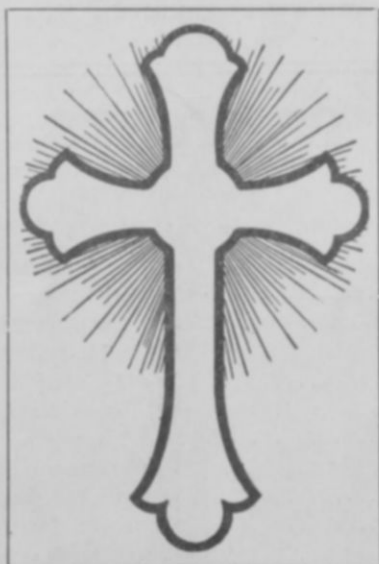


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## The Historic Year in Retrospect



### OUR GREAT CELEBRATIONS

Past weeks have rung with exultation. The cities of the land have been moved. Eloquence and song have joined to lift the multitudes to heights where souls could mingle in grateful rejoicings. The days have been uplifting. The dread solemnities of the war seemed but the dark cloud out of whose awful depths the voice of God spoke of the mighty works of marching years. The portentous doings of four hundred years ago resound in the rumblings of the world-struggle today. Alas, that so much of the upward march of man must be by paths of red. The majestic soul of gratitude for God's gifts spoke its appreciation of the heritage of the centuries, and its understanding of the grave responsibility now resting on the heirs. A great past demands a mighty present.

Philadelphia very properly stood out most prominently in these days. God had signalized the dear old city in the Church, long before He let her send forth the declaration of the new nation's independence. The General Council celebrated its fiftieth anniversary by unanimously resolving to merge with the General Synod and the United Synod of the South, provided the district Synods constituting these Bodies shall so decide. The merger cannot be

effected for a year. The great musical festival in the Academy of Music, crowded with the many thousands, was not only strong and worthy, but thrilling. The magnificent scale upon which all arrangements were made was in keeping with the great occasion, and Philadelphia Lutherans and more especially the General Committees deserve the praise they received. The celebrations were heaped up; 400 years of the Reformation; 200 years since Pastor Anthony Jacob Henkel came as first pastor to Germantown and founded an illustrious family of Lutheran leaders in America. A memorial tablet was unveiled to him in old St. Michael's Church, Germantown, where his remains are buried. It was 175 years since the arrival of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg and a beautiful bronze statue of the patriarch was unveiled on the seminary grounds at Mount Airy. The General Council's fifty years and the merger made other historic features. Added to this was the wonderful gathering of our Lutheran women of the Council in missionary convention in old St. John's, the first English Lutheran Church in America. In such a whirl do you wonder that the delegates felt dizzy? The Lord hath done great things for us. Will we do great things for Him?

## Our Fourth Biennial Convention

*Held in the Historic Old St. John's, Philadelphia, October 25-29, 1917*

The Convention opened with solemn confessional service and Communion, administered by Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., pastor of the Church. Miss Zoe I. Hirt, president of the Society, sounded in her report the keynote of deep gratitude for the rich heritage of the past and of renewed consecration to the great task before the Church today. She prefaced her report as follows:

"In preparation for the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910, eight representative international Commissions each spent nearly two years making scientific investigations of the most pressing and vital problems of Christian missions. Then, for ten days, 1,200 men and women from all over the world

met in the great Convention and gave the closest attention to the reports of the Commissions. Dr. John R. Mott was chairman of the Commission for carrying the Gospel to all the non-Christian world, and this is a quotation from his report: 'If the situation now confronting the Church throughout the world does not lead men to larger consecration, and to prompt and aggressive effort, it is difficult to imagine what more God can do to move the Church to perform its missionary duty, unless it be to bring upon it a great calamity.'

"And at the close of the Conference the following message was sent to the members of the Church in all Christian lands: 'The next ten years will in all probability constitute a

turning point in human history, and may be of more critical importance in determining the spiritual evolution of mankind than many centuries of ordinary experience. If these years are wasted, havoc may be wrought that centuries are not able to repair. On the other hand, if they are rightly used they may be among the most glorious in Christian history.' During the first three and a half years of this decade great missionary organizations pressed forward enthusiastically with the motto: 'The World for Christ in this Generation!' Then came August, 1914, bringing the frightful cataclysm in Europe, which from its beginning has worked havoc with plans for missionary progress and brought confusion and disorganization to many long established mission stations. And, finally, in spite of our hopes and our prayers, Good Friday, 1917, brought to us in America the climax of calamity. All now looks dark and menacing. Some are crying out against God, declaring that Christianity has proven a dismal failure as a world principle. But down in his heart every Christian knows that all the fault lies with the erring children of men, who have persistently tried to serve both God and mammon. It is emphatically not the religion of Christ that has broken down at this crisis, but the prevailing misconception substituted for its divine demands. The War of the Nations calls us back to the Prince of Peace, and impels us with unexampled power to accept the full import of His teaching as the only hope of the race, to carry forward His royal banners and establish the reign of good-will to all mankind. We meet to participate in the celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the organization of our great Evangelical Lutheran Church. As we review the events which brought about the reconstruction of the Church of Christ in the sixteenth century, we lift our heads in pride and our hearts in gratitude. We rejoice again when we mark how the faith of our fathers has spread throughout the world until we number a host of more than seventy million souls. But our hearts are in a turmoil of conflicting emotions. We exult in our history. We give thanks to God for His guiding hand and manifold blessings since the day He brought us out of the bondage of Rome. We wonder if we have lived up to our responsibility as custodians of a pure faith? We resent the attacks that are made upon our Church by her enemies, who are using the war as an occasion. We find comfort in Christ's words, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

She spoke of the marvelous development of our General Council Missionary Society in its short life, and remarked God's abundant blessing upon every sincere effort. She touched with sadness upon the losses by death of faithful co-laborers, Mrs. Oakleaf, of Moline; Mrs. Haring, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Steinbicker, of New York, and Mrs. Reeb, of Buffalo. She paid eloquent tribute to the efficient management of our Literature Department, including the *Mission Worker*, by Mrs. Charles L. Fry, and exulted over the progress of her work. Her recommendations are embodied in the Resolutions adopted by the Convention.

Miss Hirt presided over all the meetings of the following days. One great mass meeting was arranged for the Convention and offered rich inspiration in its addresses. No listener in the crowded Church was untouched by the fervor and fire of appeals from two mission fields, one by Miss Mellander, of Porto Rico, and "Japan's Macedonian Cry to the Church of the Reformation," by Mr. Hajimi Inadomi, of Roanoke College, late of Japan. Mr. Inadomi, himself a product of Danish missions in Japan, spoke a ringing challenge to the Church with an open Bible, a living faith and a power to accomplish, to "come over" and help Japan through darkness to light. Mrs. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., closed the meeting with a forceful address on "The Price of Missionary Advance."

The Convention program offered much that is worthy of note. Three mission study periods were provided. "Missionary Milestones," by Mrs. Margaret Seebach, was conducted by the author; "Protest and Progress," by Rev. Carolus P. Harry, conducted by the author, and a Junior Class Conference on "African Adventures" and "The Bearers of the Cross," led by Mrs. Cronk. In an address on "Women of the Reformation," Mrs. Seebach told the charming story of Argulla, a Reformation heroine.

The business of the Convention was crowded with reports and considerations of utmost interest and significance. Every field of women's activity in the Church was presented in report and appeal. Without exception every department showed fine growth and activity. A total of \$132,134.48 was reported by constituent synodical societies as given in the past biennium to mission interests of the Church. The adult membership reported is 27,345.

The news of the passing of the merger by the General Council was received by the Convention with joy, as was also the passing of the resolution to admit women to voice and vote on Mission Boards. Enthusiastic action was taken, pledging hearty support of the new commission on war work. Dr. Weller and

Chaplain Keever were welcome speakers on the subject. A gift of \$5,000 for the work of the commission was presented by one woman. The plan to co-operate in the support of the Union Medical College for Girls at Vellore, India, was heartily endorsed, and \$1,000 pledged annually. It will assure to our Rajahmundry mission a good training school for native women doctors, through whom must eventually come the solution of the medical question in our India field. The Commission from the Virgin Islands brought a strong plea for women workers and co-operation in that field. Special opportunities are offered in the work already begun by the Danish Church for deaconesses and teachers. To this new field the Convention pledged its earnest interest and support. 132 delegates and 472 visitors shared in the rich proceedings of the Convention. Fresh realization of the part the Lutheran Church of America has to perform in the transformation of the future has come to every woman present, and a fresh consecration to the great work entailed. May the inspiration of a great task carry us far toward its accomplishment.

#### WOMAN'S SPHERE IN THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The agreement was unanimous in the General Council, at its recent Convention, that the presence of women representing the Missionary Societies on the Mission Boards would be advantageous to the Church's work. Sentiment was divided on the question as to whether such women representatives should be entitled to full privileges of membership in the Boards, including the right of discussion and vote? When the yeas and nays were called on this question, by a rising test-vote, a majority of the General Council delegates were in favor of giving to the women the right of vote in the respective Boards, provided there be no legal hindrance to taking this forward step.

Mrs. Annette S. Woll, president of the Philadelphia Conference Missionary Society, and Miss Mary A. Miller, chairman of the Committee on Medical Work in India, were present when the question was discussed and voted upon on the floor of the Council. At the close of the debate they expressed the appreciation of the missionary women for this mark of recognition and confidence.

#### LUTHERAN MISSIONARY HYMNAL

A unanimous affirmative vote was passed also that permission be granted to publish under separate and inexpensive cover, that choice selection of missionary hymns found in our new Church Book. A manual of this character would prove of valuable service at the meetings of our Societies held in private homes or any-

where else. It is not easy to carry a dozen Church Books from place to place, and even for the regular monthly meeting in the Sunday School room or Parish House, the Missionary Society will be most willing to pay the small cost of purchasing whatever number of these booklets are needed.

#### OTHER VALUED FAVORS

Another much appreciated courtesy of the General Council was its incorporating the full printed program of our Biennial Convention with its own, in one and the same beautiful souvenir booklet.

Our women also appreciated the Council's holding no session on the evening of our missionary mass meeting, which enabled its delegates to join with us on that occasion, when old St. John's Church was filled to the limit of its capacity. The official greeting of the Council was presented by its president, Dr. Schmauk.

These signal marks of increased favor and good-will so cordially extended by the General Council, at this its last Convention prior to the merger, into the United Lutheran Church of America, is an omen which we regard as a welcome indication that it will be the future policy of the United Lutheran Church to make a place for representative women on each of its Mission Boards, and give them scope and opportunity for rendering their best possible service to their Church.

LAURA F. FRY.

#### ACTION TO BE REPRESENTED

Whereas, the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council has for many years labored faithfully to aid in the work of the various Mission Boards, and has demonstrated the necessity of close co-operation between the Boards and this Society, and

Whereas, its helpfulness has at times been much hampered through lack of full information and close touch with the needs and operations of the various fields; therefore, in order to increase its usefulness and helpfulness, be it

Resolved, that we respectfully request the General Council to permit our Society to make nominations of its members for presentation to the delegates of the General Council for election to full and voting membership on the various Mission Boards, and be it

Resolved, that this society also respectfully request the General Council to recommend to the United Lutheran Church of America, that the same privilege be accorded to the United Women's Missionary Societies, when the women's missionary societies of the various general bodies merging into the United Lutheran Church shall be organized.

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THE NATION'S CALL IS A CALL TO ARMS  
 THE CHURCH'S CALL IS A CALL TO ALMS  
 THIS CONVENTION WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE LATTER CALL

## Our Biennial Convention Resolutions

At an hour in the world's history as solemn and impressive as this, we are confronted with the importance of the work of the Church of Christ, and the great part Christianity must play if our nation is to lead in bringing in the reign of peace and righteousness throughout the world.

Since our last Convention, the hopes cherished in the hearts of the American people that we might not be drawn into the dreadful conflict have been dashed to pieces. Hearts and homes are saddened as the choice young men of our nation are called to the defense of our country's honor. Realizing that our nation has never needed the light of the Gospel message as at the present time, we do hereby resolve:

### Our Reasonable Service

1. That we bow in deep gratitude that the blessed light of this Gospel still is ours, and present ourselves anew a living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service.

### Standard of Efficiency

2. That we make it our aim and earnest effort to reach the high standard of efficiency so well embodied in our president's report, determined, with divine help, to make the next Biennium more successful than the one now passing into history.

### Enthusiastic Approval of the Merger

3. That with hearts overflowing with fervent thanksgiving to God, we do hereby put on record, by a rising vote, our unbounded joy over the unanimous adoption of the proposed MERGER, by the General Synod and the General Council, and of the favorable prospect of its being adopted by the United Synod South in the very near future. We are glad for whatever influence our societies have been able to exert, in the Church at large, to bring about this long-hoped-for unity. We pledge our utmost effort to further the enlarged missionary plans of the United Lutheran Church in America.

To this end we hold ourselves in eager readiness to join forces with our sisters in the General Synod and in the United Synod South.

We rejoice that our coming into personal touch with the workers of other denominations has had the concrete result of inspiring the textbook, "Missionary Milestones," which we recommend as a book for study in all our missionary societies. We feel that such contact with other denominations helps us to better perspective and a fuller appreciation of our own work and its problems.

7. That we comply with the request of our Board of English Home Missions and endeavor to raise \$6,000 per annum for the Women's Field Missionary Fund.

### Mission Study

4. Realizing the value of Mission Study and missionary information, we urgently recommend the organization of Mission Study Classes in every congregation, and we pledge ourselves to assist in this work in every possible way. We recommend that especial effort be made to reach the homes of all our people with our literature.

### Six-Year Home Mission Program

5. That our societies put forth every effort to assist the Board of English Home Missions in carrying out the Six-Year Home Mission Program.

### Field Missionary Fund

6. It is the sense of this body that all money raised by the women's missionary societies for the General Council Field Missionary Fund be over and above the local congregational apportionment.

### Pacific Seminary

8. We recommend that our members contribute toward the support of the Theological Seminary on the Pacific Coast.

### Slav Work

9. We recommend to the Synodical Conference and congregational societies the importance of caring for the foreigner in the home field.

(a) By contributing liberally toward the Slav Student Fund. (For every \$300 raised for this purpose we can send a Slav student to college for a year.)

(b) By increasing the Slav Church Extension Fund, which will give the Lutheran foreigner a church home.

### The Inner Mission

10. We urge the necessity of an Inner Mission Committee in each local society to deepen the interest of all congregations in this work. To insure progress we recommend that more literature be provided and distributed, making personal appeals to the hearts of all Lutherans and arousing their sense of responsibility in regard to this important work.

### Foreign Missionaries

11. That we express to our foreign missionaries our sympathy because of the increased burdens placed upon them in these trying times. Our hearts go out to the workers in India especially, and we pray that the time may not be far distant when those waiting here, who have been prepared and commissioned, may be permitted to go to their chosen field of service. We earnestly pray that a physician may soon be secured to relieve Dr. Nilsson.

We ask the prayers of all our people for

Dr. Betty Nilsson and her work, that strength may be given to her for the mighty burden she is now carrying. We also suggest that a Christmas message of cheer be sent from this Convention to all our missionaries in foreign fields. We should redouble our efforts to support our foreign work.

#### Union Medical College, Vellore, India

12. We recommend that the Synodical organizations of the General Council raise \$1,000 each year for the Women's Medical College at Vellore, India.

#### The Lutheran Church in the Virgin Islands

13. We recommend to our Societies a study of the needs of the Lutheran Church in the Virgin Islands, recently purchased by the United States from Denmark, so that the necessary funds and workers may be provided to carry forward in this field the work hitherto cared for by the Lutheran Church of Denmark.

#### Deaconess Work

14. We urge the synodical societies to appoint chairmen for arousing interest in deaconess work throughout conference and local societies, calling the attention of capable and qualified young women to the importance of choosing this noble work as their life's calling.

#### Life Memberships and In Memorials

15. In view of the fact that the financial assets of the General Council Society depend almost entirely upon the Life Membership and In Memoriam Department, and recognizing the absolute necessity of meeting the expenses, for clerical assistance and housing of the Literature Department, and for printing and distributing free literature for the various departments, we recommend that during the next Biennium, each local conference, and synodical society, be urged to give practical support to this Department, counting it a binding missionary obligation to contribute at least one membership to the Honor Roll.

#### Missionary Exhibit

16. We recommend the use of the Missionary Exhibit, wherever practicable, in order to give this educational advantage to as many as it is possible to reach.

#### Junior Work

17. We recommend that Juniors be given the opportunity to take part in the programs of Conference and Synodical meetings.

#### Junior Statistical Blanks

18. That the Junior Committee be authorized to prepare more satisfactory statistical blanks.

#### The Children's Nurse

19. That the Juniors continue to support Miss Anna Rohrer.

#### Northwest Synodical

20. Since there are now three Conference Societies within the Synod of the Northwest, we recommend the organization of a Synodical Society.

#### Home Department

21. We recommend the establishment of a Home Department, and the selection of a chairman to look after this important work.

#### Advisory Members of Executive Committee

22. We instruct the Executive Committee to add advisory members. They shall at no time exceed ten in number, and shall be women fitted through long and faithful service in the missionary activities of the Church, to help and advise in all that is undertaken by this Body. These members shall have the right to vote in the Executive Committee, which body shall nominate and elect them biennially.

#### National Lutheran War Commission

23. That we endorse the work of the National Lutheran War Commission, and will help vigorously the work among the men in camp and on battlefield; that we urge all Synodical and Conference Societies to co-operate with this commission in providing for our sons and brothers both spiritually and temporally; that we express our appreciation of the generous gifts that have started this work. We pledge our earnest co-operation in all constructive efforts to bring this great war to a just issue. We encourage our women to give their enthusiastic support to the efforts of our Government for the conservation and control of food supplies, and all agencies which promote the welfare of our soldiers and sailors. We pray that the men who have gone out from our Lutheran Churches may be found courageous and chivalrous, strong and heroic, pure, temperate, manly and just. We beseech God to defend them in all danger, and save them from temptation.

#### Prayer Services

24. We call upon all Lutheran women wherever and whenever assembled, as long as the war lasts, to unite in prayer that God may keep our men on land and sea; that He may preserve them in body and soul, teaching them to rely on Him as their tower of strength in time of need, and that God may grant unto us all the blessings of a speedy, honorable and lasting peace.

**DISCUSS EACH RESOLUTION AT THE MONTHLY  
MISSIONARY MEETING**

## Our Guests

25. We realize the inspiration due to the presence of returned missionaries, Miss Mae Mellander, of Porto Rico, and Miss Jessie Brewer, of India; Mr. and Mrs. Sipes, of India; Rev. and Mrs. Wold, Norwegian Lutheran missionaries from China; Rev. Helweg Larsen and Mr. MacFarlane, of the Virgin Islands; Rev. Gundersen, from the Soudan; Mrs. Kuder, lately returned from India; Miss Ione Bonner, commissioned for service in India. The addresses of Dr. Schmauk, Dr. Ramer, Dr. Weller, Chaplain Keever, Rev. C. K. Fegley, Rev. C. P. Harry, Dr. F. F. Fry, Rev. George Drach, Mr. Hajime Inadomi, of Japan; Mrs. E. C. Cronk and Mrs. Margaret Seebach, all contributed to the success of our Convention. Greetings from the women of the General Synod, through Mrs. J. F. Hartman, and from the United Synod South, through Mrs. W. F. Morehead, from Miss Sallie Protzman, as well as letters from Mrs. T. H. Dahl, of the Norwegian Federation of Women's Societies; Mrs. Krechting, and the visitors from the Joint Synod of Ohio, were all appreciated.

26. That this body send to Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, our co-worker, a message expressing our esteem, our appreciation of her work, and our regret at her inability to be present at this Convention, together with a suitable gift expressive of our love.

## Our Hosts and Hostesses

27. We express our deep appreciation of the splendid entertainment we have received at the hands of the good people of this city. We extend our sincere thanks to the Women's Missionary Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and to the Women's Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Conference, to the pastor and good people of this beautiful and historic church which has been placed at our disposal. One and all who have contributed to the success and pleasure of this Convention, we thank by a rising vote.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. G. RUFF,

MRS. C. L. ECKMAN,  
MISS LORETTA REEB.

