote all of her time to the conserving of the splendid talent and energy of our Lutheran girls.

MARY L. NEWCOMER.



The Sunday School



15 Minutes Monthly Programs

BY MRS. T. W. KRETSCHMANN

October

Topic—"Finding Her Lost Treasure." This is a Quadri-Centennial Program.

Send to Literature Headquarters for copies and distribute to entire School. (65 cents a hundred.)

Scripture—"The Psalm of the Reformation." Psalm 46, read or recited by entire School.

Hymn 183—"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken."

I. FIVE MINUTE TALK, by superintendent on our debt to the Reformation. (See *Monthly Topics*.) Emphasize that Luther's courage made him the greatest of the reformers.

II. FOREWORD in Quadri-Centennial Program read in concert by School.

III. TEN JEWELS DISCOVERED IN THE REFORMATION. Prepare ten shields covered with gold paper and in black figure the

number of the jewel. Ask School to tell the names, as selected scholars go to the platform carrying the shields to recite the description. (See the MISSION WORKER, this issue.) Hymn 184—"A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

November

Topic—"Our Debt of Thanksgiving for the Reformation."

Scripture—"The One Who Returned to Give Thanks." Luke 17: 11-19, read by a member of the Primary Department.

Hymn 49—"Our Thanks and Praise to Thee Be Given."

I. FIVE MINUTE EXERCISE, in which the "Ten Jewels for Which We Give Thanks," are reviewed by School, in concert. Leaflets one cent each. Suggest the need of Reformation work for those in our own land.

II. THE SERIAL STORY OF SLOVAK

SUSAN. This is the fine new Home Mission leaflet for the Sunday Schools. (\$1.00 a 100.) It is a 10-page leaflet with nine illustrations and tells in story form the experiences of a Slovak girl and her brother. The pictures of real Slovak people add materially to the interest of the story. Let selected classes read a chapter in alternate paragraphs with leader. Your School can not afford to miss this opportunity to learn of these Lutheran people. (20c. a doz.)

III. WHAT THE CHILDREN HAVE GIVEN FOR THEIR THANK OFFERING. This is reported by the president of the Junior Society, who tells of the Light-House Mite-Box amounts for the Children's Nurse, and for the Slovak Student Fund.

Hymn 14—"Now Thank We All Our God."

December

Topic—"The Word Which Shall Be To ALL PEOPLE."

Scripture—"The Commission Announced by the Angel." Luke 2: 8-14, recited in concert by School. Leader emphasizes the message to "all people."

Hymn 76—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

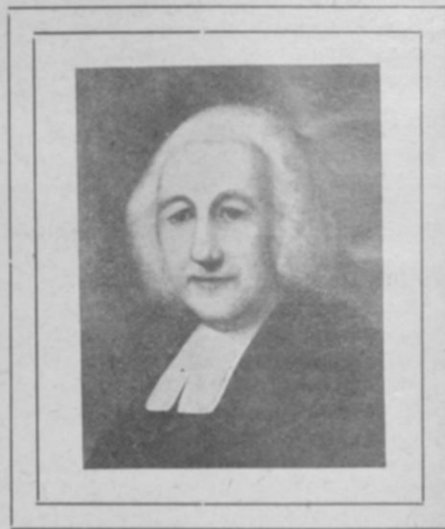
I. WOULD HE FIND ROOM? Recitation in *Monthly Topics*.

II. THE OPEN BIBLE TO ALL OF EUROPE. Let selected scholars read extracts from *Monthly Topics* how reformers reached all the civilized world in the sixteenth century.

III. THE OPEN BIBLE TO ALL THE WORLD. Five minute talk by member of the Missionary Society on our obligation to follow the announcement of the angel and carry the good tidings of great joy to all people.

Hymn 83—"Good News from Heaven the Angels Bring." (Luther's hymn written for his little son.)

The decorations for these programs should be of such a character that the tiniest tot in the Wonderland will receive a lasting impression. The room should be in gala attire, from October until Christmas, with festoons of bunting in the Luther colors: black, red, white, blue and gold. For the wall at the back of the platform make a large poster, which can be read from all parts of the room. In the centre of the poster make an open Book. Print above it: THE OPEN BIBLE, and beneath it: TO ALL PEOPLE. Slightly below to the left print: 1517, TO ALL OF EUROPE, and on the corresponding side to the right: 1917, TO ALL THE WORLD. Place the date above the lettering. The letters may be cut out of black paper and also the open Book. We ought to make our children feel proud of their heritage, and see that 1917 is a never-to-be-forgotten event in their lives.



FRAMED PORTRAIT OF MUHLENBERG

No Lutheran Sunday School ought to let 1917 go by without placing permanently on its walls an artistic portrait of that noble pioneer Lutheran hero and organizer, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. He is one of the few leaders of foremost prominence who are cherished as a treasured possession of which American Lutherans in common are justly proud. He belongs to all branches alike of the Body which is soon to celebrate the Pan-Lutheran Merger—the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod South. And since this year when the Merger was resolved upon is fittingly the 175th anniversary of Muhlenberg's coming to this country, the unveiling of such an ornamental portrait now, as a bond and token of our unity, will surely be a most appropriate remembrance of the time when he landed on our shores and brought order out of chaos.

The price of the beautiful steel engraving, fine enough to grace the walls of any Sunday School auditorium, and of suitable size for framing, is so remarkably small, only 50 cents postpaid, as to make the picture seem a free gift. It was the conviction that our young folks of the rising generation ought by all means become acquainted with the face and features of a man so outstanding among our Church's missionary heroes, which impelled our Publication Department to incur the expense of issuing this worthy portrait of our Patriarch in the United States. Don't let 1917 elapse without making this valuable addition, at so trifling a cost, to your Sunday School room. Why not get your Missionary Society to present it to the School and have an unveiling exercise?



Literature Department

844 DREXEL BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA. ALMOST ANYTHING YOU
NEED IN MISSIONARY TEXT BOOKS, MANUALS, LEAFLETS, ETC.



Send checks or stamps with all orders.
Help us to economize, both in time and money, by including payment, with the POSTAGE when listed, on all orders, but especially on SMALL orders.
Take time to note the postage. Some publications are listed prepaid, others postage extra. An observance of these seemingly small details will help us immensely.

STORY OF LUTHERAN MISSIONS

BY ELSIE SINGMASTER

We ought to rejoice over the fact that this deservedly prominent author, so much sought after by magazine editors and publishers, is using her facile pen to serve her church. Nor does she strive to conceal her loyalty and love for her church. This is the secret why she relates in such an interesting manner the story of our church's missions. We cannot but be surprised at her ability to incorporate so many facts in such a small volume. Those who desire to learn what Lutheranism has accomplished in the Evangelization of the world, will find eminent satisfaction in this book. We especially commend it to the mission societies in our churches, for study classes and reading courses.—DR. L. G. ABRAHAMSON, in *The Augustana*.

It is the first contribution to missionary intelligence made by the Co-operative Literature Committee of the Woman's Missionary Societies of our Church. One of its chief merits is that it is written in a style that people of all grades of mental training can enjoy it. Out of a vast mass of facts from which selection had to be made, an excellent degree of proportion, wisdom in choice and happy arrangement have been maintained. This combined with the freshness and heartiness in the treatment, make a most interesting and profitable missionary a most interesting and profitable manual.

Her illustrations do credit also to Lutheran missionary enterprise. The honesty of purpose, the kindness and the sturdy devotion depicted in such faces as those of Zeigenbalg, Schwartz, Pastor Harms and Gossner indicate something of the creditable history of the long line of Lutheran missionaries from their day on.

Mrs. Elsie Singmaster Lewars is a writer of recognized ability, and her literary products are ever of the first rank in her chosen sphere. Many of our readers have, no doubt, read her stories and were delighted. Her last volume was a short and splendid biography of Luther. Having read this we picked up the present volume in happy anticipation, and were not disappointed. Its purpose is to give a rapid survey of Lutheran missionary activity for the general reader, and this it accomplishes in admirable fashion. All the various Lutheran missions in all parts of the world pass in survey. The writer knows how to invest them with the human touch, and thus to hold the unflinching attention of the reader to the end. This book should be on the reading table of every Lutheran family.—*Norwegian Lutheran Herald*.

Life of Martin Luther. By Elsie Singmaster Lewars. Price, \$1.00 per copy. Postage, 7 cents.

A popular life of Luther written in 20th century English. There will be a large demand for this book, which will provide helpful material to leaders of both Senior and Junior groups.

The Singing Weaver. By Julius and Margaret Seebach. Price, \$1.00. Hero tales of the Reformation. A new book just off the press.

FOR THE REFORMATION SEASON

Mrs. Charles L. Fry has compiled a complete program for celebrating the Quadri-Centennial, by request of the Council of Women for Home Missions, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City. As indicated by the auspices of its publication, it is for use in all Protestant denominations, on a festival occasion arranged during the month of October, 1917. It is sufficiently diversified that ten young women, of good voice and self-possession, can take

part, yet there is nothing so elaborate about it that it cannot easily be rendered by any missionary society, Sunday School or congregation, urban or rural. Sample copies will be sent on request. Address the Lutheran Women's Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.—*The Lutheran*. Price, 65 cents per hundred.

