

WAR TIME SERVICE BULLETIN, February 25, 1918.

A Practical Example.

Two sad parents from Baltimore sent word to the National Lutheran Commission about a very sick son. The Commission immediately wrote their chaplain at the nearest station. The chaplain received the letter at 10:30 A. M. He immediately called for his horse and rode two miles to the Base Hospital. He found the young man and within one hour after receiving the letter an answer was on its way to the Commission and a second letter was sent to the parents, and a copy to his pastor. The young man who was very sick delighted to know that he had some one on whom he could call in his great need; the parents were relieved knowing that they would get the truth and the home pastor was glad to be of service to the parents. If you could see that thankful face of that sick lad—if you could hear the prayer of those parents you would get a glimpse of the wonderful work the commission is doing.

A Happy Chaplain.

A chaplain writes: Base Hospital, Pneumonia Ward. Just gave sick communion to three Lutheran boys seriously ill with pneumonia. Out on the porch, with the Sun's rays just sinking in the West. Three of my dear lads gasping for breath. My heart is sick for I am thinking of their dear ones at home. No one will ever know what that service meant to those lads. What a wonderful opportunity to touch the innermost souls of those young men. One drew me close and whispered: "God bless you Chaplain, I can never forget you."

A LETTER.

My dear Chaplain: I cannot forget the smiling face, the cheerful words and the wonderful comfort you have been. Give this sweater to some poor fellow who has no mother and tell him it is from a mother who watched her only son go into the "Great Beyond", while she knitted it. All the boys are dear to me now. God bless you. The above letter was written by a mother whose son died of pneumonia.

Extract of letter

from Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Pastor Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Georgia.

"Last Wednesday night Lutherans men marched in a body from several different sections of the camp to attend a conference of Lutherans following a public service in one of the buildings. We are said to have had the greatest attendance at any mid-week religious service in the history of Camp Gordon."

This is a word of appreciation of the welfare work of the National Lutheran Commission.

"The world war in which we have our part—is a world Revolution against world selfishness. Whatever its cross-currents, the main movement is a revolt against the divine right of absolute domination, with its three main props of force, intrigue and superstition. The ground swell of the revolution is towards the brotherhood of man, the sanctify of life. A French soldier in the trenches cries out, "The people have been nothing, they must be everything."

And that cry is the true watchword of the war. Its lasting elements are conditioned on no military victory. The realities are found in personal helpfulness, the alleviation of suffering, the relief of misery, the saving of the children, the enrichment of human life, the preservation of the spiritual life, the exaltation of the flag when hatred dies away.

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"Going Over the Top." O. H. Pannkoke. Sec. Lutheran Bureau.

At 9:45 P. M. Wednesday evening, Febr. 27th, the War-time Service Fund of the Lutheran Church, "went over the top" to be exact, it was 9:46 P. M.

For a week Dr. W. H. Greever, Rev. G. L. Kiefer, Rev. Th. Hartwig and I had sat tense and intent in the little office used as Campaign Headquarters, watching the figures grow on the score-board. In our heart was the anxious question: "Will the Church measure up?" We did not know. No one knew. We hoped.

The first day of the actual campaign the board reported a total of \$35,000 a bare beginning. Then the figures grew slowly until by Saturday the total reached \$310,000, far from half. Minnesota had—\$110,600; Illinois—\$51,100; Wisconsin—\$64,000. But there were a number of states that didn't seem to be moving. Great Pennsylvania only had reported \$29,900, with an apportionment of \$158,000. Ohio with an apportionment \$55,000 had reported nothing. In fact no definite report had been received from twenty-two states. We knew they were working, we didn't know what they would net.

On the evening of Saturday a Conference was held to sum up the situation. With us were Dr. Knobel, Rev. Larsen, Mr. Eilert, it did not look hopeful. We decided, whatever comes the Campaign must go over. Too much is involved in it, not only does success mean provision for the Churches' sons in their hour of need. It will mean greater things in the other tasks of the Church. Failure will mean lack of confidence and initiative a time when both are paramountly necessary in the enlarging duties of the Church. We were ready to drop everything and concentrate on the task of driving the Campaign over.

Then came Monday with a total of \$403,000. — Tuesday brought tit up to—\$570,000.

Wednesday morning showed \$570,000; Minnesota came in with—\$58,838, additional; Illinois—gave \$10,000 more; Pennsylvania began to move, and reached \$196,193 during the day.

6 o'clock!—\$13,000 yet to go to reach the goal in schedule time. The moment had come to seek the last. We called up Judge Richter, State Chairman of Michigan—"What can you report?"—"\$12,200 additional." Still the fund was \$361.00 short. We called Rev. H. Schmidt, Organizer for Ohio. "What can you report?" "I cant understand a word you say." For ten agonizing minutes we tried to make him understand. Then we lost him entirely. We tried again. Again we asked, "What can you report?"—"Ohio got started late, but Ohio will get \$100,000." "We dont want to know what Ohio is going to get—what has it now?"—"The reports arent coming in yet."