## BIENNIUM FINANCES

## RECEIPTS.

Life Membership and In Memoriam	\$3,310.00
Medical Student Fund	965.95
Synodical Society Dues	143.00
College Student Secretary	105.00
Miss Schade's 25th Anniversary Fund	282.27
Pacific Seminary Professor Salary Fund	75.00
Miss Anna Rohrer (children's nurse)	36.49
Rest House in India	126.75
Bible Woman in India	28.00
Rorto Rico	5.00
Specials, Foreign	20.00
Slav	20.00
Port Secretary (Salary)	22.50
Interest	33.63
Rock Island Convention	113.55
Total	\$5,292.14
Balance in Treasury September 10, 1915	831.17
Grand Total	\$6,123.31

## DISBURSEMENTS

Business Manager	\$1,320.00
Berger Brothers, Printing	872.02
Rental of Headquarters	778.50
Medical Student	300.00
College Student Secretary	148.15
Officers and Speakers (Traveling)	171.23
Officers' and Chairmen's Supplies	169.73
Rock Island Convention	46.68
Membership Pins	75.00
Council of Women for Home Missions	100.00
Women's Board of Foreign Missions	25.00
Federation (Special)	3.00
Summer School at Chambersburg	5.00
Life Membership and In Memoriam Committee	192.16
Refunded to Mrs. L. K. Sandford, Ch.	45.00
Miss Agnes I. Shade Fund, with interest	288.50
Miss Anna Rohrer	36.49
Rest House	126.75
Bible Woman	28.00
Specials, Foreign	20.00
Slav	25.00
Port Secretary	32.20
Total	\$4,813.41

LAURA V. KECK,  
Treasurer.

## MRS. JENSEN'S CONDENSED STATISTICS

MEMBER	FOR WORK AWAY FROM HOME	SOCIETY	TOTALS
Seniors, 32,014; Juniors, 4,320.	9. India	Ministerium of Penha.	\$34,986.23
FOR WORK AT HOME	10. China	Augustana	47,919.16
1. Home Missions	11. Japan	Ohio—1 year	3,090.91
2. Church Extension	12. Hospital and Medical	N. Y. and N. Eng.	21,492.86
3. Slav and Hungarian	13. India Boxes	Chicago	2,299.20
4. Italian	14. Children's Nurse	Northwest	3,893.01
5. Inner Mission	15. Education Medical	Pittsburgh	15,414.97
6. Life Membership	16. Missionaries	Central Canada	1,950.38
7. In Memoriam	17. Education College	Pacific—1 year	363.71
8. Porto Rico	Students	Nova Scotia	713.85
	Miscellaneous	Grand Total	\$132,134.48



# The Foreign Field



## OUR MEDICAL WORK IN INDIA

The medical work in India, which has always been the special care of our Women's Missionary Societies, seems at the present time to be in greater need of help than any other branch of the work. Dr. Betty Nilsson is working *alone* in our Hospital, and is almost discouraged because the prospect of an assistant is so very slender. The Foreign Board and our women have tried in all directions to find a graduate physician to send, but so far they have had no success. They have prayed long and earnestly that the right woman for this important post might be found, but I fear there is something amiss with our petitions. It may be, as Dr. Nilsson herself wrote, "that we have leaned too much on our own wisdom to choose, and strength to provide. The work is the Lord's. We must not let it bring shame instead of glory upon the cause for which it stands. Perhaps fasting and sacrifice are needed here. Let us have faith in God to show us the way."

Our prayer must be more constant and importunate, and if fasting and sacrifice are needed, we should be willing to give ourselves to them. While there seems no hope for the immediate future, we have hope for the more distant future. Miss Bertha Anderson, of Denver, Col., has offered herself as a student of medicine. She hopes next year to enter medical college. We are more than pleased, for Miss Anderson seems in all respects fitted for the work. We pray that God may give her His blessing and strength for this work. Our part will be her support, and let us not be lacking in gifts for this purpose. Another hope for the future is the Medical College for native girls, in Vellore, India. This is a great hope. We will raise our \$1,000 a year for the maintenance of this College, and if each woman will do a little it will not be a difficult task. The Board has approved the plan and the General Council has unanimously sanctioned our participation in the inter-denominational movement to support the college. All branches of our work in India will require all the assistance we can give them, particularly as we must help care for missions in the Jeypore District now, as well as our own. But we must not forget Japan, where we own no buildings as yet, and where many will be needed. We have done little for Japan in the past. Let us strive to do more in the future.

MARY A. MILLER, *Chairman.*

## A FORWARD STEP IN MEDICAL MISSIONS Woman's Union Medical College, Vellore, India

We have talked much and often of the need of physicians in India to help Dr. Betty Nilsson in her work there. We have tried in vain to secure even one woman physician to go to her assistance, and we have not yet found a student of medicine upon whom we can depend to go later. We will continue our search for both graduate physician and student, for we must always have at the head of our medical work American Lutheran women. But if the work is to continue and increase, we must depend mainly on the native women to do the bulk of it.

To have such native doctors we must have a Medical College in India to educate them. In the whole of the southern part of India there was not one Woman's Medical College until last July, when one was started in Vellore, a town near Madras, in a district of the country under the care of the Dutch Reformed people. There a plot of ground was given for the purpose, and money secured for a building.

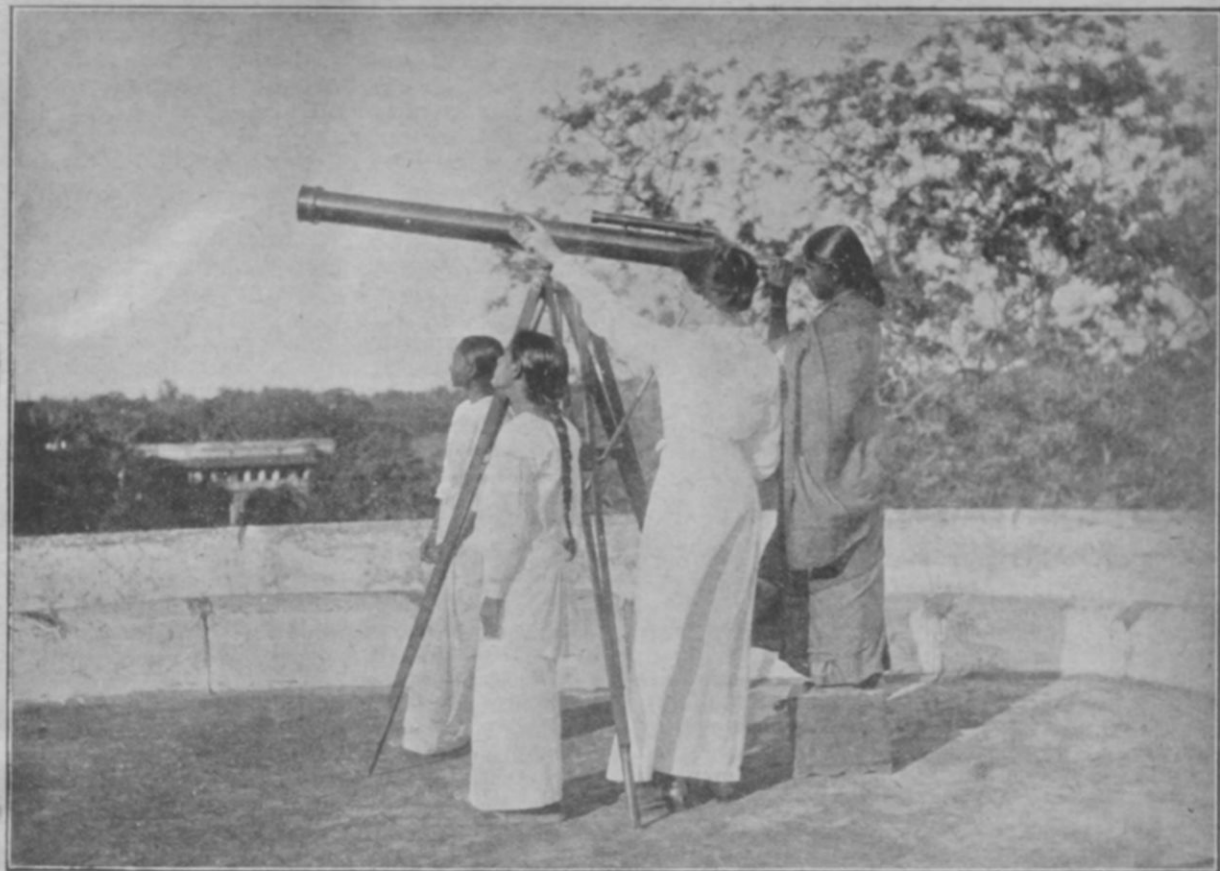
Any Protestant denomination working in that part of India may share the benefits of this College, and have its native girls educated there by contributing \$1,000 a year. We surely are in great need of this help. At our recent biennial convention it was decided to request the members of our Synodical Societies to raise this sum each year, as a special offering, not to be credited to the *apportionment* of the Churches.

This can be done if each woman belonging to our many Societies will give ten cents a year. But each and every woman must give her share, if we are to raise the sum needed to train native women doctors to help in our hospitals and dispensaries.

Since the College opened last July, our payments must start from that date. This means we aim to secure the \$1,000 for the first year by January, 1918.

If all will join in this movement at once, success will be assured, and we Lutherans will be able to join with the other denominations from the beginning of this work, and derive the benefits from it.

Money for this purpose will be called the Vellore College Fund, and must be sent through the Conference and Synodical Societies direct to Miss Laura V. Keck, 722 Walnut Street, Allentown, Pa.



(Courtesy of "Central Committee on United Study of Foreign Missions.")

#### STAR-GAZING ON THE ROOF OF THE MADRAS COLLEGE FOR INDIA'S YOUNG WOMEN

This picture is eloquent of the attitude of Christian women in India. We are helping to bring near to them the stars of the future.

For nearly fifty years women's boards of missions, representing all the larger denominations in America, have maintained schools for girls in India. These were at first primary day schools. Later higher Boarding Schools were established until a chain of them now extends over India.

Then followed a growing hope of college training for women. That India women are capable of higher education, that they seek it eagerly and make wise use of it, has been proved beyond question. The Women's College at Madras is Christian in its ideals, but open to all, Christians and non-Christians alike.

Now comes the next step in the evolution, the establishment of the long awaited, sorely needed Union Woman's Medical College at Vellore, India, to be affiliated with the University of Madras, and to be governed by co-operative boards on a basis similar to the College for Women, Madras.

#### FROM THE CHILDREN'S NURSE

To the Boys and Girls in the Mission Bands  
My Dear Little Friends:

I have told you before about the boys and girls who come to our Sunday School here in India. Now, I want to tell you about those who come to our hospital. For you are really helping to take care of them, you see.

We have quite a large hospital. Now there are 35 sick persons here—babies, little boys and girls, and women. There is one little Christian boy whose name is Paul. He has fever and sometimes is very ill, but he is always so brave and good that we feel that he deserves the noble name he has.

Then last week Margaret came. She was studying in the Girls' Boarding School, and now she has typhoid fever and is very sick. She is a Christian, too. We ask God to make her well again, so that she may grow to be a woman and tell others of His love.



THE CHILDREN'S NURSE HOLDING IN HER ARMS ONE OF YOUR CUTE LITTLE BROWN COUSINS IN INDIA

Two weeks ago a very sad thing happened. The man who drives the hospital carriage is a Christian. His name is Jacob. He had a dear little baby girl, who was just learning to creep. In their little houses they do not have stoves as you do, but just a few stones on which they put their pots, with a few sticks beneath. The mother was busy preparing the meal, and did not notice little Chandra Liela, the baby, who crept near the fire, caught the pot with her little hand and was burned. They brought her to the hospital at once, but she died that night. Jacob, the father, was baptized two years ago. He cannot read or write, but he loves the Lord Jesus, and so he was comforted, saying: "She has gone to be with Jesus."

## The Macedonian Cry From Japan

VOICED AT OUR PHILADELPHIA MASS MEETING BY MR. HAYIME INADOMI, A NATIVE JAPANESE STUDENT PREPARING, IN ROANOKE COLLEGE, FOR THE LUTHERAN MINISTRY

One day, about nine years ago, a little Christian boy was intently thinking about his heavenly home. He was thinking of the great joy of living together with Christ in that beautiful kingdom above. That night he dreamed a dream, so boyish, yet a dream that he never can forget. In heaven he saw Jesus our Saviour. "I am so glad and so thankful for all Thou hast done for me," said he, with overflowing joy. "For giving me eternal peace and joy! And I came here to live with Thee, forever and ever. Of course I can see Peter and John and Luther, can I not?" But he beheld Jesus shedding tears. "My boy," said He, "are your father and mother Christians? If you are so thankful for all that I have done for you,

About a year ago his little boy died, and then his neighbors said: "The gods are angry because he is a Christian, and they took his child away." But he did not listen to their words, only paid more earnest attention when the Bible was taught, and prayed to God.

A poor little baby boy was brought to the hospital last week. I told the mother to give him a drink, but she said: "Oh, no; he must not drink water when he has fever! He will get worse!" So you see, many boys and girls suffer very much when they are sick. Sometimes, too, they will not allow sick persons to sleep. Someone stands by the cot all the time, beating a drum to rouse them. Of course, when they come to the hospital they must do as we tell them, so that many times the poor, weary body rests and gets well.

The other day a little boy came to the dispensary with his mother. She told him to tell us about God. I will tell you what he said: "There is one God. We must worship Him. We must not lie or steal, or say bad words. We must pray to Him every day. If we do that He will save us." You see, his mother is an educated woman, but she does not believe in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Will you ask God to bless these boys and girls, and send more missionaries to teach them of His Son.

In the picture you see a happy little baby. The mother is standing beside me, happy, too, because the Dorisani is having her picture taken with her baby. Dear little babies like this one are growing up to become men and women who worship idols, instead of the true God. Even for such little ones our Saviour died on the Cross.

ANNA ROHBER,  
Rajahmundry, India.

do you not wish that all the millions of people who have never heard My name, even a single time, may know that I died for them, too? My boy, go back and tell the good news to others before I call you to your rest." It was very hard to go down to the sinful world from the City of God, but next morning that boy found a new meaning in life.

When I visit you here, at this missionary gathering, I hear again what Jesus said nine years ago to that boy. Constrained by the love of God you have gladly made many sacrifices for Christ and for us. Obeying the command of Jesus Christ, you have sent us missionaries of the Cross, and it is hardly possible for me to express in words how grateful we are for

your Christian love and prayer. But at the same time, my friends, I hear just now the cry coming from the millions and hundreds of millions in the East who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ, "Come over and help us." And in their behalf and in behalf of Jesus Christ whom I love and whom you love, I bring you Japan's Macedonian cry.

For the past fifty years we Japanese people have paid attention to commerce and civilization. We said: "We won't have an ignorant people. We want education. We want steamships and automobiles and all things that make wealth." Today Japan is regarded as a civilized nation. But at the same time we have neglected our spiritual life. The Japanese young men and women are losing their power to resist temptation. They are losing the sacrificial spirit which their forefathers had. They are becoming more selfish and greedy to become rich and strong. Ah, my friends, Japan may have made a great mistake in the past, but she is coming to realize that we cannot have a strong nation without religion. We Japanese are striving to transform ourselves from darkness into light, from slavery into freedom, and what we need is power. Of course, our leaders say we have Buddhism, we have Confucianism. They have their philosophies, but they cannot give us power. Buddhism has no idea of a personal Saviour. The sense of the need of a

personal Saviour is growing even among Buddhists, especially the Reformed Buddhists. So often your countrymen have crossed over the ocean and have preached us a gospel of socialism, of arts and science, of education, of higher criticism, of international peace, but the Gospel we need in Japan today is *the* Gospel, the only Gospel—Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son.

Come over into Japan and give us Jesus Christ. The cry came from Macedonia. There was a great missionary, St. Paul, who responded to that call. When I bring this Macedonian cry from Japan, from the heathen world of the East, what shall the response be? Is there any St. Paul in the United States of America? The Church that can respond to the call of the heathen world today must be the Church that takes its position in the heart of the Bible. We are tired of mere speculative thought of man. We are tired of man-made doctrines. We are seeking something upon which we can stand forever. About four hundred years ago a great reformer said, "Here I stand." But I ask you where was he standing? He was standing right in the heart of the Bible. And today the heathen world needs a Church that will stand right in the heart of the Bible, because that Church alone can give a peaceful and unshakable dwelling for our souls.

## Porto Rico and Latin America

CONVENTION ADDRESS BY MISS MAE C. MELLANDER

When we speak of the Reformation of the sixteenth century and the Transformation of the twentieth, so far as Porto Rico and Latin America are concerned, the connecting link is the open Bible, which was brought to our shores by our forefathers. In the lands to the south of us, the pioneers did not come with the open Bible, to organize and build homes. They came to conquer, not to colonize. And so today in South America we find millions in almost the same condition as if they were living in the Middle Ages. It brings us to the realization, as never before, of the great and wonderful privilege which we have of doing a work for these people who are looking to us for help. What does it mean when we say we in North America have one pastor preaching the Gospel to every 622 people? In South America there is one to every 156,000. In the Argentine Republic, where we now have Pan-Lutheran work begun, there is one Protestant pastor for every 102,000. In Venezuela, one to more than 900,000; in Brazil one to 233,000. So we might go on telling of the pitiful dearth of pastors preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, of a living

Christ and not a dead Christ. Why should the women of South America be forgotten when we remember the women of other countries? The majority of the people, unfortunately, have drifted away entirely, and instead of being at all under the influence of the Church, are drifting farther and farther, until they are becoming atheists. The door is now wide open, but are we ready to enter? Should we not make it our object when we are celebrating this 400th anniversary? Should we not make the coming year a year of consecration for this work, in a way which we have never thought of before?

I might take all the time allowed me to tell about the needs of South America, but there is a little Island which I love and we all should love. I am not going to plead for a church for San Juan. *We have it*, and thank you, each and every one, for the part which you have had in it. How I wish you might have been there last April to attend the service of dedication! That was a fitting service for a Reformation festival. The church was literally packed with people, and white and black congregations

walked in side by side. They sang English and Spanish at the same time. They read passages from the Bible in English and Spanish. There was no race distinction, no question as to whether you were a professional man or a common laborer from the field. No question whether you were well dressed or poorly dressed. They were all there for one common purpose. They were there to worship their Lord and Master in a church for which they had prayed for almost twenty years. One good old St. Thomas woman said it was worth waiting for. She said: "Tell your good people up north that I am glad we had to wait, because we appreciate it now as we would never have appreciated it before."

It was an invitation from one of these St. Thomas Lutherans which caused our work to begin in Porto Rico. I myself never shall forget the privilege of attending church in St. Thomas. A few years ago, on the first Sunday in Advent, a Danish man-of-war was in the harbor. The sailors marched up to the church in a body. They occupied the front pews and sang the Lutheran hymns, and took part in the good old Danish service. The people of the Island occupied the rear seats. When that service was over the Danes in front marched out. Then the natives came in. They filled the church to overflowing, and I wish you could have heard them sing the hymns and take part in the same service in English. And now that the Danish flag has come down, Rev. Bergh, the faithful Danish pastor, has been taken to his reward. He was a strong spiritual factor in our church at San Juan. When he told of the going down of the Danish flag, the tears rolled down his cheeks, and the Americans did not

applaud. They were quiet, and I was glad to note it. But when the Stars and Stripes went up, a new era began for them. Now what are we going to do as Lutherans for these Islands? There is no reason why Porto Rico should not be the centre of a Pan-Lutheran school for trained workers in this great field. There is no reason why Porto Rico should not send missionaries to South America. Did you know that we have a seminary in Porto Rico? We have five students. I wish you could see them as they come together for study. They are just as interested as your students are, but we cannot expect as much from them as we can from our students. They conduct their work very well. They have Luther Leagues, and choirs, and they are working hard. We need today, more than anything else—I am not pleading now for more churches, although there are two that I should like to have—but for more pastors. We need someone to assist in the pastoral work, and in the teaching of these young men who are to do the work of the future, and who can perhaps be sent to South America to carry this wonderful Gospel message of the living Christ. And you mothers, who have so willingly, though perhaps sadly, sent your boys out to follow the Stars and Stripes, wherever they go to carry on the war for righteousness, haven't you some boys whom you can also consecrate as a soldier of the Cross? Some who are willing to go to South America, where that statue of Christ stands in the Andes, as the signal of peace, and looks toward the North, as though beckoning to us His call? Consecrate your sons for this great work in Latin America, to carry the story and the Gospel of a living Christ.



## Home Missions Expansion

MRS. GEORGE H. SCHNUR, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



We have been passing through the experimental stage in the Home Mission department. While Foreign Mission work had been carried on, in some form, in all the Synodical bodies, many of them had very largely neglected Home Missions. It has been necessary to infuse into our members a knowledge of the immensity of our field, its growing demands, and of the inadequacy of response of the Church at large to this all-important call.

The Thankoffering Box has become a fact. The Board of Home Missions provided for the cost of these boxes. They were sent out last fall to all Societies, literature explaining their purpose accompanying them. The contents are

to be turned in at an annual Thankoffering Meeting in November each year. It is hoped that the Box itself will last for more than one year. A special Thankoffering Service for use of Societies can be had through our Literature Headquarters. A sample service is included in the envelope of Topic literature.