THANK-OFFERING

A Four Hundredth Anniversary Thank-Offering Service. By Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Price, 2 cents each; 10 cents a dozen; 15 cents for 25; 25 cents for 50; 50 cents a hundred.

Prepared for our November thank-offering meeting. Suitable for a public service under the auspices of the Society or Luther League. Adapted for a simple or elaborate rendition. Suggestions to leaders included.

TORCH BEARERS

A Quadri-Centennial Program for Missionary Societies. Price, 5c. each; 25c. per dozen, postpaid.

A suggestive program of how the open Bible was restored to the Church four hundred years ago and carried to the ends of the earth during these four centuries.

The four centuries are represented by impersonations and each tells of the Torch Bearers who carried the Word of Light to distant lands. The entire program is interspersed with plenty of music. The program is flexible and can be elaborated or simplified to suit the occasion. It is not difficult to render.

NEW STUDY BOOK

Protest and Progress. By Carolus P. Harry. Price, cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents; postage, 7 cents extra. Discounts on quantities as follows: 5 to 9 copies, 10 per cent.; 10 to 24 copies, 15 per cent.; 25 and over, 20 per cent. Carriage free.

BOOK REVIEW

Protest and Progress in the Sixteenth Century. 162 pages. 11 full page illustrations. Paper, 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents. The author, Rev. Carolus P. Harry, has grasped and grouped the underlying causes and controlling principles, skilfully delineated the course of events, justly estimated the principal personages, and told the whole story in language which can be easily understood by the common man, without the aid of a dictionary.

As a Mission Study text-book, says Mrs. F. A. Kahler:

"Beginning with political movements at the time of the Reformation, touching upon life and thought of the religious movements before that time, with all the faults and failings of the church of the day, it pictures Luther as the rock by which the stream of human history was divided in the 16th Century. In concise terms it gives a charming history of Luther's life and daring firmness, and the tremendous influence he had in Europe."

Protest and Progress in the Sixteenth Century is set forth in eight well constructed chapters, each followed by a score and more of questions, which cannot fail to bring out matters of capital importance, and fix them in the mind.

There are two useful appendices—a Chronological Table, and the Ninety-five Theses in full.

The paper, print and binding are first-class in every particular, and the pages are refreshingly free from typographical errors. The book will be used by many of our Study Classes this Winter, and it was written with this purpose in mind.

Address your order to our Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.

FOR THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY

Manual of Missionary Prayers. 10 cents.
Constitutions for Women's Societies. Free for postage.

Why Join? Free for postage, 5 cents per 100.

"Not Yet Organized." Free.

The King's Business. A study of increased efficiency for women's missionary societies. A unique book which should be in the hands of every officer in the local society. A 38-cent book for 10 cents, postpaid. Do not let this offer slip. Purchase several copies for your Society's officers.

Missionary Hymnal. One hundred hymns with music. Price, 15 cents per copy; postage, 3 cents. On order of 24 or more copies to one address, carriage prepaid.

Scripture Readings and Prayers. Arranged by Mrs. Newell Dwight Hillis. Very helpful to the leader. Price, 5 cents; postage, 1 cent.

Monthly Programs. "Four Hundred Years of Lutheran Missions." Special price while they last. 20 cents per set. Calendars, 5 cents.

LEAFLETS.

"Wanted, a Woman." 5 cents per dozen, 25 cents per 100.

The Women Who Didn't, and Those Who Did. 5 cents per dozen, 20 cents per 100.

"Let's Talk About Real Work." 15 cents per dozen, 60 cents per 100.

MITE BOXES

Senior Mite Boxes. Attractive green boxes in the form of lamppost mail collectors, our own design and imprint. Price, \$1.25 per 100, 75 cents for 50. Sample, 2 cents, or 20 cents per dozen.

Free to Societies in the Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania Synodicals. Please apply for them to the respective treasurers.

Thank-Offering Mite Boxes. Free. For our special Field Missionary Fund.

Lighthouse Mite Boxes for the Junior Society. Free for postage, 50 boxes, 10 cents; 100 boxes, 20 cents. Suitable for both home and foreign mission collections. For the support of our Children's Nurse and the educating of Slovak students.

PERIODICALS

Everyland. An interdenominational monthly missionary magazine for girls and boys. Price, \$1.00 a year in the United States; \$1.25 in Canada; \$1.50 in other foreign countries. Send for sample.

"Tidings." A Lutheran monthly magazine for the little people, edited by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, containing supplemental and helpful material on the Junior Programs. Price, 25 cents per annum; 10 copies to one address, \$1.50 per year. This periodical will prove indispensable to the Junior leader using our Lutheran programs.

The Missionary Review of the World. Published monthly, \$2.50 per year. A general interdenominational missionary magazine of vital importance to every minister, every missionary leader and every Christian. Readers are kept in touch with all forms of missionary activity in all the world.

FOR MISSION STUDY OR REFERENCE

Lutheran Home Missions. Rev. J. R. E. Hunt, Chicago. Cloth, \$1.10, prepaid.

Problems and Possibilities. Dr. G. H. Gerberding. Paper, 50 cents, prepaid.

The Telugu Mission. Rev. George Drach and Missionary C. F. Kuder. Cloth, \$2.00, prepaid. Story of Father Heyer and Rajahmundry work.

Lutheran Missionary Heroes. L. B. Wolf, D.D. Cloth, \$1.00.

The Inner Mission. Dr. J. F. Ohl. Cloth, \$1.00, prepaid.

The Deaconess and Her Work. Mrs. Harriet Krauth Spaeth. Cloth, 75 cents, prepaid.

MAPS

Outline Paper Maps, 28x32 inches, 20 cents each; postage, 5 cents each. India, Japan and South America. A very special map of South America of exceptional value, 20 cents postpaid.

Missionary Map of the World. \$3.00. Printed on good muslin, 5 x 9½ feet.

Wall Map. Printed on paper and mounted on muslin. Price, \$1.25. Size 39 x 48 inches. South America and the United States.

Map of Africa. Outline, size 28 x 32 inches. Price, 20 cents; postage, 2 cents.

Map of Africa. Outline, size about 11 x 14. 15 cents per dozen. Intended for individual use.

Cardboard Maps. About 11 x 14 inches, 15 cents each. For individual use. Africa, India, South America, United States.

SOUTH AMERICA

South American Neighbors. By Homer Clyde Stuntz. Price, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents.

Makers of South America. By Margaret Daniels. Price, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents, prepaid. The course is designed for young people in the teen age. Good supplemental material in a mission study class.

Renaissance Latin America. By Prof. Harlan P. Beach. Price, \$1.00, prepaid. A popular story of the Panama Congress and an interesting discussion of the many vital topics.

Unity of the Americans. By Robert E. Speer. Price, 25 cents. A study of commercial, educational and religious factors in the problem of binding the Americas into one brotherhood. The book is designed for use in men's missionary discussion groups. There is a "Help for the Leader." Price, 10 cents.

Reports of the Congress on Christian Work in Latin America, held at Panama, February 10-20, 1916.

Three volumes, price, \$2.50; carriage extra.

The reports of eight commissions with the discussions and findings at Panama constitute the most reliable and up-to-date information regarding Latin America in print.

NEW MISSION STUDY BOOKS

The Lure of Africa. By Corellus H. Patton. Price, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents, postpaid.

A fascinating new study book discussing the great continent as the laboratory of Christianity.

Leader's Help on "The Lure of Africa." Price, 10 cents.

An African Trail. By Jean Kenryn Makenzie. Board, 57 cents; paper, 35 cents.

A story of the Bulu's approach to God. The literary style is such that the "Atlantic Monthly" asked permission to print ten chapters of this book, which was granted.

How to Use the book, "An African Trail." By Helen Barrett Montgomery. Price, 10 cents; postage, 2 cents.

Missionary Milestones. By Margaret R. Seebach. Price, cloth, 57 cents; paper, 35 cents, postpaid.

This text book is designed to fall in with the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in 1917.

It consists of a series of life stories, beginning with the Protestant Reformers of Europe, shifts the scene to American religious pioneers and epoch-making missionaries, and finishes with thumb nail sketches of more modern Home Mission workers.

Leader's Help. Price, 10 cents; postage, 1 cent.

Sons of Italy. By Prof. Antonio Mangano. Price, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents, postpaid.

A home mission study text book discussing the interests of the Italians in America.

Suggestions to Leaders on "Sons of Italy." Price, 10 cents.

The Challenge of St. Louis. By George B. Mangold. Price, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents, postpaid.

The first of a new series of studies of the religious and social problems of individual cities of the United States to be known as "The Challenge of the Cities" Series.

The Challenge of Pittsburgh. By Daniel S. Marsh. Price, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents.

The second of "The Challenge of the Cities" Series.

