

CANADIAN LUTHERANS ARE LOYAL TO THEIR COUNTRY

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TROUBLE CAUSED BY FEW GERMANS

Because They Are German, Not Because They Are Lutheran—Church Notes

"The Lutheran religion has always taught loyalty to one's country, and Canadian Lutherans are strictly obeying that message," said Mr. C. H. Fierheller, treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, which recently concluded a conference in St. James' Church. "Our congregation is entirely English in its membership. While some uneasiness has arisen among German Lutheran congregations in the Province, I am certain that the antagonism displayed was caused by the fact that the offenders were German, not because they were Lutheran."

"Canadian Lutherans do not feel that they are required to defend their religion. They point with pride to the wide patriotic activity which they have displayed since the beginning of the war. In the Toronto church 30 per cent. of the eligible men have already enlisted to fight for the Empire. In each one of the fourteen churches which constitute the synod women are aiding the Red Cross work, eligible men are enlisting, and men who cannot, for some reason, leave for the front, are giving their financial support to the cause."

"In Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton, Guelph, Port Colborne, Galt, Morrisburg, Unionville, and Williamsburg, where churches of the synod are located, ladies' aid and missionary societies have made socks, caps, scarfs, and handkerchiefs for the soldiers. In the latter city the Ladies' Aid of the Lutheran Church was the first organization in the city to start Red Cross work. Many churches have held bazaars, the proceeds of which have gone to the Red Cross."

"At St. James' Church, in Toronto, recently two companies of the 51st Battalion were treated to a hot supper in the church parlor. Several meetings have been held, and appeals for funds have been made by Rev. John Keehley, the pastor."

Patriotic Baptists.

Every eligible member and adherent of the Christie Street Baptist Church with one exception has enlisted, and he is now drilling with the Royal Grenadiers. Over 40, for the most part members, are serving the Empire. Rev. H. R. Nobles, the pastor of the church, has offered his services as chaplain of an overseas battalion. The membership of the church is 210, and when adherents are included the total reaches about 350. Only three young men associated with the church are not in uniform.

Two men, now Pte. Percy Davie and Gunner Rezinoid Sparks, were refused seven times as physically unfit and the eighth time passed the doctors. Gunner Sparks' brother is at the front with the 20th Battalion. Before enlisting he was striving for the ministry, and was president of the Christie Street Baptist Young Peoples' Union. Pte. William Berg, a reservist from the Gordon Highlanders, died of wounds received in battle. Corporal Rice was a member of the Fifth University Corps. He passed away at Montreal. Pte. Harry Freeman, a member of the 5th Battalion, is a prisoner at Giessen, a German prison camp. A card was recently received from him in which he acknowledged a parcel received from the church.

Bishop's Appointments.

The Bishop of Toronto will preach at the Church of the Redeemer at eleven a.m. on Sunday, will confirm in St. Phillip's Church, at 3.15 in the afternoon, and confirm in St. Peter's at seven in the evening.

The Bishop of the Diocese will

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conduct the Holy Week Mission in St. Alban's Cathedral beginning on Monday.

To Replace Saloons.

Diversions to take the place of saloons and other resorts that will go out of operation when prohibition comes, are at present under consideration by the Catholic Temperance Society. A committee is to consider the feasibility of organizing a city-wide association for men with a central club house, containing a gymnasium, swimming pool, reading room, library, etc. It is felt by the society that the need for such an institution is very great. The larger part of a meeting was occupied in discussing questions that arose out of the recent annual convention of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, in which representatives of the Catholic Temperance Society took part for the first time. Mr. John Dunbar referred with great pleasure to the ovation given Rev. Father Minehan, when he spoke on the first day of the convention.

Mrs. Small's Travels.

Mrs. Ambrose Small delighted the students of De La Salle with an account of a trip through Egypt and the near East. Graphic word pictures of the rich palaces, cities and mosques visited by the speaker and especially of the experiences during some weeks spent as one of a private caravan party in the desert, held the close attention of the audience. The orchestra of the collegiate rendered several selections and the thanks of the school were fittingly expressed by Brother Ansbert.

Holy Week.

Holy week, beginning Sunday, will be observed with due solemnity in the Roman Catholic Churches throughout the city. The chanting of the Tenebrae will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and Good Friday will be a day of unusual devotion. The ceremony of the Three-Hours Agony will begin in St. Patrick's Church at noon and will be followed by Adoration of The Cross.

Howard Park Methodists.

Howard Park Methodist Church was opened on Easter Sunday, one year ago. The first anniversary will be observed by the congregation on Sunday, when Major Williams, senior chaplain at Exhibition Camp will preach at the morning service and Rev. E. B. Landley, the pastor, at the evening service.

The present church grew from a Sunday School established eight years ago, and which met on Boustead avenue. The congregation, which now totals 1,100, worshipped in these temporary quarters until the opening of the church.

Plans are being prepared for the installation of a pipe organ.

Ossington Baptist.

Ossington Avenue Baptist Church recently held a successful series of religious meetings. Rev. M. C. MacLean, the pastor and the church workers had the assistance of Bishop Brewing, Dr. Thomas Trotter, Prof. P. S. Campbell, Rev. Andrew Imrie and the McMaster Evangelistic Band. Warm interest was shown in the services. Many young people are now being given instruction preparatory to receiving baptism and uniting with the church.

Church Notes

The Parkdale Baptist Church is beginning a new musical venture under the direction of Mr. H. E. J. Vernon, the accomplished organist. This has been a feature of the church and will be enlarged upon under the new direction. Dr. Frederick B. Greul, the pastor, is giving ten minute preludes on wide awake current topics.

A small blaze interrupted the regular service in Gerrard Street Methodist Church last Sunday evening, but in spite of this the regular line of work has been maintained all the week. On Wednesday evening a missionary lecture was given by A. T. Crutcher of West China. On Thursday the annual banquet of the Sunday school workers was held, marking the close of the best year in the history of the school. Mr. G. A. Seccombe and his staff being re-elected for another year.

To-morrow is Palm Sunday and sprays of the Blessed Palm will be served out to members of the different Roman Catholic churches during the High Mass.

Rev. A. G. Hudson, of the Clinton Street Methodist Church, and Rev. I. E. Wallwin, of the Westmoreland Avenue Methodist Church, will exchange pulpits for the morning service on Sunday.

Rev. Father Kehoe, O. C. C., of St. Augustine's Seminary, preached to the Holy Name Society at St. Catharines.

Rev. James A. Grant, pastor of the Wychwood Baptist Church, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, will probably be unable to occupy his pulpit for a couple of months. He was reported today to be progressing favorably towards recovery.

Forty hours' devotion will begin on Easter Sunday in St. Cecilia's Church.

WOMAN'S PROUD RECORD.

Three generations of woman lawyers is a new record to emblazon the forward march of the sex. Mrs. Florence W. Stephens of Circle, Mont., who is attending Hamilton College of Law, and was recently admitted to the bar, is the third generation. Her grandmother was one of the first women ever admitted to law practice. She handled the legal end of her husband's business. The mother of Mrs. Stephens practiced in Brookings, S.D. A short time ago, Mrs. Stephens motored to Chicago to take her degree, bringing her six-year-old daughter with her. Her daughter also intends to be a lawyer, and keep up the chain of woman attorneys in the family.

GOES AS A CHAUFFEUR.

Miss Lois Hazen Grimmer, daughter of Hon. Justice Grimmer of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, is the first Canadian girl to be accepted for overseas service as a chauffeur in the war zone. Miss Grimmer is well qualified to fill her appointment, for she is an expert mechanic. She has always operated her own automobile and done her own repairing.