The Thankoffering Box does not in any sense interfere with any other mite-box used for any purpose whatsoever. It has a place distinctly its own. It is to be used only when one has special cause for thankfulness, is opened but once a year, at the Thanksgiving season, and is devoted to the Field Missionary Fund alone. It is not compulsory upon any-

one, and those who have no cause for thankfulness ought not to encumber themselves with one. On the contrary, if you find, as did one good woman, that "you never knew you were thankful so often before," you will need two Boxes in your home. Let me emphasize one fact—the Thankoffering Box is a permanent, annual method of gathering Thankofferings for the Women's Field Missionary Fund. It ought to be more—as the years go by and our membership grows, it should become an ever increasing source of income, yet never a burden, a task or a tax—for nothing goes into it but voluntary Thankofferings expressive of gratitude to God for special blessings.

It has been my privilege for three years to represent you at the annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions. You may wonder if any benefit has accrued to the Society through such a representation? Each year the Board is given a report of what our Society is doing for Home Missions. Samples of the Home Mission department literature are distributed. One result has been the Board paid for our Thankoffering Boxes. The most ardent supporters of the Women's Missionary cause are the Field Missionaries and the Home Mission pastors. Several field Missionaries have told me that they organize a Missionary Society in every Church they plant. What your representative has gained cannot be expressed in words. A broader viewpoint, a wider conception of Home Mission needs, a more accurate knowledge of the response of the Church to these needs, a vast respect for the careful planning which enables wholly inadequate resources to accomplish great results. All these have made it possible for your representative to present Home Missions to our women with no uncertain sound.

Rev. Schoenberg speaks for the Pacific Synod. Within the last year four new churches in cities of some size have been organized. One is a University Church, near grounds of the Washington State University. One has secured a corner lot, and with Church Extension aid erected a building. Two of these have as pastors men graduated from the Pacific Theological Seminary. The fields where work should be started are too numerous to mention. One of the most important is in Portland, a city of 275,000 people, where we have one Church, instead of at least six which are needed. Certainly the great pressing need is men, more men and missions, and not until we get these can we hope to hold our own in this great and growing West.

Our missionary in Western Canada, Rev. P. E. Baisler, with headquarters at Vancouver, says that under the present conditions the work cannot be extended, but they are holding their

own. He has traveled 15,000 miles during the year, giving his time the past three months to the Coast.

Rev. Zundel calls attention to Montana, her vast resources in ore, gems, soil, products, rich in Lutheran needs, but poverty-stricken in English Churches. With 12 cities of over 10,000 inhabitants, and as many more of over 5,000, there is but one English Lutheran Church of any Synod, that at Livingston. He aims to establish two missions every year for 25 years. "We ask for the men and the means." Rev. Zundel has just begun work at Butte, where for 12 years Mrs. Sue Wampole Goss has lived praying, writing, almost begging for an English Lutheran Church. Her faith has been rewarded, but it has taken us twelve years to do our duty there. Rev. W. S. Ulrich has organized three congregations and built two Churches in North Dakota. Other fields are opening, but he says: "Why build Churches where we cannot find men to man them? Ask the mothers of the General Council to give their sons to the ministry."

Rev. L. B. Deck, missionary in Minnesota, says one encouraging feature is the way our English work is stimulating the foreign-speaking Churches to do English work. Three new Churches were established during the Biennium. Rev. Deck says: "Let us double our Field Missionary force and make the stimulant all the stronger."

In Wisconsin Rev. Weiskotten and Rev. Stump are at work, the latter just starting in the Fox River district. It takes two men to keep pace with the rapidly developing needs in this strong Lutheran State. Rev. Weiskotten has the distinction of being the first to use a tent for housing his latest mission in Milwaukee. Rev. Webber is field missionary of Chicago, where there are more Scandinavians than in any city in either Norway or Sweden.

Ohio has two active missionaries, and their work is telling. New York and New England Synod cares for its own. Rev. Steinbicker is missionary for Long Island, where five Churches have been organized in two years. One congregation met last winter in a barn, and the preacher wore his overcoat instead of a gown, while the people shivered about a stove. They now worship in a hall. Two boys are now preparing for the ministry, and a third brother will begin his training soon. Who says Home Missions do not pay? And in Pennsylvania, the old, original Lutheran stronghold, five Churches have been organized in Pittsburgh territory since the spring of 1916, and in Philadelphia Rev. Bertolet is planting missions in needed sections.

In Nova Scotia the congregation at Halifax has an active Missionary Society in a Church

with 111 members.

[But, oh! how little we have done compared with what we might have done! In this world-upheaval time, when our foreign work is in jeopardy, our Church in the Mother Lands decimated by war taxes, our own land threatened with similar suffering, now, if ever, we must conserve our forces and upbuild the Home Church. The great imperative necessity of the hour is an intensive Home Mission policy. Let us women do our full share.—Editor.]

#### CONSIDER WHAT THIS MEANS

Our Home Mission fields need more money. Stop to think of that. There are men and women clinging, for love of God and His work, to far-away mission posts, and they have not

enough money for the needs of their work or for their families. Some may be hungry this Christmas. Their work suffers. Where is the money? Why, it is locked up in Lutheran banks, hoarded for possible future wants of our own families, tied up in Lutheran investments, spent on Lutheran homes of luxury. Consider what this means. Are we faithful to our trust? Are we caring for our Lord's own work? Oh, it must certainly mean "lean years" in our homes and hearts, if we pay no heed to the cry, "Come over and help us." "Come across the continent and help your own?" The cry is insistent and pathetic. Shall we give them "a stone," our own children, when they cry for bread, for the bread of life?

## America and Church Extension

CHARLES L. FRY, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

No thoughtful man or woman will challenge the truthfulness of the statement that it is our own Nation on which the hopes of the world are centered now, in a sense in which they have never been centered on *any* one Nation since time began. Nor can anybody doubt that if North America is to be saved to Christ and the Gospel, in the present upheaval, when the very fabric of the earth's framework is being shaken, the decisive question must be settled as soon as the last spasm of the world convulsion shall have reached its climax. It is literally a fact that the destiny of the entire human race, to the remotest bounds of the planet, is involved.

For *emergency* reasons, therefore, as urgent as those which forced Jerusalem on the first and foremost attention of the Apostles in a supreme sense, in that crucial initial era, this American Continent of ours must be placed first and foremost on the roll of evangelical Extension enterprises today. Surely the Christian people on this Continent, under world conditions as they now exist, and will continue to exist, are charged with the high responsibility of fulfilling God's providential plans and purposes for the future destiny of mankind.

#### OUR ANNUITY INVESTMENT IS UNIQUE

This new channel of Christian investment presents very attractive features to those of our people who need interest on their money, payable semi-annually, as long as they live; yet who want the satisfaction of not only seeing that money at work in the Kingdom, during the remainder of their lifetime, but also of knowing that the *principal* will never be expended, but continue in force from generation to generation, as a *permanent* asset of the Church. In this respect there is absolutely nothing to resemble it.

In brief, the plan is this: The Board will receive any sum and give in exchange an Annuity Bond, paying the donor a regular stated income for life, proportionate to the amount invested. At the death of the donor the amount is added to the perpetual Loan Fund for Church Extension, thus preventing any possible *diverting* of it from this object, by the breaking of wills, or other unforeseen contingencies.

Even a Government Bond is no safer. On most investments people must pay taxes and commissions and upkeep. But there are no such things in this case. The holder of an Annuity Bond need never give it a thought. His check comes every six months just the same. He has no worry with collections or agents or repairs or reinvestments; no fear of loss, no anxiety about the future. *He has only to cash his semi-annual income checks.*

You see, therefore, at a glance what a rare combination of business sense and Christian beneficence an Annuity Bond is. It represents both a gift to the permanent Loan Fund for Church Extension, and also a safe and substantial investment for yourself as long as you live. You thus have the double satisfaction of knowing that this sure provision for yourself against future need is at the same time consecrating your money to a sacred cause, viz., the extension of the Kingdom by building English-speaking churches in strategic centers, within the bounds of all our Synods, from ocean to ocean. What better investment than this could anybody ask?

#### GIVING ONE DAY'S INCOME DURING LENT

Easter Day of 1918 falls in March. The Lenten season begins February 13th, before the next MISSION WORKER is published. Whatever is to be said, therefore, about the solemn fast of Ash Wednesday as a suitable time for the

annual offering of ONE DAY'S INCOME for Church Extension must be said in this issue. Any other of the forty days during Lent could, of course, be chosen, but it will be of manifest advantage to the cause if we can all combine on a specific day, as far as possible. In your new year calendar please make particular note, therefore, of *February 13, 1918.*

#### MORE INTERCESSORY PRAYER A VITAL NEED

Let our last word lay utmost emphasis on making Church Extension a subject of public and private prayer, as we have never done before. Legion is the number of Lutheran people who confess that not in one instance can they remember ever having heard the words "Church Extension" used in any prayer offered by a minister at the Altar, or any public invoking

of God's blessing upon the Society's work. If pressed still further, they are obliged to confess that they themselves never make Church Extension a subject of their own special *personal* intercession before the Throne of Grace. So generally, indeed, has such absence of supplication on behalf of this work prevailed hitherto, that at the beginning of the past biennium a number of men on our Board of Managers, and other persons deeply concerned about the progress of the work, have entered voluntarily into mutual covenant with one another, binding themselves by a sacred pledge of DAILY INTERCESSION for Church Extension advance. And we hereby earnestly invite every friend of the cause to unite with us in our unceasing petitions.



## Religious Work in Army Camps



### The Army Chaplain and His Work

REV. DR. EDWIN F. KEEVER, 1ST LIEUT., CHAPLAIN CAMP WADSWORTH, SPARTANBURG, S. C.  
102 TRAINS AND MILITARY POLICE

In the Army or Navy a chaplain may be the most useful or useless man who wears straps. He is the freest officer and most unhampered by regulations. His "regulation" is his moral obligation to be helpful.

First, it is required that he arrange for the distribution of the mail. The Supply Officer will provide all facilities for transportation and sorting of letters and packages. This duty is important because it keeps the men in touch with home and leads to content of mind. The first misery of the soldier or sailor is homesickness.

A second duty is to supervise the organizing, through committees, of entertainments and athletic sports. Officers and men are interested in this work and it requires little encouragement. There is nothing that smooths out agitated and ruffled nerves like wholesome outdoor play or musical performances, or other entertainment.

A third duty is the relief of distress. Of course in times of combat the burial of the dead and the care of the wounded fall in a large measure to the chaplain. He must be ready with his "last rite" and do all in his power to aid the surgeons. Perhaps a last word to the folks at home must be written in his notebook, a final absolution spoken or cheerful encouragement uttered. The chaplain must always expect to incur the same dangers and privations as others in the field. Otherwise he should resign; as the Lord's ambassador such a man can have no place among soldiers.

In camp the chaplain conducts religious worship whenever he can. But the many distractions, diversions and movings frequently play havoc with his services. The sick in hospitals and quarters are to be visited and provided with reading matter and games. Healthy men do not make contented sick folk. Their complaints are often unwarranted. Some acknowledge having the "Army grouch." Here again the chaplain who has tact can quiet the boy, or if the complaint is warranted, confer with the officer in charge, and generally get a hearing. In Texas the medical officer asked me to bring all complaints to him, so that he might know how to meet the wants of the men. One cold, rainy night I wondered whether the boys in the Regimental Infirmary were comfortable. I donned my slicker and with lantern waded through the mud to the outer edge of the camp. Going into the Infirmary I found two or three convalescents in pajamas trying to keep a sickly fire going with damp wood. It seemed to be nobody's duty to provide dry wood or look after the heating of the place. I sent in wood from my own tent and the overcoats of some of the men from their quarters. A word to the officer obviated all future difficulty in that line. It seems that the officer's assistant didn't care a whit what happened.

Another duty is visiting the guard house and prison. Occasionally these men are neglected or mistreated. I recall one instance in which the guard on duty at night took the

prisoners' wood to keep themselves warm outside, leaving none for the prisoners in their quarters.

On another occasion I found a squad of long-term prisoners confined in a leaky shack with only a thin layer of straw for a bed, and two frayed blankets; no light, no stove, no seats. A word to the supply officer brought six blankets and two benches. One of the waiters in the officers' mess gave me an oil stove, and the Y. M. C. A. some reading matter. I then gave those bad boys a few good talks on how to mend their future, finishing my remarks with the question: "Boys, am I right?" The answer in unison was: "Yes, chaplain, you're right, and we'll do it. In Camp Wadsworth the prisoners are in charge of an excellent young commandant, who takes his work seriously and is trying to make men of them.

From the above it will be seen that the most effective work of the chaplain is his per-

sonal contact with the men. Amidst the hurly-burly of vast preparation for universal destruction, the Christian Church, through the Minister of God, is the only factor that can give the kindly touch and the tender word. The psychology of war is highly strained and its ethics thoroughly confused.

Respecting the Y. M. C. A., I can truthfully affirm that the devoted young men who act as secretaries have always co-operated with me heartily. The recreative and religious work which they do for the soldiers is inestimable. They work long hours at a minimum of pay, and are a strong moral factor among the men. All good citizens ought to support the Y. M. C. A. generously in its war work.

We may sum it all up in a word by saying that the chaplain should be a lover of men and recall the Master's words when He said: "Inasmuch as ye have done unto the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

## The Army Young Men's Christian Association

### *An Expression of the Church's Opportunity*

BY REV. WM. J. MILLER, PHILADELPHIA

The question is constantly being asked, "How can the Church best minister to the young men of the army and the navy?" Everyone who is interested in the welfare of the Church is concerned. Never was there a better opportunity to minister to the needs of men than today, but unless she finds what to do and how to do it, then throws herself unreservedly into it, she will fail in her special mission to our times. I write of the Young Men's Christian Association as one of the expressions of this present opportunity. In doing so I write as a minister of the Gospel who has had the great privilege of working for the Young Men's Christian Association as a Religious Work Director in one of the large camps of our country, where there were nearly thirty thousand men, of whom a very large number were Lutherans.

A wrong conception of the Young Men's Christian Association has been held by many who are ardent in their love for the Church, and jealous of the work of the Church of their own denomination. It has been felt that the Association has usurped the work of the Church itself, and that to conserve the interests of the denominations this should primarily be done by the representatives of the denominations in the interest of their own men, rather than through another agency already established. Others have felt that the Association has infringed upon the work of the chaplains who are the exponents of the organized Church in the

service. It is true that the denominations have a large work to do for their own men, and that the chaplains, to whose earnestness I should like to pay tribute, do officially represent the organized Church. But it is also true that the Young Men's Christian Association is an aid and a servant to both these agencies, hence not a deterrent to the work of the Church, but on the contrary an ever-widening means of expression of her thought and life.

When one is on the camp grounds he soon finds that here is a place where in a special sense there should be the uniting of all the great religious forces on a common platform, so that those who may soon be called upon to go "over the top" may have presented to them a common Lord and a common Saviour, who is the God and Father of us all. And let me say frankly that here is the place where men do not wish to think of the things which separate them from each other in Christian work nearly so much as of the things which draw them together in Christ. It is the simple Gospel of the living Christ who is able to give them victory over sin, that they need and to which they will respond. One can see therefore that if in a time like this, each of the great denominations were to come into the camps and set up its own particular form of worship, what divisions and what hopeless duplications of effort would result. It is a time and place for unification, not separation.

The Young Men's Christian Association therefore stands as one of the great unifying agencies of the Church, through the medium of which the various denominations of Christendom may press earnestly the claims of Christ upon enlisted men. I heard the statement that the work of the Christian Association is largely a moral, rather than a spiritual and religious force, in the camps. That it gives entertainments and amusements and comforts, but lacks in religious efforts. This is a great mistake. It furnishes all these things for men as an expression of the spirit of Jesus, who never failed to minister to men's needs wherever He had the opportunity. And in so doing it provides those inestimable preventive agencies which keep men from places of evil and give them something of the companionships and the comforts of home. At the same time forming points of contact between religious workers and the enlisted men. Then there is the other definitely constructive religious presentation of the truth. This is carried on in a number of ways. In each building there is a religious work secretary, who is usually a minister of the Gospel, and whose whole time is devoted to the definite constructive program of religious work. But so strongly do the leaders of this great movement feel that *every* secretary must be a religious worker, that they do not wish to have the religious work secretary designated by a term which may give the impression that the other workers are *not* there for religious activities also. In addition to the resident ministers there are many clergymen of the various denominations who are traveling from camp to camp presenting the truth. In all cases the Gospel of Christ is presented to men without apology, and in a straightforward, manly way.

Then there is the development of Bible classes within the regiments. Where there is no chaplain the entire regiment is the open field of service for the religious work director. In other regiments he may be of great assistance to the chaplain, in the promoting of such work. Studies in the life of Jesus, or on the religious side of camp life, or in the Sunday School lessons, are provided and classes are formed. It is the object of many secretaries to develop within each separate company or battery such a Bible-study group, led either by the chaplain or by one of their own men. Here is where the united rather than denominational effort avails much. The need is to have men within *each unit* of the service who can carry on the religious work wherever they go, even though the company or the battery may be separated from the rest of the regiment. If this were done along denominational lines, the classes or religious group-meetings would be

of an inter-company or an inter-regimental nature, and when the units were separated the boys would be withdrawn from the source of their inspiration, and the work would probably be discontinued. The work must be made permanent in its form, and adapted to transportation across the seas. There can be found in most companies a sufficient number of Christian men to accomplish this. This little group may also furnish the natural family-unit for the doing of *personal* work, for the winning of unsaved men to Christ. Who can do this as well as the man whose life is known by his comrades? If your son were one who had not accepted Christ before leaving home and one of his company won him, you would not care whether the man who led him to Christ was a Lutheran, a Presbyterian or an Episcopalian, but you would rejoice because your boy was saved. It would be next to impossible to go into these companies and form denominational groups with any degree of success, and I am frank to say that most of the men would not want them. They feel the need of the comradeship of another man who knows Christ, whatever may be the denomination to which he belongs.

I have spoken of the men working personally for their fellows in the camps. This is also one of the great features of the secretary's duties. I have heard the secretaries criticised as men who handed out postage stamps over the counter with a smile, and that was all their work amounted to! Those who have looked on have seen nothing but the gracious handing out of stamps or writing material, but in the doing of it the secretary has frequently found in that simple act his best opportunity to talk personally with soldiers about the most vital things in their lives. And many of these men thus talked to have been led to a definite personal allegiance to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master. Many instances could be told of such men going back to their regiments to be powers for their Lord. Because of the practical work done for them the men feel the secretaries are their friends, and that they give to them their confidence and find help in their times of need.

Another phase of religious life in the camps is that of the observance of the Lord's Supper. I partook of the Sacrament administered by an army chaplain, himself an Episcopal rector. There were twelve persons present at this service, and six different denominations were represented, including the Roman Catholic. The service was held in the Association building. I also administered Holy Communion myself to another regiment to which no chaplain was assigned. Over fifty officers and men com-

muned, representing various denominations. The remark was made by one of the majors that it was the most impressive service he had ever witnessed on a camp ground. But had those same men been separated into their various denominational Communion services, would they have made the deep impression for Christ, or would they have felt the mutual fellowship and love? I think not. This Communion was administered by me as a minister of the Gospel, and yet the Young Men's Christian Association was the medium of my service. As a minister of the Gospel it was also my privilege, at the invitation of the commanding officer, to preach each Sunday morning to the men of the regiment. This same privilege of preaching at the regimental services was also granted to

other men, where there was no chaplain assigned.

What we need is *more* of our pastors to offer themselves for Christian ministering to the souls of enlisted men in our army camps, by using the facilities and equipment furnished by the Young Men's Christian Association as an agency supported by all Protestant denominations. A minister thus working in the camp does not unfrock himself, nor does the Young Men's Christian Association have any such idea in the remotest way. It regards him as an ordained representative of the Church of Jesus Christ, finding in its buildings and outfit an expression of the Protestant Churches' opportunity in reaching out to the army and the navy of our nation.

## Religious Work for American Soldiers

BY REV. A. FOHLMAN, D. D., PHILADELPHIA

America went into the war so suddenly that not only was the army not ready for the conflict, but the Church lagged even further in the rear. A huge problem presented itself to the Christian forces of our country, as soon as camps and cantonments were established in the land. Thousands and more thousands of men were taken out of peaceful pursuits, and placed in huge barracks, deprived of all that made peaceful life so dear.

While there are army chaplains associated with the forces in training, and in the field of action, there is no provision made for any kind of a Church building. The chaplain at once becomes the personification of all that the Church stands for. He becomes pastor to men of every denomination, and of no religious relationship whatever. He ministers publicly and privately to many men in a spiritual way, as they have never been dealt with. All the external exhibitions of religious practices center in him. What Gospel he gives them, that they get—and no more.

Because of the difficulty of having representatives of all the different denominations in all the camps, at home and abroad (and these difficulties are far greater than one can imagine) the Y. M. C. A. offered its services to the President of our country, who promptly accepted the offer, and issued an order authorizing the establishment of Y. M. C. A. buildings and tents in all camps of the country.