MUHLENBERG

Muhlenberg. A beautiful steel-plate portrait suitable for framing. Price, 50 cents, postpaid.

A Muhlenberg leaflet written for the boys and girls of our Sunday Schools. 20 cents per dozen; 75 cents per 100, postpaid.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Dr. W. K. Frick. 25 cents, prepaid. A story of the Patriarch's life. This will furnish excellent material for the Sunday School address when the steel engraving is unveiled.

A STRIKING NEW SLOVAK LEAFLET

The Serial Story of Slovak Susan. By Mrs. T. W. Kretschman. Price, 3 cents each, 20 cents per dozen, \$1.00 per 100. An illustrated story of a Slovak girl and her coming to America. It is to go with the Light-House Mite-Boxes. Nine striking illustrations, all taken from real life.

LEAFLETS ON AFRICA

The King's Sacrifice Girl. Price, 2 cents each, 15 cents per dozen, 50 cents per 100.

The Unconquerable Hope. Price, 3 cents each, 20 cents per dozen. Suitable for a reading at a public meeting.

The Banana Tree That Was Dressed Up (Africa). Price, 2 cents each, 15 cents per dozen.

Little Chocolate Soldier (Africa). Price, 2 cents each; 15 cents per dozen.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (16 to 20)

The Manhood of the Master. By Harry Emerson Fosdick. Price, 60 cents, postpaid.

An admirable book for use with groups of young people.

Comrades in Service. By Margaraet E. Burton. Cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents. Short sketches of notable Christian men and women of every race and nation who have been or are leaders in Christian service.

Christian Standards in Life. By J. Lovell Murray and F. M. Harris. Price, cloth, 50 cents; postage, 4 cents. Twelve brief biographical sketches presenting standards of life which have modified the careers and characteristics of great personalities.

INTERMEDIATE (13 to 16 Years)

Livingstone, the Pathfinder. By Basil Mathews. Cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents. German edition, 65 cents.

Lighting the Dark Continent. By Alice Parsons. Price, 10 cents. An African dramatic for five boys and five girls. Very interesting.

Six Talks on India's Boys and Girls. Published in London. (Our own importation.) Deals mainly with village life in India. Set of accessories for the leader includes a brown paper map of India, two sheets of pictures, colored key for an Indian village. Booklet on expression work. 60 cents, prepaid.

Six Talks on Japan for Boys and Girls. A brief outline of the home, school and religious life, together with sketches of some heroes of old and new Japan. Set of accessories for the leader includes brown paper map of Japan, two sheets of pictures, outlines of model for Japanese house and garden. Booklet on expression work. 60 cents, postpaid.

ELEMENTARY GRADES (6 to 12 Years)

African Adventures. By Jean Kenryn Mackenzie. Price, cloth, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents, postpaid. An exceptionally interesting study book for Juniors. A vivid story of the jungle.

Guide for Leaders. Price, 10 cents; postage, 1 cent. Helpful suggestions on "African Adventures."

African Picture Stories. By Katherine Hazeltine. Price, 30 cents, postpaid.

A set of six pictures about 12 x 15 inches, with stories for use with primary children.

The Book of Little Black Brother. By Emily Huntley. Price, 75 cents.

A story book of African child life for reading to young children. Profusely illustrated in two colors.

Directions For Making an African Village. By J. Grace Hutton. Price, 15 cents. Handwork for use in Sunday Schools and Mission Bands.

Livingstone Hero Stories. By Susan Mendenhall. Price, 15 cents. Stories of Livingstone to be told to groups of children from 9 to 12 years.

The Story of David Livingstone. By Golding Vautier. Cloth, 50 cents; postage, 4 cents. This is a most attractive book in style and illustrations (colored). Appropriate as a gift book.

Painting Book on Africa. By Julie C. Pratt. Price, 15 cents. A set of eight scenes to be colored by boys and girls.

PICTURE SHEETS (10 cents each).

Central Africa. Over thirty pictures intended especially for use with "African Adventures."

How We Travel Pictures.

South American Pictures on "The Land of the Golden Man."

Child Life Pictures.

HOME MISSIONS, JUNIOR.

Bearers of the Torch. New Study Book for Juniors. By Katharine R. Crowell. Price, cloth, 40 cents; postage, 5 cents; paper, 25 cents; postage, 4 cents. The keynote of this book is the story of Martin Luther, ending with his great work of translating the Bible, thus lighting the Torch for the world.

Teachers' Manual on "Bearers of the Torch." Price, 10 cents. Gives charming suggestions for programs, and other helps.

Cut Outs to be used with the study of "Bearers of the Torch." Price, 10 cents per set of ten sheets. All children love cut outs, and these provide most attractive help for leaders of Junior organizations.

Martin of Mansfield. By Margaret R. Seebach. Price, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents, prepaid. The Reformation story charmingly told for boys and girls.

This book has been most successfully used in reading circles. Leaders will find elaboration of the material in the "Life of Martin Luther," by Mrs. Lewars.

Other People's Children. By Margaret R. Seebach. Price, \$1.00. A charming book of stories about the children of the world. An appropriate and beautiful gift for Christmas.

Italian Picture Stories. New. Price, 30 cents. A set of six pictures about 12 x 15 inches, with stories for use with primary children.

SOUTH AMERICA FOR JUNIORS

The Land of the Golden Man. By Anita B. Ferris. Price, cloth, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents, prepaid. A book of nine chapters on South America for boys and girls.

Picture Sheet. Illustrative material on "The Land of the Golden Man." Price, 10 cents, postpaid.

The Pageant of the Land of the Golden Man. By Anita B. Ferris. Price, 15 cents. A dramatic exercise for boys and girls, based on the book, "The Land of the Golden Man." From ten to forty participants.

Set of Six Drawings of Boys and Girls of South America. To be colored with crayons. Full directions. Fine busy work for the Junior Society. Price, 13 cents per set of six.

Invitations for the Junior Society Sunbonnet Babies. A cute little bonnet. Ruler lines for filling in date and place. Price, 15 cents per dozen, or 2 cents for sample.

Post Card Invitations to Meetings. Price, 8 cents per dozen; 60 cents per 100.

MUSIC

The King's Highway. 10 cents per dozen; in quantity, 5 cents per dozen.

All the Children of the World. 2 copies for 5 cents.

A Missionary Carol. "Do You Hear the Children Crying?" 2 cents each; 10 cents per dozen.

Coming, Coming, Yes They Are. 2 cents each for single copy; 1 cent per copy in quantity.

GENERAL

Things to Make. By J. Gertrude Hutton. Price, 50 cents, prepaid. A book of hand work and service for boys and girls.

Missionary Program Material. By Annita B. Ferris. Price, 50 cents, prepaid. A long needed book of exercises, recitations, stories, etc., for programs in Sunday Schools and Missionary Societies.

Missionary Education of Juniors. By J. Gertrude Hutton. Price, 60 cents. A new handbook for leaders just off press. Rich in suggestive material for the Junior and Sunday School worker. The book is the outgrowth of the author's many years of experience in the field of religious education, and presents principles and methods tested by use.

NEW DRAMATICS

Pageant. Price, 15 cents per copy. Based on the new Home Mission text books, "Missionary Milestones" and "Bearers of the Torch." The pageant may be conducted along simple or most elaborate lines. May be presented in pantomime or as a series of tableaux.

Larola. By Helen L. Wilcox. Price, 20 cents, prepaid. A one-act missionary dramatic on India. A splendid play of absorbing interest.

FINANCE

The Canvassers and Farmer Brown. Dialogue on the new Home Mission Canvass, adapted for rural churches. Price, 10 cents, postpaid.

Church Efficiency. Modern Church Finance. By Dr. W. H. P. Faunce. \$1.25, postage 7 cents.

Paul's Plan. Effective card for distribution in an Every Member Canvass, 25 cents per 100.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

He Took It Upon Himself. By Margaret Slatery. Just the book for young people who should use their lives for Christian uplift and human betterment. They will find their own souls stimulated and awakened. Illustrated. Printed in two colors. Price, 60 cents; postage, 4 cents.

The Meaning of Prayer. By Harry Emerson Fosdick. Price, 60 cents, postpaid. Says John R. Mott in his introduction: "Among many recent writings on prayer, possibly none does more to show its reasonableness than this course of studies. It shows clear recognition of the simple and central

fact—a fact apparently unrecognized by so many—that prayer is something the reality and power of which can be verified only by praying."

Masoud the Bedouin. By Alfred Post Carhart. Stories of Syrian village, desert and mountain life. Price, \$1.00, postpaid. De Luxe Edition.

The Bishop's Conversion. Depicting in a most realistic manner life today in India, as experienced by the average missionary. Price, 50 cents; postage, 9 cents. Former price was \$1.25. Special edition.

The Shadow Tray. By Erin Kohn. Good for Sunday School classes. A story of Taro, a Lutheran lad, now studying in our Kumamoto School, in Japan, preparing to enter an American Christian College. This boy was kidnapped by the Buddhist priests from the Christian kindergarten, after an unsuccessful effort to poison the drinking water of the school well, and taken to the Mountain Temple. A faithful old servant rescued the boy and restored him to his widowed mother. Price, 15 cents each; postage, 3 cents; \$1.50 per dozen, carriage extra.

