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The Lord our God be with us, as He was wi

athers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8: 57.

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A New Year's Prayer

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The year is o'er. The year of Jubilee has left its footprints on the sands of time. Eternal God, Thou hast not ceased to be

Near with Thy help, near with Thy Pow'r divine. O be our Refuge in the year before us, Remain our help throughout the years to come. That we may know Thou still art watching o'er us, beln us to realize all Thou hast done. We thank Thee, Kather, for the heav'nly blessing Each day and hour upon Thy children poured,— Sun, moon, and stars through trackless space progressing Tell of Thy Love, by thankless man ignored. Eternal One, forgive us our transgression, Reward us not, according to our guilt, Neath sin's great load we humbly make confession,

Met Grace abound, on Christ our hopes are built. Under his Cross, for daily pardon pleading, There to be clothed in righteousness divine, help us to heed Thy Holy Spirit's leading,— Erect within our hearts Thy sacred shrine. Remain with us, O Triune God, forever,— Abide with us, in Sacrament and Word; Daught from Thy Love divine our souls can sever;— Amen,—so let it ever be, dear Lord.

Anna hoppe.

To Our Readers:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Iesus our Kord. 2. Pet. 1:2.

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J. B.

COMMENTS

"You Ought to We were exchanging views on Tell Them" many subjects in order to pass away the time. Finally, our conversation drifted to religion. He was a young man with but little, if any, religious training. Naturally, he held that all respectable people go to heaven, if there really is a heaven, especially if they practice some form of religion. We tried to show him that sin and guilt are real, more real than any debt a person may contract toward some one in business life; that justice demands either a real satisfaction or the punishment of the guilty; and that Christ, having rendered the only satisfaction acceptable to God, is the only salvation of sinful man. "Then all men who do not believe in Christ are lost?" he queried. They are. "The Jews also?" If they do not accept Christ, yes. "Then you ought to tell them about it!" he exclaimed with great seriousness.—And we wondered that it takes many Christians so long to see what this young man saw in an instant, that they who know that Christ is the only Savior of the world must tell others

"U. R. Next" We have never been able to read without a feeling of resentment the favorite barbers' sign, "U. R. Next," considering it an abuse of the English language; imagine what we felt when we recently found this on the announcement board of a church. "Christ came for U."

J. B.

Grasping at "Star..... Girl Will be Supported by Straws Cast Including Sixteen Ministers."

This headline appeared in a Chicago daily, on Dec. 12. The item stated that in order to raise a special self-denial Christmas offering, sixteen Presbyterian "ministers" would appear in a play, "Problems of Pin-Hole Parish", to be given in a downtown Chicago theatre in the near future.

Just what has prompted the sixteen pastors to choose the footlights, grease-paint and comedian costume in order to raise money, we cannot say. The unconscious irony of the "self-denial offering" to be raised in this way, evidently escaped their notice. Being a bit old-fashioned, we have, in the past, held the view that self-denial means giving because we realize the Christian's duty of so doing, and not because we desire to laugh over painted-faced, made-up clerical comedians on the stage. We have often said that pulpit clowns, who preach on such subjects as "When the Sheriff Plays Second Fiddle," "The Girl Behind the Bat," "Are We a Nation of Dough-faces?" or "Hot Cakes off the Griddle," would do well to go on the stage. And now the day has come when this is a fact.

When sectarian pastors no longer believe that the

Eternal Gospel has power to bring their members to church, they resort to all manner of expedients. Some years ago they tried emotionalism. That soon failed. Then they relied upon Sunday concerts, by paid singers. But this soon lost its hold. Church fairs, bazaars, suppers and entertainments soon failed. they resorted to sensational sermons on the most ridiculous subjects. This recent fad is growing stale. What will they do next? Having cast aside the Word of God, they are frantically grasping at all manner of straws, like drowning men. Meanwhile our Lutheran Church is quietly laying stress on the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible. Her pastors preach to congregations as large as any, but even if their audiences were smaller, they at least know that they are true to the inspired writer who said, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel!"

