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Dr. Hoffman Memorial Hall

Waterloo to Have New Seminary Building

The recommendation of the Board of Governors of The Evangelical Lutheran Seminary to raise \$75,000 for the erection of a "Hoffman Memorial Hall" was endorsed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada at its sixty-fourth Annual Convention which was held in Hamilton in June. It is impossible, at the present time to give particulars concerning this "Memorial Hall." An entirely new Seminary building may be erected on the campus, while it is also quite possible that the original Seminary building, now used as a residence by some of the professors, will be remodelled with modern school equipment. In the latter case a small endowment fund would be made possible. No building will be done until next year.

It is improbable that the campaign to raise the sum required will be a general canvas but rather that the money will be collected by free-will subscriptions from the friends of the Seminary and of the late Dr. Hoffman.

Plans to commemorate the life and services of the former president and professor had been under way for some time, but it was felt that no better monument could be erected than such a "Memorial Hall," which would further even after his death the work to which he gave his life. In view of the rapid development of the school with its increased registration and consequent lack of space, the increased accommodation afforded by the new Hall will be particularly necessary and welcome.

GERMAN STATESMAN VISITS WATERLOO

The school was highly honored on Thursday morning by a visit from Dr. E. Koch, a former vice-chancellor of Germany. Dr. Koch is leader of the Democratic Party in the German Reichstag and was a cabinet minister under Stresemann some years ago. His son Reimer, an exchange student at Dartmouth College is accompanying him on his pleasure trip through Canada. While he is desirous of learning about the customs and conditions in Canada, Dr. Koch is especially interested in those sections settled and developed by German immigrants. In presenting the distinguished visitor to the school, Dr. Klaehn referred to the fact that many of the students were descendants of German settlers, who still preserved the spirit of industry and integrity characteristic of that race.

Basing his remarks upon this statement, Dr. Koch in a brief speech urged the students to carry on the use of the German language. The ability to speak in the languages of both countries, he said, would help very much in fostering a united and peaceful spirit between Canada and Germany, thus bringing about trade relations and real brotherhood.

Through the "College Cord" I am very glad to be able to greet the old students who are returning to Waterloo College for another year's development and to welcome the new students who are about to become members of our college family. Our college is still young, our associations with the University of Western Ontario still new. Much progress has been made in the past few years, but only by the united efforts of faculty and students will the dreams and visions of those who founded the College be realized. And only by consecrated effort will we be able to fulfill our twofold mission of preparing young men for the ministry and training laymen for worthy lives of useful service. May all of us enter upon our labors with renewed determination to do our best; then we will be worthy of God's richest blessing and our work will prosper. And at the end of the year may we have the satisfaction that comes only from work well done.

ALEX. O. POTTER,
Dean, Waterloo College.

Dr. Koch was greeted to Waterloo in short speeches by various professors. All of these alike glowed with the same spirit of friendliness and goodwill which was so manifest in Dr. Koch's address. Rev. Hahn of Toronto, who is also travelling with the party spoke a few words to the students.

Dr. Koch was then the guest of Dean Potter at a luncheon at the Walper House in Kitchener. Among those present were George Lang Sr., J. C. Breithaupt, W. D. Euler M.P., George E. Potter, Dr. Shorten, Dr. Klaehn, Rev. Stockman, Rev. Gallmeier and Rev. Hahn. Dr. Koch expressed the belief that affairs in Germany were on the upward trend and that prosperity was coming back to the country in a short time. Before proceeding to Hamilton he was shown around the city and neighboring country.

Big Year for College School

With an enrolment nearly doubling that of last year, the College School has begun what promises to be the biggest year in its history. When all the students arrive the total should reach above fifty. The greater part of these have come into residence in the building and the dormitories are taxed to capacity. All the rooms on the top floor have been given over to students in the School department, in charge of Mr. Selzer.

Mr. Oscar Nickle has been appointed principal of the School to succeed Dr. Willison who will give himself entirely to Arts work. Rev. Foreman will assist in the English department.

