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The World's Lent and Light



LENT

The rich season of spiritual quickening is with us. The solemn visitation of the whole world with severe judgment must deeply move everyone of us. We turn to our God in deep humility of repentance. Every Christian feels that he has a share in lifting the judgment from our land and from the world. We all belong to the army of deliverance. Moses praying on the mountain is giving victory to Joshua on the plain. The outspread arms in supplication are part of the armament of national defense. We must fill God's house with humble prayer before we can fill it with victorious praise. The positive force in the Christian world is love. That force is all conquering and must prevail. We must conquer self and then we shall conquer the foe. We must be a united people in the great struggle of the day, and nothing will make us so truly one as united prayer for God's guidance in bravely doing and bearing His will.

F. A. K.

OUR GOSPEL MESSAGE

The world is aching for a gospel, and it is the labor of the Church to present a gospel that can reach the world's most awful need, that can get down to its deepest depravity, and bring cordials and balms to its most appalling sorrow. And the old Gospel can do it! Yes, the old Gospel, in working attire, proclaimed by a Church which believes it, is gloriously efficient to meet the most tremendous needs of this most tremendous day. "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That Gospel, preached by a Church that believes in it, a Church that is redeemed by it, a Church that will give its blood for it, is the sure and certain secret of a comforted, purified, unified, regenerated and transfigured world. In her preaching of an atoning Saviour, the Church must on her part fill up that which is lacking of the sufferings of Christ.—J. H. Jowett.

The Virgin Islands

BY REV. C. E. HOFFSTEN

The year 1917 will go down in Lutheran history as one of exceeding great importance, not only because it marked the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, attended with countless celebrations, great and small, throughout the length and breadth of the whole world, and this in spite of the great war, but especially because of that great movement set on foot and brought to such a state of completion that victory is assured, and requires now only the formal meeting of November, 1918, to bring about the final consummation—namely, the merger of the three great bodies of Lutherans in America, the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod of the South. It is earnestly to be hoped that no single Synod will balk at the union and decide not to affiliate with the United Lutheran Church, with its gigantic program of work in building up our Lutheran Zion in America.

Another step of immense importance taken by the General Council was the taking over of the work of the Lutheran Churches in the Vir-

gin Islands. The Islands had belonged to Denmark for over two hundred years, during which the Danish Church had cared for the spiritual welfare of the Lutherans.

The Danish West Indies were purchased by the United States Government in the spring of 1917 for a sum of \$25,000,000, which is equivalent to \$283 per acre. Not only was all political connection with Denmark cut off with the transfer, but all ecclesiastical connection of the Churches in the Islands with the Danish Church was likewise automatically severed, depriving them of needed support. Thus cut adrift, these Churches, too weak to maintain themselves, turned to the great land in the West, to which the Islands now belonged, and approached the General Council of America for assistance in their hour of need. They selected commissioners to the meeting of the Council in Philadelphia, petitioning the Council to take charge of the work in the Islands. Provost Helweg Larson, Pastor Kastrup and Mr. McFarlane, a parish clerk connected with one of



OUR CHURCH IN CHRISTIANSTAD, V. I.

the Churches, were present at the Council and presented the cause of the churches.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, of New York City, member of the Danish Synod of America, who had been sent as a commissioner to the Islands by the President of the General Council to make an investigation of the work, was likewise present and gave a brief verbal report.

The report and its recommendations were unanimously adopted. They read as follows:

1. That at this meeting the General Council take charge of the Lutheran Church in the Virgin Islands of the United States of America.
2. That the President of the General Council appoint a board of nine members, five ministers and four laymen, to take charge of this work.
3. That the General Council instruct this board to meet at once and to take immediate steps to secure a man for the superintendence of the work in the Islands.
4. That the General Council set apart the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for immediate use for the purpose stated above.

5. That the General Council lay annually upon the District Synods for the support and development of the Church in these Islands an apportionment of ten thousand dollars
6. That the General Council invite the General Synod and the United Synod of the South to co-operate as soon as possible in the support and development of the work.
7. That all further matters pertaining to the organizing and development of this work be left to the proposed board in conjunction with the President of the General Council.

In accordance with these resolutions, the General Council has assumed charge of the Lutheran Churches in the Virgin Islands and the President of the General Council has appointed a board of nine members to take charge of the work.

This board has organized with the following officers:

President—Rev. Wm. M. Horn, Barnes Hall, Ithaca, N. Y.

Vice-President—Dr. G. Franklin Gehr.

Treasurer—Mr. S. F. Telleen.

Secretary Pro Tem.—Dr. W. D. C. Keiter.

Publicity Secretary—Rev. C. E. Hoffsten.

The first concern of the board is to secure a superintendent for the work to take the place of Provost Helweg Larson, and it is hoped that ere long his name can be made known to our Church. Pastors and workers must also be secured.

In order to acquaint our people with this new work which the General Council so courageously and unflinchingly took up (anything less would have been a manifest dereliction of a God-given duty and privilege), the board has also secured the services of that veteran worker in the vineyard of the Lord, Rev. C. H. Hemsath, for a period of six months. We bespeak for him a very warm welcome everywhere and earnestly hope that the same enthusiastic interest in the work in the Virgin Islands that was manifested at the meeting of the General Council may be contagious in every part of the Church.

Dear friends, on behalf of the board in charge of the Lutheran Churches in the Virgin Islands, we ask for your warm-hearted interest, your prayers and co-operation in whatever manner may prove effective, together with your material support. Ten thousand dollars is the annual apportionment laid by the General Council for this work; by no means a large sum for the whole Council. Funds for the work in the Virgin Islands should be sent through Conference Society treasurers to the treasurer of the board, Mr. S. F. Telleen, 274 Upper Boulevard, Ridgewood, New Jersey.



DEACONESSSES AT FREDERIKSTAD, V. I.

BIENNIAL REPORT ON DEACONESS WORK

MRS. OTYLIA S. BRAUN.

Chairman Deaconess Department.

When the department of Deaconess Work was created at Toledo four years ago, those closely connected with the work were deeply appreciative of the action taken by this Society. It meant that thereafter the Deaconess and her activities would receive recognition, have a place on the programmes of our Missionary Societies, and thereby be brought to the attention of the members.

We confess that we had doubts, and dared hope for little success, as the contributions we were asking were of far greater value and much more difficult to get than those usually looked for—in fact, we were “most extraordinary”—we did not want *money*—the thing every other department needs and must have successfully to conduct its work.

No, our needs and wants were far, far greater. We needed consecrated Christian young women, willing to sink self and offer themselves to the Lord to be used in His service—no matter where the call should lead. The thing most urgently needed, after we were accorded official recognition, was descriptive literature giving the information many were seeking. Very little was available. The Handbook issued by The Philadelphia Motherhouse was sent to those who made inquiries, but we needed additional literature. Through articles in *The Mission Worker*, then by that superb collection of leaflets, “A Pocketful of Gems,” arranged by a very good friend of the work and now a member of our committee, then through the introduction of leaflets bearing on

this work into the Monthly Programs prepared for the Women's Missionary Societies, a better understanding of the Female Diaconate has been brought about and greater interest aroused. Deaconesses have been invited by a number of Societies to attend the meetings and tell of their work.

The increase in the number of Sisters during the past two years may appear small, but the number of candidates is larger than usual. In the General Council we have today 202 Deaconesses and 15 candidates—credited as follows:

	Deacon- esses	Candi- dates
Motherhouse at St. Paul....	23	1
Motherhouse at Milwaukee...	51	..
Motherhouse at Omaha.....	46	4
Motherhouse at Philadelphia	82	10

In the other five Lutheran Motherhouses outside the General Council there are 164 Deaconesses and 14 candidates. Total 366 Deaconesses and 29 candidates.

Our Sisters in this country are engaged in 25 different kinds of work, in 86 institutions and fields of labor. You will find 160 in hospitals, dispensaries and sanatoria, 32 in homes for orphans and destitute children, 32 in Homes for the Aged, invalids and epileptics, 27 in Inner Mission Work, 1 in Jewish, 20 in Foreign Missions, 6 in Kindergarten, 12 in other educational work, the others scattered in various other activities.

Through these various fields of labor, it is evident that the female diaconate offers such a variety of work that practically every special talent can be utilized, and the really consecrated young woman of moderate gifts can be fitted into a place of great usefulness, as well as the really consecrated college graduate. Our appeal for the diaconate goes forth to all, and from personal observation and first-hand knowledge, we can testify that neither labor nor expense are spared to develop qualified young sisters for special spheres of service.

It was our privilege to attend the meeting of the Conference of Motherhouses held in Brooklyn last year, at which many interesting subjects were discussed.

Your chairman is in close touch with the Sisters at the Philadelphia Motherhouse, and has had the opportunity of attending all special services, the investing of Sisters with the garb, the consecration services of the probationers, and the silver anniversary celebration of several of our Sisters. All these services are celebrated in a very quiet way by the members of the family and very close friends.

Three of the original group of 7 Sisters who came over in 1884 to take up the work

in this city are still in active service, full of vigor and zeal. The Angel of Death was a visitor at the Home and claimed one of the young promising Sisters, a member of one of the Churches of Toledo, O. Sister Carolina Ewald was sincerely loved and deeply mourned.

The greatest encouragement your committee has had is the report from the Philadelphia Motherhouse, that of the three young women admitted to the sisterhood last Easter, two were led to take the decisive step after corresponding with the chairman of this department; and of the ten young women who have entered this year's class of candidates, there are two who have been strongly influenced by the literature on Deaconess work, published by this Society. There may likewise be young women in other Motherhouses of whom this may be true, though we have not been informed about it.

The burning question now is what can be done to create a greater interest among our young women, and to encourage them to enter this field of labor? We speak from experience when we say our Sisters are very happy in their work. You will find disappointed ones among them, but they are few in number. Do you know of *any* condition and position in life

where all is sunshine and no shadows? You say the work is hard and confining. True, it is, but think of the privilege of guiding and training the young in kindergarten and school, the joy of relieving and comforting the sick and the sorrowing, making bright the evening of life for the aged, watching the roses come to the cheeks of the dear little tots who are brought to the hospital, pale, emaciated and so ill, drying their tears when "Muvver" has gone, and coaxing a smile to the greatly troubled and sad little faces! Do you not agree that this is real service, bringing happiness to her who is God's instrument, privileged to do for the least of these His children? One of our candidates could not resist the voice which she heard through the leaflet "Sister Elsie's Children," contained in the "Pocketful of Gems."

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Thirteenth Biennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pennsylvania Ministerium will be held in Salem Church, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. T. E. Schmauk, pastor, May 1st and 2d. Executive Committee meeting May 1st at 2 o'clock. Junior Work demonstration by Miss Mehlhouse at 7.30 p. m. MRS. S. R. KEPNER.

Work Among The Indians

BY MRS. MARTIN WALKER

One hundred years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence the Lutheran Swedes were doing missionary work among the Delaware Indians along the Delaware River. Of Pastor John Campanius, who came with the second Swedish colony in 1643, we read that he maintained "a constant intercourse with the wild people" and that "with the simplicity and the tenderness of one who is dealing with babes he unfolded before them the great mystery of the Gospel." Before John Eliot, known as the "Apostle to the Indians," had begun his translation of the Scriptures into the Pequot dialect, Campanius had translated Luther's Small Catechism into the Delaware tongue, and Dr. Wolf declares that "the inimitable catechism of the Lutheran Church was beyond question the first Protestant book to be translated into a heathen tongue."

Not a little of the credit given William Penn for his amicable relations with the Indians is due to the earlier Swedes, who by their kind treatment had gained the confidence of the Red Men and were thus in a position to serve as interpreters and intermediaries for Penn and his company. Sadly, the later hard-

ships of the Swedes made it impossible to continue missionary work among the Indians.

For nearly two centuries our beloved Church was so occupied with other labors that no systematic missionary work could be undertaken among the natives of North America. However, when Pastor Frederick August Craemer came to Michigan in 1845 as one of the missionaries sent by Loehe, he at once interested himself also in the Chippewa Indians. He established a school and his assistants and successors translated parts of Scripture, the Catechism and hymns into the Chippewa dialect. A number of children and some adults were baptized. For fifteen years the Missouri Synod continued the work of Craemer in Michigan with blessed results. Various evil influences contributed to the abandonment of these stations in 1860.

Attempts of the Synod to establish other stations in Michigan and Minnesota were without permanent results, owing largely to the Indian uprisings of 1862 to 1864. Similarly the undertaking of the Iowa Synod in 1858 among the Upsarokas in the Rocky Mountains came to grief through the treachery of the Red Men, Missionary Braeuninger being mur-

dered. Since 1885 the Norwegians have been conducting a successful mission school for the Shawano children at Wittenberg, Wis. And for a number of years the Wisconsin Synod has been operating several stations among the Apache Indians in Arizona. This article tells about the present work of the Missouri Synod among the "real Americans."