Why, William, An author is suing Billy Sunday for Is It Possible? \$100,000; the plaintiff alleges that

Sunday took whole pages from some of his published works and incorporated them in his famous money-making sermons. Since they proved to be so productive, the original author would like to gain disposition of some of their earnings. We believe that Billy is awfully bored by this unappreciative author's assault. Plagiarism is not a new charge to Billy. He has survived the deadly parallel drawn on him by unsympathetic critics without the flicker of an eyelash. Of course, in the most flagrant case previously reported, Billy had "lifted" paragraphs from some speeches of Bob Ingersoll's, numerous paragraphs—in fact, with little changes and omissions, whole speeches. But then, Ingersoll was dead at the time and his consent could not be procured, nor would it have been seemly for an evangelist to acknowledge publicly that some of his most effective rhetoric was loaned from a notorious unbeliever, an atheist; all the more so because Billy had these identical sermons published and copyrighted as his own.—There is not a living man who professes to be so intimately acquainted with Heaven and Hell as is Billy Sunday. A frivolous person might suggest that in that case it would have been easy to locate Ingersoll and gain his post mortem consent.—The new accusation of plagiarism is made by a living man, however, and Billy may have to carry his indifference to criticism before the Plagiarism is stealing; Billy is a powerful preacher against all kinds of theft and graft. A good, rousing evangelistic sermon by Mr. Sunday will no doubt convince judge, jury, and even the plaintiff that so great a preacher against theft cannot be guilty of it, especially in view of the great American doctrine of which Billy is one of the leading exponents: Anything is all right, if you can get away with it.

H. K. M.

NEWS FROM OUR "BOYS UNDER THE FLAG" AS REPORTED BY OUR CAMP PASTORS.

"Last week" writes one of our pastors, "I had a very pleasant experience. After my services Thursday evening I chatted with a few boys as usual in a corner of the building about home, war, and church. While talking, a young soldier asked to speak to me for a few moments. He asked me whether I was the Lutheran pastor who spoke there last Thursday even-After telling him that I was, he said: - "Well, I would like to know whether you could baptize me Sunday at your church. I am going to be sent away Monday, and do not care to go until I have taken this step. I would not want to die without being baptized." I instructed him during the next three days in the fundamentals of Christian Doctrine as good and thorough as possible, and baptized him Sunday evening before a large audience. He certainly was eager to learn the truth about Christ, his Savior, and made a fine confession of his faith. He has been sent to Georgia, where, I do not know as yet. This young man came from Natutack, Conn., enlisted in Chicago. His father was a Lutheran, the rest of the family Catholic, his mother and sister wanted him to become Catholic, but his wish was to become a Lutheran. I shall send you his address as soon as he sends it to me."

"As to my work in Camp S." writes one from the South, "I am glad to report to you that I am very much gratified at the success that the good Lord has seen fit to put upon my humble efforts. My last visit to the camp dated from Nov. 16th to Nov. 19th. I conducted three services Sunday, the 18th instant, two during the afternoon and one at night. All services took place in Y. M. C. A. buildings. Friday afternoon, Saturday all day and Sunday morning I devoted to visiting our boys and conferring with authorities. Saturday I walked fifteen miles at least, covering almost the entire camp. But I more than enjoyed the work in every detail. True, had the brethren up north sent in the addresses of their soldiers, my work would have been much lessened and made less difficult, but I have begun to take it for granted that it is up to me to find our Lutheran men, if they are to be ministered to at all. And the Lord has graciously blessed my efforts in this direction. Time and again I have inquired in Ind. companies for Lutherans and often been rewarded with splendid results. Thus in one company of volunteers I found no fewer than five Lutheran boys and all of them extremely glad and thankful that at last a Lutheran pastor had appeared. I simply can not understand the negligence in failing to inform your Board of their whereabouts. All told, I have thus far rounded up 66 Lutherans of Missouri and Wisconsin Synods. However of the 66 Lutherans belonging to our Synods, hardly one-third were such whose addresses I had received in advance. But I

