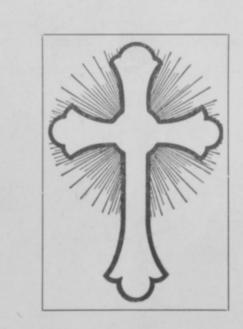
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Twenty-first Anniversary



Twenty-first Anniversary of the Mission Worker

MRS. HENRY E. JACOBS



MISS EMMA A. ENDLICH EDITOR 1897-1908

It is hard to realize that the passing years have brought us to the twenty-first birthday of the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER.

As so many other agencies of the church have arisen out of a crying need, so the appearance of this little paper was the direct result of a necessity for some medium of self-expression on the part of the women of the church who were interested in missions. The Missionary Society of the Allentown Conference had been organized twelve years; the Philadelphia Society, seven years, and the Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania almost two years before this need which had been long felt actually resulted in something definite. Various proposals from the church papers as to giving the women space in their columns had been discussed and found unsatisfactory and im-



MRS. CHARLES L. FRY EDITOR 1908-1917

practicable. Finally, at a meeting of the Literature Committee of the Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at the parsonage of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, in February, 1897, it was decided "That in place of the tracts and leaflets which had been published by the Society, we issue quarterly, an eight page paper, in which news of the Conference Societies as well as Home and Foreign Missionary intelligence might be given."

Miss Endlich and Miss Beck were appointed to prepare a sample copy to be presented to the Executive Committee at its next meeting. The material collected by these ladies was duly submitted and approved. They also presented a letter from one of the editors of the Foreign Missionary, commending the project, and showing that there would be no conflict in interest between the two. The new child was given the name of "The Mission Worker," and the motto



MRS. SAMUEL LAIRD
PRESIDENT PENNSYLVANIA SYNODICAL SOCIETY WHEN
THE MISSION WORKER WAS STARTED

suggested by Miss Mary Welden for the first number, "The Field is the World," it still bears. Miss E. A. Endlich was appointed editor; Miss Clara A. Beck, financial editor, and Miss Mary A. Miller, business manager.

The first number appeared in the summer of 1897. We cannot do better than to quote here in full the aims and purpose of the little paper, as given by Mrs. Samuel Laird, at that time President of the Pennsylvania Society.

"The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania presents to the notice of its friends a new candidate for their favor.

"Though an unexpected guest, it is the fond hope of those who send it forth that the importance of its errand may so impress the minds of those to whom it is sent that they will give it a hospitable reception, and that hereafter, in many homes, its regular visits may receive the warm welcome accorded to familiar friends.

"It will be the aim of the Mission Worker to give as much information as its limits will permit, concerning the Home and Foreign Missionary work of our Church. It will advocate and further the formation of missionary societies; will offer suggestions from time to time for the help and guidance of inexperienced workers; will publish brief reports of meetings, letters from missionaries, and items relating to missions and mission work gathered from different sources.

"A due proportion of space will be devoted to medical mission work, showing the urgent need and what is being done to supply it. All money given to this special cause will be acknowledged in these columns. "The deaconess work will very appropriately claim a share of our consideration, not merely that it is recognized as a branch of mission work, but also because it is acknowledged that deaconess institutions are the best training schools for zenana missionaries.

"The field indicated is a wide one, and the hope is cherished that an interest may be awakened which will demand further knowledge as to facts and methods of operation. Should such be the case, suggestions as to sources of information, and an outline for a systematic course of reading will be furnished by those who have made it a study.

"This paper is sent out with the earnest prayer that it may be an efficient aid to the cause so dear to all our hearts—the salvation of the world through the Lord Jesus Christ. The present issue is an experiment. Whether it shall be a success or not is to be decided by those who read it. The little stranger came uninvited to your home. Will you ask it to come again?"

Though the great expansion of mission work of every kind in our Church has added many departments to the work of the women since that time, this introduction of the paper to the public shows a wideness of vision and a confidence in the success of the enterprise which later years have fully justified. It looks toward Mission Study Classes, foreshadows the Monthly Topics, and the taking up of Inner Mission work by the women. Even the directory which we find so invaluable was begun in the first number.

The little paper was a nine by twelve sheet of eight pages, with no outside cover, and no cuts to make it attractive. The first issue of 3,000 copies was distributed gratuitously to introduce the stranger. By the autumn of the same year the subscriptions aggregated the enormous sum of \$66.00! In May of the next year the number of subscribers was reported as \$81

With this modest beginning was the new venture started, and amid various viscissitudes and fluctuations of hopes and fears went steadily forward under the able guidance of the editors and business manager, and so successful was it financially that at every biennial meeting of the Pennsylvania Society a hand-some surplus was turned in to the treasury.

The personnel of the staff has changed remarkably seldom in the past twenty-one years. After one year of service, Miss Miller resigned, and Miss Nora Iaeger was appointed business manager in her place. After eleven years of faithful service, Miss Endlich presented her resignation, which was accepted with profound

regret. In the first number, under the new management, the following paragraph appeared: "Much against the desire of our Synodical Society, and most of all against the personal preference of the new editor, Miss Endlich has felt constrained to terminate her faithful and efficient service of eleven years. There was no alternative but to accept her resignation with profound gratitude for her valued service."

Mrs. Charles L. Fry, then of Catasauqua, was elected the new editor in May, 1908. Miss Iaeger, withdrawing soon after, Miss Mary Brooke, of Philadelphia, was appointed business manager in her place.

Under the new regime the form of the paper was changed to that of the present magazine, the first number bearing the imprint: "Advent, 1908." When in 1912, after three years of arduous labor, Miss Brooke felt that the burden of the growing work in connection with other duties, would make it necessary for her to resign as business manager, she reported that the subscribers numbered 8,000.

In September, 1911, there was organized at Lancaster, Pa., The Women's Missionary Society of The General Council. The following May, in the report of the Convention of the Pennsylvania Society this minute occurs:

"In response to the General Council Society's request that the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER be made the official organ of that body, the Convention unanimously took favorable action and the transfer was made."

Thus was our cherished child, the subject of so many prayers passed over into a larger and fuller life.

Mrs. Fry consented to continue the editorship, and with her was associated Miss Ida H. Zinzer as business manager.

Along with the development of the magazine, there has grown up a large literature department, which for several years past has required a central office and the entire time of the business manager. It finally assumed such proportions that Mrs. Fry, feeling that she must give up one or the other, presented her resignation as editor of the magazine, which was accepted with much reluctance by the Society of the General Council, in October, 1917, and Mrs. F. A. Kahler, of Buffalo, New York, was elected her successor.

It is impossible to go through the files of this little periodical from the beginning without being filled with admiration for the women who have borne this burden, giving freely of their time and energy, without thought of recompense other than the good of the Church and, as stated in the first number, "The salvation of the world, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

As the child has grown in years so it has grown in size and strength and beauty until now, when instead of the two general divisions of Home and Foreign Missions, it covers every department of Mission work engaged in by the Church, is beautified and made attractive by a wealth of illustrations, and has reached a circulation of 11.000.

While we cannot but deeply regret the withdrawal of Mrs. Fry from the editorial chair, we may well congratulate ourselves that so able a successor as Mrs. Kahler has consented to take her place.

While never forgetting the self-sacrificing labors of those who saw the paper safely launched, and for twenty-one years have kept it afloat, amid many discouragements, we wish every success to the new management, and would bespeak for the magazine the heartiest support of our women, not only by subscriptions, but also by contributions to its columns, that its circulation may steadily increase and its influence ever widen. Laura H. Jacobs.

COME APART

LEADERS of Women's Missionary Societies who need inspiration and guidance so that you and those whom you lead may do your share in achieving through world-conquest by love the great ends for which our Nation is engaged in war.

YOUNG WOMEN OF DRAFT AGE, who are eagerly seeking to do your utmost in the places of greatest need and who long to follow Christ, our "Beloved Captain," at any cost.

GIRLS OF ALL AGES, who enjoy life in God's great out-of-doors, who like to study and play with other girls, and who want the things that are most worth while for your-selves and for all the girls in the world.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS, who are planing for important tasks in the reconstruction of the world, who seek practical counsel as to the best preparation for your life work from Board secretaries and missionaries, and who desire an opportunity to receive and impart enthusiasm for the extension of God's Kingdom on earth.

ALL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, who are oppressed by the burden of the world's sin and suffering, and who need wider vision and deeper consecration to take up your tasks in home and church and school and business

REST AWHILE.

This is a call to the Northfield, Mass., Summer School for Women's Missionary Societies, July 9 to 17.



Come Missions Expansion

MRS. GEORGE H. SCHNUR, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



Work in Pacific Synod

COMPILED FROM MATERIAL FURNISHED BY REV. THEO. SCHOENBERG, FIELD MISSIONARY AND MRS. L. KOCH, PRESIDENT, W. M. S.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, NORTH YAKIMA, WASH., REV. ANDREW ENGESET, PASTOR

The Pacific Synod lies within the states of Oregon and Washington, excepting four congregations, two in California, and two in British Columbia. These States have a combined area of 164,734 square miles. Oregon alone covers more territory than Pennsylvania and New York together. There is more open country in Oregon, the soil is far richer, the natural resources of timber, minerals, fisheries, etc., far greater. So it is entirely reasonable to suppose that eventually Oregon will support a greater population than New York and Pennsylvania.

The present population of Oregon and Washington is approximately 2,000,000. These people have come and are continuing to come from every State in the Union, principally the Middle West, however. A large percentage are Scandinavian and German, hence are Lutherans by birth.

Eleven Lutheran Synods are working here, and according to best obtainable statistics have about 250 organizations with 20,000 members. Of these the General Council has 38 organizations, and about 5,000 members. Of this latter number, 24 congregations belong to Pacific

Synod, with 18 ministers and 1849 members. A number of these are mission churches, as this Synod is the direct outgrowth of work done by German and English Home Mission Boards of the General Council.

Congregations at Tacoma, Portland and Seattle were organized by the Board over twenty years ago, and have become strong centers of influence and English Lutheranism on the Coast. Many new missions have been established since then by our Boards. Many more might be established had we but the men and means to do so...

The only solution of the Home Mission problem of the Pacific Synod is an adequate force of Field Missionaries to look up scattered Lutherans, and establish missions, and sufficient funds for supporting missionary pastors in these fields. The Synod itself, realizing this difficulty of securing pastors from the East, finally considered the possibility of establishing a theological seminary on the Pacific Coast. In 1912 this was done, and Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D., called as its President. This seminary was located at Portland until 1914. Then a site of ten acres with two houses was purchased by the Synod at Seattle, Wash. Here the institution is now located, on an elevation overlooking Lake Washington and the City of Seattle, and about a mile from the Washington State University. The congregations of Synod have given liberally toward this work, but the General Council must come to the rescue to help clear the indebtedness and raise an endowment to make this a permanent institution. This institution deserves the support of the whole Church.

When the mission at North Yakima was organized less than two years ago, Pacific Seminary supplied them with a pastor. Rev. Andrew Engeset was ordained in 1915 and has been pastor of Holy Trinity, North Yakima, since its founding. The Church was dedicated May 20th, 1917. It is a churchly and commodious structure, and the congregation is steadily growing.

Nearly all the Churches in Pacific Synod have active Missionary organizations. Most of them use the *Monthly Topics*, and take The Mission Worker. They have contributed liberally to the Pacific Seminary, as well as to all the other objects. Though a mission Synod themselves they have made good use of the Thank-offering Boxes, and are doing their part to increase the Field Missionary service in the Church.