The student body has elected the following officers: — President, H. MacIntosh; vice-pres., Fred Jansen; secretary, Alvin Pauli; treasurer, C. W. Haas; reporter to Boy's Page, Norman Knapp; editors of "Squeaker" Louis Jansen and Marcus Ide.

Waterloo Professor Honored

Rev. Shorten given D. D. by Hartwick Seminary

At the one hundred and twenty-sixth commencement of Hartwick Seminary, the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, was conferred upon Rev. Herman Shorten of Waterloo College. Hartwick Seminary is the oldest Lutheran school in America and the oldest school of its kind in New York state. It possesses a special charter according to which honorary degrees of the seminary are really given by the people of New York state. Only two other honorary degrees were conferred this year. Owing to the fact that Rev. Shorten had already sailed for Europe, the degree was conferred in absentia.

Dr. Shorten was born in Germany and received his secondary and collegiate education at the Gymnasium at Luckan, where he studied nine years. He then spent one year of post-graduate work at each of the following universities: — Greifswald, Halle and Berlin. His theological training was received at Kropp Seminary. He had a few years experience as Hauslehrer before coming to the United States in 1900. After serving various parishes in the vicinity of New York city, he came to Canada in 1913, and has been prominently identified with the Canada Synod ever since. He is German Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Church Music of that Synod. He came to Waterloo College School as professor of Modern Language in September 1923 and on the founding of Waterloo College in 1923 he became head of the German Department.

Rev. Neudoerffer Called

The Board of Governors has extended a call to the Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer of Rajahmundry, India, to take the position of seminary professor left vacant by the death of Dr. Hoffman. He will be professor of Church History and Practical Theology. It is probable that the call will be accepted.

Rev. Neudoerffer has been serving in the Lutheran mission fields in India for the past twenty-six years, a record surpassed by few Lutheran missionaries in India. His experience has been a varied one, including both preaching and teaching. His wife has also seen service as a nurse.

Seminary classes are beginning this year with a slightly increased registration. Most of the Arts Seniors are availing themselves of the opportunity to combine their last year in College with their Junior year in Seminary by means of the system of theological options, which allows university credit for certain seminary subjects.

lecture on Ancient Civilizations. An assistant in Chemistry has been chosen from the student body.

CHANGES IN COLLEGE STAFF

Boldly confident in their newly acquired status as university students, another bunch of freshmen entered the doors of Waterloo College on Monday morning. As all freshmen have ever done since the species was first discovered, each of them firmly believes that he needs but go through the formality of telling his professors a little of what he already knows in order to get his degree. Everything seems to stretch out before him fresh and green — but of course that is merely a reflection of himself. With a firm tread he enters the registration room, little knowing what is before him. A few hours later he comes out dazed by the yards and yards of registration blanks through which he has gone.

It is impossible to tell how large the entering class actually is, until registration has been completed but a goodly number of new students have already enrolled. The freshman rules will be strictly enforced in the coming year. Sweaters, canes, smokes, moustaches, girls—all these the new student must give up. Practically all of the old students have returned from their vacation to help in the building up of a bigger and better college.

Several important changes have been made in the Staff of the College. Dr. Willison, who completed his undergraduate training during the summer session at Queen's University, has returned as head of the English Department. He has also assumed the office of Registrar. Rev. Foreman will also assist with the courses in English. Mr. Smyth, a Twin-City lawyer, will conduct the Economics course for the Sophomore class. Prof. Roy Hirtle will give the Math. 20 course, and Rev. Hirtle will

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EDITORIAL

You have in your hands today, the College Cord—a printed College paper at last. A dream has been realized, a desire fulfilled, and another chapter of achievement added to the story of Waterloo College. And we are viewing today the birth of a College year as well as the birth of a College paper. They lie before us with all their unbounded possibilities hidden in the glamor of the unknown. What they shall be depends entirely upon us. The challenge of the future rings in our ears. There is much work for us to do. Waterloo College is in need of various things—an athletic field, intercollegiate sports, organizations for cultural development, wider advertisement. Waterloo College must instil within her sons a true "College Spirit" of unselfish co-operation and devoted loyalty. Waterloo College must produce men—true Christian gentlemen with all that the name implies. If the College Cord does not take a leading part in these tasks, then has it been born in vain. The responsibility rests upon you and me. "Waterloo expects that every man will do his duty".