Such buildings have now been erected all over the country. They cost from \$5,000 to \$7,500 each. They are manned by from five to seven men, some of whom are salaried, but most of whom render volunteer service. These men are of every profession and business calling. They all are members of some Christian

Church. They divide the work of each building up into physical, educational, social and religious departments, just as are found in every Y. M. C. A. building in America.

The buildings are offered first of all to the army chaplains, who either conduct service there themselves every Sunday morning or endorse the regular morning service held there as "the Regimental religious service." So far it has all worked out fairly well. Ministers of different denominations are invited to preach at all of these 10 o'clock services on Sundays. On the first Sunday of each month the Holy Communion is administered after the preaching service, and all who wish may share in this spiritual feast. The preacher of the day conducts this service also.

Arrangements are made in each of the buildings for denominational rallies, services or gatherings, as far as time and space permit. Thus the Episcopal rector may hold an early Communion service for the members of that Church, in one of the smaller rooms, on any Sunday morning early hour. A room is set aside for the confessional for use by the Roman Catholic members. A similar privilege is granted to any denomination, for the minister to meet the members of his denomination, either during the week or on Sunday.

But the principal religious meetings are held by the Catholics at 9 o'clock and by the Protestants at 10 o'clock, in the largest rooms in each building, which seat about 500. In the evening at 7 o'clock another pan-denominational service is conducted, either by an outside minister or by the Y. M. C. A. religious secretary, who is nearly always an ordained minister of some Protestant Church, though not known as such in the camp. On Wednesday nights a help-

ful, well-attended prayer and praise service is conducted by the religious secretary. Soldiers are there invited to speak, as are also the officers, to lead such meetings.

In addition to these large meetings, the religious secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. organize one or more Bible Study Classes in every company. The leaders of these are Christian men of every denomination, who come to the Y. M. C. A. building one night a week, for the study of the lesson, under the guidance of the religious secretary (a minister) and then conduct their own groups on another night in the week. Thirty-five such groups were formed in one Regiment in one of the camps.

The religious secretaries also visit the hospitals and see the sick, as well as do "pastoral work" of every kind, among the officers and men, as opportunity offers or occasion demands. Ministers of different denominations are granted full and free permission to come and go as they please, and may visit where they will. Every courtesy is extended them, both by the camp officers and by the Y. M. C. A. men, who co-operate in every way possible.

Difficulties indefinable present themselves for solution of the religious problems from a denominational standpoint, because of the number and variety of the religious forces of our country. Because privileges accorded to one must be likewise granted to all who ask. As no denominational register is kept by anyone in camp, it is exceedingly trying to find the men who belong to any one denomination. Where the name of the soldier with his full Regimental address is known, any pastor can easily find such a man. But where a pastor comes to a camp and tries to find the men of his own denomination, the task is almost impossible. The camps contain about 30,000 men. These live in quarters reaching over a wide stretch of land. They are out at drill and instruction a great part of the day, when they cannot be seen at all. That leaves only a small fraction of the day or evening when the minister may visit his members, unless they are sick.

Again should a dozen or more of the different denominations each have a minister at the camps, they always overlap, following each other into all the different barracks, and caus-

ing embarrassments to both officers and men in the endeavor to locate and visit their individual members. This is a hard problem, and needs prayerful study to solve.

A further difficulty is this, that if ministers of some denominations are assigned to the camps, they will likely look after their own, which is the object of their assignment to such camps. That leaves a very large number of men of different denominations *without* the care due them by their own pastors, and also leaves a very large number who are not members of *any* Church. These would receive little or no attention from any pastor, and must needs be looked after by the Chaplain, or by the religious workers of the Y. M. C. A.

Hearty co-operation with the Y. M. C. A., as well as personal representation by the various denominations, will be necessary if any effective work is to be done in the camps. Here our many denominational differences are seen to be detrimental to the largest service to all. Let us watch and pray that God may lead us into a larger light and love and labor, lest some of His children are overfed and a larger number overlooked.

#### SERVICE FLAGS

The glory of them, the pathos of them! How many fly from our homes and our Churches! How they grip our hearts! What do they mean to us? They mean years of love and longing and training and anxiety and hope and fear. They mean our splendid boys, and all we have done to help them to be strong and true. They mean that some have fallen, some will fall. We are proud of them—the flags, and the sons. The mothers who have trained their lads to love their country and its honor, the fathers who have denied themselves that their boys might have the best education, the sisters who cheer and comfort them. All these the flags speak of, and deep in every woman's heart there glows a pride in our young manhood, and there grows a prayer that God may be patient with us till we learn to love Him and our neighbor so much that the world will be safe for us "to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks." May God hasten the time when the nations "shall not learn war any more."

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## THUS HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

## A Picture of Camp Life In Our Civil War



[This is a bona-fide letter written by a young Lutheran soldier to Rev. Dr. Welden, 55 years ago, then pastor in Bethlehem, Pa. Note how much of it is a description of moral and religious conditions among our young men in the camps today. What are we going to do about it?]

Camp Mathew, near Frederick City, Md.,

Dec. 15, 1863.

Dear Pastor:

You may think it strange that I write to you, but you have always been doing me good, in respect to the salvation of my never-dying soul. Today, dear pastor, I heard the Word of God, the first time these three months, when a minister from Frederick City came to camp and preached a short sermon. I have not forgotten your parting hand, down by the post-office, that last evening in Bethlehem. Oh, my dear pastor, you can have no idea of the temptations of camp here. They are so very great. The men curse and swear from morning till night. There seems no spark of religion in anybody. This is one of the bitter hardships of camp life, for one who has learned better. Oh, I have felt many hardships on the march. Sometimes I have most had to give up. But this is not so bad, for so far God has blessed me with health and strength, and I feel this is a great blessing here. Today a funeral passed our camp. They were taking a young soldier boy to Frederick City, to bury him there. The winter is here. We are cold in our tents at night. I know, though, that I can stand the winter as well as any of the Bethlehem boys, if I keep the health I have now. But this I think so often: what if we should be suddenly called to fight, and in the battle lose our lives, how many of us would not be prepared to die? I among the rest!

Oh, it is hard to be a Christian in this camp life, and this is why I thought to write to you for some word of encouragement. If anybody ought to be a Christian, with strong faith in the Saviour of souls, I know the soldier ought to. He is surrounded with death all the time; in camp just as much as in battle. I am willing to go through all the hardships for my country, if God will help me to.

For our flag I will willingly lay down my life, if it must be so. I want to be brave, and I want to be ready for eternity. Ask God to help me and the other boys to do all our duty. Only once more I want to say to you, nobody at home can know the temptations that come to us all in camp life. Dear, pastor, good-bye.

JOSIAH W. ———.

[It was Dr. Welden's devoted daughter, Miss Mary Welden, of Philadelphia, who presented to the Lutheran War Commission, at our recent convention, the private Communion service used by her father during the Civil War.—Editor.]

No less than 100,000 Lutheran young men are in the national service. Doubtless some are from your own congregation. Think of their condition spiritually. For 3,600 men there is one chaplain, burdened with other duties, and often a Roman Catholic. Away from home and Church surroundings, a sense of license easily creeps in. New temptations and dangers threaten. Soon they will be in a strange land, where at present spiritual influence is lowest. Their discipline and experiences will harden good impulses. Many of them are about to die. We must care for them. Our boys must return to us as Christian men, or meet us in judgment before the Throne of God.

The National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, at 437 Fifth Avenue, New York City, acts with authority from the General Bodies, and plans to do a thorough work. With the constant shifting of men, this can be done only by a national organization, in touch with the Government and all large operations.

Furthermore, the Government has committed to us the spiritual care of all *Protestant interned aliens and prisoners*. This our Church can best do, and is of course glad to do.

The work includes the provision of regular chaplains and equipment for them; salaries and equipment for special chaplains in camps where no Lutheran Church is near; assistance and workers for churches near camps; chaplains and much equipment among interned aliens; assistance to local work of synods, conferences and Inner Mission societies; erection of church buildings in camps; civilian chaplains and workers and equipment in France; almost endless quantities of literature for congregations, homes and 100,000 men; final reconstruction work; the cost of administration. Hence there is urgently needed an average of one dollar from every confirmed member of the Lutheran Church of every Synod.

# The Y. W. C. A., in 32 Army Camps

BY ANNETTE M. KAHLER

"There is not a woman in the United States whose heart is not in some army camp or cantonment," Chaplain Keever said before the convention in Philadelphia. And the thoughts of every woman who heard him traveled swiftly to some long row of khaki tents, where a loved one is serving. Army camps and army life have always meant *men*, and only men. Hence it has been an amazement to hear of work for women in 32 of the military centers in this country, in each case at the request of the commanding officer.

What are women doing there? Some merely happen to live in the vicinity. Many work there. Others visit there, and still others are just idling there. When an army camp comes into a district the local community does not move out. Instead it is augmented immediately by newcomers seeking the work that such an influx will offer. Hundreds and thousands of women have been drawn into the immediate vicinity of camps by the opportunities for new and better employment. They are acting as clerical assistants to the officers, as telephone operators and stenographers. Many more are laundresses and seamstresses, while factories nearby are employing thousands of women workers in making ammunition and military equipment. Whole towns have sprung up in a night, and the ordinary problems of proper housing, feeding, recreation and social relationships have been intensified.

Besides these there are hundreds of friends, wives, mothers and sisters who come every week to each of the camps, to visit the soldiers. The military authorities do not oppose their coming. In fact many of the commanding officers, for instance, General Bell, encourage it.

This all totals to a grave problem whose bearing is most vital on the character and standing of army life, as well as on the safety of the local community. When the Commission on Training Camp Activities realized the situation, they turned to the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association with a request for not less than thirty "expert workers with girls" to lead in the movement. Today in more than 32 of the camps and cantonments the best energy of the Y. W. C. A., hundreds of its trained workers and millions of its dollars are invested for the protection not only of American girls and women, but of American boys and men.

The most apparent form of activity is the "Hostess House," a building near the entrance of the camp, where visitors may meet their

friends "in service." Orderlies are detailed by the commanding officers to bring soldiers to their guests. This does away very largely with the necessity for women going "back" into camps at all, and thereby will eliminate many meetings of a detrimental character. Where the Hostess House has been in effective service it has been found to raise unconsciously the standard of the camp. Its mere presence, and the authorized presence of its managers, seems to discourage much that would be unworthy of its hospitality. To every man whose home has stood for high ideals, whose "womenfolk" have been an inspiring and unlifting force, the Hostess House stands for the dignity and normality of woman's connection with masculine matters. It has been universally popular and well patronized.

Among the women employed in and near the camps, clubs and classes for recreation and education, luncheon and rest rooms, sometimes housing, often guidance in finding work, and always friendship for the girls, are offered by the Association through its experienced workers. In scores of cities and towns where no organized work had been done for women, the changed industrial conditions have demanded work. And the Association has been able to send specially equipped workers to organize and supervise it. No city in the country has remained untouched by the war pressure, and old established Associations have been called upon to increase the work, and extend plans to include many new branches. Additional Travelers' Aid workers are demanded in many points. It is a cause for sincere thankfulness that the Young Women's Christian Association is so adequately prepared to meet this great emergency. Let all Christian women lend their aid, wherever they can, to this service.

The Patriotic League also had its inception with the Y. W. C. A., but has grown far beyond its limits. Everywhere in the country, through Camp Fire and Girl Scout groups, in Sunday Schools, High Schools and Girls' Clubs the following pledge is being circulated: "*I pledge to express my patriotism by doing better than ever before whatever work I have to do; by rendering whatever special service I can to my community and country, and by living up to the highest standards of character and honor, and helping others to do the same.*" This is an effort to bring home to the individual girl the fact that she is serving her Country by holding her ideals and standards high. If it be true, and how true it is, that a nation's men can

go no higher than a nation's women, how important it is to make every girl feel her call to the nation's service in her everyday life! If it is true, and how true it is, that in the last analysis the war will be won by women, how absolutely necessary it is that our girls be built firm and strong, not only *against* evils and

temptations, but *toward* service and ideals! If, while we are extending the hands of America's girls in such complete and willing service of her day, we can also lift her hands to a firmer, closer touch with the Elder Brother, need we fear for the tomorrow?

## The Reformation and Christian Womanhood

MISS HIRT'S ADDRESS IN THE METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE PHILADELPHIA

Throughout the pagan world in all ages, woman has been looked upon with varying degrees of contempt. Even the Jewish ideal of womanhood was not always a lofty one, though it was higher than among other people at the opening of New Testament history.

When Jesus Christ came into the world, He came the truest friend of woman. Around all His relations with women we find an atmosphere of rare sympathy and gentleness. Last at the cross of the crucified Jesus, women were first at the tomb of the risen Lord, and it was to a woman that the Saviour first gave the great commission, "Go, tell the glad news!"

Among the members of the Christian Church for the first two or three centuries, women were on an equality with men, but after several generations, church leaders came to take a degrading view of womanhood. To women in general the Dark Ages meant all that the term implies.

When Martin Luther took his stand against the corrupt teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, he vigorously insisted that Christ gave the "Keys" to the whole congregation without regard to sex. He said, "All men are priests, all women are priestesses. Faith is the sole priestly office." This principle established by Luther was modified among his followers by the prevalent idea that woman's sphere of activity was the home.

For more than three hundred years the Church of the Reformation gave her womanhood no distinct sphere outside the home in which to serve Her master. Then came Theodore Fliedner and in 1836 his Deaconess Institution at Kaiserswerth. Since then there has been revealed to Protestant women the great need of the heathen world for such service as educated, consecrated Christian women can perform as missionaries, and a vision of what united Christian womanhood can do to hasten the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

The organization of Women's Missionary Societies is one of the remarkable series of movements that made the nineteenth century known as the "Woman's Century." The first Women's Board of Missions was organized in

1860. In 1879 the first Lutheran Women's Missionary Society was organized. We probably have within our General Council some of the oldest Lutheran Missionary Societies in existence, but organization along conference and synodical lines developed rather slowly. Six years ago all the Missionary Societies of our various Synods united to form the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council.

The motive back of our organization is gratitude for all that our intimate experience of the life-giving power of our Redeemer has meant to us—gratitude for our rich heritage as Lutheran women. And our object—our aim? Simply to prove our faith by our works and to give adequate expression to our gratitude by helping to extend to others the blessings we enjoy. And our sense of the world's need of Christ has been sharpened by our study of conditions in lands where He is not known. Our faith in His power to make all things new is being constantly quickened by the miracles wrought by Him through the efforts of our missionaries. Our examination of the life of women in Porto Rico, Mexico and South America has inspired in us a new loyalty to the Church of our Fathers.

We believe that there are certain things in the Church, as well as in the world, that will always be done better by men. There are other things of equal value to the happiness and well-being of the race, and worthy of equal honor, that will always be done better by women. There are still many other things that may be done equally well by either, or by both in co-operation.

"We are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus."

*Not she with traitorous lips her Saviour stung.  
Not she denied Him with unholy tongue.  
She, while Apostles shrank, could danger brave.  
Last at the cross, and earliest at the grave.*



## From Department Chairmen



### Life Memberships And Memorials

BY MRS. LEWIS K. SANDFORD, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



MR. HORACE BINDER  
PHILADELPHIA  
1851-1906



MRS. HATTIE R. SCHENCK  
PHILADELPHIA  
1874-1916



MRS. FREDERICKA C.  
TATERSALL  
NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.



REV. GEORGE S. FEGELY  
SOUDERTON  
1870-1908

The fourth biennial convention of the General Council Society is now history. The celebration of the Quadri-Centennial is accomplished. With the echoes of these great events still ringing in our ears, let us take up our work for the Master with renewed zeal and enthusiasm, and with greater consecration of heart and life.

The present crisis in our country and in the world calls for our deepest sympathy and prayer, and for our most generous material support. We must do our utmost as loyal Americans. As Lutheran women we must work unceasingly for our soldiers and sailors, at home and abroad—for their physical comfort and their spiritual welfare. But we must also remember our obligations to our Home, Foreign and Inner Missions. Souls must be saved in camps and trenches, but also in mission fields. Therefore, do not forget to give strong and regular support to the Honor Roll of our Society, the income of which enables us to continue our work of expansion. Expenses have increased with growth, and to finance this increase we need still more frequent enrollments of members. It is hoped that each local society in the General Council will contribute at least one membership each year to our Roll of Honor.

The present biennium has begun auspiciously, as will be noted by the new list of names received since October 15th. Several others have been reported, but the fees have not reached the chairman as yet. Those re-

ported between September 1st and October 15th are included in the Honor Roll given for the entire six years, and are:

#### IN MEMORIAM

Fegely, Rev. G. S. .... Souderton, Pa.  
Woll, Mr. Frederick ..... Philadelphia  
Siemen, Mrs. Alvina Netterville, Lancaster, O.

#### LIFE MEMBERS

Ashbaugh, Jeanette Mayre ..... Leechburg, Pa.  
Houck, Mrs. N. R. .... Philadelphia  
Bork, Mrs. John W. .... Meadville, Pa.  
Opp, Miss Lucinda ..... Bethlehem, Pa.  
Keiser, Mrs. Fred H. .... Pottstown, Pa.  
Paules, Mrs. Howard S. .... S. Perkaspie, Pa.  
Yeany, Mrs. R. W. .... Evans City, Pa.  
Fraunfelder, Miss Alpha ..... Lima, O.  
Lantz, Rev. Henry K. .... Shiremanstown, Pa.  
Frantz, Mrs. Charles P. .... Myerstown, Pa.  
Nickel, Mrs. Warren ..... Souderton, Pa.  
Finkbinder, Mrs. U. S. G. .... Royersford, Pa.  
Trauch, Mrs. Ira E. .... Bedminster, Pa.  
Hockman, Miss Clara ..... Ottsville, Pa.  
Berlinger, Mrs. A. S. .... Silverdale, Pa.

Twelve Memorials are enrolled this quarter. The first of these is Rev. George S. Fegely, who was graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1902. After his graduation from Mt. Airy Seminary in 1905, he accepted a call to Emmanuel Church at Souderton, Pa. He entered upon his duties with intense zeal and hopefulness. The work which he performed was fundamental to the success of the mission. The short life set before him could hardly have been spent else-

## LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER



MR. KURT P. SALESKI  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.  
1897-1917



MR. FREDERICK WOLL  
PHILADELPHIA  
1866-1916



MRS. ELIZABETH BREZING  
DIED IN PHILADELPHIA  
JANUARY 2, 1916



REV. JACOB BREZING  
BUFFALO  
1850-1895

where with greater results. He entered into his reward in May, 1908, at the age of 30. The Ladies' Aid Society of his parish enrolls him "In Memoriam" in loving remembrance of his genial disposition and faithful, sacrificing labors.

Mr. Frederick Woll, of Philadelphia, whose memory is honored by his wife, was for seven years one of the leading and active workers in the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, N. Y. Upon retiring from this parish he resumed his labors in St. John's Church, Ogontz, Pa. He was a member of the church council and was energetic in promoting the welfare of his

14, 1833, in Pymont, Germany. At the age of 11 years Mrs. Siemen came to Cincinnati, in which city she was teacher of languages for 9 years. She was later instructress in Lancaster schools for 26 years, where several generations of pupils remember her with affectionate regard. Mrs. Netterville Siemen was first a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Lancaster, but later and until her death was a member of the First English Lutheran Church of the city, where, in spite of her busy life and family duties, she found time to attend the services of the church and teach the Bible class in Sunday School. She was a woman of that rare type which combines heart and intellect in perfect poise. Her personality left a permanent impression on all with whom she came in contact. She died January 31, 1912, and is placed "In Memoriam" by her children.

The Nova Scotia Synodical honors the memory of Miss Mary L. H. Bowers, who was the only daughter of Rev. W. W. Bowers, beloved pastor of the Bridgewater parish, and granddaughter of Rev. Charles E. Cossman, D.D., for many years the pioneer Lutheran missionary to Nova Scotia. In her profession of teaching she endeared herself to all her pupils by wise discipline and painstaking instruction, and became a valued member of the profession through her contributions along the line of natural science, as well as by her attainments in pedagogy. She was a staunch church woman, and took an active part as Sunday School teacher, president of the Women's Missionary Society and editor of the Society's page in the *Nova Scotia Lutheran*. Her filial devotion to her invalid mother was a lesson in patience, love and energy. Her death in November, 1916, was the result of her heroic endeavors to fulfill all her home, professional and church duties, and her early passing left a felt vacancy in the sphere of her activities.