In the one city of Portland there ought today to be at least seven Lutheran Churches. Other cities are equally strategic points at which work ought to be begun at once. There is a vast field for Lutheran Home Missions in this western country, and great responsibilities, duties and opportunities for our Church to gather and care for her people. She has not kept pace with the rapid development and settlement of this territory. There have been far too few laborers, and altogether too large have been our losses. More missionaries are needed if we are to hold our own in this great and growing West. These men must be supported by the established Church in the East. It will also be apparent that the Western work must be carried on largely in the English language. The people come chiefly from Eastern and Middle West States, and are thoroughly Americanized. Unless we do more aggressive English Home Mission work, we will lose our own people to other denominations.

THANKOFFERING QUESTIONAIRE

Have you a Thankoffering Box?

Did you get the "Every Woman" appeal? If not, won't you ask your Conference Society Home Mission Chairman about it?

Will YOU try to help us line up EVERY woman THIS year?

For what is this "line-up?"

Again, won't you ASK your HOME Mission Chairman?

Won't you paste this up somewhere and commit it to memory? "If we want to push Foreign Missions, and Latin American Missions, and Inner Missions in our United Lutheran Church WE MUST PUSH HARDER ON HOME MISSIONS RIGHT NOW."

Italian Mission

Encouraged by the response to my appeal in the last issue, for "Little Italy," my pen flows on.

Literary achievements and house cleaning do not mix, but a conscience that gives me no rest until I do all I can, even if poorly, prompts me to stop long enough to ask the continuance of your interest and help.

It seems as though a prophet were not with-

out honor, save in his own state, because the only recent response to my last two appeals came from Ohio.

I have been blessed with a loud voice, with good carrying qualities, and evidently talked over the heads of the good people in Pennsylvania. Must I write a Pennsylvania Dutch piece to appeal to them or talk to them like a Dutch aunt? It occurs to me that I might also learn

Swedish and reach the dear sisters in the Augustana Synod. Would that I might speak Italian, and so get in touch with the mothers of our Neighborhood House.

The work goes on, and these new citizens of America, are being made citizens of the Kingdom of God. They are doing hard work as laborers for us of America, and we would like

to make them laborers in the vineyard of our Lord.

Each woman can help us by sending me a dollar for the cause, with the expectation of repeating it each year.

Shall we not also be good warriors in the fight of faith and works of love?

MRS. JOHN W. RICHARDS.

The Church in Halifax

As the strictly Lutheran population in the City of Halifax was not large it was never believed that the growth of a Lutheran Church would be rapid. Then, too, the church was organized at the beginning of the war, which in the opinion of some was considered a most inopportune time. Yet in spite of this the growth of the Church of the Resurrection had been steady and gratifying. It was organized with 46 charter members, and on November 30, 1917, the congregation reported 119 members. Shortly after its organization the congregation purchased a lot in a desirable part of the city, paying thirty-eight hundred dollars, and in July, 1916, it dedicated a beautiful church, seating 250 and costing thirteen thousand dollars. Thus it owned a property whose value was seventeen thousand dollars. But the debt resting on the congregation amounted to twelve thousand, five hundred dollars, and with the exception of five thousand dollars, borrowed from the Church Extension Society, was paying interest on that sum. It can readily be seen that the members of the congregation were pledged to raise yearly what some larger congregations would have considered a large sum. But in spite of the fact that none of our people are well to do, only a few own their own homes, a per capita amount of twenty-two dollars was raised last year, and we were mesting our bills regularly and promptly. Thirtyone new members had been added during the year and the prospects were exceedingly bright. Then came the great disaster of December 6, 1917, when fifteen hundred lives were destroyed: thousands were injured; many thousands made homeless, and the whole city presented a scene of desolation such as can only be duplicated on the battlefields of France. Ten of our members and adherents were killed, also seven Lutheran sailors, who were in port at the time. Some of our families were made homeless and a number of persons were serlously injured. The Church looked like a complete wreck but we found that the walls and roof are intact. The doors were fit only for kindling; the leaded windows completely destroyed; the Douglas fir ceiling had to come down, as well as the large chimney, while the

furniture and furnaces had been damaged. It will require, at least, three thousand dollars to put the Church in the condition it was prior to the explosion. But this is not alone the problem that faces us. We were able, before the explosion, to count 119 members. Now, because of death, and removal only 85 members remain. The attendance the last Sunday in November was 308. Since the disaster our highest attendance has been 96. But the faithful nucleus remains and our people have not become discouraged. Temporary doors have been put in place, the windows boarded up and the building made comparatively comfortable; and by use of electric lights by day as well as night we are enabled to hold services in the Sunday School Room and Church; and League and Missionary Society, as well as Sunday School and Church are now holding services regularly. On Easter Sunday 14 adults were added to the membership and 73 partook of the Communion.

We have been greatly encouraged by the way in which the Church, at large, has come to our help. At this writing about fifteen hundred dollars in cash has been received from congregations in the various parts of United States and Canada, and as far west as California; and we believe that more will follow, possibly in sufficient sums to enable us to go on again with no larger lebt than we were carrying before the ravages of war brought this awful calamity upon us.

The undersigned wishes to thank the President of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council for her kind invitation to make our condition known to the members through the medium of the Mission Worker, and also to thank all who have so generously come to our assistance in this crisis in our congregational life. W. M. Weaver, Pastor.

Several thousand Canadian Christian women met in Winnipeg for an intercessory prayer service for the soldiers, sailors and airmen of the allied armies. This would seem to be a great example for our own women to follow. Surely the Lord will hear our fervent prayer.



Foreign Missions







COMING TO RED CROSS "TASHAMA" ON DURBAR DAY

Woman's "Our Day" at Rajahmundry

AGNES CHRISTENSON

The Governor of Madras Presidency made a special appeal to all government and religious organizations that on "Durbar Day" all schools be closed and the day spent in gathering funds for the "Red Cross Society," which is doing noble work for the soldiers in Mesopotamia. The day was called "Our Day."

The municipality of Rajahmundry, together with the heads of various schools, planned a big celebration on the town commons, in the form of sports or a big track meet. As all high caste women are "gosha" and the sports arranged would not be of interest to them, the committee was rather dubious about their taking an active part. The chairman asked that instead a special festival for women be held in our hospital compound, as it is large and private. The heads of the four girls' institutions of which two are mission and the other two municipal, made up the committee for arrangements. Each school was to furnish a couple of numbers on the program and the children were asked to contribute money for fruit and sweetmeats to be sold. About two thousand invitations were distributed among the mothers. The wife of the Superintendent of Police, an educated high caste woman, was asked to make a speech on the "Purpose and Work of the Red Cross Society."

The girls of our Hindu Girls' School contributed money for fruit. The girls of Central Girls' School hemstitched handkerchiefs, crocheted buttons and coin bags and made picture frames. Our lace department gave pieces of lace and individuals gave various articles.

As early as one o'clock groups of women and children were wending their way towards the hospital, which is in the edge of the town. Many came in bullock carts. The one hundred and seventy-five Christian boarding girls were also to take part. On account of the distance three double bullock carts were engaged, each holding some twenty girls. These headed the procession. Each girl carried a wand or a flag. Seeing their smiling faces, for they do so enjoy "tamashas," and hearing their merry songs, remind me of our school children at home going on a picnic. (Pictures Nos. 1 and 2 show part of the procession.)

Two of our nurses were stationed at the compound gate to receive the free will contribution of those who sought entrance. Some gave silver offerings as high as ten rupees, but others, some of whom were bedecked with gold coin necklaces and other jewelry, tried to gain admittance for several on a half cent. Therefore it required some soliciting on the part of the collectors to get them to give more. By three o'clock the verandas and the open space in front were filled with Indian women and children. The program was very entertaining. The Indian woman has not learned to sit down quietly and listen to speeches, but she chatters on and on, there-

fore the numbers on the program were various kinds of drills such as flag, wand, dumbbell and kollatum and songs. (The pictures 3 and 4 show the Christian girls performing in a very effective drill.)

At the setting of the sun the festivities were over. As twilight is so short and the darkness falls quickly, the visitors made a hurried exit, but smiling and seemingly well pleased with what they had seen and heard. As the receipts of the day were over Rupees two hundred and thirty-five we had reason to feel well pleased with our Indian sisters. May God bless our Indian women.





CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GIRLS IN RED CROSS DRILL AT OUR HOSPITAL

Our hospital supplies sent out last Summer reached India in November, while Dr. Nillsen was on sick leave from her post. She wrote in December of their arrival, but her letter did not reach us until March, so uncertain are the mails. We will send another supply this year; the money, we know, will be given by our women as it has been in former years. If each will do her part we will be able to send all that our hospital needs in spite of the high cost of freight and insurance. It is with great thankfulness that we note Dr. Betty Nillsen's improved health. She writes that she is much better and able to take pleasure in her work. She believes the Lord is answering our prayers for her restoration to health. She writes: "I am looking forward with joy to having a medical assistant, a native Christian woman who has studied in Tahore. She does not know Telugu, and that of course is a drawback." We sincerely hope this assistant is a real help to our overworked doctor. Vellore College is certainly going to be a success. With Dr. Ida Scudder at its head, the India Government will be quite satisfied that all will be well. Everyone knows what the Scudder family have done for India as missionaries these several generations, and work anyone of the name undertakes is looked upon with great favor. It is a great blessing that Dr. Scudder is willing to act as head of the new college. We must not forget our own part in the work, to contribute regularly toward its cost. Ten cents per capita is asked. The marriage of Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer and Miss Anna Rohrer in January was a surprise to many friends here. We shall miss "The Children's Nurse," but the Bhimavaram District needs just a leader among the Christian women, and Rev. Neudoerffer and his two little girls will be the gainers.

Let us not forget the crying need of the mission in the Jeypore District, the former Brecklum Mission. We have promised to provide for it, and we can if each one of us helps. (The minimum sum needed is \$1000 per month.)

MARY A. MILLER.

Summer Mission Study

MISS RUTH HEMSATH

Summer brings to many of us rest, and refreshing of body and spirit. It may also bring visions of new service, and broader outlook. And with renewed vigor and energy, we may find that our ideals have soared, and becken us on to more worthy goals in the months of activity. Those who do not gain

these things from their vacation are in danger of joining the ranks of the drifters and backsliders.

The winter has been a time of testing. Mission study cannot now be classed among the easy things, done to occupy spare time. We have no spare time any more. And unless we resolutely determine to study missions, carefully lay plans for it, and stick to our purpose in spite of all obstacles, there will be no mission study. Lutheran women dare neglect it only to their own loss, and the weakening of the great missionary enterprise.

The war shows the sacrifice of which men are capable. For the sake of our nation's just cause, we sacrifice with joy. But, "no matter what sacrifices must be made, the missionary enterprise must not be sacrificed," says Robert E. Speer. "Every worthy end that the nation believes that it has in view now, is an end for which the Christian spirit has wrought and must still work." The best Christians are the finest patriots, and a man can serve his country best by seeking first the Kingdom of God. Let us think seriously of how we are proving our loyalty to Christ and His Kingdom, by our present attitude toward missions.

Would that a greater number of our young women would take advantage of the many fine Summer schools of missions, scattered all over our land. Our present standing in mission study can be traced back directly to such Summer assemblies. How many young women will be brought into touch with one of these rich sources of missionary influence, through your efforts?

The Present Season

for study will close with the first of September. All classes should be reported before that time to your Conference Chairman.