have no complaints to offer. As before stated, the reward and success easily outweighed any discomforts, and tiring work. To return to those services the past Sunday, I seldom, if ever, witnessed anything more inspiring and gratifying. The first service took place at 2:00 P. M. in building No. 1. I was told by "Y" men that I could hardly expect much of an audience, since I had chosen an odd hour of the day for services. But picture my joy, when at the fixed time I stepped before an audience numbering at least 200 men. Of course only a few of these were Lutherans. However, all Lutherans at leisure in the nearest regiment, were present. Others who had to do guard duty sent excuses and regrets. After the close of this service I hurried over to building No. 3, a distance of about a mile, where the second service with celebration of the Lord's Supper was to take place. few of the worshipers of the first service accompanied me to the second service. In building No. 3 I was greeted by about 250 men, including two Lutheran lay members who were visiting the camp, and a Presbyterian preacher. After the service I announced that we would celebrate the Lord's Supper and that only confessed Lutherans would take part. Some of the non-Lutherans withdrew, but many remained. my extreme joy 28 stepped forth and announced for participation of Holy Communion. Under the circumstances it required some courage to partake of the Lord's Supper on just this occasion. In my opinion our boys made a most glorious confession of their faith in the midst of their fellow soldiers. Throughout the sacramental service, however, there was the deepest devotion and respectful silence. I never saw a more sincere and devout body of men. One poor chap could not restrain his tears when he announced, especially when in order to determine his church connection, I asked for the name of his pastor, whether he had communed at home, etc.—Unfortunately several companies numbering from three to ten Lutherans were on guard duty and others had employment in the kitchen, and at division headquarters, and consequently could not attend services, etc.

But the climax was capped on Sunday night. At this occasion I had the sweet satisfaction and immense pleasure of preaching the Gospel to no fewer than 500 soldiers, men of various creeds and men with no church connection whatsoever. What a grand spectacle that was! The entire "Y" building filled almost to overflowing with rugged and brave men, men from, I dare say, all walks of life, rich men and poor men, educated men and men who could hardly write a legible hand, jovial, carefree men and serious minded, earnest men, etc., but all of them sinners, all of them endowed with an immortal soul which the Savior has redeemed and which he desires to be eternally saved. What an opportunity to "declare unto these men the Who knows but what many of them had gospel!"

never before heard the great truth of the love of God in Christ Jesus! Many would perhaps seldom, if ever, hear it again. I stepped upon the platform and asked for a volunteer organist. None responded. Recalling that a Mr. Fischer had accompanied the singing at one of my services in this same building a month ago, I asked for Mr. Fischer. "Mr. Fischer! Fischer!" called the boys, but Fischer was evidently not present. Finally a big, brawny and besmeared man came forth and volunteered to play. Good! Who ever our rather unkempt organist was, he played remarkably well.

The Army boys like to sing, so we sang about four hymns, interspersed with Scripture lessons and prayers. Then I read my text (John 3:16) and launched forth upon my sermon. My large audience paid close Here and there certain indifferent ones who had failed to lay aside their magazines and pens when the service began, closed their books and ceased writing and also listened to my feeble message. Soon I could note that practically every man in the building was "sitting up" and paying attention. Just at the close of my sermon the alarm of fire was suddenly sounded just without. Quite naturally the men grew restless and noting this I paused and told them to leave, if such were their duty. In a twinkling the building was emptied. But the fire was not of a serious nature and soon almost the entire audience had reassembled. Then we concluded the service. But I wish you could have seen how many responded to my invitation to step up after the service and get acquainted, etc. For an hour I conversed with men individually, instructing some, explaining certain passages to others, comforting still others, etc. audience, which consisted almost entirely of West Virginia men, also numbered several Lutherans, men whom I had not met before. But returning to our pianist, who do you think said gentleman was? None other than the son of a prominent Lutheran pastor, and an instructor at one of the universities out East. I found him to be a most intelligent and serious minded man and the fact that he had hurriedly left his kitchen duties, unkempt as he was, to attend our service, he having heard that a Lutheran pastor was to preach in No. 6 that night, speaks well for his love for the word of God, to say the least. Your humble servant was a tired, but grateful and happy man as he returned to Hattiesburg at midnight and the fact that the unscrupulous hotel clerk had given his bed to another tired individual, necessitating yours truly to sit up in a chair until four o'clock Monday morning when the first train left for N. O., did not in the least detract from his joy or dampen his spirits. May our good Lord continue to bless our unworthy efforts!"