MRS. ELIZABETH W. REEB  
BUFFALO  
DIED DECEMBER 7, 1915



MRS. ALVINA N. SIEMEN  
LANCASTER, OHIO  
1833-1912

Church. He was one of the foremost factors in establishing St. John's Church at Melrose Park, Pa., working incessantly for its success, and was ever ready with his mature counsel and liberal hands to co-operate with the congregation in every enterprise for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Mrs. Alvina Netterville Siemen, a resident of Lancaster, Ohio, since 1869, was born April



Mrs. Caroline A. Kauli	Quakertown, Pa.
Rev. E. S. A. Kitzmiller	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. John C. Wager	Canaster, Pa.
Mrs. Almira Netterville-Simen	Canaster, Ohio



Rev. H. W. Schmauck  
 Lebanon, Pa.  
 Mrs. Wilhelmina Schmauck  
 Lebanon, Pa.  
 Mr. William W. Wattle  
 Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Mr. William Z. Seuer  
 Lancaster, Pa.  
 Mrs. Adolph Engler  
 New York City  
 Mrs. Albertina Kerr  
 Portland, Oregon

## Memorial Portraits

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Mrs. Ludwig Zuber  
 Germantown, Pa.  
 Mrs. Carolina Zuber  
 Germantown, Pa.  
 Mrs. Charles A. Custer  
 Pottstown, Pa.  
 Mrs. William T. Meane  
 Allentown, Pa.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Bader  
 Phoenixville, Pa.

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HERMAN BREZING MILLER  
BUFFALO  
SON OF  
REV. AND MRS. HERMAN MILLER  
ENROLLED BY THE PARENTS



ANNETTE KATHERINE JAXHEIMER  
SEVEN YEARS OLD  
DAUGHTER OF  
MR. AND MRS. W. A. JAXHEIMER  
ENROLLED BY HER AUNT  
MRS. ADOLPH WOLL



JOSEPH ALLEN SNYDER  
WEST HAZELTON, PA.  
BORN MARCH 21, 1916  
ENROLLED BY HIS PARENTS  
MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH SNYDER

## HOW MANY CHILD-MEMBERSHIPS IN YOUR CHURCH?



CORNELIA E. GOODBREAD  
ENROLLED BY  
MR. AND MRS. TAYLOR GOODBREAD



HELEN AMANDA AND  
ARTHUR FREDERICK STIVENSON  
ENROLLED BY  
MR. AND MRS. A. JAMES  
STIVENSON



JEANNETTE MAYRE ASHBAUGH  
ENROLLED BY  
MR. AND MRS. S. B. ASHBAUGH

WHY COULD NOT EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL HAVE A DOZEN?

Mr. Horace Binder, enrolled by his wife, was one of the most active workers along all mission lines. His family was always identified with the development of the Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. He was a nephew of Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., and his great-grandfather was one of the founders of Old St. John's, in which church he was baptized and confirmed. He there began his career as an active Christian worker, serving as secretary of the Sunday School. The last twenty-five years of his life he was a member of the Church of the Holy Communion, serving as a deacon and as secretary of the Church Board. In later life his influence in the Sunday School as treasurer was especially felt. In the charitable work of the school he was particularly active, and his Christianity expressed itself practically in warm personal interest in those who benefitted by this work. During the last years of his life he was in delicate health, but his courage was indomitable and the love for his Master and the Church triumphed over his weakness, until

from his tireless service he passed into life eternal.

Mrs. Eliabeth W. Reeb, wife of Menno A. Reeb, treasurer of Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo, N. Y., was for many years very active in Trinity Church, holding many important offices, serving as president of the Women's Society and president of the Women's Board of Managers of the Martin Luther Hospice for Girls. She was elected treasurer of the General Council Missionary Society at Toledo in 1913, and served her term faithfully. Of Alsatian parentage, she was deeply interested in the McCall Mission in France, to which also she gave largely of her time and means. Her widely useful life was ended in an automobile accident December 7, 1915. This memorial is given by her daughters, Laurretta and Estelle Reeb, who also make her granddaughter, Elizabeth Kathryn Schaefer, a life member.

Miss Addie Rosengarten, enrolled in May of this year as a life member, passed to her eternal reward June 10th, and is now placed "In



DAVID ELIAS, ALINE AMANDA AND LAIRD COLE RIFFER  
ENROLLED BY  
DR. AND MRS. D. H. RIFFER



WADE TRUMAN SHAFFER  
ENROLLED BY  
MR. AND MRS. IRA S. SHAFFER

THE FOUR GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS ON THIS ROW OF THE TWO PAGES ARE ALL FROM PASTOR REITER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, LEECHBURG, PA.

Memoriam," the Home Department of Trinity Sunday School, Pottsville, Pa., honoring her memory and "faithful service" as superintendent of the department.

Another life membership is that of Mr. Kurt P. Saleski, also enrolled in May, 1917, and who died during the summer. His tribute is given by his mourning friends, the "Ever Faithful Mission Girls" of Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Saleski, as the recognized leader of mission work in Christ Church, organized the Girls' Society, and his plans for its extension were ever before him. His early death is a loss keenly felt by his co-workers. Having graduated from Wagner College last June, his hope was to enter the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary this fall, and become an ordained minister of the Gospel, to offer himself for work in Buenos Aires, South America.

Rev. Jacob Brezing was born in 1850 in Germany. At an early age he entered the Mission College at Basle, where he received a very thorough and practical education which he improved by diligent study throughout his ministry. In 1872 he came to America and at once entered upon his labors among the German settlers in Ontario. He served the Logan and Heidelberg parishes in the Canada Synod and was entrusted by his Synod with the offices of Conference president, superintendent of missions and president of Synod. Being well known also to the pastors of the northern district of the New York Ministerium, the largest congregation of this body at that time. St. John's at Buffalo, N. Y., elected him as pastor in 1887. St. John's numbered about 1,000 families. He is remembered in the congregation as an eloquent and earnest preacher and a model "Seelsorger." Much of his time he devoted to the management of the two orphanages founded and supported by this congregation, and also took a leading part in the work of all the societies and Sunday School. His Synod and Conference did not fail to take notice and make use of his capacity for work and he served the General Council for many years as a member of the German Home Mission Committee. After a brief ministry of eight years at St. John's he was called to his eternal reward on November 27, 1895, leaving a beautiful testimony of a living faith. Mrs. Elizabeth Brezing, wife of Pastor Brezing, was a true helpmeet to him in all his pastoral activities. She was spared to her children for 20 years after the father's death. Ten years of this time she shared the cares and joys of the ministerial office with her son, as mistress of Zion's parsonage at Niagara Falls, N. Y. On the second of January, 1916, after a brief illness, she also entered into the joy of her Lord. In grateful recognition of the great

blessing of having had a father and mother who, from their earliest youth, led them to faith in the Saviour Jesus Christ, the family, Mrs. Ernest F. Bachmann, Mrs. Herman Miller and Rev. Herman Brezing, have put on record this memorial of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Brezing.

Mrs. Fredericka C. Tattersall was president of the Women's Society of Zion's Church, Niagara Falls, for several years, and was memorialized by its members. She was born in 1857 and was called to her reward October 16, 1916.

Mrs. Hattie Ritter Schenck, wife of Rev. A. C. Schenck, is memorialized by the Ladies' Aid Society of Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia. Having been brought up in the Methodist faith, after her catechization and reception into the Lutheran communion, she became very ardent in her devotion to the duties of a pastor's wife, though the maternal care of her four little children was a constant and heavy tax on her strength. At 37 years of age she succumbed to insidious disease, with which she bravely battled for more than twelve months. The rare traits of Christian character, developed by this ordeal of suffering, will long enshrine her memory in the hearts of many friends.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Thirty-seven life members is the quarter's total, twenty-two of them received after October 15th.

Rev. H. K. Lantz, of Shiremanstown, Pa., was presented with his membership on his fifteenth anniversary as pastor of St. John's Church. He is also president of the Lancaster Conference, and has actively furthered the interests of the Women's Missionary Society of that Conference.

Rev. C. G. Karsch, Minersville, Pa., was honored by the Pottsville Conference Society, organized during his presidency of Conference. The women thus attest their appreciation of his aid of their movement.

We are again privileged to enroll many women who are serving faithfully in their respective Societies. Testimonials of their consecrated spirit are so similar that what is said of one is true of all the others:

Mrs. N. R. Houck as president of the Resurrection Society, Philadelphia; Mrs. John W. Bork, as organist of Trinity Church, Meadville, Pa., for the past thirty-five years; Miss Lucinda Opp, as secretary of Salem Society, Bethlehem, Pa.; Mrs. Fred. H. Keiser, as president of Emmanuel Society, Pottstown, enrolled by the Cradle Roll department; Mrs. Howard S. Paules, South Perkaskie, Pa., as secretary of St. Peter's Society, Hilltown Parish. She is also Mission Study chairman in the Norristown Conference;

Mrs. R. W. Yeany, Evans City, Pa., as the Ladies' Bible Class teacher of St. Peter's Church; Miss Alpha Fraunfelter, Lima, Ohio, as secretary of the Ohio Synodical Society; Mrs. Charles P. Frantz, as organizer and president of Friedens' Society, Myerstown, Pa.; Mrs. Warren Nickel, Souderton, Pa., as ex-president of the Norristown Conference Society.

Mrs. U. S. G. Finkbinder, Royersford, Pa.; Mrs. Ira E. Trauch, Bedminster, Pa., and Miss Clara Hockman, Ottsville, Pa., honor us with their individual memberships. Mrs. Finkbinder is chairman of Home Missions in the Norristown Conference Society. Mrs. Trauch is president of St. Matthew's Society, Keller's Church, Pa., and Miss Hockman is the secretary.

Mrs. A. S. Beringer, Silverdale, Pa., is president of the Cradle Roll of St. Andrew's Church, South Perkaspie; Mrs. J. T. Smith, Toledo, Ohio, is enrolled by her daughter, Miss Gertrude Smith, as a birthday gift; Mrs. W. A. Fluck, wife of the pastor of the church at Tinicum, Pa., and Mrs. Titus Trauger, Pipersville, Pa., were enrolled by Miss Laura R. Swope, the untiring chairman of the Slav Student work; Mrs. Caroline D. Hoover, as organizer of the Junior Band of the Spring City Church, and the wife of a former pastor; Sister Edith Stagg, as deaconess of St. John's Church, Easton, Pa., for the past ten years; Mrs. George H. Grim, Millersville, Pa., as treasurer of the Lancaster Conference Society; Mrs. J. M. Zimmerman, as president of the Madame Cotta Society, of Greensburg; Mrs. Henry Miller, as president of the Redeemer Society, Milwaukee, and teacher of the Home Department of the Sunday School; Mrs. John A. Linn, Chicago, Ill., a prominent worker in the Augustana Synod, chairman of its Membership Department and chairman of the Porto Rico Lace work of the General Council Society.

One Society, that of St. Peter's Church, Janesville, Wis., enrolls its own name. It is encouraging when a local society gives its support to the Honor Roll, thus taking a Life Membership for itself. Would that every Society may do likewise.

Mrs. C. G. Pfluger, as president of Grace Society, Dunkirk, N. Y.; Mrs. Harriet Riehman Brezing, wife of the pastor of Zion's Church, Niagara Falls, is made a life member, together with her infant son, by the Western Conference Society, N. Y. and N. E., of which she has just been elected president for a second term; Mrs. Augusta Boettger, widow of Rev. Adolph Boettger, and mother of the pastor of Grace Church, Buffalo, is honored by that Society as for many years identified with mission and benevolent work in her own city and vicinity.

Miss Emma A. Kahler's life is one of rare

service to the Church. She taught in St. Matthew's School, New York City; in the German-town Orphans' Home, and at Thiel College. Of late years she has been assistant matron at the Church Home for the Aged and Infirm at Buffalo. A number of men who hold important positions in the ministry or as professors "rise up to call her blessed," because she prepared them for and assisted them through college. In one instance she studied Hebrew in order that she might teach it to a pupil. Her life membership is a Christmas gift from eight little grand-nephews and nieces, to whom she makes Sunday afternoons delightful.

Mrs. Louis J. Knell, who enrolled her daughter Ruth last year, is now herself made a member by the Holy Trinity Church Society of Buffalo, as its president; also president of the Quadlander Bible Class and secretary of the Women's Society. Mrs. Jacob Wendell is honored by personal friends in the same church, as holding important offices in its various organizations. She says the day she was made a life member was the proudest of her life.

Mrs. F. W. Weiskotten, of Philadelphia, the widely-known editor of the Family Circle Department of *The Lutheran*, receives the tribute of affection from her daughter, Mrs. Annette Woll. And with her name is added that of her little granddaughter, Annette Jaxheimer, who is a namesake of Mrs. Woll.

Not for many a day have we received a happier surprise than the welcome letter which recently came from Mrs. Augusta V. Pohlman, of Philadelphia, expressing her joy at the valued privilege of a General Synod woman enrolling herself as a life member of our General Council Society now that the Merger is so near at hand. Mrs. Pohlman is the daughter of the sainted Mrs. Kate Boggs Shaffer, Ph.D., late editor of *Lutheran Woman's Work*, the official organ of the General Synod Society, whose fond dream was that she might live to see the day of a United Lutheran Church in America, a United Women's Missionary Society and a United Women's Missionary Magazine. "Her fervent hopes and many prayers for the work in South America's capital are also on the eve of being gloriously realized." Mrs. Pohlman herself enlisted years ago for foreign service in Africa, and is now the pastor's wife in the vigorous Temple Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. She is the official representative of both the General Synod and the General Council Society, on the Women's Central Committee on the United Study of Missions, a Pan-Protestant body including all denominations.

#### CHILD MEMBERSHIPS

Of the 15 children who grace our Roll this quarter, a whole bevy of them greet us smilingly

from the Leechburg congregation, Rev. F. A. Reiter, pastor. It is the first time we were ever rejoiced by a whole *page* of children's pictures from one Church. And we do want to emphasize our pride and pleasure at this new feature so strongly as to make the good example contagious. Here you see the happy working of the "Leechburg Banks" plan. The children's savings are deposited, no matter how few pennies at a time, and they delight to see the amount grow until the Life Membership fee of \$10 is reached. Whatever sacrifices be involved only serve to enhance the joy of the final attainment. The names of the twelve who have won the prize thus far are Florence L. Reiter, Marguerite K. Reiter, Helen Amanda Stivenson, Arthur Frederick Stivenson, Wade Truman Shaffer, Cornelia E. Goodbread, Margaret Frances Gosser, Jeannette Mayre Ashbaugh, Frederick Wayne Ashbaugh, David Elias Riffer, Laird Cole Riffer and Olive Amanda Riffer.

Dorothy Myrtis McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward McKay, Meadville, Pa., is enrolled by her parents. Dorothy's picture appeared in our September issue. Emilie Marie Oberg, two years of age, is enrolled by her grandmother, Mrs. E. Kraemer, of Oshkosh, Wis., and Elizabeth Kathryn Schaefer, three months old, by her aunts, the Misses Lauretta and Estelle Reeb, of Buffalo, N. Y. This dear baby's mother and aunts are also life members, while the grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Reeb's membership is now changed to In Memoriam.

Herman Brezing Miller, son of Rev. Herman and Ade Brezing Miller, is made a life member by his parents. Rev. Miller is pastor of the Church of the Resurrection at Buffalo, and Mrs. Miller has won distinction as leader of a junior mission study class numbering 92.

Herman Jacob Brezing, aged two months, enrolled by the Western N. Y. Conference Society, is the third grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Brezing to become a life member. He is the son of Rev. Herman Brezing and his wife, Harriet Riehmman, of Niagara Falls.

From West Hazleton, Pa., comes the name of Joseph Allen Snyder, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snyder, presented by his parents.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Beginning October 15, 1917.

FEE, \$25.00.

Bowers, Miss Mary L. H. Bridgewater, Nova Scotia  
Binder, Mr. Horace ..... Philadelphia  
Reeb, Mrs. Elizabeth W. .... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Brezing, Rev. Jacob ..... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Brezing, Mrs. Jacob ..... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Saleski, Student Kurt P. .... Rochester, N. Y.  
Rosengarten, Miss Addie ..... Pottsville, Pa.  
Tattersall, Mrs. Fredericka C. .... Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
Schenck, Mrs. Hattie Ritter ..... Philadelphia

#### LIFE MEMBERS

Beginning with October 15, 1917.

FEE, \$10.00, with \$2.00 for Child Picture.

McKay, Dorothy Myrtis ..... Meadville, Pa.  
Smith, Mrs. J. T. .... Toledo, O.  
Fluck, Mrs. W. A. .... Tinticum, Pa.  
Trauger, Mrs. Titus ..... Pipersville, Pa.  
Hoover, Mrs. Caroline D. .... Spring City, Pa.  
Stagg, Sister Edith ..... Easton, Pa.  
Grim, Mrs. George H. .... Millersville, Pa.  
Zimmerman, Mrs. J. M. .... Greensburg, Pa.  
Miller, Mrs. Henry ..... Milwaukee, Wis.  
Oberg, Emilie Marie ..... Oshkosh, Wis.  
Linn, Mrs. John A. .... Chicago, Ill.  
W. M. S. St. Peter's Church ..... Janesville, Wis.  
Karsch, Rev. C. G. .... Minersville, Pa.  
Schaefer, Elizabeth Kathryn ..... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Knell, Mrs. Louis J. .... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Kahler, Miss Emma A. .... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Wendell, Mrs. Jacob ..... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Boettger, Mrs. Augusta ..... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Miller, Herman Brezing ..... Buffalo, N. Y.  
Brezing, Mrs. Herman ..... Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
Brezing, Herman Jacob ..... Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
Pflueger, Mrs. C. G. .... Dunkirk, N. Y.  
Weiskotten, Mrs. F. W. .... Philadelphia  
Jaxheimer, Annette Katherine ..... Philadelphia  
Pohlman, Mrs. Augusta V. .... Philadelphia  
Riffer, David Elias ..... Leechburg, Pa.  
Riffer, Aline Amanda ..... Leechburg, Pa.  
Riffer, Laird Cole ..... Leechburg, Pa.  
Snyder, Joseph Allen ..... West Hazleton, Pa.

A folder publishing the complete list of Life Members and Memorials enrolled during the past six years is available for distribution. Synodical and Conference Chairmen will have charge of its distribution in local societies.

## Mission Study

In the past biennium there have been 410 regularly reported Mission Study Classes, with a membership of 3,590. Lifeless statistics? Not so. They are very much alive, indeed. Remember that in 1911 we had not a single Lutheran Women's Mission Study Class, and in 1913, at the close of our first biennium, we had only 68. Some of our women are careless of data, and reports are returned imperfectly filled out. I plead for more care in their making. Some do not report at all. I beg they will next year. Pennsylvania has the banner Synodical Society, with 92 classes the past year, and an enrollment of 1,542, using fifteen different textbooks. Look to the MISSION WORKER's literature department for the best books for study. Many ask how to organize a class? We all know how. We have been told often enough. The way to organize is—just to organize! We all realize the value of the study and its results. We all admit that we simply must have this kind of help if our lives are not to grow narrow, dull and fruitless. We agree that it is our duty to encourage mission study in all our Societies and Sunday Schools. We know we can do it if we will. Then why do we not, every last one of us, belong to a class or lead one? True, we are never too old to learn, but this work seems especially binding upon our younger women. They are so strong, so capable, so attractive. They can move the world if only they will. MRS. F. A. KAHLER.

## I WONDER WHETHER?

I wonder whether I should be here today had it not been—but perhaps I should begin farther back. As a child I heard various missionary appeals which made some impression upon me. Yet I wonder whether I should have thought of taking any active part in missionary work had not a Y. W. C. A. Student Secretary put the challenge squarely to me while at college?

I wonder whether I should have had anything to do with Mission Study if I had not been asked to lead a class myself?

I wonder whether I should ever have got in touch with Lutheran women's work, had I not chanced upon a copy of the MISSION WORKER upon the library table at home? Glancing idly through it, my attention was caught by an article describing the great World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh. I had learned about

it and been thrilled by it at school. That MISSION WORKER impressed me with the surprising news that Lutheran women were both broad-minded and wide-awake.

I wonder whether I'd be here today had not my pastor's wife linked me up to my mission study job?

Are the young women *worth going after*?

Young women will respond to the call, if you let them know that missionary service is a big thing, worthy of their best effort; that its methods are up-to-date, wide-awake, scientific; that its facts are thrilling, full of human interest; that the joy of service is great.

My contact with missions is one of the greatest things in my life. I would not be without it. Do you think other girls would feel the same way if *you* were to be God's instrument in calling them into service?

RUTH L. HEMSATH.

## Our Women Students in College

The past two years show decided increase in the Student department. Since our work is so closely related to the same work of our sister Societies in the Lutheran Church, it is impossible to speak of our own work as separate and distinct. Hearty co-operation on the part of all three Bodies has been a potent force in the measure of success that has been attained.

## I. SUMMER STUDENT CONFERENCES.

In 1916 we were represented at four of the Y. W. C. A. Student Conferences, Silver Bay and Lake Geneva being attended by a General Synod representative; Eaglesmere and Estes Park by one from the General Council. A total of 66 Lutheran College women were reached at that time.