"But cant you report \$361.00 to put the campaign 'over the top'?"—"Sure—my church has \$1065.00". Then it dawned on him that he had just added enough to reach the coveted goal.

And its going still. A million is in sight. Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Maryland, West Virginia, already have \$188,000 above their apportionment. Pennsylvania promises—\$42,000 additional; Ohio, \$45,000; New York—\$25,000. West Virginia has the finest record. With an apportionment of—\$2,700, she reports to date—\$11,500. Minnesota more than doubled her apportionment. Instead of \$39,000,

she reached \$203,838 to date. Wisconsin exceeded her allotment of \$64,000 by—\$60,000. Illinois exceeded her quota by—\$24,000.

The goal was reached within the time originally set for the Campaign. The time could hardly have been less favorable for success. Garfield was the first to make us wish we hadn't started. With work piling sky-high to get every end of the church to move—to move quickly—to move in a straight line; he cut the working time down to five days a week and suggested using no electric light in the evening. A goodly part of the first work was done in my offices by candle-light. When things seemed in the clear again, McAdoo issued an embargo on Express, and, of course, the Campaign literature didn't move, and frantic letters and telegrams poured in calling for literature. In addition there was the ignorance of the greater part of the Church regarding the necessity and urgency of the Church's war time service. The church would not sacrifice without feeling the need of sacrificing. In many sections men felt that a quick campaign would not work. It had never been tried.

Those were anxious weeks, when we worked sixteen and

eighteen hours a day to overcome the handicap, wondering whether it would be possible to reach the goal.

The splendid response and team work on the part of all the workers has made the campaign a success. It was an army animated by one purpose, consecrated by the spirit of personal service and sacrifice.

The campaign has a meaning and import far greater than the provision for the Shureh's Sons with the Colors. It has showed the Church what it can do if it sets its mind to the task, and if it enlists its man-power to do a man's job. It has driven home the lesson that heroic tasks can be met successfully only in a heroic way. A mountain cannot be removed by pick and shovel.

War is setting great tasks for the Church. Peace will set tasks greater and more exacting. They, too, will have to be met with the directness and vigor with which the tasks of war were met. They, too, will have to be financed as well. The church is beginning to know its resources. It is learning the way to translate them into power for the performance of its duty.

NOTE.—An additional article will give the complete story of the campaign.

Quitteringer.

Til Missionen blandt Soldaterne:

Table listing contributions to the Soldiers' Mission. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$476.50, Blair, Rebr., Dana College og Trin. Seminarium 113.80, Kiowa, Colo., Ebenezer Mgh. 21.00, etc.

Japanmissionen:

Table listing contributions to the Japan Mission. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret, se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$5034.57, Brush, Colo., Mrs. P. S. Hansen 2.00, Neola, Ia., Alfred Christensen og Sustru, Carl Jensen 10.00, etc.

* Disse Navne er optaget paa Forlangende.

Indianermissionen:

Table listing contributions to the Indianer Mission. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret, se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$2451.72, Brush, Colo., Mrs. P. S. Hansen 3.00, Neola, Ia., Alfred Christensen og Sustru 5.00, etc.

Jndremissionen:

Table listing contributions to the Jndremissionen. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret, se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$2427.51, Brush, Colo., Mrs. P. S. Hansen 2.00, Brooklyn, N. Y., Pastor J. J. Kildsig og Sustru 10.00, etc.

Utahmissionen:

Table listing contributions to the Utah Mission. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret, se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$1843.79, Brush, Colo., Mrs. P. S. Hansen 3.00, Neola, Ia., Alfred Christensen og Sustru 5.00, etc.

Til en Kirke i Kurume, Japan:

Table listing contributions to a church in Kurume, Japan. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret, se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$5225.61, Binneton, Neb., John M. Jørgensen 1.00.

Til en Kirke i Sida, Japan.

Table listing contributions to a church in Sida, Japan. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret, se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$420.49, Brush, Colo., Mrs. P. S. Hansen 5.00.

Til det ny Raskinhus.

Table listing contributions to the new Raskinhus. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret, se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$140.58, Brush, Colo., Mrs. P. S. Hansen 5.00, Brooklyn, N. Y., Pastor J. J. Kildsig og Sustru 5.00.

Skoleklassen:

Table listing contributions to the school class. Includes names and amounts such as: For kvitteret, se Kbl. Nr. 9 \$2941.21, Chicago, Ill., Siloams Mgh., Pastor J. Simonson og Sustru \$3; P. S. Linder, C. S. Christensen, S. Huldahl, Damgaard, Christian Solm, Lars Larsen, etc.

Blair, Rebr., den 28. Febr. 1918.

Red Tak modtaget! Otto Hansen, Rask. f. b. f. dan. ev.-luth. Kirke i Am.