Those who have read Dr. Patton's "Lure of Africa" will recall these words with which it closed: "Great missionaries have been preeminently men of prayer. When the obstacles in their way appeared insurmountable, they took refuge in God. At such a time, Pastor Harms, of blessed memory, deeply concerned over the progress of the Kingdom in South Africa, wrote in his diary, "I had knocked at men's doors and found them shut, and yet the plan was

manifestly good and for the glory of God. What was to be done? 'Straight-forward makes the best runner.' I prayed fervently to the Lord, laid the matter in His hand, and as I rose up at midnight from my knees, I said, 'Forward now, in God's Name!'"

STUDENT CONFERENCES

We are hearing from all sides that the greatest need of today and tomorrow is leaders. Surely, then, it is difficult to overstate the significence of the Student Conferences, which will bring together the women students of our colleges for ten days of intensive thinking on the needs of the world and the relation of Christian women to them. Many of these students will realize for the first time that they have a responsibility to prepare for Christian leadership; others will be seeking to discover how and where to use the gift of life; still others will be eager to learn what to do to prepare for their chosen work. Should not our Boards send representatives to the Conferences within their territory? Our girls need to know of the mission work of their own church and how they may help it. The usual program fee will be remitted for two representatives from each denomination, one representing Foreign Missions and one Home Missions. The expenses of a representative to be in touch with our girls throughout the conference will prove an exceedingly rich investment.

Y. W. C. A. Student Conferences are: Silver Bay, N. Y., June 21-July 1. Eagles Mere, Pa., June 21-July 1. Blue Ridge, N. C., June 4-14. Lake Geneva, Wis., August 20-30. Hollister, Mo., June 21-July 5. Asilomar, Cal., August 6-16, and Seabeck, Wash., June 21-July 1. Miss Annette Kahler will be at Silver Bay; Miss Van Gundy at Eagles Mere; Mrs. Cronk at Blue Ridge.

Chambersburg, Pa., has a Summer School of Missions, "a second Northfield," June 27-July 7. Write for prospectus.

Sound An Alarm

There is within the United States an imperium in imperio—a power which for many years has been rapidly extending its influence geographically, politically and financially.

Look for a moment at the numerical growth of the Mormon Church. "Eighty years ago when the Mormons began their treasons and conspiracies against this Government the proportion they bore to the country's whole population was about one in 1,125,000. Now when this warning reaches you the measure of Mormon strength is roundly one in every 125 of the population." It should be understood

that two-thirds of the Mormons, in the country are not avowed Mormons, so that we never know their real numbers.

This enormous increase in numbers has been used to carry out the political purposes of the Church by a systematic colonization of our western states. As long ago as 1880 Bishop Lunt said: "This is our year of jubilee. We look forward with perfect confidence to the time when we will hold the reins of the United States Government. That is our present temporal end." When the possibility of its fulfillment was questioned Bishop Lunt replied: "Do

not be deceived. We intend to have Utah recognized as a state. In the past six months we have sent more than 3,000 of our people to settle in Arizona, and the movement (of systematic colonization) progresses. All this will build up for us a political power which will in time compel the homage of the demagogues of the country. Our vote is solid and will remain so. It will be thrown where the most good will be accomplished for the Church."

Through this system of colonization by which the hierarchy in Salt Lake City does not allow the Mormon population of any state greatly to exceed 50 per cent. of the total population, the Mormon Hierarchy now has absolute political control in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming, holds the balance of political power in three other states and has nearly acquired the balance of power in five more states.

Another menace of Mormonism is its missionary work. Its agents are in nearly every country in Europe, in Australia, Japan, Turkey, the Sandwich Islands, while our own country is thoroughly and systematically covered by them. Last year the Mormon Church in Boston baptized 77 converts, all but two of them young women. Evidence is constantly received from all parts of the country that these missionaries are more and more widely gaining access to our homes and our communities. The literature which they freely distribute is not recognized because it nowhere bears the word Mormon, and because it seems to preach the gospel which we are accustomed to hear. Furthermore, the imprint of The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints is not recognized as the official name of the Mormon Church. The foreign missionary work of the Mormon Church is fruitful. In 1908, the Commissioner of Immigration in Boston said that "about seven or eight hundred Mormon converts, a majority of whom are women, probably pass through this port annually." The policy is to discourage men converts and seek only women converts." (From Mrs. Coleman.)

The Mormon missionary says, "We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." He does not say at first, "But we believe that the Father was once a man like us, who has become great by marrying many wives; and the Son has become divine by marrying the two Marys and Martha." No, the convert to Mormonism learns later that this is what they mean by God.

Mormon polygamy is a menace to the Christian home. They profess now not to practise it, not because it is not right, but because it is inexpedient, being forbidden by state law. They believe in it, and have never repudiated the doctrine. Special blessings come from its practice, they hold.

The Mormon doctrine of blood atonement is a menace to life. Its spirit is vengeance. They hold it is right to kill a heretic, an apostate Mormon, in order to save his soul.

In view of the numerical growth, the political influence, the financial power, and the missionary activity of the Morman Church, is it not high time for the Christian men and women of the country to arouse from their state of indifference and incredulity?

Sound the alarm.

The Lesser Leprosy

As compared with Mormonism the actual physical leprosy, world-aged and world-wide in its ravages, may be called the lesser evil. It kills only the body, not the soul. Its victims do not go about intentionally spreading the awful contagion. Its very loathsomeness is some protection from it. Clean people fly from it, and cast up barriers against it. Medical experts are always trying to find some antidote or cure. It carries its menace openly in the face of the world. Not so with the greater menace, Mormonism.

We make war on leprosy, and more vigorously should we war against Mormonism, the pest undermining our national safe homes, the health and strength of the commonwealth.

There is an Interdenominational International Organization, with headquarters in Dublin and branches in America and Australia, whose purpose is to instruct lepers in the Gospel of Christ, to relieve their sufferings, to segregate them and protect communities against the spread of the dire disease and to rescue and rear their children. The society is responsible for the maintenance of 52 asylums and 30 homes for children of leprous parents. But what are they among the two or three million lepers of the world. A most inadequate equipment. The cry continues, "Woe is me, for my hurt, my wound is grievous and refuses to be healed."

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A Swiss physician seems to have discovered a remedy for leprosy which greatly relieves the sufferers and may even cure them. Two sisters in the Moravian Bethesda institution in Surinam, South America, to which many of our women have contributed, have been declared "clean" after using this medicine. Modern science will have achieved a great triumph if it can baffle this world-old scourge, and save some of its victims.

Oh, Give Us Life

When Secretary Danner, of the American Mission to Lepers visited the Kwangju asylum in Korea, the inmates had an entertainment for him. But one unannounced event interrupted the program. Two hundred happy lepers met Mr. Danner on the road near the asylum and escorted him and his party to the outdoor meeting place. Scripture reading, prayers and singing passed in due order, and the pleasure of the lepers in their guests and the meeting surprised and touched the visitors. But in the middle of the meeting came a sudden interruption.

There came, unbidden of men, a group of seventeen outcast begging lepers. Their pitiful condition of sickness and sores, of hunger and rags, of sorrowful faces and depressed spirits, was in striking contrast to the comfortable condition and cheerful surroundings of the Christian lepers of the asylum, sitting there in their clean white Korean costumes. The outcast lepers had heard of the asylum, and now that they saw with their own eyes the happy condition of the Christian lepers, their own lot seemed more bitter. With tears and supplications they begged to be received into the asylum.

"Oh, give us life! Give us life!" they begged. It was heartrending. The Christian

lepers pleaded that the outcasts might be received, offering to share their own food and clothing with them. Only recently delivered from the same miserable lot through this Christion institution, and having come to know the love of Christ, they were moved with compassion for their brethren. Here was the crisis hour in the lives of seventeen persons. To be refused admission meant to each months or years of weary, painful, outcast beggary, suffering with hunger, nakedness, and cold, and lastly death by the wayside, uncared for and unloved. To be received would mean food, care, a knowledge of God. Who could refuse such an appeal? Had they not been sent of God in this very hour?

And they were received.

The next day Mr. Danner visited the asylumb for Sunday services. He looked over the congregation to find the seventen beggars of the day before. He could not pick them out. And it wasn't until the physician in charge asked them to rise that they could be discovered. Their white garb and cheerful faces were in marked contrast to their condition the previous day. When asked if they were comfortable, they answered unanimously, "We are at peace."—The Continent.

Alfred Pfitsch, M.D.



ALFRED P. FITSCH, M.D. AND MRS. FITSCH

When God calls men and women to serve Him in far lands He does not speak to those who have been failures at home. Biographies of workers whose lives have told for God in foreign fields show that they were those who could not easily be spared from His service at home. The poor, the friendless, night schools, little missions, have held them back or cheered them on, according as they had less or more caught the spirit of Him who went.

with shining face, where the Master pointed the way. The boys of at least two Lutheran Churches, one of the General Synod and one of the General Council, have followed in thought the steamer that bore across the Pacific Dr. Alfred Fitsch and Mrs. Fitsch, bound for India. And surely some of the eager interest will grow into resolve to "follow in their train," and become messengers of Jesus Christ to those who know Him not.

Dr. Fitsch was a Sunday School boy in the First Lutheran Church of Baltimore and was confirmed in 1906. He had the right sort of a mother. She says, "I would not stand between my boy and God's will." In 1912 he was graduated from Western Maryland College, volunteered as a medical missionary, and entered Johns Hopkins Medical School. He entered Johns Hopkins, yes, and he also entered his own Sunday School. "I want a class," he said to the writer. "I am going to India and I must put something into somebody before I go." The doors of many boyish hearts were opened to the Master and to enthusiastic service for Him. Boys in his home and in theirs, boys on hikes, boys invited to clinics, boys around camp fires and on summer outings, and boys as companions at Northfield had "something put in"—living seed, the unfolding and growth of which is watched with joy by those who love these boys. Dr. Fitsch took the obligatory year of experience in hospital after graduation, and since the way to India seemed at that time barred he followed a call to hospital work in Erie, Pa. Here again he threw himself into work among the boys of Luther Memorial Church, with great acceptance and success. Before sailing for India, this Spring, he was married to Miss Eva Margaret Williams, a classmate in college, where she was president of the Y. W. C. A. in 1911, and active in Church, Sunday School and missionary work.

Rentachintala, chief town of the Paluad Taluk in South India, is the station to which these young persons are assigned for work. It is one of the best equipped and most prosperous stations in the district outside of Guntur, the main station of the General Synod Mission in India. There is at this place a fine church, a high school, an orphanage, Converts' Home, a school for the blind and a bungalow for the Medical Missionary, as well as one for his native assistant surgeon.

The Women's Missionary Society of the General Synod has built here the Schaffer Home, a bungalow for its women missionaries, and it is here that a hospital is being erected. The Sophia Hencken maternity ward is completed and a friend of the mission has given \$5000 for a childrens' ward. The churches of Springfield, Ohio, are giving another \$5000 for a men's ward, and the money for the administration buildings is in hand. Many prayers follow Dr. and Mrs. Fitsch to their field in India.

Letter From Japan



MRS. C. E. NORMAN AT HOME

Kumamoto, Japan, January 17, 1918.

Dear Friends—We have been in Japan less than six months and it has taken us that long to stare at smoking volcanos and dodge earthquakes, buy furniture and begin the study of the unspeakable language and ask the hundreds of questions that each newcomer must needs ask.

We arrived in Yokohama on the night of August 1st and walked down the gangplank into the midst of hundreds of Japanese, who were running hither and thither with baggage and bright colored lanterns and "rickishas;" and full realization came upon us then that we were indeed in the much-talked-of Japan. After a night there we went to Karuizawa. when I was in America that was a most unpronounceable name and was often the cause of some woman's not wanting to read a leaflet at the missionary meeting. But over here it is so easy. Just remember not to accent any one syllable and to make your a's longer and then say "Ka ru ee za wa." Well, at that place we spent a month and were cordially welcomed by all the missionaries. I never knew missionaries could be so nice. They are about the nicest people I ever met.