Out in the Middle West, among the hills of Wisconsin, lies the reservation of Stockbridge Indians, formerly called the Mohegans. This small reservation was entirely heathen until the year 1899, when one of Christ's messengers first brought His Gospel to these people for whom also He had died. This first messenger was the Rev. Theodore Nickel. He found a people poor and neglected, but eager to hear the message he was bringing them. As they understood the English tongue, he could begin instructing them at once. Nevertheless, it was decidedly uphill work. For the Indian is not only very conservative, but his experiences with the white man had made him very distrustful. Moreover, from the white man he had learned one of the worst of his vices—love of "firewater." But the Word of God proved itself powerful enough to overcome all these obstacles.

Mr. Samuel Miller, an Indian convert and now an assistant worker at this station, writes me: "When Rev. Nickel first started here, I dare say that every family had one or more drunkards. Strong drink was ruining my people; many died in poverty and want, and, saddest of all, with no hope of the salvation of their souls, which meant hell and damnation. Although my people have been civilized for a good many years, up to the time that Rev. Nickel came they were a godless people. There was no one to preach the Word, but thanks be to God He sent us that Word. And now, since that Word is being taught, my people not only know the salvation of their souls but drunkenness, except in a few cases, has disappeared. The people are supporting themselves honestly, and were it not for the white settlers here we would have a dry town. Our members are recognized as the leaders in the town and they exert a good influence over the unbelievers." When we read these words of a converted Indian, we realize what the Gospel of Jesus Christ has meant to him, and to others among his people who have found their Saviour.

The mission station referred to above is at Gresham, Wisconsin. There are other preaching stations at Red Springs, Neopit and Morgan Sidings. There is an organized congregation at Gresham, with 30 male voting members, 80

Of Such Is The Kingdom Of Heaven



AN ARIZONA INDIAN PAPOOSE IN HER CRADLE
Courtesy of *The Missionary Review of the World*

communicants and 200 souls. The center of the missionary enterprise is the boarding school at Gresham, in which at present 95 children from the reservation are being taught "the one thing needful" by two missionaries, a man and a woman. Of course, secular learning and industrial training are not neglected. These children learn readily and when they return to their homes they sing their hymns, say their prayers and tell the Bible stories they have learned. Thus by their simple faith they draw their parents to the mission and to the Saviour. Our Indian convert writes: "If we get the children we are pretty sure of the parents sooner or later." Yes, these little ones! We fail to appreciate what earnest and effective missionaries they make. More is the pity that not all can have the advantage of Christian day schools that would establish them in the faith

and keep them with Jesus.

My correspondent tells of another hindrance to our work in the reservation, and that is the false doctrine later brought in by other religionists, and their loose practice. They take in members without due instruction, and even seek to entice away our members. Our Indian writes on this point: "I pray that such false teaching will soon stop. It has misled many of my people. I want Jesus Christ and Him crucified preached among my people."

As always, when Christ has really entered the heart of man, so among this heathen race, the whole being completely changes. Out of gratitude for the rich benefits these people have derived they are eager to bring the

blessed tidings to others. Not alone with their tongues, but equally so with their hands do they show their appreciation. They willingly do all the manual work necessary for the church and the school, and out of their meager funds they pay the whole upkeep of the church, and contribute also toward the salaries of the missionaries. The Synod spends \$8,000 per annum in this missionary enterprise, and in 1917 appropriated nearly \$30,000 for a new boarding school building and accessories.

May the blessing which the good Lord has so kindly bestowed upon our poor labors and gifts make us eager to send forth more laborers into this harvest, and to support them not only with our funds but also with our prayers.



The Dove of Peace

BY MRS. J. H. HARPSTER



The Godaverī River is one of the twelve sacred rivers in India. When in flood, during the monsoon and after,—it comes from the northwest, a mighty torrent,—wild and turbulent, rushing madly on to join the Bay of Bengal.

The bridge that spans the river at Rajahmundry is two miles long, and is next to the longest bridge in the world.

The Godaverī River has two mouths which empty this vast volume of water into the Bay of Bengal. The country lying between these two mouths is known as the Godaverī Delta, and is a marvelously rich and fertile tract of land. The Government by introducing a system of irrigation has made this a wonderful rice-producing district. It is often called a "Garden of Gold," not only because of the golden color of the rice when it is ripe for the sickle, but because of the gold the ryots (farmers) reap for their coffers from these enormous crops when harvested.

This district is densely populated. The largest number of the Christian people of the Rajahmundry mission are found in the hundred villages in this Delta.

The only way that many of the villages can be reached by the missionary during the cultivation season, when the fields are under water, is by boat on these canals which form a network in the Delta.

The first boat used by the missionaries on their visits to these villages was called the Dove of Peace, and like the "Sarah Ann" in Africa was a home-made affair constructed out of odds and ends. It was propelled by ropes, poles and sails and often its gyrations

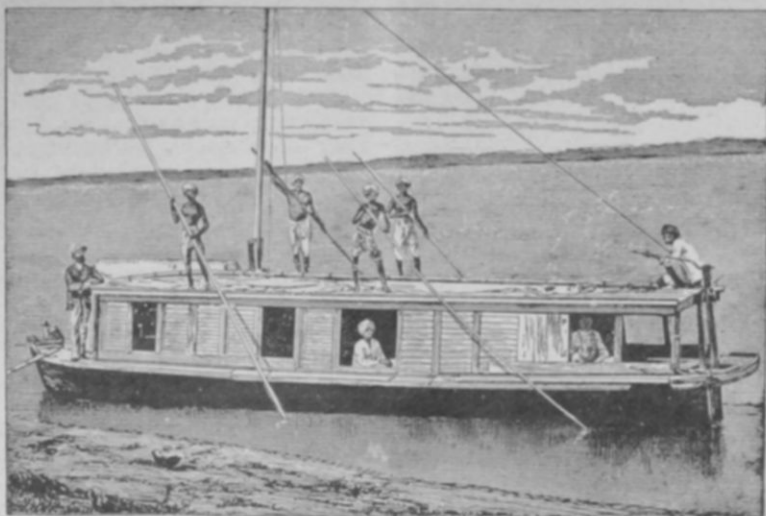
were indescribable. There was only one of its kind. Its hull was iron, it drew four feet of water, and often, on each trip, was stranded in the shallow canals, when, after vain attempts by poling, pulling and pushing, an obliging and friendly canal superintendent would have more water turned into the canal, releasing the boat and enabling it to proceed on its journey. It was known afar, up and down the river and on the canals, as the mission boat, and its approach to a village was always hailed with joy.

The builder was Rev. Hans Christian Schmidt, and in its construction had shown his usual care. The interior was a marvel of convenience; every inch of space utilized to make it so, which added much to the comfort of the missionaries, for whom it served as a home during many months in the year.

Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt were the much loved missionaries in this district for many years, and like a father and mother had the highest interests of their people deeply at heart. It was no wonder that their coming was hailed with delight. They brought with them, first always, inspiration to live better Christian lives. Those who knew them best knew them to be devoutly in earnest in winning the people of India for Christ. For this their lives were spent.

They were experienced missionaries and knew that to this end God would often have them use material means. They saw that the down-trodden classes, among whom the mission was working, must be elevated by means God put into their hands. They were wise in looking into the future. They saw that the educational and industrial opportunities used in

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THE DOVE OF PEACE
Courtesy of The Foreign Missionary

their day were only a beginning in the advancement of our Christian people, that would one day place them on an equality at least intellectually and financially with those in high stations in life. To this end they labored and sacrificed.

As the boat approached upon the occasion of their frequent visits, people left their work, and men, women and children hastened to the landing to welcome them. Often they were met by the school children and congregation in procession, singing a favorite hymn, and as the missionaries lapped a great chorus of "Salaams" greeted them.

No time is lost when a missionary arrives at a village on his tour of visitation. All immediately repair to the Prayer House, where, first of all, any necessary preliminary business is attended to. Then, the missionary calls for the school register and after it is examined and the teacher's care of it either approved or censured, the children are presented, the roll is called and each absence mark must be explained and the cause of it accounted for, and then the examination of the school, in the catechism, the Bible lessons, since the missionary's last visit, and in the singing of hymns takes place. Praises, when due, and rewards of cards are given, which greatly delight and encourage the children.

Then follows the church service. The roll of all baptized members is called and the case of any who have been absent from service for successive weeks is inquired into, also their failure to pay into the Lord's treasury is called to notice.

Although this thorough and careful scrutinizing of the school and congregation registers requires much of the missionary's time, yet it is an important part of the work for which he has come. It also makes him personally acquainted with the thousands of members under his special care, and like a faithful shepherd he knows his sheep and can call them by their names.

Next follows the examination of the candidates for baptism, when those who are found ready are baptized. Others considered not prepared are given a longer course of instruction. Then all is ready and the service begins. The common service used in our churches in the homeland is used by our village congregations in India. The sermon follows, and when the missionary is able to speak the language of the people fluently, he has an attentive audience. Indeed they listen even though they do not understand the speaker.

An intermission for receiving the offering follows the sermon in many congregations. All communicants respond when their names are called, not always in coin, but in its equivalent, viz.: eggs, a chicken, rice, fruit, vegetables. These are sold to ready buyers and the money received for them placed on the offering plate. The generosity of these people, who have so little of this world's goods, would often put to shame the lack of it in some of our home congregations.

After the amen there is another chorus of "Salaams" and the audience lingers with the hope of having a few words with the missionaries. Then follows a visitation of the sick of the congregation in their homes and those who

need spiritual advice or council. There is nothing the village Christian more appreciates than to have the missionary enter his house and make a prayer asking God's blessing upon his home and family.

This closes the missionary's ministration for this visit, and he at once, followed by a concourse of loving, grateful people, proceeds to the canal, where the boat is in readiness and he is soon off to the next congregation.

After the ministrations of Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt ceased in the Godaveri Delta, the "Dove of Peace," after weathering many storms, folded its wings, but its mission has not ended. Today other mission boats are sailing up and down the Godaveri and the canals carrying the missionaries who are bearing the message of love and peace to willing waiting thousands—waiting for "the light whose dawning maketh all things new."

WHAT PRAYER CAN DO FOR OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

"The question arises and presses for an answer, whether at this moment the Church possesses the spiritual resources for the emergency which has so suddenly risen upon her, or whether, like Israel in the days of the prophets, her existing spiritual attainment is not sufficient for the great world-emergency which has broken upon her."

Are the spiritual resources of our American Lutheran Church fully sufficient for the great emergency which has broken upon her in consequence of the European war, especially in regard to foreign mission responsibility?

We have appealed for money to do our appointed task in India and Japan, and for special funds to care for the large field of the former Breklum Mission, thrust upon us by the war. As soon as the way opens we must send a large number of missionaries to India. But back of these needs lies one which is more vitally fundamental to the conduct and success of our foreign missions, the need of spiritual power in the Home Church, the need of fervent, continual prayer for our missions, the need of intercession for our missionaries and their converts, and for those who are still to be reached with the Gospel before they die. Shall they die without a chance to know Christ and redemption through Him?

Our chief weakness as an American Lutheran Church has been—not religious conviction, for we have and loyally hold very definite convictions; not church government, though that is a rather weak spot in our system; not language differences, for these will eventually disappear; but lack of spiritual initiative and energy, manifested in a dearth of fervent, earn-

est, continual prayer for the salvation of others besides ourselves, especially for those who have had no chance to hear the Gospel. We have prayed for ourselves and our families, most certainly; we have prayed for our own salvation, as a matter of course: But how many of us have prayed as earnestly, just as continually for the heathen and their salvation? That the prayer offered in our churches and in our homes have omitted supplications for missions and missionaries is a fault which we must correct. And when our Church sets itself to pray for the spread of the truth and kingdom of Christ throughout the non-Christian world with the same seriousness and strength of purpose that she has devoted to other forms of Christian effort, she will see the kingdom of God come with power through her foreign mission work.

Prayer for our missions will give us more missionaries, and we will need many more in the very near future, especially in India, where our mission responsibility has been doubled. The Lord, Jesus Christ, admonished us to pray for more laborers. You will remember what he said about that, and *He will* thrust them forth into His harvest fields abroad, if *we will* pray as he told us to pray. We could not ask for a more definite assurance. His promise, therefore, warrants prayer just now for women physicians to go to Rajahmundry as medical missionaries. *Let our women's missionary societies make this and the general need of fully qualified women missionaries a subject of special and continued supplication.*

Prayer for our missions will increase our foreign mission contributions. Many are giving a little, but are not accompanying their gifts with prayer. If they were to pray for that for which they give, they would soon realize how utterly inadequate their gifts really are, in view of the tremendous task of our foreign missions, and they would speedily increase their contributions. Dr. Gustav Warneck out of his wide and ripe experience said that it is more difficult to pray for missions than to give for missions. If our American Lutherans have found it so difficult to give for foreign missions—the average annual contribution for foreign missions in our General Council is less than twenty-five cents per church member—what have they done in the more difficult matter of praying for our foreign missions? *Let our women's missionary societies pray more definitely for an increase in the foreign mission contributions of our congregations throughout the whole land, and there will be such remarkable results in this direction that the angels in heaven, who keep the records of both gifts and*

prayers, will greatly rejoice before God.

Prayer for our foreign missions will insure us success in our mission work in India and Japan. We eagerly examine the reports of our missionaries to note every advance in the number of converts and every advantage gained in their mission work, and some of us have complained because more progress has not been made. Meagre results! Few converts! Much money spent! But wait a moment? How many prayers for success? If by some miracle we could convert complaints into prayers, our missions would make wonderful progress. Well, we can; and the miracle that will do it, is the release of spiritual energy, the manifestation of unselfish missionary zeal.