In 1917 the Conference at Eaglesmere, Pa., at Lake Geneva, Wis., and Asilomar, Cal., were attended by General Synod representatives; Silver Bay by the General Council representative, and Blue Ridge, N. C., by the representative of the United Synod South. A total of 90 Lutheran students came in contact with the workers in this way.

This makes a total of nine Conferences in the biennium at which we, in co-operation with the sister Societies, have taken our place as interested in the College women of our Church, eager to hold them and use them.

Results? No accurate gauge of results can be tabulated. It is earnestly hoped that the beginnings made and the impetus given to personal investment in the Church's cause may be felt in many lines of Church activities. Four possible candidates for medical work have re-

ported, two from General Council and two from General Synod churches.

## II. WORK IN THE COLLEGES.

This is a new venture in our department. It was made possible through the generous provision of the Lutheran Women's League of Philadelphia. Six Colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were visited for very short periods. Nineteen public addresses and five informal meetings, besides very many personal interviews, sum up the activities of the two weeks that could be given to the trip. A total of 425 Lutheran students were addressed, some 800 students making up the total audiences.

Two candidates for the Japan mission field were reported by the department on this tour, both of whom are now preparing for that work under the Mission Board of the Lutheran Church in the South.

Requests for similar trips through the Colleges of New York and New England, Ohio and the Northwest have been made, but it has been impossible to arrange for them as yet. Such extensive work will necessitate a broader enterprise than we have so far undertaken.

## III. PUBLICITY.

An attempt has been made to keep the Woman Student Work as a practical possibility and definite duty before the members of our Churches. Every opportunity to present the subject before Synodical and Conference Missionary Societies, as well as local Church groups, has been accepted. The Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh and vicinity has organized work among the students in that territory,

and at a meeting addressed by the Student Secretary an auxiliary committee of students themselves was organized. One Synodical Society has recommended to its Conferences that they raise \$500 annually for work among the women students of its territory. And the Lutheran Women's Leagues of some cities have definite plans to make possible the continuation and extension of the work on a much larger scale.

Before us lies a great and varied field. There are the large Women's Colleges of the East, where our Lutheran girls are present in comparatively small numbers, but in great potential power. There are the smaller institutions of our own Church, where vast opportunities await our touch to yield many workers and rich interest. There are the great State and non-sectarian institutions the whole country over, but particularly of the Middle West, where Lutheran girls are needing the heartening touch of Church interest and influence. One institution, the University of Wisconsin, enrolled 800 Lutheran students last year, 200 of them girls. On every hand the openings are calling for our entrance and our sharing in the task. We have been able, with the co-operation of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Synod and of the United Synod South, to make a beginning. In proportion to the task and its importance, it seems pitifully small—but we feel that it has been in the right direction. Can we not look to still closer co-operation and greater accomplishment of this task that is so peculiarly ours as Lutheran women?

ANNETTE M. KAHLER,  
*Student Secretary.*

998 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

At the Executive Committee meeting held the day following our biennial convention, the following action was taken:

"That we recommend to the Executive Committee of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Synod of the South, and the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod, and of the United Norwegian Church, that each committee appoint two representatives to act as a Joint Committee on Student Work, this committee to elect its own officers, to investigate the situation among Lutheran women students and to formulate plans for the meeting of that situation in proportion to the opportunity, and to devise a means for the support of such activity as the committee shall deem advisable.

#### OUR INNER MISSION WORK

This department has shown marked progress. Our women are realizing that we must show our faith by our works. At the same time they seem over-modest about reporting their

work, and the report here given does not measure up to the amount of work done or the good accomplished. The money expended by no means indicates the activity of our women. Great sacrifices have been made in time and energy, which seem to have no commercial value, but which are an inestimable force in Inner Missions.

The sphere of the women of the Pennsylvania Synod embraces work among Italians, orphans, old people, infant homes, the Kensington Dispensary, the Hospice for Men and the Settlement House. \$6,000 was contributed for the latter two in 1916. Two daily vacation Bible schools were conducted during the summers. Forty-four volunteer workers assisted.

The Reading Conference supports a Christian kindergarten, and last year gave \$1,345.46 to institutions of mercy. In the Synodical Society of N. Y. and N. E. \$1,858.51 was given last year for use at Sing Sing prison for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the poor, for the Diet Kitchen and for the Seamen's and Orphan Homes. A summer home at Irvington on the Hudson was maintained, and much money not reported was given to the Men's Hospice in New York, the entire management of which is in the hands of the Women's Inner Mission Society. In Buffalo three Inner Mission centers are supported, St. John's Orphan Home, the Church Home for Aged and Infirm and the Martin Luther Hospice for Girls.

In the Chicago Synodical many garments were made for the Zellenople Orphan Home. Bedding was supplied to the Weidner Home, infants' outfits given to the charity ward of the Passavant Hospital, and much time and money spent for the poor. The Home of the Good Shepherd at Allentown was remembered also. Flowers and cheer was given to the sick in hospitals, and sewing done for the Children's Home at Elgin, Ill. Much aid was given to the men in camps on the border. Regular monthly services were held at the County Infirmary and literature placed in railroad stations. Active junior societies were formed. Sister Luise Strey has charge of Inner Mission work in Milwaukee. Much care is given to girls and women who need it; visits are paid to the sick and flowers taken to them, with a verse of Scripture tied to each flower. Entertainments and gifts were given at the Layton Home.

In Minneapolis the women are back of a deaconess who looks after the sick in hospitals and homes, and helps in the Lutheran Day Nursery and Kindergarten. In the Pacific Synodical the women are already busy, and the chairman asks for Inner Mission literature for distribution.

Central Canada women work for Bethany Orphanage in Nova Scotia, Dorchester House in Montreal, and Waterloo Theological Seminary. And so our work goes on. Never before was the need so great. We need the personal ministry. Society cannot be changed en masse, but only through the uplift of the individual. The work undoubtedly has the approval of our Lord, who, when He was on earth, went about doing good. We ask His blessing on our work and hope to hear Him say, when life's labors are finished, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

MRS. M. M. DECK, *Chairman.*

### OUR ITALIAN WORK

Firmly believing that only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can transform our Italian immigrants into good American citizens as well as evangelical Christians, we have continued our work in Philadelphia, and we hope it may spread to many other centers.

We need two resident workers, one a woman of Italian parentage, the other an American. \$1,500 will be required for these workers. The needs of the Luther House are a complete renovation of the interior, especially of the third floor, with bath for resident workers.

We should have Domestic Science classes. If the various Churches would volunteer to furnish, one the gas range, another the cooking utensils and others furniture for the rooms, it would be a great help. The school and kindergarten are sustained by the sale of postcards suitable for all times and seasons of the year, stationery and calendars. These sales have diminished somewhat in the past year of the war, nevertheless the profits were about \$700. We beg continued interest. Cash contributions encourage us from time to time, but we are yet far from the goal of 1,000 annual contributors at \$1.00 per year.

The school reopened September 10th with 77 scholars present and there will be a catechetical class ready for confirmation next spring. Mrs. Benedetto will conduct a Mothers' Club. About 20 of the children came regularly to a Mission Study class last year, under the supervision of the Misses Hess.

While much has been accomplished, we need the hearty co-operation of all interested women of the General Council.

Let us scatter the light of God's truth among those who shrink in the shadows. It is a duty that will cast a searchlight for us on our way to heaven.

MRS. JOHN W. RICHARDS,  
*Chairman.*

### OUR ORGANIZATION WORK

In spite of the great World War, and the havoc caused by it in many of our congregations, the work of organization has gone steadily on, although our cherished goal, "A Missionary Society in Every Congregation," has not been reached. A number of reasons are gleaned from different chairmen. "Lack of leaders," "Language question," "Distances in rural parishes," "Pastor unable to carry any more duties," "In the West everything is so new, and interests are so diverging," "Our pastor does not answer our letters or respond to appeals."

This work requires sacrifice of strength, time and enthusiasm. We rejoice at the organization of many Children's Mission Bands.

Little did we think, when we met in Minneapolis in 1909, to talk over the advisability of organizing a General Council Society, that our dreams would so soon be realized, and that in this Quadri-Centennial Year we could record such progress. May we all continue to "do our super-bit" in the great work! To recapitulate: the Pennsylvania Synodical, organized in 1895, has 575 congregations, 8 conferences, with 8,680 members and 2,815 junior members. The Allentown Conference is the oldest, dating from 1886. The oldest congregational Society is St. Michael's, of Germantown, started in 1880.

The Pittsburgh Synodical, organized in 1909, has 6 conferences, 172 congregations, with 3,289 members. One of these conferences has thirty-five congregations, and a Missionary Society in every one.

The New York and New England Synodical, organized in 1902, has 2 conferences, 55 congregations, and 2,926 members. The Women's Societies of two German Churches in the New York Ministerium have recently joined the Missionary Society of the Western Conference. The Synodical of the Northwest, organized in 1905, has 40 congregations, and 1,598 members. No congregation is without a Missionary Society. The Pacific Synodical, organized in 1906, has 15 congregations, and 342 members of the Society. Central Canada Synodical, organized in 1909, has 16 Churches, 13 Societies, and 244 members. The Nova Scotia Synodical, organized in 1912, has 28 Churches and 10 Societies. The Ohio Synodical, started in 1901, has 86 Churches and 58 Missionary Societies. The Chicago Synodical, organized in 1908, has 68 Churches and 25 Societies. The Augustana Synodical, organized in 1892, has 580 congregations, 310 Societies and 14,000 members, nearly as many as all the other Synods put together.

MRS. M. J. BIEBER,  
*Chairman.*

## OUR SLAV WORK

Literature has been sent to Synodical Societies for distribution, and large charts showing Slav churches in America. Interest in the work is growing. The Western Conference of the N. Y. and N. E. Synod has supported a Slav student in the Theological Seminary since 1911, and one Conference in the Pennsylvania Ministerium had supported a student since 1910. Now four Conferences and one congregation are each educating a young man.

At various times young men have applied for scholarships, but could not be accepted because of lack of funds in the treasury. At present we have 13 men in colleges and seminary. Those in college give valuable assistance by conducting regular Church services every Sunday. Urgent calls come from vacant congregations, for students to preach during the summer vacation, and great indeed is the disappointment when the plea must be refused for lack of men. It is a doubly trying situation, vacant mission fields seeking pastors, and ministers now on the field who cannot be adequately supported for lack of funds. If all our Societies would co-operate heartily in liberal support of this cause what a difference it would make! We in the United States face a great problem and have faced it for years, with little effort to meet it. God has sent the nations of the earth to our shores, and He bids us give them the light of truth He has kindled in our land. These nations plead with us for help and comfort. We are on trial. Will we be true to our responsibility? Nothing but Christianity can ever make these foreigners good citizens, and if we do not bring them to Christ we ourselves are faithless. The people need Christian culture. Schools, music, business knowledge can do much for them, but through them all must run the love of God and obedience to His law. The Apostles, on the day of Pentecost, preached Jesus Christ to the multitude in many tongues and languages. We should approach the immigrants as the missionary in their own land approaches them—with the Gospel. We are not doing this as generally and enthusiastically as we should. Let us be real Americans, and say to the immigrants: "This is our Bible," "This is our Church-Book," even as we say: "This is our flag."

LAURA V. SWOPE, *Chairman.*

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—An attractive and striking leaflet has been issued by our Literature Department, called "The Story of Slovak Susan," with a true picture from real life, illustrating every page. You will not be able to see things from the Slav view-point until after you have taken the three minutes needed to read this story. The eight pictures will fasten it in your memory. Price, 2 cents each; 20 cents a dozen; \$1.00 per hundred.]

## OUR MISSIONARY EXHIBIT

In the six years since the Missionary Exhibit started on its journeys it has been used 86 times in nine different Synods, in two countries, ten States and sixty cities. It has been shown in Pennsylvania twenty-two times, in New York eleven times, in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois each six times, in Minnesota twice, in New Jersey and Canada each once. It was used at the convention of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, and at the Student Conference at Thiel College, also at Syracuse in three General Synod churches. One pastor found it so helpful that he used it four evenings at service, dividing it into four groups—first, educational and literature; second, Home missions, Slav, Porto Rico and Italian missions; third, Foreign missions; fourth, Inner missions. Personal letters show the advantage of seeing missions pictured, as well as hearing about them. This method is most productive of results. The Exhibit, if rightly used, will leave a lasting impression on the minds of Sunday School scholars, Church members, delegates to conventions and Luther Leagues.

There is a demand for a lecture to accompany the exhibit, and this we hope to have prepared before very long.

MRS. S. G. WEISKOTTEN,

*Chairman.*

COUNCIL OF WOMEN FOR HOME MISSIONS  
OUR COUNTRY—GOD'S COUNTRY

This inter-denominational Body is devoted ardently to the great ideal of making our country God's country. It was organized in 1907, and is made up of eleven National Women's Boards for Home Missions, called Constituent Boards, plus six Boards termed Corresponding Members.

The individual membership of the Council consists of nine representatives from each Constituent Board and two from each Corresponding Board.

The purpose of the Council is to establish a medium through which National Women's Boards and Societies may co-operate in wider plans and more effective work for our Homeland. Nine Summer Schools for Missions are affiliated with the Council in an advisory relationship. Much of the work is carried on through seven standing committees. The one on Home Mission Study Courses and Literature might well be called the backbone of the Council, because of the educational value of its work. The textbook for this year, 1917-1918, called "Missionary Milestones," was written by our Lutheran sister, Mrs. Margaret Seebach. It has had a deservedly wide sale, and we are proud of the fact that in the series of study books issued by this Home Mission Board the Mother

Church of Protestantism is represented so splendidly.

On the Executive Committee our Lutheran women are represented by Mrs. Philip Rossman (General Synod), recording secretary, and by Mrs. Charles L. Fry, as one of the vice-presidents. The meetings of the committee are held in New York City.

#### Members Appointed to Serve

##### *Home Mission Study Courses and Literature*

—Mrs. Charles L. Fry, Philadelphia; Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten, Brooklyn.

*Home Mission Interests in Schools and Colleges*—Miss Anna Sener, Lancaster, Pa.

*Home Mission Interests Among Children*—Mrs. R. B. Fenner, New York City.

*Home Mission Comity and Co-operation*—Mrs. George Schnepel, New York City.

*Home Mission Interests Among Immigrants*—Miss Laura R. Swope, Erwinna, Pa.; Miss Laura V. Keck, Allentown, Pa.

*Home Mission Day of Prayer*—Mrs. G. C. Loos, East Orange, N. J.

*Home Mission Summer Schools*—Miss Zoe I. Hirt, Erie, Pa.

#### WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF NORTH AMERICA

The publishing of mission study books by the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions was begun in 1900, and every year there has been issued a textbook which, with few exceptions, has required an edition of 100,000 copies. The study for the coming year is on "The African Trail" for seniors, and "African Adventures" for juniors.

This Federation has been instrumental in publishing Christian literature for women and children in China. Under its supervision a

little magazine for Chinese children is published, called "Happy Childhood."

The Federation has co-operated with other Boards in establishing the following union institutions on the Foreign field: (1) The Woman's Christian College at Madras, India, which opened in 1916 with 71 students, 53 of them resident. A girl from Miss Schade's school at Rajahmundry is here fitting herself for a Christian career. The women of the General Synod contributed \$1,000 a year toward the support of this work. (2) Ginling College, Nanking, China, which in the fall of 1916 had 15 students, representing six Provinces. (3) Union Woman's Medical College, Vellore, India, is to be established for the training of native girls to become graduate Christian physicians. We ourselves, have just a month or two ago, pledged \$1,000 a year toward the support of this work. Miss Mary A. Miller is the Federation representative in our General Council Society.

Each of the seven large denominations has one representative on the Central Mission Study Committee. Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, of Philadelphia, represents our combined Women's Boards of the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk was appointed by the Federation as chairman of the "Methods of Work" Committee.

The Northfield Mission Study Conference, held one week each July, has grown to an attendance of over one thousand. This past summer, 1917, a new vacation school of a similar kind was opened at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. The attendance at its first experimental session was so large that its multitude of applicants will have to be limited next summer.



## The Mission Worker and its Editorial Change



It does not seem possible that THE MISSION WORKER can improve on its past record of noble usefulness. It has been no light task to place on its present plane the live, progressive, fervent little booklet that has been coming into our homes four times a year with its helpful messages. Mrs. Fry, the former editor, has built up its circulation to something over 10,000 subscriptions, reaching perhaps about 30,000 readers before it goes, as it always should, when we have read it, from our homes to our institutions of mercy, our almshouses and hospitals and in some cases to our soldiers and sailors. It is the voice of all true lovers of the MISSION WORKER that says, "All grateful honor to Mrs. Charles L. Fry." The present

editor pledges her best endeavor to keep the magazine up to the standard Mrs. Fry has set, and she asks the prayer of the multitude of devoted readers that the magazine shall continue to be as a trumpet that gives no uncertain sound, strikes no false note, grows ever more ringing-true in its message to our women. She asks for patience where it falters or fails, and she pleads for help to make it all that it should be. It has had but one reason for its existence from its inception, it has but one present purpose and but one future hope—that it may help our women everywhere to find and follow, to obey and praise their loving Lord.

MRS. F. A. KAHLER.

## EDITORIAL VALEDICTORY

BY MRS. CHARLES L. FRY, 1908-1917

Now that the development of the Women's Missionary work in the General Council has reached the stage when division of labor is imperative, not only for the sake of the work itself, but also of the health and strength of those in charge of it, the occasion dare not be allowed to pass without some expression of most grateful appreciation on my part, and of most enthusiastic commendation of our newly elected editor of the *MISSION WORKER*—Mrs. F. A. Kahler.

Having always been an ardent admirer of her, as a great-souled, wide-visioned representative of twentieth century Christian womanhood, both conservative and progressive, of whom we Lutherans may justly be proud, I shall always henceforth love her more dearly than ever, and so will you, for her self-sacrificing willingness to get under this load of responsibility, for the sake of the great causes for which this magazine has unequivocally stood and will continue to stand in her competent hands. Fortunately most of these principles have now received the official approval of the Church as a whole. You see what an immense help this will be to us in the future. Could anything have been more welcome, so far as our woman's work is concerned, than that, in the providence of God, just as we came to the time of our official magazine's transfer to its larger usefulness, it should go forward into its new sphere with the public sanction of the Merger-principle which it has been persistently advocating for years?

A long list of pastors, representing every section of the General Council, have expressed themselves on this point, in our last issue, over their own signatures. Look back only six brief years, and contrast the marked difference of atmosphere prevalent in Church circles then. Many causes have contributed to bring about this radical change, and for whatever share the *MISSION WORKER* has had, I desire to take occasion in this valedictory, to express my deep and sincere gratitude to the ten thousand and more subscribers who have been sympathetic with the position taken by their official organ. Not that many of these readers, even including some of the most devoted well wishers of the magazine, did not have their misgivings at times, whether it was wise to keep steadily putting the leaven into the meal, without any intermission? It would be interesting indeed to publish, if we dared, some of the messages of timid caution and doubting fears, which came both by mail and personal word from certain of our very best friends, who had heard the

earlier criticism and comments from various sources. Especially when the question of the magazine's Federation attitude seemed to be heading up to a crisis summons, for settlement by an assembled Tribunal, which actually did come to pass, and which could not but have features of not altogether pleasant memory.

The episode is past and soon will be forgotten, but a debt of lasting affection will always remain toward those steadfast souls, true as steel, whose loyalty then found occasion for development, and has since proved stronger than ever before. Our course will henceforth be smooth sailing in that regard, now that the Merger has been approved by all the Bodies.

With this present issue the *MISSION WORKER* enters upon the twenty-first year of its age. The very least we can do, not only as a gracious tribute to the new editor, but also in grateful recognition of the magazine's useful career as a recognized, distinct factor in our Church life, is to increase its subscription list by 2100 before the close of the Christmas holidays. This will mean an average of 100 for each year. There are single congregations which could easily send 100 before February 1st if the Missionary Society would volunteer to conduct an "every family canvass." Renewals should by all means be taken care of and secured in the same canvass.

## My Literature Department

How could I conclude this article without a word about the Department of missionary books and leaflets which is henceforth to be my special sphere of service. It is easy for me to recall the time, as recently as only several years ago, when it was "an event" to receive two orders a *week* for Mission Study Books, or for leaflets which we were just then beginning to issue. Think of the difference now, when we average from 20 to 25 letters per day. Yet what would be the increase in the size of the incoming mail of letters and orders, if all our congregations were as wide-awake to the living issues of the momentous present as are the faithful few? A forward step in this Department will be the issuance on January 1st of our first complete list of the missionary publications we handle, in leaflet form. Henceforth new literature only will be announced in the Literature Department.

Will you lend *yourself* to the imperative, necessary business of personally circulating, in your own congregation, the good things we publish or handle?

Because missionary literature is the very life-blood of missionary vitality and efficiency. Hence what we want you to be responsible for is *the circulation of the blood*.