OUR NAME

What does "College Cord" mean? Is the name only a fantastical whim of the editorial staff? only an attractive alliteration? Perhaps, but also a great deal more than that. "College Cord" has a very real meaning bound up in a vital way with Waterloo College and those who are interested in her. By means of a "Cord" we draw; and by means of the "College Cord" we must draw the interest of men and women to our school, draw students within her walls, draw students and faculty into closer sympathy and draw the hearts of all together in a common love for Waterloo. In it shall we find the record of our common hopes, our common joys, our common sorrows—it shall be a common "Cord" of sympathy. "The College Cord" shall be "a tie that binds".

All communications regarding news, subscriptions, or advertisements should be sent in care of the College Cord, Waterloo College, Waterloo, Ont.

History of College Cord

There is a common expression that "Rome was not built in a day." The Rome of modern times is not the Rome of centuries ago. The present city is built upon the ruins of a former one. The same is true of a College paper, for it too cannot be made in a day. It must be built up carefully upon the ruins of what went before. The things of the past must be simply "stepping stones to higher things." And so this paper which we present today is laid upon the foundations of former attempts, while it is itself only a step toward a much larger and better publication which we hope Waterloo College will soon be able to present.

The old Laury Literary Society, which is still a live factor in the College School today, started the "Squeaker" which was read in its meetings. The main purpose of this paper was to amuse and its main content was jokes upon the students and professors. It was always enjoyed whenever it appeared, which it did only at irregular intervals. When the Faculty of Arts was organized, the present "Athenaeum" literary Society also had its beginnings. A paper was also prepared and read at each meeting. Mr. Arthur Mehlenbacher was its editor. The content of the paper was varied and some editions of real excellence were produced. However plans were made to put out a printed paper and the result of the labors of the committee appointed is in your hands today.

Such is the story of this publication and partly the reason for its existence. But then too the College Cord has appeared in answer to a great need. The fact that many people in the Twin City do not know that they have in their midst a college, which is affiliated with the University of Western Ontario and which can give a General Arts degree recognized everywhere as of the highest standing comes as a distinct challenge to Waterloo College. Moreover, many people in the Lutheran Church in Canada do not realize the value of their own school. They pass it by for schools which have perhaps higher reputations as regards age or wealth but which lack many of the real advantages to be found at Waterloo. The attention paid to individuals, the personal contact with the professors, the prevailing spirit of practical Christianity—in these Waterloo College makes her boast. For after all it is in these things—in the atmosphere of the school rather than in text books—that a real college training lies, and here the small college may stand comparison with the greatest of universities. Thus, as a means of bringing Waterloo College to the notice of those she can serve, the College Cord has a *raison d'être*.

The editorial staff is now laying plans for putting out special editions which should prove to be very valuable as historical records in the years to come.

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First Student—"Yes, I wasn't doing much either."

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Summer Trips—And Some Are Not

All unconscious of the fact that an honorary D. D. was in store for him Prof. Shorten sailed for Europe in June. His two daughters accompanied him on his trip to Germany, his native land, which he has not seen for twenty-six years. He first visited his old home town of Hindenberg after which he spent some weeks travelling throughout Thuringia. The Universities of Halle and Berlin, which he formerly attended, as well as Eisenach were included in the trip. As regards conditions in Germany, Dr. Shorten found them very much changed. The majority of the people are very poor, having lost all their money during the Great War. Practically all are forced to start over again. The farmers seem to be the only ones who are able to pay their taxes and are taking a more commanding place in political affairs. However the last year has shown a decided improvement in conditions and the German people are beginning to have some hope of future betterment. One thing that very much impressed Dr. Shorten was the attitude of the German people toward the former Emperor. Of him they want to hear nothing, but their absolute faith is placed in the Republic under Hindenburg. On the return trip the passengers were fortunate in sighting a whale — a somewhat rare experience. In brief, Dr. Shorten says he had "a whale of a trip."