And even the secular press makes mention of our work. Writes a daily of one of the Southern cities:

"The youngest church in Waco gave one of the

largest exhibitions of hospitality in a religious way that has been manifested in the city since the coming of Camp MacArthur, last night, when the St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church, Clay and Seventeenth streets, of which Rev. G. Biar is pastor, invited the Lutheran camp congregations to use their church for communion services. About a half-hundred soldiers took communion. The church, which has a seating capacity of more than 150, was filled. All available standing room in the church was occupied during the Rev. E. G. A. Wachholz from Wisconsin. the camp pastor was the minister presiding. The entire service was a very impressive one, both for the soldiers and visitors. One of the soldiers, a parochial school teacher from Michigan, played the organ."

Thus the work goes on to the glory of God and the welfare of our boys.

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Rev. Fred. J. Wenchel, 228 Morgan N. W. Washington, D. C.
Washington—Fort near Washington, D. C. Rev. Fred. J. Wenchel, 228 Morgan N. W., Washing-
ton, D. C. Wayne—Fort near Rhode Island.
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N. Mex. Withcomb—Camp near Oregon.
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Rev. E. P. Wilhelm, 9 Hobart St., Bronxville, N. Y. Wright—Camp—Aviation Camp near Dayton, Ohio.
Wright—Fort near Conn. Rev. A. Bobzin, Norwich, Conn.
Wright G-Fort near Spokane, Wash. Rev. Emil Kreidt, L. B. 653, Kennewick, Wash.
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GENERAL STATEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD FOR ARMY AND NAVY, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1917.

RECEIPTS

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	sota and other States\$ 169.03	
	District Treasurers, Missouri Synod 4,883.53	
	Miscellaneous 2,581,44	
	Interest and Discount	
	EXPENDITIBES	

Traveling Expenses for Camp Mission-	1 2 2
aries and Chaplains at Large	\$1,290.89
Printing and Publications	11.59
Literature, Accounts Receivable (Wal-	
ther League)	1,943.59
Stationery, Postage, Office Supplies	480.95
Clerical Help	132.00
Note Receivable	200.00
Advanced Expense to Chaplains at Large	202.00
General Expense	45.37
Salary (Chaplains at Large)	1,257.19
\$7,675.83	\$5 563 58
Cash on hand Nov. 30, 1917	\$5,563.58 2,112.25
\$7,675.83	\$7,675.83

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ITS EFFECTS ON AMERICAN AFFAIRS

By Otto Engel. (Concluded.)

III. Lutheran Influence on Literature, Science and Music.

If we enumerate the writing of Luther, we will find that we are dealing with no mean contribution to literature. If we add the amazing array of books written about Luther, we will be forced to erect a library building of unusual dimensions. Luther's translation of the Bible into German was a work of great literary significance, this the more so because with it he gave his people a new language. Whereas, up to the time of the Reformation, it had been customary for every writer in Germany to use his own dialect, the language established by Luther soon became the common possession of all Germany, proving at the same time a formidable factor toward national unification and the creation of a national literature. Without detracting from the praise due to Goethe and Schiller, we must readily admit that the language used by both owes its existence to the literary genius of the Knight of Wittenberg.

Unlike the Roman Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church encourages investigation, welcomes discoveries and favors the development of science. Gotthilf Heinrich Muhlenberg is known as the first botanist, who published a series of books on the flora of Pennsylvania. Dr. John Bachmann was the modest scholar who wrote the text for Audubon's "The Quadrupeds" and "The Birds of America." Frederick Wm. Holls, the son of a German Lutheran minister, was the secretary of the American delegation to the Peace Conference at The Hague, being the first step in the direction of international arbitration and the elimination of the worst features of war.