After leaving Karuizawa we came to great and wonderful Tokyo and spent ten days with Rev. and Mrs. Frisby Smith and little Jane. The sights of that city were a marvel to us and we stared and were stared at until we began to have a porous feeling. Then we came to Kumamoto, where Mr. Norman began his English classes at Kyushu Gakuin. furniture was being made in Yokohama we stayed with the Rev. and Mrs. Stirewalt and were still more convinced that missionaries are about the best people. But several weeks before Christmas our furniture came and we moved into our own little Japanese house, 180 Uchi Tsuboi, where we are happy to welcome all friends, both American and Japanese.

We have found very few idle moments. Our Japanese teacher comes each day and wrestles patiently with us, though our progress must at times seem very slow to him. Fortunately for us he is a man who is able to see the humorous



KUMAMOTO, JAPAN, "FUJINKWAI" (WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH)

side and laughs over our mistakes. I have reached the point of being able to greet a guest politely and to bid him farewell with many polite bows; but during his stay the conversation is apt to be sadly lacking. Still we are not discouraged as all of the missionaries have found the study of the language a laborious task. And the Japanese have an awfully hard time with our language. This coming Saturday I expect to begin a weekly English class of girls, and will use as a text book "The Story of Jesus." They are not all Christians, but they are so anxious to study English that they will come no matter what we use as a textbook, and so that is one good opportunity of reaching them.

Tomorrow the Fujinkwai (the woman's society of the Church) will meet with me for the first time. They meet weekly at one of the homes and have a devotional service with talk by the pastor, and afterwards they have a social meeting, with tea and very much conversation, as is customary among women the world over. They talk a great deal and bow a great deal and I imagine exchange with each other many new remedies for croup and measles. This coming meeting of the Fujinkwai is most likely to be an enthusiastic meeting, as it is the first one in the new year and new year has long been the Japanese gala season.

I expect to remove all the chairs (four in number) from our large living room and place floor mats for them to sit upon. There are two reasons for this. First, their little feet cannot touch the floor from our foreign style chairs, and second, there are not enough chairs to go around!

I must not tire you with my first letter because after I learn more about the work I expect to write again. We like Japan, we like our little home, and we like being missionaries. With best wishes to all.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Clarence E. Norman.

The children of America should be taught, as are the children of Korea, to work for souls. Every Sunday School Scholar should be a missionary to bring in other scholars. Every catechetical class should have, as one feature of its work, the gathering in and teaching in the way of salvation those who are outside the fold. A part of the missionary work of every man in the Church should be the winning of other men. Our pastors should find their women's missionary societies dependable agencies in filling the pews of the Church and in bringing under the preaching of the Word souls that may be saved.—Mrs. Cronk, in the Missionary Review of the World.

The India Lace Industry

MRS. ANNETTE WOLL

After fifteen years of shifting and passing from hand to hand the India lace industry has, at last, its own manager for India.

Miss Charlotte Hollerbach has been appointed to devote all her time to this work, which surely means more business and greater attention to detail and orders than has been possible heretofore.

A word of deepest appreciation is due those missionaries who have kept the industry affoat; only those in constant touch with the work know the sacrifices involved and the enormous amount of detail in connection with this industry.

Interest your women and children in sending thread—Clark's O. N. T. Sewing Cotton, Nos. 60 to 100—fine crochet needles and small scissors—for very few of the women can afford these and we do not want them to bite off the thread.

Send all contributions—whether thread or money—to 2101 North Thirty-third Street, Philadelphia, and *not* to St. John's Church, as heretofore.

The new manager proposes the following:

- 1. To take a good lace worker with her into all the villages to instruct the women and help them to improve their work. These women soon learn that clean hands, combed hair and clean clothes are essentials to becoming competent lace workers, and the change from the first visit of the manager to the next is very marked.
- 2. To buy more lace in the future than we have been able to do in the past. Many more of our Christian women can make lace, but

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A New Ruling

The National Lutheran Commission has authorized its Woman's Committee to furnish congregations, upon their request, with yarn to outfit their own boys with knitted garments before they leave for the camps, and to renew the supply when needed, the yarn to be secured from the Woman's Headquarters, Room 445, Woolworth Building, Lancaster, Pa. The garments most necessary are sweaters, wristlets and socks, the latter being in great demand.

Congregations applying for wool should specify garments they wish to make, and state quantities they need, and the color desired.

Accurate reports of the garments given, including the names and addresses of the soldiers and sailors supplied, must be forwarded to the Lancaster office for record. Report of the surplus, which may be needed by chaplains

we have not taken it, because they were not among our regular workers. To insure steady employment for them would mean greater sales in America so there could be more money to buy more lace.

3. To gather the unprotected young widows together in one place and have them make special patterns under supervision of the manager, thus insuring a living for themselves and children and at the same time their personal safety.

Last-but most important-

To begin as soon as possible Bible work with these women. Until the manager has fully acquired the language she must entrust most of this work to a Bible woman, but even an occasional visit and the association of a missionary with these women does much good.

The industry is holding its own, but it should and could do more. Some of our Conference chairmen show wonderful results, others report very little.

In the business world the person who sells the goods retains the position. If our industry is to become a thriving business we must have persons willing to see to it that these products are disposed of, and if one chairman cannot do it, why not let some one else try it? True, this world conflict has affected all mission interests, but when one glances into the shop windows and notes the personal adornment one still sees laces in profusion, proving a demand for them, and one feels compelled to ask "why cannot our women help our own industry which has done so much and will continue a blessing for our dark sisters in India?"

for War Work

and camp pastors, should also be sent to the Lancaster office.

With many more boys to be outfitted during the coming months, contributions toward keeping up the yarn supply will be greatly appreciated. Checks shall be made payable to the National Lutheran Commission and are to be forwarded to the chairman, Mrs. L. K. Sandford, at the Headquarters address.

In the zeal to care for the welfare of the boys who have gone to the front, the homes which have given up the dear ones must not be overlooked.

The women of the churches may be a source of much help and comfort if they will establish contact with these homes, visiting them and giving them a ministry of sympathy and love.

MRS. L. K. SANDFORD.



THE PITTSBURGH HOSPITAL

THE PITTSBURGH HOSPICE

In the presence of nearly 2,000 people the Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh recently dedicated the "Lutheran Hospice for Young Women." The exercises were in charge of Chas. J. Fite, President of the Society. Greetings were presented by the representatives of the different local Synods and the Lutheran Woman's League. The total offering for the day amounted to over \$1,000.

The Hospice is located at 330 E. North Ave., within walking distance of the business district and fronts on the North Side Park.

The building is three stories high and contains 29 rooms, with a large laundry and gymnasium in the basement. On the second and third floors eighteen rooms have been furnished as guest bedrooms. The first floor contains a parlor, reception room, library, dining room, kitchen, pantry and store rooms. The dining room seats about sixty-five guests. The entire building has been renewed and painted throughout and is completely furnished and equipped for Hospice purposes. The house accommodates about 36 guests.

Part of the property was formerly one of Allegheny's beautiful residences, while the rear annex was added in 1910 by the Protestant Home for Boys, which occupied the building till January. Last December the Inner Mission Society purchased the same for \$25,000. Real estate appraisers value it at over \$34,000. The furnishings cost over \$3,500, and the repairs nearly \$6,400. To date all the bedroom furnishings, including reception rooms, dining room and kitchen furnishings have been assumed by individuals, Congregational Societies and

Churches. The Lutheran Woman's League in addition to the \$2,500 which it pledged to the Hospice Fund a year ago has furnished the parlor and reception room. A general indebtedness of less than \$10,000 remains on the entire project. This is to be wiped out before 1919.

Mrs. Lewis Hay, of Indiana, Pa., is in charge as Matron, and is giving her services voluntarily for six months. While Lutherans are given preference, creed and nationality exclude no one.

Pittsburgh Lutherans have not opened this Hospice for themselves but for their stranger sisters. If Missionary and Women's Societies will co-operate with the Hospice many a Lutheran girl will be saved from danger and possible ruin. Pastors are requested to refer their young folks coming to Pittsburgh to the Hospice or notify the Matron. The Hospice stands ready to shelter and protect. It is now up to the folks back home to use it.

Summer Conferences of the Missionary Education Movement.

Do try to attend one of them. Write for information to Miss Zinzer, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Blue Ridge, N. C., June 25-July 4.
Silver Bay, N. Y., July 6-14.
Ocean Park, Maine, July 19-28.
Lake Geneva, Wis., July 26-August 4.
Estes Park, Colorado, July 12-21.
Asilomar, Calif., July 16-25.
Seabeck, Wash., July 30-August 8.

Home Mission Institute, Lake Chautauqua, August 10-16.



Memorials and Life Memberships



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. Sanford, Chairman, 111 E. Vine Street. Lancaster, Pa.





MRS. ELIZABETH BENZE ERIE, PA.

MRS. E. J. WACKERNAGEL TOLEDO, O.

IN MEMORIAM

FEE, \$25.00

Kline Mrs.	Georgie Brendlinger	Pottstown, Pa.
Renze Mrs	. Elizabeth	Erie, Pa.
Wackernage	el, Mrs. Bertha S	Toledo, Ohio
Bond, Mrs.	Amy	Fower City, Pa.

Mrs. Georgie Brendlinger Kline, who passed into life eternal in July, 1913, was enrolled by the Women's Missionary Society of Grace Church, Pottstown, Pa., as a tribute of love and respect for her as the Pastor's wife.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Benze, nee Kiehl, was born at Erlenbach, Germany, October 26, 1839, and grew up in Lancaster, Pa., a member of Zion's Church, then served by Rev. B. F. Schmauk, father of Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D. She was the wife of Rev. A. Leopold Benze, and the mother of seven children, one son, Frederick, preceding her to the heavenly home. Her daughters are Mrs. George Appelmann and Mrs. E. W. Althof, of Erie, Pa. Four of her sons are in the ministry. Rev. Prof. C. Theodore Benze, D.D., of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary; Rev. Gustav A. Benze, D.D., successor to his father as pastor of St. John's Church, Erie, Pa.; Rev. Leopold O. Benze, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Erie, Pa., and Rev. Albert L. Benze, Pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, O. Mrs. Benze was a true pastor's wife, endearing herself to the members of the churches served by her husband at Warren and Erie. Pa., and doing much in a quiet way to further the women's work in the congregations. She fell asleep in her Saviour May 3, 1909.

Mrs. Bertha Struntz Wackernagel, wife of Pastor Edward J. Wackernagel, of St. Stephen's Church, Toledo, Ohio, passed into the better world November 15, 1917, at the age of thirtyone years. She was the daughter of the late Rev. G. A. Struntz and his wife Margaret Wolf Struntz, was born at Pittstown, Pa., going to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., when her father became pastor of St. Paul's Church. As a bride she went to Elizabethtown, Pa., where Pastor Wackernagel served Christ Church. They went to Toledo in 1912. She was greatly interested in the extension of God's kingdom and was a warm friend of missions. As a loving tribute to her memory and in recognition of her fruitful activity in the many-sided work of the church the Women's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church, Toledo, has established the Bertha S. Wackernagel Memorial. "She being dead yet speaketh."