# Our Literature Business is Getting Bigger

BY MRS. CHARLES FRY, LITERATURE SECRETARY

As people look at a leaflet they rarely think of the machinery by which it was brought to us. What most of them see is merely the bit of paper, and unless they are the exception they do not read it. Hence it is to the exceptional woman in our Societies that we owe our remarkable literature enlargement.

There passed through the treasury of the Literature Headquarters during the biennium no less than \$6,217.15. You are surprised at this and equally surprised that in the face of so large a sum you are nevertheless hearing constantly that there is a deficit. The mystery will be cleared away if you will examine a few of our items of expense, as follows:

Stenography .....	\$116.26
Postage .....	655.73
Magazine subscriptions .....	38.50
Junior chart material .....	7.00
Bill-heads and stationery .....	36.62
Envelopes .....	90.65
Wrapping paper .....	36.40
Literature Exhibit at Synod .....	8.00
Same at Northfield and Chambersburg .....	21.69
Publishing our first book, "The Story of Lutheran Missions" .....	749.60
Expressage and freight .....	127.42
Shelving at office .....	37.79
Boxes for shipping and storing material at office .....	30.10
Recaning chairs at office .....	1.80
Cleaning and resewing carpet .....	3.60
Christmas fees to Drexel Building employees for two years .....	8.50
Rental on additional room for program distribution .....	14.60
Stencils .....	2.50

This list purposely goes into minute details in order that you may realize that even so apparently trifling a thing as a missionary leaflet cannot be published and sent out without expense. It costs money to place the facts before the people. Even the U. S. Government spent \$3,000,000 in announcing and urging its Liberty Bonds, and the Missionary Society that refuses to incur expense for publicity and equipment will inevitably fail to secure a response in any degree commensurate with the great missionary task of the Church.

## Larger Headquarters

To keep pace with our growth during the biennium, we added another room to our suite, the largest of them all. This gives us the necessary light and ventilation, and adds greatly to our efficiency. We are proud that we have so well-located and so adequate a headquarters.

Six years ago we had no address to print on our General Council Society's stationery, hence by the courtesy of Berger Bros. we used the address of the MISSION WORKER publishing house, 2323 North Seventh Street. Six years ago we had not even made a start in the literature business. Today we have reached a point

where we need a complete outfit of bill heads, address labels, announcement fliers, price lists, order blanks, etc. The circulation of our Monthly Program literature is steadily increasing. During this past year, 1917, there were sent out 2,846 Program sets.

## Our Initial Volume

As our share in the publication of "The Story of Lutheran Missions," by our talented friend and co-worker, Elsie Singmaster, our Society invested \$747.60 in this first experimental venture in the domain of bound volumes. The total cost of the book's publication, to the three Boards comprising the Lutheran Women's Co-operative Literature Committee, was \$1,678.12. It is an expensive proposition to publish missionary books and as a General Council Society we have not yet sold our share of the edition, hence a large sum of money is temporarily locked up in this enterprise. We do need every dollar of it for developing other pressing lines of work, and we confidently depend on your personal help in circulating this valuable book, which is a storehouse of information. The price is 60 cents in cloth, 40 cents in paper.

We have co-operated with the chairmen of all departments in providing literature for the enlargement of their special work. Consignments of literature have been sent for exhibit at conventions, though the sales do not always cover the loss, damage and transportation expense. Such risks we dare not consider. Our business is to awaken a larger interest at any price. You see, therefore, how invaluable is the support we get from our Life Membership and In Memoriam department, as a steady source of supply. If we had to make our own expenses without this aid, we would go into bankruptcy within twenty-four hours. In this light you will understand why so much stress is laid on the Memorials and Life Memberships as not a mere optional matter, but a binding missionary OBLIGATION.

Packages of free literature have also been sent to interdenominational conferences all over this land, even as far as the Pacific Coast. And packages of mission study books are cheerfully sent out for examination, to help the leader or pastor choose the course best adapted to the particular local group.

## Our New Committee

For the future management of our growing Literature Department, the following action was taken by the Executive Committee and endorsed by action of the recent Convention: "A Literature Committee of five women shall be

appointed by the Executive Committee, to have general supervision, and be responsible for the publication of the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER and all official literature. This committee shall elect its own officers, and its chairman shall be ex officio a member of the Executive Committee. The editor of the MISSION WORKER and the Literature Secretary shall also be ex officio members of the Literature Committee."

The following members were appointed to serve on this committee: Mrs. T. W. Kretschmann, Mrs. C. T. Benze, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Miss Anna Sener and Miss Ruth Hemsath. Mrs. Charles L. Fry, as Literature Secretary, and Mrs. F. A. Kahler, as editor, are members of the Committee because of their office. Action authorizing the securing of a stenographer and the providing of necessary office equipment as needed. The editor of the MISSION WORKER was authorized to incur the expense of necessary stenographic help to the amount of \$50.

#### The "Lutheran Mission Worker"

The present subscription list numbers 10,218. Although 4,500 new names have been added during the biennium, yet we have not been careful enough about renewals of present subscriptions. When there is a heavy leakage here, there can of course be no progress.

The necessary advance in subscription price has not affected those subscribers who have interest in and love for the whole field of missionary activity, every phase of which is given a place in the magazine. The information is worth the price, and more, to these people.

The last word of a fervent Home Missionary, after having planted many missions, was: "Occupy! Occupy!! Occupy!!!" He saw an ever-increasing call to the Church to fill up the waste places of our land with the seed of the Gospel, to produce a large harvest.

In order that we may have a subscription list of at least 20,000—not a great number when we consider our large membership in the Church—will every woman constrain at least one other person to line up in our ranks? We do not propose the policy of *drafting* new recruits. We want every instance to be a volunteer.

#### THE MAGAZINE'S FINANCES

Our business manager, Miss Ida H. Zinser, reports for the biennium receipts amounting to \$5,871.87, and \$5,644.54 expenses, leaving a balance of \$227.23. The September issue of the MISSION WORKER is not yet paid for, but there are many subscription bills outstanding.

#### OUR NEW EDITOR

The resignation of Mrs. Charles L. Fry as editor went into effect after the publication of the September issue. It had been in her charge for nine years. Mrs. F. A. Kahler, of Buffalo, the newly-elected editor, assumes charge just as the magazine comes of age, on its twenty-first birthday. Help to signalize the year by a gain of 2,100 new subscribers, and a regain of lapsed readers. Here is our greatest weakness—our indifference about holding all the subscribers we have.

#### PLEASE NOTE

1. All reports from Department Chairmen are of necessity abridged in this number to their lowest possible expression. Cost of printing and lack of space make this imperative.

2. Notices of coming conventions, to be inserted in the MISSION WORKER, must be in the editor's hand two weeks before the regular issue of the magazine. Otherwise they cannot appear.

3. Names of newly-elected officers of Conference and Synodical Societies will appear, when reported to the editor, in the Directory, not in the report of the conventions.

4. It has been necessary to omit lists of committees of arrangement and of our welcome visitors to the Quadri-Centennial Convention.

5. A complete tabulated report of the drawn work and novelties industry in Porto Rico has been received from Mrs. Ostrom, giving the names of all women who have sent her orders and money for these things from 1907 to 1917. She expresses gratitude to all who have helped in this important work, especially to Mrs. Carl Christensen, of Chicago; Mrs. W. M. Rehrig, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and Miss Flora Brecht, of Buffalo, whose names head the list as the largest contributors. The money sent totals \$10,939.43 and has been used to pay for materials and work for three organs for Porto Rico churches, for a tile floor for the altar platform in Monacillo Chapel, a mission house at Dorado, the parsonage at San Juan and other necessities. The report is very interesting, but lack of space prevents its appearance in full in the MISSION WORKER. It is on file with Convention documents.

6. Our literature interests have been served most efficiently by Mrs. Fry during the past six years. No one of us can realize the extent of her self-sacrifice of comfort and convenience to meet the rapidly increasing demands of the department.

Mrs. F. A. KAHLER.

**CHURCH EXTENSION IMMORTALIZES YOUR MONEY  
GIVE ONE DAY'S INCOME ON ASH-WEDNESDAY**



## Our 1918 Monthly Meetings Helps for the Leaders



The effectiveness and influence will depend upon the time and thought given in preparation by those who have charge of the program for the evening.

We have Societies which have "no time" for anything but business. If that is honestly the case, then set aside another evening a month. But if it be careless indifference, and lack of efficiency in planning, then revise your methods and make time. Indifference is, in most cases, due to lack of information, and inertia. Get your women into the habit of taking part in the program.

It is taken for granted that the printed program outlines will be developed more fully by the Society's discussion at the meeting. They are intended only as suggestions. Not as crutches but as guides to a fuller and broader study.

### THE FULL SET OF RESOLUTIONS

which were passed at our recent biennial Convention are published in this issue, and also reprinted in leaflet form for our program packet. At each monthly meeting one or two should be presented for discussion and adoption. They will never become effective until each woman shall catch the spirit of them, through such a discussion, and then make them operative in a very literal and definite way. So long as they remain mere resolutions on paper they are no more than wasted ink and wasted breath.

### JANUARY

**Facing the Situation**—As this material goes to press the National Lutheran War Commission, with office headquarters at 801 Knabe Building, 437 Fifth Avenue, New York City, is preparing plans to reach all the Lutheran men and women of this land, irrespective of Synodical connection, for service to our Lutheran soldiers and sailors. It is hoped that the study of this topic at such a crisis time, will stimulate absorbing interest in the large plans of the Lutheran War Commission. The first gifts to this committee were made by women. Five thousand dollars was one gift from a Philadelphia Lutheran woman, and \$200 from the treasury of the Lutheran Woman's League of Philadelphia.

In addition to the articles called for in the January program, note also in this issue several other articles bearing on the same subject, and the one on the work of the Y. W. C. A. by Miss Kahler. The letter sent to Rev.

Dr. Welden, during the Civil War, by one of his young men proves that the conditions of war are about the same now as they were then.

"The Challenge of the Present Crisis," by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, will prove of great value. It is right in line with the section of program on World Reconstruction. (Price, 50 cents, postpaid.) Read this book thoughtfully, and give the substance to your women, with the aim of getting them to think, to pray, to act.

**DUPLEX SCRAP-BOOK LETTERS FOR SOLDIERS.** Explain to your ladies that the sample found in the leaflet packet is to show how a folder should be prepared before mailing. The copies purchased from the Duplex people will come with blank pages, on which you will write the personal message, and paste the clippings on the inside pages.

**VELLORE COLLEGE.** Present to your members the plan of asking each member to give at least ten cents per year for the maintenance of this work. See article by Miss Miller on Vellore Medical College, India.

### FEBRUARY

**New Standards of Sacrifice**—Note in the packet of leaflets one not referred to in the program for this month. It is entitled "Outstanding Needs in Our Foreign Mission Stations," for use under "Discussion." This material was especially prepared for the February program by our Foreign Mission Board Secretary, Rev. George Drach. May the study of this topic lead to a deeper realization of our responsibility. Our nation is responding to the call to the colors. Would that the Church would respond with the same enthusiasm and support to the call of our foreign field.

Extra copies of this leaflet will be furnished free upon request. Enclose postage.

Why not invest in the purchase of extra copies of the leaflet, "Whose Is It?" and "How Long Shall I Give?" for wise and careful distribution among the members of the congregation? Perhaps your minister would enclose them (one at a time) in his pastoral letter when he sends it out. Why not ask him? Of course your missionary society would pay the bill. Be sure to ask for a report of the Vellore Medical College, support for which we have obligated ourselves to the amount of \$1,000 a year. This means an average of at least 10

cents for every woman in the missionary society. Those who can give more should gladly do so.

### MARCH

**Our Church's "Liberty Loan"**—This issue of the *MISSION WORKER* contains a Church Extension article which will furnish additional material for the meeting.

Fosdick's "The Challenge of the Present Crisis," noted in the January program, will furnish supplemental material, proving that only through the Church can the world be saved. The Church Extension Loan Fund helps to

build the churches in which the people may receive spiritual strength. To what extent is your missionary society extending this work? Are the Extension envelopes distributed during Lent for self-denial offerings? Do you give One Day's Income? Other denominations receive thousands of dollars by this plan. Urge your society to become an annual contributor to Church Extension at \$5.00 a year. Exhibit the sample certificate enclosed in the program packet envelope, to stimulate membership in the Church Extension Society.

MRS. CHARLES L. FRY,  
*Literature Chairman.*



## Junior Department

MRS. T. W. KRETSCHMANN, CHAIRMAN



### 15 Minute Programs in the Sunday School

This branch of Junior Missionary work is recognized as the best for all the children, at least once a month. Suggestions for such a program will be made in each issue of the *MISSION WORKER*, for the aid of the Sunday School missionary committee. The selections of Scripture and the hymns and prayer should accord with the topic for the day. Some special scheme of decoration should be arranged to appeal to the eye of the scholars; then the thought of Missionary Sunday will be one of expectancy. The material for these programs will always be found in the junior or senior monthly topics, or in articles in the *MISSION WORKER*.

#### January

TOPIC—*Our Soldiers in the Army Camps.*

I. The vital need of religious influence.

II. "The Army Chaplain and His Work."

Told by pastor to school. (See article in this issue.)

III. "What the Church Can Do Through the Y. M. C. A." Assign to be read by a member of the Bible Class. (See article in this issue.)

IV. Have letter read which was sent to Rev. Dr. Welden by a young soldier in the Civil War, showing that the moral and spiritual conditions are much the same. (Printed in this issue.)

V. If within easy distance of a camp, invite a competent Christian soldier to speak to the school. Even if you do not live near a camp, there is scarcely a town in which some man in uniform would not be available. Though great care must be exercised in inviting the proper man.

VI. Explain about the National Lutheran War Commission for Soldiers and Sailors. Write to the headquarters, 437 Fifth Avenue, 801 Knabe Bldg., New York City, for information as to how your school may render assistance?

#### February

TOPIC—*The Need of Today in Non-Christian Countries.*

I. Why America must give to other lands? Print on blackboard, in large letters, the verse "How Long Shall I Give?" (See Monthly Topics.) Ask school to read this in concert.

II. Japan's need of help. See leaflet, "Two Streams," in Monthly Topics. Distribute to school and let a paragraph be read by each class.

III. India's need of help. Have a young girl read a letter from "The Children's Nurse," found in this issue. An attractive leaflet with the picture of one of the Hospital babies, in the arms of the Children's Nurse (see this issue), may be had for 35 cents per hundred.

IV. Read carefully the folder prepared by General Secretary Drach on "Outstanding Needs in Our Foreign Mission Fields." (See leaflet in Monthly Program Topics.) Have a competent person prepare a digest and make urgent plea for larger support of our work. To this end, read the striking new leaflet, "Foreign Missions As a Soldier Sees Them." See program packet.

#### March

TOPIC—*The Church's "Liberty Loan" Fund.*

I. The nation's Liberty Loan posters applied to church extension. (See Monthly Topics.) Print these on blackboard, and have selected scholars read the description in Leader's Sup-

plement.

II. The problem of perpetual motion solved by church extension. Let superintendent give a short talk on this problem, and how the Church Extension Fund solves it. (See Leader's Supplement in Monthly Topics.)

## Junior Program Topics for 1918

January—A Message Sent 2,000 Years Ago.  
February—Missionary Ships That Have Sailed.  
March—The Hospital Corps.  
April—Behind the Lines.  
May—Seven Missionary Object Lessons.  
June—Wedding Bells Around the World.  
July—Raising the Flag.  
August—A "Missionary Hymn" Service.  
September—School Bells.  
October—Great Missionary Mottoes.  
November—Thankful Hearts in Many Lands.  
December—A Christmas Star.

Price 30 cents per set. This includes the program outlines and leaflets.

(A complete packet of literature, giving full outline of the twelve missionary programs prepared for Juniors for 1918, with readings, recitations and exercises, may be secured from our Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia. Price 30 cents, postpaid.)

### HELPS FOR JUNIOR LEADERS

#### Using Our Monthly Program Material

BY MRS. E. C. CRONK.

[Beginning with this issue, the Junior section will be given a large space in our magazine. Suggestive supplemental material on the Junior Programs will be a feature.—EDITOR.]

#### January Topic

A Message Sent 2,000 Years Ago.

#### Suggestions for the Leader's Introduction—

Many kings and queens have sent out important messages, with instructions that these be delivered to everyone in the land in which they reigned. But there has been only one message of so much importance that the messengers were charged to deliver it to everybody in the whole world. That message is "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Nearly two thousand years ago our Saviour began to search for successors who loved Him well enough to carry that message to every person in every land. At first He selected twelve messengers. When we think of the millions of people in the world, and of the millions of miles that must be traveled, over land and sea, in order to reach them all; when we think of the hundreds of languages that must be learned by the messengers before they can deliver the message so that the people can understand it; it seems as if they faced a task that could not be done. But each of the first Christians delivered the message to someone else. People who heard it went from one place to another, passing on to others the story of God's love and of His great gift. In two hundred years two millions

III. Church Extension, what it has done, what it is doing, what it should do? (See leaflet in Monthly Topics.)

Show to the school the sample copy of membership certificate contained in the program packet.

of people who had heard the message had become Christians. In nineteen hundred years there were five hundred millions of Christians. This seems like a great many, and it is wonderful how far the message has been carried, but even after all these years have passed there are today *one thousand millions* of people who have never been told. That means that only about one-half of the people in the world have heard the message yet.

This is the work Christ left for His Church to do. When He was crucified He said: "It is finished." That meant that He had given His life to save the world, and no one need offer any more sacrifice for sin. The task that is not finished is our task, of telling all the people in the world that Jesus died to save them. He wants each one of us to enter His messenger service.

Here are five reasons why this messenger service of the King of Kings is the greatest in the world. It has

1. The greatest and most wonderful message to deliver (John 3 : 16).
2. The greatest number of messengers. More than 25,000 in heathen lands.
3. The greatest number of languages. In more than 600 languages and dialects.
4. Messengers in more lands. In every country in the world.
5. The most capable and devoted messengers. Men and women who have declined other positions, with large salaries and high honors, to remain in this service, and many have given their lives to it.

*Discussion*—How may we become better messengers?

*Service*—Make plain to the Juniors their opportunity of bringing others under the influence of the Gospel, in securing new members for the Sunday School and the catechetical class, and in bringing others to the Church services. Juniors at work should fill the empty pews at many evening services. Then suggest some things messengers for Jesus can do in your own community. Emphasize the need for larger gifts to send more messengers, and the need for more messengers who will go.

February—Missionary Ships That Have Sailed  
*Suggestion for Leader's Introduction*—If a

message is to be carried into all the world it must be carried not only on land, but also across seas and oceans. Ever since Jesus gave His message, ships have been sailing o'er the seas, bearing the message of the Cross. There is not an ocean nor a sea, nor a gulf in the world, that has not been crossed by missionaries carrying the Word of God. The first missionary ships were the ones we read about in the Bible.

*Some Famous Missionary Ships*—(To be presented in 3-minute talks or papers).

1. The "Sophia Hedwig"—the ship in which the first Protestant missionaries sailed for India. (Secure material from the "Story of Lutheran Missions," page 31.)

2. "The Hope." A messenger to Greenland. (See "Story of Lutheran Missions," page 52.)

3. "The Candace," Pastor Harms' mission ship. (See "Story of Lutheran Missions," pages 61 and 135, and "A History of Lutheran Missions," pages 196 and 197.)

4. "A Stuffy Little Two-Master," the ship which brought Henry Melchior Muhlenberg to America. (See "Life of Muhlenberg.")

If a longer program is desired and material is available, add stories of "The Messenger of Peace," John Williams' ship; "The Sarah Ann," Dr. David A. Day's wheezy little steamboat, and "The Mission Day-Spring," John G. Paton's ship.

*Ship's Cargoes of Which Christian Lands Should Be Ashamed*—Suggestions for talk or paper.

Not all the ships which Christian lands have sent to heathen lands have borne only missionaries, and cargoes of blessings. Business firms in Christian America have manufactured many of the idols worshipped in heathen countries, and sent them over in large quantities. The rum and the whiskey which has been such a curse to Africa and other countries has been sent over in ships from Christian lands.

Now American tobacco companies are pouring tons of tobacco into China, Africa and India. After China has made such a heroic struggle to rid itself of opium, Christian America is sending shipload after shipload of tobacco in, with the slogan: "A cigarette in the mouth of every man, woman and child in China."

*Suggestions for Service*—Plan for the Juniors to do something to make the trips of the outgoing missionaries pleasant. A letter or a quotation may be arranged for each day of the journey, or a gift for each day. See that ships that are sailing bear from your League gifts of money and materials needed in our missions. (A newsy letter will bring pleasure. A current magazine or good book is most acceptable. Send only the best publications.—Editor.)