The Story of Livingstone. By Golding Vantico. The story is most charmingly told to children of junior age. The book is very attractive, and has illustrations in color. Price, 50 cents; postage, 4 cents.

The Challenge of the Present Crisis. By Harry Emerson Fosdick. Price, 60 cents, postpaid.

Black Sheep. By Jean Kenyon Mackenzie. Price, \$1.50; postage, 7 cents. The record of an American girl's life as a mission worker in the African jungle. A thrilling story of actual experiences.

The Christmas Spirit. Suggestive plans for the Sunday School Christmas Festival. Price, 10 cents.

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS FOR LETTER ENCLOSURES

The Answer. Price, 2 cents each; 20 cents per dozen.

Christmas Pictures. 2 cents each, 15 cents per dozen.

Two Christmas Pictures From Japan. 2 cents each, 15 cents per dozen.

My Best Gift. Price, 2 cents, 20 cents per dozen. **Would He Find Room?** (Poem), 1 cent each, 10 cents per dozen.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran General Council

ORGANIZED 1911

OFFICERS

Pres.—Miss Zoe I. Hirt, 1016 Wayne St., Erie, Pa.
Vice-Presidents are the *Presidents of Synodicals*.
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Walter C. Weier, 227 Amherst Drive, Harvard Terrace, Toledo, O.
Stat. Sec.—Mrs. Frank E. Jensen, 114 Bean St., Washington, Pa.
Treas.—Miss Laura V. Keck, 722 Walnut St., Allentown, Pa.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Mrs. Charles L. Fry, 224 Manheim St., Germantown, Phila.
Penna. Ministerium—Mrs. Charles L. Fry, 224 Manheim St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
Augustana—Mrs. N. A. Nelson, 443 W. 61st Place, Chicago.
Ohio—Mrs. W. C. Weier, 227 Amherst Drive, Toledo, Ohio.
Chicago—Mrs. H. E. Anderson, 1619 S. 15th St., Maywood.
Central Can.—Mrs. Germann, Waterloo, Ont.
Pittsburgh Synod—Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Penns Sta., Pa.
Synod of N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. A. S. Benner, 524 Stoothoff Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y.
Eastern Conf., N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. F. C. Martin, 366 First St., Rochester, Pa.
Central Conf. of N. W.—Mrs. W. F. Bacher, 714 4th Ave., N. Fargo, N. D.
Wisconsin Conf. of N. W.—Mrs. A. C. Moeller, Whitefish Bay, Wis.
Pacific—Miss Jennie Bell, 1712 Boylston Ave., Seattle, Wash.
Nova Scotia—Mrs. Albert Bruhm, Mahone Bay, N. S.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Mrs. Lewis K. Sandford, 111 E. Vine St., Lancaster, Pa.
Penna. Ministerium—Mrs. Lewis K. Sandford, 111

E. Vine St., Lancaster, Pa.
Ohio—Miss Rosella Highland, 348 E. 5th Ave., Lancaster, Ohio.
Chicago—Mrs. B. L. Stroup, Colburn, Ind.
Central Canada—Mrs. J. Pickering, 315 Colborne, Brantford, Ont.
Pittsburgh—Mrs. C. K. McCreary, Grant St., Greensburg, Pa.
Synod of New York and New England—Mrs. E. F. Keever.
Eastern Conf., N. Y. and N. E.—Miss Eliz. D. Smith, 444 Hudson Ave., Albany, N. Y.
Western Conf., N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. Phoebe E. Hoffacker, 68 Grape St., Rochester.
Central Conf. of N. W.—Mrs. A. C. Schwend, 3805 Elliott Ave., Minneapolis.
Wisconsin Conf. of N. W.—Mrs. A. J. Sommer, Neenah, Wis.
Pacific Synod—Miss Celestealbin, Portland, Ore.
Nova Scotia—Mrs. B. Frank Theakston, 398 Robie St., Halifax, N. S.

MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Mrs. F. A. Kaehler, 998 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.
Penna. Ministerium—Miss Ruth Hemsath, 316 W. Centre St., Bethlehem.
Augustana—Mrs. N. A. Nelson, 443 W. 61st Place, Chicago.
Ohio—Mrs. W. C. Weier, 227 Amherst Drive, Toledo.
Chicago—Miss Lodema Wener, 807 Cushing St., South Bend, Ind.
Central Canada—Mrs. M. Hagey, 94 Spadina Ave., Hamilton, Ont.
Can. Pittsburgh—Mrs. F. B. Sawvel, Greenville, Pa.
N. Y. and N. E. Synod—Mrs. F. A. Kaehler, 998 Main St., Buffalo.
Eastern Conf., N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. A. L. Benner, 627 Briggs Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y.
Western Conf., N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. John Hassler, 420 W. Church St., Elmira, N. Y.
Central Conf. of N. W.—Mrs. W. F. Bacher, 714 4th Ave., N. Fargo, N. D.
Wisconsin Conf. of N. W.—Mrs. Wm. C. Stump, 30 W. Irving St., Oshkosh,

Wis. *Pacific*—Miss Clara Hazelgreen, 4213 Alki Ave., Seattle, Wash. *Nova Scotia*—Mrs. Ella Murdock, Bridgewater, N. S.

FOREIGN AND MEDICAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Miss Mary A. Miller, 3639 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Penna. Ministerium—Miss Mary A. Miller, 3639 Spring Garden St., Phila., Pa. *Augustana*—Miss Esther Olson, 443 W. 61st Place, Chicago, Ohio—Mrs. W. H. Bishop, Zanesville, R. R. No. 1, Chicago—Mrs. R. D. Collins, Lafayette, Ind. *Central Canada*—Miss Emma Bornholdt, Waterloo, Ont. *Pittsburgh Synod*—Mrs. Adam Hoffner, 400 North McKean St., Butler, Pa. *Synod of N. Y. and N. E.*—Mrs. L. A. Stuer, 78 W. 47th St., New York. *Eastern Conf.*, N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. J. H. Smith, 77 Lake Ave., Albany, N. Y. *Western Conf.*, N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. Edwin F. Keever, 47 Plant St., Utica. *Central Conf. of N. W.*—Mrs. J. S. Albert, 3015 29th Ave., South Minneapolis, Minn. *Wisconsin Conf. of N. W.*—Mrs. R. A. Muschdel, 1309 State St., La Crosse, Wis. *Pacific*—Mrs. Emil Meyer, 215 Delmar Ave., San Jose, Cal. *Nova Scotia*—Mrs. Rogers Wilkie, La Hare, N. S.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Mrs. Geo. H. Schnur, Zellenople, Pa.
Penna. Ministerium—Mrs. A. J. Reichert, 410 Manor St., Lancaster, Pa. *Augustana*—Mrs. P. Peterson, 1436 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ohio—Mrs. William Bishop, South Zanesville, O. R. R. No. 1, Chicago—Mrs. A. G. Webber, Decatur, Ill. *Central Canada*—Mrs. C. Ludolf, 293 Crawford St., Toronto. *Pittsburgh Synod*—Miss Lyde C. Boos, 141 W. North St., Butler. *Synod of N. Y. and N. E.*—Miss Julia Walter, Kingston, N. Y. *Eastern Conf.*, N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. G. C. Loos, 200 N. Maple Ave., East Orange, N. J. *Western Conf.*, N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. Peter Alpeter, 523 Eagle St., Buffalo. *Wisconsin Conf.*, N. W.—Mrs. C. P. Weiskotten, 1385 W. 24th St., Milwaukee, Wis. *Central Conf. of N. W.*—Mrs. Fred Saborn, 2231 4th St., North Minneapolis, Minn. *Pacific Synod*—Mrs. J. Langenschwadt, San Jose, Cal. *Nova Scotia*—Miss Minnie Wentzel, Rose Bay, N. S.

INNER MISSIONS COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Mrs. M. M. Deck, 828 6th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
Penna. Ministerium—Mrs. C. T. Benze, 7304 Boyer St., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Ohio—Mrs. Geo. W. Snell, 1105 Woodland Ave., Toledo, Chicago—Miss Orpha Rothenberger, Mulberry, Ind. *Central Canada*—Mrs. A. F. Moeckel, 49 Wolseley Ave., Montreal, W. *Pittsburgh*—Mrs. Anna K. Shanor, Waldorf and Perryville Ave., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa. *Western Conf.*, *Synod of N. Y. and N. E.*—Mrs. F. W. Becker, 260 Richmond Ave., Buffalo. *Central Conf. of N. W.*—Mrs. R. O. SeEVERS, 2613 Colfax Ave., N. Minneapolis, Minn. *Wisconsin Conf. of N. W.*—Mrs. E. P. Meske, 705 34th St., Milwaukee. *Pacific*—Mrs. F. H. Pageler, 1314 Alameda Drive, Portland, Ore. *Nova Scotia*—Mrs. Geo. Slawenwhite, 164 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N. S.