LIFE MEMBERS

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

Riegle, Mrs. Frances. Elizabethville, Pa.
Zieber, Mrs. Philip S. Reading, Pa.
Beaver, Miss Florence A. Greenville, Pa.
Klingler, Miss Clara Butler, Pa.
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Baker, Mrs. L. J. Latrobe, Pa.
Brezler, Mrs. Jacob Penn Station, Pa.
Crandelle, Mrs. Minnie Columbus, O.
A. & M. S., St. Peters Amanda, O.
Dehm, Mrs. Elizabeth Toledo, O.
Garbe, Ruth Evelyn Toledo, O.
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Garbe, Ruth Evelyn Buffalo, N. Y.
Eisenhardt, Mrs. G. Philadelphia, Pa.
Sewing & M. Soc. St. Paul's Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Willer, Mrs. I. M. Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miller, Mrs. I. B. Detroit, Mich.
Hager, Mrs. Mary Phillipsburg, N. J.
House, Miss Mary Helen Tamaqua, Pa.
Puck, Mrs. J. H. Toledo, O.
Sittler, Rev. Joseph Lancaster, O.
W. M. S., Mt. Zion Donegal, Pa.
Smith, Mrs. John W. Bethlehem, Pa.
Korb Miss Anna C. Philadelphia, Pa.
Ulrich, Mrs. L. D. Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Snyder, Mrs. John W. Bethlehem, Pa.
Korb Miss Anna C. Philadelphia, Pa.
Ulrich, Mrs. L. D. Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Snyder, Mrs. John M. Elkins Park, Phila.
Sherwin, Helen Rose Bay Harbor, Pa.
Cooper, Mrs. C. J. Allentown, Pa.
W. M. S., Wilkes-Barre Conference.
Weigand, Mrs. George Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Ames, Mrs. Emmor. Marianna, Pa.
Nelson, Sister Lauretta, Mary J. Drexel Mother house
Waage, Rev. O. F. Red Hill, Pa.
Schrope, Elsie Dorothy Anderson, Ind.
Baum, Gordon William Kittanning, Pa.
Bigler, Mrs. Sophie. Warren, Pa.
W. M. S., South Western Conference. Ohio Synod
Fees, Mrs. B. W. Tower City

While the number of "In Memorials" this quarter is not as large as usual, the Life Mem-

bers are quite up to the average. Expenses of the General Council Society do not abate over the summer months, and the societies will bear this fact in mind and enroll new Members during the vacation as loyally as during the more active seasons of the year. Nation and Church must have our sacrifice. Missions must suffer no lack. With doors of opportunity open as never before we must furnish the means to enter and take possession in the name of Christ.

Danville Conference is represented by Mrs. Francis Riegle, treasurer of the Society of Salem Church, Elizabethville, Pa., whose interest in missions is shown by her enrolling herself a Life Member.

Reading Conference Society contributes one Membership, that of Mrs. Philip S. Zieber, daughter of Rev. Dr. Jacob Fry, former pastor of Trinity Church, Reading, whose family are all interested in missionary work.

Allentown Conference Society honored its efficient secretary, Mrs. John W. Smith, Bethlehem, Pa. This society also has to its credit the Membership of Mrs. Mary Hager, "the oldest and one of the most active members of the Society of Grace Church, Phillipsburg, N. J., and a charter member of the congregation.

Mrs. C. J. Cooper, Allentown, Pa., is honored by the Junior Society of St. Stephen's Church, N. Bethlehem, her husband being pastor of that congregation.

Wilkes-Barre Conference Society honored the retiring treasurer, Mrs. George Weigand, for her seven years of faithful service; while the retiring president, Mrs. W. T. Frey, presented a Membership to the Conference Society itself. Mrs. Wiegand has always shown deep interest in the Membership Department, and placed her son, Adam, "In Memoriam," in 1915. This Conference is also credited with the enrollment of the Sewing and Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church, Wilkes-Barre; of Mrs. Ira M. Wallace, an active member in the Pittsburgh Synod, who was presented with her membership by a friend in the Wilkes-Barre Conference; of Mrs. L. D. Ulrich, the wife of the pastor of St. John's Church, where the Annual Convention was held and who was honored by the Society of St. John's Church; and of Helen Rose Sherwin, the winning little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwin, of Bay Harbor, Helen Rose is the granddaughter of Florida. Mrs. F. H. Gerloch, chairman for the Membership Department in the Wilkes-Barre Conference Society, whose interest and efforts have brought very tangible results in that district.

Norristown Conference gives two welcome Life Memberships—Rev. and Mrs. O. F. Waage being enrolled by the Society of Red Hill, Pa. Pastor Waage has given long and faithful service to his Master, and now because of ill health has resigned his full pastorate to become Pastor Emeritus. A few months ago he celebrated his golden anniversary in the ministry. The Membership Roll is honored by the addition of their names.

Pottsville Conference Society. Miss Mary Helen House, Tamaqua, Pa., gives her Membership, and Mrs. B. W. Fees, the faithful president of the Senior Society of St. Paul's Church, Tower City, Pa., received hers as a birthday gift.

Philadelphia-Conference Society. Mrs. W. P. M. Braun presents the Membership of Mrs. G. C. Eisenhardt, the devoted head of the Germantown Home for the Aged and the Orphans.

Miss Anna C. Korb gives us her enrollment, Four years ago Miss Korb memorialized her father and mother. She is an active worker in Christ's Church.

Mrs. John M. Snyder, of Elkins Park, is honored by the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Melrose, Phila.

Mrs. Jacob Fry, Mt. Airy, is the latest enrollment from Philadelphia. Her children presented her Membership on her eighty-fifth birthday, giving her the unique position of Senior Life Member in our Society. As wife of the Patriarch of the Ministerium, who is prominent in the Theological Seminary and church at large, as well as President of the Church Extension Society, and as mother of a family active in church work, Mrs. Fry is well worthy a place of honor on the Roll.

The Pittsburgh Synodical Society honored Miss Clara Klingler, the retiring treasurer, and Miss Florence A. Beaver, the secretary. Miss Beaver, who is also secretary of the General Council Society, has the distinction of being the only Life Member who has been twice enrolled.

In the Pittsburgh Synod Mrs. L. J. Baker, wife of Pastor Baker, Latrobe, Pa., was enrolled by the Greensburg Conference Society in recognition of her faithful service.

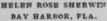
Mrs. Jacob Brezler, an interested worker of Penn Station, received her gift from her son Harry M.

The Society of Mt. Zion, Donegal, Pa., took out its own Membership.

Gordon William Baum, the sturdy two and a half year old son of Mrs. Anna B. Baum, was enrolled by his aunts, Eliza C. and Emma S. Burge, Kittanning, Pa.

Mrs. Sophie Bigler was honored by the Society of First Church, Warren, Pa. Mrs. Emmor Ames, Marianna, Pa., took out her own Membership, making eight Life Memberships







RUBY MAXINE AND RUTH GARBE TOLEDO, O.



GORDON WILLIAM BAUM KITTANNING, PA.

from the Pittsburgh Synodical Society.

Special tribute accompanied the last two Memberships. Mrs. Bigler "has given devoted service, has sacrificed in order to give to her society." Mrs. Ames, a member of West Bethlehem congregation, Washington County, as a young woman, desired to enter into the Foreign Mission work of our Church, but duties prevented. She has kept her interest, however, in that phase of our work, and is a woman of large vision and strong faith. Her prayer ascends daily that young women will offer themselves for foreign service.

The Synodical Society of Central Canada has one new member, Mrs. I. B. Miller, honored by the Society of Trinity Church, Hamilton, Ontario. Mrs. Miller was the treasurer for ten years before her removal to Detroit, Mich.

A tiny girl is the representative from the Chicago Synodical Society, Elsie Dorothy Schrope, born July 30, 1917, enrolled by her parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Schrope, active members of St. John's Church, Anderson, Ind.

Mrs. M. L. Kratz is honored by the Society of the Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N. Y., as its president.

The Ohio Synodical has again given strong support to the Honor Roll, the Toledo women being particularly active in securing Life Members. Mrs. Minnie Crandelle is enrolled as the ex-president of the Young People's Missionary Society of First Church, Columbus, O; Mrs. Elizabeth Dehm "as a tribute for service by her many friends and admirers" of the Harpster Memorial Missionary and Aid Society of St. Matthew's, Toledo, O.

"She is a woman whom all love, and honor. While she is seventy-three years of age, she is one of our active Home Department workers and calls and distributes missionary literature four times a year."

This society enrolls Mrs. J. H. Puck, who was one of the first members of St. Matthew's Church, and always an interested worker.

Rev. Joseph Sittler, pastor of St. Peter's, Lancaster, O., was given his Membership as an Easter gift by the Senior Missionary Society of that church. This pastor's letter of acknowledgment for the credential of membership breathes the highest type of missionary interest and is prized by the chairman.

The Aid and Missionary Society of St. Peter's Church, Amanda, O., "enrolled itself; also the South Western Conference Society took the same action at its recent convention at Ingomar, O. Two little girls are enrolled by their grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Lannert. The children, Ruth Evelyn Garbe, six years of age, and Ruby Maxine Garbe, three years, have been attending missionary meetings of the St. Matthew's Society, Toledo, O.; the older one since she was three, and the younger one beginning recently. Surely they will develop interest in the work and step into service as the years give them stature and experience.

Sister Lauretta Nelson, formerly a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church of Toledo, O., and now at the Mary J. Drexel Home, Philadelphia, was honored by the Ladies' Aid of her former church, in appreciation of her tireless activity in promoting the welfare of her church.



ELSIE DOROTHY SCHROPE ANDERSON, IND.

THE LORD'S SERVICE FLAG Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten.

We were about to unfurl a Service Flag in our Church, a star for every boy who had answered the call of his country. All honor to the brave fellows!

Then came the thought, "But is this the only call?"

How many calls have been issued by the Great Captain of our Salvation to enroll under His banner and fight for the truth, the righteousness and the liberty of the Gospel.

How many have heeded this call?

The call has come from every part of our country for leaders to help in this glorious warfare

But how many have heeded this call?

The call has come from the millions in heathen lands who sit in the bondage of fear, superstition and sin.

But how many have heeded this call?

And so we thought of the Lord's Service Flag, a golden star on a red cross, placed on a white banner. "For they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever." In other words, a shining star for every minister or missionary from our Church bringing the light of the Gospel through the atoning sacrifice of the cross and turning many to righteousness and holiness.

Every Church should have such a flag in the Sunday School and honor with a star every boy and girl who goes forth from the Church as minister or missionary. Such a flag without a star should also hang in every Church which has not sent forth a minister or missionary. It would be a constant rebuke and appeal, "who will be the first recruit?"

OUR MAGAZINE COMING OF AGE

With 1918 the Mission Worker has come of age. When it was launched in 1897, as a quarterly by the Pennsylvania Ministerium (mainly for the publication of conference business and reports) no one foresaw that its scope would be so enlarged as to cover the whole field of General Council activities, whose missionary women of all the English speaking Synods it was the means of welding into a continent-wide, international organization.

Indeed these women were strangers to each other. Hence the action of the Pennsylvania Ministerium Synodical Society to give up its own official organ that the Mission Worker might become the official organ of the General Council Society, was a long step in advance.

The theme of Lutheran unity became its slogan for constant reiteration in season and out of season. From the very beginning of its broader scope that searching question was pressed home upon its heart, which Modecai put so forcefully to Queen Esther, "Who knowest but that thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this."

Because in the history of the American Lutheran Church as a whole, the second decade of the twentieth century will be seen by future historians to have been a transition period in wider sense than even those persons are aware, who themselves have lived through it.

Standing now near the close of that decade on the vantage ground of this 1918 merger year, and looking backward, we see how the Church has been unconsciously led step by step, in God's over-ruling Providence, to the threshhold of the wonderful new era which is opening before our vision, of the near future, that fills our hearts with exultant joy.