Let us pray for our foreign missions.

"The Missionary enterprise has led many adventurous spirits to explore unknown territories and tread unbeaten paths. The same spirit of adventure is needed to discover the wealth and resources of life in God. Many who cannot go to the mission fields may have a real share in the missionary labors of the Church, if they will give themselves to the mighty ministry of prayer."

REV. GEORGE DRACH,

WE HOLD THE MEASURE

There was once a great spring to which the people came for water. Some brought tiny cups, others brought buckets, others came with barrels. Each went away with his vessel full. Each decided the measure of his supply by the size of the vessel with which he came, while the never-failing supply of the great spring continued to flow on. We get an impression that God pours out great measure to some and small measure to others. God indeed pours out, but we hold the measure. He placed that measure in human hands when He said, "According unto thy faith, be it unto thee." That was the measure placed in the hands of George Muller. God poured out the blessing. George Muller held the measure until his faith measured over eight million dollars for the care of his orphans. That was the measure placed in the hands of Pastor Gossner. God poured out the blessing. Pastor Gossner held the measure until his faith measured one hundred and forty-four missionaries sent out, mission stations opened and mission hospitals erected. That was the measure placed in the hands of Theodore Fliedner. God poured out the blessing. Pastor Fliedner with an empty pocket went out and bought the best house in Kaiserwerth and his faith measured out to the world its Christian deaconesses.—*From Mrs. Cronk's Department in the Missionary Review of the World.*



THE YOUNGEST RED CROSS NURSE IN GUNTUR
Courtesy of Lutheran Women's Work

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE GENERAL SYNOD'S MISSION IN INDIA

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of English Lutheran Missions in Guntur was beautifully celebrated last July. The report of it appeared in the January issue of "Lutheran Women's Work." "Today it is sunrise in India," begins the chronicle of religious festivities. The first day was given to the Guntur congregation celebration. Woman's Day followed, and a day for the 385 mission schools, with 13,000 pupils, from that for the blind to the Theological Seminary, a day for Intermisionary activities, one for Auxilliary Societies, one of special Thanksgiving, one for higher education, and finally Jubilee day, the actual anniversary of the founding of the mission by Father Heyer and the climax of the happy week in the ordination of eleven native pastors.

A great feature of the celebration is a general Jubilee—Tour of all the mission stations, undertaken by 12 missionaries and thirty pastors, catechists and Bible women, in which numerous bazaar mass meetings for Hindus are held in addition to work for village Christian natives. This tour is still in process and will be finished during the spring months. Its results are beyond reckoning, and will only be known at the last great day. "The large share of the work of the Jubilee Tour taken by missionary and Indian Christian women shows that India is keeping pace with the rest of the world in recognition that in Christ there is neither male or female." Hundreds of villages have been visited and thousands of native people reached, thousands of children have been baptized and Jubilee of



THE OLDEST BOARDING SCHOOL GIRLS
Courtesy of Lutheran Women's Work

ferings from native Christians have been very great. There are 11 men and 21 women missionaries at work in the mission. "Omnibus" invitations to the Jubilee celebration were sent to our own missionaries in Rajahmundry and 13 of their number gladly responded. Representatives also of other denominational missions were present and added greatly to the joy of the occasion. Mrs. McCauley writes, "Rev. E. Neudoerffer, President of the Rajahmundry Mission, a man of marked piety and beauty of character, brought most feeling messages from our Rajahmundry friends, and we often feel that our two missions are one in everything but Home Government." Dr. Eleanor Wolf reported the remarkable meetings held on Women's Day. Dr. Mary Baer's address so impressed the Hindu Judge that he had it printed in pamphlet form.

Sir Alexander Cardew was so pleased with the Hospital that he is considering Guntoor as a possible site for a Medical school, which could have the use of the A. E. L. Hospital for teaching purposes. A great meeting of more than 400 Hindu women in their best silk saris and jewels made a great impression. Our Miss Agnes Schade presided over a Christian women's meeting, which began with a recitation by a wee maid so small she had to be lifted to the table to be seen, and ended with a hymn sung by an old, old woman too feeble to stand. Dr. Wolf remarks the dignity and composure with which the native women read, prayed and sang.

M. McN. K.

MISSION STUDY

There may be many good reasons for your not being in a Mission Study Class this year. It is indeed a privilege to which the fortunate few attain, but to which many more would aspire—if they only knew what it would mean to them.

What do those who study see, which others miss? Mr. J. Lovell Murray will answer the question: "The study of missions is the study of the outreach of the religion of Jesus. . . . We see it gaining new adherents by the million. We see it promoting democracy, spreading liberty, diffusing education, elevating womanhood, glorifying childhood, healing sickness, improving living conditions, recreating communities, destroying social abuses, overcoming moral abominations, and proving everywhere the power of God unto salvation to every man and nation that believeth."

If you are missing the vision of such things—I know of nothing that can take its place.

But if you have joined a Mission Study Class, or that new war product, a combined knitting club and reading circle, or if you are engaged in the fascinating work with the eager Juniors, the possibilities before you are boundless—limited only by your capacity to receive.

The secrets of success for class members are Faithfulness and Prayer.

To Help You

With "Missionary Milestones" you will find these books suggestive and worthy additions to your home library: "Protest and Progress," "Martin of Mansfeld" and "The Singing Weaver" (Mrs. Seebach).

For those studying one of the books on Africa, the current numbers of *The Missionary Review of the World* are rich in maps, charts and helpful articles.

One practical and very important part of the study class is linking up the newly-gained knowledge with the actual operations of our own Board and our own missionaries on the field. No study is complete without that.

Elsie Singmaster's book, "The Story of Lutheran Missions," will give you the account of our great Lutheran pioneers in all the great mission fields. Every class will want this book for reference.

Next secure the most recent copy of the "Report of the Board of Foreign Missions" from your pastor or from Rev. George Drach, Trappe, Pa. The new leaflet published by the Board, "What Has Been Done With Your Foreign Mission Contributions," is a digest of this report in convenient form to place in the hands of class members.

Lastly, know the names of your missionaries and where they are working. With a United Lutheran Church in America our outlook will be much broader and more inspiring. From the above sources you can compile a list of our missionaries and glean very interesting facts about them. In old copies of THE MISSION WORKER you can find photographs of them. They need the support of our personal interest in them, and our prayers for them, *by name*. Those who heard Mrs. Kuder, of India, ask for this specific knowledge and personal interest have no doubt that the want is keenly felt by the missionaries themselves.

The pamphlet, "After Mission Study, What?" will help to crystallize impressions into deeds of loving service.

Report Your Class

to your Conference Chairman of Mission Study before the date of your Conference Convention. She will furnish you blanks for this purpose.

My message is to leaders of classes, upon whom the greatest demands are made—to whom, therefore, the reward is greatest. First, my personal and "official" appreciation of what you are doing in thus linking your energies and talents with Mission Study. May you be repaid an hundredfold in new blessing to your own lives.

May I pass on to you a list of suggestions compiled by the Student Volunteer Movement?

1. Take your appointment as leader seriously. Make a study of such matters as assigning, questioning and reviewing.

2. Never lose sight of the real objective of the work—missionary conviction and activity as the outcome of missionary intelligence.

3. Depend upon God's working in you and in the members in your group for the accomplishing of this result. Begin, continue and end the work in prayer.

4. Try to develop at least one good leader from among your members.

5. Have a distinct aim for the course you are following, and a distinct contributory aim for each session.

6. Establish sympathetic personal relations with the members of your group.

7. Expect honest preparation on the part of every member each week.

8. Make every session interesting. Banish formality. Make discussion the main feature.

And let us not be afraid to pray and to expect that from these classes shall come *missionaries*—not a few, but many.

The Future of Mission Study

among Lutheran women! I have faith and courage to believe in a great future here. I

hope to see many who have been missing this opportunity earnestly seeking to learn. I hope to see the class members in turn become leaders of classes; the class leaders become leaders in all forms of missionary work at home and in far distant lands. So shall the tiny seed of Mission Study in its fruition reach out into the uttermost parts of the earth.

RUTH L. HEMSATH.

BIENNIAL REPORT ON JUNIOR WORK

Since the Rock Island Convention two years ago, an earnest effort has been made, through Synodical Chairmen, to reach every General Council congregation in the United States and Canada. By means of carefully prepared, although not altogether satisfactory, statistical blanks the committee hoped to gather data of a uniform character, so that we might see where Junior Societies exist. We aimed to interest all congregations in the work among children, to instruct those desiring further knowledge concerning the organizing of Junior Societies, to encourage those who meet with obstacles, and to commend those who are working faithfully in this particular activity.

There were many discouragements and obstacles, some of which were overcome in a measure. The committee reports that the most discouraging thing about the work is the lack of co-operation and the neglectful and careless manner with which our communications are received. This is a great pity, for the Juniors of today are our men and women of tomorrow, and without at least an elementary education in missions, we cannot expect these future church people to be interested in God's great vineyard.

Will the leaders and pastors please take notice that these questions do not deal exclusively with junior missionary societies, but concern even the Sunday School or any organization of juniors contributing toward missions, even if in a small way. We want to know what the Juniors are doing, how they are giving, and all about them, and this information of facts and gifts will in no way interfere with any report to the Synodical treasurer. Therefore, please let us know what your Junior organizations or Sundays Schools are doing.

The past two years have been strenuous. The committee emphasized three things in letters to congregations. First, the organizing of a Junior society; second, the use of the Fifteen-Minute Missionary Programs for mission study; third, the conscientious support of Dr. Anna Rohrer, the nurse in India, whose salary is to be paid by the Juniors of the

General Council. Rev. Drach reports that Miss Rohrer has been loyally remembered this year, and the Foreign Mission Board is pleased with our efforts in her behalf. The reports from Synodical chairmen of gifts for Miss Rohrer show that \$843.82 has been given.

Our Junior literature has been recommended and widely used. Books such as "Martin of Mansfeld" and "Children of the Light-house" make admirable gifts from the Sunday School at Christmas.

The supply of statistical blanks is exhausted. The committee has replied without exception that they would recommend their continued use. New ones could be a great improvement.

Last year the Juniors contributed toward the Slavic Board. This year the committee recommend that Porto Rico be our Home Mission cause. These people deserve our help, for those who have been courageous enough to join Protestant congregations in that land where the Roman Catholic faith has had control for centuries deserve encouragement in goods, money and prayers. Let us help them.

In closing the committee recommends that:

First—The new committee be authorized to prepare statistical blanks which shall be more satisfactory and clear than those we used before.

Second—Juniors continue to support Dr. Anna Rohrer as their Foreign Mission effort.

Third—Juniors work for Porto Rico.

The chairman is sincerely grateful to her committee for the service they have so willingly and ably given.

These figures represent the total for two years of gifts by General Council Juniors toward the following mission causes. Not all Synods have reported:

Foreign Missions	\$1,401.35
Home Missions	1,367.44
Inner Missions	1,047.88
Miss Rohrer's Support.....	843.82
Local	395.43
Unclassified	977.07

\$5,637.56

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE GASKELL FENNER.

On the women of America rests, to a large extent, the responsibility for our prayerless homes. Ours is a life of hurry and whirling confusion. If we could know the peace, the poise, and the power of the homes in which fervent prayer is made we would have an altar in our homes at any cost. We can do it if we will.

MRS. CRONK.

THE INNER MISSION AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

We know that the same cry goes up to our Heavenly Father from Christians today that came from the lips of St. Paul when he said: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The following abridged article by Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., published in "Sweet Charity," helps to answer that question.

This department welcomes other practical suggestions for Inner Mission activity.

MRS. M. M. DECK, CHAIRMAN

If the Inner Mission is the most practical thing in the life of the Church, if it is the fragrant flower of all that is strong and beautiful in the deeds of the Christian, if it is the ripest fruit of which faith is the root, then it should have a larger place in the teaching of the Sunday School than it has as yet been accorded. We need, more than all, to bring the Inner Mission down from the region of words and introduce it into the region of deeds.

After all, it is a simple thing. It is as simple as love—and a child can understand that when philosophers often fail to grasp its meaning. The best Inner Mission worker in the world is the Christian mother. Her life is the very essence and embodiment of it. She is one continuous expression of it in terms of love and self-sacrifice. Inner Mission is only a convenient name. The thing itself is as old as the Christian Church. Christian men and women are doing Inner Mission work every day. Now, how shall we teach it in the Sunday School? That is the question.

We must begin with Scripture: take up the Gospels, follow the life of Christ, and make a record of those passages and narratives which touch upon and illustrate His merciful, redemptive teaching and activity. Find how rich the Gospels are in picturing Christ as the Great Inner Mission Teacher and Worker, how deeply rooted in the Scriptures the Inner Mission principle is, and how inevitably it links itself with the life and activities of the true Christian. It would be a service of great value to the Church to classify and set forth in a simple way all that Christ has taught on the subject and all that He did to illustrate His teaching.