SLAV WORK

GENERAL COUNCIL—Miss Laura R. Swope, Erwinna, Pa.
Ministerium of Penna.—Miss Laura R. Swope, Erwinna, Pa. N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. J. W. Smith, 6038 Sunset Ave., Utica, N. Y. Ohio—Miss Lena Roof, 1439 Oak St., Columbus. *Central Canada*—Mrs. Frank Frisby, Unionville, Ont. *Pittsburgh*—Miss Clara Klingler, 143 E. Jefferson St., Butler, Pa. *Synod of N. Y. and N. E.*, *Western Conf.*—Mrs. J. W. Smith, 612 Clifford St., Rochester, N. Y. N. W., *Central Conf.*—Mrs. A. F. Claessens, 814 Penn Ave., North Minneapolis, Minn. N. W., *Wisconsin Conf.*—Mrs. J. K. Jensen, Janesville, Wis. *Pacific Synod*—Mrs. G. B. Bellingham, Wash. *Nova Scotia*—Mrs. Hines, Bridge-

water. *Chicago Synodical*—Mrs. Ruth Taylor, 203 North St., Elgin, Ill.

PORTO RICO COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Mrs. J. Mellander, 181 E. 6th St., St. Charles, Ill.
Penna. Ministerium—Mrs. P. G. Sieger, 546 W. Walnut St., Lancaster, Pa. *Augustana*—Mrs. August Peterson, Rockford, Ill. Ohio—Mrs. L. L. Mannors, 3711 Chestnutdale Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Chicago—Miss Lydia Metzger, Vandalia, Ill. *Central Canada*—Mrs. C. Olsen, 87 2d Ave., Ottawa, Pittsburgh—Miss Anna L. Sheaffer, 1003 Bluff St., Pittsburgh. *Synod of N. Y. and N. E.*—Miss Etta Fackiner, 663 Springfield Ave., Summit, N. J. W. Conf., N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. O. S. Heller, 38 Bethoven St., Binghamton. *Central Conf.*, N. W.—Mrs. J. O. Lenning, 1604 E. Superior St., Duluth. *Wisconsin Conf.*, N. W.—Mrs. G. K. Rubrecht, 999 Island Ave., Milwaukee. *Pacific*—Mrs. L. W. Hansen, Marrietta, Wash. *Nova Scotia*—Mrs. Joe Smeltzer, Lunenburg, N. S.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Mrs. R. B. Fenner, 329 East Sixty-fifth St., New York.
Penna. Ministerium—Mrs. T. W. Kretschmann, 48 N. 40th St., Philadelphia. *Augustana*—Miss Elsie Ekeberg, Bessemer, Mich. Ohio—Mrs. John M. Wenrich, 120 Midland Ave., Columbus, Chicago—Mrs. G. O. Miller, 123 N. 6th St., Goshen, Ind. *Central Canada*—Mrs. Wm. A. A. MacDonald, 64 New St., Hamilton, Ont. *Pittsburgh*—Miss Anna M. Landis, Penns Station, Pa. *Synod of N. Y. and N. E.*—Mrs. R. D. Fenner, 329 E. 65th St., New York. *Central Conf. of N. W.*—Mrs. A. F. Brouillard, 3429 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. *Wisconsin Conf. of N. W.*—Mrs. Fredk. Schutte, Cedarburg, Wis. *Pacific*—Miss Emily Arnston, Tacoma, Wash. *Nova Scotia*—Mrs. C. W. Cantelope, 150 Alneon St., Halifax, N. S.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

GENERAL COUNCIL—Mrs. M. J. Bieber, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.
Penna. Ministerium—Mrs. J. H. Strenge, 725 Lehman St., Lebanon, Pa. *Augustana*—Mrs. L. M. Nelson, 4048 N. Harding Ave., Chicago. Ohio—Mrs. Chas. Eck, Miamisburg, O. Chicago—Mrs. A. H. Arbaugh, Mulberry, Ind. *Central Canada*—Mrs. Wm. A. MacDonald, 64 New St., Hamilton, Ont. *Pittsburgh*—Mrs. I. M. Wallace, 7149 Westmoreland St., E. E. Pittsburgh. *Eastern Conf.*, N. Y. and N. E.—Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten, 96 Hewes St., Brooklyn. *Western Conf.*, N. Y. and N. E.—Miss Marie Manz, 7 Grant St., Rochester. *Pacific*—Miss Celestealbin, Portland, Ore. *Nova Scotia*—Miss Gladys Conrad, Bridgewater, N. S. *Central Conf. (Synod N. W.)*—Mrs. L. F. Gruber, 1213 Hague Ave., St. Paul. *Wisconsin Conf. (Synod N. W.)*—Mrs. F. C. Hemming, 2004 State St., Milwaukee.

INDIA LACE INDUSTRY

Mrs. A. S. Woll, 2101 N. Thirty-third St., Phila.

PORTO RICO LACE INDUSTRY

Mrs. John A. Linn, 925 Winona Ave., Chicago.

DEACONESS

Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, 250 Pelham Rd., Phila.

MISSIONARY EXHIBIT

Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten, 200 Fenimore St., Brooklyn.

ITALIAN WORK

Mrs. John W. Richards, 1940 N. Sixth St., Phila.

SECRETARY OF STUDENT SUMMER SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Miss Annette Kahler, 998 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Chairman in the Synodical and Conference Societies of other departments, will be found listed under the society to which they belong, pages 52, 53, 54.

MINISTERIUM OF PENNA.—Organized 1895

Pres.—Mrs. Lewis K. Sandford, 111 E. Vine St., Lancaster, Pa. *Vice-Presidents* are the presidents of the Conference Societies. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. Sydney Kepner, 11 E. Third St., Pottstown, Pa. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. Walter S. Wells, 41 N. Eighth St., Reading, Pa. *Treas.*—Miss A. Kate Robertson, 3615 Baring St., Phila. *Historian*—Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, Mt. Airy, Pa. *Lantern Slides*—Miss Kate Fry, 7301 Germantown Ave., Phila. *Italian*—Mrs. Horace Binder, Delmar Apts., Germantown, Phila. *Coin Cards*—Mrs. Ira H. Frankenfeld, Tower City, Pa.

ALLENTOWN CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. Reuben C. Pretz, 1614 Chew St., Allentown. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. John Smith, 403 W. Union St., Bethlehem. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. Helen O. Brien, 457 S. Main St., Phillipsburg, N. J. *Treas.*—Mrs. F. K. Fretz, 330 Ferry St., Easton, Pa. *Literature*—Miss Charlotte Kostenbader, 131 Front St., Catasauqua, Pa. *Home Missions*—Mrs. M. Ackerman, 433 E. North St., Bethlehem, Pa. *Med. Mis.*—Mrs. C. B. Stroup, 1607 Chew St., Allentown. *Memorial and Life Membership*—Mrs. J. Steinhäuser, 210 N. 9th St., Allentown. *Organizing*—Mrs. Luther Lazarus, 134 3d Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. *India Lace*—Miss A. L. Seiberling, Allentown. *Slovak Work*—Mrs. A. L. Ramer, 47 N. Jefferson, Allentown. *Mission Study*—Miss R. L. Hemsath, 316 N. Centre, Bethlehem. *Inner Mis. and Italian Work*—Miss Minnie Zuck, Easton. *Inner Mission*—Miss Cecelia Kostenbader, Catasauqua, Pa. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. F. H. Fretz, Easton, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCES

Pres.—Mrs. Adolph Woll, 2101 N. 33d St., Phila. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. W. Fred Monroe, 330 Gowen Ave., Mt. Airy. *Eng. Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. C. J. Hlzel, 1810 N. 21st St. *Ger. Cor. Sec.*—Miss Bertha Martin, 2307 Letterly St. *Treas.*—Miss Mary Welden, 4523 Kingsessing. *India Box and Medical*—Miss Mary Miller, 3539 Spring Garden St. *India Lace*—Mrs. A. S. Woll, 2101 N. 33d St. *Junior*—Mrs. T. W. Kretschmann, 48 N. 40th St. *Literature and Mission Worker*—Miss Ida H. Zinser, 505 E. Walnut Lane, Germantown. *Italian*—Miss Minnie Day, 1628 Oxford St. *Deaconess*—Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, 250 Pelham Rd., Germantown. *Prayer Com.*—Mrs. E. Aug. Miller, 1604 N. 17th St. *Life Memberships*—Mrs. M. Zinser, 515 E. Walnut Lane, Germantown. *Home Mis.*—Mrs. Oscar Schmidt, 1527 Erie Ave., Phila. *Inner Mission*—Miss Kath. Miller, 3539 Spring Garden St. *Slovak*—Mrs. M. F. Hildrick, 4235 North 9th St. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. M. F. Trexler, 6507 N. Park Ave., Oak Lane. *Mis Study*—Mrs. Charles L. Fry, 224 Manheim St., Germantown, Phila. *Summer School*—Mrs. Edward L. Lawser, 3857 N. Gratz St., Phila. *Japan*—Miss Louisa Chisholm, 7300 Boyer St., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