The highest aim of the Mission Worker from the outstart, was to be an aid within its distinctive sphere, to expand the Church's horizon, to cultivate a special missionary fellowship and co-operation and to quicken the latent energies of our women.

Never has the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ meant so much to our own nation, and to all mankind, as it will mean in the reconstruction following the World War, now being waged.

We owe it to our Lord, to exert every possible personal effort this year, for the magazine's larger service, as a factor in the kingdom which He came to establish on the earth.

LAURA F. FRY.

Missionary Personals

Miss May Mellander, beloved of many for her Porto Rico work, is again ill in the Augustana Hospital, Chicago, with a prospect of remaining there for several weeks. She begs that her correspondents will be patient with her seeming lack of interest and neglect in writing; she is eager to regain strength to fill speaking engagements at home, though her doctor says she must not return to a tropical country. He says she will get well, but it will take time. Friends will pray that she may yet be able to do much for her beloved work and for the Master. A new missionary, Rev. Mr. Lindke, of the Chicago Synod, will, with his wife, leave for Porto Rico this summer.

During a recent trip to the Virgin Islands Rev. C. H. Hemsath visited Porto Rico and was much pleased with the work there. The crowning joy was the beautiful new Church and Parsonage in San Juan, a joy in which all who have helped in its erection share. On another page a summary of ten years of sales of drawn work and novelties from Porto Rico is given. As was stated in the December issue of the MISSION WORKER the sum is a handsome one and has given substantial help in the erection and furnishing of the new buildings. Mrs. Ostrom is grateful to all who assisted her in disposing of the work. Needless to say the feeling of gratitude and appreciation is reciprocated by the women at the home base.

Be sure to read Miss Agnes I. Schade's article in the May issue of The Foreign Mis-

sionary on "The Extension of Women's Work in the Telugu Mission."

Miss Hilma Levine has been appointed head nurse of the Nurses' Training School in our Rajahmundry Hospital, to take the place of Anna Rohrer Neudoerffer. Dr. Betty Nillsen's report to the India Government shows 987 patients treated in the Rajahmundry Women's Hospital in 1917 and 6,147 in the Dispensary, making a total of 7,134. Sixty babies were born in the maternity ward.

The Literature Committee, Mrs. C. T. Benze, chairman, at its meeting on March 22, recommended to the Editor that the complete file of the Directory in the last pages of the Mission Worker be presented only in the June and December issues. This in the interest of economy. The names of officers in the General Council and the various Synods will be continued in other issues as space offers.

A woman whose four sons were in the French army entered the office where relatives are informed whether soldiers are dead, wounded or unreported. She came away with a white face, evidently forcing back the tears. To a friend on the sidewalk she said, "Yes, they are all safe. They are safe in the arms of the Heavenly Father. I am proud to give all to the cause."

Are some American mothers selfishly keeping in this country sons and daughters who ought to be giving their lives to a greater and nobler cause? "All to Jesus I surrender"

Editorial

The Mission Worker has never had a circulation manager; it has had to work its own way to the hearts of our reading women through sheer merit, and pure devotion to interests dear to them. It has had to do its own advertising. It has won to itself 11,000 subscribers, no small list of friends.

Now if every staunch friend will win one more, every subscriber gain another, the heavy increase in cost of printing, ink, paper and postage will be powerless to hurt our work or hinder the issue of our magazine. Twenty-one years have passed since the little paper began its work. Read Mrs. Jacob's happy report of it in this issue and if you are satisfied that it has been worth while do try to increase the circulation and make permanent the work. We could double, or quadruple the circulation if we really tried; 20,000 subscribers would assure its future. Shall we celebrate our 21st birthday in this way?

Mission-Tidning, the organ of the Women's

Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod, is published in the Swedish language, but its English footnotes are very helpful. "It's over the top, and nothing less for us this year." "Make a drive for subscriptions." "Sacrifice is the key-note of the hour." The Editor will forgive us if we paraphrase some of them for our own use. "Equip for service by subscribing for "The Mission Worker.'" "Every member is part owner of—"The Mission Worker.'"

In another matter the Augustana women have set a good example. They voted \$500 for the South American Mission work, and they publish a letter of thanks from the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brandt, in which he calls attention to the fact that the work has been one of faith from the outstart. Missionary Ceder was called East for conference before there was a dollar in the treasury, and engaged to be our missionary before the committee had enough money to pay his expenses to his field of labor.

But funds came, without much solicitation, and they will continue to come.

Our Home Mission Board issues a strong appeal for funds to relieve the embarrassment of increasing debt. The churches have not met their full apportionment, and our missions and missionaries suffer. The Board asks "Do you favor a backward movement? Are you ready to sound a retreat? The world is looking to America. America is looking to the Church."

Our Foreign Board sends out a special "Embarrassment Appeal" for the work in the Jeypore District, India, which we have taken over, without increased apportionment. Here is field for large faith, and large gifts. It is no time to cut down our giving to missions at home or abroad. Let every reader of the Mission Worker remember to pray for our work and to give toward its support. We are learning to give good gifts this year as we never learned before. And does it not seem true that the more we give the more we can?

Mark in your calendar May 21, 1918, 11 o'clock A. M. That is the hour and day when the Pennsylvania Ministerium unanimously, enthusiastically and without debate ratified "The Merger." It is hoped that the Mother Synod's action will kindle the same fervor in the hearts of all her lovely daughters.

Everybody rejoices over the generous gifts to the Fund for Sailors' and Soldiers' Welfare. \$1,301,502 is a handsome sum and will do great good. Many hearts are longing for the day when war shall cease and the men come home,

but all swell with righteous pride in our soldiers and sailors. "Nor shall their glory be forgot while Fame her record keeps." May God bless and keep them!

The Lutheran Women's League of Long Island, organized July 10, 1917, held its first annual meeting May 7, at Smithville, So. L. I. The officers of the charter-year were re-elected and sixteen new members were received, making a total membership of seventy-five. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Raymond B. Fenner, Secretary of the Eastern Conference Women's Missionary Society. She gave an inspiring address on the study of missions in Sunday School, and in Junior Missions Societies. The League has abundant evidence of the value of united effort. It has promoted fellowship, aroused interest in student work, encouraged the reading of Lutheran literature and mission study and it has taken active part in war work, doing much for the National Lutheran Commission. This work will be continued and the Base Hospital at Camp Upton will be supplied with many necessaries, Chaplain A. R. G. Hauser having explained the need Officers of the League are Pres. Mrs. B. Mehrtens, 1st V. Pres. Mrs. J. Wilkins, 2nd V. Pres. Mrs. J. Odell, Rec. Sec. Mrs. A. R. O. Schabbehar, Cor Sec. Mrs. O. Magnussen, Fin. Sec. Mrs. Wm. Heinzerling, Treas. Mrs. Wm. Hause, Historian Mrs. John Boland, Chairman of Membership Com. Mrs. K. Kranz, Reception Mrs. A. Behrends, Current Events Mrs. Wm. Steinbicker, Press Mrs. R. B. Fenner.

Letter From Manila

REV, RUDOLPH ARPS

The Tabard Inn.

I am spending my time here conscientiously writing a commentary of the Gospel of John for our theological classes and native teachers and pastors in India. I have completed the commentary and the spiritual lessons upon it and have forwarded the manuscript to India It has been a difficult task and I do know that I should never have been able to finish it in the manner and way it is done while I was in India. This is all I have been able to do here for our mission in India. Of course I have spoken and preached in the Y. M. C. A. and different churches and chapels, and even before troops and marines, as I have been requested. I am sending you a picture of a bride and groom in India, who are just ready for the wedding ceremony, which will be performed by a couple of Hindu priests, the chief of whom has informed them a few weeks previously that a favorable constellation of stars would take place at two o'clock in the morning. The bridegroom is about sixteen and the bride twelve. The age of both is however, doubtful, she may be eleven and he seventeen, because he is already a widower. It is thought a shame for him to be a widower, though he may have lost his wife only a month before. His family has been in great excitement and rested neither day or night to find another wife for him and remove him as quickly as possible out of this defiled condition. It is also a shame for the bride to be so old. She should have been married long ago. The couple belong to a high caste-a class which does not belong to the average audience of a missionary, but yet the Gospel must be brought to them. They are in easier reach of our Zenana ladies. But look closely at their faces. Do you think that you would soon convince them of the folly of their religious convictions and the beauty of ours? One thing is sure and true, that all our effort, be it ever so strenuous, will be a failure if we think that we can do it. We make an



HIGH CASTE BRIDE AND GROOM

altogether wrong beginning if we make the effort to prove anything to them in order to convert their souls. The temptation is great, one tries it often, even involuntarily. I have done it myself, but the result is always a failure. Many Hindus have become our friends, have invited us to their homes and allowed us to argue with them, have kindly and with seeming sincerity listened to all we had to say, have argued with us politely and eagerly, but we are greatly mistaken if we think that we have brought them one inch nearer to Christ Jesus. How often we are near despair! "All is vain, to no purpose!" There is but one answer. Our work is like that of a painter, who studies the face of his subject until he is absorbed by its personality, losing his own identity in him, and then only he begins his work of reproducing the real character and soul of the subject. He need not paint as did the painters of the sixteenth century, each pleat and fold of the garment, each hair. Let him paint as did Master Lenbach, with a few lines, the most important things, the spirit and personality. And the onlooker will do the same. He is at once attracted by the picture. His eye cannot find away from it. He absorbs it and leaves it with the deepest impressions. To see Jesus and to show Jesus is the aim and result of our foreign mission work. Show His Picture. Don't talk and argue about it, don't give your private opinion about it, or the theories and problems of the various dogmas of the churches. If we make it our aim to do nothing but show Jesus in His true light before the eyes of the Hindus, then, well then, we must leave the result to Him alone. He it is who converts, not we. There is no creation of God which shoots into existence by the pressure of an electric button. Each creation and creature of God wants its time of soul growth. Let us not demand quicker results. The Lord will do it all in His own time.

Summary of Porto Rico Work

MRS. ALFRED OSTROM

The amounts given in the report refer only to money sent directly to the undersigned, and do not include credits for goods returned or other allowances. Some friends whose names appear in the income list have also sold goods through their Conference or Synodical Chairman and have sent payment to her, in which cases the chairman gets the credit. The undersigned is very grateful to all who have disposed of goods, and especially to Mrs. Christenson, Mrs. Rehrig and Miss Brecht, who head the list.

Mrs.	C. Christensen, Chicago	\$1,759.89
	W. M. Rehrig, Mauch Chunk, Pa	1,316.27
	Brecht, Buffalo, N. Y	755.60
	S. L. Manners, Cleveland, O	467.00
	V. H. Gustafson, Chicago	382.20
	N. Scheffer, Meadville, Pa	232.40
	M. J. Bieber, Montreal	225.35
	J. Telleen, D.D., Cambridge, Ill	212.50
	Fackiner, Summit, N. J	210.05
	Ella C. Stine, Allentown, Pa	169.47
	J. W. Henrich, Buffalo, N. Y	164.50
	F. Stahlschmidt, Preston, Canada	155.50
Mrs.	R. Gaskell, New York	137.95
	F. S. Wertz, Reading, Pa	105.30
	H. N. Snyder, Lancaster, Pa	103.00
	F. Trow, New York	93.55
Miss	A. Mong, Pittsburgh, Pa	86.17
	C. Shuman, Akron, O	80.14
	Geo. Wiegand for Mrs. Rupp, Wilkes-	
	Do Do	70.90

Mrs. Geo. Wie Barre, Pa. .