We could then lead the school into the later development of this humanitarian redemptive activity. The history of Kaiserswerth, the Rauhe Haus, Steinthal, Neuendettelsau, Bielefeld, could be traced in concrete manner to show the later and more systematic development in the Church. Special emphasis could be laid on the deacon and deaconess callings, and the varied fields for service in which to

spend and be spent for the Master's sake. The need of lay workers to supplement the work of the pastors could be stressed. And an answer might be sought to the question: What spheres of inner mission service lie open to every church member—even the humblest? What lines of activity should the congregation take to make itself a beneficent merciful power in the community, and to what extent can every member help?

An intensely interesting and inspiring study could be the biographies of Fliedner, Wichern, Oberlin, Loche, Von Bodelschwingh, George Mueller, Bernardo and others. This could be made fascinating. Great personalities are always interesting, and their study will do more to impart inspiration and suggestion than any amount of preaching or discussion. To become acquainted with such men, to learn how they have loved and served, what joy they found in their labor of love and what fruits followed their labors, is to drive the Inner Mission home to the hearts of men.

The Inner Mission should be taught by experimentation. What should hinder a teacher from organizing his class into a band of lay workers under the direction and inspiration of the pastor? There is nothing like inculcating a principle or demonstrating a theory by a practical application. Get a class to realize that in this world of sin and want and suffering there is something for every Christian to do, and then show what to do and how to do it. What should hinder a teacher from asking his class what service they had done for their Lord? And what should hinder him from following up this question by assigning a few simple tasks to be done during the week? A visit to a soul in need, to a stranger without a friend, to one in danger of falling, a friendly ministration of love in any form counts far more in the lives of millions than thousands of sermons which they never get to hear.

REV. G. W. SANDT, D.D.

If there ever was a time when selfishness in individuals or in nations appeared mean and insufferable, that time is now. Almost all the peoples of the earth are calling for help and sympathy. Who but Jesus Christ can ever bind this torn and discordant world together? We tried to do it with trade and it could not be done. We tried to do it with diplomacy and diplomacy failed. We tried to do it with secular education and that was unequal to the task. There is only one way: "And I, if be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me." If Christ were king in the world today there would not be a hungry mouth anywhere under the sun, nor one little crying child.

ROBERT SPEER.

THIRTY-THREE BELOW

"It is now becoming seasonable weather," said the *Winnipeg Free Press*, when the thermometer registered 33 below zero. But when the north wind blew a gale, it was equal to 66 below, and Eastern missionaries sought frequent shelter when out on "The King's Business, which requireth haste."

It was cold in all Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, sometimes 50 below, but what of that? They raise stalwart, robust men here, and in their great-coats they look like giants, while women make a fine appearance in warm furs, and cheeks pinked without cosmetics! "There is one month Spring here, one month Summer, and one month Autumn, while there are nine months Winter," said a Churchman. But dry cold, clear skies, invigorating fresh air are characteristic of Winnipeg, and in the short summer Manitoba produces the finest wheat in the world. "Cold?" Yes, but that did not prevent the coming of Scandinavians, Saxons, British and Americans, indeed representatives of all the nations under heaven, and taking up homesteads and building cities here, 150,000 people settled in Winnipeg, the Western metropolis. Nothing small is done here, the farms are huge, the elevators high, tractors are used instead of horses, and the cities are magnificent.

Ecclesiastical

Cold could not prevent Icelanders from coming here and in 1880 organizing the first Lutheran Church. Now there are 3 Icelandic churches, 8 German, one Swedish with two missions, one Danish, two Norwegian and, since 1905, one English Lutheran Church, 16 in all. The latter has a fine building, dedicated in 1913. The Icelandic Academy with 51 students, the extensive Book Concern of the Joint Synod of Ohio, the only one in the Canadian Northwest, and a City Lutheran Pastoral Association, all are impervious to mere cold. The English Lutheran Women's Missionary Society cannot be prevented by cold from meeting from house to house to discuss the Monthly Program, read *The Mission Worker* and make application for membership in the Women's Missionary Society of the Western Conference of the Synod of the Northwest. Neither could it prevent their contributing \$270 in December for the Church. They visit the sick, work diligently for the Red Cross, and take a warm interest in all the affairs of the Church. The cold could not prevent the war, nor the loss of many faithful members of the congregations, nor the coming of our missionaries to the help of the English Church. Neither can it prevent the small remaining band of faithful ones from praying

mightily and working hard, and looking hopefully to the future. The cold will not last always. Spring and summer will come again, and the war will end sometime. Better days lie ahead. "Our God is marching on."

REV. M. J. BIEBER.

"MORE THINGS ARE WROUGHT BY PRAYER THAN THIS WORLD DREAMS OF"

Dr. Scudder of Vellore. A traveler reports that the finest thing he saw in India was Dr. Ida Scudder touring the country roads in her auto which she had fitted up as a dispensary, stopping at fixed stations where sick women and children gathered. They came from every side with every kind of trouble. She sometimes treats 300 in a day, and their gratitude is most touching. Besides the small fee, one-half anna (one cent) they bring garlands and bouquets until her car is fairly covered, and when she returns at night she appears to be returning from a flower fete. "What a work," says the traveler, "what an investment of life!"

Mary Slessor of Calabar, "Everybody's Mother." A factory girl from Scotland went to Africa as a missionary. The story of her work reads like an unbelievable romance. Almost alone she was used of God to civilize and Christianize three African tribes so wild that just before she arrived among them, when a small chief had died, there were buried alive with his body eight slave men, eight slave women, ten girls, ten boys and four of his free wives. She triumphed over all the witch doctors and chiefs, the British Government gave her a position equal to that of a consul, and she managed nearly all the public affairs of the tribes. The natives all called her "Ma." She did every imaginable thing for them. A doctor once found her rocking a tiny black baby, while five others were sleeping, wrapped in bits of brown paper, in the room. She lived to see the government automobile run along paths where, when she first came, the people fled screaming in terror of a white face. She died in January, 1915. Word went through the tribes, "*Everybody's mother is dead.*" and natives, officials, merchants, missionaries and pupils came to her funeral. Shall anyone say, "I am too poorly equipped to be a missionary?"

Martha Campbell. "Did she go?" A young teacher in a country school hid in her heart the command of the Saviour, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." All her life she has lived in America, and yet she has gone into all the world. She became the mother of six children, and long before they knew anything about it she gave them to God for His service. She worked hard that they

might have a Christian education. Today her eldest son is Wilbert W. White, whose Bible Teachers' Training School in New York City is influencing the mission stations of every land. Her daughter, Mrs. Compton, after years of Home Mission service, is now helping in the University of Wooster, Ohio. Mrs. John R. Mott is her second daughter, and everyone knows what *her* husband is doing for world evangelism. Another daughter is with her husband in Y. M. C. A. work in China. Her son, J. Campbell White, is known throughout the length and breadth of our land and abroad, missionary in India, first secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and now president of Wooster University. Five of Mary Campbell White's grandsons are now in missionary or national service. "And so, while remaining all her life in the United States, Mrs. White has gone into all the world."

Monica. On the rocky coast of northern Africa a mother spent an entire night in prayer that God would call her worldly son into His service. In answer to that prayer the world has its Saint Augustine. Another mother, dying, begged her husband and pastor to take up the training and prayer for her son that she must lay down. The world looked at that wild, dissipated son and fancied that her prayers were unanswered, but it was Christian Frederick Schwartz for whom they prayed and his great life of princely service to India was the answer.

"SHE CRIETH AFTER US"

Many women are "crying after" God in these days. One insistent, agonized yet trustful prayer goes up to the throne. With every conscious breath we cry, "Our sons! Our sons! God save our sons!" We do not ask for them glory, or honors, or wealth, or even human love; we hardly dare ask that they may be saved from suffering and sorrow, but we do ask that they may be saved from sin and dishonor; that they may turn to the Lord, this very hour, drawn to His loving service for all their lives. "Make them Thine own!" God has answered women's prayers these many generations. He gave Hannah her son in answer to her longing prayer. He gave the mother of St. Augustine her deep desire, a godly son. Countless other mothers have urged their plea for their sons' salvation and for their devotion to the Lord. And He has answered their prayers. Shall He not hear and answer ours? May we not hear Him saying, "O woman, great is thy faith! Be it unto thee even as thou wilt? When bravely we do His will, graciously He will grant us ours."



Mission Week in New York



MISSION WEEK, AT NEW YORK, JANUARY 14-18

So important an event in each year has become the Mission Week at its threshold, among Church workers representing every State in the Union, that these people make tentative engagements for months in advance, so that no others may be allowed to interfere. All the leading Foreign and Home Mission Boards of this Continent hold their annual conjoint meeting at that time, not only to consider the great problems common to them all, but also to plan unitedly how to meet the mighty task of carrying the Gospel message to all people, at home and abroad.

This year the week opened with an all-day convention of the Council of Women for Home Missions, comprised of delegates of nineteen different organizations, besides ten affiliated Summer Schools. A discussion of the Home Mission Study Courses for the past year (1917) was followed by the Lutheran women present with more than ordinary interest. The textbook, "Missionary Milestones," written by Mrs. Margaret Seebach, had reached a total of 39,123 sales by November 1st.

The new senior textbook for 1918-19 is entitled "The Path of Labor," and the junior book is called "Jack of All Trades."

The prosecution of missionary work among students in colleges, normal schools and young peoples' conferences, also among children of younger years, engaged earnest consideration. Nine women from the General Council Society and nine from the General Synod Society were named for the executive board and various sub-committees.

The close co-operation between the Home Missions Council of the men and the same organization of the women was demonstrated not only in all the reports presented, but also by a joint session held on Thursday morning of that week, when the two Councils met together by special invitation extended to the women, and Mrs. Bennett presided on the occasion by courtesy of the veteran chairman, Dr. Charles L. Thompson.

In the evening the Missionary Education Movement held its seventh annual reception at the Hotel Savoy. Fully eight hundred missionary leaders, from all parts of the United States and Canada, listened to the stirring addresses, closing with John R. Mott's masterly survey of

"Christianity and Rising Democracy in Russia."

All this proved a stimulating preliminary for the formal opening of the Federated Home Missions Council, and the Foreign Missions Conference, of the next day, the latter being held at Garden City, one of New York's beautiful suburbs. The General Secretaries of our Lutheran Boards of Foreign Missions, also of Home Missions and Church Extension, in the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod South, were all in attendance, together with other officials and members of the same boards. There were women present belonging to the General Synod (including the president of its Women's Missionary Society, and one of its efficient foreign missionaries from Guntur, India) and to the General Council and to the United Synod South. On Wednesday there was a Lutheran dinner at the Garden City Hotel, where informal discussion and short speeches on our specific Lutheran work were the order of the day. The spirit and the fellowship were perfectly delightful, and its inspiration was tinged with only one regret, that not more of our Lutheran missionary leaders were able to attend.

The Home Missions Council met in New York City at the same time as the Foreign, and since nobody can be at two places at one time, a choice had to be made, with the sure feeling that to be obliged to miss either gathering was a decided loss.

As outstanding features of the Home Missions program may be named: 1. "A Survey of Populations Affected By the War," including immigrant and industrial populations. 2. "A Survey of Typical Group Movements," including the organization of the farmers, and the radical social movements influenced by the war. 3. "The Problem of the Country Church." 4. "Home Mission Propaganda and Promotion." 5. "Latest Developments in the Mormon Field." 6. A plan for the conduct and administration of Protestant mission work at ports of entry after the war. 7. "Friendly Relations With Foreign Students."

A similarly brief digest of the Foreign Conference topics would include: 1. "The Co-operation of the Christian Ministry in the Work of Foreign Missions." 2. "The Work of Women's Boards and Committees in the Cultivation of the Home Church." 3. "Christian Education For Native Women In Elementary,

Higher and Medical Schools In Non-Christian Lands." 4. "The Conference as a Means of Spiritual Power." 5. "Co-operation In Latin America." 6. "Present Missionary Occupation In India." 7. "What Contribution Can Foreign Mission Boards Make Toward the Betterment of International Relations?" 8. "Does the Present Financial Situation Demand a Readjustment of the Salaries and the Personal Allowances of Missionaries?" 9. "Pictures and Lantern Slides In Missionary Cultivation." 10. "The Reformation and the Evangelization of the World" (a) The principles of the Reformation and their relation to modern missions; (b) the distinctive contribution of the Churches of the Reformation to world evangelism; (c) the supreme task in this century of the Churches of the Reformation.

Friday was the date of the annual meeting of the Federation of Women's Foreign Mission Boards, at which time inspiring reports were made and far-reaching plans projected for the future. These included summer school gatherings, mission study courses, publication of literature for women and children in China and India, also for colleges and medical schools established in those lands. At this meeting, as at the others, there were Lutheran women in attendance from all the three General Bodies.

LAURA F. FRY.

Our President, Miss Hirt, has appointed the following members of committees to serve with the Council of Women for Home Missions.

Home Mission Study Courses and Literature—Mrs. Charles L. Fry.

Home Mission Summer Schools—Miss Zoe I. Hirt.

Home Mission Interests in Schools, Colleges and Young People's Conferences—Miss Annette Kahler.

Home Mission Interests Among Children—Mrs. F. C. Ihlo.

Home Mission Comity and Co-operation—Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten, Mrs. J. D. Jorgensen.