NORRISTOWN CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. Warren Nickel, Souderton, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Miss Elsie Keller, Bedminsterville. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. Geo. Reigner, 3d and Hanover Sts., Pottstown. *Treas.*—Mrs. O. P. Smith, Pottstown. *Home Mis.*—Mrs. U. S. G. Finkbinder, Royersford. *Foreign Mis.*—Mrs. A. K. Seibert, Norristown. *Medical and Hospital*—Mrs. Mary Gardner, Quakertown, Pa. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. Norman Y. Ritter, Perkasie, Pa. *Church Extension*—Mrs. G. N. DeHaven, Norristown. *Mission Study*—Mrs. H. S. Paules, Perkasie. *Literature*—Miss Mary Hunsicker, Lansdale. *Slav*—Miss Laura R. Swope, Erwinna. *Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner, Pottstown. *Junior*—Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, 1045 Cherry St., Norristown. *Organizing*—Miss Annie M. Cressman, Sellersville, Pa. *Memorial*—Mrs. Milton Latshaw, Spring City. *India Lace*—Mrs. F. J. Clamer, Collegeville, Pa. *Italian*—Mrs. Max McKinney, Phoenixville. *Japan*—Mrs. J. F. Seneker, Pottstown, Pa. *Inner Missions*—Miss Harriet Vanderslice, Collegeville.

LANCASTER CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. Walter A. Miller, 48 N. West End Ave., Lancaster. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. John H. Strenge, 725 Lehman St., Lebanon, Pa. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. S. S. Rupp, Shiremanstown, Pa. *Treas.*—Mrs. Geo. H. Grimm, Millersville, Pa. *Home Mis.*—Miss Anna Swartzwelder, 403 W. James, Lancaster. *Inner Mis.*—Mrs. Geo. Genszler, Columbia, Pa. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. H. N. Snyder, 514 N. Duke, Lancaster. *Italian*—Miss Anna Blair, 130 E. King, Lancaster. *Slav*—Miss Lillian M. Ulrich, 134 S. 3d St., Lebanon, Pa. *Literature and For. Post Cards* and "Mission Worker"—Mrs. A. W. Leibensperger, Lebanon; Mrs. G. R. Deisher, Jonestown; Miss Alta Diller, New Holland. *India Laces*—Mrs. Anna Mueller, 430 N. Mary St., Lancaster; Mrs. H. L. Gebhard, Lebanon. *Home Boxes*—Mrs. Emma M. Barr. *Organizing*—Mrs. Lewis H. Sandford, 111 E. Vine St., Lancaster. *Mission Study*—Mrs. E. L. Wessinger, 976 E. Orange St., Lancaster. *Medical Mis.*—Mrs. Walter A. Heinlsh, Lancaster. *Mite Boxes*—Mrs. Sarah Halbach, Lancaster. *Life Membership*—Miss Clara E. Hartman, N. Duke St., Lancaster. *Junior*—Miss Anna Sener, 233 Charlotte St., Lancaster.

READING CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. Edgar A. Krauss, Kutztown, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. Samuel E. Knabb, 830 Walnut St. *Cor. Sec.*—Miss Sadie G. Armstrong, 44 S. 4th St., Reading. *Treas.*—Miss E. A. Endlich, Reading, Pa. *Home Mis.*—Mrs. Jas. Hutchison, 1533 Perkiomen Ave. *Mite Boxes*—Mrs. Wm. Rapp, 213 N. 8th St. *Med. Missions*—Mrs. Walter M. Tyson, 924 N. 5th St., Reading. *Literature and "Mission Worker"*—Miss E. M. Moser, 1108 Perkiomen Ave. *Organizing*—Mrs. C. A. Homan, 1444 Spruce St. *Lace and Thead*—Miss Nora Jager, 522 Oley St. *Mission Study*—Mrs. H. Y. Yocum, Reading. *Memorial Com.*—Mrs. F. F. Seidel, 117 N. 5th. *Life Membership*—Miss A. Moser, 1108 Perkiomen Ave. *Slav*—Mrs. C. C. Boyer, Kutztown. *Inner Mis.*—Mrs. G. M. Fasig, 439 Spruce St. *Italian Work and Post Cards*—Mrs. Harry Krouse, 816 Thorn St., Reading. *Porto Rico and Porto Rico Drawn Work*—Mrs. Frank Wertz, 129 S. 3d St. *Junior Work and Cradle Roll*—Miss Emma Fritz, Boyertown, Pa. *Japan Work*—Mrs. Fred Marx, 932 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.

WILKES-BARRE CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. W. H. Frey, 19 Mallory Place, Wilkes-Barre. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. J. F. Thauer, 52 Orchard St., Wilkes-Barre. *Cor. Sec.*—Miss Lottie Lauer, 112 North St., E. Mauch Chunk. *Stat. Sec.*—Mrs. J. A. Bender, Fourteenth and Washburn Sts., Scranton. *Treas.*—Mrs. G. Wiegand, 162 N. Main, Wilkes-Barre. *Organizing*—Mrs. Granville Rehrig, Lehighton, Pa. *Literature and "Mission Worker"*—Miss Eva Roth, 125 S. Wells St., Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. M. S. Wildermuth, 457 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre. *Memorial*—Miss Anna Creter, 425 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. *Home Mis.*—Mrs. J. A. Bender, 14th and Washburn Sts., Scranton. *Church Ex.*—Mrs. Anna Kuehn, 119 Wyoming St., Wilkes-Barre. *Inner Mis.*—Mrs. Eliza Amann, 201 N. Washington Ave., Scranton. *Dime Folders*—Mrs. Carl Ziegelbrier, Hancock St., Wilkes-Barre. *Porto Rico*—Miss L. Lindenstruth, 30 E. South St., Wilkes-Barre. *Porto Rico Laces*—Mrs. E. S. Shupp, 49 Oak St., Wilkes-Barre. *Junior*—Mrs. J. P. Bennyhoff, N. 6th and 9th, E. Mauch Chunk. *Summer School*—Mrs. L. D. Ulrich, 422 South River, Wilkes-Barre. *Post Cards*—Miss Lottie Lauer, 112 North Street, E. Mauch Chunk. *Slav and Italian*—Mrs. Minnie Getman, 201 N. Wyoming Ave., Hazelton, Pa. *Mis Study*—Mrs. Bernard Repass, 1080 Diamond Ave., Scranton. *India Box*—Mrs. J. Seiboldt, Lehighton, Pa.

DANVILLE CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. H. M. Schofer, Arlites, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. A. R. Ruckell, 420 Glenwood Ave., Williams-

LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER

port. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. Stephen Dunkelberger, 14 N. Eighth St., Shamokin. *Treas.*—Mrs. J. E. Schaefer, Cogan Station, Pa. *Organizing and Junior*—Mrs. J. D. Spaeth, 319 Rural Ave., Williamsport. *Home Mis.*—Mrs. P. R. Wallis. *Coin Cards*—Mrs. C. J. Streich, Shamokin. *Italian Post Cards*—Mrs. A. Wolf. *Lace*—Miss Ella Snyder, Danville, Pa. *Porto Rico and Lace*—Mrs. Lewis Welker, Williams St., Williamsport. *Slav Mis.*—Miss Rose Hess, 339 E. 4th, Williamsport. *Life Membership*—Mrs. H. H. Hassinger, Elizabethtown. *Inner*—Mrs. W. L. Wolfe, Jersey Shore, Pa. *Literature*—Mrs. W. F. Pfeiffer, Selinsgrove, Pa. *Mission Study*—Mrs. W. Z. Artz, Turbotville, Pa. *India*—Mrs. Reuben Ulrich, Selinsgrove, Pa.