"The foundation of the future greatness of German music was laid during the Reformation," is the opinion of John K. Paine, Professor of Music at Harvard. Our chorals, unexcelled models of their type, are finding their way into the better English and American hymnbooks of all denominations. "Ecclesiastic ragtime" may be a feature of the revival meetings conducted by Billy Sunday, but it has no place in a Lutheran church service. Thus we see, in all fields, including that of music, Lutheranism exerts a lasting influence.

IV. Lutheran Influence on the Early Framing of Our Country.

When the fortunes of the Revolutionary War had reached their lowest ebb, when Gates was conspiring to oust General Washington, Baron von Steuben, born of Lutheran parents in Magdeburg, appeared before Congress and offered his services with no stipulation of reward beyond what they might judge proper by the results achieved. This Prussian, the honored member of Frederick the Great's staff, became the inspector, drillmaster, and commander of the American army. The right arm of Washington, he turned a fleeing mob into a victorious army. His "Rules for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States" forms the basis of our military tactics. "After Washington and Greene, no one stands so high, judged by his valuable services rendered. He gave efficiency to our soldiers, confidence to the commander and saved our treasury not less than \$600,000 by his honest system, rigorously enforced", quotation from F. G. Gotwald.

We have been told, in the text-books on history, of Putman, who left his plow in the furrow in order to shoulder his musket, but very little is said of Rev. Peter Muehlenberg who, in his farewell sermon addressed to his Lutheran congregation in Woodstock, Va., uttered the historic words: "There is a time to preach and a time to fight, and now the time to fight has come". Removing his clerical robe and standing before his people in military dress, he enrolled 300 of his parishioners and served as Colonel under Washington.

Christopher Ludwig, whose body rests in St. Michael's Lutheran Cemetery, Philadelphia, was known as the Baker General of the Continental Army. He was Washington's "honest friend", who furnished 135 pounds of bread for every hundred pounds of flour. In reply to a body of men who endeavored to persuade him to continue the arrangements by which some of the pseudo-patriots of those days had grown tich at the expense of the Government, this devoted Lutheran is reported to have said: "No, Christopher Ludwig does not wish to get rich by the war".

Michael Hillegas, whose likeness may be seen on

some of the yellow-backed ten-dollar bills, was the first Treasurer of the United States. Through the most trying period of the Revolution, until the nation was safely anchored under the Constitution, the official treasury of the people was intrusted to the care of this faithful German-American, born of a Lutheran mother.

The first Speaker of the House of Representatives was a Lutheran, Honorable Frederick A. Muhlenberg, second son of the Rev. Heinrich Melchoir Muehlenberg, the Father of the Lutheran Church in America. When there was a strong demand that the Germans, who formed a large portion of the people, should be represented in public office, Muhlenberg was induced to fill a vacancy in the Continental Congress, to which he was later re-elected.

It was in a Lutheran church, Zion's in Philadelphia, that Major General Lee, December 26, 1799, delivered the funeral oration in honor of the memory of George Washington, first President of the United States, uttering the well-known words: First in peace; first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

Lutheranism, illustrated by facts like the abovecited, traces its history back to the colonial period, when our ancestors, loyal to the cause of freedom, took an active and honorable part in the formation of our Republic.

CHURCH RENOVATED.

The Ev. Luth. St. John's Congregation at Slade's Corners, Kenosha Co., Wis., celebrated on Dec. 9, 1917, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of its church. The entire inside of the church has been beautifully painted and decorated and the old style windows replaced by fine art glass windows. The following pastors officiated: H. Heidel, H. Fleischer, C. Gausewitz. With this day the many festivities arranged by the congregation during the year 1917 came to an end. Total sum of money gathered at these different festivals amounted to \$1,343.40. Thanks be unto the Lord; for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

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