Home Mission Interests Among Immigrants—Miss Laura R. Swope, Mrs. J. Rohrbach.

Home Mission Day of Prayer—Miss Annie Hunken.

COMING CONVENTIONS

Allentown Conference—April 4th, Zion's Church, Northampton, Pa. Mrs. R. C. Pretz, President.

Pacific Synodical Society, 13th Annual Convention, June 6th, Holy Trinity Church, North Yakima, Washington. Mrs. Levi Koch, President.

Nova Scotia Synodical Society Convention, June 27th. Mrs. Arthur L. Ernst, President.

LITTLE ITALY

MRS. J. W. RICHARDS, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

In the beautiful springtime, just when we keep the glorious festivals of Easter and Whitsuntide, a strange procession winds through the streets of Philadelphia's "Little Italy." One of their many saints is borne alone with streamers of ribbons, and the Italian mothers are running to pin dollar bills to the ribbons. They hope thus to keep sickness away for another year from the children they love.

Amid sights of this kind, and homes where better care and cooking are sadly needed, stands our Martin Luther Neighborhood House. The families are large, and with many mouths to feed and little money to do it, they crowd together regardless of sanitary conditions. These children have been found to be on an average an inch and a half shorter in height and from one to five pounds less in weight than country children who are reared in more healthful environment. However, they are bright and progressive, and where the father may be a street cleaner or a common laborer little Antonio is going to have a shoe shining parlor or barber shop, or play skillfully in some orchestra. Indeed, in New York City there are several hundred practicing law, a profession they like very much.

The children are not satisfied in the Church of their parents any longer. Two-thirds of them are drifting into unbelief, and have never even heard of the Bible. The Catholic Church pays little heed to them because they are poor, so our St. Peter's Italian Lutheran Church gathers them in to its services, for which our kindergarten and mission band are a valuable preparation. A class will be confirmed this spring, the members of which were raised in our kindergarten. One of our little boys tells from time to time the stories his "Pop" told or read to him from the Bible, and it would do your heart good to hear them sing our Sunday School hymns. We are ready to have our work judged by its fruits, and we are convinced that we are bound by obligations to these people that we cannot escape. Since it is the only work for our Italian brothers and sisters in the General Council, there can be no rest or peace until we are all engaged in uniting the whole family of God, because it is not His will that any should perish, but that every tongue shall confess Him Father and God.

Our plant is anything but ideal, and our hands are tied for lack of funds to improve conditions. My heart aches for the Misses Hess, our devoted kindergarten teachers. The children are dirty and unattractive to begin

with, the rooms uninviting, the equipment very scant, and it seems to me theirs must be a double portion of consecration and grace from God, not to see this but only to see souls for whom Jesus died. These conditions can be remedied if one thousand of our readers will contribute one dollar a year for this cause. We made this appeal one year ago, and would you believe it if I told you that only about three hundred hearts were touched and their pocketbooks opened? It is a law of our nature that if we do not respond it becomes more difficult to move us the next time. Only constant giving will keep our souls from shrinking. We must enlarge our interests and become greater fathers and mothers to these Italian youths and maidens, and in so doing we will be setting righteous forces in motion which will not only affect our nation but the world as well.

VELLORE

Good news for all contributors toward Vellore Medical College Fund! Our women, seeing the necessity for just such help as that institution can furnish, have taken the matter seriously to heart. Ten cents seems so little toward \$1,000, but when all our General Council women work together we form a mighty host, able to accomplish great things, as was proven in this case. February 1st we had our \$1,000. I felt like the man in the Bible who called his friends and neighbors together to rejoice over the accomplishment of his desire, but above all we praise and thank our Lord for this manifestation of His grace and blessing.

We must not forget that this must be repeated each year. A time should be appointed for paying the money. Let all societies and individuals make their plans to pay promptly on December 1st of every year and our obligation to Vellore College will be met. We have no desire to be among the slackers.

Here we remind members that this year, like others, generous contributions toward our India Box Fund will be needed. On account of the high cost of drugs and hospital supplies, with that of freight and insurance, contributors will need to continue their generous gifts as heretofore. Without them it will be impossible to send boxes and our hospital will be left without supplies. But never have we been left without money to pay the bills; our women have always stood by us and we believe they always will.

We wish all our news could be pleasant, but it cannot be. Dr. Betty Nilsson has again had trouble with her eyes, which made it impossible for her to continue her work in Rajahmundry Hospital. She went to the Madras



DR. ELEANOR B. WOLF

Of the General Synod, now serving our Rajahmundry hospital in the enforced absence of Dr. Betty Nilsson

Hospital for treatment, absolute rest was prescribed, so she went to Madanapoli. Dr. Eleanor B. Wolf, temporarily at the General Synod Hospital at Guntar, was loaned to us for one month. Doubt is felt as to Dr. Nilsson being able to return in that time. What will become of our hospital we do not know. Dear friends, here our prayers are needed. As we united in giving money to Vellore College, let us unite in earnest, sincere, continuous, importunate prayer for the recovery of our dear doctor, and also that a Christian doctor, either Lutheran or of another orthodox denomination, may be sent to the assistance of overburdened Dr. Betty Nilsson. If we pray as we should and at the same time watch for the person the Lord chooses, the answer must come. Let us not be lacking in this. Miss Mary A. Miller, 3639 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, will gladly correspond with any graduate physician who might be secured, if her name and address is furnished her.

One thing more. Have you read that our Foreign Mission Board is \$12,000 in debt? This is chiefly owing to the necessity for our taking charge of the Jeypore District, formerly the Breklum Mission. This district before the war was ministered to by German missionaries. When they had to leave India the condition of the poor Christian converts was deplorable indeed. They were poor, weak sheep who must have a shepherd or there was great danger of their straying back into heathenism. This field was near our own; they spoke the same Teluga language. There was but one thing to do—give them the care and help they needed. But this costs money and will cost more next year. Will we help meet that debt and toward the expense necessary for next year? Will we do this for Christ's sake? Or will we let those who have been won through long hard years of labor be lost eternally?

MARY A. MILLER,
Chairman.

Home Department

BY MRS. WALTER C. WEIER

Mrs. Weier will gladly answer inquiries in regard to this department. Her address is 227 Amherst Drive, Toledo, O.

The Home Department makes its initial bow to the readers of *The LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER*.

Our society has joined the Aviation Corps of the Christian Army. Its aim is to "go over and above," the past biennium. This aim is especially directed toward placing more Lutheran Missionary Literature in circulation in Lutheran homes. Hence this new venture, the Home Department.

Each Synodical organization is asked to add this department to its list of operations. In this manner the conference and local societies will assume an active interest in this splendid work. We wonder how many of our women's societies have ever thought that women in their congregations who, for some valid reason are unable to attend their meetings, would like to keep in touch with the work in the mission fields of the world. Has it entered your mind that the "shut-in" of your church can be kept informed by a leaflet a month and by receiving a quarterly missionary call?

There is no doubt about the invalid's desire to learn about the Christian hospitals in India, where our faithful missionaries are laboring to relieve the sufferings of our ill-treated sisters. Don't you think mothers of young children would like to read about the heathen boys and girls while they are watching over the cribs of their own dear babies? We feel that the aged women of our Church are worthy our attention when we consider that they led us through the early years of missionary training and encouraged us at every step. Once interested in missions, always interested. When the winter of their lives comes and they must sit day after day at their own firesides we should cheer them with stories of the work so dear to their hearts. Then, too, we know of women who live in remote localities where the Church is not established. We cannot measure the joy to such people were they to receive just a little leaflet relating a missionary incident.

Probably every Lutheran congregation in the United States and Canada has some women eligible to the Home Department. Do you not want to satisfy their thirst for missionary information by placing them on the roll of the Home Department of your society? If so, please organize that work so that you can take care of them, and you, too, will be happy in the thought that you are doing more work for the Master.

EDITORIAL NOTES

By an accident, Mrs. Emmy Ewald's name as author of that inspiring report of the Augustana Synod's Biennial work was omitted in the December issue of *THE MISSION WORKER*. Could any other woman of our organization have put more happy fervor into a report than she put into that one? And what fine material she had for it!

It is suggested that a page or two be given to notes from the various Synodical Societies. This is an invitation to the presidents of such societies to send such notes. They will be very welcome, always provided that there is in them the germ of increased missionary devotion and enlarged benevolence. The editor reserves the right, of necessity, to cut down as needed.

Many new subscriptions are coming in. *THE MISSION WORKER* aims to give "good measure, pressed down and running over," and trusts that every subscriber will find her full money's worth. Our friends have not yet begun to imagine how good the little magazine is going to be, improving with every issue. And the point is, *now* is the time to subscribe. Send your name and address to Miss Zinser, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.

Letters of friendly greeting were written by the members of the Executive Committee to our women missionaries on home and foreign fields, wishing them the best, blessedest New Year of all their happy lives, with every comfort of love and all joy in the service of our Lord. Answers are beginning to come, and they warm the heart.

Isn't it a lovely sort of merger that has already begun in India, in the General Synod lending to the General Council Dr. Eleanor B. Wolf for Rajahmundry hospital service, to the relief of Dr. Betty Nillson, whose eyes must have treatment? It reminds us of the day when Dr. Harpster was loaned to our mission at a critical time, with rich results. We watch for an opportunity to return the graceful favor. Note Dr. Wolf's picture in this issue.

Profound sympathy is felt in many quarters for the wrecked church in Halifax. Many members of the little church are now homeless, eight were killed in the first explosion, a heavy debt rests on the church, which is now in such bad shape that at least \$5,000 will be required to make it again fit for use. Our sympathy should take tangible form in contributions for this purpose.

Through some inadvertence the Biennial Reports of Mrs. W. P. M. Braun on Deaconess Work, that of Mrs. R. B. Fenner on Junior Work and that of Mrs. L. K. Sanford on Life

Memberships and Memorials did not reach the Editor in time for the December issue of *THE MISSION WORKER*. They appear in this issue.

Mention should be made of the splendid work of our women everywhere for the army and navy. They are knitting sleeveless jackets, helmets, sox, and wristlets for the men in camp, on ships and in the air. Thousands more have gone, with pajamas and hospital shirts, through the Red Cross, and now that the insistent call has come for surgical dressings for war fronts we are making them. Chaplain Keever writes: "May the Lord's blessing rest upon all who help to make comfortable the best soldiers that march this planet." Realizing the reflex value to the women and girls themselves of all unselfish service for others we can almost discern in the world war a sort of blindfolded blessing. *"Rise up, ye women that are at ease, hear My voice; ye careless daughters, give ear unto My speech."* And if so, then perhaps we shall shake off our selfishness and deserve that "the works of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever."

THROUGH THE EYE-GATE

Pictures and illustrations are used more than ever before to tell the story, whether it be the current event, some item of interest or an advertisement. At Christmas time our daily papers were regular picture galleries. Why? Because what the eye sees is not so easily forgotten. Therefore, why not adopt this same method in our missionary work. See all our missionary activities pictured and so get acquainted with the missionaries and their work.

This method makes a strong appeal to the children, as well as to older people. They will want you to tell them the story of the picture, and thus come to know our missionaries and their work more intimately, and their hearts will be quickened into new love for the King and His Kingdom.

This is just what the Missionary Exhibit is trying to do. Have you had it in your Church? Have your children seen it? If not, why not?

MRS. S. G. WEISKOTTEN,

He must have a callous soul who can pass through times like these and not hear a voice, whose call a man must answer or else lose his soul. Your country needs *you*. The Kingdom of God on earth needs *you*. The cause of Christ is hard bested and righteousness is having a heavy battle in the earth—they need you.

RAYMOND FOSDICK.

AN EMERGENCY OPPORTUNITY

An emergency is before every woman of our Lutheran Church. The Lutheran War Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare has undertaken large work for our churchmen who are in the service of our country. And we must help. Possibly few of us have realized what a great work we women may do. Most of us are touched by the going to contonment or war front of our own dear ones, and it becomes a vital interest to us that they should be cared for spiritually and physically.

A co-operative committee of women was appointed by the Presidents of the General Council, General Synod, United Synod of the South, Norwegian Synod, and the Joint Synod of Ohio, as follows:

General Council—Mrs. E. R. Artman, Philadelphia; Mrs. Franklin F. Fry, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. L. K. Sanford, Lancaster, Pa. *General Synod*—Mrs. Chester Buck, Harrisburg, Pa.; Miss Flora Prince, Springfield, O.; Mrs. P. M. Rossman, New York City. *United Synod of the South*—Mrs. W. J. Finck, New Market, Va.; Mrs. I. D. Worman, Shepherdstown, W. Va. *Norwegian Synod*—Mrs. S. Turme, Brooklyn, N. Y. *Joint Synod of Ohio*—Mrs. A. Voelckel, New York City; Mrs. M. Dobler, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. W. E. Schuette, Wheeling, W. Va.

This committee met in New York in January and elected: Chairman, Mrs. L. K. Sanford; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. P. M. Rossman; Secretary, Mrs. Chester Buck.

The committee also met the War Commission in Pittsburgh, to plan for carrying out a great campaign to raise \$750,000 for this year's War Fund. (The happy results of this campaign are already known to our people. We have raised more than a million dollars.)