POTTSVILLE CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. John Hock, 803 W. Market St., Pottsville, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. Frank L. Brown, Auburn, Pa. *Cor. Sec.*—Miss A. E. Haesler, Orwigsburg, Pa. *Treas.*—Mrs. Geo. Gebert, Tamaqua, Pa. *India Box and Laces*—Mrs. Karsch, Minersville. *Organization*—Miss Mary E. Long, Auburn, Pa. *Home Mis.*—Miss A. E. Haesler, Orwigsburg, Pa. *Literature and Junior*—*Porto Rico*—Mrs. F. L. Brown, Auburn, Pa. *Slovak*—Mrs. Harry Runkle, Auburn, Pa. *Mission Study*—*Italian*—Miss Bessie Zerbe, Tower City, Pa. *Inner Mis.*—Mrs. Thomas Rouse, Pottsville, Pa. *Life Membership*—Mrs. John Hock, 803 W. Market, Pottsville. "Mission Worker"—

AUGUSTANA SYNOD—Organized 1892

Pres.—Mrs. Emmy Evald, 4907 Winthrop Ave., Chicago. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. Carl A. Swenson, Lindsborg, Kan. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. J. W. Landstrom, 5516 Cortez St., Austin, Ill. *Fin. Sec.*—Miss Hannah Highland, 1530 Hamlin Ave., Chicago. *Treas.*—Mrs. Otilia Swanson, 5308 N. Paulina St., Chicago. *Statistician*—Mrs. A. P. Fors, 6206 Peoria St., Chicago. *Historian*—Miss Inga Swenson, 417 Oak St., Chicago.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

Illinois—Mrs. Carl Christenson, 2908 Shakespeare Ave., Chicago. *Kansas*—Mrs. Alma Swenson, Lindsborg, Kan. *Iowa*—Mrs. C. A. Randolph, Boone, Iowa. *Minnesota*—Mrs. Millie Anderson, St. Paul, Minn. *New York*—Mrs. John Johnson, New York City; Mrs. Felix Hansen, Jamestown, N. Y. *Nebraska*—Mrs. J. P. Borg, Wausa, Neb. *California*—Mrs. N. P. Anseen, Oakland, Cal. *Red River Valley*—Mrs. S. W. Swenson, Evansville, Minn. *New England*—Mrs. S. G. Zoungert, Hartford, Conn. *Columbia*—Mrs. G. A. Anderson, Mt. Vernon, Wash. *Superior*—Mrs. C. A. Lundt, Escanaba, Mich. *Canada*—Mrs. J. V. Tengral, Winnipeg, Manitoba. *Mission Districts*—Mrs. S. P. A. Lindahl, Pierson, Fla.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

(Not Listed Under General Council Committees)
Lace Industry (India)—Mrs. J. L. Forch, Jr., 1629 Dover St., Chicago. *Lace Industry (Porto Rico)*—Mrs. Victor Gustafson, 6029 Eberhardt Ave., Chicago. *Secretary for Calendars*—Mrs. J. A. Christenson, 725 Melrose St., Chicago. *Members and Societies*—Mrs. C. E. Hoffsten, 2823 Princeton Ave., Chicago. *Contributing Societies*—Mrs. A. Williamson, 5418 N. Paulina St., Chicago; Mrs. M. Fern, 1623 Farragut Ave., Chicago. *Deaconess Work*—Sister Tillie Jones, 1505 LaSalle Ave., Chicago. *Patron and Protege*—Mrs. A. R. Carlson, 327 1/2 16th Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. *Life Membership and Memoriam*—Mrs. John A. Linn, 925 Winona Ave., Chicago. *Dime Books*—Miss Marie Swenson, 3319 N. Seeley Ave., Chicago. *Post Cards*—Mrs. J. J. Youngren, Austin, Ill. *Missionary Exhibit*—Mrs. Uma Bersell, Rock Island, Ill. *Charlotte Swenson Memorial Fund*—Mrs. Ellen Wickstrand, Salina, Kan. *India Box*—Mrs. C. O. Morland, Madrid, Iowa. *Porto Rico Box*—Mrs. J. T. Olander, Omaha, Neb. *China Box*—Mrs. C. E. Elving, 3540 21st Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. *Northside District Chairman*—Mrs. L. M. Nelson, 4048 N. Harding Ave., Chicago.

Westside District Chairman—Mrs. S. P. Lundgren, 217 Spring Ave., LaGrange, Ill. *Organizing*—Mrs. V. H. Hegstrom, Chicago.

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO—Organized 1901

Pres.—Mrs. W. A. Beates, 333 N. High St., Lancaster, O. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. H. C. Schubert, Miamiesburg, O. *Rec. Sec.*—Miss Alpha Fraunfelder, Lima, O. *R. R. No. 7. Treas.*—Mrs. Howard Smith, 1 Pine St., Zanesville. *Pres. Southwest Conf.*—Mrs. H. F. Fischer, Versailles, O. *Pres. Northern Conf.*—Mrs. G. W. Snell, 2354 Rosewood Ave., Toledo. *Pres. S. E. Conf.*—Mrs. A. L. Harnly, 1524 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O. *India Lace and Thread*—Mrs. F. H. Wolfman, 704 Walbridge Ave., Toledo. *Post Card (Italian)*—Mrs. H. C. Tervehn, 3922 Riverside Ave., Cleveland. *Memorial*—Mrs. H. C. Schubert, Miamiesburg, O. *Mite Boxes*—Miss Eliz. Highland, Amadand. *Seminary*—Miss Mary Stolzenbach, 128 S. Pierce, Lima, O. *Organizing*—Mrs. Chas. Eck, Miamiesburg. *Slav Student Fund*—Mrs. E. A. Trabert, 548 W. Spring, Lima.

SOUTH EASTERN CONFERENCE (Ohio Synod)

Pres.—Mrs. L. A. Harnly, 1524 Miller Ave., Columbus, O. *Sec.*—Mrs. W. H. Bishop, South Zanesville, O. *Treas.*—Mrs. H. A. Frease, Stouts-ville, O.

SOUTH WESTERN CONFERENCE (Ohio Synod)

Pres.—Mrs. H. C. Ter Vehn, Covington, O. *Sec.*—Mrs. C. O. Shupert, 214 E. Central St., Miamiesburg. *Treas.*—Mrs. F. Foote, 236 E. Main St., W. Carrollton.

NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND—Organized 1902

Pres.—Mrs. F. F. Fry, 163 Westminster Road, Rochester, N. Y. *Rec. Sec.*—Miss Minnie D. Lehmann, 410 Hudson Ave., Albany, N. Y. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. F. A. Kaehler, 998 Main St., Buffalo. *Treas.*—Mrs. F. W. H. Becker, 260 Richmond Ave., Buffalo. *Italian*—Mrs. R. B. Fenner, 329 E. 65th St., New York. *Student Work*—Miss Dorothea C. Hess, 621 N. Lefferts Ave., Richmond Hill, L. I.

EASTERN CONF., N. Y. & N. E.—Organized 1907

Pres.—Mrs. Wm. M. Horn, 174 W. 93d, New York. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. R. B. Fenner, 329 E. 65th, New York. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. Louise M. Roepe, 92 Stone Ave., Brooklyn. *Treas.*—Mrs. F. C. Ihlo, 33 E. 127th, New York. *Japan*—Mrs. A. Eckel, 176 W. 106th St., New York. *Church Extension*—Miss A. Hunken, 114 Highland Ave., Orange, N. J. *Student Work*—Miss D. Hess, Hunter College, Foreign and Medical—Mrs. Geo. Sahnape, 238 W. 106th St., New York. *Home Mis.*—Mrs. J. C. Loos, 200 N. Maple Ave., Orange, N. J. *Inner Mis.*—Mrs. J. H. Chalmers, 1028 Trinity Ave., New York. *Slav Work*—Mrs. J. Rohback, 36 St. Ann Ave., Richmond Hill, New York. *Junior*—Mrs. J. Maxwell, 97 W. 163rd St., New York. *Life Membership*—Miss E. D. Smith, 444 Hudson son Ave., Albany, N. Y.

WESTERN CONF., N. Y. & N. E.—Organized 1907

Pres.—Mrs. Herman Brezing, 1010 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y. *Rec. Sec.*—Miss Annette M. Kaehler, 998 Main St., Buffalo. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. F. A. Kaehler, 998 Main St., Buffalo. *Treas.*—Miss Marie Manz, 7 Grant St., Rochester. *Church Ex.*—Miss Eva Meyer, 77 Broadway, Rochester. *Laces and Post Cards*—Miss Lauretta Reeb, 340 Linwood Ave., Buffalo. *Junior*—Mrs. Wm. Henrich, 132 Loring Ave., Buffalo. *Inner Missions*—Mrs. J. L. Sibole, 162 Norwalk Ave., Buffalo. *Rest House Fund*—Mrs. Herman Klages, 515 Columbia St., Utica.

CHICAGO SYNOD—Organized 1908

Pres.—Miss Bertha Ziebarth, Frankfort, Ind. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. John H. Kassa, 417 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Ill. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. H. E. Anderson, 111 Blackhawk St., Aurora, Ill. *Treas.*—Mrs. E. E. Fritz, Decatur, Ill. *Laces and Post Cards*—Miss

LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER

Nellie Quailes, 1951 Fowler St., Chicago, Ill. Exhibit—Mrs. Frank Kling, Hicksville, O.

N. W. SYNOD (Central Conf.)—Organized 1905

Pres.—Mrs. L. F. Gruber, 1213 Hague Ave., St. Paul. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. L. B. Deck, 3012 Twenty-ninth Ave., Minneapolis. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. John Sander, Lindstrom, Minn. *Treas.*—Mrs. S. Stott, 818 Watson Ave., St. Paul. *India Laces*—Mrs. G. H. Trabert, 610 W. Twenty-eighth, Minneapolis.

N. W. SYNOD (Wisconsin Conf.)—Organized 1910

Pres.—Mrs. F. C. Hemsing, 3004 State St., Milwaukee. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. Wm. E. Black, 882 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. T. W. Boyce, 840 Marshall St., Milwaukee. *Treas.*—Mrs. H. Shambow, 417 Elm St., Platteville, Wis.