I. INCOME

fiss M. E. Hunter, Philadelphia	63.40
drs. J. A. Linn, Chicago	63.25
fra C. C. Snyder, Ouakertown, Pa.	59.95
Irs. Geo. Sailer. Latrobe. Pa	55.00
frs. H. Ritter, Perkasie, Pa	53.60
diss F. Ostrom, Lockport, Ill	53.00
drs. E. Richardson, Toledo, O	50.75
Mrs. C. H. Hemsath, Bethlehem, Pa	49.70
Mrs. F. L. Brown, Auburn, Pa	45.95
Mrs. G. Hankey, Bellevue, Pa	44.80
Mrs. Minnie Brennaman, Mt. Joy, Pa	35.95
Miss B. Bendewald, Royersford, Pa	35.90
Miss E. Olson, Aurora, Ill	39.95
Mrs. N. E. Balkin, Pittsburgh	28.50 27.22
Miss C. E. Hazelgreen, Seattle, Wash	27.22
Miss M. Hartman, New Brighton, Pa	24.50
Miss Ingrid Swensson, Cloquet, Minn	21.60
Mrs. E. A. Anderson, St. Paul, Minn,	21.25
Mrs. E. A. Anderson, St. Paul, Minn Mrs. Geo. Wiegand, Wiles-Barre, Pa	21.00
Mrs. H. Nolson, Cannon Falls, Minn,	21.00
Mrs H D Spacth Williamsport Pa.	20.65
Mrs. Sannouist. Chicago	20.00
Miss L. M. Shaefer, Buffalo, N. Y	17.17
Mrs. Sannquist, Chicago Miss L. M. Shaefer, Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. H. A. Walker, Sunbury, Pa. Miss H. Franzen, St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. M. Baldwin, Pittsburgh	17.00
Miss H. Franzen, St. Paul, Minn,	14.25
Mrs. M. Baldwin, Pittsburgh	13.00
Mrs. J. W. Richards, Doylestown, Pa	14.00
Mrs. J. W. Richards, Doylestown, Pa Mrs. W. H. Arnaman, Toledo, O	12.75
Mrs. C. O. Morland, Madrid, Ia	12.75 12.00
	10.60
Mrs. C. S. Passavant, Jr., Zelienople, Pa	10.35
Mrs. A. W. Stark, Joliet, Ill,	10.00
Mrs. P. N. Sjorgren, St. Paul, Minn,	9.80
Mrs. C. S. Passavant, Jr., Zelienople, Pa Mrs. A. W. Stark, Joliet, Ill	6.70
Mrs. A. Ostrom, Cash sales in States and	
Porto Rico, orders filled, and several	
small accounts of various individuals	729.38

\$8,451.66

70.90

Donations, general\$107.00 For organs:		III. TABLE OF INCOME AND DISBU	RSEMENTS
Through Dr. Telleen 36.35 Miss Augusta Rosenberg 150.00	293.35	1907	sbursements \$59.41
Loans paid	167.71 20.00	1908	464.26 201.04 290.20
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II. DISBURSEMENTS		1912	1.746.90
Work and materials	\$4,940.18	1914 2,074.29	2,115.32
Postage and stationery	784.00 264.62	1915 1,816.89 1916 2,831.52	1,954.61 2,724.92
Fares	48.60	1916 2,831.52	2,101.02
Loans	167.71 29.70		\$10,920.72
Losses Sundries	6.00	Cash on hand, January 1, 1917	18.71
Charity	30.01		\$10,939.43
Filing cabinet, etc.	39.75	ON WIND VINELDING	
Three organs		IV. MONEY ON HAND, JANUARY	1, 1911
chapel House for Mission, Dorado, P. R. Sundries for church quarters, Luna St., San	22.00 160.00	Money in bank: Deposits Withdrawn	
Juan	13.70	Balance in bank	\$890.31
Sundries for Mission	1,000.00	Interest accrued	80.35
Bank deposits		Cash on hand, January 1, 1917	
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Church Extension Nuggets

REV. C. L. FRY, D.D.

Any man who carries an insurance policy on his own life will find satisfaction in the thought that his certificate of Church Extension membership is an "insurance policy" on the great work of Home Missions in America. And this work never was so momentous for our country, and through it for the WORLD, as right now! A supreme Christian investment, indeed!

But why contribute to Church Extension when you could use all for your own congregation? Then why contribute to your congregation, when you could use all for your own family? And finally, why support your family when you could use all for your own self? Now turn the telescope the other way. How different is the view!

If we Lutherans do not seize our matchless opportunities for Church Extension in great States which are now in the formative process, one of two things will happen. Either some other mission organization WILL, or else the deadly atmosphere of a godless region will stifle every remnant of our unchurched people's interest in things spiritual, and make it an "arid district" indeed!

"Contentment" with things as they are may be a virtue, up to a certain point. But not that self-satisfied contentment which is oblivious to the Macedonian cry. Run your eye down the Extension column of any of our Synods' reports, if you want a shock that will startle you.

If the earth could ill exist without the fruitful springtime showers, which are carried by innumerable streamlets into the rivers, and thence into the sea—only to be caught up again, by evaporation, into the clouds, to be sent back to water the earth continually—how shall the Church exist without the same extension process?

Co-operation and Consolidation are the very key-words of big business in the world today. They spell economy of effort, and enlargement of results. Church Extension means the same principle applied to the biggest business on earth—the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Here is a triple challenge: 1. Name any form of mission policy that is more sane and practical than the Loan Fund. 2. Name any better plan of guaranteeing the future of the Lutheran Church in America. 3. Name any wiser application of the Golden Rule.

"How incongruous it would be," says Dr. John R. Mott, "at a moment when whole nations are stretched on a Calvary Cross, for any Christian to continue to lead a selfish life or a life of ease! Rather may we place ourselves afresh at the disposition of Christ, henceforth to do His will and not our own, cost what it may."



Our 1918 Monthly Meetings Helps for the Ceaders



Hints for the Leader

LAURA F. FRY

Read carefully the Mission Worker, and call attention to the various articles brim full of information and help. Insist upon every member bringing to the meeting her copy, and refer to the page as you speak of the item. Help your members to see how valuable the magazine can be made. How many of our women read the Mission Worker through from cover to cover. Some subscribe, and deem they have done their full duty. Not so the thinking woman, who is up to the times. Note for this quarter leaflets and books listed in this issue, under Literature Headquarters, see page 29.

An admirable plan would be to purchase each quarter, the suggested helps, leaflets and books and begin the formation of a missionary library and leaflet file. It will prove invaluable in the preparation of your monthly programs.

tions for this quarter, and if carried out, the hour will prove far too short.

When will the women in our missionary societies get down to dead-earnest work, and

realize the supreme importance of the great cause in which they have enlisted?

September—Intensive and extensive planning should mark this meeting. Discuss how to line up and organize the young women. Be sure to add this to the "Four Leading Questions" noted in the program outline.

Vote from your treasury the small sum necessary to give to every young woman in your congregation a copy of the leaflet by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, "A Cluster of American Beauties." (Note announcement under the Leaflets for September. See Literature Headquarters, page 29.)

It is high time that we make determined effort to win to our ranks young women. When I attend the mission-study summer school conferences, I look with envy upon the splendid groups of such young women under the trained leadership of Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Dutch Reformed Boards, and I wonder why our Lutheran girls are not being trained and prepared to take up work in the local congregations as are these girls of other denominations.

Junior Department

15 Minute Programs in the Sunday School

MRS. T. W. KRETSCHMANN

July

Topic-Raising the Flag.

 SALUTE TO OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG AND SALUTE TO OUR CHRISTIAN FLAG (for form of salute for school see Junior Helps).

- II. Stories of Our Flags. Let members of the Junior Society tell or read brief incidents of heroism. See that some of these refer to our soldiers of the Cross.
- III. ROLL CALL OF THOSE AT THE FRONT. Prepare lists of the members of the school in the service of their country and a corresponding list of those who are in the service of their Church, either as ministers in preparation or special missionaries in whose work the school is interested. Let school read the names in concert.

August

Topic-A Missionary Hymn Service.

 THE SONG THAT IS SUNG BY CHILDREN OF EVERY LAND (see Junior Helps). Let children of Primary Department come to platform and sing "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know," after which explanation is read by leader.

- II. THE MAN WHO SANG OF INDIA'S CORAL STRAND (see Junior Helps). The first stanza of "From Greenland's Icy Mountain" is sung as a solo and the school joins in last stanza. Superintendent tells of how it came to be written.
- III. How THE DOXOLOGY HELD THE WALL OF CHINA (see Junior Helps). The entire school unites in the well known verse and a member of the Woman's Missionary Society gives the incident which connects it with the foreign field.

September

Topic-Schools in Many Lands.

I. How CHILDREN ARE CALLED TO SCHOOL. In five-minute talk a description is given of the methods employed in native schools and the contrasted benefits of the Christian schools. (See Junior Helps.) II. Kindergartens in Japan (see Junior Topics.) A member of the Woman's Missionary Society tells of this work for the tiny tots of Japan and of the work of Mrs. Lippard.

III. "JUST LIKE ME," a story of a little school girl of Japan by the new missionary, Mrs. Norman. The picture of this happy little child will win friends for her in America. Be sure to send to Literature Headquarters for enough for the entire school. It may be secured for 60 cents a hundred.

"Fifty-two missionary stories and illustrations" which may well be adopted for charts and blackboard exercises will be of great help to the progressive committee who are looking for something outside of the regular topics. Why not be original and make your program? Each school has its own peculiar problems which each committee should set itself to solve.

Junior Helps

MRS. E. C. CRONK

JULY Raising The Flag

Suggestions For Leader's Introductory Talk

We have been hearing much and seeing much of flags and flag raisings. We have Old Glory and we want our flag to stand for everything that is best. We may cheer and shout with all our might as it is raised, but unless we make the country, over which it floats, a land which knows and serves the Lord we are not true Christian patriots.

Topics for Brief Talks or Papers: Christ for America, America for Christ. What Can We Do for the Immigrants Under Our Flag? Our Home Mission Pastors and What They Are Doing.

Lesson Stories: From various sources may be gathered short stories or incidents of people who helped to raise the flag, emphasizing the fact that the position of the Stars and Stripes is in the keeping of the boys and girls of America, and that righteousness alone can exalt a nation and keep its flag flying high.

The Only Flag that Flies above Old Glory: There is just one flag that flies above the Stars and Stripes. When a Christian service is being held in our U. S. A. ships a flag with a cross is run up above Old Glory, showing that above our country is our God. In these days in which flags are on every hand let us keep the banner of the Cross before our boys and girls and as they salute the Stars and Stripes teach them also to salute the Christian Flag.

Salute to the Stars and Stripes: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands: One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Salute to the Christian Flag: "I pledge allegiance to this flag and the the Saviour for Whose Kingdom it stands, one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love."

Note. The Christian flag is a white flag with a red cross on a blue ground. It may be ordered through our publication houses at about \$2.50 each.

Service: Plan definitely for the School

to have a part in work for foreigners. See that Home Mission opportunities are presented and given place in the work. Some of our societies are emphasizing the call to missionary service by displaying in their meetings a missionary service flag with a star or a small cross for every member of the congregation or of the Conference who has gone out to carry the banner of the Cross.