Dr. Willison took a summer course at Queen's University, finishing the work on his degree. Later he visited Ottawa and other points of interest in eastern Ontario. On Sunday September 19th he gave the opening sermon in the auditorium of the University of Western Ontario at London. He will resume his position as Registrar and head of the English Department.

Dr. Little attended a reunion of his family in his old home town of Hickory, North Carolina. While there he visited an old professor of his who is now ninety-five years of age. No doubt the professor was glad to see and hear the result of his former teaching. During the latter part of August, Dr. Little, Rev. Christiansen of Toronto, and Rev. Pfeifer of Linwood, took a combination fishing and preaching trip through Maynoath and Arnprior district. From all reports they took a "marvellous draught of fishes." On September 15th Dr. Little delivered the Doctrinal paper and Conference sermon at the Eastern Conference in St. John's Church, Riverside, Ont. Rev. Henkel looked after various parishes in this district during the summer months. He also procured many new books for the Seminary library. At the Niagara Falls, New York, he preached in the pulpit of Rev. Brezing, president of the Ministerium of New York. At the conference in Hespeler he gave a paper on the One Hundred and Fifteenth Psalm. He was re-elected as president of the Conference.

Prof. R. J. E. Hirtle bought a new Cleveland sedan and spent most of his time wrecking property in the vicinity of the College while learning to drive, his new machine. The rest of the time he spent in removing dust from the glossy finish of his limousine. His brother, Rev. Hirtle, took post-graduate work in the University of Chicago, as well as preaching in many churches in and around that city.

Dr. Zinck was another who invested in a car. With his Essex coach he took a trip to Pittsburg. This city was then the seat of the great Sesqui-Centennial exhibition. During the month of August Dr. Zinck preached in the First English church in Kitchener.

Dean Potter had a very active and busy summer filling the office of secretary of the Kitchener and Waterloo Rotarians. At the commencement of Hartwick Seminary, Dr. Potter gave an address to the Hartwick Association. He also made several short trips to Cleveland, Penetang, Hastings and London. The rapidity with which he makes these flying visits makes us fear that some day he will be fined for speeding. But as he himself said, he spent the greater part of the summer preparing lectures and making plans for the coming school year. The students will no doubt realize what that means.

Professors Nickle and Seltzer spent the summer at their respective homes. They are both very silent upon their activities but we are certain that they at least spent much time planning heavy work for the school students.

The Athenaeum Society

The "Athenaeum" is the literary society of Waterloo College. It was organized shortly after the founding of the Faculty of Arts as a means for the development of public speaking. While this is its primary consideration it has of late become more or less the source of almost all the arts activities. The mock trial fostered by the society was a distinct success. Later a printed paper also sprang from the "Athenaeum." The first meeting of the society will be held on Thursday evening, September 30. All the students are urged to be present.

"The Call to Prophetic Service"

Henry Schaeffer, Ph. D., S.T.M., a former professor at Waterloo College but now of Chicago Lutheran Seminary, is the author of a book "The Call to Prophetic Service," which is very highly recommended especially for young people. It deals with the divine call to service as it was presented to some of the outstanding figures of the Bible.

Nova Scotia Synod

With a view to meeting in full its share of the budget of the United Lutheran Church, the Nova Scotia Synod at its last session decided to discontinue its apportionment to Waterloo Seminary. This does not however mean that Nova Scotia has entirely withdrawn its support. The Seminary serves all of the Lutherans of Eastern Canada including those of Nova Scotia as well. In fact at the present time they are represented by several students at Waterloo.