What are the practical things women may do?

First, let us be continually in prayer, then write Mrs. L. K. Sanford, 111 E. Vine Street, Lancaster, Pa., for yarn for knitting sweaters, sox, helmets and wristlets, and for patterns for bed sox. Orders, large or small, will receive prompt attention. Contributions toward costs will be welcome on receipt of yarn, but all requests for yarn will be filled, no matter how small the sum sent afterward.

A central office for the Women's work of the Commission has been given, rent free, Room 445, Woolworth Building, Lancaster, Pa. Lancaster churchwomen give office duty, to reduce the expense to the minimum.

Good literature is welcomed in camp. Do send your magazines and church papers. Women living near camps will provide delicacies for camp hospitals.

MISS FLORA PRINCE, *Reporter*.
MRS. L. K. SANFORD, *Chairman*.



Memorials and Life Memberships



MRS. AMY OLIVIA ISAACSON
1873-1917



T. D. FRITCH
1844-1914



MRS. L. R. WILLIAMS
DIED DEC. 1, 1917



JOHN BRAUN
1825-1900

Please Note.—All fees and photographs for this department are to be sent direct to the Chairman, as well as all correspondence relating to the Department. Pictures of adult life-members are not published, only those of in Memoriam subjects and child life-members. Mrs. L. K. Sandford, Chairman, 111 E. Vine Street, Lancaster, Pa.

IN MEMORIAM

FEE, \$25.00

Isaacson, Mrs. Alma Olivia.....	Lindsborg, Kan.
Fritch, Mr. T. D.	Bethlehem, Pa.
Schmid, Mrs. C. H.	Allentown, Pa.
Otten, Miss Caroline	New York City
Williams, Mrs. Louisa R.....	Stahlstown, Pa.
Braun, Mr. John	Philadelphia

Six Memorials have been received this quarter. Mrs. Alma Olivia Isaacson from the Women's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod, which placed her husband, Missionary Isaacson, on the Honor Roll in 1915.

She came to this country when she was twelve years old, and in 1893 as a bride sailed for India. Her natural endowments, early training and strong Christian faith pre-eminently fitted her for so noble a calling, and from the beginning she seized her great opportunities in the India mission field.

She took an active part in school work, had charge of the Sunday school in Samulcot, cared for the lace industry, accompanied her husband on his missionary tours and was in the truest sense a helpmeet for him.

The signature "Olivia Isaacson" was familiar to readers of many Church and missionary papers. In the absence of her husband she superintended the erection of the Samulcot Church, and during that time contracted the illness that caused her death. In 1912, on account of her illness, the family returned to America and made their home in Lindsborg, Kansas. Dr. Isaacson returned to India in 1914, leaving his family here. His death in India some months later was a severe blow

to Mrs. Isaacson, but she met it with fortitude and submission. Although cut off from active service, her love and devotion for missions was intense, and her sacrifices for the beloved India field were not in vain. Many have and will rise up to call her and her husband blessed.

Mr. T. D. Fritch memorialized by his son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. V. J. Bauer, Bethlehem, Pa., was an active layman in Salem Church, a regular attendant at services, and a generous supporter of his own church and the church at large, especially delighting in Mission Work.

Mrs. Jessie M. Friedline, who enrolled herself and three daughters last year, now places her mother "In Memoriam." She writes, "I wish to help our Church in this time of need in our missionary work, and also pay a tribute of love to the memory of my mother." Mrs. Louisa R. Williams died December 1, 1917, almost seventy nine years of age. An earnest christian from early girlhood. She was a member of the Reformed Church until a few years before her death, when she united with the Methodist Church. The years '61-'62 she spent in Mt. Holyoke Seminary, which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary that year. There she became interested in foreign missions and until her death she related stories of Mary Lyon, Fidelity Fisk, and others, who had at heart the Lord's command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." For thirteen years she taught in the public schools of Pennsyl-

vania. Interested in every effort for the uplift and salvation of humanity, "her good works shall live after her."

Mr. John Braun whose memory is honored by his wife was born December 4, 1825, and died August 10, 1900. He was a faithful member of St. Johannis Church, Philadelphia, for many years and in 1888 became a member of Christus Church, Philadelphia, being President of the Church Council for ten years. He was instrumental in making that Church (then a mission) independent, and by his mature counsel and financial assistance co-operated with the congregation in every enterprise for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Mrs. Rosabella Schmid, *nee* Saylor, born at Port Clinton, Pa., September 15, 1855. She was married to Charles Henry Schmid, May 10, 1881, and made her home in Allentown, Pa., until the time of her death. As a member of St. Michael's Church she was an active worker for thirty-five years. Mission work was her chief interest. She was treasurer of St. Michael's and Christ Church Societies. She was stricken suddenly November 19, 1917, with pneumonia and died nine days later. Her passing left a vacant space in the local society, and in the Conference Society where her presence was always appreciated.

The memory of Miss Caroline Otten is honored by Mrs. O. F. Zollkoff of the Church of the Advent, New York. Miss Otten was born November 30, 1856, and died May 13, 1917.

LIFE MEMBERS

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

Hirt, Mrs. F. W.	.....	Erie, Pa.
Hirt, Miss Kate E.	.....	Erie, Pa.
Williams, Mrs. Frances M.	.....	Philadelphia
MacIntosh, Mrs. A. B.	.....	Norristown, Pa.
Braun, Mr. W. P. M.	.....	Philadelphia
Norman, Mrs. Clarence E.	.....	Kumamoto, Japan
Izenour, Mrs. C. S.	.....	New Brighton, Pa.
Yungling, Mrs. Louisa	.....	Pottsville, Pa.
Moyer, Miss Laura	.....	Auburn, Pa.
Cole, Miss Emma Keller	.....	Dushore, Pa.
Steimle, Rev. Augustus, D.D.	.....	New York City
Horn, Mrs. Wm. H.	.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
Enston, Mrs. Elizabeth	.....	New York City
Karst, Miss Stella	.....	Columbus, O.
Swensson, Mrs. John S.	.....	Jamestown, N. Y.
Miller, Mrs. J. H.	.....	Irwin, Pa.
Fisher, Miss Mary	.....	Butler, Pa.
Dennig, Mrs. C. A.	.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Schutz, Mrs. John	.....	Meadville, Pa.
Schutz, Miss Clara	.....	Meadville, Pa.
Schutz, Miss Neida	.....	Meadville, Pa.
Lindtved, John Galt	.....	Jersey Shore, Pa.
Fritch, Mrs. T. D.	.....	Bethlehem, Pa.
Kereher, Mrs. G. A.	.....	Mt. Joy, Pa.
Baumgartner, Mrs. Katie	.....	San Jose, Cal.
Steinhauer, Mrs. J.	.....	Allentown, Pa.
Feigel, Lela A.	.....	Lafayette, Ind.
Feigel, C. Leo	.....	Lafayette, Ind.
Croman, Rev. Frank	.....	Elizabethtown, Pa.
Wener, Miss Lodema	.....	South Bend, Ind.
Harpster Memorial M. S., St. Mathew's	.....	Toledo, O.
Apple, Mrs. Fred	.....	Supulpa, Okla.
Braun, Mrs. John	.....	Philadelphia

Thirty-three Life Members have been enrolled, one, the Harpster Memorial Missionary Society of St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, O. This Society uses a special plate for Membership contributions, and has a number of names on our Honor Roll.

Two pastors have been enrolled, each receiving his membership as a Christmas gift, Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D., from the Society of St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa., and Rev. Frank Croman from the Sunday School of Christ Church, Elizabethtown, Pa. This Sunday School is an annual supporter of the Honor Roll. Mrs. F. W. Hirt and her daughter, Miss Kate Hirt, active workers in Luther Memorial Church, Erie, Pa., received their membership as a Christmas gift from another daughter, Miss Zoe I. Hirt, President of the General Council Society. Five other Christmas gifts were given: Mrs. A. B. MacIntosh from the Society of Trinity Church, Norristown, Pa., as wife of the Pastor of the Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Enston, until recently an active member of the Society of Christ Church, Lancaster, Pa., which presented the membership; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Irwin, Pa., from St. John's Society, New Castle, Pa., her husband's former parish, and Mrs. John S. Swensson from her daughter, Miss Signe I. Swensson, Dean of Women and Head of the Department of Expression at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. Mrs. Swensson is the beloved Matron of the Gustavus Adolphus Orphans' Home of the Swedish Augustana Synod, at Jamestown, N. Y. Miss Stella Karst's gift was an honor from the Aid Society of the First Church, Columbus, O. A member of the Woman's Mission League of Holy Communion Church, Philadelphia, has given the membership of Mrs. Frances M. Williams, "as a token of appreciation of her fidelity and mature labors in all the activities of the parish, and as an expression of the love and esteem in which she is held."

Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, Philadelphia, who has enrolled twelve Life Members and eight "Memoriams" during the six years of our existence, presented the name of her husband and that of Mrs. Clarence E. Norman, at the recent Convention. Mr. Braun, one of the most active laymen in our Church is a Deacon in St. John's Church, Melrose Park, Pa., President of the Board of Trustees of the Mary J. Drexel Home and Motherhouse of Deaconesses, Philadelphia, being elected to the latter office in 1901, as successor of the late John D. Lankanau, the founder of the institution. He has been treasurer of the Lutheran Orphans' Home and Home for the Aged in Germantown since 1901, and is Chairman of the Advisory Board of Kensington



C. LEO FEIGEL LELA A. FEIGEL

MRS. C. H. SCHMID
1855-1917

JOHN GALT LINDTWED

Dispensary and River Crest, the Preventorium, near Phoenixville, Pa., under the care of the Church in Philadelphia and vicinity.

Mrs. Clarence E. Norman is the wife of Rev. Norman, a recent addition to our mission force in Japan. The following is from "Tidings:"

"We have made some great gifts to Japan, but no more splendid gift has gone from the United Synod than these two young missionaries, who sailed in July, 1917. Mrs. Norman was well known as Literary Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Synod of the South. Our Literature Office is desolated by the loss of the radiant personality of the girl, who kept the sunshine glinting through the grind of the tiresome routine of duty tasks, but we rejoice at the thought of her value to the work in Japan. We follow her and her husband in their work with good wishes, and prayer that they may be blessed and a blessing." The General Council Society echoes these words, and is proud to enroll Mrs. Norman as one of its honored Life Members.

Lela A. and C. Leo Feigel, Lafayette, Ind., are enrolled by their mother, Mrs. N. Feigel, "in commemoration of their confirmation day, October 28, 1917, the Quadri-Centennial Year." What a fitting remembrance of this eventful day in their lives!

Again we have many members enrolled with practically the same glowing tribute to their service. Lack of space forbids repetition, but the welcome to each is sincere and hearty.

Mrs. C. S. Izenour, New Brighton, is enrolled as President of the Rochester Pa. Conference Society: Miss Laura Moyer, as the first President of the Society of the Church at

Auburn, Pa.; Miss Emma Keller Cole, by Zion Sunday School, Dushore, Pa., as a faithful teacher and organist of the congregation: Mrs. William H. Horn, Ithaca, N. Y., as retiring President of the Eastern Conference of the New York and New England Synodical Society: Miss Mary Fisher for efficient service as President of the Society of the First English Lutheran Church of Butler, Pa.

Mrs. John Schutz, Meadville, Pa., was enrolled by her children. Her daughters, Miss Clara and Miss Nelda gave their individual memberships as jubilee offerings to commemorate the Quadri-Centennial Year. These ladies are active members of Trinity Church, Meadville, Pa. Mrs. Louisa Yungling, a member of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Pa., has given her membership "to aid the cause." One baby graces our Honor Roll, John Galt Lindtwed, ten months old, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Lindtwed, enrolled by the Mission Society of the First Church, Jersey Shore, Pa., of which Rev. Lindtwed is pastor.

Mrs. C. A. Dennig is retiring President of the Pittsburg Conference Society. Mrs. T. D. Fritch is honored by her family, Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Bauer and her pastor, the former by her membership and the latter by a tribute to her service to the church.

Mrs. G. A. Kerchner is made a life member, as President of the Society of Trinity Church, Mt. Joy, Pa.; Mrs. Katie Baumgartner by Bethel Congregation, San Jose, Cal.; Mrs. J. Steinhäuser, Membership Chairman of the Allentown Conference Society, by the Missionary Society of St. Michael's Church, Allentown, in recognition of her services as President; Miss Lodema Wener, by the Ladies' Aid Society of

Holy Trinity Church, South Bend, Ind., for varied services rendered the Church, and Mrs. Fred Apple, former President of the Women's Parish Society of Holy Trinity Church, Jeanette, Pa., as a parting gift upon her departure for a new home in Supulpa, Okla.