CENTRAL CANADA—Organized 1909

Pres.—Mrs. J. C. Casselman, 10 Winchester Ave., Westmont, Montreal. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. C. Ludolf, 203 Crawford, Toronto. *Treas.*—Mrs. O. Becker, Williamsburg, Ont. *Seminary*—Mrs. J. Conard, Waterloo, Ont.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD—Organized 1909

Pres.—Mrs. Constance Herbster, Irwin, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Miss Florence Beaver, 56 Harrison St., Greenville, Pa. *Cor. Sec.*—Miss Nell Goehring, Butler, Pa. *Italian Work*—Miss Florence Beaver, Greenville, Pa. *Post Cards*—Miss Rosa Clark, Harmony, Pa. *Slav Mis.*—Miss Clara Klingler, Butler, Pa. *Jewish Work*—Mrs. L. E. Bollinger, Du Bois, Pa. *India Laces*—Miss Jennie Hildebrand, Butler, Pa.

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. C. A. Denning, 4129 Franklin Road, N. S., Pittsburgh. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. J. C. VanNewkirk, R. F. D. 1, Box No. 5, Wilkingsburg, Pa. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. Paul G. Klingler, 3913 Perryville Ave., N. S., Pittsburgh. *Treas.*—Mrs. Anna K. Shanor, 6 Waldorf St., N. S., Pittsburgh. *Life Membership*—Miss Henrietta Bartholomew, 104 Waldorf St., N. S., Pittsburgh. *Mission Worker*—Miss Ella Pfeiffer, R. F. D. No. 1, Wexford, Pa. *Literature*—Mrs. J. C. VanNewkirk, Wilkingsburg, Pa. *Inner Missions*—Mrs. Jacob Ostein, Front St., Verona, Pa. *Mission Study*—Mrs. Ira J. Wallace, 7149 Westmoreland, E. E., Pittsburgh. *Slav*—Mrs. M. E. Groetzing, 601 Highland Ave., Bellevue, Pa. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. B. F. Hankey, 576 Orchard Ave., Bellevue, Pa. *Foreign*—Miss Melissa Johnston, Wind Gap Ave., McKees Rocks. *Italian*—Mrs. H. Klingler, Perryville Ave., N. S., Pittsburgh. *Organizing*—Miss Mary Groff, 1721 Janney St., E. E., Pittsburgh. *Student Aid*—Miss Julia Wattles, 5245 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh.

GREENSBURG CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. J. B. Geissinger, Greensburg, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. L. J. Baker, Latrobe, Pa. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. C. K. McCreary, Greensburg, Pa. *Treas.*—Miss Lucella Ambrose, Ligonier, Pa. *Organizing, Sr.*—Mrs. J. J. Brubeck, Jeannette, Pa. *Organizing, Jr.*—Miss Lucy Potts, Jeannette, Pa. *Mis. Worker*—Mrs. S. E. Lash, W. Newton, Pa. *Lace*—Mrs. John Yount, Uniontown. *Post Cards*—Miss Cora Frye, Delmont, Pa. *Life Mem.*—Mrs. C. K. McCreary, Greensburg, Pa. *Literature*—Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Penn Sta. *Mission Study*—Mrs. Albert B. Ruhe, Greensburg, Pa. *Slav*—Mrs. J. O. Glenn, Irwin, Pa. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. L. J. Baker, Latrobe. *Inner*—Miss Elliz Wallace, Greensburg, Pa.

KITTANNING CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. R. W. Yeane, Evans City, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. Frederick A. Reiter, Leechburg, Pa. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. Franklin P. Bush, Freeport, Pa. *Treas.*—Mrs. Pearl Z. Sharrer, Zellenople, Pa. *Life Membership*—Miss Hanna Orris, Leechburg, Pa. *Mission Worker*—Miss Anna Lindermann,

226 S. Jefferson, Kittanning, Pa. *Home Mis.*—Miss Edna Fisher, 401 N. McKean St., Butler, Pa. *Inner*—Mrs. C. W. White, Zellenople, Pa. *Slav*—Miss Clara Burge, Kittanning, Pa. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. A. W. Hegley, Evans City, Pa. *Organizing*—Mrs. Adam Hoffner, McKean St., Butler, Pa. *India Lace*—Miss Margaret Van Dyke, Freeport, Pa. *Literature, Mis. Study, Junior*—Miss Murtle Truby, Leechburg, Pa. *Student Aid*—Miss Anna McClellan, Lookout Ave., Butler, Pa.

ROCHESTER CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. C. S. Izenour, 543 13th Ave., New Brighton, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Miss Luella Shafer, 462 Virginia Ave., Rochester, Pa. *Treas.*—Mrs. O. W. Lowmiller, Jewett, O. *Literature*—Mrs. C. E. Dozer, Monaca, Pa. *Mission Worker*—Miss Margaret Hendricks, 234 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, O. *Organizing*—Mrs. Jacob Rinck, 30 Evanstown Ave., Cleveland. *For. Mis.*—Mrs. Emma Dershim, Adams St., Rochester, Pa. *Home Mis.*—Miss Anna Scheffler, 4th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. W. C. Skimer, 1334 63d Ave., E. Cleveland. *Inner Mis.*—Mrs. Fred Marquardt, 153 W. Adams, Rochester, Pa. *Slav*—Mrs. E. L. Gibson, New Castle, Pa. *Junior*—Mrs. A. M. Mehrkam, Jefferson St., Rochester, Pa. *Life Membership*—Mrs. John Metzger, 510 Madison Ave., Martins' Ferry, O. *Mission Study*—Mrs. J. L. Miller, 14 Willis Ave., Youngstown, O. *Italian*—Mrs. L. L. Schuhle, Martins' Ferry, O. *Student Aid*—Miss Catherine Shanor, Jewett, O. *India Lace*—Mrs. J. A. Hauck, Jewett, O.

RIDGWAY CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. C. J. Frantz, 128 Pa. Ave., E. Warren. *Sec.*—Mrs. Frank Schott, Johnsonburg, Pa. *Treas.*—Mrs. Chas. Uhler, Renovo, Pa. *Life Membership*—Mrs. C. J. Frantz, Warren, Pa. *Literature*—Mrs. R. D. Roeder, DuBois, Pa. *Mission Worker*—Mrs. Wm. Head, Warren. *Organizing*—Mrs. L. M. Welcksel, Renovo, Pa. *For. Mis.*—Mrs. Carl Gunther, Johnsonburg. *Home Mis.*—Mrs. Henry Delbie, Reynoldsville. *Student Aid*—Miss Mary Heller, DuBois. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. G. H. Grabe, Coudersport. *Inner Mis.*—Mrs. Chas. Uhler, Renovo. *Junior*—Mrs. F. T. Lesser, Ridgway. *India Lace*—Mrs. H. E. Knauff, Renovo.

ERIE CONFERENCE

Pres.—Mrs. E. C. Herman, 717 W. 10th St., Erie, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. Geo. Beaver, 56 Harrison, Greenville, Pa. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. Jerry Benninghoof, Eagle St., Greenville, Pa. *Treas.*—Mrs. Richard W. Peters, 2905 Walnut St., Erie. *Literature*—Mrs. Frank S. Beistel, College Ave., Greenville, Pa. *Home Mis.*—Miss Elta Frederick, 17 Leonise Ave., Greenville, Pa. *For. Mis.*—Miss Nelda Schutz, 277 Park Place, Meadville, Pa. *Inner Mis.*—Mrs. J. O. Hirtzler, 243 West 11th St., Erie, Pa. *Slav Mis.*—Mrs. G. A. Benze, 123 West 23rd St., Erie, Pa. *Porto Rico*—Mrs. W. Yelsley, Sherrard Ave., Greenville, Pa. *Life Membership*—Mrs. S. C. Brown, 451 West 10th St., Erie, Pa. *Organizing*—Mrs. W. S. Leaughaus, Columbia and Ridge Aves., Greenville, Pa. *Mission Study*—Miss Keturah G. Kepple, 26 Eagle St., Greenville, Pa. *Italian*—Miss Frances M. Beaver, 56 Harrison St., Greenville, Pa. *India Laces*—Mrs. F. W. Hirt, 1016 Wayne St., Erie, Pa. *Student Aid*—Mrs. H. H. Harman, Plum St. and 1st Ave., Greenville, Pa.

PACIFIC SYNOD—Organized 1906

Pres.—Mrs. Levi Koch, Mt. Vernon, Wash. *Rec. Sec.*—Mrs. P. W. Fredericks, 4302 E. Forty-fifth St., Seattle, Wash. *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. C. O. Hausen, Vancouver, B. C. *Treas.*—Mrs. Emil Meyer, 215 Delmas Ave., San Jose, Cal.

NOVA SCOTIA—Organized June, 1912

Pres.—Mrs. Arthur L. Ernst, Mahone Bay, N. S. P. O. Box 96. *Rec. Sec.*—Miss Margaret Mosher, Box 353, Lunenburg, N. S. *Cor. Sec.*—Miss Etta Smeltzer, Mahone Bay. *Treas.*—Mrs. W. K. Hauser, Lunenburg, N. S.