## March—The Hospital Corps

### *Suggestions for the Leader's Introduction—*

Suppose you lived in Philadelphia and were very sick, and you found that the nearest doctor lived in New York. Just suppose this, and you will know how some of the girls and boys who live in lands that are not Christian, have to suffer when they are sick. The doctors of the world are not very evenly divided up. In some parts of the world you find hundreds of doctors in one city, whilst in other lands you can go for hundreds of miles without finding a single doctor. New York City alone, with its two millions of people, has more doctors than all Christians in the whole world have yet sent out, for all the *one thousand million* people of heathen lands! This one city has more hospital beds than we Christians have prepared, in all our mission work, for the sick people of the non-Christian world.

The exercise in the program packet, "What Happened When They Were Sick?" will effectively bring out some of the customs of non-Christian lands.

**ROLL CALL OF MISSIONARY DOCTORS.** The leader should previously assign names to Juniors, who rise and answer by telling who the Medical Missionaries were, and something about their work. Other names should be added.

1. Dr. Peter Parker, who opened the first Mission Hospital in China.

2. Dr. John Scudder—The first medical missionary from America.

3. Dr. Clara Swain—The first woman physician to go from America to the foreign field.

4. Dr. Anna S. Kugler—Pioneer Lutheran woman physician to go from America to India.

5. Dr. Betty Nilsson—The only doctor now in our Hospital at Rajahmundry.

*Suggestions for Service*—Plan some form of personal missionary service for the Juniors. They may read to the sick people in the congregation or to convalescents in hospitals. They may send flowers to the sick, with a Scripture passage tied to each flower. Tiny flower pots made of eggshells, filled with earth and growing plants will give joy to sick folks. Directions for making Eggshell Gardens and other interesting things for the sick are given in the book, "Things to Make." Price, 50 cents. Address our Literature Headquarters.

## OUR JUNIOR SPECIALIST

BY MRS. T. W. KRETSCHMANN, DEPT. CHAIRMAN

Here are two pieces of good news for Junior leaders. First, a *Junior specialist* is at their call. We have engaged the services of Miss Brenda Mehlhouse for a three-months tour of the churches. She will demonstrate in her own interesting way the missionary programs for 1918. To meet expenses there will be the small charge of five dollars for each address, plus a share of the traveling expenses. Sev-

eral churches in a town may combine in securing her services. Address her at Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Building, as she is now planning her itinerary for January and February. Your money will be well spent if you awaken interest in Junior work by this method.

Synodical Societies and District Leagues please take notice. The Junior Luther League Committee will co-operate with our Junior Committee, as the topics presented are for Junior Leagues also. The name of your Children's Society makes no difference. The main point is, have you any way in which you are enlisting the children for future missionary service? No better means of accomplishing this can be found than to send for our Junior specialist. All Junior Chairmen are asked to arrange to have Miss Mehlhouse visit their districts.

#### A WORD FROM OUR SPECIALIST

So many splendid opportunities have come to me lately in work with the children that I must tell about them. The first conference on Junior work was at the Convention of the Philadelphia Luther League in October. It is splendid to have the co-operation of the Luther Leagues and to know that they, too, feel the great importance of Junior work.

At the Norristown Women's Convention the new books for Juniors, "African Adventures," "Bearers of the Torch," and the new programs were presented through posters, thus making direct appeal through the eye. Both the Danville and Pottsville Conventions were interesting and helpful. I held informal conferences with workers at both, and at the Danville Convention gave an address on "Claiming Our Second Chance."

A feature of the Pottsville Convention was a "Story Hour," which I was asked to conduct. The children came in after school. One little fellow walked several miles to be there. These eighty-seven girls and boys listened to stories of Luther and of Neesima and the children of other lands.

In convention I gave a talk on practical methods of Junior work, illustrating it with posters and new material for programs. The children were a source of inspiration to all, and I could have wished for no better background for my talk.

Hard to interest children? It is the easiest thing in the world. The trouble is with us, we are not *zealous* enough in our efforts to organize and interest them. Other recent visits were to the Junior Band of Spring City, Pa., and to Dublin, Pa., at a missionary service of the Junior Society. I have just been appointed to present this work among our churches for three

months, and I go forth hopefully, trusting that many more such opportunities may present themselves, and that many may take up the work of training children for the service of the Master.

BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE.

#### LIGHTHOUSE MITE-BOXES

The second piece of good news is that the General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board reports that Miss Rohrer has been loyally supported by the children. This shows that the mite-boxes have been used extensively. Send for a larger number this year.

But have all our leaders divided the *contents* of the mite-boxes equally? The support of the Slav Student is to develop the Home Mission instinct in the children. Therefore, be sure to emphasize *both* objects of the collection. There ought to be at least two Slovak boys in college as the result of the children's efforts.

Our proposition for next year is that we aim to raise \$1,200 in the Lighthouse Mite-Boxes. Then we will divide the money equally, and our Children's Nurse will be supported, also two Slovak Lutheran students will be prepared for work among their people in this land.

#### INVITATIONS TO THE JUNIOR MEETINGS

In these days of many attractions of a worldly nature for our children, the Junior Mission leader must make the invitations sent out, to announce the meetings, more than moderately attractive. There is a way to devise an inexpensive yet unique invitation for each month. Samples of various, cute and suggestive designs will be furnished upon application to our Literature Headquarters, at 5 cents each, or the three for this quarter's meetings at 10 cents for the set. A complete, well-devised set of charts, illustrating either the Home or Foreign Junior Study books, will be furnished by Miss Mehlhouse at \$2.00 each per set. Address our Headquarters.

#### A LONG JOURNEY

The romantic career of Conrad Weiser is a story of adventure which is *true*. When this brave pioneer came across the sea, almost two hundreds years ago, he did not know how famous his name would become in America. A little lad of fourteen, he did not then know how his descendants would revere him, and that his daughter would become the wife of the Patriarch of American Lutheranism, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. As he experienced those thrilling adventures with the Indians, and even became a member of their councils by adoption, as the chief of the Mohawk nation, he did not know what an influence his romantic career

would have on the rising generation.

Tell the story to the children, and be sure to circulate the book among the boys, as full of heroic adventure.

This book for the story-telling hour is by our beloved Lutheran writer, Elsie Singmaster, and can be ordered from our Literature Headquarters for \$1.00, postpaid.

#### MISSIONARY PROGRAM MATERIAL FOR CHILDREN

The name of the author of this book, Anita B. Ferris, assures us of something worth while in Sunday School literature. It may be ordered from Literature Headquarters for 50 cents, postpaid. No one who is planning missionary programs for children should be without it. The selection of missionary poems and stories is original, and will give new sugges-

tions to leaders for Sunday School or Junior programs. No missionary committee can afford to neglect any new aspect of this vital subject.

#### A NOTICE FOR JUNIOR SYNODICAL CHAIRMEN

A new form of Junior statistical blank is in preparation, and in January we hope to mail to each Synodical Junior Chairman enough copies for each church in her Synod. The use of these blanks will systematize and stimulate the work. Several chairmen have suggested corrections to the old blanks. If you have such suggestions, please send them at once to the Department Chairman at 48 North Fortieth Street, Philadelphia.

All the literature referred to in this department will be found listed, with price, under the Literature Department. See last pages.



## Our Recent Conventions



### Norristown Conference

The twenty-second annual Convention was held November 1st in Augustus Church, Trappe, Pa., Rev. W. O. Fegely, pastor. The president, Mrs. Warren Nickel, submitted an able and comprehensive report, outlining the work demanding attention during the next year. The treasurer reported an increase of \$275 over last year's offerings. There are 25 cradle rolls with an enrollment of 849. Three new Junior Bands were organized, making a total of 22 with 725 members. New Societies were organized at St. Mark's Church, Pennsylvania, and St. John's, Spinnerstown. Five persons in Memoriam and thirteen life members of the General Council Society were reported. A life membership was presented by the Conference Society to its retiring president, Mrs. Nickel. Mrs. E. C. Cronk gave an inspiring address. Mrs. Margaret Seebach delighted everybody with stories of the Reformation, and Rev. Dr. Weller brought echoes from the General Council Convention. A prayer for peace was offered. It was decided to help support the Vellore Medical College and the Danish mission in the Virgin Islands, and assist in raising \$6,000 for the Home Mission Field Fund. Also that a Chairman of Deaconess work be appointed and interest in the Slav work be continued. The Society will assist in war relief. Mrs. O. P. Smith gave a report of the Convention in Philadelphia. Miss Hirt, Miss Mellander, Miss Brewer, Mrs. Bieber and Mrs. W. P. M. Braun were present. Miss Mellander and Rev. Dr. Kunzman delivered the closing addresses.

### Philadelphia Conference

The twenty-seventh annual Convention of the Philadelphia Conference Societies was held November 8th in the Church of the Nativity, Rev. I. C. Hoffman, pastor. Printed statistical reports gave detailed statement of all Societies. Receipts for the year were \$3,943.63. Hearty endorsement was given to the plan for support of the Union Medical College for women in Vellore, India. Professor H. Sipes earnestly stressed the need of consecrated men and women for mission fields. Miss Brewer conducted the Round Table and Mrs. Kretschman led the Junior Workers' Conference. Work for soldiers and sailors was ably presented by Dr. C. M. Jacobs. A Missionary Pageant, "Christ in America," was presented by the young people of the church, and an illustrated lecture on Lutheran Missions in Africa was given by Rev. F. Flothmeier.

### Lancaster Conference

The twenty-second annual conference was held October 18th at Zion's Church, Lancaster, Rev. P. Schmieder, pastor. The speakers of the day were Rev. Dr. Ramer, Mrs. C. P. Wiles and Mrs. G. C. Eisenhardt. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Dr. Steimle. The women voted to renew their pledge of \$300 annually for four years for the Slav Fund, to continue Student Ward Fund, to pay annually \$150 towards Miss Weiskotten's salary in India, to contribute to the education of a medical missionary, to strive to have a senior and junior Society in every congregation in the Conference,

to increase the number of Mission Study classes, the subscriptions to the MISSION WORKER, and the securing of life memberships and memorials. Mrs. G. H. Grim was made a life member in recognition of her faithful services as treasurer.

#### Western Conference, N. Y. and N. E.

The eleventh annual Convention was held November 6th in Zion's Church, Niagara Falls, Rev. Herman Brezing, pastor. There were 79 delegates and 80 visitors present, representing 22 Societies with a membership of 1,826. Offerings for missions during the year were \$8,952. The action taken was in favor of renewing pledges as follows: \$300 for a Slav student, \$300 for Foreign Missions, \$400 for Home Missions and \$250 for Student Secretary Fund. All will contribute toward the Vellore Fund. The president suggested following the example of the Augustana Synod women, having as many subscribers for the MISSION WORKER as there are members of the Conference Society, 1,826.

## Augustana's Inspiring Example

The twenty-sixth anniversary Convention of the Augustana Synodical Society had a large number of delegates and visitors for its Silver Jubilee in Rock Island and Moline in June, 1917. The aim was to secure 10,000 members and 10,000 Jubilee subscribers for the *Tidning* and 10,000 Jubilee dollars. Each of 431 honorary members of the Silver Jubilee secured 10 new annual members, 10 new subscribers to *Missions Tidning* or the MISSION WORKER, and one life member, or gave \$10 to the Jubilee Fund which was equally divided between a Widows' Home in Indian and a Girls' School in China. We have raised the \$10,000 for the Fund. We secured 7,000 more annual members and 5,000 subscribers, and as we continue our work until May of 1918 we hope to reach all our aim, and especially to enlist one-sixth of all our women. A wonderful spur was our Jubilee motto: "Our Master's Service First." With the organization of the Canada Conference we have every conference organized. We have 14 missionary districts organized and aim to have all 77. We are supporting Dr. Betty Nilsson in India, Sister Ingeborg Nystul and Sister Thyra Lawson in China, also 9 native workers, 17 Bible women, 12 boys' and 35 girls' scholarships in India, China and Porto Rico.

Our Patron and Protege department proposes the excellent plan of "My Own Missionary For a Day" in order to raise the salary of our women missionaries. Kansas has thus raised for 5 months Miss Agnes Christenson's salary. We recommend this plan to all the Missionary

#### SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

The new Western Conference was organized October 3. The first meeting was held in the parlor of Mrs. Gable at Glenburn, North Dakota. A constitution was adopted and officers were elected as follows: Mrs. W. F. Bacher, president; Mrs. W. H. Gable, vice-president; Mrs. George L. Walker, Moorhead, secretary, and Mrs. W. S. Ulrich, North Fargo, treasurer. Three congregational Societies were represented, those of Fargo, Moorhead and Glenburn. Those of Winnipeg, Kildeer, Butte and Livingston are yet to become members, and after the merger takes affect the Societies at Grand Forks and Williston may come in. Considering that delegates must travel from 300 to 700 miles to attend meetings, these women certainly deserve great credit. Like the rest of the Lutheran world, they are busy knitting and sewing for the soldiers and sailors, celebrated the Quadricentennial with full Churches, and are making history in woman's effective way.

Societies in the General Council. We have assumed the education of Miss Bertha Anderson as a medical missionary.

The 10,000 copies of our Biennial Calendar for 1917 give a short history of the twenty-five years' marvelous growth of our various departments. We now number over 14,000 members and our monthly magazine has 14,000 subscribers. During the biennium our treasurer, Mrs. Otilia Swanson handled over \$73,000. For our Christmas boxes to India, China and Porto Rico we gathered \$1,970.35. We sold India lace to the value of \$635.67 and Porto Rico work to the value of \$965.06. We are building a great hospital in Juchow, China, which when completed will cost us \$12,000. We have already paid \$8,000 on it. The Foreign Mission Board wrote us that it ought not to sanction the erection of new buildings in India until the Government again gives the Mission its unqualified good-will, but as soon as that day comes we intend, with some \$26,000 invested in real estate at 6 per cent. bonds, to build a dispensary and a hospital chapel in Rajahmundry, India; a Girls' High School in China, a Widows' Home and a Charlotte Swenson Memorial for Bible Women training in India. We have given \$500 to the work in Buenos Aires, South America, and presented each member of Rev. Ceder's Women's Aid Society with a subscription to our *Missions Tidning*. May "The Master's Service First" always spur us on until all Christian women hear the call to arm the world with faith and love.

## 5. Junior Specialist

## MY OWN MISSIONARY FOR ONE DAY

1. The Augustana Synod has 77 mission districts.
2. The salary of its women missionaries is \$600 per year.
3. The salary of one missionary is \$1.65 per day.

## Plan

We propose that each church or mission district take one month's salary.

## How?

Get 30 or 31 women in each church or district to take a *missionary for ONE DAY ONLY* and pay \$1.65, her day's salary. This way we could support our girls who are missionaries.

## Conference or District Work

Aim this year to get 12 churches within its bounds that will respond to this. Each church will be given its month; they in turn assign each woman her day—"My missionary this day."

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ACTIONS

## 1. Thank-Offering

An appropriation of \$200 was made to the Quadri-Centennial Thank-offering Fund, as an expression of gratitude to God for the splendid growth and development of our organization.

## 2. Vellore College

In our effort to secure \$1,000 for the support of the Medical College at Vellore, we recommend that every member of the Missionary Society be asked to contribute at least ten cents over and above her regular contributions. A statement of how indispensable to us this long-needed institution will become is to be framed and sent to the president of every Synodical and Conference Society, stressing the fact that we have *obligated* ourselves for its support.

## 3. Lutheran Co-operative Committee

Mrs. Charles L. Fry was appointed the General Council Society's representative to act in conjunction with Miss Protzman, of the General Synod, and Mrs. Cronk, of the United Synod South, in publishing missionary literature conjointly. (A beautiful solid gold wrist-watch bracelet came as a complete surprise to Mrs. Fry, when privately presented to her by members of the Executive Committee, at the expiration of her term of service as editor.)

## 4. Greetings to Missionaries

It was decided to send greetings from the Convention to all our missionaries on the field.

Mrs. Kretschmann was empowered to arrange with Miss Mehlhouse, at a salary which shall be decided upon by her department, to give her services to us for three months, to present the Junior Programs for next year, and that we notify the Junior Committee of the Luther League that Miss Mehlhouse is available should they wish to engage her services for the presentation of missionary material to Junior Leagues.

Mrs. H. E. Jacobs was made an advisory member of the Executive Committee.

## TRENCHES AND RETRENCHING

There are certain words that spell disaster and dishonor, when used in connection with missions. A painful crisis arises in India. The necessities of war throw upon our shoulders the support of Lutheran missions in a district beyond our own. This doubles the call upon our purses. We fall short thousands of dollars, and our Board, which is the almoner of our heart charities, must use one or the other of the unpleasant words, "retrench" or "borrow," unless we come to the rescue. "Double our gifts to Foreign Missions?" "It can't be done," says one, perhaps more than one. The Y. M. C. A. needed thirty-five millions of dollars for comfort and cheer for our soldiers in camp and cantonment, and they asked for it. Many said, "It can't be done." We gladly gave them more than FIFTY million dollars. The Y. W. C. A. of an inland city wanted \$40,000 for work for women in connection with war necessities. They asked for it. Some thought it could not be raised. Within two weeks \$50,000 was gladly given. We women have just been admitted to representation on the Mission Boards of our Church. "And who knoweth whether thou are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" If the unbelievable should come to pass, and we Lutheran women should "altogether hold our peace," at this time of distress in India, then shall we deserve the calamity of that fateful verse in the Book of Esther (4th chapter, 14th verse). When God says a thing must be done, don't let us be cowards and say "it can't be done." His "must" means our "can." To us it means "We will." May God forgive us for this talk of retrenchment, and may He give the home Church the heart and mind to make unusual sacrifices, during these critical times, for His work and kingdom in the foreign fields.

When we shall have learned the courage of the trenches, we will not so much as think of retrenching.

## LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA

Two or three months ago, as another expression of the same centripetal spirit, there was organized in the Middle West what was named the Lutheran Brotherhood of America. The originators were Rev. A. Norrbom, of the Augustana Synod, who served temporarily as the first president; Dr. A. B. Leamner, General Synod, and Rev. N. G. Peterson, of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. The brotherhood received permission from the Government to erect a building on the cantonment grounds at Des Moines. The formal opening of the building took place the 9th of December, when representatives of the Brotherhood from all the different Synods were present.

In this last respect, the Joint War Commission of the Lutheran Church will find in the newly-organized Brotherhood an effective ally. The Commission's field secretary for the West, Rev. J. A. O. Stub, is the present president of the Brotherhood.

## The Committee of Twenty-eight

Mrs. Charles L. Fry was appointed by the Council of Women for Home Missions as one of seven women to constitute this Board, comprised of seven members from each of the four National Committees. It thus represents the men's and the women's Foreign Mission Boards,

also the men's and the women's Home Mission Boards, four in all. The Committee of 28 is organized for the sole purpose of preparing a unified plan of mission study. The general topic for 1918-1919 will be "The Message of the Gospel to an Industrial Age." The Missionary Education Movement and the two Literature Committees (of the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Women's Foreign Federation) are thus enabled to plan for courses of mission study correlated to one general all-inclusive theme.

## THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD

This is not an advertisement of a widely-known magazine, but an announcement which will bring joy to the hearts of our Lutheran women and give them cause for just pride.

Beginning with the January issue, the department of "Best Methods," formerly conducted by Miss Belle M. Brain, will be in charge of Mrs. E. C. Cronk. This means that you do not want to miss one issue of this standard missionary magazine. The department will present best methods of practical work for making a Church missionary in its whole spirit and life.

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When returning payments, please always enclose the bill you received. Checks are receipts, hence no other receipt need be returned to you. The endorsed check is the voucher of payment.

## IMPORTANT

Note additional postage, when listed—Otherwise there is financial loss. This is a big item, and needs particular care.

Please see September issue of the MISSION WORKER, which contains a fuller list of publications. Only those referred to in the January, February and March programs, for Senior, Junior and Sunday School programs, are listed in this issue.

A separate publication list is now ready for distribution. Copies will be mailed upon request.

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The Challenge of the Present Crisis. 50 cents, boards. By Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick. Author of "The Meaning of Prayer" and "The Manhood of the Master."

A Long Journey. Price, \$1.00. By Elsie Singmaster Lewars.

Story of Lutheran Missions. Cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents. By Elsie Singmaster Lewars.

## MISSION STUDY

The Lure of Africa. By Cornelius H. Paton. Price, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents. Leader's Help, 10 cents; postage, 2 cents.

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Missionary Review of the World. Price, \$2.50 per year. The standard monthly missionary magazine, giving the latest development in world mis-

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**Missionary Program Material.** By Anita B. Ferris. Price, 50 cents.

**Larola.** By Helen L. Wilcox. Price, 25 cents. A one-act missionary dramatic on India.

#### JUNIOR MISSION STUDY

**Bearers of the Torch.** Home Missions. By Katherine R. Crowell. Price, cloth, 45 cents; paper, 29 cents. **Teacher's Manual,** 5 cents.

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