Mrs. John Braun has been a devoted and consecrated member of St. Johannis Church, Philadelphia from its beginning, she served successively as Secretary, Treasurer and President of the Ladies' Aid Society covering a period of twenty years, was also the beloved teacher of the Young Ladies' Bible Class about twenty-five years, and is deeply interested in all forms of Missionary work.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS

August 14, 1915—October 15, 1917

Life Members Received.....	217	
Life Members Deceased.....	3	
Life Members Transferred to Memorial....	2	
"In Memoriams" Received.....	57	
"In Memoriams" Honored Twice.....	1	
Pennsylvania Synod.....	1	0
Conferences—		Life. Mem'l
Allentown	6	6
Philadelphia	13	10
Norristown	22	8
Lancaster	19	6
Reading	5	2
Wilkes-Barre	5	2
Danville	1	1
Pottsville	8	0
Total	80	35
Pittsburgh Synod.....	0	2
Conferences—		
Pittsburgh	8	1
Greensburg	17	1
Erie	5	0
Rochester	8	1
Kittanning	4	2
Ridgway	1	1
Total	43	8
N. Y. and N. E. Synod.....	1	0
Conferences—		
East	18	1
West	25	1
Total	44	2
Ohio Synod	21	2
Chicago Synod		3
Augustana Synod		2
Northwest Synod—		
Wisconsin Conference	6	1
Central Conference	4	3
Total	10	4

Central Canada Synod.....	5	2
Pacific Synod	14	
ENTIRE HONOR ROLL, SEPTEMBER, 1911—		
OCTOBER, 1917		

Life Members	481
Life Members Deceased	7
"In Memoriams"	158
Memorialized Twice	4
Remittances Received—	
Life Memberships (217).....	\$2,170.00
Memoriams (58—2 Transfers)....	1,430.00
From Miss Keck, fees paid direct to	
G. C. Treasurer, 1911.....	45.00
Balance, August 14, 1915 (including one fee outstanding)....	50.00

Total receipts	\$3,695.00
Paid to Miss Laura V. Keck, Treasurer	3,670.00

Balance, October 15, 1917..... \$25.00
This report was crowded out of the December issue by the unusual number of memberships received over the Convention period, and is inserted here in answer to inquiry from some Societies as to their status in the Biennial total. It will be noticed that the Ohio and Pacific Synods and the Eastern Conference of the Synod of N. Y. and N. E. have materially increased their support of the honor roll. In some Societies a box is used for special contributions for membership funds. At least one membership a year is the ideal set before local Societies. If this plan is carried out the General Council Society treasury will not suffer for funds to finance its increasing business.

MRS. L. K. SANDFORD,

"THE CHURCH DOES CARE"

It is following its 169,000 sons to camp and battle front with loving thoughtfulness. It helps through the Red Cross, through the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., and through our own voluntary chaplains in welfare work and every possible spiritual uplift of pastoral sympathy. Our Lutheran National Service Commission wants every man and woman who loves the boys who have gone to the nation's defense to help its war fund. Every boy counts. Every dollar counts. A great example was set at the Biennial Convention of our Women's Missionary Society, when one woman gave \$5,000 for the fund. In many circles her example is followed by gifts and sacrifice. At an institution of mercy the board of managers gave up their annual banquet to place the money it would cost in the war fund. "Who follows in their train?" We must tie our boys up with the home folks and with the home church. We can best do it with unbounded kindness of the wise sort.



Our 1918 Monthly Meetings Helps for the Leaders



APRIL

The Greatest Need—Prayer

In some Societies, sad to acknowledge, the pastor has to be sent for to come and make the opening prayer before the meeting can go on! In one Society the pastor's wife was the only woman who would offer prayer, and when she was unavoidably late the members had to put off the opening service until she arrived. What a confession of weakness!

Why should it be exceptional to find a group of Christian women to voice sentence prayers, short and to the point, in response to some definite, outstanding call? Oh, what need there is in these times for such united intercession! The National Lutheran War Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare seeks to interest in its noble work every man and woman in our Church. Pray that God's rich blessing may rest upon this work. Mothers of men "somewhere in America" or "somewhere in France" will be at the meeting. What more fitting than a prayer service for the men we know personally? And we will keep on knitting and sewing for the work, making sure also that men from our own congregations are fully equipped. The Red Cross auxiliaries are doing splendid work, but we must all supplement it with work for our own or our War Commission will be unable to meet the entreating appeals that come from our chaplains for their men in service.

Women in one of our congregations in Philadelphia appointed a committee to receive contributions and purchase worsted in large quantities. Money was easily secured—everybody was eager to help, and the knitting has gone on without diminishing in the least the donations for the Red Cross. So in many other churches. It is the women not already lined up who should be appealed to, and they will respond if this particular need is presented. Write to Room 445 Woolworth Building, Lancaster, Pa., and secure detailed information.

Don't overlook the timely article in this issue by Rev. George Drach, "What Prayer Can Do For India." Also the article by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, "We Hold the Measure."

MAY

Ships That Sail

Supplemental material will be found in the fascinating story of "Louis Harms." Price, 50 cents; postage, 6 cents. The striking features

of this wonderful life could be given by a member of the Society to whom it has been previously assigned.

On Hans Egede we can furnish a leaflet for 3 cents. If "Tales of the Far North," by Jacob Riis, be accessible, it will pay you to read his chapter on this Lutheran missionary hero of Greenland. We published in the 1917 Program Packet a leaflet on Hans Egede called "A Student Volunteer of Two Hundred Years Ago." Price, 2 cents per copy. Look up your leaflet file. Of course you are developing one.

"A Long Journey," by Elsie Singmaster Lewars, price \$1.00, will give effective sidelights on Muhlenberg; also Dr. Frick's biography of Muhlenberg, price, 25 cents. Here again you will find a most attractive leaflet on Muhlenberg in your file, which we published a few years ago. Price, 3 cents per copy.

For the life of Dr. Day consult Dr. Wolf's "Missionary Heroes," price, \$1.00.

A pamphlet on Bartholomew Ziegenbalg, prepared by Dr. H. E. Jacobs, may be had for 10 cents per copy. Also one, prepared by another Board, for 3 cents. These two will furnish supplemental material on this pioneer, who marches at the head of the procession of all Protestant foreign missionaries.

Note Mrs. Harpster's article in this issue on "The Dove of Peace," describing our first boat on the Godavery, and its missionary journeys.

Assign each ship to some one woman, giving the necessary information as to where she can find the material, and have her tell the story, in five minutes, of the famous missionary whom her ship had carried.

Do you think a meeting could possibly be dry if such a program were carried out?

LAURA F. FRY.

JUNE

Wedding Bells Around the World

There is such a wealth of material in this program that additional material seems unnecessary.

Under the sub-headings of "Our Own Homes as Centers of Missionary Influence," consider pictures, books and magazines. In your own library or parlor what conversation is heard? Has it anything to do with the Kingdom and its development, and our part in it?

Has a mission study class ever gathered about your table?



Junior Department



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15-MINUTE PROGRAMS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

April

Topic—*Ships That Sail.*

- I. SOME FAMOUS MISSIONARY SHIPS (see *Monthly Topics* and December *Mission Worker*, page 44). Print names of ships on blackboard while selected scholars come to the platform and read descriptions.
- II. THE DOVE OF PEACE (see *Mission Worker*, page 6. Let a member of the Missionary Society tell of the way this boat was used in our India mission.
- III. PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES AND ALL THOSE AT SEA, composed and read by a boy under fourteen years of age.

May

Topic—*Missionary Object Lesson.*

- I. SIX THINGS WHICH MISSIONARIES HAVE USED (see *Junior Helps* in this issue. Let members of the Junior Society come to platform carrying a box from which they take the objects, which are made of pasteboard. Let the leader tell just why each proved a means of gaining the interest of heathen people.
- II. HOW PULLING TEETH HELPED A MISSIONARY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL (see leaflet in *Junior Topics*, 60 cents a hundred). Distribute to School this leaflet, telling of a doctor's remarkable work in the Island of Formosa. See that scholars take leaflet home.
- III. RECITATION—OUR MISSIONARIES NEED (see leaflet in *Junior Topics*.)

June

Topic—*Wedding Bells Around the World.*

- I. A DOUBLE WEDDING IN INDIA (see leaflet in *Monthly Topics*, 60 cents a hundred.) Distribute to School and have paragraphs read by classes in rotation. This is a descriptive leaflet which will make the customs of India very real to the children, and gain their interest in the little brides only eight and ten years old.
- II. WHEN THE WEDDING BELLS ARE DRUMS (see leaflet in *Monthly Topics*.) A member of the Men's Bible Class tells of this modern miracle wrought in a mission in Africa.
- III. THE GOD IN YOUR HOME (see leaflet in *Monthly Topics*.) A member of the Women's Bible Class describes the experience of this little Japanese Cherry Blossom in an American home, and pleads for a recognition of Christ in every new home.

JUNIOR HELPS

MRS. E. C. CRONK

APRIL

Missionary Topic: Behind the Lines
SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADER'S TALK, ON
"WHEN BATTLES ARE LOST OR WON."

The battle does not depend entirely on the men who are fighting at the front. The people "back home" have just as much and more to do with winning or losing the battle. The soldiers in the army cannot fight unless they have food to eat and clothes to wear and munitions with which to fight. We have seen, all over our country, posters declaring "Food will win the war." The soldiers at the front are not supplying the food. That is the work of those behind the lines. Someone picked up the National Service Handbook not long ago and read the heading of the first paragraph in it: "An Army of One Hundred Million." "Why," said she, "I thought that was about all the people we had in the United States." It is all the people we have, and that is just what Uncle Sam wants—everyone of his people to stand together and make up his army. The boys and girls who save wheat and sugar and meat are in Uncle Sam's army, helping him to win. The people who give their money, and who cultivate the farms, and do the part given them to do, are the ones who fight behind the lines to win the battles.

In our missionary work, too, the victory depends on those behind the lines. Why do we not have Lutheran churches in all of our towns and cities? Do you suppose it is because our brave soldiers, our Home Mission pastors are not willing to work hard enough to build them? Do you suppose it is because there are no Lutherans in these towns and cities, and no people who are outside of any church who should be led to the Saviour? The trouble is not at the front, but behind the lines. Our pastors are eager to build churches and there are many people to be gathered in, but we do not furnish the money that is needed for the work. In our foreign lands people must be sent away from the Christian hospitals because there is no more room. The missionaries are pleading with us to build more schools and churches and hospitals, but we are not sending them the money which will win the battle against darkness and sin. Think of what would happen in all of our mission stations if every member of every church was

really a member of the missionary army. (The various war posters and Liberty Loan posters which have been prominent may be used effectively by a skillful leader who will make a missionary application—"America, Wake Up." "If you cannot Go Across, Come Across," "If you cannot Enlist, Invest," etc.)

Exercise, "Either—Or." Facts for this exercise are given in leaflet in the packet. To present this plea let one member represent the "either" side and another the "or." "Either" may take up a coin of the denomination referred to, look at it, while telling what it will do, and then pass it over to "Or," after hearing what that same coin could accomplish on the other side. If there are other expenditures not noted on leaflet that come more within the range of your Juniors' experience substitute them.

Conduct a discussion on "Things Boys and Girls Can Do to Win the World for Christ," emphasizing praying, studying, giving and going.

Something to Do. Give to each Junior a list of missionaries and missionary needs for which special prayer is to be made. Arrange a mission study course in "Bearers of the Torch," "African Adventures" or some other Junior textbook. Plan for regular and systematic giving to missions with special calls for special needs. Keep before your Juniors constantly the call to missionary service. Many of the world's greatest missionaries made their missionary determination during the Junior period.

MAY

Missionary Topic: Seven Missionary Object Lessons

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADER'S INTRODUCTORY TALK

There are some very little things which have become famous because of the way they are linked with great things and great events. Today we are going to see how seven things, which may seem very little things, have helped to carry the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The seven things are: a lily, a treasure book, a shoemaker's hammer, a surgeon's lancet, a pair of dentist's forceps, a dollar and a catechism.

Follow this with a story about each object, having the member who tells the story hold up the object referred to. These stories will be printed in current issues of Tidings, Lutheran Boys and Girls and the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER.

1. A Lily. Matt. 6: 28-34.

In presenting this object lesson from the Bible show a real lily or a good picture of one.

Have the passage of Scripture read or recited and tell how this passage has strengthened the faith of many missionaries to trust God for everything as they have gone forth to seek first the Kingdom of God.

2. A Great Treasure Which a Mother Gave Her Boy (Ziegenbalg's Bible).

3. A Shoemaker's Hammer (William Carey's hammer with which he paid expenses).

4. The Surgeon's Lancet That Opened China to the Gospel (Dr. Peter Parker's lancet).

5. The Forceps That Transformed Formosa (Dr. George Leslie Mackay's forceps).

6. The Dollar That Started the Orphan Home (The dollar handed to Dr. Passavant).

7. The First Book Given to the Indians In Their Language (Luther's Catechism).

Assign these subjects in time to have the Juniors make as much research as possible. Juniors like to "hunt up" things. Here is opportunity for some fascinating hunts.

A Great Treasure Which a Mother Gave Her Son

Over two hundred years ago a mother called her children to her bedside and told them she was going to her heavenly home. She said: "Dear children, I am leaving to you a treasure, a very great treasure." When the children asked where they might find this treasure their mother answered: "Search for it in my Bible. There you will find it. There is not a page that I have not moistened with my tears." One of those children was Bartholomew Ziegenbalg. Although he was only a very little boy when his mother died, he never forgot her words. He made his mother's Bible his constant companion. As he grew older he felt that this was too great a treasure to keep for himself alone, so he became the first Protestant missionary to India and spent all his life sharing his treasure with the people who had never heard the Gospel story.

