

has done) to carry out her own projects. In the face then of her record, both before and since her withdrawal, it is all futile to assert that the inefficiency of the General Synod was the cause of her disaffection. The true causes were latent, but events have made them patent to all who have given the subject any degree of consideration.

Movements so important in their relation to the peace and progress of the church demand causes adequate to their accomplishment. We leave our readers to determine from the facts and argument submitted the amount of credence to which our statements are entitled.

DELEGATE. (To be continued.) For the Lutheran Visitor. The General Synod—Its Mission.

NO. III.

This leads to a more practical view of our subject. If a substantial defence has been made thus far, it follows that the mission of the Lutheran Church embraced in the General Synod South claims the greater prominence. Its work is the more clearly defined, and we can enter upon it with better heart when we realize how imperative its claims to existence are.

Now, such we conceive to be the condition of that portion of the Lutheran Church embraced in the General Synod South, and of the Lutheran Church in the United States in general, that union would be impracticable and unwise, and, even if possible, fruitful of more evil than good.

That according to the pointings of Providence the General Synod has a mission which can be best fulfilled by retaining her present organization. What that mission is, specifically, we now propose to consider. It is true in general that the proclamation of the Gospel is the grand business of the church of Jesus Christ. But no Christian, nor body of Christians, is authorized to further rend the church of Christ under any such plea as that they are spreading the Gospel. This is the principle on which divisions have too often been justified.

A comparison of the efficiency and the progress made by the Lutheran Church in the South before the war and since that time would be very unfavorable to those who would desire old relations again established, or even new ones formed. We do not propose to show in how far the inefficiency of the church then was the result of her union with a Northern Synod, nor even that said union was the cause of this as an effect. But men will so conclude, and no

such charges as "bad logic" and "non sequitur" can change the method of reasoning. During that time much of the ground occupied was badly cultivated. The spirit of missions was hardly at all active, and while other demonstrations extended themselves in all directions, and even came in not infrequently and planted themselves in our very midst, we were content to take indifferent care of what had been secured by the faithful labors of the old pioneers.

There is manifest a growing appreciation of the work committed to her hands. She is beginning to look after the interests of her dispersed and hitherto neglected children. The importance of the work of Domestic Missions is claiming a large share of attention. Missions are being established in quarters that should have been occupied many years ago.

There is in prospect for the Lutheran Church in the South a work of increased magnitude. The tide of immigration is beginning to turn towards the Southern States. Germans are planting themselves in all our most important towns, and in some localities they form whole communities.

Why confine our efforts to such localities as contain Lutherans? Have none but Lutherans claims upon us? Is not the obligation upon us to carry the gospel wherever there are those to be reached by it? The answers to these questions are mere truisms.

There must be a just claim to existence before any body of Christians can rightfully set up for themselves. But to illustrate this by an application of it to ourselves. It is not claimed for the General Synod that her present organization should be continued merely because through it the gospel is preached. This she is doing, and God is sealing her mission by crowning her labors with success.

And this exhortation to diligence in this direction is urged upon grounds purely churchly. We believe that the Lutheran Church holds the pure truth of God's word. Without bigotry, and without hypocrisy, we confess the faith of the Augsburg Confession in the native sense held and expressed by the Reformers who framed and presented it. To preach that truth we have been ordained, and to inculcate it in all its doctrinal

and practical bearings has been our abiding aim. We believe that they who with the heart receive this truth, and live accordingly, do most honor and glory God; and that congregations built on this foundation, and Synodical organizations whose aim is to spread this pure truth are clothed with special authority and grace, and possess the surest guarantee of abiding success.

Animated with this holy purpose, the mere name "Lutheran" might be forgotten in our desire to make known the truth which he confessed. If this be called bigotry it is misnamed. It is the source from which goes forth all our activity in the glorious work of the church of Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That we, the Teachers Association of the Sunday School of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Charleston, S. C., constrained by our affectionate remembrance of her many excellencies as a co-worker with us, do hereby express and record our mournful sense of the irreparable loss sustained in her removal from us.

Resolved, That we feel solemnly called upon by this impressive dispensation of Providence to increase our diligence in the work of the Lord—while it is day—before "the night cometh, when no man can work."

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Resolved, That this sincere tribute of respect be entered upon our records, and a copy be transmitted by the Secretary to Mr. R. G. Chisolm and family, and a copy to the Lutheran Visitor.

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and possible for its successful prosecution. This is plainly our work, and it can be performed by us if we give ourselves for it. But only by faithful devotion thereto can we prove ourselves capable of accomplishing it.

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Church Notices.

Officers of General Synod. Rev. Prof. S. A. Repass, Salem, Va., President. Hon. Geo. M. Bethover, Sherpinstown, W. Va., Secretary.

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Table listing names and amounts under 'Money Received'. Includes names like Mrs. S. C. Simmons, Miss N. Ramsey, etc.

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