Kohl's Memorial

The young people of Zion Church, Pembroke, have given three hundred dollars, the interest of which is to be used as a scholarship prize known as "The Kohls Memorial Scholarship Prize." The older students at least will remember Herbert Kohls, a former Waterloo student, who finished his course with the graduating class of 1921 but was called away by death before he could be ordained into the ministry.

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VACATION NEWS

The "Back to the Farm" movement seems to have been popular among many of our students during the summer. Bill Schweitzer "the Potato King" worked hard to flood the market with spuds when he was not too busy arguing in favor of the Progressive party. John Miller from up around Chatsworth (not found on an ordinary map) says that his knowledge of Greek came in handy when one of his implements broke down. Ab Datars and Mike Stoskopf, too, were busy growing grain as well as moustaches (?).

But not only the agricultural industry of Canada benefited by the labors of the students on vacation. Pat Zilliax worked in a shoe store in Elmira. He made a specialty of waiting on the ladies. Louis Hagey sold groceries, as did also Harry Lossing after he had decided that he was too good a man to work in a brick yard. Harvey Scheifele thought the farm too slow and got a job as head cashier at Lakeside Park, Port Dalhousie. Here he also acted as "papa" or "uncle" to young ladies who had lost money, carfare or anything else. Heinie Heldman showed what an aspiring young man could do. One morning after a particularly busy night he came to work at making goloshes and put the buckles on the wrong side—thereby becoming world-famous as the inventor of a new galosh for left-handed people. Shelley, Ruppel and Klinck also spent their leisure time in making shoes. And did none of our students pursue the traditional trade of travelling salesmen? Jules Gowan did—but no old fashioned aluminum on books for him. He is too modern for that. Seeing the amount of ladies' hosiery being worn this year he immediately decided upon that as his line. Emerson Hallman sold brooms and brushes. After making a clean sweep of the whole county, he retired to the country, probably living on his income.

George Roberts started off in a local Dry Goods Store, but that job proved to be too "dry" for him. Handling beer at Kuntz's Brewery proved to be more agreeable. Harry Baetz also had a taste of this sort of work—and consequently, of good beer besides. He says his bootlegger wont fool him on any more cheap stuff. Fred Goos was another one who increased his bank account and his waistline at the same job.

A college education proved great value to Adolf Kappes. His knowledge of Chemistry proved of great aid to him in driving a truck this summer. Theodore Bretzlafz worked with a construction gang up in the wilds of Northern Ontario. His job was to see that none of the men worked after the dinner whistle blew. Earle Shelley has just come back from the United States. He is so taken-up with that country that he is thinking of publishing a book about it. The title will be "Why Men Leave Home".

Unfortunately we are unable to report the activities of all the students. If any others have news of interest it will gladly be accepted and this article will be continued next week.

Lost And Found

Lost, a fountain-pen by a man half filled with ink.

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A Boost for the College

Commenting upon the announcements of the University of Western Ontario in an editorial on May 12, 1926, the Daily Record of Kitchener says:

"Waterloo College is accorded a very prominent place in the official publication and it is gratifying indeed to see the local institution taking a well deserved position in an association of colleges of high standing throughout the country.

"The progress of Waterloo College forms a story of steady advancement. It is a source of genuine pride to Twin City residents to feel that the local seat of learning has been recognized as a definite factor in provincial education. The college has forged ahead from a small beginning and in an astonishingly short time has established a name of which the community must well be proud.

"High standard of scholarship, intellectual and highly trained instructors, a student body of earnest aims and lofty ambition, have combined in winning for Waterloo College a place of honor among the educational institutions of the province. Its affiliation with the University of Western Ontario, assuring as it does greater facilities and a recognized standard of educational values, will doubtless prove an additional factor in its advancement. A future of roseate promise lies before Waterloo College and those who have rejoiced in its past successes will feel increasingly proud of its phenomenal advancement in the annals of provincial education."