A Shoemaker's Hammer

What does a hammer have to do with missions? Over a hundred years ago in the little village of Hackleton, England, this sign hung over a shop door: "Second-hand boots and shoes bought and sold." If you had entered that shop one of the first things which would have attracted your attention would have been a map of the world, with fingers and notes marked on it, telling of the conditions in lands where Jesus Christ was not known. By the map was a globe made of leather scraps from shoes, and nearby were two books. One book was "The Voyages of Captain Cook," which told of the visits this famous captain made to strange lands and of

the peoples he visited of whom the world at that time knew little. The other book by the shoemaker's side was the Bible, in which was written a command to take the Gospel to these needy people. The shoemaker was William Carey. As he cobbled shoes he looked often at his map and his globe and prayed for the people who had never heard of the Saviour who died for them. He said: "My business is to serve the Lord. I cobble shoes to pay expenses."

Carey helped to start the first foreign missionary society in England, and then he went out to India as the first missionary to be sent by this society. He spent forty-one years in India telling the people there of the love of God and leading them to the Saviour.

The Surgeon's Lancet That Opened China to the Gospel

Over and over again people in America and people in China have said: "China was opened to the Gospel by the point of a surgeon's lancet." You know, many years ago the people of China hated all the foreigners and did everything they could to keep the foreigners and the foreign religion out of their land.

Over fifty years ago there was a young student at Yale named Peter Parker. The other boys said that Peter Parker was always doctoring somebody. Even while he was a college student he visited poor families and those who were sick. He went to see the convicts in prison and helped them all he could. When the other boys were almost afraid to put their heads outside of a window because of the epidemic of cholera that was raging in New Haven and New York, Peter Parker kept on visiting the sick and ministering to the suffering. The more the suffering in Christian America the more he thought: "What must it be in heathen lands?" So he decided to go to China as a missionary doctor. After the Chinese people saw that he could really make sick people well they crowded around his hospital. Some of them even got up at midnight in order to make sure of getting to the hospital entrance by the time it was open. The streets were crowded with patients trying to get in. Often people came in the evening and spread their mats down on the ground and slept right by the gate so they might be the first to be taken in the next morning. Some were beggars from the street; some were the great folks from the imperial palace, but Dr. Parker helped them all alike. The people went away and told of the wonderful cures—of how the blind had been made to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk. Then they told of the wonderful Saviour of Whom they

had heard at the Christian hospital. So it was that the surgeon's lancet opened China to the Gospel.

The Dollar That Started an Orphan Home

Some great things have very small beginnings. When we look at one dollar all by itself we think, "One dollar cannot do much," but 69 years ago one dollar began the work of furnishing homes for thousands of orphan children. One July evening in the year 1849, the famous minister, Rev. Theodore Fliedner, of Kaiserwerth, was visiting some friends in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While he was talking about the great number of children who had no parents and the duty of Christian people to give homes and loving care to these little homeless orphans, a young man called at the house in which Mr. Fliedner was visiting. This young man called to try to sell some books, but he became so much interested in what was said about the needs of the little orphan children that he took a dollar out of his pocket, as he was leaving, and handed it to Dr. W. A. Passavant, who was present, saying: "Here you have a commencement for an orphan house." Other people added many other dollars so homes for orphan children could be built, but this dollar began the great work which Dr. Passavant did in giving homes and care to hundreds of orphans.

To all of the fatherless children Dr. Passavant was a loving father. Some of the first children who entered his orphan home came from Philadelphia. Dr. Passavant went to the station to meet them, expecting to find a group of bright, clean children with smiling faces. Instead he found them with their sad little faces covered with the dust of the trains. The tears streaming down had made pitiful little white paths on their dirty little faces. When he told them who he was one of the girls threw her arms around his neck and sobbed: "So you are Mr. Passavant, and you will be our father." And that was just what he was—a father to every fatherless child he met. Yet it was not a large gift from a rich man that began this work, but just one dollar given by a book agent.

The First Book Given to the American Indians

Everybody knows about Gustavus Adolphus, but not everybody knows that when this famous king of Sweden lost his life at Lutzen the heir to the throne was a little six-year-old girl, named Christina. When she grew up she became a queen who was good as she was beautiful. Queen Christina was so much beloved by her subjects that the first Swedish colonists who came to America named their first town Christinaham. Among those early Swedish settlers in America was a minister

named John Campanius. He was very anxious to help the Indians and spent much time among them learning their language. The Indians soon found that he was a white man whom they could trust and the friendship between the Swedish settlers and the Delaware Indians was never broken. Campanius wanted to teach his friends with the red skin the way of life, so, as soon as he learned their language, he translated Luther's Small Catechism for them. This was the first book given to the Indians in their own language.

JUNE

Missionary Topic: Wedding Bells Around the World

Introducing the Topic. The topic may be introduced by the leader or two dainty little flower girls, bearing flowers as for a bride, may come down the aisle together. When they face the League one, or both in concert, may introduce the topic for the meeting by saying: "June is the month of roses and the month of brides." In America we have flower girls to scatter flowers in the pathway of our brides to show that we hope their path through life may be full of sweetest flowers. In this big world of ours there are many brides who have no flower girls to scatter flowers in their pathway. There are some things about the wedding bells and the wedding customs in foreign lands that will seem very funny to us and some things that will seem very sad. For our meeting today we are going to hear about the "Wedding Bells In Many Lands," and perhaps we shall see how the boys and girls in America may be flower bearers to make a happier way for all the brides of the world.

Bible Lesson. John 2: 1-11.

Lesson Stories. The leaflet, "A Double Wedding in India," may be read or recited by a Junior. The effectiveness would be increased if a young girl impersonating Dr. Betty Nilsson told this story. She might be dressed in native costume. A few facts about Dr. Nilsson's work in the hospital at Rajahmundry should be given in introduction. "When the Wedding Bells Are Drums" is a story written by Mrs. Leonard, of Muhlenberg Mission, Africa. A good storyteller can get from it a most interesting story of wedding customs in Africa and of what Christian missions have meant to the brides and the homes of Africa. Both of these leaflets are in the packet referred to above.

Tour of Our Specialist

During February the following places were visited: Utica, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Mauch Chunk.

Eastern Pennsylvania proved a fruitful

field. Miss Mehlhouse had a conference with junior workers of West Philadelphia, which proved rather unique in that each one attending was asked to give a fee of 25 cents, which made the help received from the talk better appreciated by members of the five churches represented. The suburban sections of the city will be covered by an engagement at St. John's, Melrose. There will be a trip to Wilmington, Newark, Elizabeth, Easton, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Danville and Reading.

Some are now applying for visits in April. Do you want her? If so, write to Literature Headquarters for a suitable date.

CONVENTION REPORTS

PITTSBURGH SYNODICAL

The eighth annual convention was held November 16, 1917, in Leechburg, Pa. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Society.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. F. A. Reiter opened the convention. Reports showed that although ideals had not been attained, steady progress had been made. A total of \$6,404.41 was contributed. The balance due on Miss Schade's salary (\$100.00) was pledged on the floor of the convention.

The following pledges were made: Miss Schade's salary, \$800; balance due on bungalow, \$1,400; Miss Boyer's salary, \$500; Vellore College Fund, 10 cents per member, and Miss Anna Rohrer's salary to be contributed by the Juniors; Home Missions, \$980; Porto Rico, Dorado Chapel, \$400; Spring Garden Valley, \$1.00 per month from each Society; Student Aid, \$300. The Society pledged support to Foreign and Porto Rico missions, work in the Virgin Islands and Inner Mission institutions. Societies were urged to support Slav students.

Junior work was emphasized as our weak point, and it was the voice of the convention that we strengthen activities along this line.

Two life memberships were taken, one for the efficient recording secretary, Miss Florence Beaver, the other for the retiring treasurer, Miss Clara Klingler.

One session's offering was given to the Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh toward the new hospice fund.

Two amendments to the constitution were made, one limiting the terms of office to four years and the other making the chairmanship of all standing committees elective rather than appointive. An excellent report of the Biennial Convention was given by Mrs. Geissinger. Mrs. Schnur spoke on "Our Thank-offering Boxes" and read a letter from a field missionary, after which the convention gave \$50.00 for the mis-

sionary.

Miss May Mellander and Miss Emma Schmid presented the Porto Rico work. Dr. G. F. Gehr, Rev. M. J. Bieber and Rev. Ambrose Hering addressed the convention. Mrs. G. G. Ruff gave a fine outline of the book, "Missionary Milestones." "A Legend of Service," by Henry Van Dyke, was given by Signe Swenson, head of the Department of Expression and Dean of Women of Thiel College.

MRS. C. L. HERBSTER,

N. W. SYNOD CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The twelfth annual convention was held in Albert Lea, Minn., October 11th and 12th, with an average of 35 delegates present. Five Societies had withdrawn to form another Conference Society. One new one was received, making a total of 25. Pledges for Home, For-

eign and Porto Rico missions were urged as well as continued support of Slav and Inner missions, the organization of more mission study classes and Junior Mission Bands, with increased subscriptions to THE MISSION WORKER. Miss Grotefend, a missionary from China, spoke on that wonderful land of opportunity. Addresses on "South America" and "The Quadricentennial as a Missionary Incentive" were made by Rev. Gruber and Rev. Rockey. Mrs. Brouillard conducted a model Junior study. Three life memberships and one memorial were given. The total income was \$960.58—\$300 for Home Missions, \$125 for Foreign Missions, \$75.00 for Porto Rico, and the rest for Slavs, Japan, Italian, China and the Children's Nurse. India lace brought \$53.38.

MRS. A. F. BROUILLARD,



Literature Department

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Because of the increased postage rates, send PAYMENT with SMALL orders. War conditions are making all means of transportation uncertain. This includes both mail and express packages. Hence we must ask persons sending orders to exercise patience, and allow reasonable time, not expecting orders filled by return mail.

On items under \$1.00, no receipts will be sent, unless postage is included for the return of the receipted bill.

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.

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

Monthly Programs for 1918. For the Women's Society. Price, 30 cents per set complete. The outfit consists of the Program booklet, at 10 cents per copy, or \$1.00 per dozen, the Leader's Supplement, at 5 cents per copy, and the extra leaflets noted in the programs, 15 cents per set.

Bible Readings. Set of twelve for 10 cents. Valuable for use in opening the monthly missionary meetings.

The Ministry of Intercession. By Andrew Murray. Price, 85 cents; postage, 6 cents.

The Meaning of Prayer. By Harry Emerson Fosdick. Price, 60 cents; postage, 6 cents.

LEAFLETS FOR THE QUARTER

The Power of Prayer, the Place of Power, if Ye Love Me. 14 cents each, 10 cents per dozen, 60 for 30 cents, 100 for 50 cents. Assorted if desired.

What God has Said of Prayer. Price, 2 cents each; 10 cents per dozen; 40 cents for 50 copies; 75 cents per 100 copies.

A Double Wedding in India. By Dr. Betty A. Nilsson. Price, 2 cents each; 15 cents per dozen; 40 cents for 50 copies; 75 cents per 100.

Is There no Better Way? By Rev. Chas. L. Brown, D.D. Price, 2 cents each; 15 cents per dozen; 50 cents for 50 copies; 80 cents per 100.

Where the Wedding Bells are Drums. By Gertrude Simpson Lenard. Price, 2 cents each; 15 cents per dozen; 45 cents for 50 copies; 80 cents per 100.

The God in Your Home. By Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Price, 2 cents each; 15 cents dozen; 45 cents for 50 copies; 80 cents per 100.

How Pulling Teeth Helped a Missionary to Preach the Gospel. By Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Price, 2 cents each; 15 cents per dozen; 45 cents for 50 copies; 80 cents per 100 copies.

"Either—Or." 1 cent each; 5 cents per dozen; 20 cents for 50; 35 cents per 100.

1918 Monthly Programs for the Junior League

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Tidings. A monthly Sunday School missionary paper for juniors. Edited by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Price, 25 cents per year. Address, Columbia, S. C., Box 280.

LEADERS, PLEASE NOTE

When the first orders for program packets were filled early in January, one of the leaflets for the June program, entitled, "A Double Wedding in India," had not been delivered by the Express Company, and to this day, after three months, the package has not been located. Therefore, a new edition had to be run, and we are sending copies of this leaflet to all persons in whose packets it was not included. If it has not reached you ere this, please drop a line to 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, and we will send you a copy for each program packet you received.

LAURA F. FRY.

Small orders of literature should always include payment. Please write your address clearly and use ink, and not lead pencil. One order, with payment in postage stamps is now being held at our office, because the pencil writing is too blurred to be made out. It got dripping wet en route.

Light-House Mite-Boxes. Free. Contributions for the support of the Children's Nurse, and the education of Slovak students.

Your Baby Cousin in India. Price, 6 cents per dozen; 30 cents per 100. A new leaflet for the juniors. Suitable for use with the Light-House Mite-Boxes. Appropriate for use in the Cradle Roll department.

Serial Story of Slovak Susan. Price, 2 cents each; 20 cents per dozen; 60 cents for 50 copies; \$1 per 100. For use with the Light-House Mite-Boxes.

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