AUGUST

A Hymn That Was Sung When Cannibals Became Christians

You have heard of John G. Paton, who carried the Gospel to the New Hebrides, of James Chalmers, who was another great missionsionary to the islands of the sea. You have read of the brave queen, Kapiolani, who defied the fire goddess of the great volcano, and led her people to the true God. As a result of the life and the work of the noble missionaries who fearlessly went to the cannibal people on the islands, and preached to them, many or them became Christians. They were terribly persecuted and had to bear many hardships. But there came a glad day in the year 1862 when King George of Tenga issued a formal proclamation that his kingdom should hence forth be a Christian kingdom and that the old heathen forms of government should be done away with. On Whit-Sunday morning more than five thousand people from Samoa, Tonga and Fiji gathered together under the spreading banyan trees to praise God. The islands of Tonga and Fiji had been the most horrible cannibal islands, but they had felt the transforming power of Jesus Christ and the people rejoiced to see the day when the old heathen government passed away, and their islands were declared to be under a Christian government.

As their hearts overflowed with praise and gratitude the immense audience in this out-of-door temple sang the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."

The First Hymn Sung in Yeddo Bay

Everybody who knows anything about the history of Japan has heard of Commodore

Perry, but there were some things about the great Commodore's famous entrance into Japan that are not in all the histories. Japan had been closed for more than two hundred years. No foreigners were allowed to enter her ports and no Japanese were allowed to leave the empire. Commodore Perry took the first fleet into Japanese waters. On the morning of July 10, 1853, they were in Yokohama Bay. The day was the Lord's Day and the Commodore ordered that a religious service be held. There was no pulpit, no altar, or altar hangings, but the stars and stripes were spread over the capstan which was used for a pulpit. The chaplain conducted the service, but Commodore Perry selected the first hymn to be sung. It was

"Before Jehovah's awful throne
Ye nations bow with humble joy
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create and He destroy."

The band led the music, which echoed and re-echoed across Yeddo Bay. Ever since that day Japan has had ports open to the world and missionaries have gone in and out telling the people, who have worhipped thousands of gods, of the Lord who is God alone.

The Man Who Sang of "India's Coral Strand" and Then Gave His Life Carrying the Gospel There

Reginald Heber was a young man in England a hundred years ago. One Saturday afternoon his father-in-law, Dr. Shirley, who was a minister, told Mr. Heber that he was going to take a special missionary offering in his Church the next day and wanted a hymn to be sung. The young man went to his room and wrote three verses of the hymn that has been sung at missionary meetings all over the world since that day—

"From Greenland's icy mountain,"
From India's coral strand."

Dr. Shirley was delighted with the hymn, but Mr. Heber thought there should be another verse, so he went back to his room and wrote the fourth verse. The tune to which the words are sung was written by an American, Mr. Lowell Mason, who was at that time a bank clerk in Savannah, Ga.

The missionary offering was gathered the next day, but the greatest offering was the life of Reginald Heber, who became so deeply interested in the people of "India's coral strand" that he went to them as a missionary of the Gospel. Many times he heard his hymn sung by the people to whom he carried the message of salvation.

"My Country 'Tis Of Thee"

When we look at the top of the hymn every girl and boy in America knows, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," we see it was written by Samuel Francis Smith. Perhaps our girls and boys would rather hear something about Sam Smith when he was a boy. He was always fond of music even when he was a very little fellow. Wherever there was a band playing or any other music Sam Smith was as near by as possible. When he was so small that he sat on his grandmother's lap he went to prayer meeting with her one night. There were not many people there and the singing was so thin and squeaky, and dragged along so that before his grandmother could lay hands on him, little Sam slipped down off her lap saying, "I can beat that singing myself." Whereupon he sang lustily, and with all his might "How doth the little busy bee." The grandmother was very much embarrassed, but you may be sure the people sang with more spirit after that because of the rebuke of the young musician who was too little to know that he shouldn't do such a thing as speak his mind about the singing in the church. After he grew to be a man Mr. Smith wrote many hymns and songs. The one we know best is "My Country 'Tis of Thee," which was first sung by the school children in Boston and was the beginning of singing in the public schools. Another of his hymns which we often sing is "The Morning Light Is Breaking." Mr. Smith's son became a missionary to Burmah and the author had the joy of seeing the Morning Light in his son's mission and of hearing his hymn sung by a large audience of Burmese.

A Hymn Written by a High Caste Girl of India

Not all the hymns have been written by people of American and European countries. Wherever hearts are full of the love of God lips begin to sing of the joy of His presence. Ellen Lakshim Goeeh was a girl of India. She was of the high caste and had been taught to worship idols. When she became a Christian her heart was full of the wonderful joy of having a Saviour who was constantly with her. She wrote the beautiful hymn, "In the Secret of His Presence."

The Song That is Sung by Children of Every Land

You could play it in China, in India, or Japan; in Africa, or South America, or in the islands of the sea. Just as soon as you had struck a few chords the children would all recognize "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know," and their voices would all chime in on the words they love so well. Of course each would sing different words, but each little heart would be full of love for Jesus who loves the children of the world and Who said, "Suffer the children to come unto Me."

Some of the children would be snugly dressed in warm furs and some would not be

dressed at all. Some would have white faces, some black, some red, some yellow, some brown, but all of the faces would shine with the light which the love of Jesus brings. Even the Buddhists have seen how the children love to sing of the Jesus who loves them, so at the Buddhist schools they have begun to teach the children to sing, "Buddha loves me, this I know." We must work with all our might that all the children everywhere may hear of the only true God, and the only Saviour.

How the Doxology Held the Wall at Peking In the year 1900 all the world was horrified over the terrible Boxer uprising in China. The Boxers determined to put all the foreigners and all the Christians to death or to drive them out of China. Many Missionaries were killed and many Mission stations destroyed. The Boxers had besieged Peking and the school girls from all the Protestant Mission Schools had sought refuge in Prince Su's palace. Japanese soldiers were defending the palace and trying to save the girls. The day came when it seemed that the wall must fall. The Boxers had made a break in it and the Japanese soldiers thought all was lost. The school girls who were in the adjoining courts praying for their Japanese defenders, thought that the moment had come when they must face a terrible death. They determined to face it praising God for all of the blessings which Christianity had brought to them. Together they sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." From court to court the song of praise sounded, as the different groups heard it, and joined in making the song of praise echo and re-echo. The sublime faith and courage of the girls so inspired the soldiers that they made another almost superhuman effort, which drove the

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Boxers back and closed the breach.

School Bells Around the World

Suggestions for Leader's Talk: In September the school bells begin to ring, not only in America, but all around the world. Some of the school bells are drums and some of them are bugles, but they call the children to school—the little brown children in India, the little black children in Africa, the Indian children and all the others. The school bells are ringing in many lands because missionaries have obeyed

our Saviour's command to teach all nations.

Assign to different members topics for papers or talks.

When the Teacher Says "Be Noisy:" In China all the children study aloud. If they get too quiet the teacher touches them up with a long rod so they will make more noise. If they are quiet he thinks they must be in mischief. They must memorize all their lessons. Many Chinese students can recite the entire New Testament and they do not think it a hard task to learn one of the Gospels. When they recite their lessons they turn their backs to the teacher.

School Bells in Africa. The school bells in Africa are drums. The children know just what the different drum beats mean. In Liberia there is a heathen school for boys called the Devil Bush. The schoolmaster is called the Devil Doctor. The boys there are not taught to read or to write, but are taught many wicked things and many forms of witcheraft. Our missionaries have established Christian schools in Africa in which the boys and girls are taught to read and write. The girls are taught to sew and cook and wash, while the boys learn carpentry and other trades. Best of all they are taught about the Lord Jesus Christ and the way of salvation.

Kindergartens in Japan: Thirty-three years ago the first kindergarten was opened in Japan. Now there are one hundred and eighty, scattered all over the Empire, with eight thousand Japanese tots in attendance. We have four Lutheran kindergartens in Japan. The dear little ones go from these kindergartens into heathen homes. Their parents are amazed to hear them say: "Oh, no, I'm not afraid in the dark any more because my Heavenly Father is with me." They see them bow their little heads as they say: "Father, we thank Thee for our food." Many parents who would never come to our churches are led there by their children who go to our kindergartens.

Invite the pastors or some church officer to make a ten minute talk on "Our Mission Schools."

Service: More of our Sunday Schools should support a scholar in our mission schools. Leaders should write Mission Board Secretaries for definite information about this.

Convention Reports

The Thirteenth Biennial Convention of the Society of the Pennsylvania Ministerium was held in Salem Church, Lebanon, May 2nd, the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk and Rev. A. W. Liebensperger, pastors. The President, Mrs. L. K. Sandford, reviewed the work of the biennial

and paid tribute to the splendid co-operation of all who assisted in it. Reports of officers and chairmen proved that all had a clear conception of their duty and were making every endeavor to keep the missionary fires burning and to inspire others to take up the work. Miss Robertson, treasurer, reported total receipts, \$41,266.50; disbursements, \$40,453.42; balance, \$813.08. Special emphasis was given Junior work by the demonstration arranged by Mrs. Kretschmann. Miss Brenda Mehlhouse conducted a model Mission Band of twelve young girls. Five names were placed on the honor roll of membership in the General Council Society: those of Miss A. K. Robertson, the treasurer; the Misses Emma and Anna Hess and Mr. Harry Hodges, for their devotion to the Italian work; the Rev. Dr. Henry E. Jacobs, former president of the Foreign Mission Board, as a slight tribute to his achievements for Foreign Missions. The Pennsylvania Synodical Society, as an integral part of the General Council Society was honored by a membership.

The advisory membership amendment was carried. Japan and Home Department will be given special impetus by the appointment of chairmen and the recommendation to Conference Societies to do likewise. These also were urged to appoint a chairman for Deaconess work. All pledges are to be redeemed and those to Field Missionary Fund, Slav Students, Medical Student, and Miss Weiskotten's salary were renewed. Vellore College, the Jeypore District and The Virgin Islands were added to the list. "A missionary society in every congregation in the Synod" is the goal for the proper celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary in 1920. Action was taken as follows: A pledge of loyalty to action on the Merger to be taken by the Ministerium; appreciation to the Ministerium for granting its women advisory membership on all its Boards and Commissions; that we respond to every call given by the National Lutheran War Commission; that a representative from each local society be added to the Executive Committee of each Conference Society; that more Mission Worker subscriptions and renewals be received; that the honor roll be supported more generously; that our programs and leaflets be used more generally; that telegrams of greeting be sent to our former President, Mrs. H. E. Jacobs and her faithful co-worker, Mrs. Rehrig, and that more general support be given Inner Missions. Dr. A. L. Ramer presented the Slav work. Sister Lauer spoke of the Deaconesses, Miss Hess gave interesting facts about the Italian Mission. Rev. C. M. Hemsath spoke of the Virgin Islands. Mrs. C. L. Herbster, President of the Pittsburgh Synodical Society, spoke on "Women and the Appeal of Missions." Dr. H. A. Weller, President of the Synod, addressed the Convention on "What I can do." Professor H. H. Sipes told about the Boys' School in Peddapur, and the closing address was made by Mr. Hajimi Inadomi on "Japan Today-Lutheran Opportunity." The assistance of the pastors of Salem Church and the pronounced hospitality of its people added much to the success of the convention. All delegates returned to their respective fields of labor with broader vision.

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The annual convention of the Society of the Central Canada Synod, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, president, was held in Morrisburg, Ont., June 5th. Speakers were Professor H. H. Sipes, and Miss Annette M. Kahler.

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of Women's Missionary Society of the Wilkes-Barre Conference met in St. John's Church, Wilkes-Barre, April 3d. Inspiring reports were given and plans made for the coming year. The evening speaker was Miss Annette M. Kahler, of Buffalo, N. Y. Her subject was, "A Challenge to Lutheran Women."

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