New Definitions Are Needed For
"Christian" And "Education"

"The words "Christian" and "Education" are not rightly understood by those who use them most frequently, declared Rev. C. H. Myers, president of Hartwick Seminary, recently. "The Christian lives in companionship with Christ. The mystic idea is central in Christian thought and life. If the lives of many church

members are unconvincing and powerless it is because the inner spiritual life has been entirely ignored or greatly neglected. Despite its program and efficient organization the Christian Church does not make satisfactory progress in the redemption of society because multitudes of church people do not have companionship with Christ.

"We are too practical in our educational program," continued Dr. Myers. "Education is not an accumulation of knowledge, it is an approach to life. Our educational program must be spiritualized and the present hope for future religious leadership in the nation is centred in the smaller seminaries and colleges where the students are made acquainted with a Christian philosophy and where they aspire to a Christian personality."—National Lutheran Council Bulletin.

SPORTS

There is no reason why during the coming school year, Waterloo College should not put across a bigger and better athletic program than in past years. Not that athletics in the past years, has been lacking, but because this year we have an increased number of students and we have the experience of other years behind us.

For the past few years the College and Seminary has held an annual Field Day, sometime near the 15th of October. This year as in each succeeding year our Field Day should be more successful than in the past. The competition should be keener. The old students know what they are "up against" and their the new blood keeps everybody guessing. Will there be a "dark horse" that will carry off the honors this year?

Last year the College played Association Football, this year we should have a better team. It is the wish of some that we organize a rugby football team. Four years ago the College, with a much smaller enrollment, had a rugby team that was not a disgrace to the school. Surely

if we did it then we can do it again.

Basket-ball is comparatively new to our College, due to the fact that we have had our gym for only a little more than two years. However for the short period of time that we have been in the game, the boys have done well. Watch us this year.

Last year our hockey team did very well in their own group and it had the honor of being the first team from the College to compete against Western University since we have affiliated. Although our team lost, they gave the London boys a good scrap, and hope to beat them this year. We also hope that some of our other teams will be able to compete against the Colleges at London.

We must not forget to mention the regular gymnasium periods.

The Freshman and Sophomores have two gymn classes a week. At these there is a regular program of calisthenics, apparatus work, and games carried out.

Other years there have been house leagues in basket-ball. This year we hope to have them not only in basket-ball, but in volley ball and other sports.

To the boys of the College. This year's athletics depends largely on you. So play up and play the game to win.

ALUMNI NEWS

This section will hereafter be devoted to the graduates of Waterloo. Alumni, this paper belongs to you, the students of other days, as well as to us. Let your fellow graduates know of your activities and achievements. All Alumni news will be gladly accepted. Address: Editor College Cord, Waterloo College.

Rev. F. L. Howald, B.D., Seminary Class of '21 of New Dundee, Ont., received the degree of S.T.M. from Wittenberg College at the commencement in June.

Mr. C. Hugh Whittaker, Seminary Class of '26 was ordained by the Nova Scotia synod at its meeting in Middle La Have, and has taken a parish. Last June Mr. Whittaker was married to Miss Ruby Roos at Waterloo. All his old friends at the College and Seminary wish him health, happiness and success.

Mr. Wm. Schultz and Mr. J. Vorkoper, both of Seminary Class of '26 were ordained at the Canada Synod meeting in Hamilton, and have been installed as pastors of Rankin and Galt parishes respectively.

During the summer a son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Innis. Rev. Innis graduated with the Class of '25. We suppose that it will not be long now until George Jr. will be roaming the College halls once frequented by his father.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Alumni of Waterloo Seminary was held on Thursday June 3rd at Hamilton. Further arrangements were made for the Fund for the Endowment of the Chair of English Bible in Waterloo Seminary.

Mind Fast, Professor

"Do you know," said the professor's wife, "you haven't kissed me for a whole week?"

"Haven't I? Then whom have I been kissing?"